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~California Rep. Adam Schiff

## Deputies Who Rescued Toddler at Don Knabe Regional Park Honored

By Brian Hews

On the evening of Saturday, March 29, deputies from the Sheriff’s Cerritos station received a call from two boys about a toddler possibly drowning in the lake at Don Knabe Community Regional Park in Cerritos. The deputies responded and rescued the toddler, who was later transported to a hospital as a precaution. Two days later the toddler was asking for ice cream.

Yesterday morning, at a ceremony at Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos and Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department held a press conference to honor the responding deputies.

Los Angeles County Assistant Sheriff Myron Johnson started off the presentation commending the deputies that participated in saving the child, whose name was Miko.

“I want to commend Deputies Nelda Viveros, Xavier Alvarez, Erick Mutem, Danile Mailloux, Rebecca Chavez, Law Enforcement Technician Leslie Gutierrez, LA County Fire Department personnel and the two good samaritan children Julian Mata and Preston Hong,” said



**SAMARITANS:** Preston Hong and Julian Mata pulled Miko from the water then Sheriffs and L.A. Fire personnel saved Miko using CPR.

Johnson.

L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn, who represents Cerritos, issued the following statement:

“We teach our kids that when they see someone in need of help, they should call 9-1-1. But in an emergency, when the time comes to dial those numbers and make yourself part of scary situation, many bystanders might hesitate.

Those brave boys did not. They made that leap and called for the help that a 3-year-old child so desperately needed. I join their families and communities in thanking and congratulating them.

Here in LA County, we have the best first responders in the nation. In a county as vast as ours, anything can go wrong, and they are our first line of defense to

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## LCCN Attends ‘Hands Off’ Protest in Seattle



**PROTEST IN SEATTLE:** LCCN Publisher Brian Hews with his family, plus one, at the “Hands Off” Protest in Seattle Washington. Over 14,000 attended with many of them older adults angry over Social Security cuts. From (l-r) Brian, wife Cora, daughter Ellis Hews, Ellis’ fiancé Travis Johnson, and daughter Jessica Hews.

## LA County’s First ‘UbeFest’ Coming to Cerritos April 26

By Dan Nino

Don Knabe Park in Cerritos will host L.A. County’s first and largest UbeFest on April 26, the event is shaping up to be one of L.A. County’s biggest cultural and business events of the year, expected to draw over 10,000 attendees and showcase more than 100 vendors.

The UbeFest will feature not only ube-themed delights but also a rich celebration of Filipino cuisine, local merchandise, arts, and cultural heritage.

“Ube” (pronounced “OO-beh”) is a type of purple yam native to the Philip-

vored whipped cream or icing; and ube pandesal, Filipino bread rolls with an ube twist, sometimes filled with cheese or ube halaya.

While UbeFest began as a tribute to the beloved purple yam, this upcoming festival is much more than a food event. It will be a cultural destination featuring an array of Filipino food vendors, Fil-Am businesses, interactive exhibits, and live entertainment that celebrates both traditional and modern Filipino artistry.

It’s a festival where heritage meets community and where everyone—Filipino or not—can come to experience the warmth and vibrancy of Filipino culture.



**ORGANIZING:** Pictured are UBE-Fest organizers from (l-r) Edward Lago, FACC3 President Demeven Quirino, Ron Dizon, Cerritos Mayor prio tem Lynda Johnson, David Kargamilla, Lilybeth Kargamilla, James Oreste, an unidentified guest, Christine Consunji and immediate past President Ellen Rodriguez-Swing.

ines. It’s known for its vibrant purple color and sweet, nutty, vanilla-like flavor. Ube is used mainly in desserts and is super popular in Filipino cuisine. Some common ube treats include ube halaya, a sweet, thick jam made from boiled and mashed ube, butter, and condensed milk; ube ice cream, creamy, dreamy purple ice cream; ube cake, often layered and frosted with ube-fla-

UbeFest, the brainchild of founder James Oreste, was first introduced to the Southern California pop-up scene in Long Beach in October 2021.

With just a handful of vendors offering ube-centric treats, the first event was a blockbuster success, drawing three-hour lines and selling out across the board. The overwhelming response

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## Pico Rivera and Sheriffs Launch Autism Decal Program

By Brian Hews

Autism, or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), is a neurodevelopmental condition that affects how a person thinks, communicates, interacts, and experiences the world. It’s called a “spectrum” because it manifests differently in each individual, with a wide range of strengths, challenges, and support needs.

While specific data for Los Angeles County is limited, California reports a higher prevalence of ASD among children compared to national averages.

According to the CDC’s California Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring program, approximately 1 in 22 - 4.5% - of 8-year-old children in California were identified with ASD in 2020. This rate is notably higher than the national average of 1 in 36 - 2.8% - for the same age group, skewed by the population size of California.

Many individuals have unique strengths, such as attention to detail, memory, and creative thinking. Others may be highly verbal and independent, but still face challenges in social or sensory environments. Some people with autism may be nonverbal and require significant support.

To improve the safety of individuals with autism during emergencies, whether at home or on the road, Pico Rivera has partnered with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department – Pico Rivera Station to launch the Occupant with Autism Decal Program.

This program offers free decals to community members who care for individuals with autism or know someone with autism. The main goal of the Autism Decal is to provide emergency personnel with a clear indication that there is an individual with autism present.

The individual may be non-verbal, prone to wandering off, or unaware of dangers during a traffic incident or emergency situation at home. With the decal displayed, first responders and law enforcement can utilize their specialized training when approaching a vehicle or residence where the decal is visible.

Two decals will be provided: one for

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### Cerritos Elementary School Named a 2025 California Distinguished School

The California Department of Education recently announced the list of 2025 California Distinguished Schools, and the list of 336 elementary schools included Cerritos Elementary School.

"We are so proud of Cerritos Elementary School for earning this well-deserved recognition," said Board of Education President Mr. Ernie Nishii. "I want to thank the school's students, families, teachers, and staff for their hard work."

Since 1985, the California Distinguished Schools program has been recognizing the state's exceptional schools. This year, the program used data reported through the 2024 California School Dashboard to identify schools showing strong growth in academic achievement, ensuring a positive school climate, all while closing the achievement gap.

"Congratulations to the Cerritos Elementary School community on being recognized for the great things the school is doing for students," said Superintendent Dr. Gina Zietlow. "Our schools continue to be recognized for the wonderful educational opportunities we are providing for each and every one of our students, and we couldn't be more proud."

This marks the sixth time Cerritos Elementary School has received the California Distinguished School award, having previously earned the honor in 2000, 2008, 2014, 2018, and 2023. Additionally, the school was recognized nationally as a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School.

"This honor reflects our school community's continued commitment to academic excellence, inclusivity, and fostering a supportive learning environment where every child can thrive," said Principal Mr. Craig Spratt. "I am so proud of the great things happening in our classrooms and across our campus."

Cerritos Elementary School will be formally recognized at the California School Recognition Program Awards Ceremony this May, where schools from across the state will gather to celebrate their achievements.



### Hahn Secures \$3 Million to Keep Catalina Island Hospital Open



**VITAL FUNDING:** Supervisor Hahn with Catalina Island Health CEO Jason Paret and COO Tim Kielpinski. Catalina Island Health's emergency room currently treats an average of 770 trauma patients each year with just 50 trauma patients requiring aerial transport to the mainland. The hospital's closure would force more helicopter evacuations of trauma patients and cost the County an estimated \$14 million each year.

This week, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn secured \$3 million of available Measure B funding to prevent the imminent closure of Catalina Island Health – the only hospital on Catalina Island.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0, with Supervisor Holly Mitchell absent. Measure B is special tax that voters approved in 2002 for the sole purpose of funding the countywide system of trauma centers, emergency medical services, and bioterrorism response.

The hospital is vitally important as the only source of emergency medical care on the island for Catalina's residents, but it faces serious financial challenges with insolvency predicted as early as July 2025.

Catalina Island Health's emergency room currently treats an average of 770 trauma patients each year with just 50 trauma patients requiring aerial transport to the mainland. The hospital's closure would force more helicopter evacuations of trauma patients and cost the County an estimated \$14 million each year. There would also be massive delays in treatment and could risk additional injury, harm, and even death to patients.

The motion also incorporated an amendment by Supervisor Kathryn Barger directing the LA County Department of Health Services (DHS) to engage with the administration of Catalina Island Health and report back in writing within 90 days with an analysis of the hospital's emergency room operations with a detailed breakdown of expenditures, staffing, services, and equipment. DHS will also provide technical assistance to the hospital regarding billing, reimbursement, and other administrative and operational needs related to the emergency room.

"If Catalina Island Health were to close, it would not only be disastrous to the health and well-being of Avalon resi-

dents and visitors, but it would also have a dangerous ripple effect across our county's emergency medical response system," said Hahn. "This Measure B funding, approved by taxpayers to preserve trauma centers and emergency rooms, will keep Catalina Island Health's doors open to patients while we work on a long-term solution to keep this hospital operating and saving lives long into the future."

"The closure of Catalina Island Health would be catastrophic, creating a significant void for Catalina Island residents and visitors in need of essential healthcare and emergency care. The closure would also require a comprehensive plan to address healthcare access as well as costly medical transportation logistics to the mainland creating a financial strain for taxpayers," said **County of Los Angeles Fire Chief Anthony C. Marrone**. "I strongly support the allocation of one-time Measure B funds to maintain essential medical care for Catalina Island's 4,000 year-round residents and 1 million tourists that visit the island annually." In addition to being the only emergency room for the island, Catalina Island Health is also the only source for primary, long-term care, and mental health services for the island's residents, the majority of whom are low-income. It is also the island's only pharmacy.

"Catalina Island Health and our entire island community are deeply grateful to Supervisor Hahn, her team, and each member of the LA County Board of Supervisors for understanding our need and providing this critical support," said Jason Paret, CEO of Catalina Island Health. "This funding will allow us to continue to protect lives with 24/7 emergency care, ensure health equity for our underserved community, and avoid a potential healthcare crisis for LA County."

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# Artesia Golf Tournament Supports City's Parks & Recreation Youth Programs, Raises Over \$20,000



**GOOD CAUSE:** from (l-r) Artesia Councilwomen Melissa Ramoso, Monica Manalo, golfer Jeremy Bettencourt and Artesia Mayor pro tem Rene Trevino.

By Brian Hews

Artesia held its first annual golf tournament at La Mirada Golf Course to fund the city's Parks and Recreation Youth Programs last Saturday.

The event brought together golfers who enjoyed a beautiful day of golf, a delicious buffet dinner, and some amazing raffle prizes—all while raising vital funds to benefit local youth programming.

Event sponsors including LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn, South Coast Commercial Interiors, CR&R, Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, City Ventures, Los Cerritos Community News, Pioneer Holding, Wallis Bank, West Coast Arborists, Cerritos Artesia Rotary Club, and EF Johnson.

Artesia Mayor Alli Sajjad Taj told LCCN, "I'm thrilled to share the re-sounding success of our City of Artesia golf tournament, held in partnership with incredible local businesses and sponsors!"

"This fantastic event brought together 70 passionate golfers, raised a remarkable \$20,000 for our community, and showcased the best of Artesia's spirit."

"A huge thank you to our phenomenal sponsors for their generous support. Your contributions not only helped raise vital funds but also demonstrated your commitment to our community's well-being."

"I'd also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Artesia city staff, especially Parks and Recreation, whose tireless efforts and dedication made this event a reality. Your hard work, creativity, and attention to detail ensured a seamless and enjoyable experience for all participants. You truly are the backbone of our city, and I'm honored to work alongside such a talented and passionate team!"

"To the City Council, thank you for your ongoing support and vision. Your leadership helps shape the future of our city."

"Special recognition goes to Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, whose exceptional leadership and enthusiasm were instrumental in driving this event's success."

"The record number of raffle prizes added an extra layer of excitement to the tournament, and I'm thankful to everyone who contributed."

"This event brought together 70 enthusiastic golfers, who enjoyed a fun-filled day on the course while supporting a great cause. Thank you for your participation, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm – you made this event a joy to be part of!"

"This golf tournament is a shining example of what we can achieve when we come together as a community."

"I'm proud to serve as Mayor of Artesia, and I look forward to future events

that bring us closer and support our collective well-being.

"Thank you again to everyone involved – let's keep celebrating our community's spirit!"

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THE EL RANCHO USD invites the community in celebrating the Grand Opening of Don Memorial Stadium, the Sports Field Complex, and Aquatics Center at El Rancho High School on Monday, April 21. The Ceremony will begin at 5:00 p.m., public will be allowed in at 4:30 p.m. El Rancho High School is located at 6501 Passons Boulevard.

### Cerritos' 69th anniversary at the Spring Fling

Cerritos' annual Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular on Saturday, April 26, celebrates the City's 69th anniversary.

Admission is free to the event, which runs from 4 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cerritos Sports Complex.

A dance recital, local talent and professional acts will be featured, along with gourmet food trucks.

A fireworks display will be presented at 8:30 p.m.

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### Rotary Club of Lakewood to Honor Supervisor Janice Hahn

The Rotary Club of Lakewood announced the recipients of its 2025 Service Above Self Awards, recognizing outstanding individuals and organizations who have made a lasting impact on the Lakewood community.

The Awards will be presented at the 2nd Annual BBQ & Brews, August 8, 2025 at Roxanne's in Long Beach.

This year's honorees are:

- Supervisor Janice Hahn** – Community Service Above Self
- Soroptimist International of Long Beach/Lakewood** – Community Service Above Self
- Lisa Azevedo** – Education Service Above Self
- F&M Bank** – Business/Corporate Service Above Self

The Award Committee selected Lisa Azevedo as this year's Education Service Above Self award recipient because it is a testament to Lisa's unwavering dedication, exceptional leadership and profound impact on students, colleagues and the community over her 31 years in education, culminating as the Interim Superintendent at Bellflower Unified School District.

The Soroptimists are being honored as a testament to the club's unwavering commitment to the Lakewood community, fostering positive change and making a lasting impact.

Supervisor Hahn's selfless work in honorably representing Lakewood and the rest of the 4th Supervisorial District has had a tremendous impact to the community. Here in Lakewood, Supervisor Hahn's commitment to improving the quality of

lives of the residents of Lakewood will benefit the community for many years to come and her generosity also extends to the many service organizations that she has helped, including Project Shepherd. Her work exemplifies the spirit of this award, which reflects the club's mission of delivering passionate service to the community through action and engagement.

F&M Bank has been the ultimate partner in the Lakewood community. F&M Bank's generous support of the city and the many service organizations in the community reflects the Rotary Club's mission of delivering passionate service to the community through action and engagement.

According to BBQ & Brews chair, Tania Whiteleather, "Each recipient exemplifies the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self," having demonstrated exceptional commitment to service, leadership, and community betterment. We can't think of a better way to put the spotlight on these great honorees."

The awards will be presented at the club's 2nd Annual BBQ & Brews event, taking place Friday, August 8, 2025, at Roxanne's in Long Beach. Guests will enjoy mouthwatering BBQ from Shady Grove Foods with pitmaster David Robicheau, sample a selection of local craft beers, and take part in a lively drawing and silent auction. All funds raised will be used to support the Rotary Club's community projects.

"Save the date of August 8, 2025 to join us in celebrating these community leaders and in supporting the service work as recognized by the Rotary Club of Lakewood," said Whiteleather.

*For more information, please visit [rotaryoflakewood.org](http://rotaryoflakewood.org) or email [dean@heydean.com](mailto:dean@heydean.com).*

### AUTISM from page 1

placement on a frequently used vehicle and one for display at the primary residence. These autism decals are available free of charge to residents and students of the El Rancho Unified School District upon request at the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station, located at 6631 Passons Boulevard, or at the El Rancho Unified School District Police Office at 9115 Balfour Street.

Residents who do request the decals are encouraged to participate in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Special Alert Program which allows caregivers or family members to voluntarily provide information about a person living in their home who are suspected of having or have been diagnosed with an intellectual, mental, or physical disability.

This will be entered into the Sheriff's Dispatch Computer and Deputies

will receive certain information when responding to a specified address. This will help Deputies decide how to best approach and what resources to bring with them. Registration is not required for the decal. To register, visit [https:// lasd.org/ specialalert/](https://lasd.org/specialalert/).

### SAMARITANS from page 1

protect human life. That evening, our Cerritos Sheriff's station received what must be one of the worst calls imaginable. But their training and commitment to the safety of our public never faltered.

Deputies Viveros, Alvarez, Mutum, Mailloux, and Chavez and dispatcher Gutierrez represent the very best of our LA County family. For the rest of that child's life, their extraordinary actions at Don Knabe Park on that Saturday evening will have made everything possible. I am thankful for their service."





**Cerritos**

**March 31-April 6, 2025**

**Aggravated Assault**

16400 blk Holmes Pl., behind the post office on 183rd and Carmenita, weapon used, bodily force.

**Residential Burglary**

13700 blk Darvalle St., near Rainbow Park, unknown loss.

13600 blk Abana Dr., near Artesia and Marquardt, attempt only.

**Burglary, Other**

7700 blk Dumont, behind Vallet Christia High, aluminum stolen.

16400 blk Berwyn Rd., near Cerritos Self Storage, unknown loss.

17600 blk Fabrica Way, near Valley View and Artesia, unknown loss.

17900 blk Crusader Rd., near Kiaof Cerritos, musical equipment stolen.

12700 blk Towne Center Dr., inside Towne Center, safe stolen.

**Vehicle Burglary**

17200 blk Studebaker Rd., near Studebaker and Artesia, Kia Soul burgled, electronics stolen.

**Grand Theft**

13300 blk South St. near Carmenita and South St., tools stolen.

13300 blk South St. near Carmenita and South St., alcohol stolen.

20200 blk Bloomfield Ave. inside Target Center, backpack stolen.

239 Los Cerritos, Los Cerritos Mall, clothing stolen.

239 Los Cerritos, Los Cerritos Mall, cosmetics stolen

11100 blk 183rd St. 183rd Plaza lot, handbags stolen.

**Grand Theft Auto**

15900 blk Commerce Wy. between Carmenita and Marquardt, 2017 Toyota, not recovered.

16300 blk Piuma Ave. near Cerritos Ironwood Nine, 2019 Hyundai Elantra, recovered

239 Los Cerritos, Los Cerritos Mall, Chevrolet Tahoe not recovered.

239 Los Cerritos, Los Cerritos Mall, 2018 Nissan Frontier not recovered.

Dr.; Stolen Vehicle: 2014 Kia Sportage.

**La Mirada**

**Notable Arrests**

One suspect was arrested for grand theft.

**Aggravated Assault**

An assault was reported in the area of Beach Blvd. and Rosecrans Ave. This incident is still under investigation.

**Other Structure Burglary**

**La Mirada Skin Clinic Robbed of \$20K in Botox**



**LAST THURSDAY**, the woman pictured posed as an employee of Iconic Skin Clinic and stole approximately \$20,000 worth of Botox. The owner stated, "It's clear she had previously scoped out the office and waited for the UPS delivery to arrive before making her move." If you have any information regarding her identity or whereabouts, contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department at (562) 902-2978.

A burglary occurred on the 15600 block of Imperial Hwy.

**Vehicle Burglary**

Tools were stolen from a vehicle

burglary on the 15700 block of Birchwood St.

A vehicle burglary occurred on the 15100 block of Lofthill Dr.

An evening vehicle burglary was reported on the 14900 block of La Mirada Blvd.

**Grand Theft**

A theft was reported on the 15100 block of Alicante Rd.

Copper wire was reported stolen on the 13200 block of Marquardt Ave.

A tailgate was stolen on the 14700 block of Gardenhill Dr.

A theft was reported on the 15600 block of Imperial Hwy.

A tailgate theft occurred on the 14800 block of Excelsior Dr.

Brass pipes were stolen on the 15100 block of Northam St.

Copper pipes were stolen on the 14200 block of Imperial Hwy. One suspect was arrested during the incident.

A tailgate was reported stolen on the 15800 block of Imperial Hwy.

**Grand Theft Auto**

A sedan was reported stolen on the 14500 block of Stage Rd.

A semi-truck was stolen on the 15300 block of Desman Rd.

An attempt was made to steal a sedan on the 14900 block of La Mirada Blvd.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### I Won't Resign My Federal Job – And No One Else Should Either

By Paul Osadebe

Donald Trump and Elon Musk are dismantling vital public services in the name of combating “inefficiency.” That’s meant abruptly — and often illegally — firing tens of thousands of workers like me.

The word “inefficiency” conjures images of lines at the DMV and lazy employees. But as a federal employee myself, I know the work we do is essential to the well-being of all Americans.

In my federal job, my coworkers and I will go to court to keep landlords in Alabama from discriminating against families. We’ll stop another in New York from discriminating against a disabled veteran. And we’ll fight to keep bankers from denying home loans to families because of the color of their skin.

That’s just a tiny fraction of the crucial work done by millions of public servants who work daily to improve and often save lives. Everybody benefits

Without us, nobody would be able to get their Social Security checks, or their Medicare and Medicaid benefits. Veterans wouldn’t get free, quality health care tailored to their needs. Discrimination wouldn’t be monitored and stopped.

Anything that the private sector couldn’t squeeze profits out of simply wouldn’t get done — to the detriment of all Americans. That’s why I didn’t accept Musk’s bogus resignation “buyout” offer — and it’s why I encourage all federal workers to speak out in defense of the services we provide to the American people.

Contrary to what critics like to suggest, the federal workforce is actually smaller relative to the U.S. population than it’s been in the past century. We’re paid about 25 percent less than our counterparts in the private sector for comparable jobs. And we’re spread out all over America: over 80 percent of us live outside the Washington, D.C. area.

The largest federal department in terms of employees is the Postal Service, whose more than half a million hard-working employees serve every U.S. address, rain or shine, six days a week. Rural Americans that private shipping companies don’t find it profitable to serve will suffer the most if this service is cut.

The next is the Department of Veteran Affairs, which operates hospitals throughout the country for veterans. As a result, a huge number of federal employees — roughly 300,000 — are health care workers.

Some of the most unnoticed but most critical work federal workers perform is protecting Americans by making sure businesses follow the law.

The Food and Drug Administration ensures that the food businesses sell is safe to eat. The Department of Labor makes sure employers respect the rights and safety of workers, including paying them fairly. The Environmental Protection Agency puts a check on corporate polluters, ensuring that our water is safe to drink and our air safe to breathe.

Without this work — and the workers who do it — our country would plunge back into the dark days of the robber barons, who regularly took advantage of workers, consumers, and families.

Of course, the federal government can be improved like any large institution. But the best and only way to do that is by listening to the ideas and needs of federal workers, not abusing and firing them.

At a time when the cost of living has increased for working people, we know that people are angry and looking for someone to blame. But federal employees aren’t the root of our problems. We are a necessary part of the solution. Government services are often some of the most efficient institutions because they’re operated to benefit everyone, not turn a profit. We’re serving the public, not minting millionaires.

We ask our fellow Americans to take action with us in defending our livelihoods — so that we can continue to serve you all.

**Paul Osadebe**

*Paul Osadebe is a federal worker, a union steward with AFG Local 476, and an organizer with the Federal Unionists Network.*

**Dear Editor:**

EVERY economist and follower of economic history has been warning that tariffs are bad for our country, yet the madman with the red tie insists on using them. I am not an expert on international trade, but I do have a stock portfolio that has sunk to a new low. At least some of the Republican voters, and even some of the MAGA cult, must also have some stocks. Can’t they see that the U.S. economy and their stock portfolios are more important than imprisoning Latin Americans?

*Martin A. Brower*

**Dear Editor:**

I hope everyone remembers Trump’s first term. It seemed like every day he was taking credit for the stock market. In his second term, he definitely gets credit for the stock market dropping. I’m waiting to hear him brag about that.

*Doug Frank*

**Dear Editor:**

President Trump claims that these “sweeping tariffs” will “Make America wealthy again.” Yet both the Dow Jones and Nasdaq indexes tanked on “Liberation

Day.”

*Joseph Garcia*

**Dear Editor:**

I don’t pretend to be an expert when it comes to economics. It may be that President Trump’s tariff blitzkrieg will do all the positive things he says it will for our country. But I doubt it. Trump doesn’t understand the increased costs from his tariffs amount to an indirect tax on the American people. I am embarrassed by this president.

*Jerrold Coleman*

**Dear Editor:**

Instead of actually determining who had unfair trade practices, a procedure that would have required extensive research into each individual country’s trade policies, our government chose to simply create tariff percentages by comparing imports to exports. That is what happens when you fire all the statisticians.

*Larry Harmell*

**Dear Editor:**

One of the worst parts of Trump’s tariffs is their effect on the Asian countries that we were relying on to “contain” China. Their tariff rates are among the highest Trump imposed, and are likely to drive them into China’s orbit.

*John Gallogly*

**Dear Editor:**

I look forward to another liberation day: Jan. 20, 2029. That’s the day we will be liberated from the Trump administration and its shambolic policies.

*Frank Albers*

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## From the Mayor's Desk: April 11, 2025

By Cerritos Mayor  
Frank Aurelio Yokoyama

The City of Cerritos is pleased to have a strong partnership with our public safety officials, and commends them for their daily commitment to the well-being of our residents. On March 29, the heroics of our first responders was on full display when a 3-year-old Cerritos resident was rescued in a drowning incident at the pond at Don Knabe Community Regional Park. Thanks to the quick



awareness of two young park patrons, who called 911, Cerritos Sheriff's Department deputies were able to arrive on scene, immediately pull the toddler boy from the water, and resuscitate him. The City extends our heartfelt thoughts to the boy and his family during this difficult time, and we wish him a speedy recovery. We're grateful for the quick response and lifesaving measures performed by our Cerritos Sheriff's Station deputies and paramedics with the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Engine #34. Their collective actions saved a life, and speak to the training of our first responders and incredible care that they and our residents have for one another. The City Council was honored to recognize the heroic efforts of all involved during our meeting on April 10.

For more than 30 years, the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts has brought residents and visitors top-notch

entertainment, featuring musical performances spanning all genres, Broadway tours, and more. The CCPA recently announced acts for its 2025-2026 season, and we're thrilled at what's in store. This fall, catch the best-selling R&B group of all time, Boyz II Men, Classic Rock group Kansas, and so much more! Visit [cerritoscenter.com](http://cerritoscenter.com) to view the complete lineup and reserve your tickets. In addition to top performing acts, the CCPA, in partnership with Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, offers free arts education programs to students throughout the school year. Mayor Pro Tem Lynda P. Johnson and I welcomed students to recent performances focusing on the influence of jazz music through American blues traditions and Afro-Caribbean culture. We're very pleased to offer this educational experience to our students, and look forward to next season's arts education lineup.

In the coming weeks, residents can expect the first in a multi-phase street rehabilitation project to begin, and are encouraged to allow extra time when traveling through these construction zones. Upgrades will be made along Bloomfield Avenue between 183rd Street and 195th Street; 195th Street between Bloomfield Avenue and Norwalk Boulevard; and Norwalk Boulevard between 195th Street and Del Amo Boulevard. This work will upgrade City operations by creating a secure communications network connecting our facilities. The second phase and larger scope of this project will occur during the summer months and is expected to conclude by the end of August.

Learn more about City of Cerritos initiatives and upcoming events in the April edition of Cerritos News that is mailed to residents, as well as on our website, [cerritos.gov](http://cerritos.gov).

### Cerritos Optimist Club Honors Exceptional Students at 2025 Youth Appreciation Event



**THE CERRITOS OPTIMIST CLUB** recognized four ABCUSD high school students at this year's Youth Appreciation Dinner. Congratulations to Kekoa Usi from Cerritos High, Krupa Patel from Gahr High, Anthony Maximo from Tracy High, and Miguel Palmerin from Whitney High.

#### LCCN Staff Report

The Cerritos Optimist Club, the area's longest-serving service organization, proudly recognized four exceptional high school students during its annual Youth Appreciation Dinner held on Thursday, March 27, 2025. This signature program celebrates students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, academic achievement, and service to their schools and the greater community.

"We are so proud to honor these incredible young people who are truly making a difference," said Harold Bazarian, President of the Cerritos Optimist Club. "Our motto is 'Bringing Out the Best in Kids,' and these students are shining examples of what that looks like in action."

This year's honorees, all students from the ABC Unified School District, include:

- Kekoa Usi – Cerritos High School**
- Krupa Patel – Gahr High**
- Anthony Maximo – Tracy High**
- Miguel Palmerin – Whitney High**

Each student received a scholarship donation and a commemorative plaque in recognition of their achievements and contributions.

Founded in 1970, the Cerritos Optimist Club is dedicated to supporting youth through programs that promote leadership, personal growth, and community involvement. For more information about the Cerritos Optimist Club and its programs, please contact [www.cerritosoptimistclub.com](http://www.cerritosoptimistclub.com).

### Cerritos Library And Recreation Services Division Seek Volunteers

The Cerritos Library Volunteer program and the City's Recreation Services Division are recruiting dependable teen volunteers.

Library Volunteer applications are currently available. The Summer Session will run from Mon., June 2, through Fri., August 1. Volunteer duties include shelving library materials, helping with arts and crafts projects, monitoring the children's computer workstations, and operating the Friends Bookstore.

Volunteer positions are open to students at least 13 years old in grades 7 through 12. Applicants must have a Cerritos Library card in good standing and are required to successfully pass a criminal background assessment in accordance with City policy.

Applications will be available at the Circulation Desk. For more information, call (562) 916-1338 or email [volunteer@cerritos.us](mailto:volunteer@cerritos.us). Cerritos Library is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The Recreation Services Division's volunteer program also offers ample opportunities for adults and teens, age 13 and older, who would like to serve their community.

The Application/Waiver is available online at [cerritos.gov/recvolunteer](http://cerritos.gov/recvolunteer) or at any Cerritos community center. Volunteers younger than 18 must obtain approval from their parent or guardian.

For more information, call Heritage Park at (562) 916-8570.

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# BEING A WATER-WISE GARDENER

Gardening Tips

By Melinda Myers

Too much or not enough water and never when your garden needs it. This is a common complaint of gardeners no matter where they live. Make a few changes in your plant selection and garden care to help manage water use while growing healthy plants.

All plants need sufficient moisture after planting and for several months to a year or two to develop a robust root system. Those labeled as drought tolerant are better able to tolerate periods of drought once established. Always water the area surrounding new plantings thoroughly when the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist. Gradually reduce the frequency, and once the plants are established, you'll need to water less often.

Moisture-loving plants are good choices for areas receiving sufficient and consistent moisture throughout the growing season to meet their needs. In locations where this is not

the case, consider grouping moisture-loving plants together so you use less water and can concentrate watering efforts to just one or two locations in your landscape.

Fluctuating periods of excessive and insufficient rainfall add to the challenge. Many native plants, once established, tolerate periods of wet and dry soil and can be found on lists of rain garden plants suited to your area.

Keep water in the garden, out of the storm sewers, and reduce the risk of flooding while improving your garden. Adding several inches of compost to the top 8 to 12 inches of soil increases the soil's ability to absorb and retain water. It also improves drainage in heavy soils.

Top dress existing gardens by spreading an inch of compost over the soil surface. Soil organisms will help move it into the soil to improve plant growth. Lend nature a hand by using an auger bit on a drill to aerate compacted soil. This pushes some compost into the top four to six

inches of soil. Mulching the soil with leaves, evergreen needles, or other organic matter also helps. This task has many benefits, including conserving moisture, reducing the risk of erosion and compaction, suppressing weeds, and as the mulch decomposes, improving the soil. A one-to-three-inch layer over the soil surface is all you need. The finer the mulch material, the thinner the layer of mulch that is needed.

Collect rainwater in rain barrels or cisterns when it is plentiful and store it until needed. Use this to water ornamental containers and plantings. Always check with your municipality first, since some restrict this practice while others offer rebates or rain barrels at a discounted price.

You won't need to worry about mosquitoes breeding inside your rain barrel if you place an organic mosquito control product like Mosquito Dunks® (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com) in rain barrels and other water features. Mosquito Dunks provide 30 days of control, are natural and organic, and won't harm pets, fish, wildlife, or children.

Periods of heavy rainfall create another challenge. Covering the soil with plants and mulch helps protect your soil from compaction and erosion that often happens during these events. Planting trees, shrubs, and groundcovers will slow the flow of rainwater, increase the amount of water that stays in your landscape for plants to use, and help filter dust and pollutants out of rainwater before it enters



**LEAF MULCH** conserves moisture, reduces the risk of erosion and compaction, suppresses weeds, and improves the soil as it decomposes.

groundwater.

Rain gardens are another strategy for managing water in your yard. These are designed to capture excessive rainfall, drain within 24 to 36 hours, tolerate dry and wet periods, and filter pollutants from the rainwater before it enters the groundwater.

Start by incorporating one or more of these strategies to help manage rainwater in your landscape. Continue to monitor success, adapt as needed, and include more options to help you successfully garden even during periods of excessive or limited

rainfall.

*Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Summit for her expertise to write this article. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.*



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# American Ballet Theater Performance of 'The Winter's Tale' at Segerstrom Center

By Lydia E. Ringwald

The American Ballet Theater performance of Christopher Wheeldon's 'The Winter's Tale' at Segerstrom Center was a living artwork, a luxury to behold.

The American Ballet Theatre is one of the most prominent and influential ballet companies in the United States, with a rich and dynamic history.

Founded in 1939 by Lucia Chase and Richard Pleasant in New York City, and originally called Ballet Theatre, it was envisioned as a company that would present a wide variety of ballets, from the classics to new works.

Mikhail Baryshnikov, a Soviet defector and international ballet star, joined ABT became artistic director in 1980.

The company maintains a strong commitment to education, diversity, and touring—often called "America's National Ballet Company".

The ballet choreography of the classic Shakespearean Winter's Tale, exploring jealousy and compassion was told in dance with stunningly beautiful sets, luminous lighting, inspiring dancers in elegantly designed costumes accompanied by and Jody Talbot's evolved musical composition

The lavish production of 'The Winter's Tale' includes the luxury of multiple scenes with dance, art and music elegantly melded into an staged artwork.

In one iconic stunning scene, a giant blossoming tree with tangled roots, representing the fertility of nature, is in the center of the stage as the backdrop for dancers in the colorful springtime costumes. The luscious scene includes musicians on the stage performing sounds reminiscent of folk or native tunes.

In the opening scenes, more somber in tone, life size statues, frozen figurines, foreshadow the

story where the pregnant Queen Hermione, the wife of the jealous King Leontes is 'frozen out' of their family life in a narrative where the emotional turmoil of jealousy and revenge results in their son's death.

In the final scene, the statue of the abandoned wife Hermione comes back to life again when their family relationship thaws in compassion and forgiveness. But, true to the story, the son's death is permanent and he remains as as a statue, symbolically forever frozen.

In another dramatic scene, a narrow staircase to the side of the stage hints of the cold castle interior and large painting in the middle, in dark coloration, reflects the inner emotional state of the characters. In a multi-media art experience, elegantly choreographed dancers perform within the frame of this staged artwork.

Several Shakespearean plays include sea voyages. In 'The Winter's Tale', as in Shakespeare's 'The Tempest', a sea voyage is also integrated into narrative in a stunning set that includes floating and billowing translucent scrims replicating the a voyage on tempestuous seas.

The series of scrim stage artworks are of great beauty and

**AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE** recently presented its company premiere of Christopher Wheeldon's ballet adaptation of Shakespeare's The Winter's Tale.



**THE PRODUCTION** marked a significant milestone for ABT, bringing Wheeldon's acclaimed interpretation to American audiences. The ballet, which explores themes of love, jealousy, and redemption, featured a compelling score by Joby Talbot and atmospheric designs by Bob Crowley.

emotionality.

In the history of famous ballet and art compositions, the Christopher Wheeldon production of 'The Winter's Tale' represents an evolution in the merger of art and ballet form.

The innovative compositions of Sergai Diaghilev's Ballet Russe, now over a hundred years ago, explored unique opportunities to integrate art with ballet. In 1917, Picasso's Cubist paintings were integrated into the costumes and sets for the Jean Cocteau inspired ballet 'Parade, with music by Eric Satie.

In 1938, Salvador Dali contributed to the surrealist ballet 'Triston Loco' and again later

1939-1941, collaborated with Leonard Massine to design the

surrealist ballet trilogy 'Bacanal-Liberinto-Sacrificio', intriguing productions merging dance and art.

The Joffrey Ballet's multi-media production 'Astarte' in 1967 represents a later evolution where psychedelic art merges with rock music in a ballet narrative about the Goddess Astarte and her sexual consort Demuzi.

'The Winter's Tale' production Christopher Wheeldon is yet another step again into the future where art, dance and music are harmoniously melded into a evolved stage composition, a narrative ballet that is also a living artwork, a treasure in ballet history.



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## Glenn's Hot Start Offset by Sloppy Play, Bad Calls in Loss to Oxford Academy

By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on X

CYPRESS-Last season was a breakthrough season for John Glenn High, falling a game short of an automatic playoff berth in the 605 League as it had to settle for a fourth place finish. Meanwhile, Oxford Academy once again battled with Cerritos High for the top spot but was swept by the Dons and finished in second place.

This season hasn't gone according to planned for both teams and when they met last Friday in the back end of a home and home series, the Eagles were looking for their third straight win over the Patriots and a season sweep for the first time as members of the league. But Glenn could not add to its 4-0 lead after two innings and surrendered four runs in the bottom of the fifth and two more in the sixth as the hosts rallied for a 7-6 victory, leaving the Eagles at 5-10 overall and 1-1 in league play. Glenn pitchers also threw two wild pitches, hit two batters and the defense committed two crucial errors.

"We knew Oxford is a really good baseball team," said Glenn first-year head coach Ken Mason. "Their record doesn't indicate what they are. They're a really good baseball team; they're going to win a lot of games. We knew we had to jump on them early; we had the momentum after our last win and we knew if we jumped on them early, we could put a little pressure on them, and we did. We were really in control, and then we had some mental mistakes."

Glenn defeated Oxford Academy 3-1 on Apr. 1 with all three runs coming in the bottom of the fourth off Mac Tiettmeyer, who would have something to say in Oxford Academy's late rally. But Glenn sent seven batters to the plate in the first, getting singles from junior shortstop Evan Perez and junior pitcher Bert Rodriguez to left field and a run-scoring single to center from senior catcher Raymond Acosta. Perez would score the game's first run on an error

and the Eagles would strand a pair of runners on base with one out.

In the next inning, sophomore designated hitter Marcos Quiroz was hit by a pitch and two outs later, senior left fielder Matthew Sy, in just his third game, was also hit by a pitch. Rodriguez then won an 11-pitch battle with Logan Lavoie and deposited his second hit into center, scoring Quiroz. Four pitches later, a base hit from junior second baseman Jonah Mason increased the score to 4-0.

Again, two more runners were left in scoring position, but the Eagles were looking good considering how Lavoie was up to 53 pitches after two frames while Rodriguez had thrown 49 pitches through three innings, struck out five straight batters at one point, yielded a pair of hits and had not allowed a runner to get past second base. But in a blink of an eye, the pendulum shifted to the third base dugout and the guys decked out in their white jerseys.

Rodriguez walked Lavoie, gave up a single to Tiettmeyer down the third base line and hit Adrian Mejia on the first pitch to load the bases to begin the bottom of the fourth. After striking out the next two batters, Jude Kim tagged Rodriguez for a single for Oxford

Academy's first run.

In the next inning, the wheels came off for Rodriguez, who yielded consecutive doubles to Bear Spessert and Sora Suzuki before being lifted for junior Josiah Alcala. He would hit Lavoie on the first pitch and surrendered an infield single to Tiettmeyer to load the bases.

"I think he just ran out of gas," said Mason of Rodriguez, who was bidding for his fourth win this season. "The two [doubles]



were hit really hard, and he was starting to miss his spots. He was really in command; I was really proud of him. But we can't expect Bert to pitch a shutout against good teams."

Rodriguez finished with seven strikeouts in four innings, gave up half a dozen hits and walked two while throwing 90 pitches, 49 of those coming in the third and fourth innings combined. Two pitches later, Alcala hit Mejia to make it 4-3 and following another pitching change, Zachary Padilla reached on an error, allowing Lavoie to tie the game at 4-4 and an error allowed Tiettmeyer, who is the great, great grandson of Tommy Griffith of the 1914 Boston 'Miracle' Braves World Series team to come home for the lead. The third pitching change of the

inning was quickly followed by a double play to prevent further damage.

The Eagles would regain the lead in the sixth as Tiettmeyer, who became the third pitcher for the Patriots, walked senior right fielder Angel Aguilar. After striking pout Perez, Sy singled to center and both runners advanced on a wild pitch. A groundout from Rodriguez plated Aguilar and on an 1-2 count to Mason, a wild pitch allowed Sy to score the go-ahead run. However, that didn't last long as Lavoie's two-out first pitch triple to the right field gap drove in Brendan Lee and Spessert for the game winner.

"I'm real proud of the guys; they're learning how to battle, but at this point, I just told them there's no moral victories," said Mason. "It's not 11-year old Little League baseball. We've got to figure out how to close games. I was really proud of them for taking the lead, but we could have gotten out of that last inning [when] they took the lead."

Glenn still had an opportunity to score more runs in the seventh as Alcala doubled to the left field gap with one out. But in a strange situation, senior first baseman Brandon Rivera, who pitched a three-hit complete game against the Patriots in the first meeting, was called out for batter's interference on a 2-1 count, which grew the ire of Mason and the Glenn spectators.

"There were a couple of really bizarre calls today," said Mason. "The umpire told me he could be out two ways. One, his backswing hit the catcher; he said he's automatically out if the backswing hits the catcher. And then he said [Rivera] also stepped across and interfered with the throw down to second.

"The other bizarre call, which I felt I got a really poor explanation, was on the dropped third strike [in the third inning], Jonah was on first base and started to come back to the bag, and they called interference on Jonah," he continued. "It was a dropped third strike where Raymond Acosta struck out; there was

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## Gahr Puts Together Second Late Inning Rally in National Classic, Prepares for Gateway League

By Loren Kopff  
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On March 28, the Gahr High baseball team rallied for five runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to edge Ayala High and claim the consolation championship of the Boras Baseball Classic. Five days later, the Gladiators were at it again, this time in The National Classic with another late inning comeback.

Trailing La Habra High 6-2 going into the bottom of the sixth, the Gladiators erupted for seven runs and held off a late attempt by the Highlanders to post a 9-7 victory. Coupled with a 4-3 win over Mountain Ridge High the next day, Gahr finds itself at 6-7 as it begins Gateway League action this week against Downey High.

"I think we have a group of guys that can come together and rally from [any deficit]," said Gahr head coach Gerardo Perez. "I think we have a collection of guys that can battle back from being down and hit their way back into the game. In the past, maybe I didn't have so many hitters. Now I do."

La Habra scored once in each of the

first two innings before the Gladiators tied the game in the third on a two-out, two-run single from junior first baseman Bryce Morrison, plating senior center fielder Taison Miller and junior third baseman Andres Gonzalez, both of whom were walked.

The Highlanders would score three times in the fifth and once in the sixth before the Gahr bats came alive and sent a dozen batters to the plate. It began with Morrison leading off with a double to left and advancing to third on a groundout from junior catcher Nathan Guangorena. Sophomore right fielder Evan Javier singled but Morrison couldn't advance and after the second out, senior pinch hitter Ben Heapy was walked to load the

bases.

Walks to senior pinch hitter Jake Ourique and Miller, respectively, allowed two runs to come across and an infield single from Gonzalez plated junior second baseman Julian Lucero. That was followed by another infield knock, this time from senior designated hitter Adrien Ramirez, making the score 7-6. With the bases loaded, Morrison was hit by a pitch and allowed Miller to tie the game before a single from Guangorena on a full count brought in Gonzalez and Ramirez.

"I've had teams like this where they struggle early...and then by the time the fifth, sixth and seventh inning rolls

around, they kind of come back," said Perez. "They're really good in the third or fourth at-bat."

The final game of the tournament was last Thursday, and the Gladiators scored three times in the top of the third as Gonzalez had a run-scoring single and Guangorena later had a two-out single to drive in Morrison and Ramirez. After the Glendale, AZ-based school added runs in the fifth and seventh to tie the game, a walk to Miller began the top of the ninth. He would move to second on an error one out later, Morrison's base hit to left field brought in Miller for the game winner.

"I think we're finding out how to win," said Perez. "You don't always have to swing the bat. Sometimes you have to be disciplined, and they'll give it to you. And sometimes you have to swing the bat. I guess that's a different level of offensive versatility, knowing when to take the pitch, knowing when to swing, knowing when to hit. I think we have a pretty good group that's coming together, obviously with yesterday and today."

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## Chi Breaks Scoreless Tie With Big Hit as Cerritos Continues Dominance Over Artesia

By Loren Kopff  
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ANAHEIM-Somewhere out there, former Los Angeles Angels play-by-play announcer Victor Rojas' signature phrase "light that baby up" could be heard throughout Angel Stadium when Cerritos High senior pitcher Nathan Burton got Artesia High junior shortstop Devon Torrez to ground out to end their game this past Tuesday. The phrase could have also easily been said after Cerritos senior second baseman Dalton Chi smoked a two-out, bases-clearing double to the left center wall in the top of the fifth inning.

That hit locked up a 3-0 hard fought victory at the Halo Classic at Angel Stadium that sent the Dons to a game above .500 for the first time since the season opener, 4-0 in the 605 League, and more importantly, kept their winning streak of seven games alive.

"It was an amazing experience obviously; so cool for the kids," said Cerritos head coach Matt Joyce. "I think they were a little bit in awe to start on both sides. But a great experience and a well-played game on both sides."

"I think that was a great experience for the kids," said Artesia head coach Jose Serrano. "I know they enjoyed it. The guy reached out to me about buying Angels tickets or getting Angels tickets for the team and then I asked how [do high school teams get to play at the stadium]. That's when he said he had a spot open and then hit me up and said he could get us and Cerritos in."

Serrano was talking about Phil Gurule, Manager of Group Sales for the Angels, who extended an invitation to Serrano. The game was originally scheduled for Mar. 14 but was rained out.

The sixth inning began with sophomore designated hitter Julian Diaz getting a base hit to the right field gap. Two outs later, senior center fielder Braxton Reed singled to left on an 0-2 count and senior first baseman Fabian Mejia reaching on a fielder's choice when junior pinch runner Ethan Martiz was barely safe at third on a controversial play.



**CERRITOS HIGH** junior left fielder Justin Sagun goes from the sun to the shade to deny Artesia High junior first baseman Adrian Romero of a bases loaded run-scoring hit in the bottom of the third inning of this past Tuesday's Halo Classic at Angel Stadium. Cerritos defeated Artesia 3-0 with senior second baseman Dalton Chi clearing the bases with a two-out double in the fifth. Photo by Scott Lake.

The third base umpire ruled Martiz safe, but a photo taken by an Artesia photographer shows senior third baseman Angel Estrada clearly tagging Martiz before he got to third base. Instead of the inning ending, the bases were loaded and on a 3-1 count, Chi roped the double to account for all the scoring.

"Julian is a sophomore who I pulled up from [junior varsity] and he's done nothing but hit since I pulled him up," said Joyce. "So, big hit by him; really aggressive at the plate. I really love the way he does things."

"[Artesia senior pitcher Daniel Carbajal] was a little tired; you could tell his fastball flattened out a bit," he continued. "He got him in a really good hitters count and didn't miss."

"I don't want to make Cerritos look bad or the [third base] umpire look bad, but it's frustrating knowing [Martiz] was out," said Serrano. "And when the umpire doesn't have an explanation why he was safe, and he just tells you, 'oh, the guy was on the base before he tagged him',

it's frustrating hearing that."

Serrano would be ejected by the third base umpire without warning or explanation for an unrelated incident and was not in attendance for this past Wednesday's home game against Pioneer High.

Both teams had many opportunities to score in the early innings but each time there was a hint of a threat, Carbajal and Cerritos junior Eli Sarno got out of the jam. Cerritos had four runners reach base in the second, third and fourth innings but senior catcher Kaden Brickner was left at third in the third after a leadoff walk and Chi couldn't get past second after leading off with a walk in the next inning.

Meanwhile, the Pioneers (10-5, 2-2) stranded a pair of runners in the first two innings and the fourth inning plus the bases loaded in the third despite getting three hits to one by Cerritos during that time.

"I think it was a combination of really good pitching," said Joyce. "Their starter was great; we had a tough time against him last time, and we scored a couple of runs and they pulled him. That's how we

got eight in the [Mar. 28] game. So, really good pitching on both ends, and also nerves. I think these guys were a little nervous. We were a little passive at the plate; not swinging a whole lot."

"They both did a good job," said Serrano of the starting pitchers. "They were both throwing strikes and kept the guys off balance on both sides. We should have scored in the first inning. But it is what it is. I thought Daniel dominated like he's been doing the past three years."

In the bottom of the fifth, Cerritos junior Jayce Aragon hit sophomore Jorge Vidal but would be forced at second when senior right fielder Alex Escobar reached on a fielder's choice. But two straight strikeouts ended that opportunity.

Then in the sixth, Burton walked sophomore second baseman Michael Nava and sophomore Ramon Chavez before getting senior center fielder Jose Garcia to hit into a double play ahead of the final groundout.

Cerritos was limited to four hits while Artesia had three hits, but the three pitchers for the Dons and the two for the Pioneers combined to walk nine batters and hit three more.

"It's frustrating seeing guys on base and not get them in," said Serrano. "Someone has to clutch up and not seeing guys clutch up was very frustrating."

"We know every time Artesia shows up, we're getting their best shot, and they're going to play us tough," said Joyce. "They're a well-coached team with a really good starting pitcher. We know it's going to be tough, and I prepared the guys for that. But yes, it always feels good to win in league. Sweeping Artesia is going to bode really well for us."

Cerritos (10-10 overall) would get blasted by Millikan High 11-0 this past Wednesday as it was held to one hit. The Dons got back into league action on Apr. 10 at John Glenn High with the back end of the home and home series on Friday at Glenn. Then Cerritos will host Whitney High on Tuesday before going to Cerritos Park East on Thursday to wrap up that

[ See **CERRITOS**, page 12 ]

## Valley Christian's Offense Breaks Through Late As Whittier Christian Can't Keep Up With Jones

By Loren Kopff  
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Valley Christian High senior pitcher Riley Jones was at it again, doing what he has done the past several seasons. The ace of the pitching staff scattered three hits, faced four over the minimum, threw 90 pitches and picked up his fourth complete game of the season as the Defenders put Whittier Christian High away late in a 6-1 victory this past Monday.

The only thing keeping Jones from his third shutout of the season was a leadoff home run from Zion Park to begin the top of the sixth. That tied the game, but the Defenders (9-9, 2-1) answered back in a huge way in their half of the inning, scoring five runs on three hits and getting three walks plus a pivotal play at home plate.

"So, what he does is he comes out and throws lots of strikes for us; he gets ahead in batters constantly and he battles," said V.C. first-year head coach Eric Slater. "Even when he's in tough situations, he battles out of those tough situations. It was another performance that I was very impressed with; very proud of him for going out there. It would almost be like I'm saying the same thing. He just keeps on performing for us and taking care of business."

"Today I was coming in with the

mindset of knowing that these guys are kind of our [league] rivals, and this game means a lot to not only me, but to the rest of the seniors," said Jones. "I was coming in with guns blazing and doing anything I could to get my team the victory."

Jones began the game by throwing seven pitches to Park before he grounded out to senior shortstop Seth Dahlenburg, then retired the next four batters before hitting Lorenzo Ibarra on the second pitch he saw. But Jones bounced back and did not allow another baserunner until Alex Valencia singled with one out in the fourth.

One out later, Luke Jung singled to left before Jones got Ibarra to strike out, ending that threat.

After that, the only blemish for Jones over the next three innings was the home run. Jones struck out nine for the game and threw a first-pitch strike 14 times while going ahead 0-2 half a dozen times as he improved to 6-2 in nine starts.

According to statistics on the Max-

Prep.com website, Jones is second in the state with 83 strikeouts, one behind Mike Martinez of Modesto Christian High and is 17th in the nation.

"I would tell you the best part about this game is he does give up that home run...the thing that was really impressive is that after he gives up that home run, he threw seven pitches to get out of the inning," said Slater. "Fortunately for us, our bats came alive. We had some great executions that were able to give us that big inning."

"When there's guys on base, I have to remember that I'm the one in charge; I'm the one with the baseball," said Jones.

"Going into those at-bats, I know that they're high pressure situations and if I'm not able to execute in high pressure situations, then I'm not a pitcher. I do everything that I can to execute the best I can, whether that's a strikeout or soft groundouts or soft pop-ups."

Meanwhile, the V.C. bats were stymied by Valencia through the first four innings, as the only runner to reach base was a one out walk to junior left fielder Max Douglas in the second. But Douglas led off the fifth with a single to center-field, followed by an infield hit from senior right fielder Micah Tamminga.

Two outs later, junior second baseman R.J. Estrada gave the Defenders a 1-0 lead with a single to left. In the next inning, sophomore first baseman Quintin Ekstrom got the party going with a single to center and stole second. Following the ninth and final strikeout from Valencia, Dahlenburg's base hit brought in Eckstrom.

Dahlenburg would advance on a wild pitch and move to third on an error before Valencia walked Douglas. Then, Tamminga laid down a bunt in front of Valencia who tried to flip the ball to his battery mate, Eli Echavarria. However, Dahlenburg barreled over Echavarria, who dropped the ball and just like that, it was 3-1. Walks to senior designated hitter Weston Lynott, who would later score on a wild pitch, and sophomore pinch hitter Mack Lynott, who brought in Douglas, plus a single from Estrada, allowing Tamminga to score, completed V.C.'s offense. Estrada, batting in the

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**OLYMPIC LEAGUE  
BASEBALL**



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While it's not uncommon to see any Gahr team begin a season with a slow start, the Gladiators were shutout in their first three games and four in their first six as they failed to get a win against some of the best teams that the CIF-Southern Section has to offer. But winning the last three games of the Boras Baseball Classic, then three of four last week has put Gahr in a good position with 12 straight league contests ahead in the next four weeks.

Perez said this one of the toughest schedules he has had, having played Corona High, the top team in the nation, Harvard-Westlake High, Loyola High and Sierra Canyon High, to name a few. Then there is the equally brutal Gateway League with Bellflower High, Downey, La Mirada High and Warren High, plus single games with El Segundo High, Huntington Beach High and Orange Lutheran High in the last five days of the regular season. According to Max-Preps.com, Gahr's 2025 schedule is the third toughest schedule in high school baseball with a 17.8 strength of schedule rating.

"I've had teams where they're hot early; I've had teams where they're hot late," said Perez. "I think we're good and we have a chance to come back from a deficit."

"I think all of high school baseball was cold at the start of the season," he later said. "The game of high school baseball at the top has changed. It's not the same as it was five years ago. We're way better than we were but the teams at the top are getting transfers and are really deep; really strong. We got some transfers too, but it takes some time."

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ninth spot, had two of V.C.'s six hits and seven players reached base.

"[Valencia] was very crafty, and he's probably one of the best lefties that we've seen so far this year," said Slater. "I thought that he was absolutely spot on the whole game."

V.C. completed the home and home series with the Heralds on Apr. 10 before travelling to Woodcrest Christian High on Thursday. The Defenders, who have won five of their last seven games and reached the .500 mark for the fourth time, will try to move north of .500 for the first time since their season-opening win over Long Beach Cabrillo. Of the nine losses, two have been by a run, two more have been by two runs and two have been by three runs.

"One of the things we've done all year long is that we've played a lot of great ballgames and we kind of hurt ourselves once in a while with some lackluster performances at the plate," said Slater. "As long as we can maintain our quality pitching, our decent defense and then some timely hitting, we're going to be okay."

"I do think we're right there," he continued. "We're a team that's right on the cusp of getting that winning streak going."

"I think it's going to take all of our hearts to [beat Whittier Christian again]," said Jones. "We've been working really well as a team; we've had a lot of chemistry now, and I think coming into this game, this is a big momentum shift in the middle of the season, especially getting into the middle of league. And we've realized that winning on Thursday really boosts our chances of going to playoffs."

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a throw down and we would have had the fifth run score. The field umpire let it go, and the home plate umpire overturned it."

While Oxford Academy entered the game with a 2-12 record, Glenn seems to have turned the page after a six-game losing streak to begin the season. The Eagles had a three-game winning streak after the six-game skid and walked into last Friday's contest winning consecutive games after being surprised by Whitney High 9-4 on Mar. 25.

Glenn, which lost two players off last season's team to graduation and one other who transferred, will host Cerritos on Tuesday to begin a critical home and home series with the Dons. The second game will be on Friday before the Eagles entertain Pioneer High on Apr. 15.

"We've had a hard time filling those holes," said Mason. "Those were three really big key players to our offense. We're trying to figure out how to replace those and you saw today that we have some holes. That 0-6 [start]... a lot of that was self-centered play."

"I still think we're right in the mix [in league]," he continued. "Now, we need help from other teams. But I feel like we're a playoff team. If we don't make the playoffs, that will be a disappointing year in my mind. I think we let a couple of games slip away. So, we easily could have been 4-0, but we're 2-2 and it is what it is. We've got to try to battle against Cerritos next week and maybe knock them off; split with them and then we get right back in the mix."

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weekly series.

"John Glenn, I'm not taking them lightly at all," said Joyce. "I know they have a really good arm, and we'll see him Thursday night. I'll be throwing Frank Melendrez, our lefty as well, so that will be really good. The league has improved a lot, in my opinion, and we don't take anyone lightly. When it comes to playing in league, it's about us, because if we can play our game, we are more talented. But we can be beat on any day, and we're not oblivious to that."

Artesia will visit Pioneer on Friday, go to Los Amigos High on Saturday and Oxford Academy on Tuesday before hosting the Patriots two days later. Joyce and Serrano indicated they would like to come back next season to Angel Stadium for the Halo Classic. If they are back next season for a league game against each other, Artesia will be hoping to snap a 20-game losing streak to Cerritos. They are scheduled to play on Mar. 24 and 27 of next season with Artesia being the home team in the second game.

"If we're going to do this again next year, it's against Cerritos," said Serrano. "I'm a little offended that every time we lose against Cerritos, it's a tooth in my shoulder and I want to get them. I'm looking forward to playing Cerritos next year [at Angel Stadium]."

"I think it's annoying that every time we play Cerritos, we get the calls against us," he later said. "And I know that they know that they're not better than us. I know we're the better team, but it always comes down to a bad call, or umpires always going against us and squeezing us and giving Cerritos that edge over us the last two or three years."



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#### CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS ORDINANCE NO. 1155

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS AMENDING SECTION 155.519 (INTERSTATE 605 CORRIDOR ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD SIGN PROGRAM) WITHIN TITLE 15 (LAND USE), CHAPTER 155 (ZONING), OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, On January 27, 2025, the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs conducted a duly noticed public hearing and adopted Resolution 279-2025 recommending that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1155 to amend Section 155.519 within Title 15 (Land Use), Chapter 155 (Zoning), of the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, On March 18, 2025, the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs considered this Ordinance, the staff report, and all testimony, written and spoken, at a duly noticed public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Code Amendment meets the requirements as contained in Planning and Zoning Law (Government Code sections 65800-65912); and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Code Amendment has been prepared and will be adopted in accordance with the requirements of Planning and Zoning Law (Government Code sections 65850-65860).

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs does ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Zoning Code Amendment is exempt from CEQA because it falls within the common sense exemption, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) (3), which indicates that CEQA only applies to projects that have a "significant effect on the environment" as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21068 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15382 as a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project. Adopting the Zoning Code Amendment would not be an activity with the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment, and therefore is exempt from CEQA. Consequently, no other environmental documents are required by law.

**SECTION 2.** The Zoning Code Amendment is consistent with the following Santa Fe Springs General Plan Goals and Policies:

1. Policy LU-1.6 – Community Benefits. Ensure that new development(s) provide a net community benefit and pay their fair share of fiscal impacts on infrastructure and services.
2. Policy ED-4.5 – Targeted Economic Incentives. Assess the value of alternative incentive concepts and programs for specific business types, in relation to what competing cities within the region are doing, along with a thoughtful assessment of the actual overall competitive strength of the community.

Billboard developments are fiscally positive for the City. Billboard developers are required to enter into an operating agreement with the City and revenue received through the billboard operating agreement helps fund municipal services. The operating agreement is required to include compensation to the City, the utilization of the billboard for City messages of community interest, and the utilization of the billboard to display emergency alerts, such as Amber Alert messages and emergency-disaster communications.

**SECTION 3.** Chapter 155 (Zoning) of Title 15 (Land Use) of the Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code is hereby amended as provided in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 4.** If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this Ordinance, or any part thereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or portions of this Ordinance or of Chapter 155, or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Ordinance irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases may be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 5.** The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published in the same manner required by law. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after its passage.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs at a regular meeting on this 1st day of April 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mora, Martin, Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem Zamora, and Mayor Rounds

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

RANDALL W. TRAVIS  
CASE NO. 25STPB02384

to all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RANDALL W. TRAVIS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JAMES BRUCE TRAVIS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES, 111 N. HILL ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90012, IN THE PROBATE COURT AT THE STANLEY MOSK COURT HOUSE.

THE PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION requests that JAMES BRUCE TRAVIS be appointed as special administrator with general powers representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with full authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 5/16/25 at 8:30AM Dept. 62 in Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES, 111 N. HILL ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90012, IN THE PROBATE COURT AT THE STANLEY MOSK COURT HOUSE.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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#### CITY OF COMMERCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT ZTA NO. 24-01 TRACT NO. 37889 (VILLAGE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Commerce will conduct a public hearing to consider a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to amend Section 19.07.070 Restrictions on Vehicle Parking to allow the construction of a 10 x 20 parking pad within the front yard setback within Tract No. 37889 aka the Village.

#### MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Said public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Commerce in City Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA 90040, on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the Zone Text Amendment will be heard.

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge the above-listed item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public scoping meeting and during the comment period described in this notice in written correspondence delivered to the city office, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

THE CITY COUNCIL

Jessica Serrano, Director of Economic Development and Planning

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### WONDERWORD

By DAVID  
OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** First, read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are found in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once so do not cross them out. It is in the clues you'll have a number of letters left over to link below the puzzle.

#### Latin Dances

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N	P	T	G	E	T	A	E	A	T	S	L	R	Z	T
I	S	H	I	E	E	R	R	A	T	Y	B	O	O	W
W	R	M	N	M	E	T	O	E	T	R	D	U	O	L
S	E	V	O	M	U	Y	P	S	H	K	E	L	L	C
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U	R	N	N	A	M	X	K	C	F	L	C	G	F	E
T	A	D	V	U	E	N	O	I	T	C	A	L	O	R
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Solution on page 15

Solution: 8 letters



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**CITY OF PICO RIVERA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the project described below. You are receiving this notice because your property is located near the project or because you have requested to be notified.

**Project Location:** 7419 Passons Boulevard (Attachment A.)  
Assessor's Parcel Number: 6381-024-041

**Project Description:** Conditional Use Permit Modification No. 569.2 for the conversion of a detached classroom into a three-bedroom, two-bath single-family residence for the imam (religious leader) of the existing mosque.

**Environmental Review:** The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1(a) – Existing Facilities. None of the exceptions to the exemptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

The Planning Commission Public Hearing will be held:

**DATE:** Monday, April 21, 2025

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** City Hall Council Chambers  
6615 Passons Boulevard  
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

If you challenge the action taken on this proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing, described in this Notice, or written in correspondence delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk prior to or at the public hearing.

Additional information online or in person can be obtained here:

**Project Planner:** Eba Soleimani, Assistant Planner  
esoleimani@pico-rivera.org  
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Community & Economic Development Department  
6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California  
<https://www.pico-rivera.org/our-city/city-commissions/planning-commission/>

Email public comments to [esoleimani@pico-rivera.org](mailto:esoleimani@pico-rivera.org) prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.  
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**Attachment "A"**



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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
BYUNG KEE LEE  
CASE NO. 25STPB03445  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of BYUNG KEE LEE.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JOSHUA LINCOLN LEE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOSHUA LINCOLN LEE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/02/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
In Pro Per Petitioner  
JOSHUA LINCOLN LEE  
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4/11, 4/18, 4/25/25  
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Office of the Superintendent  
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Cerritos, CA 90703

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROGER KEITH JINES**  
Case No. 25STPB03095  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROGER KEITH JINES  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jeffrey J. Jines in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Jeffrey J. Jines be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 18, 2025 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for petitioner:  
JAMES E SWICK ESQ  
SBN 62967  
LAW OFFICES OF  
JAMES E SWICK  
2750 BELLFLOWER BLVD  
STE 100  
LONG BEACH CA 90815  
CN115319 JINES Mar 28, Apr 4,11, 2025

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
DAN CHOI  
CASE NO. 25STPB02896  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DAN CHOI.  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KYOUNG SUN MIN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KYOUNG SUN MIN be appointed as Special Administrator with general powers to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 04/28/25 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for Petitioner  
ELLIOT S. BLUT - SBN 162188  
BLUT LAW GROUP, APC  
1925 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE 850  
LOS ANGELES CA 90067  
Telephone (310) 203-0038  
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**"NOTICE OF DEATH AND PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF**  
GRISELDA BRISA MINIKUS  
ETo all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or ESTATE, or both, of GRISELDA BRISA MINIKUS, a resident of the City of Artesia, County of Los Angeles, who died intestate in Orange County on 2/17/2025:  
A PETITION TO ADMINISTER THE ESTATE has been filed by the Decedent's adult daughter, DANA M. MINIKUS, in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles seeking her appointment to administer the Estate of the Decedent with waiver of bond and full authority under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining further court approval. (Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested person(s) unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The requested appointment and authority will likely be granted unless an interested person files an objection and shows good cause otherwise.  
A HEARING ON THE PETITION and related requests will be held on 4/29/25 at 8:30 AM in Department 44 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Probate Division, located at 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition or approvals, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by legal counsel.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the Decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either: 1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or 2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of said Code. A claim for may be obtained from the clerk of the court. For your protection, you are encouraged to file any claim directly with the court in person and send a copy by certified mail with return receipt requested to counsel for the Petitioner listed below. Other legal statutes and authorities may affect your rights as a creditor. You should immediately consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law and assert any claim you may have as proscribed by law before the period to do so expires.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the Estate, you may file a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) with the Court for filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A request for Special Notice form is available from the Court clerk.  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File Number 2025057217 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: STRAW HAT PIZZA. 10729 SOUTH ST., CERRITOS CA. 90703 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner: NEEYA LLC, 10729 SOUTH ST., CERRITOS CA. 90703 INCORPORATED IN CA. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 3/25. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor or punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/NEEYA, LLC, MEMBER, YASH VERMA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 3/20/25. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18/25

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led James to expand UbeFest beyond California, hosting successful events in Berkeley, New Jersey, St. Louis, and even as part of Indianapolis' Spark Fest.

But James' vision for UbeFest has always been more than purple treats. It's rooted in his passion for promoting Filipino heritage, spotlighting local entrepreneurs, and creating a space where all Americans, regardless of background, geography, or culture, can come together and enjoy the best Filipino experience. UbeFest, at its heart, is about bridging cultures through food, art, and shared joy.

In 2024, with a dream of expanding UbeFest into something genuinely monumental for L.A. County, James turned to someone he knew would believe in the vision: Cerritos City Council Mayor Protem Lynda Johnson.

Johnson, a dedicated public servant and lifelong advocate of the Filipino American community, has long been at the forefront of efforts to elevate local businesses, promote cultural understanding, and amplify the voices of under-represented communities. Her commitment to inclusivity and her deep ties to Cerritos' diverse population made her the perfect partner in championing this initiative.

Recognizing the outstanding impact

and momentum of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Cerritos (FAC3), Johnson reached out to the organization's leadership team in late 2024 under the direction of the officers Ellen Rodriguez-Swing, Demeven Quirino, Christine Consunji, and Ron Dizon. FAC3 had already been making waves in the Gateway Cities through meaningful programs, business development efforts, and grassroots community engagement.

Now, what started as a local pop-up just three years ago has evolved into a county-backed cultural celebration unlike any other.

UbeFest 2025 will run from 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM, closing just in time to

lead into the City of Cerritos' anniversary celebration. This will make it a day of back-to-back festivities celebrating culture, community, and unity.

*To become part of L.A. County's historic UbeFest 2025—whether as a vendor, volunteer, or for other event-related inquiries—please contact James Oreste at 562-607-4660 or connect via Instagram at @longbeachubefest. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Ellen Rodriguez-Swing at 310-800-6997.*

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