



ARTESIA'S ELECTRIC BUS SERVICE BEGINS

RIBBON CUTTING: with the Miss Artesia Court is from (l-r) City Manager Bill Rawlings, Councilman Tony Lima, Mayor pro tem Melissa Ramoso, Mayor Rene Trevino, Councilman Ali Taj, and Karen Lee.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The city of Artesia held a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 14 to officially launch the first completely free all-electric bus service in Southern California.

Mayor Rene Trevino welcomed residents and city staff saying, "Today we welcome the city's new electric transit service. This project began in 2008, and after years of hard work, we are thrilled to present to our residents convenient access to parks, shopping centers and the

city's vibrant downtown area at no cost."

The new system will produce zero emissions and will connect riders to the city's points of interest, including the new trail and eventually the new Light Rail Line, which will connect Artesia to Union Station in downtown Los Angeles.

This bus will allow riders to visit the diverse collection of businesses and restaurants. The project has been made possible by a \$588,000 federal appropriation and returned funds under

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Masks in Fall Will be a Local Choice



MASKS IN SCHOOLS will be debated by many this fall, with the decision given to local school districts..

BY BRIAN HEWS

Last Monday, state officials mandated that students who refuse to wear masks be prohibited from campus. The next day,

the enforcement rule was taken off the state's website with Gov. Gavin Newsom leaving enforcement up to local agencies.

This past Tuesday, Newsom said he was personally involved

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Area Cities See Uptick in Illegal Fireworks, Citations

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Fireworks displays marked the 245th birthday of the United States' independence throughout Los Angeles County this 4th of July. City and Fire officials pleaded with the public to attend and not shoot off their pyrotechnics.

The use of illegal fireworks soared last year, with shows canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic. There were approximately 6,000 calls about illegal fireworks to the Los Angeles Police Department on July 4, 2020, a 72% increase from the previous year.

Los Angeles County Fire Department firefighters responded to 39 incidents directly related and sparked by fireworks the week before and the week after the holiday last year, including a fireworks explosion in Baldwin Park that left two dead. There were 14 people injured in incidents county fire crews reported, including hand injuries that caused disfigurement or amputation.

Joel Hockman, Bellflower Public Safety Director, tweeted during the weeks leading up to

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PICO RIVERA

\$23 Million for Redevelopment of Crossroads Plaza

BY BRIAN HEWS

The oft-maligned Cross Roads Plaza in Pico Rivera is now officially on a roll.

Following the announcement of Burlington Coat Factory moving into the old Home Depot building at Crossroads, Crossroads Plaza LP, and its developer, TRF Pacific LLC, have secured a \$23 million dollar loan to renovate the site.

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HMG-CN INVESTIGATION

'Megataxers' Hang \$94 Million in Bonds on Tiny Bassett Unified

From 2004 to 2018 \$94 million was issued costing taxpayers tens of millions. This is part one of two on Bassett.

BY JONESY SMITH AND BRIAN HEWS

Bassett Unified School District (Bassett) was established in 1898. The district serves the communities of La Puente and Baldwin Park, encompassing around 8 square miles. The area is absent of hills and valleys; residents call it "Pancakes" or the "Flatlands." The Eastside 13 did not Walkout in this neck of the woods and face 66 years in prison. They marched for

better conditions in schools and spearheaded a movement. Just ask Moctesuma Esparza.

In the early 2000s, under Bassett's Board and Superintendent Robert Watanabe, someone placed a call to George Pla of Cordoba Corporation. He delivers. At the time, Bassett served approximately 6,000 students at 4 elementary schools, one magnet school, one academy, one high school, one continuation high school, and an adult school.

Cordoba supported Bassett and took the lead in developing a needs assessment study, otherwise known as a Facilities Master Plan, a common tool used by districts and companies to sell bond measures, kind of like nation-building; brick by

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Downey Cuban Americans Stand in Solidarity

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Massive protests broke out in Cuba on Sunday July 11, 2021 as citizens demanded an end to communist dictatorship.

it the first time that so many people had openly protested against the Communist government since the so-called Maleconazo uprising, which exploded in the summer of 1994 into a huge wave of Cubans leaving the



APPROXIMATELY 300 CUBANS gathered in Downey to support and stand in solidarity with the Cuban community. Downey has the most prominent Cuban community west of the Mississippi.

"In a country known for repressive crackdowns on dissent, the rallies were widely viewed as astonishing," The New York Times reported. "Activists called

country by sea."

The Daily Wire noted that numerous videos were posted online showing the protests had

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Artesia Resident Back in U.S.

Marine veteran who was deported nine years ago, now has American citizenship and is back with his family in Artesia.
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Two Hundred Y.O. Painting Restored

Nuestra Senora de Los Angeles (Our Lady of Angels) is unsigned. During restoration, new details were uncovered.
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South Korean Fried Chicken Opens

South Korea's Mom's Touch is the latest chicken company to open in greater L. A., located just down the 91 in Gardena.
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Deported Marine From Artesia Back in the U.S.



ARTESIA RESIDENT Hector Ocegueda holds his citizenship certificate. Under President Joe Biden, U.S. officials are working on removing barriers for noncitizen military members and veterans to gain eligibility to become American citizens. The ACLU estimates there are dozens of other veterans in a similar positions.

ARTESIA (CBSLA) — Hector Ocegueda , a Marine Corps veteran who was deported to Mexico following a misdemeanor crime nine years ago, now has American citizenship and is back with his family in Artesia.

“I feel at home. This is my home,” Ocegueda said. “When they deported me, I cried when I crossed the border. Now, I cry out of joy. It’s the total opposite. I feel good. I feel like an American.”

The 53-year-old Ocegueda left Mexico as a child and was forced to return there after a DUI conviction.

Ocegueda spent nearly the last decade living in Mexico, but on Friday was able to return home to Artesia.

His citizenship oath was administered in Los Angeles last Friday.

Under U.S. law, immigrant veterans with honorable standing can become citizens if they meet certain requirements.

As part of the process, Ocegueda was scheduled for an interview in L.A. but authorities wouldn’t let him cross the

border due to his deportation order.

So, Ocegueda sued and asked for his interview on the border or that he is allowed to enter the U.S. for the purpose of having his interview.

The latter was granted and that’s what brought Ocegueda to the moment of finally returning home.

Ocegueda served in the Marines from 1987 to 1991 and was honorably discharged.

During his military service, he was stationed at Camp Pendleton & Japan.

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The ACLU estimates there are dozens of other veterans in a similar position as Ocegueda. Ocegueda, who had a drug problem and went through a treatment program, said his goal now is to go back to become a nurse assistant and work with veterans.

Artesia Holds COVID Vigil for Residents



ARTESIA MAYOR RENE TREVINO (left) stands with a family remembering their husband and father, 73 Artesians lost their lives to COVID-19. Spotlights were pointed toward the sky in remembrance.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

A community vigil was held Monday evening at Veterans Memorial Park in memory of Artesia residents who passed due to CoVID-19.

"Tonight, we gather in a moment of silence and remember the 73 Artesians who lost their lives to COVID-19," said Mayor Rene Trevino, "for three consecutive nights starting tonight, there will

be spotlights pointing toward the sky, letting our community know that we will remember and never forget."

A moment of silence was held as candles were lit. "This pandemic has impacted all of us, especially those who have lost a loved one," Trevino stated, "I am grateful to our community and the city of Artesia for partnering with City Hall to pause and remember the families we have lost to this pandemic."

La Mirada Holds Neff Estate Tours

The City of La Mirada’s historic Neff Estate is open for tours.

Built in 1894, the Neff House is a City landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Tours will be held on the third Sat. of every month from 2 to 4 p.m. and the last tour begins at 3:45 p.m.

All tours are free and will be led by the La Mirada Historical Preservation Advisory Council, however; donations to aid the restoration efforts are welcome.

The next scheduled tour date is Saturday, July 17.

The Neff Estate is located at 14300 Cristobal Drive.

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Earthday.Org Wants to Make it a Plastic-Free Summer



THE PANDEMIC has led to a surge in pollution from disposable products like plastic face masks and hand sanitizer bottles. Earthday.org is drawing attention to the harmful effects of plastic using the *End Plastic Pollution* campaign to help people understand the impacts of plastic pollution on human health and the ecosystem.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

As summer gets into full swing, the United States just celebrated its 245th birthday.

Although we may be an independent nation, we are still very dependent on plastics. Our food comes packaged in plastic, many will use plastic plates and cutlery as summer events begin to open back up and unfortunately leave plastic and cardboard strewn about that can easily find their way into our oceans.

The plastics ending up in our oceans have dire effects on marine life. Plastics can easily be mistaken for food by marine animals and often lead to disease. In fact, 89% of reefs containing plastic show signs of disease. Such exposure can result in suffocation, starvation, entanglement and often death.

As part of the study, published in the journal *Science*, researchers analyzed more than 124,000 corals from 159 reefs in Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia and Australia. Nearly everywhere they looked, they saw plastic. “We came across chairs, chip wrappers, Q-tips, garbage bags, water bottles, old nappies,” Joleah Lamb, a marine disease ecologist at Cornell University and lead author of the study, tells Yong. “Everything you see on the beach is probably lying on the reef.”

Smithsonian Magazine reports further investigations are needed to determine precisely how and why plastics make coral susceptible to different diseases. But generally speaking, it seems that plastic debris slices open the skin of the corals and exposes them to pathogens. Plastic debris can cause physical injury and abrasion to coral tissues by facilitating the invasion of pathogens or exhausting resources for immune system function during wound-healing processes.

It is in our homes, our oceans, our food, and everywhere we go. This month, EarthDay.org, is drawing attention to the harmful effects of plastics in our environment and wants to make this July plastic-free.

The End Plastic Pollution campaign helps people understand the impacts of plastic pollution on human and ecosystem health and how everyday actions can lessen the problem.

The campaign draws attention to the harmful effects of plastic in our environment, harming marine and human health, littering beaches and landscapes, clogging waste streams and landfills and empowers people to make a difference.

Every day, we use millions of tons of plastics, and with it, we are steadily filling our oceans, rivers, land, and bodies. Scientists tell us that we are eating up to 5 grams of plastic every week, equivalent to the weight of a credit card.

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Newly Restored *Our Lady of Angels* Now on Display

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Nepomuceno Ricardo Vejar was born in San Diego in 1805. In 1837 he and Ygnacio Palomares received a land grant for the Rancho San Jose. Vejar became one of the wealthiest men in Los Angeles and purchased the neighboring Rancho Los Nogales where he built a large new adobe.

One of the rooms in his new home was dedicated exclusively for worship and was ultimately consecrated by the Catholic Church to become the first church in Pomona.

According to his son Ramon Vejar, Ricardo bought paintings, wooden sculptures and other artifacts from Spain and Italy to adorn his chapel.

Closer to home he is reported to have acquired art for his chapel that had once hung in the California Missions.

Some of these paintings from his chapel are now part of the collection of the Autry Museum.

The adobe was abandoned in the 1880s and was left to the elements until it was acquired by the City of Pomona in the 1930s. In 1939, the adobe was restored in a joint project of the City of Pomona, the Historical Society of Pomona Valley and the Works Project Administration. Since 1940, it has been open to the public as a museum on life in the Spanish and Mexican ranchos. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971. Of the more than 400 sites in Los Angeles County that have been listed on the National Register, fewer than ten received the distinction prior to the Ygnacio Palomares Adobe.



THE REFURBISHED Nuestra Senora de Los Angeles. Little is known about the 200 year-old painting and it is unsigned. Upon its cleaning, new details were uncovered that observers could not see before.

Little is known about the origins of Nuestra Senora de Los Angeles, ‘Our Lady of the Angels’. The work is not signed, but it is a Baroque painting in the Spanish colonial style.

Experts tell us it is from the early 19th century and was most likely painted in the workshops of Seville Spain, which produced sacred works to be shipped around the world to Spanish outposts.

After the death of Vejar in 1882, the painting and many of the artifacts from the chapel went to his son Ramon. Unfortunately, a fire in 1918 caused significant damage; since then, additional candle smoke, smog and time have hidden many of the details of the painting.

In 1940 the painting was donated to the Palomares Adobe Museum in Pomona, ‘as is’ by Miss Estella Vejar, Ramon’s daughter.

Carl Von Bargaen, Chairman for the Native Sons of the Golden West was key in awarding two very generous grants toward the restoration of the painting,

“This painting represents exactly what the Native sons was created to do. With an ever-changing population, it was only a matter of time before the colorful history of the Gold Rush and early-day statehood would soon be forgotten. Civil War veterans began seeking grants for public lands, thus the organization was born in California and our mission is to preserve the state’s history.”

Today, thanks to the generosity of many and the skill of the artists at Fine Art Conservations Labs, the Historical Society of Pomona Valley were able to restore this historic treasure and view it as Ricardo Vejar did when it first arrived in the New World.

The painting can be seen at the Adobe de Palomares located at 491 E. Arrow Highway in Pomona. Although the museums are open to the public, reservations must be made in advance at www.pomonahistorical.org

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DELTA VARIANT

L.A. Health Recommends Mask Indoors Starting July 17

With increase circulation of the highly transmissible Delta variant, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has strongly recommends everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear masks indoors in public places as a precautionary measure. In the week ending June 12, Delta variants comprised of nearly half of all variants sequenced in Los Angeles County. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) noted that Delta variants are now responsible for about one in every five new infections across the country, up from approximately one in every 10 the week before.

Public Health strongly recommends people wear masks indoors in settings such as grocery or retail stores; theaters and family entertainment centers, and workplaces when you don't know everyone's vaccination status. Until we better understand how and to who the Delta variant is spreading, everyone should focus on maximum protection with minimum interruption to routine as all businesses operate without other restrictions, like physical distancing and capacity limits.

Fully vaccinated people appear to be well protected from infections with Delta variants, however people with only one vaccine dose of Pfizer or Moderna are not as well-protected. The smaller number of COVID-19 infections identified in people who are fully vaccinated have been mild illnesses.

For masks to work properly, they need to completely cover your nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of your face and around your nose. If you aren't fully vaccinated, your mask is one of the most powerful tools you have to protect yourself and other unvaccinated people. This is especially true when you are in an indoor or crowded outdoor space. If you are not fully vaccinated and work in a setting where you have sustained close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated or whose vaccination status is unknown, consider wearing a respirator for additional protection.

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STAFF REPORT

After completing the project, he was inspired to help his community further, so he created a way to continue to collect gently used books for donations, "I



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Recently, guaranteed programs have been making a comeback, announced in New Orleans; Oakland, California; Tacoma, Washington; Gainesville, Florida; and Los Angeles -- the nation's second largest city which has a plan that will give \$1,000 per month to 2,000 needy families.



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“The Biden Administration remains committed to ensuring our country’s most vulnerable communities get the resources they need and can access the quality health care they deserve,” said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. “Health Center Program look-alikes are key players in the Administration’s efforts to address health inequities and support those disproportionately affected by COVID-19.”



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STAFF REPORT

Longtime Lakewood resident Shelba Thompson recently retired after 49 years of protecting Lakewood children and families on their way to and from school.

Mayor Jeff Wood visited Shelba at her home and presented her with a bouquet of flowers and a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the City Council and residents of Lakewood.

Many parents in the area thanked Shelba for all her years of service as a crossing guard in Lakewood and wished her the best and lots of fun in retirement.



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ABCUSD Announces New Principals and Special Education Leaders

FROM ABCUSD

The ABC Unified School District Board of Education announced new principals at Elliott Elementary School and the ABC Adult School and the new leaders in Special Education for the District at the July 8, 2021, board meeting.

Lora Ballard will be the new principal at Elliott Elementary, and Nancy Amara will be the new principal of the ABC Adult School.

Dr. Roshelle Chavez takes over as SELPA Director, and Dr. Soco Verduzco is the new Director of Pupil Support Services, Special Education.

“These roles are essential to our students, and we have selected four amazing women to serve as principals and leaders in special education,” said Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu. “They all are dedicated leaders with strong experience within our District. I know they will continue to serve our students with the utmost caring and professionalism.”

Lora Ballard has more than 20 years of experience in ABCUSD, beginning her career as a teacher at Niemes Elementary School.

Most recently, she was the Coordinator of Child Development/Head Start Director for the District. Ms. Ballard holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Literature and a Masters of Arts degree in Elementary Education.

Nancy Amara is a product of the ABCUSD, having attended District

schools from preschool through high school. She has worked at the ABC Adult School for 17 years, starting as a teacher.

Most recently, she served as the Assistant Principal of the school’s Cabrillo Lane campus.

Ms. Amara holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and a Master of Arts degree in Education.

Dr. Roshelle Chavez has 24 years of experience in Special Education and an educator and administrator.

She moves into her new role, having spent the past four years as Director of Public Support Services, Special Education.

Dr. Chavez holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Services, a Master of Arts in Special Education, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

Dr. Soco Verduzco is also a product of ABCUSD and began her career in the District 27 years ago.

She has held many positions in the District, from secretary to teacher to program specialist.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Studies, two Masters degrees in Special Education and Education, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership which she earned this year.

“We are so proud to see these promotions to important roles,” said Board of Education President Sophia Tse.

“These amazing educators bring experience and leadership to their new roles. I, for one, cannot wait to see what they do for our students.”

Ms. Ballard, Ms. Amara will assume their new positions at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Chavez and Dr. Verduzco took their positions immediately.



NEW POSITIONS: from top, Lora Ballard, Principal at Elliott Elementary; Dr. Roshelle Chavez, SELPA Director; Nancy Amara, Principal at ABC Adult School; Dr. Soco Verduzco, Director of Public Support Services, Special Education.

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City of La Mirada Stroll in the Park

The City of La Mirada’s popular summer event, Stroll in the Park, returns Thursday, July 29 at Creek Park from 5 to 8:30. The Night Market will kick off at 5 p.m.

The evening’s musical entertainment starts at 6:30 p.m. and will include Classic Piano Rock from “The Kings of 88,” Latin Mariachi from “Mariachi Divas,” and Island Soul from “Loa Greyson.” Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

For additional information, please contact the La Mirada Community Services Department at (562) 943-7277

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For information, call City Hall at 562-866-9771, extension 2320 or go to www.lakewoodcity.org/HomeRehabProgram.

Sites Needed for Lakewood's Day of Service

Site suggestions are needed by Friday, July 23 for a special volunteer Lakewood Day of Service on Sept. 11 to assist homeowners in need of some clean-up or fix-up exterior home project help. If you, or someone you know, can benefit from a Lakewood Day of Service project and meet the selection criteria, please complete the online form or call the Burns Community Center at 562-925-7512.

Rep. Sánchez Delivers \$14M Check to Pico Rivera

NORWALK – Last Friday, Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA) delivered a check in the amount of



\$14,772,455 to the City of Pico Rivera, highlighting the funding the City received through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan.

The American Rescue Plan – passed by Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden in March – delivered over \$43 billion in relief to local and state governments in California. Friday’s event is part of Sanchez’ efforts to meet with city councils, school boards, colleges and universities, business owners, essential workers, and other community leaders across the 38th Congressional District to discuss relief funds and ongoing efforts to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This pandemic hit our communities hard,” said Sánchez. “As we mourn the loss of over 63,000 lives here in California alone, it is critical we deliver relief directly to working families, small businesses, and local governments so they can continue working to get us back on track. That is exactly what the American Rescue Plan did – it extended a lifeline to millions right here in Southern California and I was proud to support it. I am glad to be here in Pico Rivera to highlight over 14 million dollars the City received through this relief package.”

“There’s no question that the pandemic had a detrimental effect on local economies,” said Pico Rivera Mayor Raul Elias. “In order to continue vital community services, local cities, in particular, were in dire need of financial support. We are grateful to Congresswoman Sánchez and her dedicated efforts to ensure the American Rescue Plan included much-needed funding for Pico Rivera. These funds will allow the City to not only maintain existing services but also help ensure a more resilient future.”

Mayor Elias continued: “American Rescue Plan funding will be used to address a broad range of City programs, projects and services that are designed to improve the overall quality of life in Pico Rivera. Much needed facility improvements such as modern infrastructure and community broadband are among the top of the list. A portion of these funds will also be used to plan a more environmentally sustainable, economically resilient, and vibrant community for future generations to come. Thank you, Congresswoman Sánchez, we are truly grateful for all your hard work in DC.”

Sánchez continued, “One of the most important aspects of the American Rescue Plan is that it delivered financial relief directly to workers, businesses, and local governments. From families struggling to get by to essential workers and first responders working around the clock – this package put money in the pockets of those who needed it most. By delivering this money directly to the City of Pico Rivera, the federal government is acknowledging the sacrifices made over the course of this pandemic and is providing this City with the tools needed to finally get us back on track.”

HMG-CN OPINION ESPN'S Stephen A. Smith's Racist Comments Should Get Him Fired

Has anyone reading this paper heard what Stephen A. Smith said this week about the Los Angeles Angels' Shohei Ohtani.

It’s a well-kept secret; the Los Angeles media barely covered Smith’s rant, the only print newspaper, besides HMG, to write anything was the Los Angeles Times, but they only put the story up online not in their print newspaper.

(If what Smith said was about a Dodger player, you could guarantee the L.A. Times would have published a full-color eight-page special section slamming Smith.)

In a segment on ESPN's morning talk show "First Take," Smith said this past Monday that Ohtani, the L.A. Angels sensation who has drawn comparisons to Babe Ruth, couldn't be the face of the sport because he uses an interpreter.

“I understand that baseball is an international sport itself in terms of participation, but when you talk about an audience gravitating to the tube or to the ballpark, to actually watch you, I don’t think it helps

that the number one face is a dude that needs an interpreter, so you can understand what the hell he’s saying in this country,” he said on the show.

After that, Smith then doubled down on his xenophobic rant and "clarified" his comments in a video Monday afternoon, saying that he was "talking about the marketability and the promotion of the sport" — drawing more ire on social media, including from his fellow colleagues.

"In the United States, when you're a superstar, if you could speak the English language, guess what, that's going to make it that much easier (and) less challenging to promote the sport," Smith said.

Some of baseball's brightest and most talented stars — Fernando Tatis Jr., Ronald Acuna Jr., Vladimir Guerrero Jr., — don't speak English as their first language, but that did not stop Smith.

Smith said that if Bryce Harper was doing what Ohtani is doing, "we might be talking about baseball five days a week."

He then continued his rant insisting "that English isn't hard to learn (it is) and said that he hasn't watched a single Angels game all season." How can you be an analyst if you have not watched Ohtani play?

The racist commentator then left nothing on the table, "when Barry Bonds was smacking home runs, or Mark McGwire, I was transfixed on the tube."

I guess taking banned substances to hit home runs is OK with Stephen...as long as they speak English.

His apology, just like his racist personality was half-hearted; he didn't specifically apologize to Ohtani or the Asian community.

Smith said, “With all the violence being perpetrated against the Asian Community, my comments — albeit unintentional — were clearly insensitive and regrettable,” he said.

Nice insincere apology; now don't let the door hit you in your racist ass. I hope Mickey Mouse fires you personally.

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and including the 4th of July, Bellflower Deputies and Community Service Officers wrote 111 illegal fireworks citations. Included were sales, possession and lighting. Residential property owners have been sent citations. The northwest portion of Bellflower was more active than usual this year.

During his comments at a council meeting, Councilman Sean Ashton suggested that it may be time for the city to move away from the controversial Independence Day tradition. Many churches and non-profit organizations often sell Safe & Sane fireworks during the week of the 4th of July as a means of fundraising. Unfortunately, the city has been plagued by a steady increase in the use of illegal fireworks. Ashton mentioned the city has previously tried to curb the trend with an uptick in patrols and increased fines, which can total anywhere up to \$3,000 depending on the number of violations. Downey Fire Department responded to nine fires, including one house fire.

Last week HMG noted that law enforcement officials in Lakewood reported a busy night on July 4, with 75 citations issued for illegal fireworks. The highest amount in years. "This year, Lakewood devoted even more resources and new efforts to combat illegal fireworks," City Manager Thaddeus McCormack said. "That included new street banners and public education on the dangers that illegal fireworks pose to veterans, pets and their neighbors. A team of sheriff's deputies and six civilian community safety officers responded to 187 calls from residents about illegal fireworks, with some incidents generating multiple calls. The city and sheriff's personnel will review this year's results, assess what steps worked best, analyze what other cities tried and determine if Lakewood should try anything new next year.

The City of La Mirada Public Safety Team, consisting of several deputies, Public Safety Officers and Code Enforcement Officers, proactively enforced fireworks regulations by canvassing the community. Between the hours of 5 p.m. and 11 p.m., 72 calls were dispatched for fireworks violations, compared to 54 calls received in 2020. This year, the Public Safety Team issued 32 administrative citations for fireworks violations.

Fireworks illuminated the sky across Southern California as the region celebrated the Fourth of July, with loud bangs ringing through the night sky. Although

fireworks are illegal in the city of Los Angeles, and many other municipalities, that didn't stop residents from putting on a show for their neighborhoods.

Although the vast array of fireworks made for stunning views, health officials issued a warning as the powerful blasts leave the air filled with a smoky haze. The South Coast Air Quality Management District said poor air quality is likely in areas throughout the South Coast Air Basin, as fireworks, both large, sanctioned shows and those of the personal "backyard" variety, are known to emit high levels of particulate matter and metal air pollutants, all of which can contribute to negative health effects.

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seemingly erupted out of nowhere. "The people are dying of hunger!" one woman shouted during a protest highlighted by the Times, "Our children are dying of hunger!" Other chants included, "We want freedom."

"Never seen images from Havana," Alexandre Krauss, Senior Advisor EU Parliament, tweeted. "Thousands are mobilizing across Cuba demanding the end of the communist dictatorship while screaming 'we are not afraid... we are not afraid.'"

The Associated Press reported: Police initially trailed behind as protesters chanted, "Freedom, enough and unite." One motorcyclist pulled out a U.S. flag, but it was snatched from him

by others. ... Cuba is going through its worst economic crisis in decades, along with a resurgence of coronavirus cases. The demonstration grew to a few thousand in the vicinity of Galeano Avenue and the marchers pressed on despite a few charges by police officers and tear gas barrages. People standing on balconies along the central artery in the Centro Habana neighborhood applauded the protesters passing by. Others joined in the march.

Standing alongside their Cuban brothers and sisters, solidarity walks erupted across the Gateway Cities. "The oppression and lack of human rights 90 miles away from us is heartbreaking. The Cuban government has failed its people for generations. They need freedom, liberties, opportunities, and the dignity that any civilized country should afford. Their lack of food and medicine is another failure of a socialist government that cannot provide for its people," said former Downey Mayor Mario Guerra.

Rallies across the country were held (Times Square, Miami) and including one in Downey outside of Porto's Bakery to support the people of Cuba. Mayor Claudia Frometa added, "The people of Cuba have been under an oppressive communist regime for 62 years and the people took to the streets all across the island today, Sunday, July 11 to protest the oppression and demand their freedom."



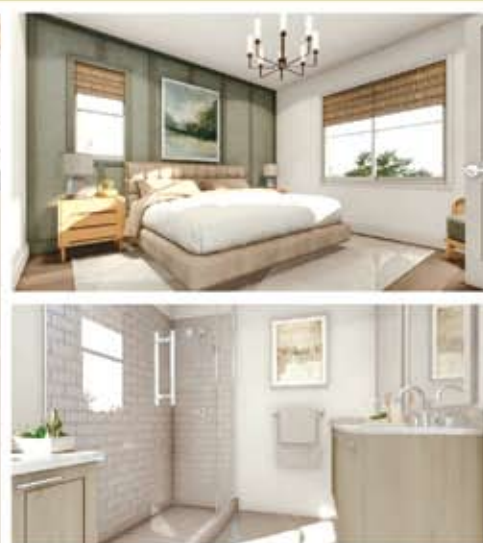
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Fullerton Council Approves 59 Affordable Housing Units



RENDERING of the 59-unit affordable housing complex that includes a mix of one, two and three-bedroom apartments at 1600 W. Commonwealth Ave., in between Euclid and Brookhurst.

BY BRIAN HEWS

A plot of vacant land at 1600 W. Commonwealth Ave. in between Euclid and Brookhurst in Fullerton, could become a 59-unit affordable three story housing complex that includes a mix of one, two, and three-bedroom of affordable low income apartments.

The project would provide homes for people making between 30% and 60% of the area median income, which is \$134,500.

The non-profit Pathways of Hope, is a co-developer and will serve as the coordinator for social services at the property.

The other is National CORE, a non-profit behind three other affordable housing projects currently in the works in Orange County.

At public comment, residents said they support bringing a low-cost housing project to the city, but wanted that homes

to remain affordable.

According to the staff report, 12 apartments are for people earning 30% of median, roughly \$40,000 annually; 12 for those at 40%, \$53,000; 19 units for residents at 50%, \$76,000; and 15 for people at 60% of the median income, \$79,000.

The lowest rent would be \$712 per month for a one bedroom; the most expensive three-bedroom apartments \$2,018.

The complex would feature a 2,400-square-foot community center, a pool, a playground and a outdoor seating with 91 parking spaces.

The vote to approve was 3-2 with Councilman Fred Jung and Mayor Pro Tem Nick Dunlap supporting a different proposal. Mayor Bruce Whitaker and Councilmen Ahmad Zahra and Jesus Silva voted yes.

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BY BRIAN HEWS

South Korean fried chicken chain Mom’s Touch is the latest chicken company to start in greater Los Angeles, joining the ranks of notable places like Kyochon, Bonchon, and BBQ Chicken.

Mom’s Touch quietly opened at the Gardena Plaza on the corner of Normandie Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard, and ownership already has plans for future spaces in Long Beach and in the City of Industry next year.

Fans will know Mom’s Touch from its menu of fried chicken sandwiches, chicken fingers, and chicken wings. All of the chicken is marinated for 24-hours in a Cajun spice blend that includes red pepper, cayenne pepper, and paprika before being hand-battered and deep-fried.

The chain’s signature chicken sandwich gives diners a choice of skin-on thigh meat or breast meat, and comes with lettuce,

onion, pickles, and sweet-savory “special” sauce on a brioche bun.

The special sauce can be swapped out for a garlic sauce or a Sichuan-inspired “fuego pepper” sauce.

The chicken wings come in a half-dozen different flavors including a few wild cards, like the “cheesy onion” and “apple zing,” while the chicken fingers are served with a choice of sauce; barbecue, ranch, chipotle mayo, or a Louisiana-inspired one with cayenne pepper. Rounding out the menu are french fries, creamed corn, mashed potatoes, coleslaw.

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CHAMPIONS CUP

Artesia Punishers 14-U and 16-U Teams Struggle at Champions Cup

BY LOREN KOPFF
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IRVINE-The Artesia Punishers 14-Under travel softball team, coached by Andy Macias, and the 16-Under squad, coached by Leo Amaya, participated in the prestigious Champions Cup showcase tournament last weekend with both teams not faring too well. The 16’s, with all games played at Harvard Park, went 0-4-1 in pool play action before falling to the [Encino] Victory USA 9-0 this past Sunday morning in the first game of the single elimination playoffs.

The scores of most of the six games may not reflect it, but the Punishers had some flashes of good play and in some situations, were on the verge of putting together some rallies and potentially coming away with a victory. Against the Victory USA, the Punishers loaded the bases in the bottom of the first and third innings by nearly identical situations before a strikeout and a pop-up respectively ended any scoring chances. Then there was the first game last Saturday against the [Hollister] Cal A’s-Heen in which the Punishers had a 2-0 lead after the second inning, surrendered two runs in the top of the sixth inning to fall behind, then tied the game in the next inning. However, right fielder Madison Morgan (Valley Christian High) singled with two outs and on the next pitch, was thrown out at second on a controversial call.

“There were some good moments for sure,” Amaya said. “I had Madison steal and the blue called her out. It was a judgement call; I understand that. Who knows? If she’s safe and we get a base hit, she scores and we win. Today, we had the bases loaded twice and we couldn’t pull through.”

The 16-Under Punishers began the Champions Cup with an 8-2 loss to the [Rancho Penasquitos] So Cal Mavericks last Thursday, immediately followed by a 5-0 setback to the Corona Angels. In the first game, the Punishers grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, only to see the Mavericks tack on five runs in their half of the inning. The Punishers had just three hits, coming from Alicia Amaya (Bellflower High), Mikala Jacobsen (Cypress High) and right fielder Jessica Lopez (Los Osos High).

Against the Corona Angels, left fielder Jazmine Macias (La Mirada High) went two for three with a double and Amaya went one for three for the only hits the team would get. The Angels scored four runs in the top of the fourth inning, all with two outs.

The lone game played last Friday night was against the [Nampa] Team Idaho Dirdogs and the game was put away in the first few innings. Team Idaho scored three times in each of the first two innings and added one more in the third for a 7-4 victory.

The Punishers would collect four hits through the first three innings and strand four runners, none getting to third base. But in the fourth inning alone, they would get four hits and score all their runs. Macias singled to left on an 0-2 count, stole second and scored when Lopez reached on an error, who would move to second on another error. On the next pitch, pitcher Sara Pinedo (El Modena High) singled to right and one pitch later, catcher Autumn Herbig (Kennedy High) doubled



ARTESIA PUNISHERS 16-Under pitcher Sara Pinedo (El Modena High) was a workhorse during last weekend’s Champions Cup showcase tournament in Irvine. In the final four of six games the Punishers would play, Pinedo pitched 14.2 innings of the 20 the Punishers played during that time, gave up 15 hits, eight earned runs and struck out eight batters. **PHOTO BY ARMANDO VARGAS, Contributing photographer.**

to the right field gap. The final run came when Morgan grounded out to bring in courtesy runner Kayden Lopez (Garces High).

“Our girls don’t give up and I just told them we have to get in [the game] and get base hits,” Leo Amaya said. “I’m not looking for home runs; I’m just looking for base hits. We talk about it all the time and that’s what happened.”

The best chance for a win in the tournament was against the Cal A’s as

both pitchers were embattled in a seven-inning duel that saw both Pinedo and Mariah Sequera combine for 12 strikeouts, allow 13 hits and walk one. But it was how the game ended that had many associated with the Punishers wondering if they were robbed. With the Cal A’s up 3-2 Kayden Lopez saw six pitches before doubling to the right field gap to lead off the bottom of the seventh. Left fielder Nathaly Ochoa (Bellflower High)

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TRIPLE CROWN SPORTS 16-UNDER WORLD SERIES
Consistency Missing From Artesia Punishers
16-U Gonzales Team in Pool Play Action

BY LOREN KOPFF

ESCONDIDO-Days after the Artesia Punishers 16-Under travel softball team coached by Leo Amaya struggled at the Champions Cup in Irvine, the same happened for the program’s other 16-Under team. The Vince Gonzales-coached squad was participating in the Triple Crown Sports World Series and went winless in all four pool play games at Kit Carson Park.

The team fell to the [Minden] Nevada Hotshots 7-3 and 12-3 to the [Victorville] E1 Prospects-Robinson this past Tuesday. However, the Punishers were off to hot start against the [Vista] Frost Elite-Engels this past Wednesday afternoon, building a 5-0 lead heading into the fifth inning. That’s when the lack of consistency of finishing a game set in and the Frost Elite batted around, scoring six runs in the fifth on their way to an 8-5 victory.

“You never blame it on the umpire; the little strike zone seemed to adjust that last inning,” said Gonzales said. “Not only that, I believe our pitcher simply ran out of gas and just couldn’t finish the game. That’s something that’s not just her, but collectively as a team, we lack that killer instinct. We’ve lost several games recently; just that lack of experience of having that killer instinct and just learning how to finish a game. That’s something that we’ve struggled with early in the summer.”

Center fielder Destiny Avila (St. Anthony High) began the bottom of the first

inning with a first-pitch single to left field and after two consecutive strikeouts, third baseman Vanessa Carranza (Downey High) tripled down the right field line. She would come home on the next pitch as pitcher Celeste Quintanilla (Legacy High) was safe on an error.

Two innings later, Katia Wilkem walked Avila and with one out, surrendered a base hit to catcher Briana Zarate (Legacy High). Wilkem would then walk Carranza and with two outs, first baseman Ava Barela’s (Warren High) single to left made it 4-0. The Punishers tacked on their final run in the fourth when right fielder Destiny Chavez (Port of Los Angeles High) singled to right, stole a pair of bases and came home on a Zarate single.

Meanwhile, Quintanilla seemed to be in control early on, throwing 35 pitches through the first four innings while striking out three, allowing three base hits and not allowing a runner to get to third. But in the fifth, the wheels came off and she gave up a single to Brooklyn Mills before walking three of the next four batters. Then with two outs and score 5-1, doubles by Chloe Filar and Peyton Justice put the Frost Elite in front 6-5 and signaled the end of the day for Quintanilla.

“They came out firing on all cylinders, and I expected them to do that because even in the previous games and last night’s game, we were tied in one and winning 3-0 in the other,” Gonzales

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then sacrificed her over before a double from Jacobsen on the next pitch tied the contest. Morgan would follow that with a first-pitch base infield single. But on the next pitch thrown to Pinedo, Morgan took off for second and appeared to have beat the throw from Cal A’s catcher Jessalyn Casillas. But five seconds after Morgan reached second, the field umpire called her out to end the game.

“That was a pitcher’s battle for both [teams],” Leo Amaya said. “Both pitchers were really good. Strikeouts on both teams, pop-outs for both sides. It was just our girls couldn’t hit.”

“Her performance was really good,” he later said of Amaya. “Every time I threw her in there, she pitched really good.”

Following the game, the Punishers jumped out to a 3-0 lead before falling to the [Camas, WA] NW Rampage Silver 7-3. In the top of the second inning, Alicia Amaya singled to right and third baseman Anaiyah Yniguez (Bellflower High) was hit by a Katy Kutch pitch. After a pop-up for the first out, Kayden Lopez singled to right to plate Amaya before stealing second. Following a strikeout, Jacobsen reached on an infield single while bringing in a pair of runs.

The Punishers would get three more hits the remainder of the game and had the leadoff batter reach in the fourth and sixth innings, but to no avail. The Punishers stranded four runners in the game and had eight flyouts.

“They have to hit to win games,” Leo Amaya said. “I know I keep on repeating myself every single time. But if you don’t hit, you can’t win. If you don’t score, you can’t win. They know they have to start practicing more on hitting instead of fielding as much.”

This past Sunday, the Punishers were never in the game against the Victory USA in a 9-0 game. Down 1-0 after half an inning and with two outs, Herbig and Jessica Lopez both singled to the right field gap and Isabella Serrato walked Alicia Amaya to load the bases. However, a strikeout would end further damage. In the third inning, Jacobsen was robbed of a base hit when left fielder Kira Palmer made a remarkable diving catch. One out later, Herbig and Jessica Lopez each singled again and Amaya was walked to load the bases. It marked the third time in the tournament the Punishers loaded the bases. But a pop-up ended that chance.

In the final three games of the Champions Cup, the Punishers were shorthanded as half the team was competing in the Surf City Tourney’s Summer Showcase in Fountain Valley 13 miles away. There, the Punishers would fall to the [Sacramento] Firecrackers-Leles/Neal 14-0, knock off the [Fresno] Central California Fury 13-5 and edge the [Salinas] MB Athletics-Abraham 7-5 in succession last Saturday. The next day, the Punishers fell to the [Chino] Southern California Athletics-Briggs 1-0 before knocking off the [San Diego] Power Surge-Strandeborg 4-3.

“That was one of my mistakes as well, trying to get just the nine girls here and give [the other team] 12, which I should have kept 12 here and give nine over there,” Leo Amaya said. “That is pretty difficult, but we tried our best to do it.”

This was the 13th year that the 16-Under age group, which had 42 teams, has participated in the Champions Cup. The only other season that an Artesia Punishers 16-Under team played in the Champions Cup came in 2014 and lost its lone playoff game.

There wasn’t as much game drama with the Artesia Punishers 14-Under team as they lost all four games played by a combined score of 33-9. This was the first time any Artesia Punishers 14-Under team had played in the Champions Cup and the

ninth year the tournament had had this age group.

“The results weren’t what I wanted,” Andy Macias said. “Most of the players, they normally make the plays when we play in friendlies and stuff. When it came down to the Champions Cup, nobody performed. There were a lot of errors and my key players were not hitting.”

Last Friday, the Punishers, one of 24 teams from this age group, dropped a 9-4 decision to the [Los Alamitos] Team Freeman despite getting 10 hits and that was followed by a 5-2 setback to the [Fremont] Lady Wolf Pack. The Punishers would rally from a 2-0 deficit to score all their runs in the top of the fourth inning against Team Freeman. Lilly Gonzalez (San Pedro High) would go three for three and score a run while Alexis Phipps (Kennedy High) would go two for three and scored once.

Against the Wolf Pack, Gonzalez and Kaitlyn Macias (La Mirada High) had the lone hits as the Punishers fell behind 3-0 before scoring twice in the top of the fourth. Phipps also was walked three times and scored once while Gonzalez had the other run.

“That one, the girls were excited to be there and not only were my players hitting, most of them were hitting and running the bases properly,” Andy Macias said of the first game. “To me, I think our best game was the second game against the Lady Wolfpack because we were competing with them for a while. We were doing pretty well, then they caught up.”

The final game of pool play action was last Saturday afternoon against the [Whittier] Explosion Berouty/Roman and this one was a runaway early in a 9-0 decision. The Explosion scored twice in the bottom of the second, four more the next inning, once in the third and twice in the fourth in their 10-hit attack. Carissa Galvan was throwing a no-hitter until pitcher Elisabeth Truchin (Torrance High) led off the top of the fifth with a single to left, stole second and moved to third on another base hit. The Punishers had four base runners in the game but was hampered in the beginning with their starting second baseman, starting shortstop and starting pitcher beginning on the bench due to a violation of team rules.

“That brings the team down because the players I had staying on the field were a little disappointed because those key players put a lot of pressure on the other players,” Andy Macias said. “I know it brought the coaches down as well when we were getting ready for the game because we’re trying to figure out what we’re going to do when were [putting the lineup together] and we don’t have our key players there.”

In the single elimination playoffs later in the day, the Punishers lost to the [Yorba Linda] Monarchs 07 10-3.

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said. “I know we can score. But it’s just a matter of playing consistent defense behind our pitcher and learning how to finish a game.”

Avila and Zarate each went two for three in the game while three other players accounted for the other three hits the team would collect. In fact, after Zarate’s second hit, Jessica Nelson retired the next six batters before Avila laced a two-out single to center.

“Obviously, you have to crawl before you can walk and I’m willing to take some bumps and bruises with her,” Gonzales said of Quintanilla. “And that’s when we’re going to learn how to battle through any type of adversity, is having to face it. I wanted to give her that opportunity.”

Following the game, the Punishers

saw the [Ripon] Top 9 Sports race to a 6-0 lead in the bottom of the first by sending 11 to the plate and eased to a 9-4 victory, pushing the Punishers to a fifth place finish in their pool.

The Punishers tried to make it a game in the top of the second when shortstop Karissa Avila (Downey High) reached on an error and catcher Rose Guerrero (Cerritos High) singled to left. Two outs later, a walk to Chavez loaded the bases before another error allowed pitcher Isabella Lara (Buena Park High) to be safe at first and clear the bases. The fourth run came in the fourth when Guerrero smacked a solo home run over the left field fence. The Punishers were held to five hits in the game.

The Punishers would face the Hawthorne Firecrackers on July 15 at the Lakeside Complex in the first of the double elimination playoff games. The Firecrackers were outscored 34-7 in their four pool play games. The Punishers would need to win as few as three games to advance to the Bronze Championship game, which is slated for Saturday morning at the Poway Sportsplex.

The final tournament of the summer for the Punishers will be the C4 Nationals from Aug. 1-8 at the Big League Field of Dreams in Chino Hills. That tournament is a five-game guarantee and over two dozen college coaches are expected to be in attendance.

“We kind of know what our strengths are; we know we can hit,” Gonzales said. “We know we can put up runs, obviously. We just need to continue to build both our pitcher’s confidence and continue to play solid defense. Just like the old cliché is defense wins championships, obviously if we keep that clean, we can definitely compete with the best teams out there in the nation. That’s going to be our goal.”

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A press release stated, "Loan proceeds will be used to redevelop and renovate portions of the center and develop an additional 12,000 square feet of proposed shop space."

Originally built in 1988, Crossroads Shopping Center is shadow anchored by Superior Grocery, an independent grocery store chain based in Southern California.

Burlington Moves In

The 100,000 square-foot eyesore at 9200 Whittier in Pico Rivera is going to be looking good in a few months. After the Home Depot closed in 2018, the lot sat unused and ugly, but no more.

Burlington Coat Factory, which sells all kinds of jackets, but also other items much like a Ross Store, is moving in.

“This is great news,” City Manager Steve Carmona told HMG-CN. “Our home depot has been vacant for years, and we lost a significant amount of sales tax due to Home Depot relocating. Our Council and staff have been very active in attempts to secure national tenants at this site. Burlington and Chase Bank have now been confirmed, and others will be announced shortly. In addition to more tenants, the Center will get a much-needed facelift. One more exciting development is the owner (TRF) is funding a consultant to study the creation of a Business Improvement District for Whittier Blvd. If it is determined to be viable, you will see an even more dramatic change along this corridor. The City Council has placed this corridor as one of its priorities in its Corridor Revitalization program.”

Marco Zapien, Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce President, said the new store will be a great anchor, “The lot is on Whittier Blvd., it’s a huge space.” he said, “now it’s going to have a large retailer, good for the city.”



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brick, lined with mortar, Cordoba leaves something to show for its work, they are a nationally recognized infrastructure firm much like Telacu.

In November 2004, the first wave in the set hit Bassett; residents of Bassett Unified voted to authorize the issuance of \$23 million in public school bonds.

The Megataxers had a big hand in the passage of the measure.

Principle and interest of Current Interest Bonds (CIB) are paid quarterly or semi-annually over the term of the bond, can be refinanced after 10 years, cost is usually 2:1, term is usually 10 to 25 years, and repayment begins the first year.

A Term bond (Term) refers to a bond that matures on a single, specific date in the future. At the time, the bond’s face value, the principal amount, must be repaid.

On the other hand, principle and compounded interest are paid at maturity with Capital Appreciation Bonds (CAB). They are the worst of the worst: they cannot be refinanced, the term of the bond can be as long as 40 years, and repayment is deferred for several years. The cost ratio varies from 4:1 up to as much as 16:1; a \$1 million dollar bond cost taxpayers up to \$4 million at maturity

In 2004, Basset sold nearly \$12 million in CIB’s maturing between 2006 and 2027 and \$773,000 in CAB’s due between 2016 and 2018. For the \$773,000, Bassett paid \$1.5 million just in costs; the accreted value to taxpayers will be close to \$2.5 million.

Paul Solano was president of the Board of Education at the time.

Cordoba became the service firm for Bassett, supervising the improvement of existing facilities that included exterior plumbing and restrooms, commercial

doors and related hardware, and fire alarm systems at multiple locations. The firm employs experts in federal, state, and local infrastructure, with unfathomable and unimaginable experience in construction management. Just ask Leon Panetta.

In July of 2006, the Board sold \$6 million in Term and CIB’s due between 2009 and 2030; a \$614,000 CAB was sold, the accreted value to taxpayers would be over \$2.1 million, four times the price.

Another CAB, due between 2032 and 2043, valued at \$4.21 million, was sold, which will stick taxpayers with an accreted value of \$25.6 million, over five times the price.

Paul Solano was still President of the Board of Education, while James Ballard was Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.

On November 7, 2006, the Megataxers worked their network and convinced residents to authorize the Board to issue another \$20 million in bonds; the total was now \$43 million.

In July of 2007, the Board sold Term and CIB’s totaling nearly \$19.4 million due between 2008 and 2027. Another \$1.2 million in CAB’s was sold and due between 2032.

Cost to the taxpayers would be over \$5.7 million for the CAB’s.

The authorization came on the heels of a Bassett Unified study projecting declining enrollment, losing nearly 1,000 students over a decade.

In 2008, the Board sold \$1.5 million in CIB’s along with another \$3.53 million in CAB’s with maturity dates between 2025 and 2037; cost to the taxpayers will be \$11.51 million.

All told, the Megataxers had hit tiny Bassett with nearly \$47 million in bonds from 2006 to 2008, creating long-term debt over decades along with selling with CAB’s totaling \$10.2 million, costing taxpayers \$30 million.

In mid-2014, the Board, relying on the advice of Lalo Trujillo of Mission Trails Advisors, LLC and the Director of Finance at the city of Pico Rivera, proceeded to refinance the outstanding debt.

He restructured Bassett's debt by issuing Series A Refunding Bonds for \$8,690,000 and Series B for \$6,415,000 with significantly reduced interest rates.

Paul Solana was again President of the Board.

By the time of the Unity Conference in San Diego, California in October of 2014, things were looking very promising.

New Round of Debt

On November 4, 2014, the Megataxers once again convinced residents of Bassett to authorize \$30 million in bonds.

Within a few months, the Board sold another \$10 million in CIB’s due between 2016 and 2044.

Undeterred, three years later, the Board issued \$20.1 million in CIB’s due between 2018 and 2046.

Bassett had officially become a casualty of the Megataxers; a very high debt burden with experts saying they are borrowing to continue to make debt payments rather than building or repairing their aging infrastructure.

Then Basset’s enrollment tanked.

According to the California Department of Education, the average daily attendance at Bassett is now less than 3,500, down from 6,000 in 2004.

The amount the state pays for each student currently stands at \$12,498, meaning Bassett has lost over \$31 million in revenue.

In November 2019, the Bassett Board approved Resolution 06-20 for another tax measure scheduled for the primary election on March 3, 2020; the Board subsequently changed it to November 2020.

The minutes of the meeting reflected the motion passed but did not mention the change of election date to November 3, 2020.

Immediately after the March 3, 2020 primary, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency and started to place California on lockdown. Nonetheless, nearly sixty school districts in thirty counties started to prepare bond resolutions.

In L.A. County, Bassett was the first in line. Dolores Rivera told the County Registrar-Recorder that she sent “an original, adopted Resolution” for the November 3, 2020 election when the minutes do not reflect that.

She also sent a Tax Rate Statement showing the true cost of the next bond to be \$96 million.

Coincidentally the entire amount of debt sold since 2005 was \$94.5 million.

Bassett had called the experts to solve their debt problem; they had called the Megataxers.

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in the rapid removal of the language about barring students without masks from campus.

“I clarified the local responsibility, which is consistent with all the prior rules in effect since last year,” the governor said. “As it relates to enforcement, it’s always been the local responsibility.”

The governor’s underlying goal is to get all students back on campus for full-time, in-person instruction.

School administrators must now contemplate how to keep students and staff in line, even though L.A. County might mandate masks, especially since vaccinated people no longer have to wear masks in many other situations.

Adding to concerns are increasing coronavirus infections from the Delta variant — and the fact that students younger than 12 are ineligible for vaccines, and not all older students are getting shots.

So now, education leaders faced a more nuanced situation, where they would have to explain their local policy on enforcing masking to constituents.

Dr. Mary Sieu, Superintendent of ABCUSD, told HMG-CN, “The health and safety of our students is our first priority, we don’t yet know what the COVID-19 safety protocols from the L.A. County Department of Health will look like for our schools, but it’s likely our students and staff will have to continue wearing masks when indoors when they return to school this fall.”

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Proposition A through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. A contribution was also given from the Artesia General Fund of over \$100,000.

"The project could not have been possible without the dedication of City Council, City Manager and City staff. These projects are just a part of the significant progress the City has made toward being more sustainable in the last several years," stated Trevino. "Our buildings are becoming more energy efficient, reducing water use at our parks and we are purchasing 100 percent renewable energy."

The city has been awarded four spotlight awards and one from the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors for 'green leadership.'



By DAVID OUELLET

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

Fruit Salad For Dessert

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C	G	D	A	N	N	E	A	P	O	E	F	E	A	V
I	A	N	N	R	S	N	D	R	H	N	C	J	R	E
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X	B	V	A	N	O	H	G	R	A	I	N	L	M	L
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S	R	O	T	U	E	A	A	O	N	M	A	Q	P	C
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Acid, Apricot, Artificial, Autumn, Banana, Berry, Bite, Bruise, Canned, Cold, Color, Date, Dessert, Dinner, Dried, Exotic, Flat, Fresh, Grain, Harvest, Health, Honeydew, Hothouse, Jelly, Lemon, Loquat, Mash, Meal, Melon, Nectar, Orange, Papaya, Peach, Pear, Peel, Pomegranate, Preserves, Rind, Ripe, Round, Seasonal, Snack, Soft, Spoil, Starch, Sugar, Summer, Syrup, Trays.

Solution: 5 letters

Bellflower Comedy Club Attracts Comedy Legends

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

After a long four years, it has finally arrived. The StandUp Comedy Club in Bellflower opened to rave reviews with their inaugural opening June 28.

The first of several soft openings showcased Angel Gaines as Master of Ceremonies; Nick Guerra one of the most exciting up and coming comedians; Chris Martin, who books sold out tours in the UK, USA, Australia and New Zealand; Kristin Key, nationally touring musical comedian; the award winning and a favorite of Comedy Central BT Kingsley and Ian Bagg a finalist on NBC’s “Last Comic Standing”.

The StandUp has a great 1940's Hollywood feel to it with larger-than-life pictures of comedy greats watching over the audience and plush red velvet VIP seating.

Absolutely nothing has been left to chance, from red ribbon cuttings of VIP tables to specifically named cocktails after comedian legends.

Specialty seating and quotes etched in gold include Rodney Dangerfield, Don Rickles, Robin Williams, Phyllis Diller, Richard Pryor and the one-man-show-man, the modern man himself, George



THE CLUB'S first soft opening was held June 28 to a sold out venue. The StandUp has a great 1940's Hollywood feel to it with larger-than-life pictures of comedy greats watching over the audience and plush red velvet VIP seating.

Carlin.

Husband and wife team John Giries, General Manager and Scarlett Giries, Events Director, have coordinated a comedy club to rival the best in Hollywood right here in the Gateway Cities.

“We have worked really hard to deliver a premium experience as well as a welcoming experience to our comedians and our patrons,” stated John.

Giries, graduated from St. John Bosco, his family has been in Bellflower

since the ‘70’s.

His parents owned a Liquor store on Clark Avenue and his family is part owner of the ever-popular restaurant Hambones.

“This is another chapter for our family and for the city as we bring this new piece of entertainment to Southern California,” he added. To find a really good comedy club, you would have to drive to Hollywood, Irvine or Pasadena, “I felt that we found a niche, geographically

that can give people a diverse option. There are a lot of benefits to being here in Bellflower.”

The Giries have been involved in the comedy genre for over 20 years, John as a performer and the couple as co-publishers of a comedy magazine and branding agency.

The building built in the 1950s is a former movie theater, and the Giries wanted to keep the nostalgic art deco feel.

"We approached the city just as they began to progress and expand the downtown environment. We had some architectural issues, water issues and of course, we added heating and air-conditioning and updated restrooms. We didn't want to build just a comedy club, but we wanted to build an entertainment venue,” added John.

The Club reached out to all the legends estates and families, with the proper patience - taking about a year or so.

Each family donated and approved the photos and quotes that adorn the walls.

"Kelly Carlin chose the name of the drink for her father's booth and came to cut a red ribbon and dedicate his booth," said John.

The Club has positioned itself to soon be known as the Hall of Legends for comedy.

Younger generations may know Jerry Seinfeld and Kevin Hart, but the Stand-Up introduces the greats, who paved the way for today’s comedians.

For more information and booking, visit The StandUp Comedy Club on Facebook and Instagram.

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CITY OF COMMERCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PERMIT APPLICATION
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO ###

Pursuant to California Government Code §§ 65867, 65090, and 6061, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A PUBLIC HEARING** to be held on July 28, 2021 before the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce for the consideration of an Ordinance Approving a **Development Agreement** [Commercial Cannabis Permit] for Commercial Cannabis Activities on July 28, 2021 as required by California Government Code §§65090 and 65867.

Project Description: The Development Agreement would allow for Cultivation, Manufacturing, Distribution and Non-Storefront Retail Delivery of commercial cannabis products at 6400 Fleet Street, Commerce, CA 90040. A copy of the proposed Development Agreement will be available on the City’s website and with the City Clerk’s Office.

Environmental Determination: The proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. The proposed project does not include any new construction beyond interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances, in accordance with CEQA Section 15301(a).

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

SAID PUBLIC HEARING MEETING: A virtual meeting will be held via Teleconference during a regular Planning Commission hearing on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the Development Agreement will be heard. Instructions for Teleconference access are provided below:

Call in phone number: (669) 900-9128
Meeting ID: 936 8760 5928
Password: 838914

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge this development agreement application in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the hearing.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (superseding the Brown Act-related provisions of Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020), which allows a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body.

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, please be advised that members of the Commerce City Planning Commission will participate in meetings telephonically and/or via the internet. Further, in the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, and restricting gatherings of over ten (10) people, due to the health risks associated with COVID-19 pursuant to Federal, State and County orders, directives and/or guidelines, this meeting will be telephonically accessible to the public. Members of the public may participate by calling in to the number provided herein.

City Manager
Edgar Cisneros

Published at Commerce Community News, July 16, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PERMIT APPLICATION
AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO ###

Pursuant to California Government Code §§ 65867, 65090, and 6061, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A PUBLIC HEARING** to be held on July 28, 2021 before the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce for the consideration of an Ordinance Approving an Amended and Restated Development Agreement to replace **Development Agreement No. 714** [Commercial Cannabis Permit] for Commercial Cannabis Activities as required by California Government Code §§65090 and 65867.

Project Description: Development Agreement No. 714 allows for Cultivation, Manufacturing, and Distribution of commercial cannabis products at 6971 Bandini Blvd, Commerce, CA 90040. The amended and restated Development Agreement would include the following primary modifications: Change of ownership and relocation. A copy of the proposed amended and restated Development Agreement with all proposed amendments will be available on the City’s website and with the City Clerk’s Office. The following is the address for the proposed new location:

Proposed Site Location: 4650 E. Washington Blvd, Commerce, California 90040

Environmental Determination: The proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. The proposed project does not include any new construction beyond interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances, in accordance with CEQA Section 15301(a).

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

SAID PUBLIC HEARING MEETING: A virtual meeting will be held via Teleconference during a regular Planning Commission hearing on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the Amended and Restated Development Agreement to replace Development Agreement No. 714 will be heard. Instructions for Teleconference access are provided below:

Call in phone number: (669) 900-9128
Meeting ID: 936 8760 5928
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File Number 2021152374
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: : LECHETA NAIL BAR, 13404 WOOD-RUFF AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA., 90706. REGISTERED OWNER: LECHETA, LLC, 13404 WOODRUFF AVE., BELLFLOWER, CA., 90706. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A LIMITED LIABILITY 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/ ALI BURHANI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 7/6/21. 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 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6/21

**CITY OF CERRITOS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CITY OF CERRITOS WEBSITE DESIGN AND HOSTING SERVICES
RFP NO. 1431-21**

The City of Cerritos seeks by this Request for Proposal (“RFP”) a qualified website developer for Website Design and Hosting Services (referred to as the “Service Provider”). Sealed proposals for these services will be received at City Hall in the Office of the City Clerk, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703. Proposals must be received no later than **11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, August 11, 2021**. Proposals must be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703, marked **“Proposal for City of Cerritos Website Design and Hosting Services, RFP No. 1431-21”**. No proposal will be accepted unless it has the proposal number and project name clearly identified on the outside label. The City of Cerritos (“City”) reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or portions of any and all proposals or waive the informality in a proposal not affected by law. Proposal specifications are available online at www.cerritos.us/BUSINESSES/bid_and_contract_opportunities/bid_listings.php and notifications, updates and addenda will be posted on the City’s bid page. Proposed Service Providers (referred to as “Proposers”) shall be responsible for monitoring the site to obtain information regarding this solicitation. Failure to respond to required updates my result in a determination of a nonresponsive proposal. For additional questions please contact City Support Services at (562) 916-1318. Dated/Posted/Published: July 16, 2021

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CITY OF LA MIRADA

Please take notice that on July 13, 2021, the City Council of the City of La Mirada adopted the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 717 ADOPTING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 51 MAKING THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING CODE, TITLE 21 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE IMPERIAL HIGHWAY SPECIFIC PLAN (IHSP): AMEND SUBSECTION 21.62.075(a) OF CHAPTER 21.62, ELECTRIFIED FENCE STANDARDS; AMEND TABLE 21.68.050, OF CHAPTER 21.68, PARKING AND LOADING; AMEND TABLE 21.76.070, OF CHAPTER 21.76, SIGNS; AMEND TABLE 6-4, OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS, OF THE IHSP; AND AMEND SECTION 6.9, SIGNS, OF THE IHSP; AND APPROVAL OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING PURSUANT TO SECTION 15061(b)(3) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES

Summary of Ordinance No. 717

Ordinance No. 717 amended Subsection 21.062.075(a), of Chapter 21.62, Electrified Fence Standards, of the Zoning Ordinance to provide a temporary location exemption for the installation of Electrified Fences on properties within the Freeway Commercial (C-F) and Industrial (M-2) Zoning Districts. The ordinance amended Table 21.68.050, of Chapter 21.68, Parking and Loading, of the Zoning Ordinance and Table 6-4, Off-Street Parking Requirements, of the IHSP to increase the number of parking spaces required for “dwellings” by considering the number of bedrooms for each unit. Additionally, the ordinance amended Table 21.76.070, of Chapter 21.76, Signs, of the Zoning Ordinance and Section 6.9, Signs, of the IHSP to permit a tenant suite/space within an integrated development, that encompass more than 24,999 square feet of gross floor area to have one primary sign and up to four ancillary signs provided the total combined sign area of all signs does not exceed the maximum permitted sign area.

The names of those Councilmembers voting for or against Ordinance No. 717 are as follows:

AYES:	Councilmembers De Ruse, Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem Otero, Mayor Eng
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Councilmember Sarega

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 717 is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF TIN PU THANMYINT aka TIN THAN MYINT
Case No. 21STPB05140
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of TIN PU THANMYINT aka TIN THAN MYINT
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Sun Win Thanmyint in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Sun Win Thanmyint 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 August 12, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 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:
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SBN 150913
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8081 ORANGETHORPE AVE
BUENA PARK CA 90621
CN979076 THANMYINT Jul 9,16,23, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021127306
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:THE COOKIE PLUG, 1660 CHICAGO AVE. SUITE N1, RIVERSIDE CA., 92507. Registered Owner: ELC ENTERPRISE, LLC, 2083 ORANGE TREE LN., REDLANDS, CA. 92734THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 5/2020. 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/ CASSANDRA ESCAMILLA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/17/21. 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 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021125890
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:HUGALONGS, 11041 SANTA MONICA BLVD., SUITE 511, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90025. Registered Owner: AVALANCHE SPOTS INC., 11041 SANTA MONICA BLVD., SUITE 511, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90025. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A 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/ KELLY HOLL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/4/21. 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 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021127041
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: YBCS, YOUNG BCS, YOUNGBCS, INC., YOUNG CONSTRUCTION, 147 N LA PEER DR. 6, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA., 90048 AND YBCS, INC., PO BOX 706 BEVERLY HILLS, CA., 90213 and THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A 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/ JOHN G. YOUNG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/7/21. 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 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021124075
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: WHAT-EVER TEE SHIRTS 13337 S. SOUTH ST., #783 CERRITOS, CA., 90703. REGISTERED OWNER: CUE HOUSE MEDIA GROUP, 13337 S. SOUTH ST., #783 CERRITOS, CA., 90703. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 5/21. 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/ JACOB QUARLES. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/2/21. 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 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021127155
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: HOUSE OF FLOUR, 6510 E. SPRING ST., LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. AND FLOURS FOR MIRANDA, 6510 E. SPRING ST., LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. REGISTERED OWNER: KCWAIN, LLC 6444 E SPRINT ST. LONG BEACH CA., 90815. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/13. 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/ KURT CLEMENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/7/21. 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 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021109543
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: LOS ANGELES SAILING TOURS AND LA SAILING TOURS, 28010 VALCOUR DR. SANTA CLARITA, CA., 91807. REGISTERED OWNER CAPTAIN'S EXCURSIONS, LLC 1450 HARBOR ISLAND DR, STE. 206, SAN DIEGO, CA., 92101. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 4/21. 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/ KYLE CORBETT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 5/12/21. 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 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021152851
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: BEAGLE INSURANCE SERVICES, 401 WILSHIRE BLVD., 12TH FLOOR, PMB#925, SANTA MONICA, CA., 90401. REGISTERED OWNER: BEAGLE SERVICES, INC., 401 WILSHIRE BLVD., 12TH FLOOR, PMB#925, SANTA MONICA, CA., 90401. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A 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/ RONI "Rani" ALYMAD. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 7/7/21. 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 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6/21

ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **11:00 AM** on the **30th day of July, 2021** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1569 Fuel Pump Replacement

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may request bid documents by calling (562) 926-5566 x 21218. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class A HAZ Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 544 AND
VARIANCE NO. 21-01
6300 Telegraph Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will conduct a public hearing on a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) request to allow for the construction and installation of a new dual-face freestanding LED readerboard sign as well as two LED readerboard wall signs within the M-1 Zoning District. Pursuant to Chapter 19.25, Table 19.25.100A, a CUP is required to allow for readerboard signs. In addition, the applicant is seeking the following Variance requests to; (1) Allow for a readerboard sign to exceed the allowable sign area by 640 square feet; (2) A request to allow a readerboard sign to exceed the allowable height by 33 feet; (3) Allow four wall signs, where code allows for no more than three wall signs; and (4) A request to allow for both a freestanding readerboard sign and wall sign, where Code only allows one sign-type within the M-1 Zoning District.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING MEETING: A virtual meeting will be held via Teleconference during a Planning Commission hearing on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the CUP and Variance will be heard. Instructions for Teleconference access are provided below:

Call in phone number: (669) 900-9128
Meeting ID: 936 8760 5928
Password: 838914

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (superseding the Brown Act-related provisions of Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020), which allows a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body.

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, please be advised that members of the Commerce City Planning Commission will participate in meetings virtually and telephonically. Further, in the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, and restricting gatherings of over ten (10) people, due to the health risks associated with COVID-19 pursuant to Federal, State and County orders, directives and/or guidelines, this meeting is closed to the public and will instead be streamed live, accessible at www.ci.commerce.ca.us Members of the public may participate by calling in to the number provided herein.

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

THE PLANNING COMMISSION
Jose D. Jimenez

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CITY OF LA MIRADA
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2021-07
SLURRY SEAL OF SANTA GERTRUDES AVENUE FROM LEMON DRIVE TO
LA MIRADA BOULEVARD AND HILLSBOROUGH DRIVE
FROM ALICANTE ROAD TO BEACH BOULEVARD
IN THE CITY OF LA MIRADA

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. 2021-07. Project Documents are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC). Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting <http://www.crplanwell.com/>. Work includes slurry seal of Santa Gertrudes Avenue from Lemon Drive to La Mirada Boulevard and Hillsborough Drive from Alicante Road to Beach Boulevard in the City of La Mirada.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 10 a.m. on July 22, 2021. 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.

Leticia Revilla, Assistant City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 717
ADOPTING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 51 MAKING
THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING CODE, TITLE
21 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE IMPERIAL
HIGHWAY SPECIFIC PLAN (IHSP): AMEND SUBSECTION
21.62.075(a) OF CHAPTER 21.62, ELECTRIFIED FENCE STANDARDS;
AMEND TABLE 21.68.050, OF CHAPTER 21.68, PARKING AND
LOADING; AMEND TABLE 21.76.070, OF CHAPTER 21.76, SIGNS;
AMEND TABLE 6-4, OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS, OF
THE IHSP; AND AMEND SECTION 6.9, SIGNS, OF THE IHSP; AND
APPROVAL OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING PURSUANT TO
SECTION 15061(b)(3) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, the City Council of the City of La Mirada will consider adopting its Ordinance No. 717.

Summary of Ordinance No. 717
Ordinance No. 717 would amend Subsection 21.062.075(a), of Chapter 21.62, Electrified Fence Standards, of the Zoning Ordinance to provide a temporary location exemption for the installation of Electrified Fences on properties within the Freeway Commercial (C-F) and Industrial (M-2) Zoning Districts. The ordinance would amend Table 21.68.050, of Chapter 21.68, Parking and Loading, of the Zoning Ordinance and Table 6-4, Off-Street Parking Requirements, of the IHSP to increase the number of parking spaces required for “dwellings” by considering the number of bedrooms for each unit. Additionally, the ordinance would amend Table 21.76.070, of Chapter 21.76, Signs, of the Zoning Ordinance and Section 6.9, Signs, of the IHSP to permit a tenant suite/space within an integrated development, that encompass more than 24,999 square feet of gross floor area to have one primary sign and up to four ancillary signs provided the total combined sign area of all signs does not exceed the maximum permitted sign area. The proposed amendments were reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission on May 20, 2021, via Planning Commission Resolution No. P-02-21.

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 717 is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk

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