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CERRITOS COUNCIL INCREASES TREE TRIMMING BUDGET, SOLANKI MOVES TO CUT CROSSING GUARD FUNDS

By Brian Hews

At last months Cerritos City Council meeting, the council approved the city's overall budget and included items that some Cerritos residents were not happy about, even though the $6.6 million deficit left by Carol Chen and company was turned into a $1.1 million surplus.

Residents Jay Gray and Gail Grossman were particularly incensed about the $24,000 car allowance, which works out

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DIRTY ELECTION:

LA MIRADA COUNCILMAN ANDREW SAREGA HAS ADDITIONAL CONNECTIONS TO INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE

By Brian Hews

Hews Media Group-Community News has obtained documents that strongly indicate La Mirada City Councilman Andrew Sarega has a long-term relationship with the Imbre family, the La Mirada family that distributed money for Residents for a Better La Mirada (RBLM).

RBLM was an "independent expenditure" committee that received $6,500 in questionable donations to influence the normally tranquil March 7, 2017 La Mirada City Council election.

The $6,500 was subsequently used to send several direct mail campaign flyers slamming Sarega's opponent, Pauline Deal and Sarega ally Tony Aiello's opponent, eventual winner John Lewis.

La Mirada had never before seen this type of dirty electioneering.

Weeks before the vote, HMG-CN published a series of articles outlining the campaign financing between Sarega, Aiello and RBLM, a series that resulted in California's Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) opening an investigation on the three.

The series outlined probable collaboration; most of the Sarega, Aiello, and RBLM direct mail campaign flyers were printed at the same company in Texas and

Documents from the La Mirada City Clerk's office show that La Mirada Councilman Andrew Sarega had a long-term relationship with resident Ionel Imbre. Imbre was the treasurer of Residents for a Better La Mirada, RBLM spent $6,500 in support of Sarega and his ally Tony Aiello during the March city council campaign. Coordination between RBLM and any candidates is a violation of the Political Reform Act.

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CAR SHOW AT ROSEWOOD'S RESTAURANT IN CERRITOS DRAWS MANY CLASSICS

The first Saturday of every month over a hundred beautifully kept and restored vehicles are on display in the parking lot located on South St. Above is a 1940 Oldsmobile sedan owned by Joe Tannerbauer, a resident of Torrance. The car show has been going for the past four years. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

By Tammye McDuff

The first Saturday of every month over a hundred beautifully kept and restored vehicles can be found in the parking lot at Rosewood Family Restaurant, showing pre '78 American Street Rods and traditional classic cars.

The car show has been going for the past four years. Hosted by Bill and Anna Pearson and their friend Roger Gardner, they requested permission from the restaurant, partly due to the location and they liked the food and shade trees. "We have been hosting car shows for about seven years," notes Bill Pearson, "We had to transfer to the Rosewood as our previous location had a change in management and we were displaced."

"My husband and I, with the help of our friend Roger enjoy hosting the car show," adds Anna, "We meet so many friendly people with interesting and beautiful cars."

The most recent show was held Saturday, July 1, 2017, awarding ten trophies with Best of Show going to Mark

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LONG-TIME LAKEWOOD CITY MANAGER HOWARD CHAMBERS RETIRES

By Tammye McDuff

Long time Lakewood City Manager, Howard Chambers will be retiring from his post at the end of July 2017.

"I grew up in Lakewood, I've had a great career here, and I continue to love this community," said Chambers.

"But I'm ready at this point in my life to relax and uncouple a bit from the stresses and strains of government service."

Appointed as Lakewood's Chief Executive Officer in June 1976, Chambers is the longest serving City Manager for a single city in California.

At 72 years young, he has given 41 years of service in the top staff position for the city, "I had a two-week vacation recently that really drove home the point that it is time to hang up my hat, so to speak."

"I've been blessed," said Chambers, "Lakewood's city councils have governed our community with stability for many years.

They continually act in the best interest of the community and stay focused on what's most important."

Chambers adds that he is confident that his successor will be equally blessed, adding "I'll do everything in my power to assist in the recruitment and mentoring of a new city manager to make this a seamless transition."

With the foundation of being a well-run city that is in good financial shape, Chambers does not anticipate any difficulty recruiting a replacement.

Long time Lakewood City Manager, Howard Chambers will be retiring from his post at the end of July 2017. He was appointed in 1976 and is the longest serving City Manager for a single city in California. Photo courtesy city of Lakewood.

"Howard's impact on Lakewood over four decades has been enormous," said Mayor Diane DuBois, "He is one of Lakewood's original 'kids' who grew up here during the 1950's and the founding of Lakewood," said DuBois.

The Mayor also adds that it has been a comfort to the Council and residents to have Chambers as a bridge from the city's past, present and future.

"His experience all these years as a connection from the humble beginnings of Lakewood to has ensured that our city will continue to be a great place to call home."

One of Chambers best attributes has been putting together a strong team of city staff, including top managers and supervisors.

Even though Chambers is leaving, he has built a well trained team with strong ethics, fiscal responsibility and customer service.

The city council is currently interviewing candidates.

A dinner will be held July 31st to bid farewell to Chambers.

The event is opened to the public and for those interested in purchasing a ticket can contact city staff member Barbara Di Iorio at 562-866-9771, extension 2401, or RSVP@lakewoodcity.org or use the online order form at www.lakewoodcity.org/howardretirement.

"After 41 years at the top, and a total of 50 years of full-time work, Howard definitely deserves some relaxing retirement years," said DuBois.

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THREE ABC MIDDLE SCHOOLS HONORED BY THE NATIONAL FORUM "SCHOOLS TO WATCH"

Staff Report

On June 23-24, three ABCUSD middle schools were honored at the National Forum Schools to Watch Celebration in Washington, D.C. The National Forum Schools to Watch Initiative uses a competitive, rigorous review process to identify high performing, high impact middle schools so that all middle schools may have models of real world success. Haskell MS was one of 52 new national model middle schools that have been identified nationwide as a 2017 "Schools to Watch". Each of the schools selected not only met rigorous process standards, but also showed significant improvement on student achievement. In addition, Carmenita MS and Tetzlaff MS were redesignated as a 2017 Schools to Watch at the National Forum and honored in Washington, D.C.

Attending the 2017 Schools to Watch Celebration and Conference at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C. were President of the ABC Board of Education Chris Apodaca; Superintendent-Dr. Mary Sieu; Haskell Principal-Camille Lewis; Dean Jose Torices; Teacher Eric Gutierrez; Carmenita Principal Robert Castillo; Dean Deborah McGeary; Teachers Yu-Fen Chiang-Harris; Long Hua; Jamie Melton; Tetzlaff Principal Kester Song and Dean Michael Hamamura. Each new school honoree received a beautiful crystal plaque for their three year designation as a "Schools to Watch". The teams from Carmenita MS and Tetzlaff MS also received a plaque as a redesignated Schools to Watch.

Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu noted this year marks the first time that all five middle schools in ABCUSD have been selected as Schools to Watch/National Model Middle Schools. "It gives us great pride to have all our middle schools selected as National Model Middle Schools in the country. They are each unique in preparing students to be lifelong learners ready for college, career and citizenship."

HASKELL TEAM: Pictured (l-r) Dean Jose Torices; Teacher Eric Gutierrez; Principal Camille Lewis; Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu; ABC Board President Chris Apodaca.

CARMENITA TEAM: Pictured (l-r) Dean Deborah McGeary; Teacher Yu-Fen Chiang-Harris; Principal Robert Castillo; Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu; Teacher Jamie Melton; Teacher Long Hua.

TETZLAFF TEAM: Pictured (l-r) Principal Kester Song; Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu; Dean Mike Hamamura

OC FAIR FOOD IS BIGGER AND CRAZIER THAN EVER

Larry Caballero
Social Editor

COSTA MESA - You can feel the anticipation growing every summer in Orange County. The waiting is intense. The Ferris wheel goes up and mouths start to water. You hear the question everywhere: What crazy foods are coming to the OC Fair?

Fried, sugary or savory – and sometimes all three at once – the delectable edibles are some of the big stars of the OC Fair. So here's a spotlight

Unicorn Nitro Pop, a cotton candy ring around a colorful cup of kettle corn and whipped cream, submerged in liquid nitrogen (also available: Nitro Whip) – RCS Cowboy Kettle Corn

5-pound barbecued pig leg; bacon-wrapped Brussels sprouts, grilled on a stick with olive oil and rolled in parmesan cheese; pineapple on a stick, wrapped in bacon, grilled and rolled in parmesan cheese – Bacon A Fair

Fried peanut butter meatballs, luau chimichanga, pupu chicken, Krispy Kreme ice cream chicken sandwich – Chicken Charlie's

Fried octopus on a stick, deep-fried ravioli on a stick – Pignotti's Pasta

Flamin' Hot Cheetos on several items: pizza, Big Daddy corn dog, cheese fries, corn in a cup or on the cob –Enzo's Pizza, Biggy's and The Corn Shack

Chocolate chip cookies that come in a cone or a bucket – Cathy's Cookies

Corn dog with spicy buffalo sauce, served with bleu cheese dressing – Don Crutchfield corn dog stands

Unicorn pineapple bomb and unicorn freeze – D&D Country Fair Cinnamon Buns

Cowboy sundae (with beans, beef and more) – Chuckwagon

Gelato donut sandwich – Fabe's

Mini donut sundae – Mini Donuts

Maui Cowboy Ghost Pepper Cheeseburger – Tasti Burger

Non-dairy Dippin' Dots – JK Dots

Sonoran hot dog and a CA burrito – Noel's Mexican Foods

Kung pao chicken, chow mein and more – Eddie's Asian-Inspired Cuisine

Australian Battered Potatoes, celebrating its 30th anniversary, will feature their specialty with a new spicy chipotle sauce

RETURNING FAVORITES

BBQ chicken, corn and more; burgers, hot dogs, fries and more at Juicys; Hawaiian chicken bowls; grilled corn and vegetables; several different ice cream stands, including ice cream cookie sandwiches; shaved ice and smoothies; waffles and crepes; and more.

Other vendors include: Pink's Hot Dogs, Biggy's Meat Market, Ten Pound Buns, Corn Star, Apollo's Greek, Carmelot, Pepe's Mariscos, Crutchee's Ice Cream, Enzo's Pizza, Fresh Frys, Fried Affair, Hussong's Cantina, Hot Dog on a Stick, Planet Popcorn, Mucho Crazy Nachos, Mustards Café, Old West Cinnamon Rolls, Texas Donuts, Vinny's Pizza and more.

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The 2017 OC Fair is July 14 through Aug. 13 and will offer 23 days and nights of entertainment, food, rides, shopping, exhibits and more. The Fair is open Wednesdays through Fridays from noon to midnight, and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to midnight.

READERS SOUND OFF ON TRUMP 'NO HEALTHCARE' BILL

Dear Editor:
Stop the GOP faux health care bill it is tax cut for the wealthy.

My Husband and I have benefited from ACA with help for pay for health care. If this bill is pass we will not be able to pay for health care because of preexisting problems.

I have diabetes, high blood press plus and my husband has had cancer plus we are both 61 years old. We have no deed but we are barely getting buy. I have never been scared living in USA but I am know and do not like what is happen to our country we are going backward not forward. Trump does not want to make America great or he would be working on better health care for all not tax cut for the rich like himself.

Beth Hogan
Lakewood

Dear Editor:
Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced that last Thursday's scheduled vote on the awful GOP health care bill would be postponed until after Independence Day.

That is because the GOP doesn't have enough "yes" vote commitments from members of the party to bring this horrible bill to the Senate floor. The Senate plan is not a health care bill. It is a massive transfer of wealth from working people to Wall Street.Twenty-two million Americans would lose their insurance under the Senate bill.The Senate bill taxes working people's health benefits while cutting taxes for millionaires and insurance companies. That's just wrong.The Senate bill effectively destroys Medicaid—stripping health care from children, seniors and low-income Americans. Health insurance is more than a policy, it's peace of mind. It's knowing your family will be cared for and not having to worry about going broke when you get sick. That's why I strongly oppose the Senate health care bill. The more I learn about it, the less I like. Robbing health care from millions of Americans to give yet another tax cut to the rich and powerful is just plain cruel. Our health care system needs to be improved—we all agree on that. But this bill would do exactly the opposite—for no other reason than greed. I urge Senator McConnell to vote no on the Senate health care bill. Please issue this letter on behalf of myself, union and labor federation. Furthermore, spread how devastating it would be to our society if this bill becomes a law.

Omani Gilliam
Buena Park

Dear Editor:
Stop Trumpcare!!

Health insurance is more than a policy, it's peace of mind. It's knowing your family will be cared for and not having to worry about going broke when you get sick. That's why I strongly oppose the Senate health care bill. The more I learn about it, the less I like. Robbing health care from millions of Americans to give yet another tax cut to the rich and powerful is just plain cruel. Our health care system needs to be improved. We all agree on that. But this bill would do exactly the opposite—for no other reason than greed. I urge Senator Feinstein and Senator Harris to vote no on the Senate health care bill.

I'm a person with a mental disability. I've been on my parent's insurance for while. The ACA saved more money and able to see a doctor when I need to. If Trumpcare passes in the senate, I will be unable to afford to see a doctor when I need to if I'm sick or injured.

Stephanie Greenwald
Long Beach

Dear Editor:
Trumpcare Is A Hood Robin (Robs From The Poor To Give To The Rich)

This bill, currently in the Senate, takes vital healthcare money from those who need it most, and transfers it to the rich and big companies by lowering their tax at the same time as healthcare costs are terribly increased ! This is a many times over failed Republican policy called "trickle down". It's never worked before, and won't work this time either.

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BELLFLOWER CANNABIS WORKSHOP JULY 26TH

By Tammye McDuff

The Bellflower City Council will hold their second scheduled Cannabis Workshop, July 26th. This meeting is a continued public workshop to consider various policy matters regarding cannabis operations.

California is a few months away from thousands of retailers acquiring a license to sell recreational marijuana to people ages 21 or older. Some have great concern about the impact the legalization will have on the safety of cities throughout Los Angeles County.

During the first scheduled workshop, city council directed staff to research the economic impact of conducting cannabis related business in Bellflower. As follow up the City has entered into an agreement with RSG group. Their community and economic development services provide social and fiscal information from economic development to project and program implementation. RSG is currently compiling a fiscal analysis using data received from the city, third party resources and will also include fiscal and economic studies prepared for other California cities for comparison.

Mark Ridley Thomas, Chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors of the 2nd Supervisorial District, states "I wonder how this 'brave new world' will make circumstances, conditions, and even life itself - better. Currently, all commercial cannabis is banned in the unincorporated areas of the county, and if it were up to me, I'd keep it that way until I felt confident that safeguards were in place to protect our communities."

It is crucial that the Board of Supervisors enacts responsible regulation and gather input from stakeholders, to ensure by creating a commercial market for marijuana does not lead to negative consequences. Thomas notes that, "We have a responsibility to serve all 10 million residents of the county, not just the voters who said yes to Proposition 64."

Proposition 64 proponents say it will generate tax revenue, business profit and jobs. It also claims that it will improve criminal justice by putting fewer people in jail for smoking a joint.

According to Market Watch the state of Colorado pulled in nearly $200 million in tax revenue last year from the $1.3 billion in marijuana revenue. Colorado legalized recreational marijuana in 2012, along with Washington State, and this was its third year of regulated sales.

The first year revenue hit $699.2 million, followed by $996.2 million the second year.

The latest statistics from AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety in Washington State [May 2016] found fatal crashes involving drivers who recently used marijuana doubled after the state legalized the drug. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has reported that Los Angeles County fatal crashes involving drivers who tested positive for marijuana began to go up after 1996, increased 360% from 2003 to 2004, maintained an upward trajectory until 2008 before decreasing in 2009, and steadily rose again by 60% from 2010 to 2014. The increases coincided with the passage of the Compassionate Use Act, which legalized medical marijuana.

"The significant increase in fatal crashes involving marijuana is alarming," said Peter Kissinger, President and CEO of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. "Washington serves as an eye-opening case study for what other states may experience with road safety after legalizing the drug."

Los Angeles County's Office of Cannabis Management is working closely with the Board of Supervisors, various departments and a broad array of stakeholders to develop comprehensive and reasonable ordinances and policies for both medical and recreational marijuana.

Thomas also commented, "One of the goals is to create an accountable and safe marketplace for the responsible use of marijuana rather than revel in overstated economic opportunity. Let's be clear that gangs and cartels operate outside regulation, and dismantling this illegal market operating within saturated communities will be daunting."

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MIDSUMMER SCREAM RETURNS TO SO. CAL.

Midsummer Scream Halloween Festival will return bigger and more terrifying to the Long Beach Convention Center July 29th and July 30th.

By Tammye McDuff

Attracting more than 8,000 fans for its debut in July 2016, Midsummer Scream Halloween Festival will return bigger and more terrifying to the Long Beach Convention Center July 29th and July 30th. Enthusiasts of all things Halloween and horror will be able to enter into over 100,000 square feet of artisan vendors, live entertainment, specialty workshops, makeup demonstrations, short film screenings, haunted attraction previews, and an enormous dark zone known as the Hall of Shadows. Midsummer Scream is a joint production from the teams behind CreepyLA and Theme Park Adventure.

"We are thrilled to return to Long Beach this summer after such an exciting first year in 2016," says David Markland, Midsummer Scream's Executive Director. "Halloween and horror go hand-in-hand, and nowhere is the fan dedication to both more intense and heartfelt than right here in Southern California. In just a few weeks, the Halloween season officially begins here on the West Coast; Long Beach has proven to be the perfect home for the festival and MidSummer Scream leads the charge with the best fans in the world.

One of the hallmarks of Midsummer Scream is its lineup of world-class panel presentations. This year, the Terrace Theater becomes the convention's main stage, with a capacity to seat more than 3,000 fans at a time. The biggest tourist attractions on the West Coast are set to return to the main stage, unveiling their Halloween 2017 plans throughout the weekend, along with a stunning lineup of presentations.

Beyond the Fifth Dimension: Creating The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror is sure to thrill theme park fans, welcoming key members of the attraction's design and development team who will discuss Tower's inception for Walt Disney World, and each iteration that followed. Mark Silverman, the voice of Rod Serling in the attraction, will join the discussion.

Master Creature Makers: From Dinosaurs to Fantasy Worlds, hosted by Jeff Tucker of 91 Reasons podcast, will take a closer look at some of the world's best practical creature makers, and the challenges their companies face in an increasingly digital world. Jeff will be joined on stage by Erich Grey Litoff from the Stan Winston School of Character Arts, Emmy award-winning creature designer and filmmaker Kirk R. Thatcher, themed entertainment icon Garner Holt of Garner Holt Productions, and John Criswell of Jim Henson's Creature Shop.

Midsummer Scream's second stage will offer seating for up to 750 guests at a time, featuring its own blockbuster lineup of presentations that include: The Winchester Mystery House will host a 60-minute presentation on Sunday, July 30th , featuring a look at never-before-opened areas of the mansion that are now featured on the new Explore More Tour, a sneak peek at the wildly-popular Hallowe'en Candlelight Tour, plus an exciting update on the upcoming Winchester motion picture, starring Helen Mirren.

One of the biggest draws to Midsummer Scream are major presentations by leading tourist attractions. During these blockbuster appearances, representatives of the greatest Halloween events in the world take to the main stage, connecting with their fans to discuss what each has in store for the Halloween season. Joining Midsummer Scream 2017 are Universal Studios Hollywood Halloween Horror Nights, Queen Mary's Dark Harbor, Six Flags Magic Mountain Fright Fest, and Knott's Scary Farm.

Halloween fans don't have to wait until October to mix and mingle with their favorite Dark Harbor characters; they're going to populate the upper deck of the world-famous ocean liner all night long at the Sinister Circus, a costume ball featuring prizes and surprises.

Hall of Shadows will occupy over one third of the convention's 90,000 square-foot show floor, giving thousands of fans the opportunity to preview more than a dozen stand-alone home and professional haunt experiences. In addition to terrifying haunted attractions, the Hall of Shadows will feature an elaborate Sleepy Hollow-themed entry portal. Walking through the creepy cemetery, guests will encounter eerie special effects and theme park-quality props and scenery. Once inside the Hall of Shadows, guests will experience more than a dozen "mini haunts", a sampling of home and professional haunted attractions that can be found across the Southland this coming Halloween season.

For more information regarding dates and times for panels and events, and to purchase tickets, log on to MidsummerScream.org. Fans may sign up on the site for email notifications and announcements, including discounts and other special offers. Follow Midsummer Scream on social media –Twitter/Periscope: @MidsummerScream, Instagram: @MidsummerScream, and Facebook: facebook.com/midsummerscream.

$593 MILLION IN FUNDING APPROVED FOR CA TRANS SYSTEM

Continuing the push to rebuild and maintain California's infrastructure, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated nearly $593 million to 124 transportation projects that will alleviate traffic delays, repair aging roads and bridges and encourage bicycling and walking. "These projects will help us maintain and modernize California's transportation system, " said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "Each of these projects is an opportunity to improve safety, goods movement and access and mobility for all travelers in California. " The newly allocated funding includes $391.7 million from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) for 31 projects that will maintain and preserve the investment in the state highway system and its supporting infrastructure. These capital improvements consist of projects covering maintenance, pavement repair and rehabilitation, safety improvements and upgrades to bridges throughout the state.

Allocations include:

· $75 million for 12 Traffic Congestion Relief Program projects that will relieve congestion, connect transportation systems and provide for better goods movement

· $42.7 million from the Active Transportation Program for 53 biking and pedestrian projects

· $30.8 million for four Transit and Intercity Rail Program projects

· $28 million for 22 capital improvement projects both on and off the state highway system as part of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

· The remaining $24 million in allocations came from various state and federal transportation accounts.

· $117.6 million for pavement, median barrier, and traffic monitoring system improvements in the cities of Bell, Vernon, Commerce, and Los Angeles.

· $31.1 million for construction of auxiliary lanes, realign loop connectors and improve traffic light signals on southbound I-110 off-ramps in Los Angeles County.

· $8.8 million for construction of one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane between San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) and Pomona Freeway (SR-60).

· $2 million for street, sidewalk and lighting improvements in the city of Los Angeles.

SB 1, passed by the state Legislature and signed by Governor Brown in April, will soon take effect and provide the first significant and stable increase in state transportation funding in more than two decades. Caltrans, along with the CTC, is committed to making investments into California's infrastructure system efficiently and effectively, and putting those dollars to work as soon as possible.

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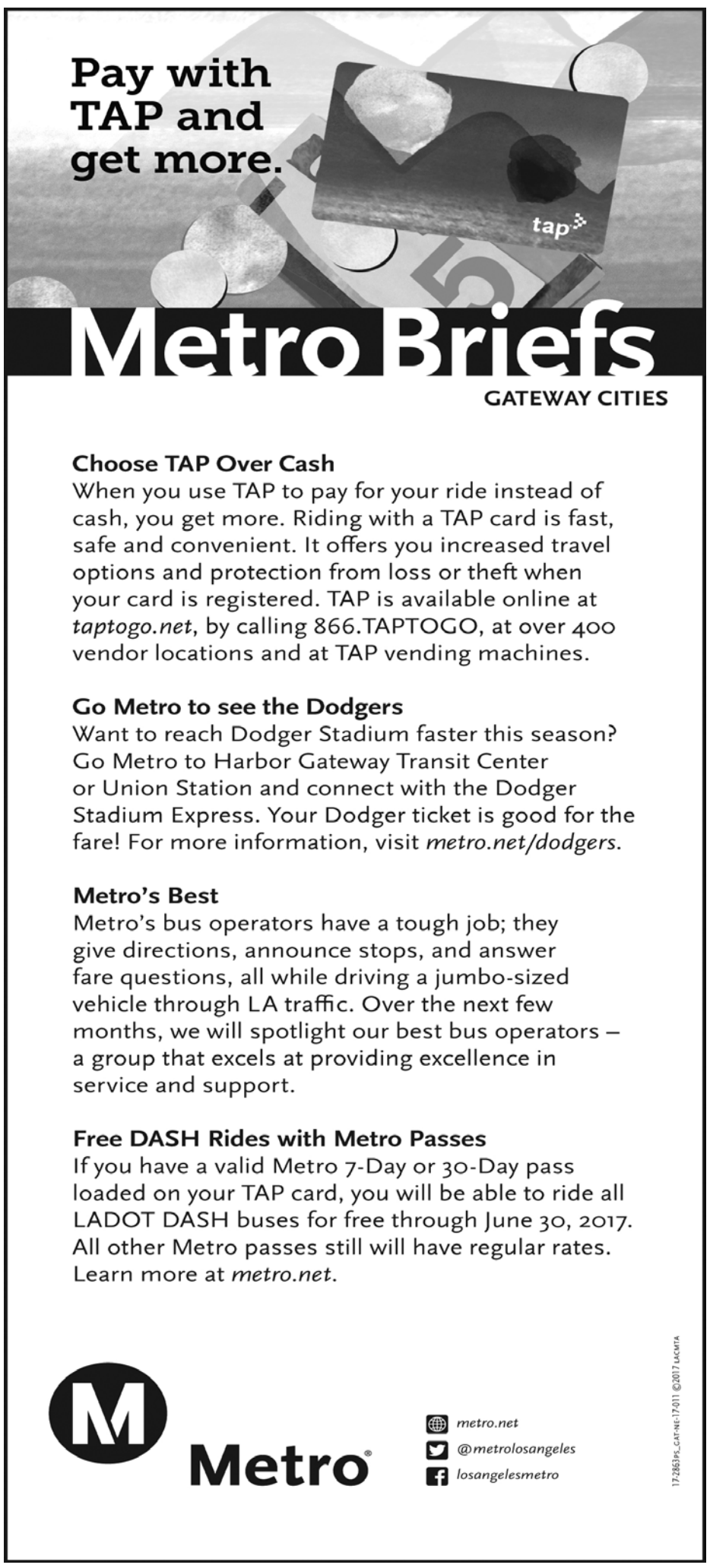
INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION IN LA MIRADA

Residents enjoyed an evening of festivities at La Mirada's annual Independence Celebration held at Regional Park in La Mirada on July 3.

The annual Independence Celebration Event attracted thousands to La Mirada Regional Park on Monday. Families enjoyed the festivities, which included a variety of food sold by local community service organizations, live music by Led Zeppelin Tribute band "Lady Zep," and "Hit Me 90's" playing music from the 90's.

"The Independence Celebration is among the most popular community events of the year," says Community Services Director Lori Thompson. "It is a great way to come together as a community in a safe environment and celebrate our nation's independence."

To conclude the evening, residents enjoyed a patriotic program and a spectacular fireworks show.



SHOP AMAZON & HELP SHARE HOPE USA

Symond Boschetto receives the 2017 Spirit of Service Award.

By Tammye McDuff

Share Hope USA, the organization founded by 10 year old Symond Boschetto has just partnered with mega giant Amazon as part of their Amazon Smile give back program.

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the same low prices, selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to a favorite charitable organization of your choice. The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price.

At the tender age of eight years old, Boschetto could not comprehend why someone should be homeless and hungry. So he decided to do something about it. As the founder of Share Hope

USA, a non-profit organization, he tends to the needs of others by organizing outreach events to feed the homeless, cut their hair, and help the homeless with medical needs.

Share Hope USA is a recent awardee of the 2017 Spirit of Service Award. As Boschetto accepted his award, with a true and humble spirit he said," I accept this in honor of all the volunteers. You are the real inspiration; you are the real hero's. Thank you for taking the time to assist one kid to be able to feed over 6000 homeless and counting."

Based in Downey, California the sky is the limit for this young man and the organization he founded. Please support Share Hope USA through our partnership with Amazon Smiles. Photo courtesy of Share Hope USA.

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CRIME SUMMARIES

CERRITOS

June 12 – 18, 2017

There were 39 Part I felony crimes reported in Cerritos this past reporting period, resulting in an increase of 12 from the previous week. The following is a breakdown of crimes by category: one robbery, two aggravated assaults, 13 residential burglaries, four commercial/other structure burglaries, six grand thefts, nine vehicle thefts, and four vehicle burglaries. Cerritos Station deputies made three felony arrests, three misdemeanor arrests, one warrant arrest, and issued 96 citations. The Sheriff's dispatch center also received a total of 452 calls for service.

Robbery:

12400 block of Ash Creek Road (06/13 – Evening): The victim was lying on the grass sleeping with her purse next to her when she heard a noise. When she opened her eyes, she saw the suspect trying to reach inside of her purse. The victim attempted to get up, but the suspect pushed her down. A second suspect walked up and struck the victim in an attempt to get the victim to stop struggling. The victim was able to hold onto her purse and the suspects fled.

Aggravated Assault:

10800 block of College Place (06/18 – Evening): The known suspect assaulted the victim by punching him in the face several times.

11300 block of South Street (06/16 – Morning): The known suspect punched the victim in the face after an argument.

Residential Burglary:

7600 block of Rio Verde Circle (06/14 – Evening): The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering the rear sliding glass door. Stolen were electronics.

17900 block of Holmes Avenue (06/15-16 – Unknown): The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering the rear sliding glass door. Stolen was U.S. currency.

12300 block of Creekwood Avenue (06/14 – Evening): The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering the rear sliding glass door. It is currently unknown if anything was stolen.

12500 block of Inglenook Lane (06/14 – Afternoon): The suspects entered the home by shattering the rear sliding glass door. It is currently unknown if anything was stolen.

17200 block of Michaels Avenue (06/14 – Morning): The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering the rear sliding glass door. Stolen was U.S. currency.

17100 block of Michaels Avenue (06/14 – Morning): The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering the rear sliding glass door. Stolen were firearms.

12600 block of Misty Place (06/13 – Evening): The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering the rear sliding glass door. It is currently unknown if anything was stolen.

18800 block of Jeffrey Avenue (06/13 – Evening): The suspects attempted to enter the home by shattering the rear glass sliding door. Entry was not made.

19700 block of Falcon Circle (06/13 – Evening): The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering the rear sliding glass door. It is currently unknown if anything was stolen.

17800 block of Noran Circle (06/13 – Evening): The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering the rear sliding glass door. It is currently unknown if anything was stolen.

13400 block of Park Drive (06/12 – Afternoon): The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering the rear sliding glass door. It is currently unknown if anything was stolen.

13400 block of Felson Street (06/12 – Afternoon): The suspect(s) entered the home by the rear sliding glass door that was left open. Stolen were valuables and cash.

Commercial/Other Structure Burglary:

19100 block of Bloomfield Avenue (06/16 – Morning): The suspect(s) entered the location by prying open the rear door. Stolen were U.S. currency and a cash register.

11500 block of South Street (06/14 – Evening): The suspects entered the location, while it was open for business, and stole an electronic device and tools.

20100 block of Pioneer Boulevard (06/12-13 – Overnight): The suspect(s) entered the location, by shattering the front door. It is currently unknown if anything was stolen.

239 Los Cerritos Center (06/12 – Afternoon): The suspect entered the location, while it was open for business, and stole U.S. currency.

Grand Theft:

239 Los Cerritos Center (06/18 – Unknown): The suspect stole clothing from the store. The suspect was arrested.

239 Los Cerritos Center (06/17 – Unknown): The suspect(s) stole an electronic device from the store.

13100 block of Andy Street (06/16 – Evening): The suspects stole a watch from the location.

239 Los Cerritos Center (06/13 – Unknown): The suspect stole clothing from the store.

18500 block of Newbrook Circle (06/12-13 – Evening): The suspect(s) stole a tailgate from the residence.

10900 block of Alondra Boulevard (05/07 – Evening): The suspect(s) made an unauthorized purchase using the victim's information.

Grand Theft Auto:

12800 block of Towne Center Drive (06/18 – Morning): The suspect(s) stole a 1999 Ford Mustang from the location.

18700 block of Holmes Avenue (06/17 – Evening): The suspect(s) stole a 1989 Toyota pickup from the residence.

11100 block of 183rd Street (06/14 – Evening): The suspect(s) stole a 1996 Honda Civic from the location.

11900 block of South Street (06/14 – Evening): The suspect(s) stole a 1997 Honda Civic from the location.

10900 block of Auto Square Drive (06/14 – Morning): The unknown suspect(s) stole a 2016 Chevrolet Impala from the location.

239 Los Cerritos Center (06/12 – Evening): The unknown suspect(s) stole a 1998 Honda Civic from the location.

11100 block of 183rd Street (06/12 – Evening): The suspect(s) stole a 1998 Honda Civic from the location.

14100 block of Artesia Boulevard (06/12 – Morning): The suspect(s) stole a 2013 Isuzu NPR from the location.

13400 block of Cerritos Corporate (05/20 – Morning): The suspect(s) stole a 2005 Carry LE-OPT trailer from the location.

Vehicle Burglary:

239 Los Cerritos Center (06/17 – Evening): The suspect(s) entered a 2007 GMC Yukon, parked at the location, by tampering with the door handle. Stolen were the third row seat and shoes.

19700 block of Bloomfield Avenue (06/16 – Morning): The suspect(s) entered a 2008 Volvo XC90, parked at the location, by shattering a window. Stolen was a purse

12700 block of Towne Center Drive (06/13 – Evening): The suspect(s) entered a 2000 Toyota Prius, parked at the location, by shattering the window. Stolen were a computer bag and electronics.

17900 block of Studebaker Road (06/13 – Afternoon): The suspect(s) entered a 2013 Mini Cooper, parked in the parking lot, and stole a purse. It is unknown how

LA MIRADA

Notable Arrests

- 6 suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations
- A male suspect was arrested for 24 acts of graffiti vandalism throughout La Mirada.
- A male suspect was arrested for DUI at the intersection of Valley View Ave. and Imperial Hwy.
- 2 male suspects were arrested for shoplifting at the intersection of Imperial Hwy. and La Mirada Blvd.

Other Structure Burglary

- An early morning burglary was reported on the 14400 block of Imperial Hwy. No items were reported stolen.

Vehicle Burglary

- An overnight window-smash burglary was reported on the 14200 block of Gandesa Rd. A laptop bag was reported stolen.
- Costume jewelry was reported stolen during an overnight window-smash burglary on the 16100 block of Rosecrans Ave.
- A tape recorder, textbooks and medication were reported stolen sometime overnight on the 13200 block of Royalcrest Ct.
- A daytime theft of a purse was reported on the 15100 block of Alicante Rd.
- An overnight burglary was reported on the 16000 block of Mart Dr.

Grand Theft

- An overnight theft of a forklift was reported on the 15900 block of Canary Ave.

Grand Theft Auto

- A stolen sedan was recovered on the 15700 block of Imperial Hwy.

Hawaiian Gardens/ Lakewood

Assault, Aggravated: 12200 Block E Carson St Hawaiian Gardens
Assault, Aggravated: Child Assault 11900 Block Centralia St Lakewood
Vehicle Burglary: 4400 Block Hackett St Lakewood
Non-Aggravated: Domestic Violence 20700 Block Seine Ave Lakewood
Burglary, Residence: Day, Entry No Force 20800 Block Norwalk Blvd Lakewood
Vehicle Burglary: Auto/Passenger Van Burglary 215th St & Elaine Ave Hawaiian Gardens
Assault, Aggravated: Domestic Violence 20900 Block Roseton Ave Lakewood
Assault, Non-Aggravated: DoMestic Violence 12200 Block CARSON ST Hawaiian Gardens
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FROM PAGE ONE: ROSEWOOD'S CAR SHOW

Many classic cars line up for viewing every first Saturday at the Rosewood's parking lot in Cerritos. Photo by Tammy McDuff.

DeDubovay of Huntington Beach for his 1938 Tribute Buick concept car.

Top Ten Awards:

• Bryan Glidewell - Cerritos - 1967 Pontiac Lemans Convertible

• Herb Campbell - Garden Grove - 1966 Chevy Nova SS

• Mike McClung - Rancho Pallas Verdes - 1934 Ford Coupe

• Joe Tannerbauer - Torrance - 1940 Oldsmobile Sedan

• Mike McNerney - Lakewood - 1927 Ford Model T

• Bob Carter - Whittier - 1958 Chevy Impala

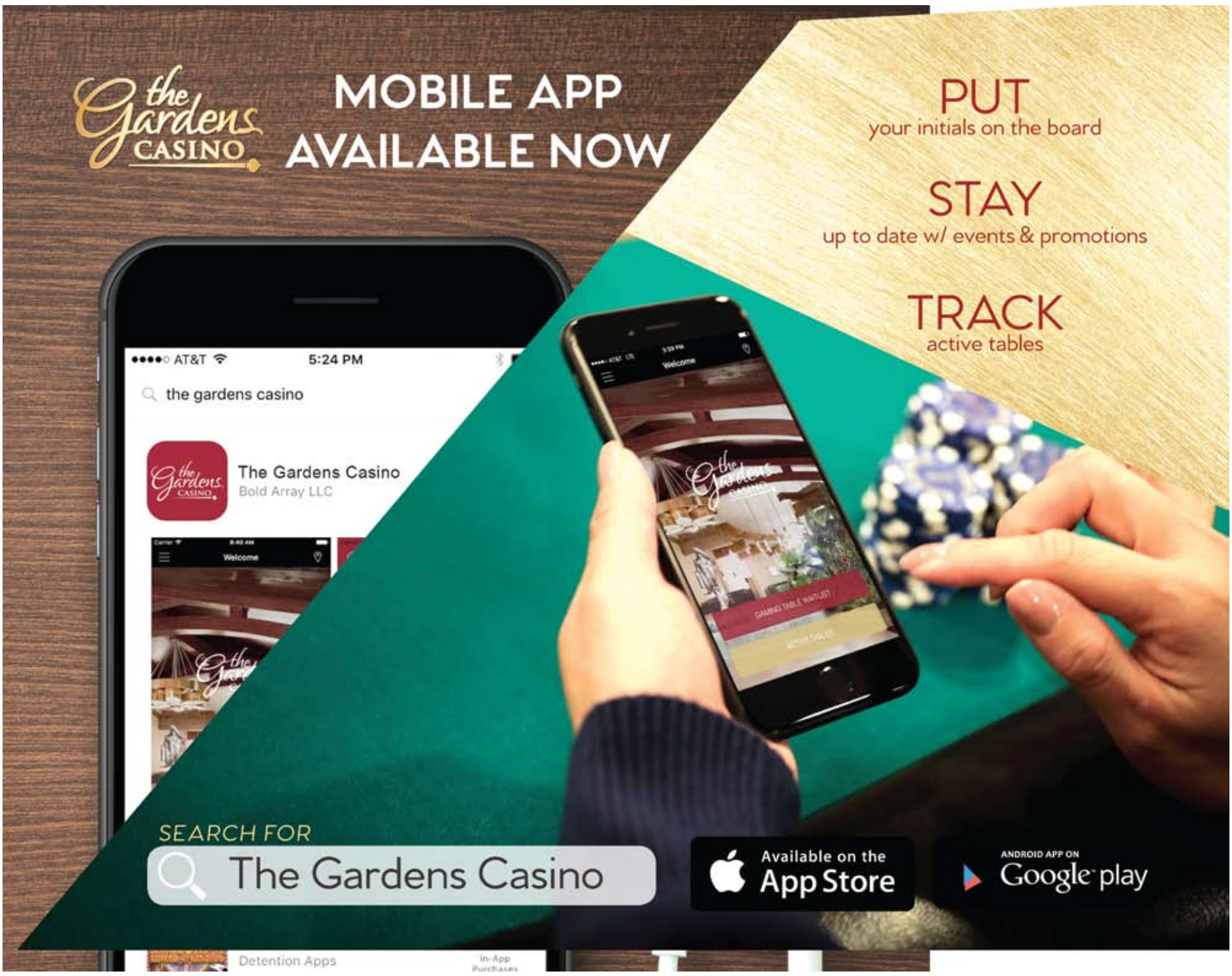
• Wayne Sterling - Hawthorne - 1930 Ford Coupe Model A

• David Rosa - Norwalk - 1956 Chevy Nomad

• Steve Thomas - Stanton - 1965 Ford Fairlane

• Joe Slocum - Rossmoor - 1974 Chevy Vega

You can't find them on FaceBook yet, but if you would like more information or would like to participate contact the Pearson's at 562-925-7724.



NEW PUBLIC ART IN DOWNEY AT FIRESTONE & PARAMOUNT

New public art will be installed at the intersection of Firestone and Paramount boulevards.

The Downey City Council approved the art that will be installed on a block wall on the southwest side of Firestone.

"The centerpiece of the public art element of the design is a specialty metal fabric which is etched to create the artistic motif," assistant city manager John Oskoui wrote in a staff report. "The art piece would also incorporate LED light fittings, resulting in a lighting effect which provides for a stunning night time experience.

"The art motif also provides pleasant visuals during the daytime," Oskoui added. Drought tolerant landscaping will frame the art, and there will also be a garden between the block wall and sidewalk.

Total cost of the art piece and garden is estimated at $170,000; of that total, $70,000 will be paid from Downey's Art in Public Places Fund.

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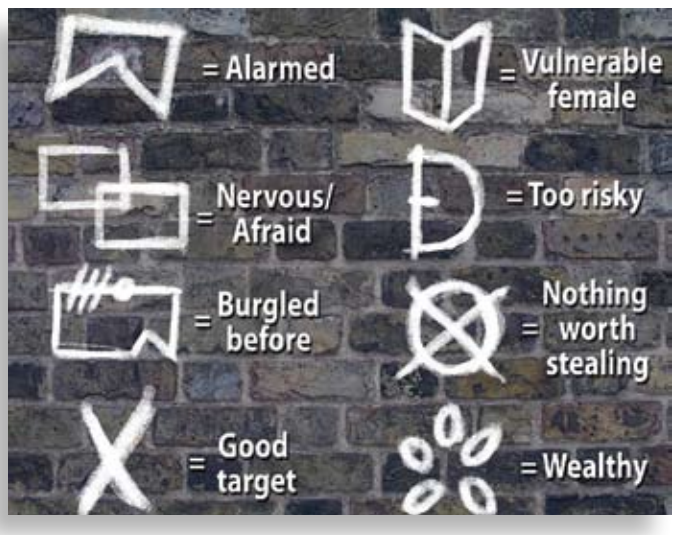
'CRIMINAL MARKS'

By Tammye McDuff

My husband and I live in a modest three bedroom house with a six foot cinder block wall, front gate; the house sits on the back portion of the property.

Saturday afternoon, July 1st, I found an odd white 'X' on the walkway between the front gate and the front door. I called to my husband he said to remove it immediately. It had not been chalked onto the walkway; we believe it was made with a rock or small stone.



Being a former Sheriff for Orange County, my husband said criminals have a 'sign language' all their own. Taking a marker or stone, they will scope out houses and leave marks on the driveway, sidewalk or walkway denoting the type of house it is. We received an 'X', which means the burglar thought it would be a good target.

We contacted the local Sheriff's department to report the incident. Because there was nothing taken and no break in, the Special Investigator took note of our address, should anything occur in the future. We alerted our Neighborhood Watch and the Bellflower Watch organizations with the information and we have taken further action to protect our home.

While the 4th of July for most people, means gathering with friends, family and fireworks, for criminals it means something entirely different: the opportunity to cash in on homes. Last year, at this time, overall crime rose 6.3% across the county compared with the same period in 2015. Property crime was up 3.8% and violent offenses climbed by 15.9%.

Your home is particularly vulnerable to a break-in during a holiday and vacation time. Burglars watch for vacancy signs: accumulating stacks of mail, piles of newspapers, and steady-burning or always-off entry lights. You can monitor your home remotely with network cameras. Pet-Immune Motion Detectors uses digital technology to prevent false alarms, as it ignores anything weighing less than 60 pounds and it can be integrated with an existing security system, or operate independently to alert you of any unwanted visitors.

There are numerous interactive phone apps that are some of the most versatile home security applications on the market.

For a one-time fee, you can download an app that lets you view live and archived video of your home, turn lights on and off, and control home security systems. There is a shatter resistant window film that you can apply; cross bar police locks, full service home security systems and motion sensor lighting.

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Residents Urged to Take Precautions as More WNV Activity is Detected

West Nile found in La Mirada, Artesia, and Whittier.

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) received confirmation of West Nile virus (WNV) in four additional mosquito samples and two dead birds collected in multiple jurisdictions in Whittier (90603), La Mirada (90638), Artesia (90701), Winnetka (91306), West Hills (91307), and Toluca Lake (91602).

Residents planning to spend time outdoors are reminded of the importance of taking precautions against mosquito bites while doing so throughout Los Angeles County.

Infection with WNV is often mild, but the virus can cause significant cognitive and neurologic symptoms in some patients. Milder fever and body aches can progress to weakness, confusion, & paralysis which can take months to years of recovery. "It's not worth the risk, " said Kelly Middleton, Director of Community Affairs at GLACVCD. "We talk to people every year who tell us about their experiences with WNV. Even in milder cases, recovery can be quite difficult. " Preventing mosquito bites is key.

GLACVCD recommends residents:

• Wear loose-fitting long sleeves and long pants to reduce mosquito bites. Light colors and tighter weave fabrics are best.

• Apply mosquito repellents to exposed skin before going outdoors. Clothing can also be treated with some products to prevent bites (read and follow all labels).

• Take your repellent with you and reapply as recommended on the label. How long a repellent works depends on the active ingredient and the concentration you select.

• The Centers for Disease Control recommend products with the active ingredients DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, some oil of lemon eucalyptus and para-menthane-diol products as being safe and effective.

• Use infant seat/stroller screen covers on babies younger than 2 months, and only EPA registered repellents on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children younger than 3 years of age. Around the home, eliminating mosquitoes from properties is critical:

• Any water left standing for more than one week in containers such as flower pots, fountains and pet dishes provides the perfect breeding habitat for mosquitoes.

• Check water collected in rain barrels and buckets as these can breed hundreds of mosquitoes every week. If larvae are detected, dump the water onto lawns where the immature mosquitoes will die (do not pour into gutters or streets), and discard or seal these containers against future mosquito problems.

• Ensure swimming pools, spas, and ponds are properly maintained. Report inoperable pools to the GLACVCD at ReportMosquitoes.org or by calling 562-944-9656.

There is no cure for WNV. One in five persons infected with the virus will exhibit symptoms. Symptoms can include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, or a skin rash. These symptoms can last for several days to months. One in 150 people infected with the virus will require hospitalization. Severe symptoms include high fever, muscle weakness, neck stiffness, coma, paralysis, and possibly death.

CERRITOS FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SHOWCASE

Enjoy free family-oriented fun this summer with Cerritos' Family Entertainment Showcase, which includes movies, children's activities and concerts. For the enjoyment of all, dogs, cats or pets are not allowed in the park during special events and concerts. Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is prohibited.

Monday Night at the Movies

Family movies will be presented at 8:15 p.m. at Liberty Park on Mondays through August 14. Arrive early and bring a blanket for seating. Snacks will be available for a nominal fee.

• July 10 "Finding Dory" (PG)
• July 17 "Trolls" (PG)
• July 24 "Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life" (PG)
• July 31 "Zootopia" (PG)
• August 7 "Pete's Dragon" (PG)
• August 14 "Secret Life of Pets" (PG)

Tuesday Family Nights

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. through August 15 at Friendship, Frontier, Sunshine and Westgate parks. Each program will last approximately 45 minutes and feature a pre-show craft or activity. Arrive early and bring a blanket for seating. Snacks are available for a nominal fee.

• July 11 Abbit the Average at Frontier Park
• July 18 Disc Dogs at Sunshine Park
• July 25 Fantastick Patrick at Friendship Park
• August 1 Mae' Ole Hoku Polynesian Dance at Westgate Park
• August 8 Ranger Jack at Frontier Park
• August 15 Buster Balloon at Sunshine Park

Wednesday Little Kids' Big Show

There's fun for the entire family in the Liberty Park Amphitheater at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through August 16. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the performance, entertainment and activities. Early arrival is suggested. The amphitheater gates open at 6 p.m. Bring a blanket for seating; no chairs of any kind are allowed inside the amphitheater. All shows last approximately 45 minutes and feature a pre-show craft or activity. Snacks are available for a nominal fee.

• July 12 Michael the Juggler
• July 19 African Drums
• July 26 Magic of Arty Loon
• August 2 Prehistoric Pets
• August 9 Franklin Haynes Marionettes
• August 16 Native American Tribal Dance and Culture

Thursday Concerts Under the Stars

The Heritage Park Island Stage will be the hottest ticket in town this summer when exciting musical groups perform on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and relax with family and friends. The shows are outdoors on the lawn, so bring a jacket. Snacks will be available for a nominal fee.

• July 13 Basix (Top 40)
• July 20 Abbey Road (Beatles Tribute)
• July 27 In Contempt (Motown)
• August 3 The MVPs (Rock/Top 40)
• August 10 The Late Night Band (Pop)
• August 17 Stone Soul (Soul and Blues)

Friday Concerts in the Plaza

Kick off the weekend when musical groups perform on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Join family and friends for a picnic at the Liberty Park plaza. The concerts are outdoors, so bring a jacket.

• July 14 Mike Sullivan (Acoustic Rock)
• August 11 Oak and Gorski (Cello Rock)

For more information about the Family Entertainment Showcase, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

VALLEY VIEW INTERCHANGE
CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY!

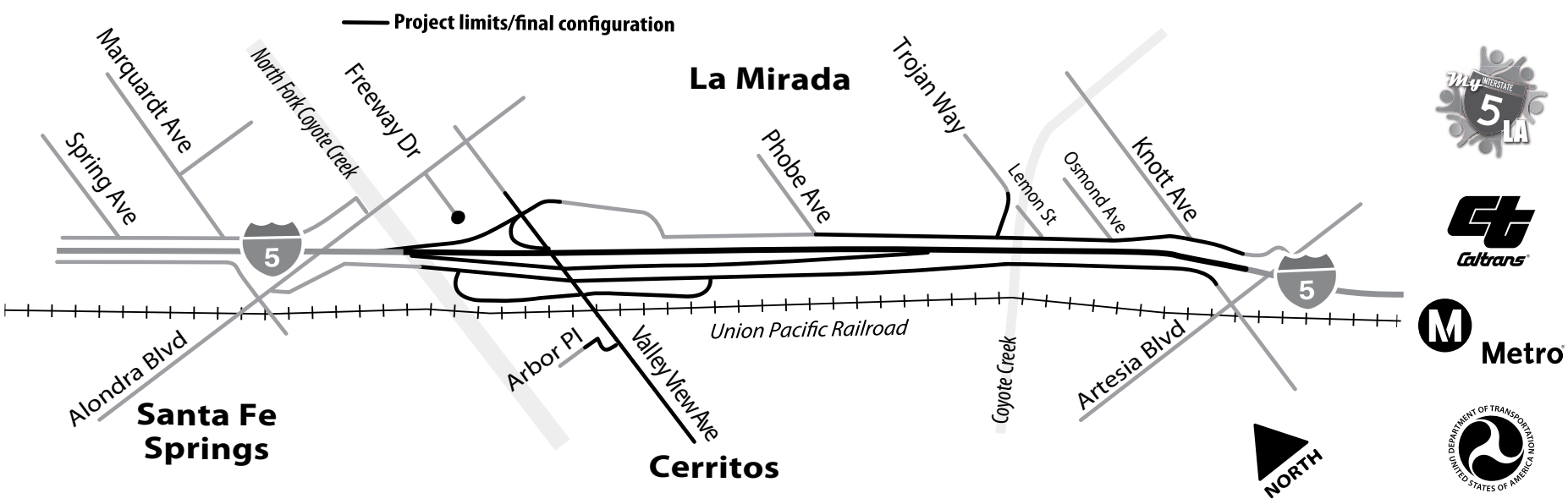
What: The Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) Valley View Avenue Interchange Project will widen I-5 to add one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) or carpool lane, and one general purpose lane in each direction. The project extends from the Artesia Boulevard undercrossing to North Fork Coyote Creek approximately a mile and a half through the cities of Buena Park, La Mirada, Cerritos, and Santa Fe Springs.

Plan Ahead: During construction, lanes will be reduced from four lanes to two lanes (one in each direction) on the Valley View Avenue bridge over I-5 so plan ahead and leave a little early.

When: November 2016 through Late 2019

Benefits:

• Improve the overall traffic circulation along the I-5 south corridor including interchanges and ramps, as well as surface streets
• Enhance air quality and increase safety
• Accommodate future projected traffic demands and capacity
• Revitalize our I-5 community



For more information about this project or to sign up for email alerts please visit the following:

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LA MIRADA
Smart Driver Courses Offered at the La Mirada Activity Center

The La Mirada Activity Center will be hosting AARP Smart Driver courses in July. The full course is a two-day class for older adults, taking place on Thursday and Friday, July 20-21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Upon completion of the course, participants could receive discounts on their auto insurance rates. Full attendance on both days is required.

Also being offered is a refresher course on Thursday, July 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a one-day class that covers materials learned in the two-day class. It is recommended to attend the two-day course before enrolling in the refresher course.

A trained instructor will teach the courses. Materials, including course guidebooks, will be provided to each participant.

Both programs cost $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-members. To register, or for more information, contact the La Mirada Activity Center at (562) 902-3160.

LONG BEACH
Long Beach's 2nd Annual Vegan Festival Jul. 8

On July 8th 2017 from 11am to 7pm herbivores and herbivore curious people will gather at the Rainbow Lagoon 295 E. Ocean blvd. in downtown, for an event like no other in Long Beach.

Long Beach Vegan Festival is an All Ages outdoor event with All Vegan Food, Cruelty Free Vendors, Free Entry and plenty of activities for everyone

Come celebrate and enjoy some delicious vegan fare and amazing live music.

A panel of judges will decide who makes the most delicious, lip-smacking, animal-free chili in Southern Cali.

Winner gets bragging rights, gift basket from Lazy Acres Market and the coveted Vegan Chili Champion Trophy.

The judges panel includes: NBA Champion and Health advocate, John Salley. Accomplished Journalist and Animal Rights Activist, Jane Velez-Mitchell. Vegan Activist Rapper, Grey and Fitness expert, author and body builder, Robert Cheeke. The cook off is hosted by local YouTube celebrities, Anji Be and Ryan Lum of Healthy Happy Vegan.

LBVF vendor lineup includes vegan specialties from a variety of restaurant, food trucks and pop ups, as well as shops and artists.

The eclectic musical lineup features something for everyone to enjoy.

Some of the artists taking the stage are vegan rapper Grey, The Flusters, Rosie Flores and The Soft White Sixties.

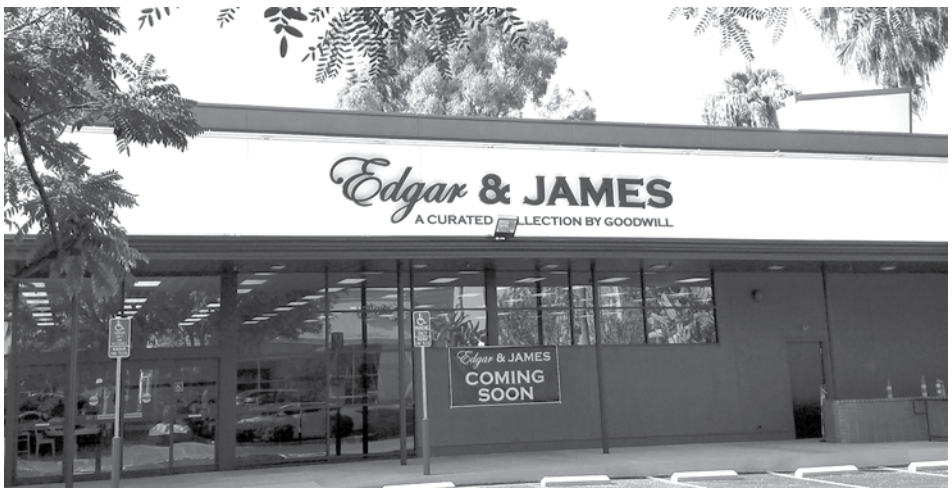
The Kids Activity Area will feature Face painting, Yoga obstacle course and other Fun Activities and Crafts for the kids.

Sierra Nevada will serve up cold brews in a lounge right next to the stage, so you can have a drink and not miss a beat from the bands.

Grab a blanket and your friends and join us at the Rainbow Lagoon.

For more information visit lbveganfest.com and facebook.com/lbveganfest

GOODWILL'S EDGAR AND JAMES OPENS JULY 14



Goodwill's new concept store – Edgar & James, A Curated Collection By Goodwill – is opening its doors in Bixby Knolls July 14.

Edgar & James, A Curated Collection By Goodwill – is opening in Bixby Knolls next week. The new store will be revealed at a grand opening ceremony taking place at 8:30 am on Friday, July 14 at the store's entrance located at 4121 Atlantic Boulevard in Long Beach.

The specialty store will offer urban, industrial and farmhouse chic all in one amazing store. To showcase its distinct retail concept, the Edgar & James storehouse and logo are branded differently than existing stores of Goodwill, Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County (SOLAC). Edgar & James' store design will have an on-trend industrial and urban appeal. The Edgar & James logo is an elegantly designed mix of fonts that are followed by the phrase, "A Curated Collection By Goodwill." (See attached store photos.)

An Edgar & James branded donation center will be stationed adjacent to the store. The new store and donation center will be based in the same building space that was previously occupied by a Trader Joe's store, which relocated to a nearby shopping center last year.

Bixby Knolls will serve as the second site where an Edgar & James store operates. In March 2016, Goodwill SOLAC opened its very first Edgar & James store in Redondo Beach, which has been well received by local residents, community leaders and the media. The new Edgar & James site in Bixby Knolls has already generated widespread support among the local civic community.

To give local residents an idea of the store's offerings, Goodwill SOLAC will staff an Edgar & James booth in front of the store at the next First Fridays Long Beach event held from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm this Friday, July 7.

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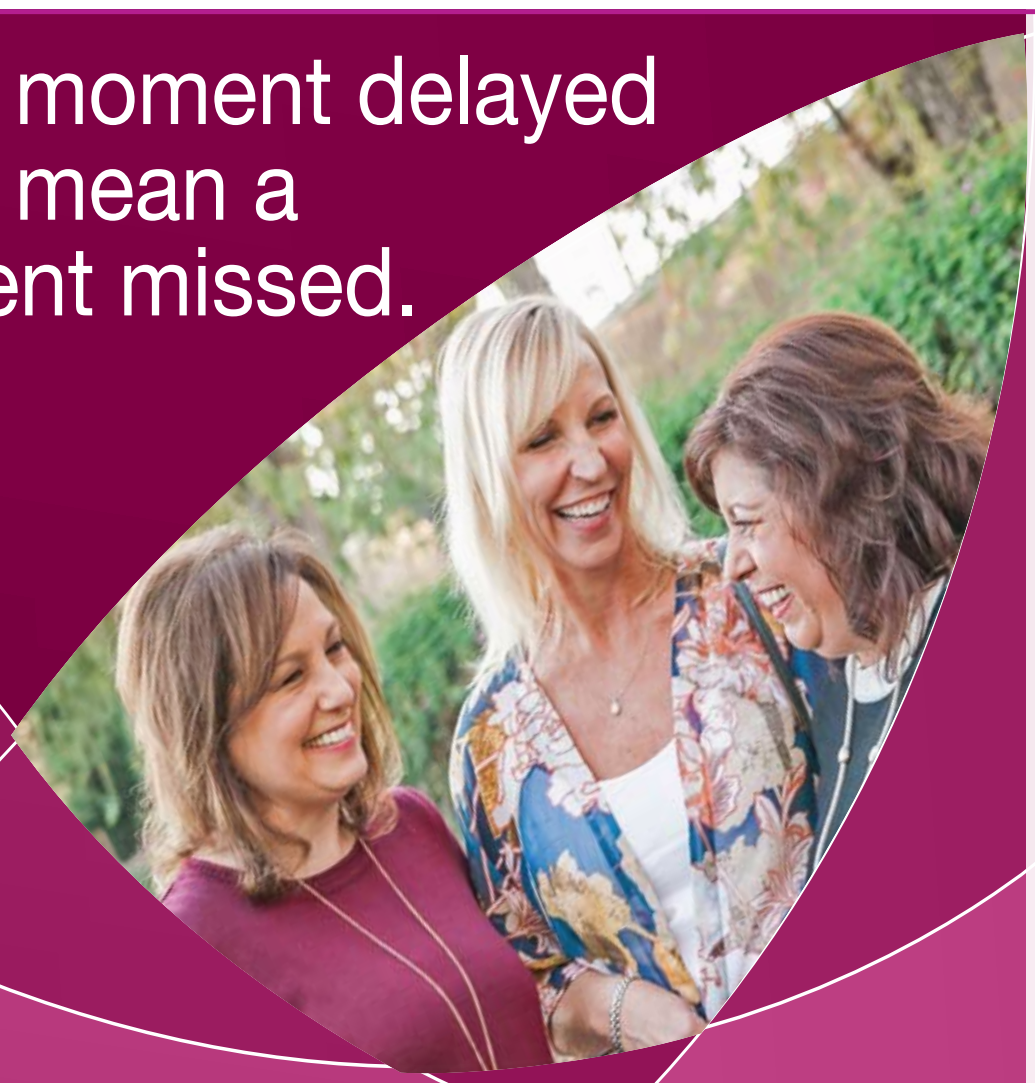

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ARTESIA PUNISHERS PRESIDENT, MANAGER LOOK BACK ON PROGRAM'S LONE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

By Loren Kopff
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It has been a decade since the Artesia Punishers 18-Under travel softball team won the USA/Amateur Softball Association 18-Under 'A' National Championship, the only one in the program's history. But the memories are still very vivid to the players, coaches and manager Bob Medina, who also serves as the president of the Punishers program.

On Aug. 5, 2007, in front of a huge crowd at the Texas A & M Aggie Softball Complex, the Punishers rallied for two runs in the top of the seventh inning and edged the (Sacramento) California Breeze 6-5. The win capped an unbelievable summer that saw the Punishers lose just one game in five major tournaments.

"It seems like it's been a long time," Medina said. "I remember every moment of everything that was happening when [we] were there. I relive it.

"I would say me, my coaches, people who I have seen talk about it probably, if it doesn't come up once every month, it comes up at least once every four months. So, it comes up quite often, that we go back and talk about the kids' performance, their focus, their vision. Just the karma that was around them…you knew that they were going to win."

In fact, it was one of the parents, who kept stats, that told Medina on the bus ride home that the team had lost only one game that summer. That would come in a pool play game on Tuesday, July 31, a 4-2 setback to the (Concord, N.C.) Carolina Cobras.

The writing was already on the wall the previous summer as one could see that the Punishers were building a dominant team that could win the highest title any travel ball team could win. In 2006, the Punishers won the State Tournament for the first time ever, held in front of its home crowd at Artesia Park, and entered the United States Specialty Sports Association Elite World Series in Kissimmee, FL with a 16-1 record. That team would have eight players that stayed with the team for the 2007 season. But no one could see what was in store for the Punishers 10 years ago.

In five games played in the 2007 state tournament, the Punishers posted three shutouts and allowed four runs. In four playoff games of the Summer Slam Tournament, the Punishers outscored their opponents 31-3 and in the Onslaught Tournament, they scored 29 runs and allowed only four.

"The team played for each other," Medina remembered. "They had the karma, the swagger; they knew that they could win. They knew it. Maybe it wasn't the greatest team, but we got everything done and everybody believed in what we were there for."

Through the help of one of Medina's friends, the team made the long trek to College Station, TX on a bus and left Artesia in the early afternoon hours on July 27 and arrived in the Lone Star state the next day. After playing a pool game each on July 30 and 31, the Punishers met the (San Juan Capistrano) Desperados in the first game of the double elimination portion and for the fourth time that summer, came away as the victors in a 6-1 decision.

That was followed by two straight shutouts on Aug. 2, the first being an uncontested 8-0 win against the Lake County (IL) Liberty in the morning, then a hard fought 2-0 win over the Fort Collins (CO) Buckaroos in a game that started at 11:57 p.m. The game was delayed nearly 30 minutes because a brief thunderstorm had rolled through the Brazos Valley earlier that afternoon.

"I remember the one biggest thing of that game was the girls came up to me and said, 'Coach Bobby, there are about a million bugs [around]'," Medina said. "And there were a million bugs. You look up in the light and there were a million, if not, then two million. I told the girls, 'look, we have to play. Everybody else is playing. Get over it and let's just move forward'. Everyone just blocked the bugs out of their mind until after the game."

"I think my utmost memory is the game we had to play at 12:30 a.m.," said right fielder Lindsey Marquez. "I remember Bob putting us on room lockdown [in the afternoon] to just rest for that game. It was such an experience, with lots of bugs, but a game I will never forget."

The win over the Buckaroos was the first against three state champions and following a relatively easy 7-1 win over the (San Diego) Breakers on Aug. 3, the Punishers were put to the test for the first time in the tournament when they faced the (Joplin) Missouri Firestix. The Punishers had a 2-0 lead after half an inning and were looking good when the lead expanded to 4-0 heading into the bottom of the fifth. But the Firestix rallied and sent the game to extra innings where the Punishers came away with a 10-5 win in nine innings. Designated player Sam Vaaulu went three for five in the contest.

That would be the first of three games on Aug. 4 with the next one being a 6-0 win over the (Birmingham) Alabama Pride, another state champion. In the semifinals against the Miami Stingrays, the Punishers had to rally for two runs in the top of the fifth to edge the Florida state champions 3-2. Pitcher Maritza Rocha, who was completely brilliant in Texas, allowed four hits, struck out nine and retired 13 straight batters in one stretch. The game is one that easily stands out for Medina of the 10 the Punishers played in the tournament.

"I can remember," he said. "It was the [Miami] Stingrays and we beat them 3-2. One run that we got, I remember the shortstop got an error and we ran Katie Jordan from second [base] into home and the ball only went three feet away from her. They were probably one of the best teams there that we faced, other than the team we faced in the championship."

The back and forth battle against the Breeze wasn't decided until shortstop Jennifer Frazier hit a single to bring home the tying and winning runs. The Punishers had leads of 3-0 and 4-2 before the Breeze scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth.

"That was a game where, and if you remember back then, the girls could come back from college and play," Medina said. "So, if they were a freshman in college and as long as they were age eligible, they could come back and play. [The California Breeze] had 10 or 11 Pac-12 All-Americans. The coach called me and congratulated me after that and told me, 'you guys did play against good, solid players who were on Pac-12 teams'."

The 2007 team had everything-hitting, pitching and defense. Rocha threw 45.1 innings, allowed 33 hits and struck out 62 batters while Frazier batted .469, followed by center fielder Katie Jordan (.378) and third baseman Jodi Nakawatase (.351). Eight players were playing in the final game as a Punisher and of those, six were returning from the 2006 team.

"The offensive end of it was solid," Medina said. "They believed in each other. If one didn't do it, then the other one would back her up. They played for each other; it was really nice. It's been a while since I've had a team like that. So, that's why the memories keep coming up. You try to achieve that same goal with these same kids nowadays and it's pretty tough.

"That was the family atmosphere that we created and we still try to create it today," Medina later said. "But they earned their right to be on that team. They earned their right for a national championship, they earned their right to play for the top team of the organization. And when it was their turn, they really accomplished that goal."

"I think that this team had an amazing bond," Marquez said. "We were a huge family and a good amount of us grew up with the Punishers. So, we had this

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Artesia Punishers Have The Eyes Of Texas Looking On As They Win USA/ASA 18-Under Nationals

Photo by Loren Kopff

Seventh Annual Hawaiian Gardens Pow Wow Held

The Seventh Annual Robert Canada Friendship Pow Wow was held this past weekend in the Athletic Field at Fedde Middle School in Hawaiian Gardens. Residents and visitors gathered together for the annual meeting of Indian tribes, symbolizing friendship and camaraderie.

Tribe representatives from the Western United States and Canada participated in this year's event, including Apache, Navaho, Cherokee, and Piglet tribes.

Highlight of the Pow Wow is the lighting of a ceremonial fire, which was kept aflame throughout the two-day event. Visitors watched dancers, men and woman of all ages, representing the different tribes, as they moved around the ceremonial fire, dressed in traditional costumes. There were drums and chanting as they danced.

***2007 CHAMPS** – August 2007 HMG-CN front page article about the Artesia Punishers 18-under National Title team.*

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dedication to the Punishers and pride, and we definitely had a great group of talent. Jenn, Alyssa (Morales), Jodi were some amazing athletes and I had always looked up to them. And to play with them at their level was just unbelievable. But every player brought something to the team we truly were such a strong lineup offensively and when we were on our game, we were unstoppable."

Marquez said that playing for the Punishers taught her dedication, pride, hard work, teamwork and consistency, among other things. It also had a huge impact on her collegiate playing days at Utah State University because she had already played with several girls who had one year of college already behind them when the 2007 season began.

Since the Punishers won that National Championship, a lot has changed for the program as well as the world of travel ball. The most significant change has been the emergence of the Premier Girls Fastpitch (PGF), an organization that has successfully seen many of the previous ASA powerhouse programs across the country join their organization. The PGF was formed in 2010, the last year Medina took an 18-Under team to the ASA Nationals, held in Hemet. And unlike going to various cities every year for Nationals, the PGF has held its National Championship tournament in Southern California at the Fountain Valley Sports Park, the Huntington Beach Sports Complex and Bill Barber Park in Irvine.

Another major change between the ASA and PGF is that no players who are already in college can play for a PGF team. Another organization, the American Fastpitch Association (AFA) is one where teams can play of a national title. In fact, the AFA Nationals will take place from July 24-30 in Fontana and five teams from the Punishers family will be a part of it.

"I think that's why we're getting [softball in] the Olympics back," Medina said. "But in 10 years, what I've seen is a lot of changes. There's a team that pops up every day. If two people are good on a team, they can start a new team. There are so many teams here and lot of the them are very competitive. They have some good coaches out there and they have a lot of energy.

"But what I've also seen in the softball community is once the kid graduates, they're done," he continued. "It's like we have a revolving door for the kids and we have a revolving door for the coaches. It's changing quite a bit."

Medina has already participated in several PGF National Championships and while he hasn't won one yet, his focus for most of the past decade has been getting scholarships for his players. But what about willing a second national championship? Medina will have another crack at it on July 22 when pool play action begins in the PGF National Championship with the title game to be played on July 28.

"Do I ever wish that I could have it," Medina questioned. "Yes, I really do. Do I think sometimes that I have the talent that is that good? Yes, I do. I believe we can get that. I've been focusing a lot on getting scholarships. But even on that, you have kids that come in, get the scholarships and then they'll leave and stuff like that. That takes a too too."

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to be $400 per month, for each Councilperson and where the $1 million franchise fee paid by Cerritos' trash hauler was going.

After public comment was closed, discussion was opened for the City Council with Councilman Naresh Solanki immediately asking about the City paying for crossing guards for ABCUSD schools.

"That came out of nowhere," said one high-ranking City official.

Solanki stated, "we want to make sure the kids and parents are safe but I'm sure the school board has more of a budget then we do would it be possible to ask them to pay for it?"

City Manager Art Gallucci indicated that it would just take sending a letter to the school district to open a dialogue.

Mayor pro tem Mark Pulido said, "I'm not interested in that I am more interested in the city fully funding the crossing guards. How long have we been funding the crossing guards?"

Gallucci said, "since the beginning of the city."

Solanki subsequently insisted that City Council write a letter to the ABC about the crossing guards.

Councilman Edward's said, "If this will just open a dialogue with them then I agree with it."

The motion was made by Solanki and seconded by Edwards.

The vote was 3 to 2 in favor to send a letter to ABC with Solanki, Edwards, and Mayor Hu, who hesitated for a second during roll-call, voting yes.

HMG-CN has learned that the letter was sent by Gallucci asking for ABC to share 50% of the crossing guard costs.

HMG-CN was also told the budget for 26 crossing guards is nearly $327,000.

Part of the package will include the funding from the state under the Safe Routes to School program.

California was the first state in the country to legislate a Safe Routes to School program with the enactment of AB 1475 in 1999.

Eight years later, in 2007, AB 57 extended the program indefinitely with funding provided from the State Highway Account.

According to the letter Gallucci was going to send the amount from SRTS at a later time so an equal amount for ABC and the City could be formulated.

The Council then tackled the City's massive tree trimming budget.

According to staff there is 15,400 trees in Cerritos, including median and commercial areas.

At their current contracted rate, each tree costs $100 each to trim for a total cost of $1,540,000.

The current budget was set at $450,000, so the budget would have to be increased by approximately $1,090,000 to complete the trimming.

Staff also indicated that the current contractor might be able to handle the increased load.

Mayor pro tem Pulido asked that the budget be increased by $500,000; his motion was seconded by Councilman Yokoyama.

With this increase all trees would be trimmed by the end of the fiscal year, and the trees will be back on a four-year healthy trimming schedule.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELIZABETH AUDREY RED-WOOD-MITCHELL
Case No. 17STPB05346

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ELIZABETH AUDREY REDWOOD-MITCHELL

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Kerry-Ann Mitchell in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PRO-BATE requests that Kerry-Ann Mitchell 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 rep-resentative 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 July 20, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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

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

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CN938254 REDWOOD-MITCHELL Jun 23,30, Jul 7, 2017

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-14-650384-RY Order No.: VTSG379823 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO THE COPY PROVI DED TO THE MORTGAGOR OR TRUSTOR (Pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code 2923.3) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/5/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial C ode and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): EVA L KWIATKOWSKI, A WIDOW Recorded: 6/16/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1326149 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 7/25/2017 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $387,242.92 The purported property address is: 12016 LOS COYOTES AVE, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 Assessor's Parcel No.: 8034-015-057 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sa le date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site http://www.qualityloan.com , using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-14-650384-RY . Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return o f the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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City of Artesia
Planning Department
18747 Clarkdale Avenue
Artesia, California 90701

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (RECIRCULATED)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Artesia is considering a recommendation that the project herein identified will have no significant environmental impact in compliance with Section 15070 of State CEQA guidelines. A copy of the **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** and the **INITIAL STUDY** which supports the proposed findings are on file at the City of Artesia.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of the adoption and implementation of the Artesia LIVE II Specific Plan and related amendments to the Zoning Code, General Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map. Additional entitlement requests include approval of a Conditional Use Permit, Tentative Tract Map (74233), and Design Review applications. The Artesia LIVE II Specific Plan is a site-specific, City-initiated Specific Plan, which authorizes the development of an existing infill site at 18600 Gridley Road with a seven (7)-story mixed-use building containing the following land uses: 130 residential condominiums, 23,816 square of commercial/restaurant uses and on-site parking consisting of surface parking and a two-level subterranean parking structure for a total of 331 parking spaces (Artesia LIVE II Specific Plan). Residential amenities would include a lobby, pool, community room/recreation facility, and a rooftop garden. Community open space amenities would include at-grade landscaped and hardscape open space, the community room, rooftop view decks, and balconies on all units. The Artesia LIVE II Specific Plan provides guidance for implementing development within the project limits. The Specific Plan provides required development standards and allowable uses for properties within the Specific Plan area. The specific plan also includes design guidelines and an implementation action plan that identifies near and long term actions necessary to achieve the Plan's goals and objectives. The specific plan furthers the objectives of the general plan by implementing a proposed development project that incorporates project densities, uses, and features consistent with general plan goals for mixed-use developments within this area of Artesia.

PROJECT LOCATION: **18600 Gridley Avenue, Artesia, CA**. A 1.36-acre parcel located at the southeast corner of Gridley Avenue and 186th Street, Artesia, CA.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE: Copies of the **RECIRCULATED DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** and other project information are available for your review at the Planning Department, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia (City Hall).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: **Mitigated Negative Declaration**

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT: Do you have any comments? Questions? Concerns? You are invited to attend a meeting to be held by the City of Artesia Planning Commission on August 15, 2017 and noticed in the City Council Chambers located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia.

NOTE: Written comments on the **RECIRCULATED DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be received by the City from July 10, 2017 to August 8, 2017.

If, in the future, you wish to challenge the **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues which you or someone else raised at or before the public hearing.

CITY CONTACT: Okina Dor, Planning/Community Development Director (562) 865-6262 ext. 227.

CASE NUMBER: **Case No. (2016-19)**

NOTICE DATE: July 7, 2017

Okina Dor
Community Development Director

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mailed from the same post office in Texas with the same USPS permit number.

It is a violation of the Political Reform Act for an independent expenditure committee such as RBLM to spend money "at the behest" of any candidate, violations of the Act carry heavy monetary penalties.

And now, the new evidence obtained by HMG-CN could bolster an already strong FPPC case against Sarega, which could result in additional fines over and above what the embattled councilman is facing now.

And it will put the Imbre family squarely in the sights of FPPC investigators.

There is no question that RBLM was operated by the Imbre's: the HMG-CN series found that RBLM listed its address on the 12800 block of Oakwood Lane in La Mirada, and its treasurer as Ionel Imbre; a search of public records show that Imbre owned the house; and Imbre's phone number was the contact number for RBLM listed on the Secretary of State's website.

The HMG-CN investigation also found that a man with a similar Eastern European name as Sarega – the yet to be located Stelian Onufrie - donated the $6,500 to RBLM; that money was used to send out mailers in support of Sarega and Aiello's campaigns.

Onufrie owns a small construction company called Diamond Construction based out of La Habra and listed a P.O. box located inside a UPS store as his business address when he donated the $6,500 to RBLM.

Such a listing is a common method of concealing a company from scrutiny during elections.

Although the connections were strong and warranted a FPPC investigation, no additional connections, other than the direct mail flyers from Texas, could be made between RBLM and Sarega and Aiello.

That is until HMG-CN acquired documentation from the La Mirada City Clerk's office indicating a long-term relationship between Sarega and the Imbre's, one that probably dictated how RBLM's money was spent.

Sarega first ran for Council in 2013, filing his nomination papers in December 2012.

His controversial father, who himself has a questionable past, and who is seen at every council meeting condemning council members at public comment, with the exception of his son, circulated the petition between Nov. 15 and Dec. 6, 2012.

The petition was signed by 27 La Mirada residents.

The first four signatures were Sarega family members who apparently all reside at the same address on San Bruno.

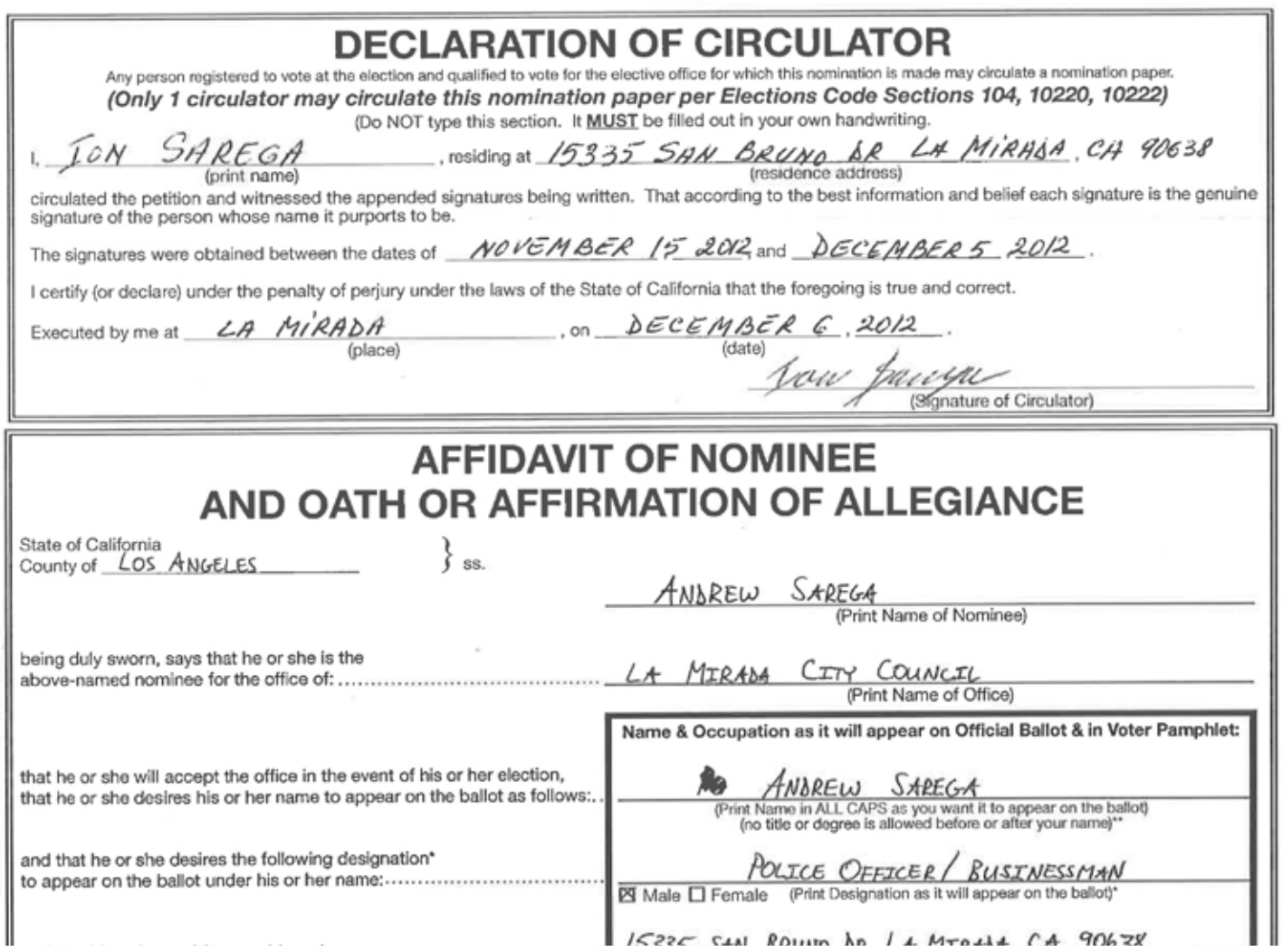
The next two, on lines five and six of the petition, were RBLM treasurer Ionel Imbre and his wife Adriana Imbre with the address on Oakwood Lane, the same address as RBLM.

The last signature on the petition was the daughter of Ionel and Adriana, Marinela Imbre, who resided at the same address on Oakwood.

Social media screenshots from Facebook show that Sarega, Aiello, and the Imbre's know each other, communicating through both Sarega's personal and La Mirada City Council Facebook page.

A La Mirada resident who did not want to be identified for fear of retribution by the Sarega's told the Lamplighter, "very smelly, Sarega and Imbre's friendship goes way back, Imbre is treasurer of Residents for a Better La Mirada, all their campaign literature is printed and mailed under the same permit from the same place in Texas. If it is not coordination it sure is an incredible coincidence."

Emails into Sarega for comment went unanswered.



DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR

Any person registered to vote at the election and qualified to vote for the elective office for which this nomination is made may circulate a nomination paper.

(Only 1 circulator may circulate this nomination paper per Elections Code Sections 104, 10220, 10222)

(Do NOT type this section. It MUST be filled out in your own handwriting.

I, ION SAREGA (print name), residing at 15335 SAN BRUNO DR LA MIRADA, CA 90638 (residence address)

circulated the petition and witnessed the appended signatures being written. That according to the best information and belief each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.

The signatures were obtained between the dates of NOVEMBER 15 2012 and DECEMBER 5 2012.

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed by me at LA MIRADA (place), on DECEMBER 6, 2012 (date).

(Signature of Circulator)

AFFIDAVIT OF NOMINEE AND OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE

State of California County of LOS ANGELES } ss.

ANDREW SAREGA (Print Name of Nominee)

being duly sworn, says that he or she is the above-named nominee for the office of: LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL (Print Name of Office)

that he or she will accept the office in the event of his or her election, that he or she desires his or her name to appear on the ballot as follows:

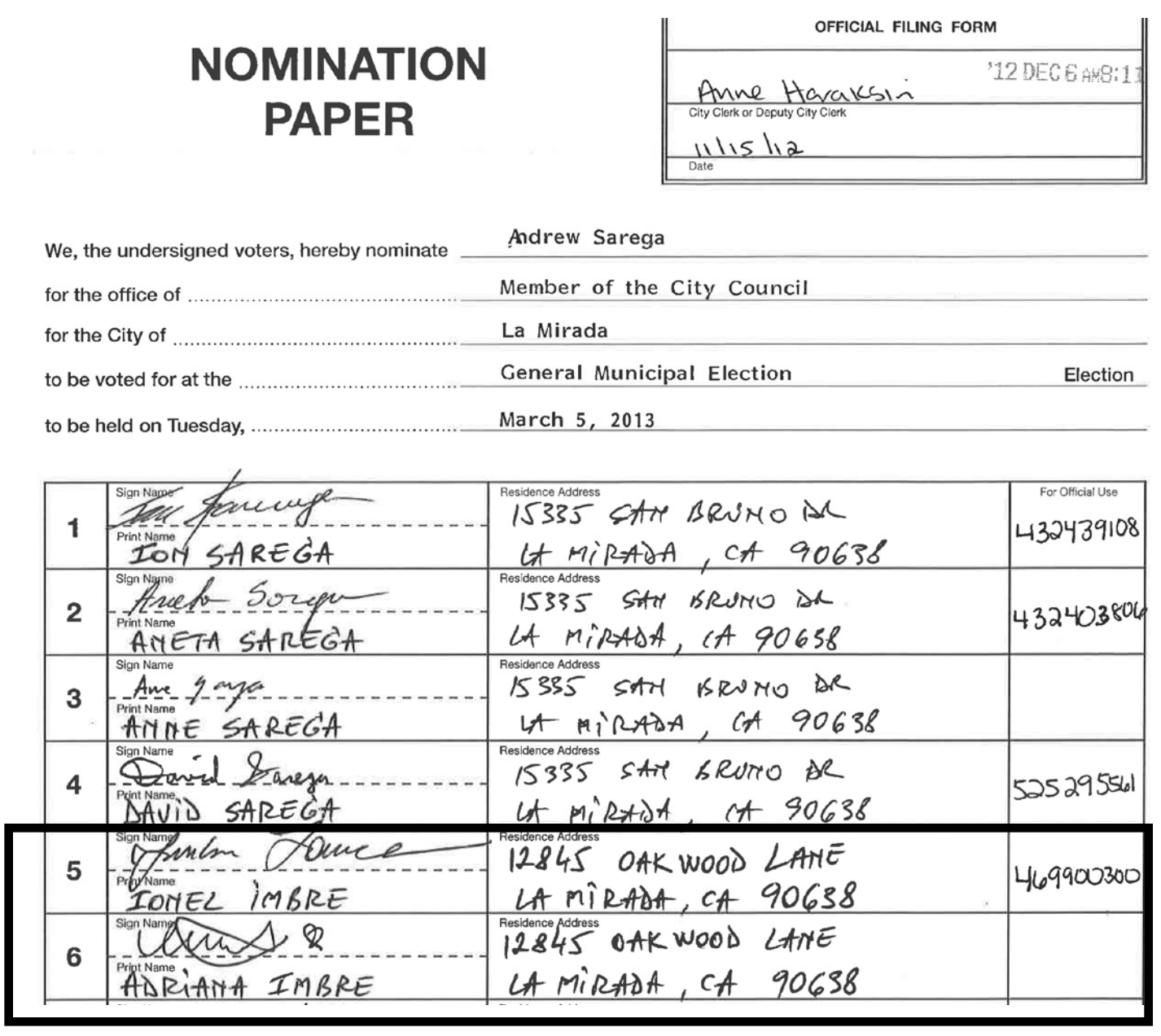
and that he or she desires the following designation* to appear on the ballot under his or her name:

Name & Occupation as it will appear on Official Ballot & in Voter Pamphlet:

ANDREW SAREGA (Print Name in ALL CAPS as you want it to appear on the ballot) (no title or degree is allowed before or after your name)**

POLICE OFFICER / BUSINESSMAN (Print Designation as it will appear on the ballot)*

☒ Male ☐ Female



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Anne Haraksin

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Date

We, the undersigned voters, hereby nominate Andrew Sarega

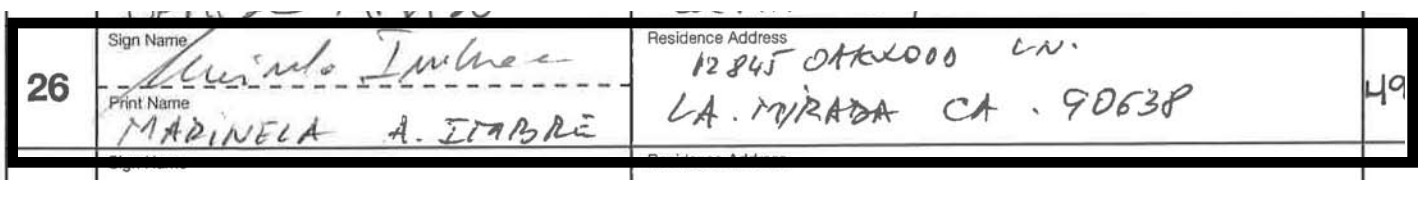
for the office of Member of the City Council

for the City of La Mirada

to be voted for at the General Municipal Election Election

to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013

	Sign Name / Print Name	Residence Address	For Official Use
1	Ion Sarega / ION SAREGA	15335 SAN BRUNO DR LA MIRADA, CA 90638	432439108
2	Aneta Sarega / ANETA SAREGA	15335 SAN BRUNO DR LA MIRADA, CA 90638	432403806
3	Anne Sarega / ANNE SAREGA	15335 SAN BRUNO DR LA MIRADA, CA 90638	
4	David Sarega / DAVID SAREGA	15335 SAN BRUNO DR LA MIRADA, CA 90638	525295561
5	Ionel Imbre / IONEL IMBRE	12845 OAKWOOD LANE LA MIRADA, CA 90638	469900300
6	[illegible] / ADRIANA IMBRE	12845 OAKWOOD LANE LA MIRADA, CA 90638	



	Sign Name / Print Name	Residence Address	
26	Marinela Imbre / MARINELA A. IMBRE	12845 OAKWOOD LN. LA. MIRADA CA. 90638	49

COORDINATION?

TOP: Document showing Ion Sarega as circulator of 2012 petition.

MIDDLE: Signature line showing four Sarega signatures, on line 5 and 6 are the Imbre signatures.

BOTTOM: The signature of Marinela Imbre, the Imbre's daughter. Facebook posts also showed a relationship between the Imbre's and Andrew Sarega.

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