

## Federal Investigation Targets California Ban on Parental Notification Policies

By Mallika Seshadri

Jennifer Vietz's transgender daughter came out to a teacher and friends at her school's Gay Straight Alliance group.

"If my daughter didn't get the kind of support that she did," Vietz said, "she wouldn't be here now."

She's grateful for the school's and teachers' support of her daughter, and is aware that not every student has the same support from their family.

"They should be able to come out in a way that's safe — or not come out — and still have a trusted adult that they can talk to," Vietz said. "If they don't trust their families, they need to have another trusted adult that they can talk to and (have) that speech protected."

Vietz is one of many parents and advocates who have expressed concern for the welfare of LGBTQ+ students since the Trump administration announced an investigation into the California Department of Education over a state law, California Assembly Bill 1955, which bans schools from implementing parental notification policies.

The investigation, announced last Thursday, includes claims by the U.S. Department of Education's Student Privacy Policy Office that schools that implement AB 1955 violate the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) to socially transition children at school while hiding minors' 'gender identity' from parents." If the state is found to be violating FERPA, it could lose federal funding, the announcement said.

"LGBTQ+ youth and their families deserve to have sensitive conversations on their own terms and in a way that ensures students feel safe and supported at school," said Tony Hoang, the executive director of Equality California, a non-profit organization focused on the rights of the LGBTQ+ community, in a media release.

But several school board members support and applaud the Trump administration's efforts.

In 2023, parental notification policies that require school officials to notify parents if their children show signs of being transgender started to gain traction in various parts of the state. Chino Valley Unified, Temecula Valley Unified, Murrieta Valley Unified and Orange Unified were among the California school boards that adopted such measures.

When Temecula Valley Unified's parental notification policy first went into effect, many students were left concerned, and many teachers were left confused, according to Edgar Diaz, the president of the Temecula Valley Educators Association, the district's teachers union.

"It's just been confusing over time, as we had a board approve something

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## Cities in Hahn's District to get \$12.2M for Homeless Solutions



**THANK YOU:** Hahn helps an unhoused woman who eventually checked into interim housing at a Pathway Home Operation in Long Beach.

By Brian Hews

This week, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the spending plan for voter-approved Measure A tax dollars, which, for the first time, includes substantial funding going directly to local cities to address homelessness.

The board unanimously approved an amendment by Supervisor Janice Hahn, which changed the formula for how funding will be divided between cities and ensured that most cities will receive the maximum amount of funding possible.

"Thanks to voters, our county's 88 cities will finally have direct, reliable funding to address the unique homeless crises facing their communities with the solutions that work best for their resi-

dents," said Supervisor Hahn.

"But just because this is new, doesn't mean we should start small. I want to get our cities the most amount of funding possible so they can start strong, make a difference in unsheltered homelessness, and be real partners in this work with us."

Measure A, the half-cent sales tax approved in November 2024 to fund homelessness services and housing, requires at least 15% of the County's funding allocation to local cities as part of a local solutions fund.

The Board was originally presented with six possible formulas for how the local solutions fund would be divided between cities, with a recommendation to choose Formula 6.

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## Filipino American Press Club California Hosts Awards Ceremony



**INDUCTION AND AWARD:** from (l-r) FAPCCA President Adrian Lecaros, West Covina Councilman Ollie Cantos, Carson Councilman Jim Dear, Philippine Consul General Adelio Cruz, and Cerritos Mayor Frank Yokoyama. **Courtesy Asian Journal.**

LCCN Staff Report

The Filipino American Press Club California held its first induction and award ceremony highlighted by Cerritos Mayor Frank Yokoyama delivering an a speech as the guest speaker, emphasizing the importance of media representation and community engagement. The evening's keynote address was delivered by Philippine Consul General Adelio

Cruz, who highlighted the critical role of Filipino-American media professionals.

The Filipino American Press Club California (FAPCCA), which can be found at [filampressclub.com](http://filampressclub.com), is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Filipino-American journalists and media professionals across the United States and empowering Filipino-American voices to share their stories through various media platforms.

## From the Mayor's Desk: April 4, 2025

By Cerritos Mayor  
Frank Aurelio Yokoyama

To the residents of Cerritos and our neighbors, I write this column with pride and humility as the new Mayor of the City of Cerritos. Thank you to those who attended the March 26 City Council meeting and for the thoughtful comments shared. About 700 guests joined us at the renowned Cerritos Center for



Cerritos Mayor  
Frank Aurelio Yokoyama

the Performing Arts, where we installed three recently elected Councilmembers, Jennifer Hong, Mark E. Pulido, and Sophia M. Tse; unanimously selected Lynda Johnson as Mayor Pro Tem, and unanimously approved my selection as Mayor. The selections marked a historic night for the City, which now boasts Cerritos' first all-Asian-American City Council, including three members of

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## Lakewood Approves Enhanced Law Enforcement Surveillance Tools

By Brian Hews

The Lakewood City Council, at its March 25 meeting, approved a pilot program with Georgia-based Flock Safety to enhance public safety by providing law enforcement with additional tools to combat and investigate crime.

Flock Safety is a technology company founded in 2017 that specializes in developing public safety solutions to reduce and solve crime through advanced surveillance technologies.

In recent years, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become increasingly integrated into technology and is now used with License Plate Readers (LPR), security cameras, and video management software. This provides law enforcement with real-time intelligence and improved data to respond to and investigate crimes. Flock is one of the leading companies in the U.S. that provides AI-powered technologies.

According to its website, "Flock Safety emphasizes privacy and transparency in its operations. Customers own and control their data, with footage transmitted securely to encrypted cloud servers. The company does not sell or share public safety data with third parties. Additionally, Flock Safety provides Transparency Portals to showcase how its technology is utilized, ensuring accountability and community trust."

Flock provides technology that can be scaled and tailored to the needs of any-sized city. The technology includes LPR, audio detection (for gunshots, fireworks,

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# McDonald's New Concept Lands in Bellflower

By Marisa Losciale

McDonald's has stayed a fast food giant by innovating, adopting, and adapting. From its very beginnings in the 1940s when it helped make California the unofficial birthplace of fast food, speed was a big part of how it got where it is. It all began in 1948 when brothers Dick and Mac McDonald came up with their Speedee Service System that streamlined their business.

Now digital has rocketed to more than a third of sales, fueled by more than 43 million active app customers. In the first quarter stateside, digital grew 60 percent.

McDonald's is also close to integrating a feature where guests can earn loyalty points and order and pay for delivery within the app—another expected boost.

The company is the innovator and it is now looking to be doing it again with a new concept in Bellflower, the first of its kind in the U.S. The digital rush is flowing into store design.

It's called an "On the Go" location that's focused on digital and drive-thru orders. It's smaller in size and features a drive-thru open 24 hours. It also has lockers for delivery pickups and a separate mobile pick-up window. There's no lobby and no indoor seating signaling the fast food business is changing.

The location features an order-ahead lane, or a separate drive-thru lane where customers receive their orders via a food and beverage conveyor. McDonald's said the option is ideal for users who place their order ahead of arrival through the app. They can then skip the traditional drive-thru line and receive food quickly and conveniently.

It's not dissimilar from the pickup



**ON THE GO:** File photo of McDonald's On the Go location. The location features an order-ahead lane, or a separate drive-thru lane where customers receive their orders via a food and beverage conveyor. It's smaller in size and features a drive-thru open 24 hours. The first On The Go store opened in Bellflower in December 2024.

lanes, or "pull through" popping up across the industry, namely with Chipotle's "Chipotlanes," now 500 nationwide.

The order-ahead lane deploys technology McDonald's said allows employees to begin preparing customers' orders when they're near the restaurant. The location's app updates, food and beverage conveyor, and new kitchen format, all work to streamline operations, the brand said.

Inside, the location is "considerably smaller" than traditional U.S. restaurants. McDonald's said the reason behind the change was the features, inside and outside, are geared toward diners who plan to bring the food home or eat in transit. So the restaurant includes a delivery pickup room for couriers to retrieve orders. There are also kiosks, which accept cash and credit, for consumers to place their orders to go, as well as a pickup shelf. Outside, McDonald's built several parking spaces.

The first "On the Go" McDonald's, owned and operated by Patricia Yoon, is

located on Artesia Boulevard in Bellflower

"We're the only McDonald's in the U.S. that has digital lockers," Yoon said in an Instagram post. The fast food company has already been using the delivery lockers, which require a digital code to open, in various international markets.

McDonald's isn't the fastest when it comes to drive-thru orders. Taco Bell has been the champ in this category for four years running. With the burger giant dropping from the number one spot as the biggest fast food chain in the world — Chinese bubble tea brand Mixue Bingcheng just ousted them — a new concept might help get them back on top.

"The technology in this restaurant not only allows us to serve our customers in new, innovative ways, it gives our restaurant team the ability to concentrate more on order speed and accuracy, which makes the experience more enjoyable for everyone," Keith Vanecek, the franchisee operating the test restaurant, added in a statement.

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# Hahn Honors Cambodian Leaders Ahead of Cambodian Heritage Month and 50th Anniv. of Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day

Last week Hahn led proclamation of April 2025 as Cambodian Heritage Month—a first in L.A. County history.

Los Angeles, CA - During the public hearing of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors last week, Supervisor Janice Hahn honored 22 local Cambodian community organizations in celebration of Cambodian Heritage Month. CHM It is often observed in April, aligning with the Cambodian New Year (Choul Chnam Thmey), which is one of the most important celebrations in Cambodian culture.

The gathering also recognized the anniversary of the beginning of the Cambodian genocide. The Cambodian Genocide was a horrific event that took place between 1975

and 1979, during which the Khmer Rouge, led by Pol Pot, carried out a brutal regime that resulted in the deaths of an estimated 1.5 to 2 million people—about a quarter of Cambodia’s population at the time.

Hahn, whose district includes one of the largest Cambodian communities in the world, led the Board last week in their unanimous votes to proclaim April 2025 as Cambodian Heritage Month for the first time in the history of Los Angeles County and to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Cambodian Genocide on April 17th.

“The story of our Cambodian community began with the unimaginable tragedy of the Cambodian genocide, but today it’s one of perseverance, resilience, and pride. Long Beach and all of LA County are better off because of the contributions of those refugees, their descendants, and



**MEMBERS** of the Cambodian American community from Supervisor Hahn’s district were in attendance for Hahn’s presentation last week that honored 22 local Cambodian community organizations in celebration of Cambodian Heritage Month. A solemn recognition of the anniversary of the beginning of the Cambodian genocide was also made.

these extraordinary organizations they have formed,” said Hahn. “It’s a privilege to represent this community and to help share their story more broadly throughout LA County.”

During her presentation, Hahn asked for a moment of silence to honor the people killed in the Cambodian genocide. Hundreds of thousands of Cambodian refugees fled to the United States after the fall of the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh to the Khmer Rouge regime on April 17, 1975. Today, Long Beach is home to the largest Cambodian population in the world outside of Cambodia.

“Our story didn’t end with the genocide, it continued to inspire strength, resilience, and hope,” said Chanwantha Sam Limon during today’s presentation. Limon serves on the Board of the Los Angeles County Cambodian Employees Association as well as on several other Cambodian organizations. “These community leaders work tirelessly to preserve and celebrate Cambodian heritage and tradition. Thank you, Supervisor Hahn, for your unwavering commitment and support of the Cambodian community.”

Dozens of members of the Cambodian American community from Hahn’s district

were in attendance for Hahn’s presentation.

Hahn honored the following organizations: LA County Cambodian Employees Association; Cambodia Town Film Festival; Cambodia Town; Angkor Arts Collective; Untied Cambodian Community; Asian World Film Festival Cambodia Day; Cambodian Association of America; Cambodian Health Professionals Association of America (CHPAA); Khmer Parent Association; Long Beach – Phnom Penh Sister Cities Association; Chanchaya Khmer Cultural Heritage; Pacific Asian Counseling Services; Killing Field Memorial; Families in Good Health; United Khmer ChaiYam; Cambodian Veterans Inc; Khmer Culture & Fine Arts of California, USA; Global Refugee Awareness Healing Group; Modern Apsara Dance Company; Khmer Girls in Action; Khmer Krom Association of Southern California

Hahn is also a sponsor of the 17th Annual Cambodian Parade and Culture Festival taking place Sunday April 6th in the Cambodia Town community of Long Beach. The theme of this year’s festival is “We Are Stronger When We Celebrate Together.”

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## Pico Rivera to Establish Cultural Celebration Hub During 2026 World Cup and 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games

Cultural Celebration Hubs are a key component of international sporting events, providing dedicated spaces for fans, families, and businesses to gather, watch, and celebrate the events

### LCCN Staff Report

The City of Pico Rivera announced the establishment of a Cultural Celebration Hub (CCH). The goal is to create a community-oriented gathering space that will bring together fans, athletes, and dignitaries to celebrate the 2026 World Cup and the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games in a way that reflects the city’s cultural heritage.

Pico Rivera is located along the Rosemead/Lakewood Blvd. corridor, which connects the Olympic host cities of Pasadena, Long Beach, and possibly Whittier Narrows. It is uniquely positioned to serve as a hub for international visitors, sports fans, and community members. The city is also actively engaged in ensuring that the Rosemead/Lakewood corridor is included in the Games Transit Priority Network.

The Cultural Celebration Hub will provide a dynamic, immersive experi-

ence with:

- Live event broadcasting of World Cup and Olympic Games competitions.
- Fan engagement experiences, including interactive exhibits and athlete meet-and-greets.
- Music, arts, and entertainment showcases celebrating global and local cultures.

- Food festivals highlighting authentic international and Latino cuisine.
- A welcoming gathering space for national and international teams, fans, and dignitaries.

“Pico Rivera is ready to welcome the world,” said John R. Garcia, Mayor of Pico Rivera. “As a city with a rich history of cultural celebrations and large-scale community events, we are excited to create a space where people from all backgrounds can come together to experience the excitement of the World Cup and the Olympic Games right here in our community.”

“Cultural Celebration Hubs create a unique, inclusive atmosphere where fans can cheer on their teams, engage with international cultures, and participate in Olympic and World Cup festivities,” said Steve Carmona, Pico Rivera City Manager. “Our goal is to make the global sports experience accessible to everyone.”



**Cerritos**

March 24-30, 2025

**Aggravated Assault:**

Fri, 03/28/25, 18200 blk Studebaker Rd.

**Residential Burglary:**

Fri, 03/28/25, 17800 blk Caliente Cir.;

Loss: jewelry

Tue, 03/25/25, 17700 blk Owen Ave.;

Loss: jewelry

Thu, 03/27/25, 11900 blk Bingham St.;

Loss: unknown

**Vehicle Burglary:**

Mon, 03/24/25, 11000 blk South St. 2024

Freightliner Cascadia; Loss: backpack

Sun-Mon, 03/23/25-03/24/25 13500 blk

Elgers St. 2004 Toyota; Loss: bag

Sun, 03/23/25 12800 blk Towne Center

Dr. 2008 Honda Accord; Loss: cosmetics

**Burglary, Other:**

Wed, 03/26/25 between 1100-2028 hrs,

18700 blk Gridley Rd.; Loss: unknown

Tue, 03/25/25 at 0314 hrs, 11300 blk

South St.; Loss: glasses

Wed, 03/26/25 at 0330 hrs, 12700 blk

Towne Center Dr.; Loss: safe

**Grand Theft:**

Sun-Tue, 03/23/25-03/25/25 195th St &

Lusk Ave.; Loss: wires

Fri, 03/28/25, 239 Los Cerritos; Loss:

cellphone

Tue, 03/25, 239 Los Cerritos; Loss: hats

Sun, 03/23/25, 11100 blk 183rd St.; Loss:

handbags

Tue, 03/25/25, 11200 blk 183rd St.; Loss:

tailgate

**Grand Theft Auto:**

Thu, 03/27/25, 17700 blk Center Court

Dr.; Stolen Vehicle: 2014 Kia Sportage.

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**Notable Arrests**

Six suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.

One suspect was arrested for robbery.

One suspect was arrested for burglary.

**Robbery**

A robbery occurred on the 15700 block of Valley View Ave. One suspect was arrested during the incident.

**Other Structure Burglary**

An early morning burglary occurred on the 14200 block of Rosecrans Ave. One suspect was arrested during the incident.

**Grand Theft**

A theft was reported on the 13500 block of Beach Blvd.

**Grand Theft Auto**

A sedan was reported stolen on the 14600 block of Jalon Rd.

An overnight theft of a sedan occurred on the 13500 block of Estero Rd.

**Hawaiian Gardens**

**Assault**

**Cerritos Residents Complain About Trashy Situation on Del Amo**



**A RESIDENT WROTE:** "Come report on the filthy sidewalks on Del Amo adjacent to Tetzlaff Academy! Liquor bottles, used condoms, car maintenance trash, etc. Is this really Cerritos?" The residents did not want to be identified.

3/26/25, 21900 Blk Clarkdale Ave, suspect used a gun to assault victim.

3/24/25, 12100 Blk Centralia St, Assault, Non-Aggravated: Domestic Violence

**Artesia**

3/24/25, 18400 Blk Grayland Ave, Assault, Non-Aggravated: Domestic Violence

**Toddler Rescued From Lake at Don Knabe Regional Park**

A toddler rescued from a lake at Don Knabe Community Regional Park in Cerritos was rushed to a hospital but is expected to survive, authorities said Sunday.

Deputies were dispatched to the park in the 19700 block of Bloomfield Avenue at 8:01 p.m. Saturday in response to a call of a "possible baby drowning," according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The toddler was rushed to a hospital as a safety precaution, but did not drown, a sheriff's spokesperson said on Sunday.

As of Monday the child was reported in good spirits asking for ice cream and other food.

**2024 Bellflower Crime Data Released**

The Bellflower Public Safety Department released its 2024 year-end crime data summary, showing continued declines in several Part 1 major crime categories since 2022.

Part 1 crimes—classified by the FBI—include homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, residential and non-residential burglary, vehicle burglary, theft, stolen vehicle incidents and arson.

Among the most significant improvements: reported rapes decreased by 47%, and stolen vehicle cases dropped by 11%. Residential burglaries also fell by 7%, marking the third-lowest total in recent years.

Despite these positive trends, violent crime saw a slight uptick with five homicides, 117 robberies and 310 assaults. Property crimes remained the most prevalent, accounting for 78% of all Part 1 crimes in Bellflower.

While crime rates have largely stabilized, property crimes remain a concern. Residents are encouraged to stay vigilant and take precautions by locking vehicles, keeping valuables out of sight and using secure locations for package deliveries. This data was analyzed by the city's sheriffs.



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## Veterans Expo Hosted by L.A. County Supervisor Solis



**VETERANS** say the Pledge of Allegiance before participating in the Expo.

Over 500 attendees had access to job opportunities, healthcare assistance, education resources, career counseling and more.

### LCCN Staff Report

The 4th Annual LA Veterans Resource Expo, hosted by Los Angeles County Chair Pro Tem and Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, was held last week at the Pomona Fairplex. It attracted a significant turnout of military veterans, active service members, and their families.

The event featured over 100 exhibitors, offering a broad spectrum of services and resources to assist veterans in various aspects of their lives. Over 500 attendees from as far out as the San Fernando Valley to Pomona had access to job opportunities, healthcare assistance, education resources, career counseling, and the chance to participate in on-site job interviews.

Additionally, 200 free laptops were distributed, courtesy of the Delete the Divide initiative, which aims to close the digital gap for those in need.

The LA Veterans Resource Expo continues to provide crucial support for military personnel and their families as they transition from active duty to civilian life.

Open to all, the Expo serves as a vital

resource for veterans across Los Angeles County. It provides an opportunity to connect with fellow veterans and discover services tailored to their specific needs.

“Our veterans and active military personnel have shown extraordinary dedication, sacrifice, and courage in service to our country,” said Chair Pro Tem Solis. “It is vital that we provide them with the resources necessary to thrive in civilian life. This event exemplifies our commitment to ensuring that veterans, active personnel, and their families have access to critical services such as healthcare, employment, career counseling, technology, and more.”

“The importance of events like the LA Veterans Resource Expo is evident as Los Angeles County continues to recover from the devastating fires,” said James Zenner, Director of the L.A. County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The LA Veterans Resource Expo was made possible through the collective efforts of Los Angeles County Military and Veterans Affairs, the Fairplex, the County’s Internal Services Department, the Stanley W. Ekstrom Foundation, and Alma Family Services.

Vendors included numerous community colleges and universities, community-based organizations, County and State departments, and private employers.

On May 8, we experience the treasures of Pasadena, starting with the culinary classics at the Chado Tea House, followed by a docent-led tour of the Wrigley Mansion and Gardens.

All tours depart at the LBCC Foundation in the morning and return around 5 pm. For more information or to register by phone call Theresa Brunella 562 938 3047.

*Register online at [lbccfoundation.org/lifetime-learning-center/tours-events/](http://lbccfoundation.org/lifetime-learning-center/tours-events/)*

## Lifetime Learning Center Spring Day Tours

The Lifetime Learning Center at LB City College is offering 2 fabulous day tours on Luxury Buses with Tour Guide extraordinaire, Curt Tucker.

The April 15 tour begins at the iconic LA Memorial Coliseum, lunch at Philippe’s, the USC campus, Exposition Park and the BMO Stadium (\$130).

## OP/ED: TRUMP DEPORTING PEOPLE FOR EXPRESSING THEIR OPINION

By Jacob Sullum

Although Mahmoud Khalil is a legal permanent resident of the United States, the Trump administration says he is “subject to removal” because Secretary of State Marco Rubio “has determined that his presence or activities would have potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences.”

What Rubio was saying is that Khalil’s participation in anti-Israel protests as a student at Columbia University is now an open-ended license to expel any of the nearly 13 million people who share his immigration status when they engage in controversial speech.

Khalil was arrested in New York City on March 8 and taken to a detention center in Louisiana. He has no criminal record, and the Trump administration does not claim he has broken any law. Instead, he has been deemed deportable because of his “perceived support” for Hamas, the terrorist organization that set off the war in Gaza by invading Israel on Oct. 7, 2023.

President Donald Trump, who described Khalil as “a Radical Foreign Pro-Hamas Student,” said his detention was “the first arrest of many to come.”

Trump promised to “find, apprehend, and deport these terrorist sympathizers from our country.”

Whether Khalil qualifies as a “terrorist sympathizer” is a matter of dispute. His lawyers say he “has called Israel’s actions in Gaza a genocide and characterized the United States as financing and facilitating such violence.”

Khalil nevertheless played a prominent role as a negotiator for Columbia University Apartheid Divest, which supports “liberation by any means necessary, including armed resistance,” and has celebrated the barbaric attack that started the Gaza war.

Even such abhorrent rhetoric, however, is protected by the First Amendment, which draws no distinction between citizens and other legal residents. “Once an alien lawfully enters and resides in this country,” Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy observed in a 1945 concurring opinion, “he becomes invested with the rights guaranteed by the Constitution to all people within our borders,” including “the right to free speech and free press.”

As Khalil’s lawyers note, several federal courts have applied Murphy’s principle, holding that “the First Amendment protects noncitizens who are detained and threatened with deportation as a result of their protected speech.”

The Trump administration is relying on a provision that it reads as authorizing deportation of legal permanent residents whose speech relates to foreign policy in a way that the government deems contrary to the national interest. Khalil made himself deportable by “put(ing) himself in the middle” of “basically pro-Palestinian activity,” says Deputy Homeland Security Secretary Troy Edgar.

The administration, in short, is explicitly targeting people based on the opinions they express, with the avowed goal of discouraging speech that offends federal officials. Yet Rubio improbably insists “this is not about free speech.”

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Thank You, Mr. President

Lately it seems Trump's Press Secretary, Karoline Leavitt, scolds the American people for not thanking the president enough for all the good he is doing for our country. If you say so, Ms. Leavitt. Our deepest gratitude, President Trump:

Thank you for forewarning us that the promise of the Golden Age would bring us suffering and hardship before it paid off for the Billionaires.

Thank you for your merciless War on Tariffs which will hit consumers and the U.S. economy fast and furiously.

Thank you for forcing America into an era of isolationism as our neighbors and allies become both more self-reliant and globally interdependent with other nations.

Thank you for demanding Americans trust you, yet you seed mistrust from our neighbors and countries around the world.

Thank you for claiming that inflation, prior to your first 100 day mark, is miraculously at an all-time low while soaring food and gas prices, housing and car markets, eating out and essentially everything we consume must rely on our blind TRUST.

Thank you for slashing as many government agencies and services before the courts could stop you. Anyway, why should we care about the sudden loss of tens of thousands of jobs from families like ours, including your MAGA base?

Thank you for tanking USAID. Why should we care about the suffering,

the poor and the meek? All of God's people?

Thank you for dismantling the Department of Education, withholding federal funds from schools, and punishing institutions that subscribe to the values of diversity, equity and inclusion, tenets of our basic civil and human rights.

Thank you for emboldening racists and White Supremacists to be more intolerant, violent, anti-immigrant and pro-authoritarianism.

Thank you for keeping your hands off our Social Security and Medicare. Although, why would you privatize the money we put into the system?

Thank you for discouraging teaching the truth in history and science textbooks, literature and the arts, and all curriculum Project 2025 aims to control.

Thank you that FEMA was axed even though natural disasters viewed on the news grip us with fear on a daily basis.

Thank you that our national and global security is compromised by your appointed officials entrusted to protect America, but grossly failed.

Thank you that our national and global health protection is now thrown to the wind as childhood diseases and the next pandemic threatens to spread beyond containment.

Thank you for appointing an unelected official, Elon Musk, to be your fall guy in actualizing Project 2025's demolition of the U.S. government with little regard to the rule of law and the separation of powers, guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

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Sandy Nevarez  
Cerritos

Re: Federal Cuts Will Squeeze School Lunch Program

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your excellent front page article by Brian Hews, "Federal Cuts will Squeeze School Lunch Program." The termination of the US Department of Agriculture's \$660 million Local Food for School Program will impact families nationwide. As a

50-year veteran teacher in mostly low income area schools, I know how much the free breakfast and lunch program helped students arrive at school alert, nourished and ready to learn. Along with all the other cuts being made to our Health and Human Services Dept Safety Net, I wonder what it will take for a public outcry against these inhumane cuts affecting children's lives. Perhaps we need that legendary little boy to cry out once again, "But the Emperor has no clothes!"

Sincerely and with great concern,  
Linda J. Hernández  
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By David Elzer

**L**a Mirada Theatre For The Performing Arts & McCoy Rigby Entertainment announced their 2025/2026 season of shows last week.

They begin the “season of amazing journeys” with an all-new staging and fresh look at the inspiring and uplifting musical about the many true

heroes that are the residents of Gander, Newfoundland, in the much-loved musical *Come From Away*, playing from September 19 to October 12, 2025.

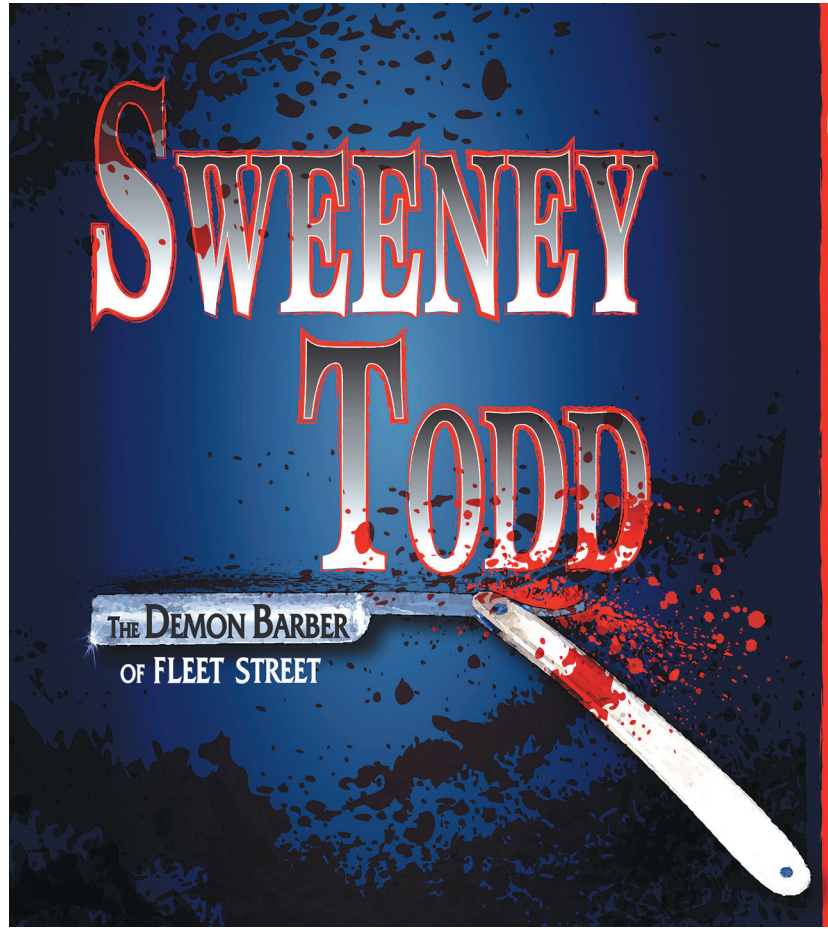
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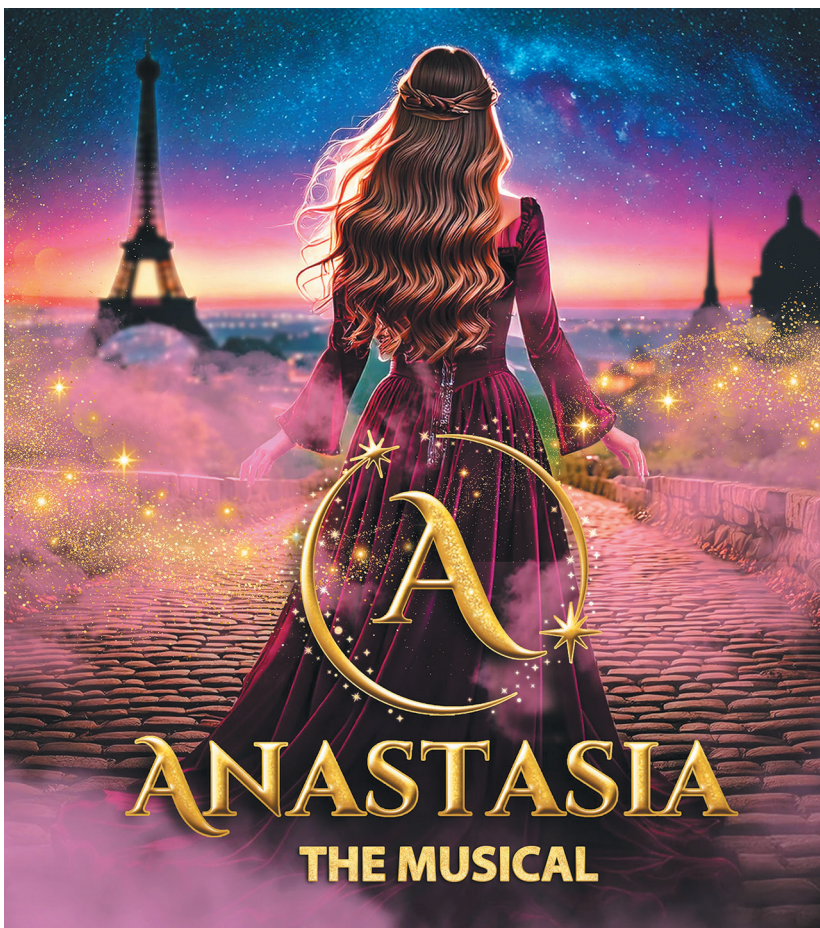
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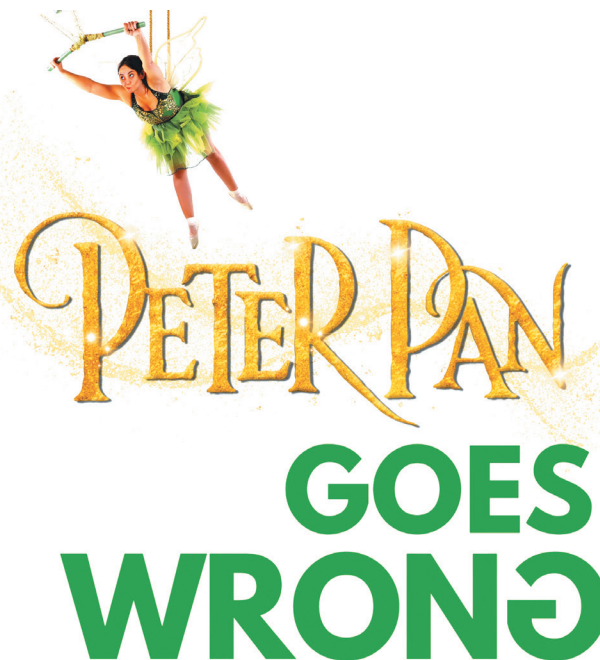
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## Bats Come Alive for La Mirada After Sloppy First Inning, Roughs Up Gahr



By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on X

On a blustery afternoon where the winds were reported blowing to the east at 15 miles per hour, but felt like 25 mph, La Mirada flexed its muscles over the final six innings at Gahr High. The Matadores banged out season-highs in hits and runs and launched three home runs as they doubled up the Gladiators 16-8.

La Mirada improved to 14-3 overall, 3-0 in the Gateway League but it wasn't pretty in the first inning in the chaotic weather conditions. Although La Mirada sent eight batters to the plate and scored three times in the top of the frame, Gahr sophomore pitcher Isabelle Gonzalez walked three and hit a batter. There was a hit, which came from senior center fielder Angelie Kennedy, a soft blooper in shallow right that brought in sophomore courtesy runner Jasmine Rodriguez and senior second baseman Alyssa Avila. Senior shortstop Amanda Urbina, who was walked on a full count, opened the scoring by coming home on a passed ball.

However, the Gladiators (6-6-1, 3-1) bounced back in their half of the inning on one hit. La Mirada senior Montserrat Reyes-Cardenas walked freshman third baseman Megan Wong and hit senior catcher Mya Laroya two pitches later. Two batters later, sophomore designated player Cierra Contreras was hit by a pitch to load the bases and a walk to

sophomore left fielder Leah Magana put the hosts on the board.

Senior center fielder Malaia Huskey would then single down the third base line to bring in Laroya and Contreras and with two outs, an error allowed two more runs to score, making it 5-3. After that, La Mirada head coach Brent Tuttle replaced Reyes-Cardenas with sophomore Allison Ortega and after she allowed a two-run home run to Laroya in the bottom of the second, she retired the next 10 batters and 16 of the next 17.

"Neither pitcher threw strikes in the first inning," said Gahr head coach Rey Sanchez. "I don't want to blame the conditions, but I know these aren't the best conditions to pitch in when it's as windy as it is. I'm sure fingers dry out a little bit more; as little tougher to hold onto the ball, and it seemed like their pitcher struggled with that also."

Meanwhile, the barrage of hits and runs began for the Matadores in the fourth inning, Junior right fielder Bettie Mae Acevedo led off with a home run to left center, followed by a single to left from Urbina, a strikeout, a single from sophomore catcher Riley Hilliard, a double from senior third baseman Angelyna Conde, a single from Avila and a home run from Kennedy.

In the next inning, La Mirada got four more hits and four more runs from Urbina, sophomore first baseman Reese Hilliard, Conde and Avila. The final run from the defending league champs came in the sixth when Urbina put an end to her four for four, five-run performance with a two-run home run.

"In that fourth inning, we put up a couple and then in the fifth inning, we exploded," said Tuttle. "We got some big hits from the bottom of our lineup which we've been getting all year long. Bettie

Mae comes up and hits that big home run, and then Kennedy comes up and hits another one later. Where you don't think you don't get your production, we got that production to get us going, and that got the top of the lineup fired up ready to go."

Seven La Mirada starters collected at least two hits with Kennedy driving in five runs and Conde three. And while the offense was keeping its foot on the pedal, Ortega once again had a stellar performance to collect her sixth win in eight decisions. This was the first time she had to relieve Reyes-Cardenas with a deficit. Ortega did pick up a save against La Habra High on Mar. 21.

"Allison came in big when Monse wasn't on, and took care of business," said Tuttle. "[Monse] just didn't have it today. Allison has played a big role this year for us, so I trust our sophomore, put her out there and we'll get Monse back on track."

"She came in and we didn't quite catch up to the velo," said Sanchez of Ortega. "We have to be better at making adjustments and understanding that when it's coming a little faster, you've got to be on time. Our hitters control the timing, and I felt we didn't compete early enough off [Ortega] once she came in. But she came in and did a great job against us. She made some key strikeouts when she needed to."

Gahr's final run came in the seventh when Laroya smacked a solo home run to center. She would go two for three with three runs scored and a pair of runs batted in while three other players accounted for a hit each. The 18 hits and 16 runs allowed were also season highs for Gahr as it faced Mater Dei Catholic High this past Wednesday in the first round of the Michelle Carew Classic.

The Gladiators will also host Paramount High on Tuesday, go to Cerritos High on Wednesday and welcome Millikan High on Thursday.

"I felt we did not make plays to assist at all," said Sanchez. "Yes, we walked three girls in the first inning. But we should have been out of that maybe with one run max. Again, tough conditions to play in, however they're playing in the same conditions."

For the Gladiators, who have won four of their last seven games with a tie mixed in to be where they are in the standings, it's a testament to the team considering how young they are. Four sophomores and three freshmen were among the starting 10 against La Mirada and only four seniors are on the team.

"I knew we would be okay because any time you have Bella on the mound, she's going to give us a shot," said Sanchez. "I felt that in the last few games, we have been really vibing. We've been playing some pretty good softball, and I've liked our at-bats, and I've liked where we're at."

"I like our team; I really do," he continued. "We are young; we are learning. We're going through some growing pains, but I like where we're at. Despite this game, this is not a true reflection of how we've been playing."

La Mirada is nearly the opposite as it has a dozen seniors, five sophomores and three freshmen. The Matadores hosted Mayfair High on Apr. 3 and will travel to Downey High on Thursday.

### NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW -

## Gahr's Winning Streak Snapped by Arlington In National Classic

By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on X

Fresh off the heels of a come from behind 6-5 victory over Ayala High to win the consolation championship game of the 13th annual Boras Baseball Classic last Saturday, Gahr High's baseball team was at it again in the National Classic. Facing La Jolla Country Day High, a pre-kindergarten to 12th grade institution in San Diego, the Gladiators received a four-hit complete game shut-

out from junior Jake Ourique this past Monday morning at Yorba Linda High in a 2-0 victory.

Ourique, who picked up his first win of the season, walked one and struck out eight in throwing 88 pitches. The next morning, the Gladiators were slammed by Arlington High 11-1 to fall to 4-7.

Gahr, which began the season with six straight losses and five runs scored in those games, will visit Downey High on Tuesday and will host the Vikings on Wednesday in two of the three games of a season-series.

In other baseball action, Artesia High began 605 League action last Friday with an 8-2 loss to Cerritos High, then was blanked by South El Monte High 3-0 last Saturday. But the Pioneers bounced back to knock off Whitney High 15-3 this past Tuesday to push their record to 9-4 overall, 1-1 in league. The teams will meet again on Friday at Cerritos Park East, then Artesia will visit Santiago High on Saturday before hosting Cerritos on Tuesday at Angel Stadium, originally scheduled for Mar. 14, but was rained out. The next day, Artesia hosts Pioneer High.

Cerritos defeated Pioneer 9-3 this past Tuesday, improving to 7-9, 2-0 as it picked up its fourth straight win. The teams will meet again on Friday at Pioneer and after the game at the Big A, the Dons will host Millikan High on Wednesday before going to John Glenn

High on Thursday.

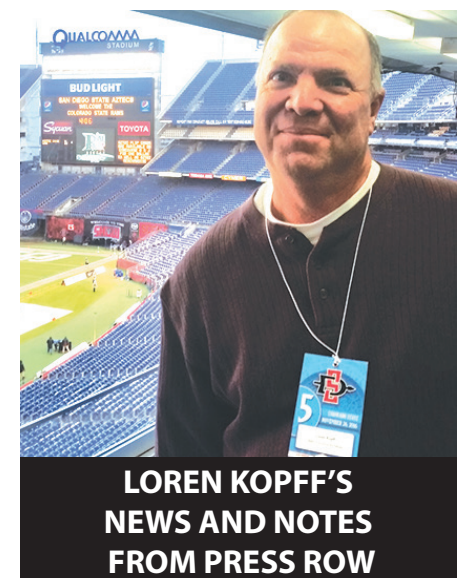
Glenn shutout Whitney 10-0 last Friday, then fell to Oxford Academy 3-1 this past Tuesday. The Eagles (5-9, 2-1) will travel to Oxford Academy on Friday before their first of two contests with Cerritos.

Norwalk High, which ended its season-series with Mayfair High in a 5-3, nine-inning loss last Friday, was shutout by Paramount High 9-0 this past Tuesday to move to 8-8, 4-4 in the Mid-Cities League. The Lancers will host the Pirates on Friday before going to Dominguez High on Tuesday.

Valley Christian High was edged by West Covina High 2-1 last Friday to fall to 7-8. The Defenders began Olympic League action this past Wednesday at home against Village Christian High and will face the Crusaders again on Friday before hosting Whittier Christian High on Monday and visiting the Heralds on Thursday.

### SOFTBALL

Artesia's 605 League opener was a 15-2 loss to Cerritos last Friday then it rallied to defeat Whitney 16-14 with a five-run, bottom of seventh inning this past Tuesday to move to 7-6, 1-1. The Pioneers will travel to Pioneer on Friday and Oxford Academy on Tuesday while Cerritos (6-5, 2-0) took care of Pioneer 7-2 this past Tuesday. The Dons will go to Glenn on Friday and Whitney on Tuesday before hosting Gahr on




LOREN KOPFF'S  
NEWS AND NOTES  
FROM PRESS ROW

Wednesday.

Norwalk returned to Mid-Cities action this past Tuesday and was blasted by Warren High 19-0 to see its record go to 4-9-1, 2-1. The Lancers hosted Bellflower High on Apr. 3 and will entertain Dominguez on Tuesday.

V.C., which hasn't played since Mar. 20, began Olympic League action this past Tuesday with a 13-9 win at Heritage Christian High. The Defenders (9-2, 1-0) hosted Village Christian on Apr. 3 and will be home to defending league champion Whittier Christian on Tuesday before traveling to Maranatha High on Thursday.



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## 2025 BORAS BASEBALL CLASSIC

# La Mirada's Defense Falters in Championship Game Against Nation's Top Team

By Loren Kopff  
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SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO-The championship game of the 13th Annual Boras Baseball Classic was a rematch of two highly nationally ranked teams, facing each other for the second time in 25 days. La Mirada High, ranked third in the state by MaxPreps.com and 18th in the nation, was seeking revenge against top-ranked Corona High, which had allowed just one run through the first 10 games of the new season.

The Panthers wasted little time showing why they are the nation's best, scoring three runs in the top of the first inning, highlighted by Billy Carlson's two-out, three-run home run to left field. Corona, despite getting five hits, went on for an 8-3 victory last Saturday night at JSerra High.

The game marked the debut of junior pitcher Noah Dabela, a transfer from Orange Lutheran High, and the first batter he faced, he struck out Anthony Murphy on three pitches. After that, it wouldn't be the same as he walked Ethan Bingaman and Seth Hernandez around a groundout before Carlson's dinger.

But it wasn't Corona's explosive offense, which has averaged one home run per game, that hurt the Matadores as much as the defense. La Mirada, which entered the game with seven errors and had not made an error in the previous three games, made a season-high four errors.

"Let's call it what it is; we've been playing really clean defense and pitching and tonight, you're going to have nights like that," said La Mirada head coach Jimmy Zurn. "You can't do that against a team like [Corona]."

In the next inning, again with two outs, Dabela hit Murphy on a one-strike pitch and balked him to second. A wild pitch moved Murphy to third where he would score on the first of the four errors. Carlson led off the third with a double to the right field gap and came home on a fielder's choice from Jesiah Andrade. Dabela faced 15 batters, threw 53 pitches, gave up five runs, walked four, threw three wild pitches and hit a batter.

"Noah, I thought, had a lot of pitches when he was ahead in the count that were easy takes for the hitter," said Zurn. "That's an area where he will clean up. He's going to be one of our guys [in the rotation], and I told him right now, I wouldn't change a thing of what happened today."

Any chance of the Matadores coming back in the game were washed away in the fourth as the defense made two more blunders with the Panthers collecting three more runs off one hit. Freshman Julian Pardinias walked Brady Ebel with one out and Hernandez beat out an infield hit. Carlson would then reach on an error before a fielder's choice and a bases loaded hit by pitch plated Ebel and Hernandez. Carlson scored his team's final run on a wild pitch.

Corona would be held in check over the final three innings as senior Donald Murray struck out two as part of a perfect fifth inning, sophomore Noah Lee, a transfer from Fullerton High, would walk two straight batters with one out before getting a pair of groundouts and senior Connor Jones, formerly of Mira Costa High, struck out three and gave up a double.

Meanwhile, Corona starting pitcher Jason Gerfers, in his second start of the season, retired the first seven batters he faced before he hit sophomore second baseman Ian Nunez, also making his La



**LA MIRADA HIGH** head coach Jimmy Zurn, with Gerry Boras of the Boras Family Foundation, accepts the runner-up trophy from the 13th annual Boras Baseball Classic last Friday night. The Matadores fell to Corona High 8-3 in the championship game. PHOTO BY LOREN KOPFF.

Mirada debut. Nunez, who came from Warren High, went to second on a wild pitch before being stranded there. In the fourth, senior shortstop Aiden Aguayo doubled to left field before a pair of strikeouts ended that threat.

It wasn't until the sixth when the Matadores ended what would have been Corona's bid for a 10th shutout. Junior catcher Justin Torres was safe on an infield single and Gerfers hit junior right fielder Noah Rodriguez on the first pitch. Both runners advanced on a wild pitch and after a strike out, Aguayo singled for La Mirada's first tally. Two pitches later, a fielder's choice from senior center fielder Travis Friend, who had the lone hit for the Matadores against Corona in a 10-1 loss on Mar. 4, brought home Rodriguez.

With one out in the seventh, Danny De La Torre walked senior left fielder Froy Serna, who would score with two outs when Torres was safe on an error.

"Our kids still showed some fight," said Zurn. "I know they were really high on trying to break a state shutout record and this and that. I'm glad that we obviously could break that."

"I said from the get-go, our depth is a huge, huge plus for us," he later said. "You saw it tonight; three sit-out period arms that... Connor was pumping in the seventh, Noah Lee was throwing well in the sixth and obviously Dabela started and didn't have his best start, but that's a good arm right there. We have good depth and like I said, we don't have a problem putting a lot of guys in in different spots."

Corona's pitching staff entered the game having allowed 25 hits in 70 innings with a microscopic 0.10 earned run average, 106 strikeouts and 18 walks. The only run the Panthers had given up came in the bottom of the fifth inning in the championship game of the La Mirada classic. Since then, no one had scored against Corona in 49 consecutive innings.

"Look, we don't have moral victories here at La Mirada," said Zurn. "We don't believe in that. I have a very good feeling that we'll probably run into them once or twice more and hopefully we'll play a little bit better next year."

In the semifinals last Thursday night, La Mirada gave co-host Mater Dei High,

ranked second in the state and sixth nationally, its first loss in a 10-2 decision. Junior Kaden Corns pitched a complete game, scattering six hits, struck out nine and walked one in picking up his first victory.

"Incredible," said Zurn of his performance. "It's something you've probably seen time and time again. At this juncture, if you have a Kaden Corns ready to go in the semifinal, you're in really good shape. He's just the type of kid...he didn't want the ball taken out of his hand. He was in complete control from start to finish."

The Matadores scored in the top of the first inning as Jayden Vasquez walked senior designated hitter Maverek Russell on four pitches and scored on a sacrifice fly from Aguayo. With the score tied 1-1, the Matadores added four runs in the third on just a pair of hits.

With one out, Russell singled, and Vasquez walked senior right fielder Kevin Jeon. Following a line-out from Aguayo, Friend was hit by a pitch and senior first baseman Jason Rodriguez singled in a pair before sophomore third baseman Bear Calvo reached on an error, allowing Friend and Jason Rodriguez to come home.

The big blow came in the next inning when the Matadores collected five more hits with Russell smacking a home run over the right center fence. Friend and Jason Rodriguez would also have run-scoring base hits. The final La Mirada run came in the sixth when Friend's second hit of the game plated junior pinch hitter Aaron Sykes.

"We want to keep pressure on teams, and obviously, it started from the start," said Zurn. "Maverek walks, Kevin doubles; second and third, and Aguayo smokes that ball [to right field]. Offensively, we've been starting to come into our own. We got off to a slow start, but we've seen really good arms this year, and I like the way we're playing right now."

"If you look at our lineup, we had contributions up and down the lineup," he added. "[Senior catcher Jacob] Celiz, our nine hitter, gets a big hit for an RBI. Froy, our seven hitter, is getting on base hitting balls hard. On defense, people preach

nine on one. Well, we preach nine on one offensively [with] everybody in our lineup being a tough out and just contributing their piece."

Meanwhile, Corns had not allowed a hit until Brandon Thomas singled with one out in the fourth. He would hit Dylan Wetzel four pitches later and gave up a single to Lawson Olmstead with two outs to load the bases. But he settled down to get C.J. Ciampa to strikeout looking to end the threat. Corns would allow four hits, including a sixth inning home run from Wetzel over the final 12 batters he faced.

"Big time guys step up in big time moments, and he made some really quality pitches," said Zurn. "He's able to locate three pitches in any count. So I think that's what makes his fastball jump on you a little bit more. He just buckled down when we needed him to."

The Matadores began the tournament on Mar. 25 against Birmingham High and went to work early, as the first four batters reached, then scored on a grand slam from Friend. After the first out was recorded, senior left fielder Win Gurney, another transfer from Mira Costa making his La Mirada debut, was walked by Allan Olmos and Calvo sent a ball over the left field fence for a 6-0 lead.

That was more than enough for junior Jacob Oropeza, who allowed two hits and struck out four over five innings of work. The next day, the Matadores defeated Huntington Beach High 4-1 as Jeon went two for two, scored twice and drove in three runs while sophomore pitcher Luke Armijo went five innings, allowed four hits and struck out four.

The Boras Classic marked the first of four straight weeks in which the Matadores will play four games. La Mirada will host Downey High on Tuesday to resume Gateway League action and visit the Vikings on Wednesday before travelling to Warren on Thursday to end the season-series with the Bears. The season-series with Downey ends on Apr. 4 before the Matadores travel to Cary, North Carolina to participate in the National High School Invitational, put on by USA Baseball, where they will face Venice High on Apr. 9. It's possible that La Mirada could see Corona again out there. A fourth meeting this season with the Panthers isn't out of the question if they meet in the CIF-Southern Section Division 1 playoffs. La Mirada and Corona have now split four games since 2023.

"First off, much respect to [Corona]," said Zurn. "They're very deserving of that honor [of being number one in the nation] right now and I think if [Corona head coach Andy] Wise had it his way, he would say the same thing in terms of it's not where you're at in the middle of the year. It's where you want to be at the end of the year. We're very deserving of our national ranking right now. Obviously, we've lost twice to the number one team in the country, and we've played these guys a lot, and we've been on the right side of those games."

When the Matadores return home, they will face Gahr High for three games (Apr. 15, 16, 18) and West Ranch High on Apr. 19.

"That's the beauty of us being in the position of getting invited to these tournaments," said Zurn. "Next week was supposed to be a three-game week, but we're making up a league rainout. Our kids will be geeked up for league and our kids will be geeked up to go to North Carolina, and then we have Gahr. They'll be excited; they'll be ready." X

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However, after hearing concerns from cities, Hahn put forward an amendment (co-authored by Supervisor Hilda Solis) which was unanimously adopted to use Formula 4 and increase the amount of funding going to 67 of the county's 88 cities and the unincorporated areas.

Formula 4 allocates 10% of funding using the number of households in the city living in poverty, and the remaining 90% based on the two most recent homeless count results.

In total, the cities in Supervisor Hahn's Fourth District will receive over \$12.2 million this year from the Local Solutions Fund. The funds can be spent on work such as prevention, mental healthcare, outreach, and housing. Importantly, cities will also receive substantially more funding for housing preservation and development in a separate Measure A allocation later this year.

The breakdown of the Local Solutions Fund going to each city in the Fourth District:

- Artesia \$69,090
- Avalon \$49,698
- Bell \$570,464
- Bell Gardens \$276,804
- Bellflower \$401,093
- Cerritos \$223,898
- Commerce \$359,438
- Cudahy \$191,496
- Downey \$502,195
- Hawaiian Gardens \$122,179

- Huntington Park \$446,825
- La Habra Heights \$34,161
- La Mirada \$73,966
- Lakewood \$169,782
- Lomita \$63,234
- Long Beach \$4,865,697
- Lynwood \$366,029
- Maywood \$186,114
- Norwalk \$380,303
- Palos Verdes Estates \$43,819
- Paramount \$178,209
- Pico Rivera \$390,465
- Rancho Palos Verdes \$37,695
- Rolling Hills \$38,530
- Rolling Hills Estates \$24,572
- Santa Fe Springs \$554,420
- Signal Hill \$152,454
- South Gate \$495,741
- Torrance \$558,570
- Vernon \$47,508
- Whittier \$344,865

In addition, the City of Los Angeles will receive \$54.9 million and \$10.7 million will be allocated to the unincorporated areas.

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like this, without bringing employee voice into it, and then the state bringing a new law, and now ... this investigation from the federal side," Diaz said. "It just brings a lot of unknowns when you have different layers of government trying to add their own flavor to it."

He added that the school board is currently in talks with the educators as-

sociation and Temecula Classified Employees Chapter 538, which represents classified employees, about bringing a parental notification policy back under another name.

Those who oppose parental notification policies, including allies of LGBTQ+ students, have argued that revealing a student's gender identity to their parents can be detrimental to their well-being.

Equality California, which partnered with the California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus to pass AB 1955, also doubled down on its commitment to transgender students.

"California's laws don't keep parents in the dark — they simply prevent extremist school boards from passing policies that target transgender youth and intrude into the parent-child relationship," Hoang said.

Theo Burns, a professor of clinical education at the University of Southern California, says it's critical for students to open up to their parents on their own terms.

He said that sometimes, reactions from parents are negative. But other times, parents might just be exhibiting a more immediate reaction, which can include misunderstanding, shock and denial.

"A child might think, 'Oh gosh, you know what, my parents are really against me coming out as transgender,'" Burns said, "when in reality, the parent might just be not against it, but having to kind of sit with initial reaction before they come to a place of advocacy."

Burns also said revealing transgender students can be associated with heightened mental health symptoms, like anxiety and depression, and can negatively impact their attendance at school.

"When we, as ... a culture that values young people's experiences, when we allow individuals to disclose who they are and what they want us to know in ways that feel safe and supportive," Burns said, "it ... not only benefits the individual, but also benefits community norms and values that those individuals are embedded into."

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Filipino ethnicity and the first majority-female City Council. I'm also proud to serve as the first Japanese-American Mayor of the City of Cerritos.

We collectively express our sincere gratitude to the City staff who made this event possible and to our special guests who supported the Councilmember installations. Administering the oath of office for Councilmember Pulido was California State Attorney General Rob Bonta, with the oath for Councilmember Hong administered by City of San Gabriel Mayor John Wu and the oath for Councilmember Tse jointly administered by ABC Unified School District School Board President Ernie Nishii and Deputy Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer Toan Nguyen. I'm also honored and thankful that Deputy Consul General Naoshige Aoshima of the Consulate General of Japan attended the ceremony as my guest.

In one of my first activities as



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Mayor, I was pleased to join some of my Council colleagues at the Friends of the Cerritos Library's Writers Festival on March 29. Thank you to our special guest authors and attendees. Looking ahead, we're excited to invite all residents to the City's annual Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular on Saturday, April 26, in honor of Cerritos' 69th anniversary. The free event takes place at the Cerritos Sports Complex from 4 to 8:30 p.m., concluding with the fireworks display. For more information on City news and events, view the April edition of the Cerritos News that is mailed to residents, and visit our website at cerritos.gov.

For 49 years, I have been proud to call Cerritos home and, with my wife Wendy, raised our two incredible children here. I was first elected to serve on the City Council in 2017 and previously was a Planning Commissioner. As I reflect on those years and look ahead in 2025, I see tremendous potential for an already vibrant community. Since its founding in 1956, Cerritos has seen remarkable growth and has become a hallmark of excellence in public service. This is truly a beautiful place to live, work, and visit.

I look forward to guiding and collaborating with my colleagues to serve the diverse needs of our residents, businesses, staff, and strategic partners as we build upon this City's strong foundation. Thank you.

*Frank Aurelio Yokoyama  
Cerritos Mayor*

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street racing/takeovers), and live and recorded video. All technology is used and viewed through a secure internet connection and web browser using Flock OS. The system is turnkey; Flock handles all permitting, installation, and maintenance of their hardware and software, making use of the system easy.

In addition to providing technology to cities, Flock will implement the company's "community partnership program" and work with individual residents, neighborhood groups, and private businesses to install LPR and/or video cameras on private property. The private cameras can then be available to law enforcement live and/or recorded. The company also has a device that can be installed on private cameras and shared with law enforcement.

After talking with Lakewood officials, Flock recommended a pilot program consisting of 58 LPR and 10 video cameras installed along major thoroughfares and secondary streets and audio detection devices, which would provide coverage throughout the city. The devices would be installed on existing infrastructure, either street lights or traffic signal poles; if none exist, Flock will install them.

City officials indicated that LPR and video would cost approximately \$350,000, and audio detection would cost \$450,000. These costs include one-time installation fees in the first year.

The proposed pilot is for 6 months at no cost to the city and can be implemented in about 45 days. The annual cost to continue the managed subscription service post-pilot would depend on various factors, including the number and scope of services retained.

**LEGAL NOTICES-YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW**

**CITY OF COMMERCE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 25-02**

**500 CITADEL DRIVE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will conduct a public hearing to consider Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 25-02, on behalf of the applicant Scott Van Boxtel, to allow a hotel use in the City's C-2 (Unlimited Commercial) zone. Pursuant to Chapter 19.09, Table 19.09.010A of the Commerce Municipal Code (CMC), the hotel use requires the review and approval of a CUP upon the required findings of CMC 19.39.420. The project site is located at 500 Citadel Drive in the City of Commerce.

Said public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce in the City Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA 90040, on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the proposed Conditional Use Permit No. 25-02 will be heard. Any comments, objections, or other information may be offered in person at the time of the hearing or in writing, prior to the hearing.

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge this Conditional Use Permit 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 correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
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**CITY OF COMMERCE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 25-03**

**6046 EAST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will conduct a public hearing on a request from Fenix Entrepreneur, Inc. for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow use of a Type 42 alcohol license for the sale of beer, wine and distilled spirits in conjunction with a bona fide eating establishment. Pursuant to Chapter 19.11, Table 19.11.030A of the Commerce Municipal Code (CMC), a CUP is required for any business involved in the sale of alcoholic beverages and shall meet the location requirements contained in Chapter 19.31, Division 3 – Alcohol Sales. The project site is located at 6046 East Washington Boulevard, Commerce, CA 90040, located within the City's C/M1 (Commercial-Manufacturing) Zoning District.

Said public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce in the Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA, 90040, on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the proposed Conditional Use Permit will be heard. Any comments, objections, or other information may be offered in person at the time of the hearing or in writing, prior to the hearing.

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge this Conditional Use Permit 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 in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the City of Pico Rivera City Council to receive and consider all evidence and reports relative to the application described below:

**WHEN:** April 22, 2025

**TIME:** 6:00 pm

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

**TELEPHONE:** (562) 801-4389

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to consider approval of a resolution amending the Annual Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for the City of Pico Rivera. The proposed amendments include updates to various fees for services, permits, and programs.

**PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER** wishing to observe the meeting may do so in the following ways:

- 1) Turn your TV to Channel 3
- 2) City’s website at <https://bit.ly/picorivera-ctv3live>  
City’s Official YouTube Channel – [youtube.com/cityofpicoriveraofficial](https://youtube.com/cityofpicoriveraofficial)
- 3) Email public comments to [publiccomments@pico-rivera.org](mailto:publiccomments@pico-rivera.org) before 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please provide your full name and reference this subject matter: “Annual Fee Schedule.”
- 4) Attend the Public Hearing in person

If you challenge the consideration or adoption of the proposed applications 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 correspondence delivered to the City of Pico Rivera City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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In compliance with the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, the City of Pico Rivera is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability. Please contact Cynthia Ayala at (562) 801-4389 if special program accommodations are necessary and/or if program information is needed in an alternative format. Special requests must be made in a reasonable amount of time to ensure that accommodations can be arranged.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 853**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following:

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 853:** To allow a trucking facility for tractors, trailers, and tankers.

**PROJECT LOCATION/APPLICANT:** 11708 Pike Street (APN: 8002-013-003) / LGT Transport, LLC.

**THE HEARING** will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Fe Springs in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, on **Monday, April 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**

**CEQA STATUS:** The Planning Commission will determine whether the project qualifies for a categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Class 1 - Existing Facilities) of the CEQA guidelines.

**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS** are invited to participate in the Public Hearing and provide input on the items listed above. Please note that if you challenge these items in court, you may be limited to issues raised during the Public Hearing or submitted in writing to the office of the Commission on or before the Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** may be submitted in writing to the Community Development Department at City Hall, 11710 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs CA 90670 or, otherwise, e-mail the Planning Commission Secretary, Esmeralda Elise, at: [esmeraldaelise@santafesprings.gov](mailto:esmeraldaelise@santafesprings.gov). Please submit your written comments by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the Planning Commission meeting. You may also contact the Community Development Department at (562) 868-0511 ext. 7550.

**FURTHER INFORMATION** on this item may be obtained from Jimmy Wong, Associate Planner, via e-mail at: [JimmyWong@santafesprings.gov](mailto:JimmyWong@santafesprings.gov) or by phone at: (562) 868-0511 ext. 7451.

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**NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-966**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA AMENDING CHAPTER 24 OF TITLE 5 OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE MAINTENANCE OF VACANT PROPERTIES.**

Notice is hereby given that on April 14, 2025, the City Council of the City of Artesia will consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 25-966 making certain amendments and additions to the Artesia Municipal Code related to the maintenance of vacant properties. The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance:

- The Vacant Properties Ordinance strengthens the maintenance, security, and overall management of vacant properties. Key changes include:
  - **Security Measures:** Requires fence repairs, locking gates, and securing doors and windows to prevent unauthorized access to buildings/structures.
  - **Landscaping and Irrigation:** Requires the submittal of landscaping and irrigation plans.
  - **Maintenance of Water Features:** New regulations ensure that pools, spaces and other water features remain free of pollutants and debris and do not attract pests.
  - **Mitigation Plans for Long-Term Vacancies:** Requires the removal of interior furniture and personal items to clear visibility of the property’s interior.
  - **Additional Maintenance and Security Measures:** Allows Director to impose additional security measures, including security lighting, increased inspection frequency, or the employment of security guards.

Please note that the above is simply a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance it should be read in its entirety. A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk’s office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701.  
Date: April 4, 2025 Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk

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**CITY OF CERRITOS, NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

**Project Identification: ASPHALT IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS, PROJECT NO. 14088, BID NO. 1561-25. Project Description:** The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of providing all labor, materials, tools and equipment necessary to complete the project per plans, specifications and contract documents, including but not limited to, selective removal and replacement of asphalt concrete (AC); selective cold milling of 2” of existing AC; including the construction of 2” AC overlay; crack sealing the existing AC; installation of a Type II Slurry Seal; the re-stripping of stop bars, curbs, and markings; and other items identified in the bid schedule.

**Bids will be opened: Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Place of bid receipt:** The bid submission must be received in the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid is received in the appropriate location by the deadline. Bids not received in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline provided will not be considered. **Bids must be marked: “BID – ASPHALT IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS, PROJECT NO. 14088, BID NO. 1561-25 - DO NOT OPEN”** All Bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall. Any requests for information regarding opened bids shall be directed to the Office of the City Clerk via a formal Public Records Act request. The City has determined that opened bids are confidential and therefore the negotiations process outweighs the public interest in prematurely disclosing such records. (Gov. Code § 7922.000). **Obtaining Contract Documents:** A set of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications can be obtained by contacting Cerritos Engineering Division at (562) 916-1219. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of current City Business License (applies to contractor and all subcontractors), insurance, a Performance Bond, a Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Warranty Bond, as specified in the Contract Documents, will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention money withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities are set forth in Public Contract Code Section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): **“A” or “C-12.”** The bidder’s attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference, as set forth herein. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law. Only a contractor or subcontractor who currently is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) to bid on public works contracts in California, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5, shall be permitted to submit or be listed on a bid. No bid shall be accepted, nor any contract or subcontract entered into, without proof of the contractor or subcontractor’s current registration to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, *et seq.*, of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar purposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pwd/>, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research’s Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771 or writing to DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. The bidder’s attention is further directed to Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code regarding the claims resolution process for all public works projects. Any dispute or claim against the City under a public works project shall be processed in accordance with Section 9204 of the Public Contract Code and any other applicable law. On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (EO) regarding sanctions in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. The EO is located at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3.4.22-Russia-Ukraine-Executive-Order.pdf>. All contractors shall comply with economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia’s action’s in Ukraine, per this order and other federal executive orders identified by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Failure to comply with these orders shall result in the termination of contract. By order of the City of Cerritos.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE**  
(U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24073 et seq.)  
Escrow No. 2481-SS

Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below:

The names(s) and business address(es) of the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) is/are: 701 BAR AND RESTAURANT, INC., 620 W. WHITTIER BLVD., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640

The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: SAME AS ABOVE

The name(s) and business address(es) of the Buyer(s)/Transferee(s) is/are: MARISCOS EL CAPITAN CORP. 68445 ENCINITAS ROAD, CATHEDRAL CITY, CA 92234

As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, INVENTORY OF STOCK IN TRADE, AND ABC LICENSE and are located at: 620 & 624 W. WHITTIER BLVD., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640

The ABC License to be transferred is: ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE License No. 47-618982 Now issued for the business known as: 701 RESTAURANT & BAR

The anticipated date of the bulk sale is UPON ISSUANCE OF THE PERMANENT ABC LICENSE TO BUYER at the office of: INNOVATIVE ESCROW, INC., 28212 KELLY JOHNSON PKWY, STE. 110, VALENCIA, CA 91355

The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of \$62,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$62,000.00

It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Dated: 1/22/25

701 BAR AND RESTAURANT, INC., Seller/Licensee  
MARISCOS EL CAPITAN CORP., Buyer/Transferee  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SACHIYE YOSHIHARA**  
 Case No. 25STPB02870  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SACHIYE YOSHIHARA  
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Arthur M. Yoshihara in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Arthur M. Yoshihara 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 28, 2025 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 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:  
 BRENDA DEPEW ESQ  
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 HINOJOSA & FORER LLP  
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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.  
 Direct inquires to ATTORNEY JAMES A. YOUNG – SBN 189359. LAW OFFICES OF JAMES A. YOUNG, ESQ., 419 MAIN STREET #454, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648. 714-357-0355.  
 Dates: Published at Los Cerritos Community News 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File Number 2025045800 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: CERRITOS CHINESE SCHOOL, 18908 NORWALK BLVD ARTESIA, CA. 90701 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registered Owner: CHINESE CULTURE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, 18908 NORWALK BLVD ARTESIA, CA. 90701 INCORPORATED IN CA. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. 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 punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/CHINESE CULTURE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, VICE PRESIDENT, LINDA LAY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 3/6/25. 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 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4/25

**CITY OF LA MIRADA  
 NOTICE INVITING BIDS**  
**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2024-07  
 SPLASH! EMERGENCY GENERATOR SYSTEM**  
 Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for Capital Improvement Project No. 2024-07. Project Documents are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC) at [https://customer.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL\\_Main.asp?mem=29](https://customer.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL_Main.asp?mem=29). You can also contact ARC at (949) 660-1150 or [costamesa.planwell@e-arc.com](mailto:costamesa.planwell@e-arc.com) to request Plans and Specifications.  
 Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on May 7, 2025. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on April 17, 2025, at 10 a.m., at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center, 13806 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California 90638. Every Bidder is required to attend the pre-bid meeting and project site visit. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.  
 Anne Haraksin, City Clerk  
 Published at La Mirada Lamplighter 3/28 and 4/4/25

**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 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

**2025 Board Vacancy Trustee Area 5**  
**Call for Applicants**  
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 The ABC Unified School District Board of Education is seeking applications to fill the vacant seat on the Board for Trustee Area 5 (Cerritos and portions of Lakewood and Norwalk). Applicants must reside in Trustee Area 5 and complete an application to be considered for appointment. Appointees must satisfy all age, citizenship, and residency requirements per Education Code section 35107. This appointment will fill the current term for Trustee Area 5, ending on December 11, 2026. All applications must be completed and delivered in person to the ABCUSD District Office, Office of the Superintendent, by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. (Education Code 5091, ABCUSD Board Bylaw 9223)  
 Application packets are available online:  
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**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON BY 4:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025.**  
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**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  
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 CN115319 JINES Mar 28, Apr 4,11, 2025

**NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY**  
 Notice is given pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday, April 15th, 2025, at 9:00AM.  

NAME	UNIT #
TANIA IVETT ATILANO CRUZ	A300
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CHARLES JERMAINE JONES	B485

 This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures’ Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa California #3112562  
 Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.  
 Published at Los Cerritos Community Newspaper 03/28/25 & 04/04/25

**NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY**  
 Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Mission Hills Self Storage 15241 Rinaldi St., Mission Hills, CA 91345 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) (bond #63747122) ending on or after Tuesday April 15th, 2025, at 9:00AM.  

NAME	UNIT
Jorge Ochoa F115	

 This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures’ Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa-California 3112562  
 Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.  
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**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.  
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 ELLIOT S. BLUT - SBN 162188  
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 LOS ANGELES CA 90067  
 Telephone (310) 203-0038  
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**NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-963**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 5 OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**  
 Notice is hereby given that on April 14, 2025, the City Council of the City of Artesia will consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 25-963 making certain amendments and additions to the Artesia Municipal Code related to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU’s). The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance:  
 • The ordinance amends the City’s ADU ordinance to ensure compliance with recent changes in state law and incorporates other minor staff-generated revisions related to unpermitted ADU’s and JADU’s, replacement parking, and ADU’s on multifamily lots.  
 Please note that the above is simply a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance it should be read in its entirety. A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk’s office at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701.  
 Date: April 4, 2025 Jennifer Alderete, City Clerk  
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