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Trump holds defiant Waco rally

At event, uses potential indictment as rallying cry

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WACO, Texas – Facing a potential indictment, Donald Trump took a defiant stance at a rally Saturday in Waco, disparaging the prosecutors investigating him and predicting his vindication as he rallied supporters in a city made famous by deadly resistance against law enforcement.

With a hand over his heart, Trump stood at attention when his rally opened with a song called “Justice for All” performed by a choir of people imprisoned for their roles in the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Some footage from the insurrection was shown on big screens displayed at the rally site as the

choir sang the national anthem and a recording played of Trump reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The extraordinary display opened Trump’s first rally of his 2024 Republican presidential campaign. He then launched into a speech brimming with resentments and framed the probes, including a New York grand jury investigation, as political attacks on him and his followers.

“You will be vindicated and proud,” Trump said “The thugs and criminals who are corrupting our justice system will be defeated, discredited and totally disgraced.”

Trump’s event at the airport grounds

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Former President Donald Trump held a 2024 election campaign rally in Waco, Texas, at the site of the deadly 1993 standoff between an anti-government cult and federal agents. SUZANNE CORDEIRO/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES



Jorge Alonzo, of the Many Minors Little League A's team, hands candy to Mayor Bobby Martinez during the city of Port Hueneme's 75th anniversary parade and street fair on Saturday. PHOTOS BY ANTHONY PLASCENCIA/THE STAR

Port Hueneme celebrates 75th anniversary

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Hundreds flocked to the streets of Port Hueneme Saturday to celebrate the beachfront city’s 75th anniversary.

The party kicked off with a 10 a.m. parade along Surfside Drive. A street fair kept the celebration going into the late afternoon at Hueneme Beach Park, where visitors could enjoy food trucks, classic cars, a beer garden and live entertainment.

A pop-up museum showcased the city’s history before and after its incorporation in 1948. The former township once stretched across the Oxnard Plain to the border with Los Angeles County and reached as far north as the Santa Clara River.



Diego Castaneda of Oxnard leads the way on a custom bicycle as the City Life Car Club makes its way along Surfside Drive during a parade marking the city of Port Hueneme's 75th anniversary on Saturday.

Center named for Carmen Ramirez will serve victims she fought for

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The County of Ventura has entered into an agreement to buy a building for a center named after former Supervisor Carmen Ramirez that will focus on crime victims whose needs she championed.

The supervisor who died in August recognized that undocumented individuals, migrant farmworkers and indigenous populations were especially susceptible to being victims of crime, county officials said when they announced the agreement early this month.

Many don’t report crimes due to language and cultural barriers, which prevents them from receiving counseling, financial assistance and justice, county officials say.

The center expected to open next year will bring together law enforcement, legal services and nonprofit groups known to Latino communities in one prominent location in the 500 block of A Street in downtown Oxnard.

The city’s population include large numbers of agricultural workers. They are susceptible to missing out on programs for crime victims because of cultural, language, geographic and economic barriers, said Mike Jump, chief deputy district attorney.

County officials said the two-story building will be purchased for \$4.1 million contingent on an environmental review, approval of a 30-day escrow and approval by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. Jump said the county is purchasing the structure for what’s being called the “Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center” from United Staffing Associates, a temporary employee service.

It will be the county’s second such center, following one that opened in 2019 in Ventura. Jump said 80% of the people who come to the Ventura center are victims of domestic violence, with the rest reporting sexual assault, child and elder abuse, human trafficking and hate crimes. He expects about the same mix at the Oxnard location.

About 35% of the people using the services at the Ventura location live in Oxnard, so it made sense to locate one in the city to reach more of the underserved population, Jump said.

District Attorney Erik Nasarenko named the center in honor of Ramirez,

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