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STEVE CROFT APPOINTED AS LAKEWOOD MAYOR

By Tammye McDuff

The Lakewood City Council held their annual reorganization March 27, 2018 appointing Steve Croft to serve as Lakewood's mayor for the 2018-'19 term, and naming Todd Rogers as Vice Mayor.



STEVE CROFT

Lakewood mayoral duties rotate annually among the five members of the city council. The mayor has the same vote as any other council member in meetings, but chairs the meetings and serves as the city's main spokesperson at public events. This will be the third term as mayor for Steve Croft, who was origi-

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FORMER DOWNEY MAYOR LUIS MARQUEZ ANGLING FOR CENTRAL BASIN WATER BOARD SEAT

By Brian Hews

Hews Media Group-Community News has learned through high-level sources that former Downey Mayor Luis Marquez is attempting to garner votes from Central Basin Municipal Water District Board members to be appointed to the Division I seat left open by Pedro Aceituno's resignation.

The Division I seat became vacant Mar. 8 and includes the cities of Bell Gardens, Downey, Montebello, Pico Rivera, West Whittier-Los Nietos, and unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

The appointment process calls for interested residents "to submit a letter of interest and a résumé that includes a statement of qualifications and other information by April 6 at 3 p.m."

The Board of Directors will interview candidates at the April 12 Special Board Meeting, at which point the Board "may vote on making an appointment."

It was first revealed by HMG-CN in Oct 2016 that a paternity lawsuit had been filed by Maribel Zavala against

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NEW TECHNOLOGY: Children and their families from the Blind Children's Learning Center before viewing "Titanic: An Icy Adventure." 4DPLEX "eliminates the boundary between audience and screen" with motion chairs that move in perfect synchronicity with the film being shown on-screen. **Photo by Tammye McDuff.**

CINEMAGINE 4DPLEX A NEW VISION FOR THE BLIND

By Brian Hews and Tammye McDuff

This past Saturday, Southern California children from the Blind Children's Learning Center and their families joined 4DX, in an immersive cinema technology that synchronizes motion chairs and environmental effects to movies, for a special audio only presentation created by Cinemagine.

It was the first showing of its kind in the United States.

4DX "eliminates the boundary between audience and screen" with motion chairs that move in perfect synchronicity with the film being shown on-screen. The immersive theatre technology uses effects to simulate the five senses, giving the audience a true experience.

CJ 4DPLEX, the world's leading 4D company, debuted a special movie presentation titled "Titanic: An Icy Adventure," that was created with blind and visually impaired children in mind.

The audience accompanies a narrator as he travels around the doomed Titanic cruise ship meeting people, getting into trouble and having a good time all before working to save his own life as the "safest Trans-Atlantic" vessel meets its fate.

More than 50 students and their families attended the showing of this audio movie supplemented by the innovative cinema technology of 4DX at the CGV Buena Park 8 in the city of Buena Park,

California.

The brainchild behind Cinemagine, Fernando Christo, has partnered with 4DX to bring this new vision to the blind.

"Our children and their families, for the first time, were able to attend a movie and together have a multi-sensory experience. Their lack of sight didn't deprive them from fully experiencing Christo's vision," said Rosario Sanchez, Coordinator of Youth Services at Blind Children's Learning Center.

"We are so grateful for the opportunity to partner with both Cinemagine and the Blind Children's Learning Center to give these students a new type of movie-going experience," said Brandon Choi, COO of CJ 4DPLEX Americas.

The Blind Children's Learning Center is a non-profit agency that provides services for children with visual impairments. Founded in 1962 by six adults who were blind, the organization was originally called "Services for the Blind Orange County." The founders quickly discovered the key to helping a person with visual impairments was to start working with them at a very early age. Today the agency serves children and their families through a Global Infant Development Program, Bright Visions Early Childhood Center and Youth Outreach with the mission to prepare children with

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ASM. CRISTINA GARCIA ADMITS USING HOMOPHOBIC SLUR AGAINST FORMER SPEAKER

By Brian Hews

In an interview with KQED, Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia admitted, among other things, that she used the word 'homo' to describe fellow elected officials.



CRISTINA GARCIA

"Have I at some point used the word 'homo'? Yeah I've used that word 'homo.' I don't know that I've used it in derogatory context. I think you need to think about the context in which it was used. But

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TRANSIENT ASSAULTS TWO CERRITOS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, TEACHER AND SIA'S DETAIN MAN

By Brian Hews

HMG-CN learned this past Wednesday, through a reader email and not an alert from ABCUSD, that a pervert scared two female students on their way to school Wednesday morning.

The man, who was eventually arrested in the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts parking lot, closely followed the females and at one point "bumped into them."

The two students immediately informed a teacher and pointed the man out standing at 183rd and Bloomfield, the teacher along with two SIA's bravely detained the man until Cerritos Sheriff's arrived. The man was immediately arrested.

The Deputies informed the school that the suspect was a known transient who had been previously arrested for "upskirting" (taking pictures of undergarments of unsuspecting females).

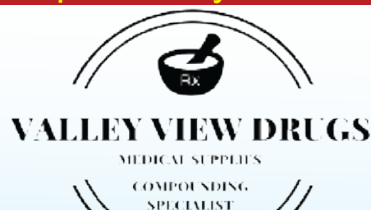
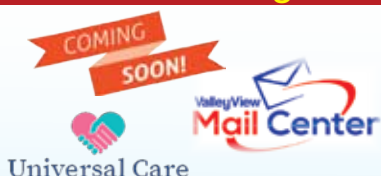
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MEET SARA EVANS, THE NEXT WOMAN OF COUNTRY MUSIC

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Downey Theatre closes its 2017-2018 Season with the resilient Sara Evans on Sunday, April 22, at 7:00pm. The evening will feature special guest ‘Temecula Road’ performing the opening set.

Evans has five number one singles, sold millions of records, won the Academy of Country Music’s Top Female Vocalist Award, and claimed a Country Music Association trophy for her signature song, “Born To Fly.” With the release of her eighth studio album Words, she demonstrates that she is willing to leap into the unknown, taking greater control of her career and calling the shots in a way that’s unusual in country music – particularly for a woman.

Words is the first project on Evans’ own label: Born To Fly Records appropriately named after that CMA-winning signature song, which celebrated risk and adventure. Evans’ voice is warm and strong, the songs are authentic and memorable, and the actual words themselves resonate with the realities of everyday life.

The album was an eye-opening experience for Evans. As the head of her own company, she was able to take a streamlined approach to building it. Instead of subjecting the music to multiple departments, each with their own view of one part of her career, Evans approached it with an instinctual, gut-level focus on



Photo courtesy of Sara Evans Management

FIVE NO.1 SINGLES: Evans has sold millions of records, won the Academy of Country Music’s Top Female Vocalist Award, and claimed a Country Music Association trophy for her signature song, “Born To Fly."

making a project that represents the current version of who she is.

“The only thing I had on my mind with this album was just Grammy-level songs and the coolest music that I can find,” she says. “I didn’t really go about it in any other way. I wasn’t catering to any part of the business. There was never a thought in my head of, ‘Will this work on country radio?’ It’s just a little bit deeper than I’ve gone in the past.”

Evans co-wrote three of the album’s 14 songs, instinctively picking material along the way that matches her world view. Thirteen additional females racked up writing credits on the project, including Lady Antebellum’s Hillary Scott, Pistol Annies’ Ashley Monroe, The Isaacs’ Sonya Isaacs, Hillary Lindsey, Caitlyn Smith, Heather Morgan and Liz Hengber.

pop, and rock on the radio. She began singing with the family band when she was five and made her first attempts at recording as a teenager, committing to a creative path with her move to Nashville in 1991. Her résumé includes 14 Top 20 country hits, ranging from her reassuring first #1 – “No Place That Far,” featuring background vocals by Vince Gill – to the neo-traditional “Suds In The Bucket,” to the elegant, spiky pop feel of “Slow Me Down.”

Evans says “I feel so blessed, but at the same time, there’s blood, sweat, and tears in every single thing that I’ve gotten in this life. I have gone out and just really, really sold it, and I’m still doing that to this day.” Doing it her way, as a mother, a record company entrepreneur and driven artist.

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New Executive Director Named at Rancho Los Alamitos

Following a stellar thirty years as Executive Director of Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens, the Board of Directors has announced that Pamela Seager will assume a new position as Executive Director Emeritus/Site Historian effective April 1, 2018. Assuming the position of Executive Director will be Pamela Young Lee, the Rancho’s current Associate Director.

Ms. Seager is well known in Long Beach and beyond as the founding Executive Director of Rancho Los Alamitos, a job she began in 1985 at the request of Preston Hotchkis, the grandson of the property owner and rancher, Fred Bixby. Ms. Seager was engaged by the Bixby family to help formalize a public/private partnership between the Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation and the City of Long Beach to restore and manage the site as a museum and educational institution. Ms. Seager joined Rancho Los Alamitos after eleven years with the California Historical Society. She has also served on the Governor’s Heritage Task Force, the California Preservation Society, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and many other local, state and national preservation groups.

Among her new responsibilities, Ms. Seager will assume a portfolio of projects including the completion of the seismic improvements to the adobe-core Ranch House, the restoration of the Old Garden and the Foreman’s Cottage and enjoying

one of her passions – as garden curator of the Rancho’s twelve historic gardens.

As the new Executive Director, Pamela Young Lee will oversee day-to-day operations of the Rancho, including oversight of the strategic planning process now underway, and the implementation of the plan once it is complete.

Ms. Lee worked as site curator for Rancho Los Alamitos from 1986-1995 and again from 2005 to the present. She has previously served as curator for the Mission Inn in Riverside, as Director of Creative Resources for Walt Disney Imagineering and chief curator for the California Historical Society.

In announcing the changes in leadership at the Rancho, Foundation Board Chair Jerry Miller stated, “The Rancho and its board, staff, volunteers and supporters owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Pamela Seager for her remarkable accomplishments over 30 years at the Rancho. We are pleased that she will continue her relationship with Rancho Los Alamitos as Pam Young Lee assumes her new duties. The City of Long Beach and generations of people who cherish this iconic organization will continue to be well-served.”

Rancho Los Alamitos is owned by the City of Long Beach and managed by the Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation as a public/private cooperative venture consistent with the gifting of the site to the City 50 years ago.



PAMELA SEAGER



PAMELA YOUNG LEE

NORWALK-LA MIRADA UNIFIED HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Principals wear a variety of hats, especially in the midst of today’s rapid changes in education. One way to help a community understand this role is allowing others the opportunity to try on those hats for a day.

The Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District held their first Annual Principal for a Day Program, Wednesday, March 28th at over 30 campuses.

The program allowed civic leaders, business owners, community members and friends of the district to volunteer for a half-a-day of service as an honorary principal. Each “principal” will find out what it’s like to walk in the shoes of a school administrator, be part of the campus activities and then share with educators their observations and ideas.

Hews Media Group [HMG] and the La Mirada Lamplighter were invited to tag along as Mayor of La Mirada Ed Eng and Clay Walker, President of the NLM Teachers Association took on the challenge of school administrator.

In this first annual principal program, policymakers shadowed K-12 principals to understand the daily challenges principals face. Lisa Reed, principal of La Mirada High School, says hosting the program gave her the opportunity to showcase the school, staff, and students.

Like the community engagement ef-

forts of many other school districts, NLMUSD’s Principal for a Day Program is designed to create opportunities for the community to learn first-hand about local public education accomplishments and foster neighborhood goodwill.

“So far we have visited a journalism class, a welding class and an AP History class,” said Eng, “each class room I visit, I take note of what I think we could add or bring to discussion to enhance the students experience.”

Eng was asking questions in the journalism class and was so impressed by a young lady who was brave enough to answer, he presented her with a book about following her passion.

“She described her goals and her enthusiasm was quite infectious. I hope it helps her to achieve her vision.”

Rick de la Torre Communications Coordinator for NLMUSD said, “The objective of the Principal for a Day program is to learn how work at the Department of Education gets implemented at a school. It is also for officials to learn what principals do to improve instruction and increase student performance in classrooms and to honor the work of education policy and practice.”

De la Torre added, “We hope to come out of the event with some new ideas. Having fresh eyes and perspectives will lead to better communication and environments for our students.”

A “debriefing” luncheon was held at Huerta School in Norwalk, where educators and volunteers were able to discuss their experiences and offer suggestions and ideas. Guest principals talked about their various general observations at the campuses they visited offering praise and positive reactions.

Feedback included how enthusiastic the teachers were in the classroom; stu-



Photo by Tammye McDuff

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Principal Lisa Read, La Mirada Mayor Ed Eng and Clay Walker, a former social studies teacher at the school and current President of TANLA at the Principal for a Day event. The program was held at over 30 campuses.

dents seemed to be courteous and polite to guests and to each other. It did not go unnoticed that there was a sense of camaraderie among administrators and teamwork between teachers and staff. The value of transitional kindergarten was also remarked on.

Many of the guests noted the constant "on the go" work environment for principals and student engagement in the classroom, especially those in the AVID programs. Above all each guest noted the compassion and love for learning shown in the classrooms

Marcus Gomez, a local attorney and

Lions Club member, visited Moffitt Elementary School in Norwalk. He attended the school as a youth and liked the school's positive atmosphere. "I was totally impressed," he said. "I'm so happy to see the good that is going on in public education."

“Many principals do not realize they are also leaders of their community, not just their school building,” said Walker, “stressing this fact by engaging with lawmakers and civic leaders, Principals can be educational spokespersons.”

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EFFECTING MEANINGFUL CHANGE TO THE NORWALK- LA MIRADA SCHOOL BOARD?



The Teachers Association of the Norwalk- La Mirada Area is looking for interested residents to attend an informational meeting for potential School Board candidates for the Nov 2018 election. The meeting will be held Thursday evening, April 26th, at the TANLA Office at 11310 Firestone Blvd. Norwalk, CA., 90650 from 6-8 p.m. A light dinner will be served.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY'S LUNCH HELPS FEMALE VETERANS

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 496 District 19 held a Women's Veterans Tea for its Past Presidents Parley Program (PPP) and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation programs.

The purpose of the PPP committee is to share the experience and knowledge of past Auxiliary leaders with future Auxiliary leaders.

The PPP also recognizes and honors outstanding unit members through Unit Member of the Year, and female veterans through the Salute to Servicewomen awards.

While originally organized to assist the American Legion, the Auxiliary has achieved its own unique identity while working side-by-side with the veterans who belong to the Legion. Like the Legion, the Auxiliary's interests have broadened to encompass the entire community.

Many veterans from the ADVANCE Woman's Program were in attendance.

According to U.S. Vets Inc., one in five female veterans experienced some form of sexual trauma during their military service. Victims of such trauma are more likely to suffer from post-traumatic



Photo by Tammye McDuff

HELPING OUT: Auxiliary members gather for lunch and chat about future plans.

stress disorder, mental illness, alcoholism, depression and physical illness, all of which act as barriers to the veteran's ability to obtain education, housing or employment.

In response to this service-wide problem, U.S. Vets launched the ADVANCE Women's Program in 2001 to address the unique needs of these female veterans.

In partnership with the Department of Veteran Affairs, ADVANCE provides

a safe and sober living environment where female veterans with children can receive treatment for sexual trauma and substance abuse, work re-entry counseling and assistance in receiving disability payments.

Auxiliaries hold special events to raise funds and to raise awareness of these needs. For more information on these programs and other ways you can assist our veterans and their families visit www.alaforveterans.org.

22ND ANNUAL ARC WALK FOR INDEPENDENCE

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Even with the threat of rain, thousands of walkers came out on Saturday morning, March 17th, to support the ARC Walk for Independence at Stone-wood Shopping Center. This annual event is in support of adults and children with intellectual / developmental disabilities.

The first ARC walk had a meager 200 participants and proudly declares over 5,000 gathered to walk, support and participant this year.

Phillip Palmer, ARC host and ABC 7 Anchor stated "The walk is a community bonding time, of hope. A day where friends and families can celebrate the joy of life together."

Mayor Sean Ashton greeted participants saying, "I walk because I believe every individual should be treated with dignity and respect. I walk because peo-



Photo by Tammye McDuff

ARC HOST: ABC 7 News' Phillip Palmer was host for the 22nd Annual ARC Walk.

ple with disabilities have traveled a road that I cannot relate to, but yet I appreciate what they have overcome. Thousand have spent most of their lives in large institutions, but thanks to our efforts can now thrive in accepting communities. This morning is about the abilities of the ARC community, not their disabilities. This is a show of support for those individuals who are working toward their independence."

Founded in 1950, a small group of parents and professionals joined forces to act as voices for a change in conditions of those with intellectual disabilities and its cause.

At the time there were no programs, activities of communities to assist in the care of children with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

The common position for doctors to take, at the time, was to inform the parents the best place for a child with these types of challenges was an institution.

The collective desire by these parents and physicians formed the first ARC Foundation in 1956.

Today ARC is the world's largest community based organization of and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

It provides an array of services and support for families and individuals and includes over 140,000 members affiliated through more than 850 state and local chapters across the nation.

ARC offers 14 different services, from Senior Programs; Programs for people with disabilities; classes and educational programs and a variety of work programs.

Mayfair Monsoon Marching Core from Lakewood provided upbeat music to pump up participants and Acapulco Restaurant provided a free breakfast for all paid participants.

To get involved with ARC, visit the website at www.arcwalk.org.

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ARTESIA CHAMBER HOSTS LOCAL AUTHOR STEVE RICHARDSON

BY LARRY CABALLERO

Artesia Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the Cerritos College Foundation (CCF), held a “Become a Better Leader in 30 Days” Luncheon Mar. 27 at Cerritos College where its outstanding culinary arts department served delicious Italian pasta dishes.

CCF Executive Director Steve Richardson, and the author of the book with the same name, was the keynote speaker.

“Today I want to share with all of you my insights and perspective after being a leader for forty years,” said Richardson.

“A leader is simply someone who other people will follow, and that can be as a family member, business owner or a leader of a social organization, and they follow you because they have to or want to.”

Richardson said that people follow you if they have trust that you will do the right thing. He talked about the three C’s—Charisma, Competence and Character.

“People will forgive you for a time if you let them down in competence or character, but only if you have a lot of charisma,” said Richardson. He used examples of past and current Presidents who may at times lack in competence and character, including Nixon, Clinton and Trump, but so long as they show charisma with their followers, they can remain as leaders.

Richardson defines charisma as a trait when people are naturally drawn to you. Competence is usually two kinds—hard skills such as technical skills, and soft skills that include people skills and the ability to get along with others.

Character includes truthfulness and



Photo courtesy Artesia Chamber

LEADERSHIP QUALITIES: Welcoming guests to the Become a Better Luncheon at Cerritos College were (l-r): Bill Lee, Cerritos College Foundation Executive Director Steve Richardson, Chamber VP Parimal Shah, President Shaila Patankar, Executive Director Ross Gile, and Ina Dahilig.

tenacity. “We can forgive a lot of shortcomings of our leaders so long as they don’t lie to us.”

Richardson shared the stories of General Ulysses S. Grant and General George Patton to show the power of tenacity in a leader.

“Both were not people-friendly guys, but their followers knew that they had tenacity and would continue fighting for them until the end.”

Richardson concluded with this thought: “A willing follower will go with you when you ask them, and they will do

what you ask them to do, and finally, they will defend your ideals to other people.”

Richardson has been the Cerritos College Foundation Executive Director since 2000. Under his leadership, CCF has grown from \$1M to \$4.5M in assets managed.

More than \$270,000 was awarded in student scholarships last year, and with the help of his team, they will create an annual endowment of \$1M for scholarships by 2022.

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SU CASA-ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARDED \$15,000 GRANT

The Josephine S. Gumbiner Foundation recently announced that they have awarded a \$15,000 grant to Su Casa – Ending Domestic Violence.

“We are thrilled that they have chosen to partner with us again,” stated Anna Conti, Executive Director. “We have a long relationship with the Josephine S. Gumbiner Foundation as they have provided nearly \$125,000 in the past 10 years in support of our efforts to provide support and services for victims of domestic violence.”

Su Casa – Ending Domestic Violence has been providing domestic violence crisis and prevention services for Long Beach and other surrounding communities for 39 years. The organization will

receive over 3,600 requests for services during the upcoming year including crisis hotline calls, emergency shelter residence or counseling directed toward healing the effects of domestic violence.

According to Ms. Conti, “Many grants we receive are specifically directed toward a specific program. This grant can be utilized for our core operating services which could include providing targeted training for our shelter staff, or capital improvements to our shelters.”

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ABC PRESENTS ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT AT CERRITOS REGIONAL CHAMBER BREAKFAST

BY LARRY CABALLERO

ABC Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu was proud to report to a packed house on the District’s accomplishments at the Cerritos Chamber of Commerce’s State of the District Breakfast Mar. 22 at the Cerritos Performing Arts Center.

“ABC focuses on student achievement,” said Sieu, “and how well we are preparing our students for future success.”

Sieu said the District’s greatest strength is its student diversity that includes 45.8% Hispanic, 34.9% Asian/Pacific Islander, 8.5% African-American and 6% White.

There have been no student expulsions in six years, and the suspension rate is a low 1.7% with a 98% graduation rate.

The District’s budget is more than \$221 million, and its staff of more than 3,500 certificated and classified personnel serve more than 30,000 students in 30 schools who reside in more than eight cities.

Sieu said the District offers numerous programs and services to meet student and parent needs including adaptive P.E., adult school classes, career technical education and crisis prevention/intervention.

The District has several schools that have been recognized by the state as a California Gold Ribbon School, California Distinguished School, National Blue Ribbon School, or a California School to Watch.

The California School Board Association has awarded Golden Bell awards for several of the District’s programs including the Southside Schools Reading Collaborative, ABC Parent Leadership Academy and Conference, RISE Program

that partners schools with community organizations, and the Youth Leadership Summit.

Sieu was the 2017 Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) State Superintendent of the Year.

“Our motto,” said Sieu, “is Serving Every Student, Every School, Every Day.”

The Directions the District has set for itself include Academic Achievement for All where all students will have equitable access to a rigorous curriculum with aligned instructional materials; Develop a Multi-Year Plan for providing a strong career technical education; Professional Growth for Employees; and Building Family and Community engagement that provides family and community partnerships to support student learning.

“It is all about operating an effective and efficient organization,” said Sieu.

The District is also focused on campus safety “since school safety is really the number one issue.”

She said the District’s mission is clear—to develop a community of lifelong learners, creative thinkers, and responsible individuals by providing innovative and high quality educational programs in a safe and supportive environment.

Sieu also shared several student-generated videos where student leaders reported on how ABC has prepared them for success in whatever path they choose in the future.

She assured the attendees that ABC will never stop growing and will continue to be in the forefront of any new technology that will benefit and enhance student learning.

PASSINGS LA MIRADA RESIDENT CHRIS ALLEN KOSEFF

Chris Allen Koseff, a life-long resident of La Mirada and close environs passed peacefully Saturday, March 17, 2018, surrounded by loved ones after a month-long struggle to overcome trauma inflicted in a car vs. pedestrian accident in Orange, California. Born March 19, 1962, Chris is the fourth child of Carl and Virginia Koseff, 50-year residents of La Mirada, who preceded him in death.

Chris leaves behind his cherished son, Christopher Jackson Koseff, a devoted partner, Paula Jean Smith, five siblings: Carla (Gary) Rago and Christianne (Richard) Pittenger all of Huntington Beach, Catherine Douglas (Michael (Deceased) of San Rafael, Craig Koseff of Ontario, Carolyn Koseff of Marbella, Spain, his loving nieces Mikaila and Makenzie Pittenger, adoring dogs Sunny and Duke, and Turtle, his desert tortoise.

Chris attended Neff High School and maintained abiding friendships with classmates throughout his life. Chris was the consummate car salesman at various automobile agencies throughout the LA and OC region, and founded his own dealership, CJacks Auto Sales in Orange



CHRIS KOSEFF

in 2013. A successful and reputable corporation he named for and leaves to his beloved son, Jackson, CJacks Auto Sales was the opportunity Chris seized to be close to and to teach his son the art of the deal, the mechanics of business and the joys of an honest day’s work with trusted colleagues and satisfied clients.

Chris had recently purchased a beautiful home in Corona and was looking forward to many more years of living the good life with family, friends and colleagues when he was struck by a vehicle while crossing the road in Orange on February 20.

The family wishes to thank the life-saving trauma team, amazing surgeons, and compassionate S-ICU nurses at UC Irvine Medical Center who valiantly worked with Chris to help him recover from insurmountable injuries over the past month.

A funeral Mass will be held April 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 14020 Foster Rd, La Mirada, CA 90638. Burial services will follow at Olive Lawn Cemetery in La Mirada.

THE GARDENS CASINO TO HOST ‘ALL IN FOR AUTISM’ TOURNAMENT

Proceeds to benefit So. Cal. Chapter of Autism Speaks

BY BRIAN HEWS

The newly remodeled Gardens Casino in Hawaiian Gardens will be hosting the inaugural All in for Autism Speaks Poker Tournament on Saturday, April 7th. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Southern California Chapter of Autism Speaks who’s mission is to help individuals with autism and their families. Proceeds will also benefit local families by providing Gemiini Educational Systems video therapy services.

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder, refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 1 in 68 children is on the autism spectrum.

The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. with red carpet arrivals and a reception filled with live music, hors-d’oeuvres, drinks and a silent auction. The auction will include many one-of-a-kind items and VIP experiences, including items donated by the World Boxing Council.

The poker tournament begins at 6:00 p.m. and features a \$250 buy-in, with both cash and prizes up for grabs.

The tournament will boast pro players including Lee Watkinson, Super Bowl XXVI MVP Mark Rypien, celebrities, and other athletes including WBC World Champions.

“This is the most elegant casino in Los Angeles. We are excited to be working with The Gardens Casino and Autism Speaks in connection with this star-studded event designed to bring more resources to the families of Southern California,” said Pamela Phillips of Gemiini.

April is Autism Awareness Month and All in for Autism Speaks and the Gardens Casino serves to bring awareness to autism through this competitive tournament. Tickets for the event begin at \$100 to attend. Tickets can be purchased on event day at the Casino. Sponsorship opportunities are available and begin at \$2,500.

To learn more about this year’s event please contact: elizabeth.roland@autism-speaks.org. To learn more, donate, or join a fundraising walk with Autism Speaks, go to AutismSpeaks.org.

The Gardens Casino is known as the “friendliest card club” in the Los Angeles area. The casino has been one of LA’s premier card clubs for more than 20 years. Its new state-of-the-art venue offers guests over 300 tables, luxury VIP amenities as well as a premium casual restaurant and an upscale bar and lounge. The Gardens Casino has also been an integral part and partner in the Hawaiian Gardens community, supporting the city with jobs and economic contributions. For more information on The Gardens Casino, visit www.thegardenscasino.com.

Pamela Phillips of Gemiini told HMG-CN that, “Gemiini Systems is a global provider of online video modeling therapy for patients with autism, Down syndrome and other developmental delays. Video modeling is accepted as Established Science by the National Autism Standards Board and Gemiini is dedicated to reaching every family in need of therapy. Gemiini offers scholarships to meet every budget.”



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Coaches are Friends: Cerritos High Plays Oregon Team



Photo by Loren Kopff

STATE DIPLOMACY: The Cerritos High and West Albany (OR) High softball teams enjoy one last photo opportunity following their softball game this past Wednesday, won by Cerritos 3-1.

BY LOREN KOPFF
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It’s somewhat rare for softball teams to play teams from out of state in a single, non-tournament game. But Cerritos High found itself playing Oregon-based West Albany High this past Wednesday thanks to the connection that Cerritos head coach Kim Ensey has.

According to Ensey, West Albany head coach Ryan Borde has a sister who lives in Long Beach and contacted Kim two years ago about possibly putting together a game in the future. They stayed in contact through social media and were able to schedule a game this season when the Bulldogs were on their spring break. West Albany arrived in Southern California on Sunday and played JSerra High this past Monday and Laguna Hills High this past Tuesday.

Backed by hitting of junior left fielder Elise Gibbs and sophomore center fielder Essence Gibbs, Cerritos got past West Albany 3-1, hours before the Bulldogs would fly back home. The Lady Dons improved to 10-4, which includes a 3-0 mark in Suburban League play, and have won six straight games.

“Coming into league, we started playing really well,” Ensey said. “We had a rough game against Norwalk, but other than that, our bats have been coming alive since the Torrance Tournament. I’ve been happy with how the girls have been playing.”

After stranding two runners in each of the first two innings, the Lady Dons broke through in the bottom of the third, which started with junior shortstop Niki Ibarra singling to center and scoring on a double from Elise Gibbs. Two innings later, Cerritos went up 2-0 when senior pitcher Jennifer Morinishi doubled to left field and was replaced by sophomore courtesy runner Asharie Gibbs, who was recently called up from the junior varsity squad. After a groundout from senior first baseman Kiara Crockett-Pope, Elise Gibbs drove in Asharie Gibbs with a single to left.

“Elise has absolutely been on fire at the plate,” Ensey said. “She’s got Kiara hitting in front of her, who’s been intentionally walked a few times and she’s batting 1.000 after Kiara has been intentionally walked. She’s kind of clutch in those situations. She keeps her composure really well, which helps. And then Essence has been putting the ball in play, making adjustments at the plate and she has been a pretty clutch hitter for us.”

The fifth inning run would prove to be the difference as Morinishi was in control early on. She struck out the first four batters of the game and would leave two runners at third base in the second and third innings. Through the first five innings, she gave up four hits, but ran into trouble in the top of the sixth.

With one out, Mahayla Gamble singled to the right field gap and was replaced with courtesy runner Sophia Lynn. McKenzie Kosmicki would then reach on an error and Cassie Cosler’s base hit loaded the bases.

Two pitches later, a single to center from April Kingry plated Lynn.

In the next inning the Lady Dons got an insurance run when Essence Gibbs drove in courtesy runner Alexa Diaz with a single. That was crucial because the Bulldogs loaded the bases in the top of the seventh before Morinishi got Cosler to pop-up to Crockett-Pope to end the game. Morinishi, who has pitched in 11 straight games and all but four innings this season, gave up seven hits and struck out seven.

“I was hoping to rest Jenny a little bit at some point in these four games,” Ensey said. “But we didn’t get that opportunity; at least she has a week and a half to go. It’s been a good little winning streak that we have going into a couple of hard games we have coming up after the break.”

The Lady Dons will gladly enjoy some time off before returning to action on Apr. 10 when they host Mayfair High. “I am happy with 10-4,” Ensey said. “We front-loaded our schedule pretty good with some pretty competitive teams and I think that has really prepared us for our league, which was the plan.”

In other softball action, the only games that will take place next week involve Gahr High, which hasn’t played since Mar. 20. The Lady Gladiators (7-3) will host South Torrance High on Tuesday before facing Valencia High on Wednesday in the first game of the Michelle Carew Classic.

BASEBALL

Four area teams will continue action in the St. Paul Tournament while two others are in separate tournaments. But before that, some teams played league games on Mar. 29. Artesia High (1-10 overall, 0-3 in the Suburban League) hosted Cerritos High (9-3, 1-1), Norwalk High (5-3, 1-0) entertained Mayfair and Valley Christian High (5-5, 0-2 in the Olympic League) visited Heritage Christian High.

In the AAA Division of the St. Paul Tournament, Cerritos will face San Dimas High on Saturday and Crean Lutheran High on Monday while in the AA Division, Artesia will play St. Monica High on Saturday and Covina High on Monday, Norwalk will see Ontario Christian High on Saturday and host St. Bernard on Monday and V.C. will travel to Garfield High on Saturday and host St. Monica on Monday. The St. Paul Tournament will semi-final and consolation games on Tuesday with the championship games and more consolation games on Wednesday.

Gahr (5-6) will host Mira Costa High on Saturday and entertain Oaks Christian High in a doubleheader on Thursday while John Glenn High (8-2 overall, 1-0 in the Suburban League) hosted Montebello High in a doubleheader on Mar. 29 and will face Pleasant Grove (UT) High on Wednesday and Davis High out of Kaysville, UT on Thursday in the Desert Cities Classic. In Academy League action, Whitney High (3-4, 0-1) visited Calvary Chapel Downey High on Mar. 29 and will not play again until Apr. 10 when the Wildcats host St. Margaret’s High.

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nally elected to the city council in 2005. He is serving his fourth term as a council member, after being re-elected in March 2017.

The council’s annual evening of reorganization began with a “Lakewood Celebrates” community gathering where expressions of thanks and appreciation were made to Diane DuBois for her mayoral term.

Dubois has represented the city in important regional agencies, such as the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority board, where she has served for eight years, including one term as Chairwoman.

Croft presented remarks to about 150 people gathered in the city council chambers discussing the year ahead for Lakewood city government, including storm water capture projects at Bolivar and Mayfair Parks, highlighting new businesses such as the new Burlington store and the return of the ‘Lakewood Beautiful’ recognition program.

As part of his focus this year, Croft will be stressing the importance of the Donate Life organization. Inspired by Lakewood resident Maria Jimenez and the death of her son Adrian, Croft said “I have decided that as mayor I would like to draw attention to the cause of organ donation. I’ll be working with city staff on a few modest...but hopefully supportive efforts...to remind people of the option of being an organ and tissue donor, and to support public education about organ donation.” Jimenez son Adrian passed away from meningitis but had proudly signed up earlier to become an

organ and tissue donor upon his death. “Through his decision, Adrian has saved and improved the lives of many people,” said Croft, “after hearing from Maria and others in the Donate Life organization, I find the motto of Donate Life, borrowed from the famous poet Maya Angelou, to be very inspiring and to speak to the core values of so many Lakewood organizations and causes.” “Be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud.”

One person can save up to eight lives by donating an organ and help 75 people as a tissue donor. “You may not be aware of this,” said Croft, “but I benefited from a tissue donor when I received a bone graft during neck surgery several years ago. I owe a lot to a person I never met, but who made the decision to do something positive and uplifting for someone else.”

Another cause that Croft wants to support is the appreciation of and for military veterans, “Our city already has some programs in place, like our new Veterans History Project, acknowledging the service of our Lakewood veterans. However during the coming year, I want to make sure that more Lakewood veterans and their families know about that project and know how they can participate and be acknowledged. “A few years back the city encouraged the Long Beach VA Hospital to bring its “mobile health center” to Lakewood for a day of service to veterans and Croft will be seeking similar opportunities to ensure that veterans receive the best possible service.

“We have a busy year ahead,” concluded Croft, “but it will be busy in a good way, as we all do our part to continue to make Lakewood a wonderful place in which to live, raise a family, work and play.”

CENTRAL BASIN

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Marquez.

The lawsuit, filed at the Norwalk Court, was sealed but HMG-CN was able to obtain the case number, VF014650.

Marquez, Downey Publisher Jennifer Givens and her beat reporter Eric Pierce, slammed HMG-CN for the Oct. story alleging a “political attack.”

But one week later, the Downey paper was forced to backtrack their criticism of HMG-CN when they “obtained” documents and published the Marquez story “confirming” the extra marital affair and the child out of wedlock.

HMG-CN had posted the same documents online thirteen days prior to the Downey article.

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anything can be taken out of context clearly here in this situation.”

KQED then asked, "so did you ever use that to describe the speaker, the word “homo”

Garcia responded, "I can't remember but I wouldn't be surprised if I used

Marquez was also accused of re-neging on a campaign promise in 2011 where he vowed, in a newspaper article, to donate his Council salary. “Hoping to make a difference in the community while honoring their campaign pledges, Marquez and Councilman Fernando Vasquez have reaffirmed a commitment to both save and donate their entire City Council stipends, dedicating the funds to local charities and education projects.”

Six years later, then-Downey Councilman Mario Guerra called out Marquez in a HMG-CN article, “Marquez campaign promise was on the record to give his council stipend away to charity. To date, six years later, he still has not. \$750 per month, times twelve months per year, times six years is a lot to our community, just do the math.”

The amount was \$54,000.

that word. Right? So I think that that's fair. I think terms like 'faggot' are period derogatory. There's no good way to use that word. I think a term like 'homo' can also be derogatory, right? I'm not going to sit here and pretend I'm an angel. Was I using those as derogatory terms? No. It's almost like I would say I'm a brown person sometimes.”

JUNE BALLOT: Tony Mendoza can't call himself a 'state senator'

The Secretary of State will prevent Tony Mendoza’s placing “state senator” on the ballot in the June election. The SOS said it was deceptive because he resigned from the Senate last month amid allegations of sexual harassment.

Mendoza, who lives in Artesia, resigned after an investigation concluded that he made six female aides uncomfortable with a pattern of "unwanted flirta-

tious or sexually suggestive behavior.” “As such, your proposed ballot designation of ‘State Senator’ is misleading,” said Rachelle Delucchi, an elections counsel for the secretary of state in a letter to Mendoza.

Mendoza has time to appeal to the courts on the ballot designation. If he does not win the ballot will have the words “no designation.”

MUCH NEEDED TREE TRIMMING CONTINUES IN CERRITOS



Photo courtesy Jim McMahon

TRIMMING CANOPIES: Last two weeks, much-needed tree work has begun on north Denny Street and Mammoth Rd. Massive 45 year old Ficus trees are selectively being removed, along with some Canary Island Pines.

FRIDA RESTAURANT RIBBON CUTTING HOSTED BY CERRITOS REGIONAL CHAMBER



Photo courtesy Cerritos Regional Chamber

RIBBON CUTTING: The Cerritos Regional Chamber hosted a ribbon cutting at Frida's Mexican Cuisine at the 183rd Plaza this past Monday. Attending was former Cerritos Mayor George Ray, Councilman Jim Edwards, next to Edwards is Vicente Del Rio, CEO; Juan Garcia, General Manager; Carlos Garcia, Consulate General of Mexico in Los Angeles; Diego Gutierrez, Vice President; Juan Manuel Padilla, Executive Chef. Joining them was Chamber Board Members and Ambassadors.

FRIENDS OF THE CERRITOS LIBRARY PRESENTS \$15,000 TO CERRITOS LIBRARY



Photo courtesy city of Cerritos

BIG CHECK!: The Friends of the Cerritos Library presented a check in the amount of \$15,000 to the Cerritos City Council to be used to purchase a replacement radio frequency identification (RFID) system for the Cerritos Library. Friends of the Cerritos Library President Janice Dawson and members of the Friends Board made the presentation. The new RFID system will enhance materials self-checkout services for library patrons and provide security for the collection.

La Mirada Community Foundation Scholarship Deadline Nears

The annual La Mirada Community Foundation is still accepting applications for their Scholarship Program from qualified high school seniors. Deadline is Thursday, April 12, at 4:30 p.m. at La Mirada City Hall.

Applications are available at La Mirada City Hall, the Resource Center, and local high schools. They are also available on the City's website cityoflamirada.org.

The Foundation offers three scholarships: the Bob Jenkins Community Service Scholarship, the Ray Haugh Vocational Scholarship, and Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship.

The Bob Jenkins Scholarship is available to students who have provided significant community service, reside in La Mirada, and have applied to an accredited college. Applicants must complete an essay on the value of community service and their involvement in the community.

The Ray Haugh Vocational Scholarship is available to students who have provided community service and/or volunteered in La Mirada, reside in La Mirada, and are enrolled in a vocational training program or trade school.

The Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship is available to students who plan to major in Business, Computer and Information Systems, Engineering, Mathematics, Engineering Technology, Natural Resources and Conservation, and Physical Science. The STEM scholarship is available to students who reside in La Mirada and have applied to an accredited college.

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Downey PD and Fire hold active shooter drills



Photo courtesy city of Downey

ACTIVE SHOOTER: Downey police held an active shooter drill at Downey High this past Sunday. Over 50 volunteer role-players, consisting of members from Downey’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Downey’s Fire Auxiliary, and Police Explorers from both Downey and nearby cities participated.

For the past few weeks, as part of an on-going effort to enhance public safety, the Downey Police and Fire Departments collaborated in a series of “active shooter” trainings to cross train police and fire staff on current best practices to handle “active shooter” incidents.

The trainings culminated in a hands-on drill at Downey High School on Sunday morning.

The drill highlighted the success

of the training, with approximately 25 police officers and firefighters from each department demonstrating their capability to respond to dynamic situations.

Over 50 volunteer role-players, consisting of members from Downey’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Downey’s Fire Auxiliary, and Police Explorers from both Downey and nearby cities, added to the realism.

LA Mirada recognizes American Red Cross



Photo courtesy city of La Mirada

AWARENESS MONTH: Mayor Ed Eng presents a proclamation to American Red Cross Community Ambassador Dr. Mark Chung.

The La Mirada City Council proclaimed March 2018 as American Red Cross Awareness Month at the March 13 meeting.

“The American Red Cross is asking people to help others during the month of March by giving blood, becoming a volunteer, participating in a disaster class, or making a donation to help a family,” says Community Services Director Lori Thompson.

La Mirada residents are encouraged to help others in the month of March by taking part in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

The CERT program is an all-hazard

training offered by the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

This program begins on Tuesday, April 24 from 6 to 10 p.m.

This valuable course is designed to help residents protect themselves and their family, and their neighborhood in an event of a disaster or emergency.

Lessons will include Fire Safety, Hazardous Material and Terrorist Incidents, Disaster Medical Operations, and Search and Rescue.

Registration closes on Friday, April 13. For additional information or to register, call (562) 902-2334.

ST. PAUL EASTER TOURNAMENT: GIL, SALAZAR AIDED BY EARLY SCORING AS NORWALK EDGES VALLEY CHRISTIAN

BY LOREN KOPFF
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Because of the recent rains, the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section member schools have had to cancel, postpone and/or scramble to reschedule baseball games affected by the weather. Norwalk High and Valley Christian High were no strangers to the schedule adjustment when they met in a St. Paul Easter Tournament game this past Monday.

Norwalk hadn't played since Mar. 12 while the visiting Crusaders had their road game at Whittier Christian High washed out last Friday. So, when V.C. got out to quick first-inning lead, it looked as if the Lancers would be in for a long day. But senior pitcher Mark Gil settled down and the hosts scored twice in the bottom of the second inning and one more in the fifth to come away with a 3-1 win.

"I thought we came out a little flat for pregame," said Norwalk head coach Bill Wenrick. "I thought once the game got going, they refocused and they played a good ballgame."

Norwalk senior center fielder Lalo Sosa led off the second with a double, went to third on a groundout from senior second baseman Adrian Perez and came home on a wild pitch. V.C. junior pitcher Ryan Bloom then walked senior right fielder Richard Lozano, moved to second on a groundout from senior first baseman Alex Varela and to third on a wild pitch before scoring on a base hit to center from junior catcher Andrew Arriola.

That would be all the help that Gil needed as he worked four innings, scattering four hits and striking out three in his second start of the season. Senior

Juan Salazar came in to work the final three frames, yielding two hits and striking out four for his first save and the team's second.

"His performance was great," Wenrick said of Gil. "He was always around the plate. He's learned a couple of new pitches this year. I didn't want to try to push him into the fifth inning and bring Juan in in the middle of an inning. I wanted Juan to start an inning."

"We couldn't get the timely out," said V.C. head coach Roger Penticoff. "We just didn't clutch up. That's basically what it is. Now, Ryan threw a great ballgame; it's his first complete game all year. He looked really good."

"It's like I told the guys, we have to start helping our pitching out," he continued. "This is like the third time where we've given up just a few runs and we got beat."

Five pitches into the game, junior catcher James Stirton reached on an infield single, advanced twice on wild pitches and came home on senior shortstop Brett Garcia's single to left. After that, the Crusaders (5-4) had numerous chances to score. But they stranded half a dozen runners and had one runner get past second after the first inning. Meanwhile, the Lancers added an insurance run in the fifth when senior shortstop Kevin Ramirez singled to right and scored an unearned run with two outs. Four different players would account for the four hits Norwalk collected while Stirton and junior third baseman Pete Tagle each went two for three.

"In the past, these would be the games that we would lose," Wenrick said. "The teams would put pressure on us and we would make the mistake. I felt today

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SOFTBALL: ARTESIA ENDS LOSING SKID BY SNAPPING VALLEY CHRISTIAN'S THREE-GAME WINNING STREAK

BY LOREN KOPFF
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When the Artesia High softball team hosted Valley Christian High this past Tuesday, there were a combined two seniors, five freshmen, five sophomores and six juniors in the starting lineup for both teams. It's easy to see why if the teams played 10 times, the result could go in favor of either team five times.

But they only play once and the host Lady Pioneers came out on the winning side, scoring twice in the bottom of the first inning and coasting to a 7-1 victory. The win ended a four-game losing streak in which Artesia had scored three runs and given up 25.

"We definitely needed this game," said Artesia head coach Dayna Feenstra. "We needed this win to get back, especially this was our bye for league. The girls had a lot more confidence today. They were a little bit more relaxed, a little bit more confident in getting those hits when we needed them. We were hitting before, but it's just a matter of scoring those runs."

"We just let our attitudes get the best of us," said V.C. head coach Nicole McGahey. "We just got down at the beginning and that turns into error after error. I liked that we still stepped up there in the box and we did what we could in the box and we didn't give up. But we need to go back to work on defense."

On the second pitch of the bottom of the first, sophomore center fielder Camryn Thompson reached on an error and moved over when senior second baseman Zoey Williams singled to shallow left field. Two batters later, junior third baseman Brenda Duran doubled to center and after sophomore catcher Charlene Fregoso was

hit to load the bases, a single to right field by freshman right fielder Isabel Navarro plated Williams.

V.C. scored its lone run in the top of the third when Artesia freshman pitcher Shelby Hile walked sophomore short-stop Kate Van Kampen, yielded a double to freshman catcher Quinn Livesay and a base hit to junior center fielder Katie Morewood. The Lady Crusaders (5-5) had numerous chances to score more runs but stranded nine runners in the first four innings.

"We loaded up and we hit the ball right where the players were," McGahey said. "So, we didn't take advantage of those moments. We were hitting the bottom of the ball, hitting them up in the air and not taking advantage of finding the holes in the field."

The next inning, the Lady Pioneers (3-7) put the game away with three more runs. With two outs, Thompson and Williams singled and came home when junior shortstop Natalie Luna singled and went to second on an error. Luna would then come home on Duran's second hit in three at-bats thus far.

In the sixth inning, Williams reached on an error and with two outs, Duran blasted a home run over the left field fence to conclude the game's scoring. The top four in Artesia's lineup-Thompson, Williams, Luna and Duran-did much of the damage, going a combined nine of 16 with six runs batted in and all seven runs scored.

"My top four, and I'll even go my top five with Char, I think they're probably one of the best hitters in league just because I've known them for so long and

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that we put the ball in play more than we usually do. We instead made them have to play our game and it helped us out with a wild pitch that we got a run on and an error at first base. That was the difference in the game, and in the past, we were the team making those mistakes.”

Norwalk, which opened its Suburban League portion of the schedule with a nine-inning, 4-1 win at Mayfair High the next day, hosted the Monsoons on Mar. 29 and will face Ontario Christian High on Saturday in the tournament. Then on Monday, the Lancers (5-3) will host St. Bernard High to wrap up pool play action before playing on Tuesday and Wednesday to conclude tournament play.

“The kids did play with more confidence today when they went to the plate,” Wenrick said. “After a strikeout, instead of coming back [to the dugout] dejected, they were analyzing [it]. They knew what the mistake was. They knew what pitches were being thrown to them. In the past, we were thinking baseball-wise like that.”

V.C. (5-5) would fall to Maranatha High 14-5 this past Tuesday to drop to 0-2 in Olympic League play. The Crusaders visited Heritage Christian High on Mar. 29 and will wrap up pool play action of the tournament at Garfield High on Saturday and home against St. Monica High on Monday. Playing four games in five days this week was not what Penticoff wanted considering the Crusaders only field 14 players.

“It affects us quite a bit,” Penticoff said. “We are a small squad, so we don’t have a lot of pitching. So, what’s going to happen is guys that don’t normally [pitch a lot]... we’re going to rely on multiple innings out of them.”

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I know what they’re capable of,” Feenstra said. “It’s just them continuing with that confidence.”

Meanwhile, it has been a learning period for Hile, who is one of six freshmen on the team. Hile worked five innings, scattering four hits and striking out five while walking five. She has started eight of the 10 games up to this point.

“Shelby’s a strong pitcher,” Feenstra said. “We’re trying to understand that as a freshman, she’s going against juniors and seniors. She’s making that pitching adjustment; she’s adjusting her pitches and her locations and she’s mentally tough.”

Morewood went two for three for the Lady Crusaders, who lost for the first time since an 8-5 setback to Bell High on Mar. 17 in the second of four games they would play in the Santa Fe Tournament. V.C. hosted The Webb Schools on Mar. 29 and then will be off until Apr. 12 when it hosts Village Christian High in its Olympic League opener.

“I love where our team is at right now,” McGahey said. “We’re playing bigger schools that we didn’t play last year, so we took the challenge to play some tougher teams to get us ready for league. We expected something like this to happen today; we really did. I think our girls almost needed that at this point because after their three wins, they were feeling pretty good. And we should, they played well and they played incredible on Saturday. I wanted to just hone in on what it feels like to be a winner on Saturday and then what it feels like to let your attitude get in the way like they did today.”

Artesia hosted last place John Glenn High in Suburban League action on Mar. 29 and will have a pair of games on Saturday to wrap up action in the Santa Fe Tournament before being off until Apr. 10 when it hosts Bellflower High.

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to indicate that this was an effort to "upskirt" one of the students.

Both students were shaken but unharmed.

Below is the alert sent out to the "Cerritos High School Community:"

At approximately 8:10 am this morning, two CHS female students approached one of our teachers in front of the school and informed him that they were being closely followed by an adult male as they walked to school. Both students were en-route to CHS from the Cerritos Town Center. One of the students claimed that she had been bumped by the man. The students were able to point out the suspect on the corner of 183rd and Bloomfield and the teacher, along with our SIA's, pursued the suspect and were able to detain him in the Performing Arts Center parking lot. Cerritos Deputies arrived soon after and arrested the suspect on the spot.

CHS Administrators were present when the two students were interviewed by the Deputies. The Deputies informed the school that the suspect was a known transient who had been previously arrested for "upskirting" (taking pictures of undergarments of unsuspecting females). The details of the investigation seemed to indicate that this was an effort to "upskirt" one of the students.

Both students were shaken but unharmed. We are grateful for our staff members quick and effective response to this incident. As a safety precaution, please emphasize with your children the importance of traveling in groups and being aware of their surroundings at all times when walking to and from school.

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(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. 414272-20
(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: KMS AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 1200, 1216, 1246 W. MAIN ST., ALHAMBRA, CA 91801
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 18827 STUDEBAKER ROAD, CERRITOS, CA 90703
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: NC AUTOS LLC 1139 WEST MAIN ST., ALHAMBRA, CA 91801
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: ALL THE ASSETS OF THE BUSINESS OF THE DEALERSHIP AS AN ONGOING CONCERN AND WILL INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE GOODWILL of that certain business located at: 1200, 1216, 1246 W. MAIN ST., ALHAMBRA, CA 91801
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: BROWNING MAZDA OF ALHAMBRA
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(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.
(9) The last date for filling claims is: APRIL 17, 2018
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE
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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 17-859

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, (1) APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF ARTESIA ZONING CODE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED ARTESIA LIVE II SPECIFIC PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH A SPECIFIC PLAN ZONE FOR THE PROPOSED ARTESIA LIVE II SPECIFIC PLAN, (2) APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF ARTESIA ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF REAL PROPERTY COVERED BY THE PROPOSED ARTESIA LIVE II SPECIFIC PLAN LOCATED AT 18600 GRIDLEY ROAD (ASSESSOR PARCEL NO. 7039-008-03) FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-G) ZONE TO ARTESIA LIVE II SPECIFIC PLAN ZONE (SP 16-02) (CASE NO. 2016-19), AND (3) MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO CEQA

This is a summary of the above entitled Ordinance No. 17-859 of the City of Artesia. This summary has been prepared and published in accordance with the requirements of Government Code Section 36933.

On February 12, 2018, the City Council of the City of Artesia adopted Resolution No. 17-2680, by a 4-0-1 vote, adopting the Artesia LIVE II Specific Plan for approximately 1.38 acres of real property located at 18600 Gridley Road (APN 7039-008-037) in the City of Artesia. The Artesia LIVE II Specific Plan facilitates the construction of a seven-story mixed-use development on the subject property. Section 9-2.3452 of the Artesia Municipal Code (AMC) provides that the adoption of a specific plan must be accompanied by an amendment to the AMC to acknowledge the approved specific plan and to establish a specific plan zone for the approved specific plan. Ordinance No. 17-859 amends Subsection (b) of Section 9-2.3453 (Specific Plan Zones and Zoning Map Designations) of Article 34.5 (Specific Plan Zones (SP)) of Chapter 2 (Zoning) of Title 9 (Planning and Zoning) of the AMC to acknowledge the City Council’s adoption of the Artesia LIVE II Specific Plan and establish the Artesia LIVE II Specific Plan (SP 16-02) Zone. Section 9-2.3452 of the AMC also provides that the adoption of a specific plan must be accompanied by an amendment to the Zoning Map of the City of Artesia to change the zoning classification of the area covered by the specific plan to the designated specific plan zone. Ordinance No. 17-859 also amends the City of Artesia Zoning Map to change the zoning classification of the subject property covered by the adopted Artesia LIVE II Specific Plan from General Commercial (C-G) Zone to Artesia LIVE II Specific Plan (SP 16-02) Zone.

Notice is hereby given that a copy of this Ordinance No. 17-859 is available for public review at the City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, and that said Ordinance was passed and adopted on March 12, 2018.

AYES:

Taj, Lima, Manalo, Canales

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAIN:

Flowers

This Ordinance will take effect on April 11, 2018.

Dina Wild, Interim City Clerk
City of Artesia,

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 17-860

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ARTESIA AND ARTESIA LIVE DEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEVEN-STORY MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 18600 GRIDLEY ROAD, (ASSESSOR PARCEL NO. 7039-008-037) (CASE NO. 2016-19), KNOWN AS ARTESIA LIVE II, AND (2) MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO CEQA

This is a summary of the above entitled Ordinance No. 17-860 of the City of Artesia. This summary has been prepared and published in accordance with the requirements of Government Code Section 36933.

On March 12, 2018, the City Council of the City of Artesia, pursuant to Government Code Section 65864 et seq., adopted Ordinance 17-860 approving a Development Agreement between the City of Artesia and Artesia LIVE II Development, LLC. The Development Agreement ensures the orderly the development of an approximately 1.38 acre parcel located at 18600 Gridley Road (APN 7039-008-037) in the City of Artesia with a seven-story mixed-use development consisting of 130 residential condominium units, 3,605 square feet of specialty-retail uses, 20,211 square feet of restaurant uses, and 331 on-site parking spaces (the “Project”). Further, the Development Agreement ensures reimbursement of public expenses that will be incurred by the City as a result of the Project through the payment of a Development Agreement Fee, Extension Development Agreement Fee (if applicable), and annual assessments.

Notice is hereby given that a copy of this Ordinance No. 17-860 is available for public review at the City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, and that said Ordinance was passed and adopted on March 12, 2018.

AYES:

Taj, Lima, Manalo, Canales

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAIN:

Flowers

This Ordinance will take effect on April 11, 2018.

Dina Wild, Interim City Clerk
City of Artesia

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CITY OF LA MIRADA
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2017-06
PLAY AREA REHABILITATION AT GARDENHILL AND WINDERMERE PARKS

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. 2017-06. Plans and Specifications and the Instructions to Bidders for the play area rehabilitation work are on file in the office of the City Clerk, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, California 90638. The general items of work include demolition of existing improvements, grading, sand installation, resilient paving, play equipment installation, concrete paving, and concrete curbing. Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on April 30, 2018. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk
City of La Mirada

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 577 OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 9.90 OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 36933 (c), the following constitutes a summary of Ordinance No. 577, introduced by the Hawaiian Gardens City Council on March 27, 2018, and proposed to be adopted on April 10, 2018, at its meeting held in the City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Garden, CA 90716.

The purpose of Ordinance No. 577 is to bring the Municipal Code into compliance with recent court decisions addressing the enforceability of registered sex offender residency restrictions, and specifically the decisions holding that blanket enforcement of “Jessica’s Law” against registered sex offenders is unconstitutional.

Ordinance No. 577 as introduced would enact the following changes to the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code if approved:

- The repeal of the Chapter 9.90 in its entirety, and the enactment of an ordinance that incorporates by reference those provisions of Jessica’s Law that remain enforceable, as the same may be amended from time to time.

A copy of the full text of the Ordinance as introduced is posted an available for review in the City Clerk’s Office at 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Garden, CA 90716. If this Ordinance is approved by the City Council, it will become in full force and effect thirty (30) days after City Council approval, and thereafter the Ordinance will be published and posted as required by law.

For additional information, contact the City at (562) 420-2641.

Suzanne Underwood
City Clerk

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CITY OF CERRITOS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF
CARMENITA ROAD REHABILITATION
PROJECT NO. 18301, BID NO. 1336-18

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project:

Project Identification:

CARMENITA ROAD REHABILITATION,
PROJECT NO. 18301, BID NO. 1336-18

Project Description:

The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of pavement rehabilitation on the northbound traffic lanes of Carmenita Road from South Street to 183rd Street. Pavement rehabilitation consists of cold milling 3” of existing asphalt concrete (AC); construction of a 1” AC leveling course; and the construction of a 2” AC overlay. Additional improvements include the removal & replacement of deficient concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalk panels and wheelchair access ramps; adjustment of utilities to grade; and restriping of lane lines and stop bars. Additional bid alternates include southbound traffic lanes; removal of parkway trees; and additional pavement rehabilitation on northbound Bloomfield Avenue between the 91 Freeway overpass and Lucas Street.

Bids must be received on or before:

11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Place of bid receipt:

Office of the City Clerk, City Hall
18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor
Cerritos, California 90703
Bids must be marked: “CARMENITA ROAD REHABILITATION”

All bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall.

Obtaining Contract Documents: A compact disc with a set of Contract Documents, including the plans and specifications, may be purchased at the Engineering Division of the City of Cerritos for \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested). There will be no refund for return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required.

Each bid shall be accompanied by bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of insurance, a performance bond, and a labor and material payment bond as specified in the Contract Documents will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention moneys withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities is set forth in Public Contract Code section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference as set forth herein.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law.

No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): “A” or “C12.” The bidder’s attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) to bid on public works contracts in California shall be permitted to submit a bid. Furthermore, only subcontractors registered with the DIR to bid on public works contracts in California shall be permitted to perform work or labor or render service under subcontract to the subject contractor.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, et seq., of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar purposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates shall be available to any interested party upon request at Cerritos City Hall located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pwd/>, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research’s Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771, or writing to: DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

By order of the City of Cerritos.

Dated/posted/published: Friday, March 30, 2018

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NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS

PROJECT NO: 2016-02
IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE

FOR THE CITYWIDE TRAFFIC SIGN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CITY OF COMMERCE, referred to as “CITY”, invites sealed bids for the above stated project and will receive such bids in the Office of the City Clerk, 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, California 90040. Proposals will be received by Purchasing Division of Finance in care of City Clerk at said office up to:

3:30 P.M. on April 18, 2018

All proposals shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to:

Purchasing Division of Finance, care of City Clerk
City of COMMERCE
2535 Commerce Way
COMMERCE, California 90040

Identified on the lower left hand corner:

“CITYWIDE TRAFFIC SIGN REPLACEMENT PROJECT
PROJECT NO. 2016-02
- DO NOT OPEN WITH REGULAR MAIL-”

Proposals will be opened and read aloud at the time and date specified above for the replacement and installation of citywide traffic (retro-reflective) signs in the City of Commerce. All information submitted with the bid is public information and may be subject to disclosure. No bids will be accepted after the bid opening time specified.

Bid Documents: Bid documents are available by request only by sending an email to City of Commerce Purchasing Division at *purchasing@ci.commerce.ca.us*; with copies to Mr. Seung Yang, Associate Civil Engineer at *swyang@ci.commerce.ca.us*. Please include company name, contact information and phone number with request. All documents will be transmitted by email.

Pre-Bid Meeting: There will be NO Pre-bid Meeting.

Scope and location of Work: Replace regulatory and warning signs and sign posts at various locations throughout the City of Commerce.

Engineer’s Estimate is \$105,000.

Conflict of Interest: In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services by sub-recipients, the conflict of interest provisions in (State LCA – 24 CFR 85.36 and Non-Profit Organizations – 24 CFR 84.4), OMB Circular A-110, and 24 CFR 570.611, respectively, shall apply. No employee, officer or agent of the sub-recipient shall participate in selection, or in the award or administration of a contract supported by Federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.

This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990. Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice will incorporate the provisions of the State Labor Code. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1773.2 of the Labor Code of the State of California, the minimum prevailing rate of per diem wages for each craft, classification or type of workman needed to execute the contract shall be those determined by the Director of Industrial Relations of the State of California, which are on file at Commerce Civic Center (City Hall), 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, California 90040, and are available to any interested party on request.

The CITY will deduct a five-percent (5%) retention from all progress payments. Substitution of securities for moneys withheld to ensure performance of this contract will be permitted pursuant to Government Code Section 4590.

The CITY hereby affirmatively ensures that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this notice and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion in any consideration leading to the award of contract.

In entering into a public works contract, or a subcontract, to supply goods, services, or materials pursuant to a public works contract, the contractor, or subcontractor, offers and agrees to assign to the awarding body all rights, title and interest in, and to, all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Section 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2 [commencing with Section 16700] of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code) arising from purchases of goods, services, or materials pursuant to the public works contract or the subcontract. This assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the awarding body tenders final payment to the Contractor, without further acknowledgment by the parties.

Bids must be prepared on the approved Proposal forms in conformance with the Instructions to Bidders and the Request for Proposals and submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked on the outside. The bid must be accompanied by a certified/cashier’s check or bid bond, made payable to the City for an amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the aggregate bid price such proposal, submitted to the City as a guaranty that the bidder, if accepted, will enter into and execute the awarded contract and furnish the required bonds in connection therewith, in accordance with the terms of the Request for Proposals and Instructions to Bidders. In the event that a surety bond is submitted in lieu of a check, it shall be subject to the condition that surety thereon be approved by the City.

No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of the Business and Professions Code. The successful Contractor and his subcontractors will be required to possess business licenses from the City.

Any contract entered into pursuant to this notice shall become effective or enforceable against the City only when the formal written contract has been duly executed by the appropriate officers of the City. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularity, and to take all bids under advisement for a period of sixty (60) calendar days.

In entering into a public works contract, or a subcontract, to supply goods, services, or materials pursuant to a public works contract, the Contractor, or subcontractors, offers and agrees to assign to the awarding body all rights, title and interest in, and to, all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Section 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2 [commencing with Section 16700] of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, services, or materials pursuant to the public work’s contract or subcontract. This assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the awarding body tenders final payment to the Contractor, without further acknowledgment by the parties.

This project is subject to the requirements of SB 854.

No prime contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

No prime contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a Public Works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

The bid proposal must include a print out from the DIR registration website showing that the prime contractor and each subcontractor is currently registered.

No bid proposals will be accepted nor any contract entered into with a prime contractor without proof of registration as required above. [Unless within the limited exceptions from this requirement for bid proposals only under Labor Code Section 1771.1(a).]

The prime contractor will be required to post job site notices regarding Labor Code compliance as

described in 8 California Code of Regulation, section 16451(d).

CALIFORNIA PREVAILING WAGE:
Bidder agrees to comply with California Labor Code Sections 1771, 1775, 1776, 1777.5,1813, and 1815 to the performance of its work on this project. Specifically, the

Bidder agrees to:

1. Pay all workers not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for work of similar character in the locality in which the public work is performed.
2. Pay all workers not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for holiday and overtime work fixed as provided in this chapter.
3. Adhere to the compliance measures outlined in LC 1775(b) for any second tier subcontractors that the contractor chooses to use on this project.
4. If requested, submit certified payroll records to the City on a weekly basis.

Records shall be provided no later than 5 days following the last day of each work week.

Comply with the applicable requirements and joint apprenticeship standards as required by LC 1777.5.

Bidders are hereby notified that the Request for Proposals and Contract documents contain detailed requirements with respect to bonds and insurance, and the furnishing of evidence of insurance to the City. The successful bidder will furnish the required bonds and evidence of insurance, including a Primary General Liability Additional Insured Endorsement naming the City, mailed to the City within ten (10) working days from the mailing of a “Notice of Award” of the contract to the successful bidder by the Department of Community Development. Required bonds and current certificate of required insurance shall be mailed to the City prior to the expiration of the aforementioned ten (10) working days.

The successful bidder shall be licensed in accordance with provisions of the Business and Professions Code and shall possess a Class A license or a combination of appropriate Class licenses at the time this contract is awarded. The successful Contractor and his subcontractors will be required to possess business licenses from the City of Commerce.

Special Instructions to Bidders: Bidders must satisfy themselves by personal examination of location of the proposed work and by such other means as they may prefer as to the actual conditions and requirements of the work, and shall not at any time after submission of the bid dispute, complain, or assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of work to be done.

The Contractor to whom this contract is awarded will be required, before execution of the contract by the City, to file with the city surety bonds as follows:

1. A “Faithful Performance Bond” amounting to 100% of the total contract price is required for all contracts.
2. A “Payment Bond” (labor and materials) amounting to 100% of the total contract price is required for all contracts which have a total contract price in excess of \$10,000.

The City hereby notifies all qualified bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, religion, or handicap in consideration for an award. Attention is directed to the provisions of Section 1777.5 (Chapter 1411, Statutes of 1968) and 1777.5 of the Labor Code concerning the employment of apprentices by the Contractor or any such subcontractor under hire. The bidders and the selected contractor shall not allow discrimination in employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, religion, or handicap.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive technical errors and discrepancies or information in the bidding or the awarding of the contract. Such decision shall be final. Bidders or their authorized agents are invited to be present for the opening bids. The City has the right to extend any of its deadline dates for completion of tasks for which the City is responsible to meet. All bids shall remain effective for a period of 60 days after the opening date.

By order of the City Council of the City of Commerce, California

By: _____
LENA SHUMWAY, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
DISTRICT: MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Unified School District, acting by and through its Board of Education, hereinafter the “District”, is requesting qualified firms, partnerships, corporations, associations, or professional organizations to respond to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to provide **State Eligibility and Facility Funding Consultant Services** for various Measure GS Bond projects throughout the District’s facilities. Responses to the RFQ will be received up to, but not later than **2:00 PM, Monday, April 23, 2018**. Any responses received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF RFQ RESPONSES: MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Facilities Development Department, 500 N. Hendricks Street, Montebello, CA 90640, ATTENTION: Jeff Woods, Acting Director of Facilities and Maintenance & Operations.

PLACE FOR OBTAINING RFQ: ARC/Planwell at (626) 583-1122 and https://order.e-arc.com/arcEOC/Secures/PWELL_PrivateList.aspx?PrjType=pub

Selection will result in a **State Eligibility and Facility Funding Consultant Service** provider expected to provide comprehensive professional services to the District on an as needed basis over the next one (1) year contract including an option for up to four (3) annual renewals, in accordance with District’s standard terms and conditions. A more detailed explanation of the “Scope of Work” to be addressed in the response is set forth in **PART 1 of the RFQ**.

Firms are invited to submit a written response outlining your organization's qualifications and willingness to provide the services described herein. All firms must submit a fully detailed response, regardless of present or past services provided to the District.A

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Each response to this RFQ must conform and be responsive to the requirements set forth herein. Respondents shall deliver Four (4) bound copies, and One (1) unbound copy and One (1) Electronic Version* and Three (3) thumb drives of their response.

*Each item to be uploaded on a separate thumb drive with a clear title label on the exterior.

Each of the (3) components shall be placed in separate manila envelopes and labeled “**RFQ (SEFF2018)**” with the firm’s name and the name of the component including the thumb drives.

Respondents shall email any inquiries or questions to woods_jeff@montebello.k12.ca.us on or before **10:00 AM Tuesday, April 10, 2018**. Answers will be provided and posted on the ARC/Planwell website by **4:00 PM, Monday, April 16, 2018**.

The District may modify the RFQ prior to the deadline for submittals by issuance of an electronic addendum on the ARC/Planwell website.

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NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS
VETERANS GYM INTERIM IMPROVEMENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CITY OF COMMERCE, referred to as “CITY”, invites sealed bids for the above stated project and will receive such bids at Commerce City Hall in the Office of the City Clerk, 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, California 90040, up to the hour of **2:00 PM on Thursday, April 12, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late proposals will not be considered.

Bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and plainly marked on the outside **Bid for VETERANS GYM INTERIM IMPROVEMENTS – Do Not Open With Regular Mail”**.

1.

BID DOCUMENTS:
Electronic files of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents are available for download on the City website at: <http://ca-commerce.civicplus.com/bids.aspx> Hard copy of the bid package will not be mailed.

2.

NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING:
Friday, March 30, 2018, 10 AM, at job address: 6364 Zindell Avenue, Commerce, CA 90040. While the pre-bid meeting is non-mandatory, it is recommended that interested bidders attend this meeting to visit the site, review site conditions, ask questions, and obtain clarifications at the meeting.

3.

SCOPE OF WORK:
The work to be done consists of furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment and incidental for the **VETERANS GYM INTERIM IMPROVEMENTS** as shown in **Appendix B – Project Plans**.

4.

LOCATION OF WORK:
The project is located at **VETERANS GYM, 6364 Zindell Avenue, Commerce, CA 90040.**

5.

SCHEDULE OF WORK:
In accordance with the Standard Specifications, and/or as may be provided for within the herein Special Provisions, after notification of award and prior to start of any work, the Contractor shall submit to the Engineer for approval its proposed Construction Schedule. At a scheduled date prior to commencement of work, the Contractor and all subcontractors shall attend a pre-construction conference at the City Hall.

Total construction duration is **50 working days (includes materials procurement and construction completed within specified working days)**. Please see Section A.00200 – Instructions to Bidders for the project schedule.

6.

ESTIMATED COST OF WORK:
Estimated cost is in the range of **\$600,000.**

7.

BID BOND:
Bids must be accompanied by a bid bond, made payable to the City of Commerce for an amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the bid amount.

8.

CONTRACTORS LICENSE:
Contractor shall have a valid California General Contractor License, **Class B**, at the time of bid, at the time of award and during the performance of the work.

9.

FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT:
This is not a Federally Funded Project.

10.

DBE:
This project does not have a mandatory DBE participation (this is not a federally funded project.) However, the City hereby notifies all qualified bidders that it will affirmatively insure that qualified minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, religion, or handicap in consideration for an award. Attention is directed to the provisions of Section 1777.5 (Chapter 1411, Statutes of 1968) and 1777.5 of the Labor Code concerning the employment of apprentices by the Contractor’s or any such subcontractors under hire. The bidders and the selected Contractor shall not allow discrimination in employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, religion, or handicap.

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4.

If requested, submit certified payroll records to the City on a weekly basis. Records shall be provided no later than 5 days following the last day of each workweek.

5.

Comply with the applicable requirements and joint apprenticeship standards as required by LC 1777.5.

If there are any questions regarding this project, please contact, via e-mail:
Name: Ali Cayir, Consultant Project Manager
E: ali.cayir@transtech.org

By order of the City Council of the City of Commerce, California

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 will sell by competitive bidding by Climer’s Auctions (Bond # 5181494), on or after **April 18th, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m.**, property belonging to those listed below. Auction is to be held at the above address. Property to be sold as follows: Table top, table legs, dollie, exercise equipment, chairs, totes, headboard, chest of drawers, boxes, trash bags, back pack, tub, mattress, box springs, night stand, suitcase, speaker, pillow, , bed frame, Loose clothing, car parts, 5 gallon buckets, refrigerator, vacuum, fan, rug cleaner, cloth rack, lock box, rug, trash can, stool, room divider, couch, microwave, bikes, table saw, crutches, snow chains, cooker and loose bedding belonging to the following.

NAME	UNIT#
ANJALI ISRANI	A102
MELITHIA BUTLER	B499
MICHAEL ESTRADA/VALERIE ESTRADA	B503
MARIA E CHAVEZ DE HERNANDEZ	B810
REGINALD SHONDELL RIEUX	B160
RAYMOND A RAMIREZ	B823
VINCENT ROBINSON	B279

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party. Publication Dates: MARCH 30 and APRIL 6, 2018.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. 35608-LS
(9) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: VMYK VI CORPORATION, 11920 FOOTHILL BLVD, STE #160, RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 12955 LUCAS LANE CERRITOS, CA 90703
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: RKKPS, INC., 15352 TOBARRA ROAD, FONTANA, CA 92337
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 11920 FOOTHILL BLVD, STE #160, RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: SUBWAY #24905
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is APRIL 18, 2018 at the office of: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 35608-LS, Escrow Officer: LAURIE J. SHORB
(8) Claims may be filed with: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 35608-LS, Escrow Officer: LAURIE J. SHORB
(9) The last day for filing claims is: APRIL 17, 2018.
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.
Dated: MARCH 22, 2018
SELLER: VMYK VI CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
BUYER: RKKPS, IC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
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(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: VMYK V CORPORATION, 9172 FOOTHILL BLVD, STE B, RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 12955 LUCAS LANE CERRITOS, CA 90703
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: RKKPS, INC., 15352 TOBARRA RD, FONTANA, CA 92337
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 9172 FOOTHILL BLVD, STE B, RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: SUBWAY #25743
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is APRIL 18, 2018 at the office of: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 35607-LS, Escrow Officer: LAURIE J. SHORB
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SELLER: VMYK V CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
BUYER: RKKPS, IC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
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Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction at the storage facility listed below, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated:

17701 Ibbetson Ave. Bellflower, CA 90706, 562-922-3680 & 04/18/18 at 1:30pm.

Juan Solis-sectional couch, household items, tv, John Rogers-sentimental items, household items, misc goods

Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO.576 OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 5, SECTION 5.04.160 OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICPAL CODE RELATING TO DELINQUENT BUSINESS LICENSE FEES

Pursuant to Government Code Section 36933 (c), the following constitutes a summary of Ordinance No. 576, introduced by the Hawaiian Gardens City Council on March 27, 2018, and proposed to be adopted on April 10, 2018, at its meeting held in the City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Garden, CA 90716.

The purpose of Ordinance No.576 as introduced is to reduce the amount charged for Delinquent Business License Fees.

If the Ordinance is approved by the City Council as introduced, the following amendments to the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code would be made:

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Amendment to Section 5.04.160, reducing the penalty for delinquent payment of business license fees from fifteen percent (15%) of the license fee compounded monthly, to ten percent (10%) of the original license fee per year; provided that the delinquent fee shall not exceed half (1/2) of the license fee originally due for each calendar year that said license fee remain unpaid.


A copy of the full text of the Ordinance as introduced is posted an available for review in the City Clerk’s Office at 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Garden, CA 90716. If this Ordinance is approved by the City Council, it will become in full force and effect thirty (30) days after City Council approval, and thereafter the Ordinance will be published and posted as required by law.

For additional information, contact the City at (562) 420-2641.

Suzanne Underwood
City Clerk


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TERM MINIMUM: \$50,000 MAXIMUM \$100,000	ANNUAL PERCENTAGE YIELD (APY)**
12 Months	2.05%
24 Months	2.35%
36 Months	2.85%
48 Months	2.95%
60 Months	3.05%

\$500 CASH BONUS ***

*APY = Annual Percentage Yield. Minimum balance to open is \$100.00. Balance and APY tiers: \$0 to \$99.99 is 0.00% APY; \$100.00 to \$49,999.99 is .25% APY; \$50,000.00 to \$99,999.99 is .85% APY; \$100,000.00 to \$249,999.99 is 1.35% APY; \$250,000.00 and over is 1.75% APY. APY is effective as of March 22, 2018. The APY for your account will depend on the daily balance of your account. We reserve the right to cancel or change the promotion at any time. We may change the APY on your account after account is opened. Deposit funds must be new to First Choice Bank and may not be transferred from existing First Choice Bank account. Fees may reduce earnings on the account. ***\$500 Cash Bonus Requirement – To qualify to earn a \$500 cash bonus, you must: (1) open the account on or before March 30, 2018, and (2) maintain a minimum daily balance of \$100,000 from the account opening date to September 30, 2018. \$500 cash bonus will be credited to the account within 30 days from September 30, 2018 if you fulfill both bonus requirements. Limited to a total of six (6) Reg. D transactions per month. See account disclosure and fee schedule for details.

**APY = Annual Percentage Yield. Minimum balance to open is \$50,000 to a maximum up to \$100,000. All APY tiers are based on the minimum balance of \$50,000 and up and the length of the CD term: Balance from \$50,000 and over, 12 month term is 2.05% APY; balance \$50,000 and over, 24 month term is 2.35% APY; balance \$50,000 and over, 36 month term is 2.85% APY, balance \$50,000 and over, 48 month term is 2.95% APY, and balance \$50,000 and over, 60 month term is 3.05% APY. The offered APY is effective as of March 22, 2018. We reserve the right to cancel or change the promotion at any time. Deposit funds must be new to First Choice Bank and may not be transferred from existing First Choice Bank account. APY assumes principal and interest remain on deposit for the term of the certificate. Interest is compounded monthly. All interest payments for the APY will be credited monthly. Fees could reduce earnings on the account. Early withdrawal penalties may apply. See the account disclosure for details.