



EXCLUSIVE:

Pico Rivera Councilman David Armenta Used Influence to Initiate Arrest, Family Alleges

FAMILY MEMBER FACES FOUR LIFE SENTENCES; ALLEGED VICTIM HAS BEEN ARRESTED MORE THAN 100 TIMES AND IS IN AN ARIZONA JAIL SERVING A 7-25 YEAR SENTENCE.

By Randy Economy, Pete Parker, and Brian Hews

Family, friends and community members are questioning if a jailed Pico Rivera man deserves to be facing four life sentences for a crime they contend he did not commit, alleging that David Armenta, an elected member of the Pico Rivera City Council, was heavily involved in a behind the scenes influence scheme to “manipulate” deputies and “distort facts” to have him arrested by the Pico Rivera Sheriff’s Department.

George Karavolos, age 38, has been locked away in the LA County Men’s Central Jail since May 23, 2012, with a \$4 million bail hanging over his head.

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Lakewood Opposes Proposal to Restrict Contract Services

By Rico Dizon

“One of our City’s priorities for 2014 is to protect the city’s right to contract for services,” said Lakewood City Mayor Steve Croft during the City Council regular meeting last March 11, 2014.

Mayor Croft stressed this in reaction to the report made by City Manager Howard L. Chambers on proposed legislation to restrict the cities in contracting public services to private companies and County agencies. Chambers said that proposed

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Moskowitz Foundation Honored by American Red Cross at Annual Hometown Heros Luncheon



Sal Flores [center] Director of Public Affairs for the Moskowitz Foundation accepts the Philanthropy Hero of the Year Award from the Greater Long Beach and Rio Hondo Chapter of the Red Cross. Standing with Flores is [l] Margaret Arbini-Madonna, CEO, Greater Long Beach/Rio Hondo Red Cross and [r] Mollie Beck, Chairperson of the Board of the Greater Long Beach/Rio Hondo Red Cross.

By Brian Hews

The American Red Cross presented a special recognition for a Philanthropy Hero of the Year given to an individual or foundation that contributes at the major gift level and provides an excellent example of Red Cross partnership and support.

The Irving Moskowitz Foundation, a charitable, non-profit foundation established by Doctor and Mrs. Cherna Moskowitz in 1968 is dedicated to improving and enriching the lives of people based on the precept, “he who has saved one life, it is as if he has saved the world.”

Dr. Moskowitz began practicing medicine in Long Beach in 1953.

Moskowitz has a history of donating generously to the Greater Long Beach Chapter.

For many years, he has donated to the National Disaster Relief Funds, supported national recovery efforts from wildfires in California, helped Hurricane Katrina and Sandy victims, helped in recovery from the tornadoes in Oklahoma, the floods in Colorado.

He has also donated to the International Disaster Relief Fund for disasters in Indonesia, China, Haiti, Japan and most recently Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

“The Moskowitz Foundation qualifies

as our Philanthropy Hero not just because of their unstinting generosity, but also because of their sincere desire to help the Red Cross,” said CEO Margaret Arbini-Madonna. “Each gift has arrived within hours of the disaster without a formal request with a simple phone call from Sal Flores, the Moskowitz Foundation’s local Director of Public Affairs.”

“For their generous and ongoing support of the American Red Cross both here and abroad, the Moskowitz Foundation is recognized the American Red Cross Greater Long Beach and Rio Hondo’s 2014 Philanthropic Hero of the year,” said Arbini-Madonna. The award was accepted by Sal Flores.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation’s blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families.

The Red Cross is a charitable organization — not a government agency — and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit www.redcross.org or join their blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.

Downey, Norwalk Suspects Arrested In Brutal Knife Attack of US Marines

By Peter Parker

A man and woman from Norwalk and Downey have been arrested and booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon after a brutal stabbing attack in Huntington Beach that left three US Marines severely injured this past weekend.

Manuel Alexis Alvarez, 23, of Downey, and Victoria Robledo, 20, of Norwalk face felony charges in regards to the knife wielding attack that was caught on video tape and posted on You Tube.

A total of six people were arrested Sunday evening after authorities were notified of a dispute between Dodgers and Angels fans in the popular entertainment district just feet from the world famous Hunting-

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PIH Invests \$20 Million into Downey Regional Medical Center

By Randy Economy

A world class, state of the art community based hospital has emerged in Downey thanks to a \$20 Million investment into the medical facility that has served generations of local residents.

During the past number of months, Downey Regional Medical Center (known as DRMC), has recently become part of Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital and according to Brian Smolskis, Chief Operating Officer, the results of the acquisition are already paying off with big results.

Smolskis and a number of his key administrators provided a comprehensive tour of the Brookshire Avenue hospital in Downey to Hews Media Group-Community Newspapers last week that showcased the “new” 199-bed, state of the art, medical facility.

“This hospital facility has been part of

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Interview with Tony Mendoza, 32nd Senate District Candidate

By Tammye McDuff

Tony Mendoza was born and educated in South Central LA, the second youngest of nine children. Mendoza was raised in a single parent home; knowing the struggles of migrant working families and the opportunities that a good education provides. He was the first in his family to attend and graduate from college. He enrolled at California State University, Long Beach where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science.

Mendoza has been in office for 16 years, supporting many issues and standing for what he believes to be in the best interest of his constituents. His personal philosophy being "I am a public servant leader and I am here to help".

Hews Media Group [HMG]: Tell me who Tony Mendoza is?

Tony Mendoza [TM]: I have been in politics for quite some time. I was 25 years old when I ran for a Council seat in Artesia. That year was hectic. I was teaching elementary school in East LA., a first year Councilman and I also met my wife that year. It was an incredible year.

HMG: Do you still teach?

TM: I am substituting. It allows me the freedom to pursue my candidacy, while allowing me to get back into the classroom and see what is really going on. Particularly in Los Angeles, it is such a large district.

HMG: What transitioned you from being a teacher into politics?

TM: I actually wanted to be a public administrator, but when I was still in college, the city council got me kind of upset. They were not taking care of the needs of the northern part of Artesia. At the time it was predominately Latino and there were

gangs, drugs and prostitution in the community and I felt the council was completely neglecting that area. When I approached the council about these issues, and they completely disregarded me. Their response was racist and bigoted. I realized that many of their terms of office would be up soon, so I ran for City Council. I went



door to door introducing myself in a grassroots campaign and got elected.

HMG: Tell me why constituents' should vote for you?

TM: if you look at my track record, I feel I have served the citizens well. I consider myself a 'servant leader'. Many issues came up in the Assembly, which I stood against. I vote for what is right for the district. In 1997, I became the youngest and first Latino member of the Artesia City Council and to serve as the city's mayor. After three terms with the city council and teaching for 10 years, I decided I could bet-

ter serve the citizens and the community by running for State Assembly.

HMG: What issues did you vote against, that set you in detriment with your peers in the Assembly?

TM: One that I feel was most important was redevelopment. This would allow cities to have an economic development tool to bring in businesses and create jobs. The State voted to eliminate redevelopment; all of our cities were up in arms. I was one of the few Senate members that voted to keep redevelopment. The Senate and the Speaker were adamant about removing redevelopment. I did not support their cause, which created much stress in my office. After my vote, mysteriously any and / all my bills were not passed. I stood in opposition of the disincorporation of Vernon; I was the only Democrat that voted against this.

HMG: How do you see yourself transforming the life of Californians?

TM: I have done my homework and paid my dues. I know the issues. I know the pros and cons of the Water Bond issues, the environmental concerns, job concerns and educational problems. My bill AB 97 made California the first state in the nation to ban the use of Trans Fats—the health-deteriorating food ingredient, this has now become the standard all across the nation. The parenting education legislation, AB 1291, passed in 2007 allows judges to sentence the parents of children with first-time gang offenses to anti-gang parenting education classes that prevent further involvement in gangs. And I also passed AB 22 which prohibits the use of Credit Checks in the hiring process. I believe my track record speaks for itself. I consider serving the public my calling, politics is just what we do, but to serve the public and keeping that my focus is the key.

Norwalk, Downey Leaders Break Ground on Firestone Bridge Replacement Project

By Randy Economy

City officials from both Downey and Norwalk gathered on Thursday afternoon to signal the beginning of construction on the new Firestone Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project.

The Firestone Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project will involve the replacement of the existing Firestone Boulevard Bridge at the San Gabriel River in its entirety with a new bridge to meet current standards with wider sidewalks, center median and shoulders. The same number of travel lanes (six) will be provided on the new bridge. The City of Norwalk is the lead agency on the project.

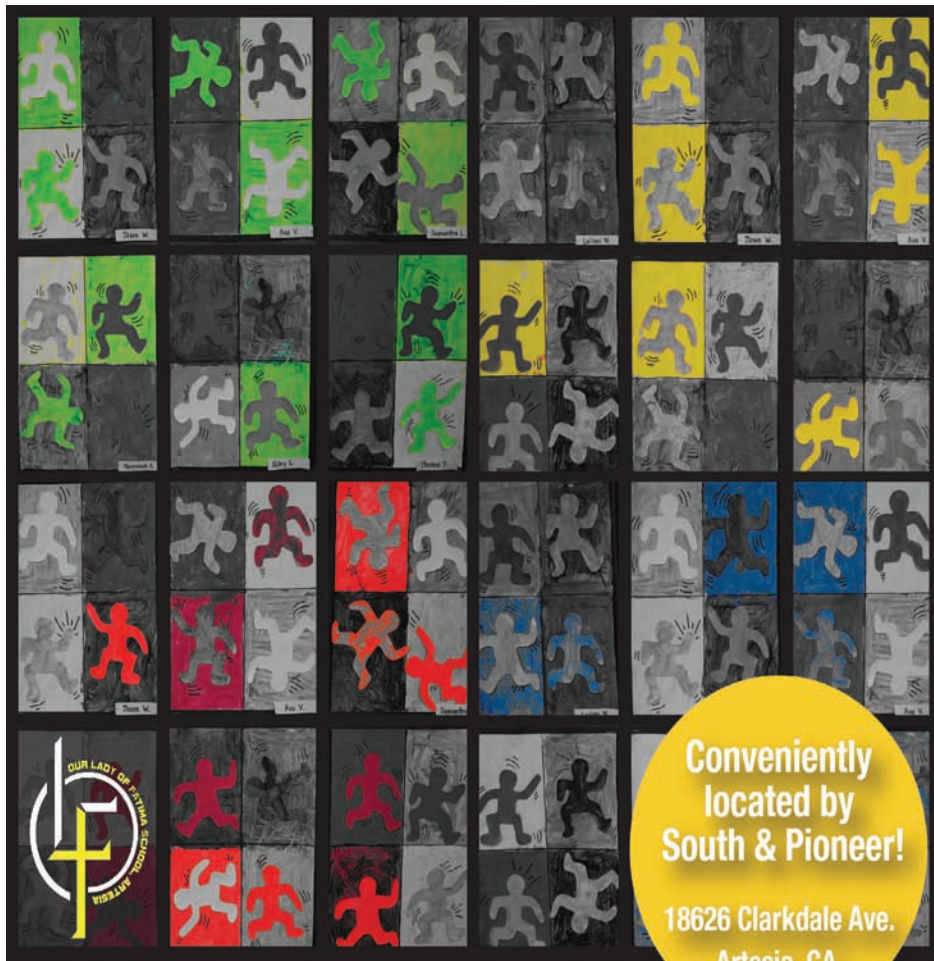
On March 4, 2014, the City of Norwalk City Council awarded a contract to Reyes Construction of Pomona in the amount of \$7,586,493 for the construction of the bridge.

Based on the bid received from Reyes Construction, the total estimated cost of the project, including construction engineering, contract administration and contingency, is approximately \$9.5 million.

The project will be funded through a federal grant, which will fund 88.53% of the project cost and a Proposition C discretionary grant through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation

Authority (Metro), which will fund the remaining 11.47% of the project cost.

Construction is scheduled to commence in April 2014 and be completed by December 2015. The project will be constructed in five separate stages.



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Valley View Grade Separation Continues Progress



The Valley View Grade Separation Project continues to make steady progress and is on track to be completed by early September.

With the railroad tracks successfully installed on the new bridge structure crossing over Valley View Avenue, crews have been busy completing excavation work to create the underpass. More than 103,000 cubic yards of dirt have been excavated from the site. The excavated dirt was transported and used as fill material on a separate construction project at the Port of Los Angeles.

Construction of the roadway is set to begin later this month and will occur in two phases. The first phase will see construction of the northbound lanes. Once that is complete, phase two construction of the southbound lanes will begin. During this time, all traffic will be moved onto the newly built northbound lanes, with two lanes in each direction, and the current detour will be closed for removal.

City of Cerritos to Honor Navy Corpsman from Camp Pendleton

Hospitalman Ralph W. Banchstubs, a Corpsman assigned to the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, stationed at Camp Pendleton, will be hosted and honored in the City of Cerritos on Saturday, April 12 at 1130 at the Sheraton Hotel Fountain Court. The public is invited to attend a presentation by the Mayor and City Council of a city proclamation to honor him for his service. You will have an opportunity

to personally meet and express your appreciation for HN Banchstubs' service. Laurie and David Forward will be his hosts.

The City of Cerritos "Adopted" the Marines and Sailors of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, stationed in Camp Pendleton on November 11, 2007. A

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Los Alisos Teachers Tapped to 'Lead the Way'



NORWALK – Two teachers at Los Alisos Middle School are among an elite few in the country who were chosen to be "Master Teachers" with Project Lead the Way (PLTW), the nation's leading provider of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs.

Angelica Gunderson and Kelly Garcia will spend a few weeks this summer training teachers from around the country PLTW's Gateway to Technology Medical Detectives curriculum, in which students analyze genetic testing results to diagnose disease and study DNA evidence found at a make-believe crime scene. The hands-on curriculum includes lab projects, measuring and interpreting vital signs, and learning how the human body's systems work.

Gunderson and Garcia, who teach seventh- and eighth-grade science, respectively, were two of 30 teachers in the medical detective curriculum pilot pro-

gram last year and applied to be Master Teachers for the official launch.

"Project Lead the Way is an elite program and it's highly regarded for STEM," Garcia said. "We wanted to be a part of that."

PLTW courses are developed with teachers and STEM professionals working hand-in-hand. As Master Teachers, Gunderson and Garcia will facilitate learning for groups of teachers who will take the program to their classrooms.

"To be part of something like this is amazing," Gunderson said.

The program has been recognized by colleges and universities, Fortune 500 business and several other organizations. PLTW programs are utilized in 5,000 schools across the country, including those at Norwalk-La Mirada Unified. The curriculum is also aligned with the Common

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Letters to the EDITOR

Re: Calderon Money

Dear Editor:

I am very disappointed that the Calderon "money shuffle" is continuing with the most recent transfer of campaign funds from Ian Calderon to his father's campaign for Judge. The Calderons long-ago mastered the art of raising money for one family member in order to "shuffle" it to another who couldn't raise it on his own.

This most recent "loan" of \$10,000 from Ian Calderon to his father Charles clearly indicates that the Calderons have learned nothing from the actions that have brought indictments to two of their family members. Or they simply think they are above the law. In either case this is just one more reason why we need to rid the Legislature of all the Calderons once and for all.

As the last member of the shamed political dynasty, one would think that Ian Calderon would behave with an abundance of caution in his campaign financial dealings. Apparently the family business is more important than respect for the public's business.

The voters of the 57th Assembly District should bring this embarrassing chapter to an end in November by removing the last of the Calderons from the California Legislature.

*Rita Topalian,
Candidate 57th Assembly*

Dear Editor:

Money goes around and around and around. I disagree that Ian's donors were not aware he would be donating to his father. Of course the donors knew, who do you think told them to write the check

in the first place..Daddy Chuck!

The money-go-round is just doing business with the Calderons. What is really amazing is that dumb voters will probably elect Chuck as Judge not even realizing that his two brothers are going to jail. The only answer is ZERO voter turnout, the only way an honest person can get elected!

Carl Elliot

Re: Slush Fund

Dear Editor:

It is amazing that Roybal and Vasquez campaigned against this very corruption when they ran for Central Basin, then they got in and started collecting their donations from these very same people... Doug Wance, HDR, Pacifica, Tom Calderon and so on.

That is why this report is watered down. Tony Perez has his hands tied. The majority rule of Apodaca, Roybal and Vasquez won't let any report generated by Perez' management team to hurt their new pals (made after they were elected of course).

Luis Alvarado

Dear Editor:

Great reporting and investigative insight. I appreciate the way you guys are keeping the public informed unlike those rags that won't.

I'm sure it's all politics at their respective media outlets.

Keep on it. I can't wait till election time.

I'm thinking about writing the Governor then working my way down.

Since the DA appears on the take, we need some action down here. Enough is enough already.

Lee Irvin

ABC Schools Selected on Honor Roll by California Business for Education Excellence

Superintendent of ABC Unified School District, Dr. Mary Sieu is pleased to announce that the California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE) has named 16 schools in ABC to the 2013 Honor Roll. The 2013 Honor Roll includes public elementary, middle and high schools recognized for demonstrating consistently high levels of student achievement, improvement in achievement over time and reduction in achievement gaps. For high schools, Honor Roll recognition includes measures of college readiness.

The 2013 Honor Roll Program is made possible with support from numerous businesses and organizations including State Farm, Macy's, Edison International, Wells Fargo, Southern California Auto Club, Enterprise, Chevron, the California Business Roundtable and several private foundations.

The 10 STAR Schools, that include higher number of low income students yet attained higher academic achieve-

ment in ABC include: Artesia HS, Bragg ES, Stowers ES, Melbourne ES, Kennedy ES, Burbank ES, Tetzlaff MS, Nixon ES, Furgeson ES and Elliott ES.

The 6 Scholar Schools include: Carmentita MS, Cerritos ES, Leal ES, Whitney HS, Wittmann ES and Gonsalves ES. A total of 16, schools in ABC were recognized on the Honor Roll by the California Business for Education Excellence. Each school will receive an Honor Roll banner from CBEE to display in their school and recognized by the Board of Education in May.

According to Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu, "The Honor Roll Schools are overcoming challenges and obstacles every day for all students and are especially succeeding with kids who have been historically underserved students. I'm pleased that CBEE highlights their results and provide a voice to these outstanding educators so that their success can be emulated in other places."

La Mirada Kiwanis Scholarships Available

The Kiwanis Club of La Mirada is now accepting applications for scholarships. Graduating high school students must be residents of the City of La Mirada and be pursuing an education at a college, university or accredited trade school. Applicants will be required to provide documentation prior to the deadline and will then participate in an interview with the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee members. Awards will be based on grades, merit, civic involvement, and financial need.

Application forms may be obtained at the high schools, on the Kiwanis website, or by emailing to info@lamiradakiwanis.org.

They may also be obtained by request to Kiwanis Club of La Mirada, P.O. Box 116, La Mirada, CA, 90637. All applications must be returned to the P.O. address by Monday, April 21, 2014, or they be scanned and emailed to the address indicated above.

Interviews will be conducted on Saturday, May 3, 2014. Applicants will be contacted the week prior to schedule an interview hour. Results will be sent by mail approximately one week after the interview, and award presentations will be coordinated with the school event schedule.

Recycled Art Contest Entries Sought

Artistic Cerritos residents of all ages and students attending schools in the ABC Unified School District are invited to submit artwork for the Cerritos Celebrates Earth Day Recycled Art Contest "Re-think, Recycle, Recreate."

Entries must be original artwork and can be made from new or used recyclable materials, including beverage containers, paper, metal, cardboard, wood, aluminum or any item that can be discarded in the blue recyclable trash container. Use of glue, tape and other non-recyclable fasteners is allowed. Artwork can be created in any medium, such as sculpture or collage. The art piece can be a maximum size of 24 inches long by 36 inches high. No paint, crayon, chalk or other forms of coloriza-

tion are allowed. Entries may include a written description of the artwork's theme, message and recyclable materials used.

Only one entry per artist is allowed. The Official Entry Form is available on the home page of the City's website at cerritos.us. Entries must be submitted to the Cerritos Sports Complex by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 21.

All artwork submitted will be displayed at the Community Spring Festival on Saturday, April 26. Award winners will be announced and presented with their awards by the Cerritos City Council at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 26.

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CRIME SUMMARIES
MAR. 17-23

CERRITOS

The following information is provided by Hews Media Group-Community Newspapers as a community service.

Reported Part I felony crimes continue to see-saw week-to-week (19, then 11, and now 18 this past week). The following is a breakdown of crimes by category: no robberies (very good news); two residential burglaries; one commercial/other burglary; four grand thefts; seven vehicle burglaries; and four stolen vehicles. Deputies made five felony arrests, 14 misdemeanor arrests, three warrant arrests, and issued 142 traffic citations. The Sheriff's dispatch center also received 324 calls for service, a considerable increase from the 273 received the previous week.

At about 10 a.m. on Wednesday morning someone attempted to enter a home in the 11200 block of Rose Avenue by prying a side door. This was an attempt only as no entry into the residence was made. The other residential burglary occurred in the 17400 block of Jeffrey Avenue sometime Friday morning through early Saturday afternoon. The front door of the residence was kicked in, but the loss is undetermined at this time. The good news is that fingerprints were obtained in this case and a suspect has been identified. When investigators canvassed the neighborhood to seek out witnesses, a nearby neighbor commented that a woman had knocked on his door during the time period that the burglary took place. He was unable to understand what she was saying so he closed the door. The description provided by the neighbor matches the suspect whose fingerprints were found inside the burglarized residence (an arrest, as they say, is imminent). This case is a good example of how important it is for homeowners to be on guard for "knock-knock" burglars. Two crime prevention phrases come to mind when reviewing these cases: "Lock it, Hide it, Keep It," and "If You See Something, Say Something."

The commercial/other burglary involved the loss of a handheld radio at Mary Bragg Elementary School. Either late Wednesday or early Thursday morning someone pried a classroom window and stole the radio. Four other bungalow windows also had pry marks, but no entry was made.

Late Sunday or early Monday morning someone took \$1 from a Lexus parked in the 17856 block of Hoffman Avenue. On Tuesday evening a driver's window was shattered on a Honda Pilot in the 18100 block of Dumont Avenue and a wallet and cash were stolen. On

Thursday afternoon a wallet and cash were stolen from a Ford Mustang in the 10800 block of Alondra Boulevard, and about dinner time the next day a computer and a purse were stolen from a Ford van in the 10900 block of Alondra Boulevard. Also during the dinner hour on Saturday another purse was stolen from a Honda Odyssey parked in the 13200 block of 166th Street. On either Saturday evening or early Sunday morning a window was shattered on a Lincoln Town Car parked in the 18000 block of Studebaker Road and a portable CD player was stolen. The last vehicle burglary occurred early Sunday morning and involved a Fiat 500 parked in the 11200 block of Agnes Street. A rear window was shattered and a laptop and an iPad were stolen. Please remember, a quarter inch of vehicle window glass cannot protect purses and laptops. "Lock It, Hide It, Keep It."

The grand thefts involved the loss of \$7,000 worth of copper wire at a business in the 14133 block of Arbor Place. A tailgate on a Ford F-250 was stolen in the 13100 block of Briarwood Street. A suitcase containing electronic items was stolen from a bus stop on the corner of South Street and Bloomfield Avenue. Two suspects stole the side saddles, a jacket, and the cover from a motorcycle parked in the 15900 block of Puima Avenue. And an employee was arrested for stealing about \$7,500 in jewelry from a kiosk in the Macy's store in the mall.

Finally, three vehicles were reported stolen this past week, two in residential areas and one at the Towne Center. A Kia Sorrento was stolen on Thursday from the 13000 block of La Jara Street. This vehicle was recovered the same day in Norwalk. Also on Thursday an older model Honda Accord was stolen at the Towne Center. And sometime late Friday through Sunday morning a GMC pickup was stolen from the 13400 block of Village Drive.

Cerritos residents, business owners, and their employees are encouraged to join the Cerritos Virtual Block Club (CVBC). If you are interested in helping our Sheriff's Department prevent and reduce crime, and enhancing your own personal and neighborhood safety, join the CVBC on-line at our website devoted to public safety in the City of Cerritos. We encourage you to share the information with your family, friends, and co-workers. Go to www.safercerritos.com to sign up.

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Vehicle Burglary

A window smash burglary was reported on the 13300 block of Beach Blvd. A wallet and backpack were stolen from the vehicle.

A briefcase containing various items was reported stolen from a vehicle on the 14200 block of Firestone Blvd.

Locker Burglary

A burglary to a gym locker was reported on the 13300 block of Beach Blvd. A purse containing various items was stolen from the locker.

COMMERCE

On 03/22/2014 at approximately 1:28pm The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department reported an individual from The Citadel off Citadel Drive in the City Commerce, committed a Petty Theft Crime: Shoplifting from a Department store. If you are interested in looking into the matter the case number is 914-03908-0245.

The same crime was committed in the 100 Block Citadel Commerce California on 03/22/2014 at approximately 5:54 PM. If you are interested in looking into the matter the case number is 914-03913-0245

On 03/24/2014 at approximately 1:42pm The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department reported a case of Grand Theft Vehicle (GTA) on the 5300 Block of E Washington Blvd, Los Angeles, California. If you are interested in looking into the matter the case number is 914-03987-0244.

On 03/25/2014 at approximately 3:44am The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department reported a case of Grand Theft Vehicle (GTA) on the 2200 Block of Cowlin Ave, Commerce, California. If you are interested in looking into the matter the case number is 914-04025-0243.

On 03/25/2014 at approximately 6:15pm The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department reported an individual from The Citadel off Citadel Drive in the City Commerce, committed a Petty Theft Crime: Shoplifting from a Department store. If you are interested in looking into the matter the case number is 914-04053-0245.

DOWNEY

Thursday, March 20, 2014

At 11:30 a.m., officers responded to a burglary in progress at a home in the 11900 block of Susan Avenue after a neighbor observed two males entering the backyard. Officers discovered the home had been broken into, but the suspects were gone. A vehicle was found abandoned and parked nearby. Inside the car were items stolen from a home in the 12700 block of Orizaba Avenue. Detectives are investigating.

Saturday, March 22, 2014

At 10:00 p.m., a drunk driver struck an unoccupied parked car in the area of Gurley & Cole, which caused the drunk driver's vehicle to overturn. The driver and his 6-year-old son, who was a passenger in the back seat, both sustained minor injuries. The suspect was arrested. See CRIME page 12

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High Water Table Beneath La Palma Dredges Up Concerns, Benefits

By Ellen Joo

Editor's Note: Ellen Joo is a Student Reporter/Intern with Hews Media Group-Community Newspaper. She is a student at Whitney High School in the ABC Unified School District. This is a look at the water table that sits under the city limits in La Palma. Joo interviewed several sources inside La Palma City Hall for research purposes.

La Palma residents have always been focused on the high water table that literally sits just below ground.

It is no secret that officials at La Palma City Hall have always had to handle problems and concerns from residents and business owners about having a one of the highest underground water tables of any city in the western Orange County area.

The residents of La Palma literally sit right on top of water, but unlike most cities, La Palma's water table is more elevated. The La Palma water table is on the border between the water-saturated ground and the unsaturated ground and officials worry that too high of a water table can interfere with many parts of citizens' daily lives, including the possible impact on future developments of public projects.

Cities, similar to La Palma, have a harder time creating and having public works approved than other cities that have a normal water table.

The liquid from the "water table" can come from either a form of precipitation or irrigation from agriculture. Since, the levels of the water table are determined by nature, water tables in a given area tend to fluctuate.

The water beneath the ground in La Palma is used as community's drinking water. Specifically, the City of La Palma's drinking water is located around fifty to sixty feet below the ground while the water from precipitation and irrigation is only about ten feet below the ground.

From the ground, water sinks through the ground and is filtered through the soil and rocks. This process of filtration is called saturation. Saturation makes it safe for humans to drink water from the water below us.

Aquifers are saturated rocks underground that are filled with water; they are used to take out water from the ground in an easy and efficient manner. "Aquifer depletion" occurs when aquifers are used more than they are replaced by more water. Although, this isn't a current problem for La Palma, it is a problem in many parts

of the world.

The shape of the water table is affected by the region's topography, geology, and weather. Because the rocks absorb the water, geology determines how much water rocks can hold influences the levels of the water table. The water table will usually be a lot higher during the rainy and wet seasons, but lower when the weather is hot.

The Community Development Department in the City of La Palma has to work above and beyond to complete tasks to counter the high water table.

First, the department would, of course, have to have a reason to build. Once it has the motivation to do so, the Community Development Department would find a site to build a project or to fix something in need of repair.

Then a geotechnical study is conducted to assess the conditions that might lead to future despair.

A geotechnical study determines the soil conditions and water content for the geologist to give the department advice on how to stabilize the conditions to make construction possible.

For example, the geologist can advise the department to dig out the possibly dangerous native soil and replace it with

imported with more stable and safe soils or to install another structure to support the future project. Environmental impact studies are also taken along the geotechnical study.

The environmental impact study figures out the possible social, environmental, and economic consequences that the project could create. Once all the studies are conducted, the actual design plans are then produced for construction.

The high water table in La Palma creates an abundance of problems.

The high water table requires the Community Development Department to initiate more studies and to solve more problems to stabilize the site.

For instance, if a pipe underground breaks and needs to be repaired, a trench must be dug to reach the site. If the water table is higher than where the damaged pipe is, the water must be contained or pumped out of the trench so the workers can reach the pipe to fix it in a safe manner.

The high water table in La Palma can also lengthen construction jobs because there are additional steps required to complete a project. This causes more money to be spent for development projects due to the longer schedule. There is also a larger safety issue due to the overwhelming amount of water.

Cities dealing with a high water table undergo many more obstacles than other normal cities.

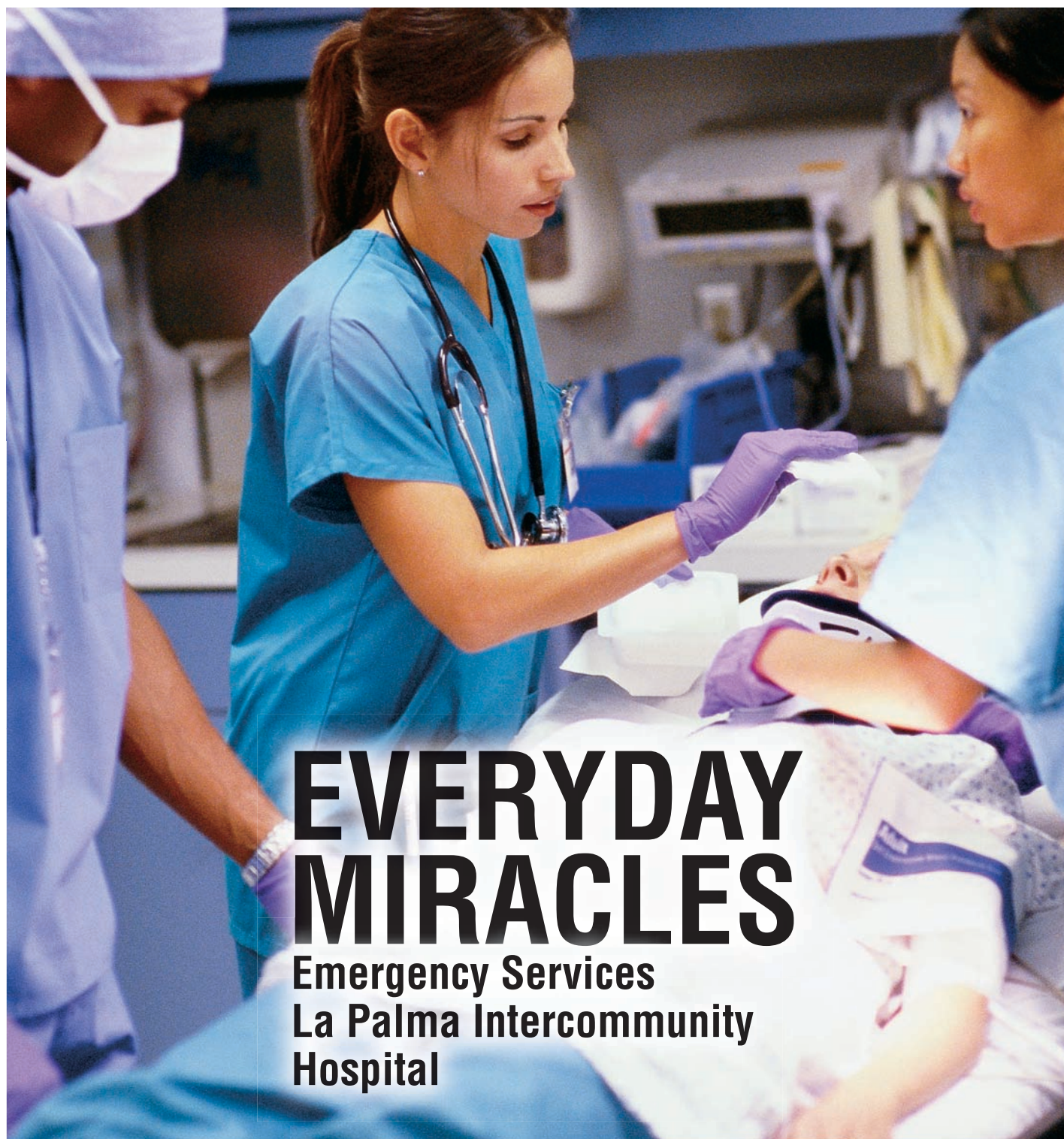
The Community Development Department in the City of La Palma must jump over more hurdles to complete a project.

Unlike other regions, La Palma must conduct more studies, like geotechnical and environmental studies, on the site of the future job.

They must then commit more manpower to make sure it's completely safe to build or to repair a project, which costs more money.

Having a high water table in a city can raise more issues and concerns than in a city with a normal water table.

For the people of La Palma, what goes on under their feet sometimes goes unnoticed, and city officials wouldn't have it any other way.



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HN Banchstubs' is a lead Corpsman for the Engineer Support Company, responsible for the medical readiness and well-being of 90 Marines. Some of his responsibilities and meritorious accomplishments include 1) medical readiness for and care during all training exercises, 2) physical examinations and inoculations, 3) preventive medicine to ensure combat readiness, and 4) preparation of medical assets in support of the battalion's deployment. HN Banchstubs is a graduate of the US Army's Field Sanitation Course with a 100% or better score, and he is a certified instructor of the course, instructing two classes. He was recently deployed with service in Afghanistan, Camp Leatherneck, as Medical Corpsman.

ARMENTA

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He was arrested in a bizarre alleged kidnapping scheme that law enforcement officials are saying was carried out by members of a Pico Rivera street gang.

On May 18, 2012, career criminal Jones was caught in the act of committing a burglary in the city of Montebello. Following his arrest, Jones alleges that someone named "Doug" from Pico Rivera "kidnapped him", "tortured him" and "forced him" to commit the crime against his will.

The case was transferred to the Pico Rivera Sheriff's and soon thereafter Karavalos was arrested and booked in Pico Rivera.

Karavalos is being accused of Extortion, Aggravated Mayhem, Torture, Kidnapping for Ransom, Gang Enhancement, and Criminal Threats against the alleged victim Andrew Jones.

Hews Media Group-Community Newspaper has spent nearly 100 hours interviewing sources for this investigative series during the past several weeks.

Family and close friends of Karavalos are adamant saying that he is "100 percent innocent" and that the details surrounding the case "did not take place, period."

Karavalos and two other alleged accomplices Francisco Xavier Barraza, 33, Alfonso Eric Acuna, 32, are classified by LA County Sheriff's Department members as being part of the "Rivera 13 Gang."

Assistant District Attorney Brock Harvey Lunsford, assigned to prosecute felony cases, and the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Department, are prosecuting Karavalos, and are well aware that the alleged victim Jones has a rap sheet that consists of over 100 arrests.

Armenta arrested in 1994 for stalking Karavalos

In 1993 Karavalos met and developed an intimate relationship with Pico Rivera resident Robin Cordova. The two had a vast age difference between them; Karavalos was 18 and Cordova had just turned 40.

Prior to her relationship with Karavalos, Cordova was married to the current Pico Rivera City Councilman David Armenta. The relationship between the two soured and Armenta and Cordova split up in a contentious and even volatile manner.

When Armenta found out about the relationship, he started stalking Karavalos.

But the situation soon escalated into something much worse.

Documents obtained from the LA County Sheriff's Department confirm that Armenta was arrested and served jail time for stalking, threatening, and physically assaulting Karavalos at their Pico Rivera residence.

He also violated a previous court order that had been in place due to the violent nature of the situation.

According to a report published in the L.A. Times, and written by John D. Wagner on November 17, 1994, Armenta was later convicted by a Los Angeles Superior Court and placed on probation for over a year.

Sources, who did not want to be publicly identified for safety concerns, say that Armenta has held a grudge against Cordova and Karavalos since the arrest, and that Armenta used his authority as a current city councilmember to influence the case involving Karavalos.

Observers familiar with the case say that the Sheriff's Department and prosecuting Deputy District Attorney Brock Lunsford are still turning a "blind eye" allowing the accusations that were made

against Mr. Karavalos to be upheld, despite the knowledge of Andrew Jones' redundant criminal activity.

"The criminal activity of Jones shows he has absolutely no credibility. They are allowing this whole matter to destroy and harm an innocent life," a longtime friend of Karavalos said, who also did not want to be publicly named due to "safety concerns."

Jones lived with Karavalos

HMG-CN has also learned that alleged victim Jones, and another alleged victim Luz Guadalupe Valenzuela, had several of their personal belongings at Karavalos' residence including clothes, personal hygiene products, wedding certificates, and even personal letters to other family members.

Sources have also said that investigating officers at Pico Rivera Sheriff's Department have known about the personal belongings of Jones and Valenzuela but according to a source, "have ignored the evidence since day one."

According to a private source, "the evidence shows and proves that Jones and Valenzuela were living at Karavalos' home, and that Jones is not a kidnap victim in any way shape or form."

Documents obtained from the LA County Sheriff's by HMG-CN show that Karavalos has no violent criminal history in his 38 years of life; he was arrested on minor drug charges back in 1997.

Jones, on the other hand is a different story.

Andrew Jones' long arrest record

On May 18th, 2012, a review of a Montebello Police report states that Jones is described as having been caught in the act of committing burglary. Witnesses said they initially thought Jones was washing a vehicle, and quickly discovered that Jones had actually broken into the car and was taking valuable contents. According to the report, a witness screamed out to him in an attempt to get him to stop. Jones took off running with the stolen items. A foot pursuit began and one of the other witnesses phoned 911.

In a report filed by Cpl. J. Martinez, of the Montebello Police Department, after being pursued for multiple blocks Jones was eventually captured and arrested. It is believed that Jones threw the contents of what he had stolen into some nearby bushes, shortly before being caught in the parking lot of Garduno's Italian Restaurant.

Documents show that Jones was arrested for burglary, possession of a loaded firearm, possession of burglary tools, wearing gloves during the commission of a crime, and for being "selective" in what he had stolen.

He was booked on May 18th, 2012 at around 10:30 p.m.

According to the report, Officer J. Castillo conducted the initial interview with Jones and reported that Jones spontaneously stated, "some guys made me do it."

According to the Montebello Police records obtained by HMG-CN, Karavalos was never mentioned in the interview, nor was he considered a party to any of Jones' allegations.

The records also showed that Jones possessed a key to Karavalos' home at the time of his arrest.

Castillo also writes in his report that a male by the name of "Doug" told Jones that he owes Doug \$6,000 and that Jones had to do whatever he had to do to pay him back or "they" would "kill him." Jones also apparently stated that he had actually given the purse he took back to the lady who owned it saying, "Here's your stuff. I didn't want to steal it." Jones

then states that "the people making him do these things" had been drugging him with Methamphetamines and that they kidnapped him on Mother's Day. He also admits that he had personally used "meth" by himself for a few days prior to the arrest, and may have been awake for more than 72 hours or longer without sleep.

In a supplementary Montebello Police Department Report dated May 19, 2012, Officers Cpl. Rodriguez and N. Jarvis conducted another interview in Room # 282 where Jones makes additional statements claiming that his reason for his committing the crime was due to him being falsely imprisoned and tortured by several individuals on May 13, 2012 at Karavalos' residence; even pulling up his own shirt to display some very large burn marks on his torso to gain the belief from the investigating officers. That is when the case was transferred to Pico Rivera and Karavalos nightmare began.

Shortly after the crime and his release, Jones was arrested and convicted in Arizona in November of 2012 on various felony charges and is now behind bars for the next 7 to 25 years, according to the Arizona prosecutor Greg Stolz.

HMG-CN has learned that Karavalos hired criminal defense attorney Peter Benjamin Schlueter of Schlueter & Schlueter Law Firm.

"Armenta has hated Karavalos for almost ten years, and he finally found a way, using his influence at Pico Rivera city hall, to get back at him," a family member said. "The \$4 million bail is a testimony to the level of cover-up and corruption."

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Communications Department was invited to comment on the case. They have not responded as of Monday, March 17th.

MARINES

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ton Beach Pier. Police also arrested Paul Santino Forno, 22, of Whittier; Daniel Magadan, 24, of Whittier; Erik Alexander Gomez Chavez, 27, Norwalk; and Jessica Perez, 22, of Downey.

The two cross-town rival teams squared off against each other this past weekend in games at both Angel Stadium in Anaheim and Dodger Stadium in Downtown Los Angeles.

HBPD officials confirmed to Hews Media Group-Community Newspaper that he incident occurred at 1:45am and took place at the intersection of Main and Walnut Street.

It appears that the incident began when a woman wearing an Angel's jersey instigated a quarrel between two other women who were talking about the Dodgers.

The altercation escalated when the three Marines intervened to come to the aid of the Angels fans and in the process were allegedly attacked and stabbed by friends of the Dodgers fans.

Officials said that when officers tried to break up the fight, one of the Marines was stabbed in the face with a broken beer bottle while the two other Marines were also discovered to have been stabbed.

Police Lt. Mitch O'Brien of Huntington Beach PD stated, "The six people arrested were believed to be all part of the same group".

Police said, "Two of them were hospitalized in stable condition, while the third was treated and released for his injuries."

Documents obtained by HMG-CN by the Huntington Beach PD indicate that Alvarez and Robledo were released from jail on Monday after they posted \$25,000 bond.

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Average Sales Price*	\$337,500	\$419,000	24.15%
Avg # Days on Market*	15	128	753%
NORWALK	2013	Current Month	Change from Last Year
Average Sales Price*	\$319,950	\$351,000	9.70%
Avg # Days on Market*	22	53	141%
LA MIRADA	2013	Current Month	Change from Last Year
Average Sales Price*	\$426,500	\$442,450	3.74%
Avg # Days on Market*	41	24	-41%
LA PALMA	2013	Current Month	Change from Last Year
Average Sales Price*	\$590,000	\$614,894	4.22%
Avg # Days on Market*	61	44	-28%
DOWNEY	2013	Current Month	Change from Last Year
Average Sales Price*	\$379,900	\$469,950	23.70%
Avg # Days on Market*	43	47	9%
WHITTIER	2013	Current Month	Change from Last Year
Average Sales Price*	\$349,900	\$427,000	22.03%
Avg # Days on Market*	35	37	6%
LAKEWOOD	2013	Current Month	Change from Last Year
Average Sales Price*	\$418,500	\$449,950	7.51%
Avg # Days on Market*	28	40	43%
SANTA FE SPRINGS	2013	Current Month	Change from Last Year
Average Sales Price*	\$300,000	\$375,000	25.00%
Avg # Days on Market*	48	56	17%
HAWAIIAN GARDENS	2013	Current Month	Change from Last Year
Average Sales Price*	\$190,000	\$224,500	18.16%
Avg # Days on Market*	9	33	267%
BELLFLOWER	2013	Current Month	Change from Last Year
Average Sales Price*	\$320,000	\$380,000	18.75%
Avg # Days on Market*	37	31	-16%
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Avg # Days on Market*	8	45	463%

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PIH

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the Downey community for the past 90 years, and it was time for a major facelift," Smolskis said.

"Our goal is simple, to continue to grow with the community and to make sure that we can provide a world-class medical facility and hospital in the changing world of healthcare," Smolskis said.

"To start with, we literally started with lots of new fresh paint, new carpets, flooring and lots of bright lighting," he said.

In addition to the \$20 million in upgrades, PIH will be spending \$7.9 million this calendar year alone in improvements including \$1.5 million in earthquake seismic upgrades and over \$4 million in new hospital equipment.



PIH-Downey officials [l-r] Michelle Sanchez, a Registered Nurse Supervisor, Chief Operating Officer Brian Smolskis, and Nursing Director Ranie Hamilton during a recent visit and tour with the Community News. Randy Economy Photo

The new changes at the facility are dramatically noted, especially when you drive onto the "campus" like facility. Patients are now greeted with a Valet car service at the front door of the hospital. Once inside the registration area, visitors are greeted in a new open and airy waiting room that is filled with cozy seats and chairs, as well as matching art work that lines the walls.

Once inside the hospital, visitors immediately notice that many of the patient rooms on the third and fourth floors have already been totally revamped. Patient rooms now have new flat screen televisions with pillow speakers and new bedside tables and chairs.

Also, new non-slip flooring has been installed and the lighting in the hall ways provide for a more crisp and welcoming ambience. In addition hospital staff now has new computers, updated telephones and new data ports and lines in order to accommodate future installation of medi-

cal records and more advanced patient monitoring.

In additional new high quality ventilators with advanced settings have been installed.

Smolskis also pointed out on the tour that PIH Downey has added "patient friendly" gym equipment that features high-quality technology. "We want to teach a new life style for our patients, in order to keep them healthy after they leave our hospital," he said.

Dr. Ivan Barrett who has been part of the Downey Community Hospital "family" for decades has embraced the new changes under PIH. "We are all excited with the needed changes, and this is going to help save lives, and to make our community healthier," Barrett said.

Barrett also demonstrated to HMG-CN new "imaging improvements" in the hospitals ongoing treatment of breast le-

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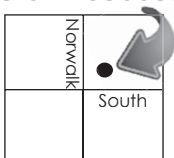
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VERSTEEG'S COMPLETE GAME SHUTOUT SETS TONE FOR GAHR'S DOUBLEHEADER SWEEP

By Loren Kopff

LONG BEACH-Gahr's baseball team may not be as experienced as it was last season but don't tell that to Long Beach Poly. Junior lefty Paul Versteeg owned the first game of a doubleheader at Blair Field last Saturday afternoon while timely hitting and five Poly errors allowed the Gladiators to complete the sweep in the nightcap.

Versteeg scattered eight hits in picking up the team's first complete game of the season and Gahr scored four times in the first three innings en route to a 5-0 win. The Gladiators then rallied from two runs down to edge the Jackrabbits 7-6 in the nightcap.

"I think our kids are buying in," said Gahr head coach Gerardo Perez. "If a call doesn't go your way, whether it's a strike call or a safe call or somebody makes an error, the general feeling is let's pick them up and let's do it anyways regardless of the call, regardless of the situation."

Versteeg was in a zone in the opener and getting help from his defense at the same time. With runners at the corners and two outs in the bottom of the first, he induced Tai Tiedemann into a groundout. Two innings later with runners on second and third, he got Josh Rios to fly out to senior right fielder Saul Flores. And with the bases loaded with two outs in the fifth, he got out of the jam when Matt Palacios popped up to senior first baseman Nick Guerra.

In all, Versteeg struck out five, walked none and threw 85 pitches in one of the best pitching performances by any Gahr hurler. But according to Perez, it wasn't the best.

"I would have to say [senior] George Castillo at Mater Dei," Perez said. "When you no-hit them and strike out 11 or 12...

that was a pretty dominant performance. Paul, for four innings at Orange Lutheran, was just as good as he was today. They're very formidable opponents, so I thought they did well."

"I felt like today was an important day," Versteeg said. "I had my defense behind me. There were a lot of ground balls and I relied on my defense a lot."

Senior designated hitter Adrian Poot's first of two base hits drove in sophomore third baseman Jesus Salazar in the top of the first for the only run Gahr would need. The Gladiators would add two more in the second, one in the third and the last run in the sixth. Senior shortstop Jaime Estrada went two for three as Gahr was limited to half a dozen hits. But the Jackrabbits also committed five errors.

In the nightcap, the Gladiators built a 4-1 lead after two innings, thanks to Estrada's two-run triple in the second. But Poly scored three runs in the third and took a 6-4 lead in the fourth.

But with two outs in the sixth, Gahr began to make its comeback. Junior second baseman Joe Dressel singled, moved to second on an error and scored when junior left fielder Leotis Johnson was safe on another error, which eventually allowed him to go to third. Senior right fielder Eric Cummings then tied the game on an infield hit with Johnson coming home.

In the next inning, Gahr took a page out of its playbook from a 2-1, eight inning win against Mater Dei earlier this season. With Estrada on third and Poot on first with one out, junior first baseman Jorge Rivas laid down a bunt that went up the first base side and threw the legs of Poly's first baseman as Estrada came home.

"When [Jorge] says, 'let's pull a Mater Dei', which is a real similar ending to the Mater Dei game," Perez said. "I said, 'let's

do it' and we attacked it and that's part of the game plan we had going in."

Estrada picked up two more hits while Dressel also had two hits. Guerra pitched the final two innings, striking out two and allowing only one base runner for his first win of the season.

"From an offensive standpoint, we're executing," Perez said. "We've done a very good job of team offensive baseball. I don't think we scare anybody. I don't think we have any mustaches and I don't think we're real physical. We're young but we're very baseball savvy and we're a real good team at this point. But we have to continue to grow."

Gahr would see its five-game winning streak snapped this past Wednesday after falling to Long Beach Wilson 4-2 in a Redondo Tournament game. But at 9-2, the team is just going through the everyday motions and not trying to compare itself to last season's team, or any other team in the past.

"I just feel like this year we're a closer team; a lot of bonding this year," Versteeg said. "Nobody is a powerhouse kind of guy. But everyone has the tools and we can put it together and we work well."

"I really put a lot of emphasis on having a highly competitive, highly efficient, high level of practice with perfection," Perez said. "I have to give credit to this coaching staff. Coach [Pepe] Miranda has done a great job. Coach [Ryan] Juarez has done a great job. They've really helped formed and developed young guys at an earlier pace with their patience and with their expectations."

Gahr will host La Serna on Saturday and begin San Gabriel Valley League action on Tuesday with a home game against Warren.

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SAN GABRIEL VALLEY LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Gahr freshmen provide late inning dramatics in rare league-opening victory

By Loren Kopff

Like many of its opponents this season, Gahr showed Downey that if you try to bat around, or hit any batter in its potent offensive lineup, the next batter will make you pay. So, when Anissa Hamilton plunked freshman third baseman Malia Quarles on the first pitch to lead off the bottom of the seventh, Gahr was right where it wanted to be.

Two pitches later, freshman first baseman Alyssa Kumiyama sent the hosts home happy with a blast over the right center fence as Gahr opened up San Gabriel Valley League play with a 7-5 win. Gahr snapped an 11-game losing streak to the Vikings and in the process, won a league

opener for the first time since 2009.

After seeing the Vikings take the lead with three runs in the top of the fifth, the Gladiators tied the game in the bottom half of the frame when Kumiyama scored on a wild pitch with two outs. Then freshman pitcher Naomi Dickerson replaced junior Deidra Genera in the top of the sixth and retired six of the seven batters she faced. That was more than enough to give the offense a chance with Malia Quarles, Kumiyama, junior second baseman Celeste Gonzalez and junior catcher Brianna Besenty all due to come up in the bottom of the seventh. Those are currently the top four hitters with none hitting below .370 and combining for 15 of the team's 19 home runs.

"I definitely liked our chances at that point," said Gahr head coach Shawn Quarles. "We still had to let it all happen and it all had to unfold."

"Just get a base hit and try to get my team going and hopefully help us get that win," Kumiyama said of her thoughts as she was walking up to bat, "I wasn't really thinking anything up there."

Downey gained an early 1-0 lead in the first inning on an run scoring hit from Daphne Gaspar but Gahr (8-8 overall, 1-0) quickly tied the game when Malia Quarles smacked a two-out home run to dead center. It was her third home run in her last five trips to the plate as she increased her season total to eight.

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Downey would regain the lead the next inning but the Gladiators went up 4-2 in the bottom of the third, beginning with a sacrifice fly from Kumiyama. With two outs, Hamilton hit Gonzalez, surrendered a base hit to Besenty, which scored Malia Quarles, and yielded another base hit, this one to sophomore center fielder Alyssa Cuffia.

After a scoreless fourth inning, Downey took a 5-4 lead in the fifth as all three runs were scored with two outs.

"It was definitely intense but I knew our girls had the capability of coming out and just doing what they do," Kumiyama said of the game. "It's just a great team; I love my girls."

"It was definitely a good win," Shawn

Quarles said. "Downey was tough. I knew they were going to be tough, I knew they were going to hit. So, it was kind of like a slugfest. But it was definitely a big win that we wanted to get under our belts."

Kumiyama and Malia Quarles combined for five of the eight hits Gahr would get. Both are batting well over .400 this season with the latter leading the team at a .479 clip. Of her 23 base hits, 14 have gone for extra bases.

"They're just great hitters," Shawn Quarles said. "We're just fortunate to have them. It's totally abnormal to have that [production] out of three and four [in the lineup]. And to have them as freshmen right now is just amazing. I think they are

the two best hitting freshmen in the country."

"I was definitely expecting to maybe struggle but knowing who I am, I know I can battle back through any struggle," Kumiyama said. "Just staying humble is what compensates for that."

Gahr visited Lynwood on Apr. 3 and will host Warren on Tuesday in a crucial match-up of the top two teams in league. Gahr has lost 10 straight games to the Bears but will have the services of junior Destiny Vasquez, who transferred from Norwalk but had to sit out the first 30 days of the regular season. Vasquez could get the start in the circle, but Shawn Quarles still isn't 100 percent decided on that as of now.

"Destiny is a great all-around player and we're fortunate to have her," he said. "We're glad to get this win in."

If Gahr knocks off Warren, it will be its first win against a team with a winning record this season, leaving many to wonder if Gahr's 8-8 record is a bit misleading despite the team hitting .346 with 19 home runs, the most since belting 20 home runs in 2005.

"It is [misleading], because at any given day someone can just show up and take the win," Kumiyama said. "But it's all about staying humble and playing Gahr softball."

Glenn's Sanchez no-hits city rival Norwalk in Suburban League opener

By Loren Kopff

John Glenn's baseball team sent a statement to the rest of the Suburban League this past Wednesday, which basically says do not overlook Victor Sanchez. The junior left-hander took a perfect game into the sixth inning and settled for a no-hitter as the Eagles slammed host Norwalk 11-0 this past Wednesday on a windy and damp day that began with sunshine but ended with light rain.

Sanchez threw his fourth complete game of the season in as many starts, all wins, and threw his second shutout. He has allowed only three runs this season as Glenn improved to 7-2 overall and 1-0 in league.

"It's big for Victor," said John Glenn head coach Jack Brooks. "I really believe he's one of the best players in this area that no one knows about or talks about. He's a great student and works his tail off out here. He deserves everything he gets."

Sanchez had thrown 48 pitches through five innings, striking out five and getting to a three-ball count once. But he led off the bottom of the sixth by walking senior left fielder Jonathan Sanchez, who would get thrown out at second moments later. The next batter, junior center fielder Bryan Vilalobos, reached on an error. But Sanchez struck out senior first baseman Ruben Urtez and junior left fielder Gabe Anaya. Sanchez ended with seven strikeouts and threw 76 pitches.

"He threw three fastballs in a row [to Jonathan Sanchez], I believe," Brooks said. "He just missed low and away. It's a tough deal. They were definitely balls. It wasn't like it was a tough call. He was one pitch away."

Offensively, the Eagles pounded out 11



HMG-CN Sports Editor Loren Kopff

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hits with Victor Sanchez helping his own cause with a three for four, two runs batted in performance. He had a two-run double in the top of the third that made the score 8-0 and was a home run away from hitting for the cycle. Junior shortstop Jacob Carr, making his return to Norwalk after transferring following the football season, went two for three and drove in two runs while junior third baseman Angel Chavez also went two for three. Carr is one of four former Norwalk players to have transferred to Glenn but Brooks insisted that had no affect on the game.

"The transfer stuff has nothing to do with anything," Brooks said. "It's just an emotional game every year and it's the first league game. The first league game is huge. Now I know it was their third but it's

our first league game and the first league game of any sport is a big game. You always want to win your league opener. We were ready to go. The kids did a good job handling all of the outside talk."

Glenn will host Norwalk (3-6, 0-3) today and Southlands Christian on Monday before visiting Artesia on Wednesday. The Lancers will host Bellflower on Wednesday.

In other baseball action, Artesia dropped to 3-9 overall and 1-2 in the Suburban League after a 9-2 home loss to La Mirada this past Wednesday. The Pioneers will visit La Mirada today and host Glenn on Wednesday. Cerritos was also a victim of a no-hitter this past Wednesday as Bellflower's Mike Miranda performed the feat in a 5-0 win. The Dons (6-7, 1-2) will visit Bellflower today and travel to Mayfair on Wednesday.

Valley Christian lost its fourth straight

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game, all in the Olympic League, after a 7-2 setback to Whittier Christian this past Wednesday. The Crusaders (2-5, 0-4) will host Firebaugh today, a doubleheader with Rancho Alamitos on Saturday and Maranatha on Tuesday. Whitney remained winless at 0-8 overall and 0-3 in the Academy League after a 25-0 road loss to Crean Lutheran this past Tuesday. The two teams will meet today at Cerritos Park East before the Wildcats visit St. Margaret's on Tuesday.

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for drunk driving and child endangerment. The Department of Child and Family Services took the 6-year-old boy into protective custody.

Sunday, March 23, 2014

At 10:00 a.m., a man was robbed at gunpoint after withdrawing money from an ATM machine at the Bank of America located at 9330 Firestone. The victim had just returned to his car when the suspect

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gions and cancer detection. "We now have a 2-D digital mammography system with computer-aided diagnosis," he said. The new technology will make it easier to view internal images that will lead to reduced patient call backs. "We have come a long way over the past decade," Barrett said.

Ranie Hamilton, who is a longtime resident of Downey, is also the Nursing Director at PIH-Downey, who has also been employed at the facility for decades.

"Look, Downey is my home, and this hospital is the greatest asset in our community. I am proud to work and live here in Downey and to help so many of our residents during their time of need," Hamilton said.

Hamilton said that as many as 50% of the patients at the hospital have some type of "diabetic-related" condition. "We promote a healthy lifestyle, and a most of the cases we treat might have been able to be prevented with early diagnosis or promoting a more healthy diet and lifestyle," Hamilton said.

Another local resident to be employed at PIH-Downey is Michelle Sanchez, who grew up in the Artesia, Cerritos area and graduated from Gahr High School in the 1980's. "This hospital has been a huge part of my professional career, and just knowing that I can help people right here in the community is a true blessing," Sanchez said.

SOFTBALL

Artesia lost its third straight Suburban League contest when La Mirada blanked the Pioneers 14-0 this past Wednesday. Artesia (4-5 overall) will visit the Matadores today and host Glenn on Wednesday. Cerritos improved to 7-1 overall and 3-0 in league with a 19-0 win against Bellflower this past Wednesday. It's the third straight shutout for the Lady Dons, who will visit the Buccaneers today and host a doubleheader against St. Joseph on Saturday before visiting Mayfair on Wednesday.

John Glenn was shutout by Norwalk 5-0 this past Wednesday in its league opener to drop to 5-7 overall. The Lady Eagles will host Norwalk today. With the

approached him with a gun and demanded his money. The suspect ran away from the area. Detectives are investigating.

At 7:00 p.m., officers arrested a 51-year-old female for being intoxicated in public in the 12400 block of Clark Avenue. During the arrest, the suspect bit one of the arresting officers on her arm, causing minor injury. The suspect was booked for being drunk in public and for assault on a police officer.

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

At 1:45 a.m., the Downey Police Department received several 911 calls of "shots heard" in the area of the 11600

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legislations to this effect have emerged during the recent legislative session in the Capitol that included HR 29 by Assembly Member Jimmy Gomez, Assembly Bills 1574, 1575 and 1578 by Assembly Member Richard Pan.

With HR 29, legislators are asked to vote on bills that oppose "outsourcing of public services and assets." It also compels the Assembly to introduce outsourcing legislations. "Not only this resolution is harmful in its content, it also undermines the democratic process and representative government because legislation looses the opportunity to make an informed decision about the specific inputs of pending legislation," stressed Croft.

"Recently, there seem to be an increasing push by groups such as AFSCME (American Federation of Southern California Municipal Employees) for contract legislation," Chambers added. He continued, last year, they sponsored AB 1333 by AM Roger Hernandez, and Senate Bill 556 by State Senator Ellen Corbett sponsored by CLF.

It is significant to note that the City of Lakewood, during formal ceremonies befitting its 60th Anniversary last March 21, Mayor Croft gave posthumous recog-

win, Norwalk stopped a five-game losing streak and won for the second time in 12 games this season. The Lady Lancers (2-10, 1-2) will host Bellflower on Wednesday.

Valley Christian is also struggling and is on a 12-game losing streak after dropping its final two games of the Diamond Bar Tournament last Saturday. The Lady Crusaders visited Downey Calvary Chapel on Apr. 3 and will begin Olympic League play on Tuesday against Maranatha. V.C. then visits Village Christian on Thursday. Whitney has played three games thus far, winning once as the Lady Wildcats host Crean Lutheran on Tuesday in their Academy League opener.

block of Bellflower Blvd. When officers arrived they found 36 year old Wayne Cooper in the vehicle suffering from gunshot wounds. Cooper was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Through investigative means and with the assistance of Officers from the California Highway Patrol, 2 suspects were arrested and a weapon (believed to be the murder weapon) was recovered. The 2 suspects were interviewed and subsequently booked for murder. Charges are pending.

to the late Lakewood Area Assemblyman Joe A. Gonsalves, a contract city advocate for the rights of cities to contract with private businesses and County agencies for municipal services. Gonsalves served in the State Assembly representing Lakewood and nearby cities of Bellflower, Cerritos and Paramount as these young cities were battling legislative efforts to limit their abilities to contract for outside sources from 1962 to 1974.

"Such activity as contracting for the most efficient services has become known as the 'Lakewood Plan,'" Croft said. "Gonsalves got the legislation passed that protected the rights of contract cities to follow the Lakewood Plan and enhanced the abilities of these cities to be financially viable into the future. "Hence, Gonsalves became well-known as a legislative consultant in Sacramento for contract cities across the State until his death in 2000," told the Mayor.

During the ceremonies and amidst the loud applause from hundreds of attendees, Croft officially announced the addition of the late Assemblyman Joe A. Gonsalves together with the Sky Knight to the "Legends of Lakewood" which originated in 2004. In concluding, Mayor Croft said, "Lakewood would not have been financially stable, and not only Lakewood but really, all contract cities in the State owe him a debt of gratitude."

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Girl Power: Successful Women Attend Conference in Commerce

By Tammye McDuff

Several local Commerce area females recently attended a "power conference" held under the moniker of 'When Women Succeed and these gals know a thing or two about how to climb a successful ladder.

The conference revolved around the theme of women in the workforce and the care of families. A panel of female elected officials addressed the topic, "When Women Succeed, America Succeeds."

Elected officials and education leaders Renee D. Martinez, Senator Holly Mitchell, Congresswoman Janice Hahn, Con-

gresswoman Lucille Royal-Ballard, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Kimberly Freeman and Patricia Castellanos spoke to a packed auditorium at Commerce City Hall, Saturday. Two Commerce city councilwomen also attended the event.

'When Women Succeed, America Succeeds' is a statewide movement supported by the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles, ensuring equal pay, affordable childcare and how to successfully balance home and work.

For the first time in history, women dominate the work force, with many still earning less than their male counterparts. Since 2008, \$100 million has been slashed from childcare programs in California. Congresswoman Janice Hahn of Los Angeles stated "As a single Mother, I struggle every day to fulfill my obligations as an employee and my responsibilities as a Mom." Hahn continues "Women should not have to choose between their job and their family." Hahn is calling for

legislation to ensure working parents have access to affordable childcare.

Senator Holly Mitchell spoke to the crowd "Childcare is a critical pillar when talking about women succeeding." Mitchell was the executive director of Crystal Stairs, one of the largest non-profit childcare agencies in California for seven years. Mitchell championed statewide policymaking focused on the family, assuring quality and affordable childcare. "Without childcare women cannot work."

According to the U.S. Census, California has the highest poverty rate in the country, with one in four children living at poverty levels. "Being poor, is not a crime," state Mitchell "but hopefully we will establish appropriate policies to assist women and their families."

Today, nearly half of all workers in America are women, with 40 percent of them being the major breadwinner in the family. Royal-Ballard pointed out "It is unacceptable that women still earn less

than their male counterparts, at 77 cents to every dollar paid to men." Napolitano spoke to more than 200 cheering women saying "Women work twice as hard and are earning less. Equal pay would provide needed security and put more money back into the economy, which is good for everybody."

Without affordable childcare, most women will be unable to sustain the jobs they need to raise their families and reduce the level of poverty. The issue for Mitchell is not only quality childcare but also providing supportive environments for children and parents. "If we don't get it right the first time, we may very well pay for that baby indefinitely. I don't know about you, but we need to spend the next few years talking about income equality, pay equity and addressing the war on poverty. We need to solve these problems now!"

Outstanding Students to be honored by ABC Adult School

By Randy Economy

More than two dozen current ABC Adult School students will be recognized on April 15 at the annual Outstanding

Student Awards Ceremony to be held at the Skyline Room at the Cerritos Library located at the corner of Bloomfield Avenue and 183rd Street from 6 to 8 pm.

The adult school serves over 15,000 local adult students annually and many of the students needed to overcome many barriers in order to be successful and to further their education goals. "In spite of the challenges they face, the students manage to achieve at levels that are worthy of public recognition," said Nancy Pawlisz who is an Academic Advisor for

the ABC Adult School.

Pawlisz said that during this year's ceremony, twenty-one students will be formally recognized. Each honoree will receive a Certificate of Achievement from each city, county, and district elected representative in which the student resides.

April 29, 2014 has also been proclaimed, "ABC Adult School Student Recognition Day" by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. During the awards ceremony, entertainment will be provided by ESL students from the Helen Rosas Center in the city of Hawaiian Gardens and a Korean drum dance will also be performed. In addition, artwork will be on display from students in the Health and Safety, Older Adults and Home Economics department.

This year's honorees are Kenneth Condit, Latrina Dixon, Lenora Dugas, Michael Edens, Julie Fleming, Miguel Intencion, Youmi Kim, Mary Ann Kurihara, Susie Kwon, Sun Min Lee, Micaela Mandapat, Jose Martinez, William Rietkerk, Reyna Rosas, Jenni Santamaria, Sonia Sato, Sylvia Sepulveda, Judy Smith, Roxanne Stribling, Kim Stump, Mindy Tang, Lorena Trujillo and Candy Yee.



Dr. Paoling Guo, Principal, ABC Adult School, Serena Yuen, an active Parent at Leal Elementary School and also a student in the Adult School Parent Education Program and Barbara Milne, ABC Adult School Parent Ed. Teacher. This photo was taken during last year's awards ceremony.

Arts Colony of La Mirada Meeting

The Arts Colony of La Mirada will hold its April meeting on Monday evening, the 7th, at 6:30. The meeting will take place at the La Mirada Civic Center, 13700 La Mirada Blvd. in the Resource Center. Our demonstrator will be watercolor artist, Natalia Eremeyeva-Duarte. Natalia was born in Russia and practiced architecture for 19 years. Her beautiful cityscapes and landscapes reflect that training.

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Smoking Regulations

- 9.49.010 Definitions.
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Section 9.49.010 Definitions. "Smoke" or "Smoking" means and includes the holding, possession and control, operation, and/or use of:
(1) any burning or lighted tobacco product, lighted tobacco paraphernalia, or any other lighted weed or plant including, but not limited to, a lighted pipe, lighted hookah pipe, lighted cigar, or lighted cigarette of any kind; or
(2) any burning, lighted, operating or functioning electronic and/or battery operated device that can deliver an inhaled dose of nicotine or other substances, including, but not limited to, any device manufactured, marketed, or sold as an electronic cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, or pipe.

Section 9.49.020 Locations Where Smoking Is Prohibited. Smoking is prohibited in the following locations:
(1) On the exterior and/or interior grounds of the Cerritos Civic Center.
(2) Within the boundaries of any park as defined in Chapter 9.48.
(3) On the exterior and/or interior grounds of any City-owned or operated recreation facility.
(4) At Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course, including the patio, putting green, and driving range, and excluding the golf course itself.
(5) In any area of public assembly within any building which is City owned or operated.

Section 9.49.030 Notice by Signage. Locations where Smoking is prohibited shall be identified by one or more conspicuously posted signs.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance, or its application to any other person or circumstance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption in accordance with California Government Code section 36937.

Section 4. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published and/or posted in accordance with applicable law.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of March, 2014.

/s/Mark E. Pulido
Mark E. Pulido, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Vida Barone
Vida Barone, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF CERRITOS)

I, Vida Barone, City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance No. 985 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Cerritos at a Regular Meeting held on the 27th day of March, 2014, and that it was so adopted as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS – Chen, Cho, Ray, Pulido, Barrows
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS – None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS – None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS – None

DATED: March 27, 2014

/s/Vida Barone
Vida Barone, City Clerk

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CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA WILL HOLD A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ARTESIA CITY HALL, 18747 CLARKDALE AVENUE, ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 14TH, TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOW ITEMS:

CASE NO. 2014-06 CODE AMENDMENT
CITY WIDE

THE CITY OF ARTESIA IS INITIATING A CODE AMENDMENT TO AMEND SECTION 9-2.1401 ("FENCES AND WALLS") OR ARTICLE 14 ("FENCES, WALLS, AND HEDGES") OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-802
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA ADOPTING BY REFERENCE TITLE 32 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING AND AMENDING THE 2013 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE; TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, DELETIONS AND ADDITIONS, INCLUDING FINDINGS, FEES AND PENALTIES; AND AMENDING THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE.
(FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION)

PUBLISHED: APRIL 4, 2014 GLORIA CONSIDINE, CITY CLERK

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MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADVERTISEMENT AND NOTIFICATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION
FIRST-TIER SUBCONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the Montebello Unified School District has determined that certain contractors on the following project must be prequalified prior to submitting a bid or proposal on this project.

Schurr High School Modernization

The Project consists of Modernization to complete Division of State Architect (DSA) access compliance requirements in the following buildings: Administration Building "Building A", Cafeteria Building "Building B", Library/Classroom Building "Building K" (aka Building C), Guidance Building "Building E", Classroom Building "Building F" and Shop Building "Building G". Also included is the construction of a two stop elevator tower at Classroom Building F.

It is mandatory that all of the following contractors who intend to submit a bid or proposal for this Project, fully complete the District's prequalification questionnaire, provide all materials requested therein, and be approved by the District to be on the final prequalified contractors list. This prequalification requirement applies to the following contractors:

• A contractor with an A, B, C-4, C-7, C-10, C-11, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43, and/or C-46, license(s) that intends to bid as a first-tier subcontractor to a general contractor (prime contractor) that is bidding directly to the District.

Contractors must complete this District form; no other prequalification documents submitted by a Contractor will meet the District's requirements. All contractors shall submit completed questionnaires and financial statements as follows:

Location	Date
Montebello Unified School District 500 No. Hendricks Street Montebello, CA 90640 Attn: Donald Yamagata	First-Tier Subcontractors April 11, 2014 (2:00 PM)

Prequalification Packages are available through ARC / Plan Well at (626) 583-1122 and <http://www.e-arc.com/ca/pasadena>.

The prequalification questionnaire answers and financial statements submitted by contractors are not public records and are not open to public inspection. All information provided will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law.

The successful contractor shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the contract for the Project. In addition, the successful contractor and its subcontractors shall pay all workers on the Project not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages.

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CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission of the City of Artesia will hold a Regular Planning Commission Meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Artesia City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 15, 2014, to conduct a Public Hearing to consider the following item(s):

Case No. 2014-07 Design Review
18708 Clarkdale Avenue

Holy Family Church, 18708 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia CA 90701
A request for approval of a Design Review application to construct a new open patio (3,422 square feet) and bathrooms to an existing religious facility located at 18708 Clarkdale Avenue in the Single Family Residential (R-1) Zone and making a determination of categorical exemption under CEQA.
Resolution No. 2014-07P

Case No. 2014-08 Code Amendment
City Wide

City of Artesia, 18747 Clarkdale Ave, Artesia CA 90701
The City of Artesia is initiating a code amendment prohibit donation collection containers except in limited situations and amending the Artesia Municipal Code and making a determination of categorical exemption under CEQA.
Resolution No. 2014-08P

If you challenge any of these proposals in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Artesia Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and express their opinion on the matters listed above.

PUBLISHED: April 4, 2014 Okina Dor, Planning Director

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than 2:00 PM on the 16th day of June, 2014 Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1432 Central Kitchen Equipment and Renovation Phase 2

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may obtain drawings and specifications at a mandatory pre-bid meeting on April 17, 2013 at 10:00 AM sharp to meet at the Nutrition Services, 12255 Cuesta Dr., Cerritos, Ca 90703. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments. Valid License Class B will be required. MBE, WBE companies are encouraged to bid. Bidders shall adhere to Davis-Bacon Act.

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CALIFORNIA AUCTION AD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the contents of the following storage units will be offered for sale by public auction to the highest bidder for enforcement of storage lien. The auction will be held on or after April 15th, 2014 @ 12:30 pm.

Location: Extra Space Storage, 10753 Artesia Blvd. Cerritos, CA 90703.

Terms: Cash, ExtraSpace Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid or cancel auction. Name of Auctioneer: West Coast Auctioneers Bond #137857. The following units are scheduled for auction: (Customer Names)

Charles Coate	Evelyn Crawford	Ollie Bivins I I I
Kerry Kerivan	Jamie Dixon	Beverly Raposo
Daisy Denson	Jerri Davis	David Bonner
Brandon Hudson	Cresencia Moises	

All units to include but not limited to tools, furniture, electronics, household items and misc. items unless otherwise specified.

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