



ARTESIA COUNCIL HOLDS DECISION ON ARTESIA TOWER UPGRADE

By Tammye McDuff and Brian Hews



The Artesia City Council held their monthly meeting Monday July 10th and although it was only a little over an hour in length, the Council received and earful from Artesia residents.

Mayor Ali Taj was absent due to the death of his father and Victor Manalo had a previous responsibility.

Beginning with public comments,

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HEWS MEDIA GROUP-COMMUNITY NEWS CAPTURES FOUR LOS ANGELES PRESS CLUB AWARDS

Staff Report

Hews Media Group-Community News captured four awards at the 59th Annual Southern California Media Awards Ceremony sponsored by the Los Angeles Press Club held June 25th at the Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel.

HMG-CN has now won twelve awards in the past five years.

HMG-CN was nominated in the categories of Best Investigative Series, Best Sports Feature and Journalist of the Year.

There were over 1,000

entries this year, a record for the annual event. Daina Beth Solomon and Henry Meier, of the Los Angeles Business Journal won Best Investigative Series for "Prized Possessions."

The judges commented, "clear, informative discussion of tax matters." Placing second was HMG-CN Publisher Brian Hews for his expose' "Questionable State Bid Process Leaves California HIV/AIDS Community In

Jeopardy." Placing third was Kevin Uhrich of the Pasadena Weekly for his feature "Family Fractures."

This was the fifth award in the investigative category for HMG-CN in the past five years, garnering three first place and two second place awards. HMG-CN's Sports Editor Loren Kopff captured two awards in the Sports Category. David Nusbaum of the Los Angeles Business Journal won for his feature,

"Team Tackles New Deals." The judges commented, "Nusbaum's anatomy of the financial decisions needed for the L. A. Rams football team's transition to a new stadium is top-notch sports and financial journalism."

Placing second was Kopff and his feature, "Whitney High's Iseri Goes on a Trip of a Lifetime, Learns a Lot About Fukushima."

Kopff also took third place for "Ex-Cerritos Stars Cameron, Iseri Close the Book on Their Freshmen Year of College."

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Crossing Guard Vote Could End Up Costing Cerritos Thousands

By Brian Hews

Hews Media Group-Community News has been told by a high-level ABC official that the vote to switch the Cerritos school crossing guard expense of \$327,000, paid for by the city of Cerritos, to ABCUSD could end up costing Cerritos thousands.

"It most certainly won't save the City money," said the official who preferred to remain anonymous, "it will also cause a lot of administrative headaches."

Under the Education Code, state and federal grant money and money from parking fines are allocated to cities that pay for the crossing guards for their respective school districts.

The state of California has provided approximately \$24 million per year for the Safe Routes to School program since 2000 and the program was extended indefinitely by AB 57 — Highways, Federal Funds: Safe Routes to School in 2007.

The money is to be used under the SR2S mandate to assure parent and students have a safe route to their school.

This would include city pathways, street crossings and street corners and public awareness campaigns.

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Downey Council to Make Changes on Citywide Fireworks Policy

By Tammye McDuff

This past Fourth of July, it seems that the fireworks were louder, bigger, and more abundant in our neighborhood. The fireworks began two days before, and the last big boom was heard at 6:34 am on July 5th.

At Downey's regular Tuesday night council meeting, held July 11, 2017, this issue was addressed by all members of the City Council.

Councilman Rick Rodriquez thanked the Parks and Rec staff for handling the celebration in such a professional manner, "As one who actually ran a fireworks display at Calvary Chapel for many years, I appreciate all the hard work that you put into the City event. I thank you all did a really great job."

"As far as the City event goes," said Mayor Pro Tem Sean Ashton, "It went off without a hitch."

The firework display was attended by more residents this year than the last and Ashton commended the ease of traffic flow stating, "A lot of residents were able to get in, park and leave the event in a timely manner."

Ashton spoke with both the Police Chief and the Fire Chief and both agreed

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HMG-CN Investigation Spurs Whistleblower Complaint Against Contractor & Montebello

By Brian Hews

In 2016/17, a Hews Media Group-Community News investigation found that the City of Montebello paid almost \$500,000 from 2013 to 2016 to an obscure construction company, JCS Construction, using sole source no-bid contracts — while fabricating documents using sham companies with false names, addresses and suspended state contractors licenses — so JCS could win the lucrative jobs.

The investigation proved that JCS, and officials at the city of Montebello, violated many federal and state statutes including the City's Municipal Code and the State's Public Contracts Code.

Now a complaint, filed Feb. 24 of this year under seal and exclusively obtained by HMG-CN, has been lodged against JCS and its owner David Magallanes by the city of Montebello and the Los Angeles law firm of Spertus, Landes & Umhofer, LLP.

The City and Spertus' complaint sites the HMG-CN investigation as its primary source of information, in some cases us-

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WHITNEY STUDENTS RETURN FROM ECUADOR SERVICE TRIP

By Julia Bok

Editor's note: Ms. Bok is a former Whitney High student who recently finished her freshman year at New York University She has joined HMG-CN for the summer as an intern.



Julia Bok
Summer Intern via NYU

On June 15, seven Whitney High School students and their Spanish teacher, Carolina Bojorquez, embarked on an unforgettable eleven-day journey to Ecuador that included standing on the Equator, preparing "Cuy," guinea pig, and working with locals.

After long hours of traveling, the group arrived in Quito, Ecuador, where they stayed for a few days. There, students visited an environmental reserve in a cloud forest where the residents taught them about deforestation and conservation.

Senior Kristina Theam said, "It was really cool seeing all of the people come together because they made their own jam and cheese, as well as artisanal goods."

The students then traveled to the Chimborazo Province in the Andes to help two Quechua communities. They first worked with the Shuid community to help build a school. The Whitney volunteers carried gravel up a hill, painted roof



Seven Whitney High School students traveled to Ecuador to volunteer and learn about the country. Seen here is the group standing on both hemispheres on the Equator.

shingles, and set the work for the cementing of an aqueduct.

Bojorquez said, "It was hard work that made everyone, even adults involved, appreciate the many things around us at home and admire the hardworking people with whom we were collaborating."

The second Quechua community was the Pulungu. A group of women taught the group about their financial sustainability model which involved creating alpaca and sheep clothing and souvenirs to sell at local stands and festivals. The group then helped shear animals and spin wool and also assisted others in the community by picking potatoes.

The travelers then moved to Guayaquil, a beach city, and looked at the local stores and iguanas. From Guayaquil, the Whitney travelers hopped on a plane to head to the Galápagos Islands. Jumping from Santa Cruz Island to Isabela Island to San Cristóbal Island, the students spent their days snorkeling, hiking, and observing wildlife.

Bojorquez, and students found themselves fascinated by the tortoises and sea lions. Bojorquez stated, "It was great to see the fearlessness of the animals as you walk right by them and they are unfazed by your presence. It was different to see how we had to change our habits and put the animals first because we were in their domain."

Theam shared an interesting moment

from snorkeling, "I saw two sea turtles and swam right over them. We got caught in a current at one point and had to hang onto the mangrove trees."

After creating countless memories in the Galápagos Islands, the group flew back to Quito then home to Los Angeles. Ethan Xu, a junior, said his thoughts of the trip, "I learned that we shouldn't take our education, or anything, for granted. The community we worked with was very happy, even though they didn't have the same resources as we do."

Junior Audrey Hsu agreed, "On the trip, I learned to appreciate small things like the advanced plumbing that we have at home because in Ecuador, the people did not have that and what we were accustomed to at home was considered a luxury to them."

Bojorquez has also led service trips to the Dominican Republic and China in the past summers. When asked about the value of these expeditions, she said, "It gives us the opportunity to see how people live differently than we do. It exposes us to different cultures, customs, makes us more tolerant and flexible to change. Moreover, service trips provide an added benefit in learning, bonding, and empathy because we get to live in the lives of people from the culture we learn about."

Next summer's destination is currently undecided, but students will certainly have a valuable experience.

City of Cerritos to Honor Meritorious Marine from Camp Pendleton Saturday July 22

Staff Report

Corporal Manuel VillalobosGarcia, a member of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (1st CEB), will be hosted and honored by the City of Cerritos on Saturday, July 22nd at noon at the Sheraton Hotel Fountain Court. The public is cordially invited to attend the event, wherein the Mayor and City Council will present him with a proclamation to honor him for his service.

Cpl VillalobosGarcia and his fiancée, Cynthia, will spend the weekend in Cerritos with lodging and meals complements of our sponsors: Sheraton Hotel and restaurants Grille 91, Mimi's, TGI Friday, Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill, STACKED, and the Macaroni Grill. The Friends of the 1st CEB are providing tickets to the Angels baseball game that evening.

Corporal Manuel E. VillalobosGarcia joined JROTC and commanded the Arm Drill team while in high school, winning many awards. After graduation, at age 17, he enlisted in the Marines, attended boot camp at MCRD in San Diego, and gradu-

ated in August 2014 at age 18. After attending Combat Engineer school in North Carolina, he was assigned to Alpha Company, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, in December 2014.

He deployed with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) on February 11, 2016. While on this deployment, he was awarded a Letter of Appreciation from the Commanding Officer of Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion/1st Marines, the infantry unit he was supporting, for his excellence in providing excellent combat engineering support during operations off the coast of Yemen.

In Malaysia, he volunteered to be one of the first Marines ever to interact with the local schools and students. During his deployment, Cpl VillalobosGarcia was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Corporal in September 2016 while aboard the USS Boxer in Hawaii. Corporal VillalobosGarcia is currently engaged to Cynthia Hernandez with a wedding date set for November 4, 2017.

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CA. GOVERNOR RACE HEATING UP



Photo by Lou Delgado

Greeting more than 60 supporters at a local Meet & Greet event for John Chiang for Governor 2018 were (l-r) State Controller Chiang and Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon.



Larry Caballero
Social Editor

Although Governor Jerry Brown will remain in office until the 2018 November elections, several prominent candidates on both sides of the aisle have expressed an interest in running for his seat, including California State Treasurer John Chiang.

Hosting a Meet and Greet event for Chiang, attended by more than 60 political activists, at the La Huasteca Mexican restaurant in Lynwood Jul. 8, was influential Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon.

The Speaker and several local elected officials and community leaders are part of a Latinos for John Chiang for Governor movement that appears to be growing daily.

"I have known John for a very long time, and I know with his qualifications and background, he will make a great Governor," said Rendon.

"While Donald Trump pursues a cruel and reactionary agenda in Washington,

D.C., California is taking a different road," said Chiang. "Our road is one of compassion, progress and fiscal responsibility."

With his extensive financial background, Chiang believes he is the right person to "stand up for consumers, work for secure retirements, reduce the crushing burden of student debt, build housing that working families can afford, and invest in a clean sustainable future."

His supporters say that Chiang has been a powerful voice for efficiency and transparency in state and local government, saving taxpayers billions of dollars as Controller and Treasurer.

"John Chiang will be an outstanding Governor, and I am proud to ask Californians to join me in supporting him," said Rendon.

John Chiang was elected State Treasurer in 2014 and is a former State Controller and member of the State Board of Equalization.

He is the child of immigrant parents from Taiwan and graduated from University of South Florida and Georgetown Law School.

MILLIONS OF VERIZON CUSTOMERS INFORMATION EXPOSED IN SECURITY BREACH

From ZDNet, ZDNet.com

An Israeli technology company has exposed millions of Verizon customer records.

As many as 14 million records of subscribers who called the phone giant's customer services in the past six months were found on an unprotected server. The data was downloadable by anyone with the easy-to-guess web address.

It took over a week before the data was eventually secured.

The customer records were contained in log files that were generated when Verizon customers in the last six months called customer service.

Each record included a customer's name, a cell phone number, and their account PIN -- which if obtained would grant anyone access to a subscriber's account.

Several security experts briefed on the exposure prior to publication warned of phone hijacking and account takeovers, which could allow hackers to break into a person's email and social media accounts protected even by two-factor authentication.

Verizon has over 108 million post-paid wireless customers.

Ted Lieu, a Democratic congressman and computer science major, said the exposure was "highly troubling."

"I'm going to be asking the Judiciary Committee to hold a hearing on this issue because Congress needs to find out the scale and scope of what happened and to make sure it doesn't happen again," he told ZDNet.

Lieu, also a Verizon customer, said:

"I would like to know if my data was breached."

Verizon said it was investigating how its customer data was improperly stored on the Amazon Web Services (AWS) server as "part of an authorized and ongoing project" to improve its customer service.

Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, and Comcast protect privacy the least.

The telcos were rated the worst by EFF's five categories on protecting customer data.

"Verizon provided the vendor with certain data to perform this work and authorized the vendor to set up AWS storage as part of this project," said a spokesperson. "Unfortunately, the vendor's employee incorrectly set their AWS storage to allow external access."

One account from a senior Verizon employee with knowledge of the situation said that the company was unaware that the data was being exfiltrated or exported, and Verizon had no control over the server.

The phone giant said that the "overwhelming majority of information in the data set has no external value."

"There is some personal information in the data set," said the spokesperson, "but as indicated earlier, there is no indication that the information has been compromised."

Verizon also would not say how it "masked" data, citing security concerns.

Verizon said that it had requested information on who had access to the storage. A spokesperson said Monday that an investigation determined "no other external party accessed the data." When pressed, the company would not say how it came to that conclusion.

ACCREDITATION REAFFIRMED FOR CERRITOS COLLEGE

Staff Report

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on June 3-5, 2015, took action to remove Cerritos College from Warning and reaffirm accreditation. The college had its accreditation status fully reaffirmed by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges [ACCJC]. The Commission accredits community colleges throughout California.

The College was placed on 'Warning', which is the least severe of four sanctions that the ACCJC can issue when an institution has not met or partially met standards. The College remains fully accredited and all student course work toward a degree, transfer or certification are valid and fully transferable.

After the College's midterm report and review, the ACCJC found the College to be in full compliance and its accreditation status was reaffirmed with no recommendations.

Cerritos College is reviewed every six years, including a mid-year report every three years.

Accreditation is an external review

process that ensures that education provided by an institution of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality determined by the Commission. The College's next self-evaluation is scheduled for spring 2020.

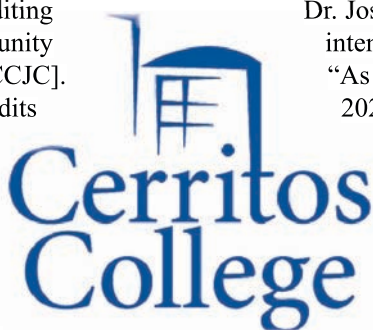
"I would like to thank our faculty, staff, and administration for their hard work and dedication to our College," said

Dr. Jose Fierro, President/Superintendent for Cerritos College, "As we gear up for the spring 2020 report, it is important

to maintain our focus on student education and students accomplishment in order to demonstrate our commitment to continual improvement."

For more information about Cerritos College accreditation, visit www.cerritos.edu/accreditation.

In a letter to Dr. Linda Lacy Superintendent/President Cerritos College dated April 2015, from Susan Clifford, Ed.D, Vice President of the ACCJC it states Cerritos College has been fully accredited since 1959, meeting the ACCJC, WASC Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards stating "The institution demonstrates that all instructional programs regardless of location or means of delivery, address and meet the mission of the institution and uphold its integrity."



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LOCAL SOCCER LEADER RECEIVES DOWNEY'S HEALTHY HEART AWARD

By Tammye McDuff

“It is only fitting that we have the Downey AYSO in chambers this evening,” said Mayor Fernando Vasquez. “I have been a big supporter of soccer, playing all the way through high school and college. I knew I would never go pro, but I have a love and enthusiasm for ‘The Beautiful Game’.” With those words Vasquez introduced Sacha VanDerMost VanSpijk.

VanDerMost has twice been recognized by the City Council for the Mayors Healthy Heart Award as a Downey resident that breathes dreams and lives soccer every day.

He has played professional soccer, is an international Soccer Scout and has developed the excitement for soccer within the Downey community.

“Sacha not only has a love for the game, but a deep desire to build leaders and help provide jobs for youth during the summer,” adds Vasquez. “A few years back we began discussions for a pilot program here in the city. It has taken a couple of years, but we have been successful in developing this leadership program for our youth.”

VanDerMost was the driving force behind Downey’s festival in 2015 for ‘The



Professional soccer player Sacha VanDerMost VanSpijk (center) received the Mayors Healthy Heart Award. VanDerMost lives in Downey.

Beautiful Game’.

Downtown Downey Boulevard was sectioned off, placing huge jumbotron screens up and down the street, engaging participation from local restaurants and hosting over 7,000 fans that came to watch as Argentina played against Germany. “It all started with the love of the game,” notes Vasquez, “Sacha believes in exercise and wellness, creating leaders and deems that soccer should not be a pay to play sport.”

“When I received the email announcing that I was to receive this award,” said VanDerMost, “I said to myself – ‘Why Me? But then I realized that this award is

for the fans of the game and for the young coaches of the local AYSO.” He went on to say that soccer should be a community driven sport. Having players ride their bikes or walk to the field, “I do not think that soccer should be a money driven sport. Everyone should be able to play.”

The pilot program began this season as five high school students went through a six-week program to obtain their license to coach. “You really only learn about coaching by doing it,” said VanDerMost. Working with the ASPRE program the goal is to expand next year with Downey USD and offer the program district wide.

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LA MIRADA COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZED FOR DEDICATED SERVICE

The La Mirada City Council recognized Jim Emmerling, Jack Miranda and Dr. Stephen Smith for their years of outstanding service to the community during Tuesday’s regular meeting. Jim Emmerling served on the Public Safety Commission from October 2012 to March 2017.

During his tenure, Mr. Emmerling reviewed crime and traffic statistics and made recommendations to the City Council on enhancement to traffic circulation. Jack Miranda served on the Community Services Commission from August 2015 to June 2017. As a Community Services Commissioner, Mr. Miranda evaluated and provided input on the City’s recreation and social



Pictured (l-r) Jim Emmerling, Jack Miranda, and Dr. Stephen Smith.

services programs. Dr. Stephen Smith was one of the founding members of the La Mirada Community Foundation and served as a Foundation Member from 1999 to May 2017. During his years of service, the Foundation improved the quality of life in La Mirada by supporting

services and programs designed to meet the social, physical, developmental, and recreational needs of local residents. “The City of La Mirada appreciates these gentlemen for their commitment to improving the quality of life in our community,” says Mayor Ed Eng.

The City’s advisory bodies serve as an important part of the City’s policy-making process. Advisory body members are appointed by the City Council and are responsible for performing studies on

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CERRITOS RESIDENT MARGE ROSENBERG TURNS 101



Marge Rosenberg receiving her recognition and official pin into the 100 Plus Club, her daughter Carol is at left.

By Tammye McDuff

Marge Rosenberg, long time Cerritos resident and avid HMG-CN reader was accepted into an exclusive organization, Thursday July 6th. As a member of SCAN Health Plan, she was officially inducted into the 100 Plus Club.

Rosenberg, also known as the local Mahjong Queen, celebrated her 101st birthday at Alpert Jewish Community Center in Long Beach. Representatives from SCAN presented her with a cake, balloons, special recognition and a lapel pin.

The Club is 200 members strong in Southern California and each one is a centenarian, with the oldest member turning 108 this year. "One of the keys to longevity," says Arcelor Diaz, SCAN Representative, "is to keep your mind sharp. They are all very happy people, many of them have experienced extreme hardship, but they overcame it. They found a way to move past the pain."

"My happiest memory, was when my daughter, Carol was born," recalls Rosenberg, "she had big brown eyes and was just a baby doll!" She said that her secret to a long life is to always think positive and

look on the bright side. "My parents did live into their late '90's, so I guess healthy genes helps," she laughed.

Some of the most memorable things she has witnessed in her 101 years was the death of President Roosevelt, she and her husband both serving in World War II, and the 1971 California earthquake, "I had a collectable store and I just remember everything came crashing down."

"I am an officer in a collectors club; I am the oldest member and have been in the club for 46 years. I am the charity and press chairman, and also serve as the clubs anniversary chair." The real secret to her longevity is all about staying active. Rosenberg writes her own column for the collector's newspaper, writes poetry and speaks French.

Many friends new and old gathered to have cake and sing happy birthday, a retired Cerritos High School math teacher who the family has known since 1949, several more from the Compton Jewish Community Center where the Rosenberg family were living in Lynwood, and Mahjong players from the area stayed to participate in competitive afternoon game.

PATHWAYS HELPS SENIORS COMBAT LONELINESS

Debbye Shepard recently retired from being a Paralegal at the Orange County Public Defender's Office.

She wanted to do something meaningful with her newly found time and decided to check out Pathways. S

he was immediately taken with their mission of providing compassionate care to those living with illness and loss.

After training, she was matched up with a client named Junie.

Junie had recently relocated from another state and moved in with her daughter.

She had to leave her friends behind and even though she had her family, she was very lonely.

Statistics show that loneliness is not only difficult to endure but it has been proven to have adverse health risks.

Knowing Debbye will visit each week has helped Junie smile again.

In fact, Junie told Debbye she is so excited to see her each week that she even puts on lipstick.

Junie's family is thrilled to have someone care about their mom and help her stay socialized and active.

Pathways is a local non-profit who helps seniors stay safe and independent in their homes for as-long-as possible.

They are currently looking for additional volunteers who have a heart for seniors and can give 2-4 hours per week.

If you are interested, please go to their website at www.pathwayshospice.org and click on Volunteer or give them a call at 562/531-3031.

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LA MIRADA RECOGNIZES MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY



Long time La Mirada residents Ana and Rudy Radillo were recognized by the La Mirada City Council on their 50th wedding anniversary at the July 11 City Council meeting.

The La Mirada City Council recognized Ana and Rudy Radillo for their 50th wedding anniversary during Tuesday's meeting. For more than 37 years, Ana and Rudy have called La Mirada home. They raised three sons, now adult, in the community.

They enjoy traveling throughout the western United States to visit family and sightsee at national parks. They also enjoy spending time attending local musicals and supporting various programs for their grandchildren.

The City of La Mirada recognizes La Mirada residents on their milestone an-

niversaries and birthdays. The City's Anniversary Recognition program includes 80th, 90th, and 100th birthdays and 50th, 60th, and 70th wedding anniversaries.

"We encourage everyone who is eligible to sign up for this special recognition," says Community Services Director Lori Thompson. "It is a simple and meaningful way we celebrate our residents and show them how much we care."

To sign up for recognition, contact the La Mirada Activity Center at (562) 902-3160.



Debbye Shepard volunteered at Pathways after retiring and now visits Junie once per week. Knowing Debbye will visit each week has helped Junie smile again.

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U.S. SAILING CENTER TAKES MILLER CHILDREN'S PEDIATRIC REHAB PATIENTS OUT TO OPEN OCEAN



A group of Miller Children's patients and families take to the ocean with the U.S. Sailing Center.

This past June 30, Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach pediatric rehabilitation patients with special health care needs, such as spina bifida, brain injuries, neuromuscular disorders and other conditions, set sail for an afternoon of adventure out on the ocean.

To begin their nautical journey, patients and their family members gathered at the U.S. Sailing Center in Long Beach, where they met with experienced skippers to go over sailboat safety and the details of their trip. The crew of volunteer skippers took five sailboats and more than two dozen Miller Children's patients, families and care team members out on a relaxing and educational two-hour cruise around the Long Beach harbor area.

While at sea the skippers taught patients the basics of sailing, including how to navigate the water, the function of each boat part and the differences between cer-

tain boat types. Patients also were given the opportunity to take control of the boats themselves and navigate through the water by adjusting the sails and handling the rudder.

"We are thankful to the U.S. Sailing Center for their continued support over the last 15 years by volunteering their time to provide our patients with such a wonderful activity," says Mariana Sena, C.T.R.S., recreational therapist, Miller Children's. These sailing trips were made possible through a joint effort by the U.S. Sailing Center and the Pediatric Rehabilitation Program at Miller Children's. "We're really grateful to all the people and businesses, like the U.S. Sailing Center, for giving back to the kids," said Kim Nakamota, mother of 14-year-old Miller Children's pediatric rehabilitation patient, "these events are once in a lifetime."

CLEARING THE CLUTTER

By Tammye McDuff



Diana Carlos, owner of Uniquely Enhanced Spaces believes that order begins at home, or your office, or any other environment that you need organized. Uniquely Enhanced Spaces was created out of a passion for

organizing. "As far back as I can remember I just loved put things in order. I remember organizing all my Barbie's and my toys," Carlos laughs, "knowing where all my things were, just made me happy."

Carlos has always had an innate talent for organization. When she was 12 years old she would go to work with her Father and help him organize his desk drawers, "the Secretary's saw what I was doing and asked me to straighten out the file drawers. That was a fun Saturday for me!" said Carlos.

Helping others eliminate the clutter from their homes and add organization to their daily lives is her mission in life. Your home should be a place that brings you joy and relaxation. Your home office should inspire creativity and promote productivity. If your areas are cluttered it has been proven to actually get in the way of productivity.

According to Sherrie Bourg Carter, Psy.D, psychologist and author of "High Octane Women: How Superachievers Can Avoid Burnout," mess causes stress. Clutter can play a significant role in how

we feel about our homes, our work-places, and ourselves. Messy homes and work spaces can leave you feeling anxious, helpless, and overwhelmed. Yet, rarely is clutter recognized as a significant source of stress in our lives.

Although it might be assumed that Carlos became a professional organizer as soon as she was old enough to do so, her career path veered in a different direction. She obtained a degree in Business and a teaching credential from California State University, Long Beach.

"I have always had a passion for helping others," adds Carlos, "I want to help people with positive changes." Carlos doesn't just come in, de-clutter, and systematize, she also empowers her clients with the skills to keep their spaces harmonious. "Becoming a professional organizer has allowed me to do the two things I am most zealous about - teaching and organizing," adds Carlos.

Using this natural skill just made sense to her. Combining both business and education allowed her to practice organizing skills and teaching skills on a daily basis. It is her charge to bring simplicity and function to the hustle and bustle of a busy lifestyle.

Carlos completed a comprehensive Professional Organizer training program through the Institute for Professional Organizers. She is a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers [NAPO] and the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

The event requires registration. Anyone wanting to attend the "Conquer Your Clutter" presentation can register by calling (562) 989-7323 or visit her site at uniquelyenhancedspaces.com.

PASSINGS

LA MIRADA RESIDENT MARILYN LEE HULSHOF



Marilyn Lee Hulshof, beloved mother, grandmother and sister, age 71. 47 year resident of Cerritos, California. Passed away June 10, 2017,

Cerritos, Ca Born August 12, 1945 to Gilman and Arline Garnaas in Montebello, Ca. Survived by her daughter, Stacey Burdell, grandson, Eric Burdell, and brother Millard Garnaas. Funeral service and interment were performed at Rose Hills, Thursday June 15, 2017.

YAMAHA PRESENTS FREE YOUTH CONCERT AT CCPA

Yamaha Corporation of America will present a free 2017 U.S. National Junior Original Concert on Sunday, July 16 at 4 p.m. at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. The program showcases the outstanding performance and compositional abilities of some of America's most talented young musicians.

Yamaha is offering the Cerritos community a limited number of free tickets to this special event. Tickets are available only by visiting the CCPA Ticket Office or by mailing a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the number of tickets requested to the CCPA Ticket Office at 12700 Center Court Drive, Cerritos, CA 90703. The box office is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. There is a limit of five tickets per household. Seating is General Admission within a section reserved for members of the Cerritos community.

The concert will feature 14 musicians between the ages of 7 and 15 performing their original compositions. Works presented will range in style from vivid programmatic pieces to toe-tapping jazz and epic film score music, in settings from piano solos and duos to a jazz quartet and larger ensembles, including a 23-piece keyboard orchestra. These talented children are all Yamaha Music Education System students from Yamaha Music Schools across the country.

SENIOR CENTER CARPENTRY PROJECT APPROVED

The Cerritos City Council awarded a \$98,000 contract to Newbuild Construction and Restoration Inc. of Orange to partially replace the patio trellises at the

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CALENDAR

Meet author Alan Drew at the Cerritos Library

Author Alan Drew will discuss and sign copies of his psychological thriller "Shadow Man" in the Cerritos Library Skyline Room at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 3. The free event is open to the public.

Drew's "Shadow Man" is about a community rocked by a serial killer and a dark secret. The book is loosely based on Richard Ramirez, "The Night Stalker" who terrorized Southern California during the summer of 1985 when Drew was a teenager. The book will be available for purchase at the program.

Drew is an associate professor of English at Villanova University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he directs the creative writing program. He is also a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, where he was awarded a teaching/writing fellowship. His critically acclaimed debut novel, "Gardens of Water," has been translated into 10 languages and published in nearly two dozen countries.

Cerritos Library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Support Kids with Cancer at Annual Parents Against Cancer Luau

Enjoy food, entertainment, raffle prizes and auctions at the Parents Against Cancer, Benefit Luau, supporting patients and their families at Jonathan Jaques Children's Cancer Center (JJCCC) at Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach. Proceeds from the event benefit Parents Against Cancer, a non-profit partner to JJCCC that provides assistance to the families of children with cancer by supplying financial aid for transportation, food, rent/mortgage, utilities, medications and other costs.

For more information or to register, contact Phillip Orpilla at (310) 849-3472 or email phil7366@yahoo.com. The event is Sunday, Sept. 10, 1 - 5 p.m., Long Beach Memorial, Houssels Forum (ground floor), 2801 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, CA 90806

Walking Tour of Downtown Long Beach

Join Long Beach Heritage, Saturday, July 15, 2017, for a Walking Tour of Downtown Long Beach. Long Beach was recently voted the best walkable, large city in Southern California by Walk Score, a company that rates neighbourhood throughout the United States. Long Beach is filled with historic gems. From modern architecture to the Art Deco style, it's all here and waiting to be discovered.

The Walking Tour Program fosters preservation advocacy and education throughout Long Beach.

A few of the buildings included on the tour are the WPA Mural-Recreation in Long Beach, Insurance Exchange Building, The Breakers, The Willmore Building, Farmers & Merchants Bank, First National Bank and the Security Bank Building.

Tours are held the third Saturday of each month. Should it be raining, please call 562-493-7019 to reschedule.

The tour begins at 9:30 a.m. and lasts 2 to 2½ hours. Tickets are \$ 10.00 each and can be purchased through Pay Pal at www.lbheritage.com. Tickets will be held in will call and distributed at the meeting site. Free parking at the 3rd and Promenade parking structure until noon. For additional information, call 562-493-

7019 or visit www.lbheritage.org.

Long Beach Heritage's Monthly Walking Tour of Historic Willmore City

Saturday, July 22, 2017

Home to the impressive Victorian Queen Anne Bembridge House and numerous smaller examples of this style, Willmore City was the first residential development in Long Beach. Started in 1881 from a subdivision of the Rancho Los Cerritos, Willmore City contains Drake Park named for Colonel Charles Rivers Drake developer of the Pike amusement complex and the Knoll Park housing development.

The tour is designed as an educational introduction to a cross-section of early 20th century Long Beach residential architecture. There are numerous examples of variations on the Victorian style as well as turn-of-the-century transitional homes and the first modern architecture-the Craftsman. A few of the 1920's revival styles such as the Spanish Colonial, Dutch Colonial and Tudor are found in the area.

Seen on this tour:

- Queen Anne Bembridge House
- Queen Anne Workman's Cottage
- Tudor Revival Duplex
- Chalet Craftsman
- Dutch Colonial Revival
- Classic Box TOC
- Spanish Colonial Revival
- Sears Kit House

Schedule: 4th Saturday of every month except December, start time: 9:30 a.m.

Meets at the Bembridge House – 953 Park Circle (the west end of 10th Street) Cost: \$15 per adult payable through PayPal or by purchase at the door

Adults Design: Decoupage Picture Frames

Norwalk Library invites residents to decorate a picture frame! With creativity, magazine covers, and a little glue, create a picture frame that is uniquely yours. Use it to display the fabulous photos from summer vacation!

Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of Norwalk Libraries.

When: Thursday, July 20, 2017 from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Norwalk Library 12350 Imperial Hwy. Norwalk, CA 90650 This is a free program for adults.

For additional information, please call (562) 868-0775 or visit the County Library website at colapublib.org

Calling All Artists: Open Mic Night

On Friday, July 14, the City of Norwalk's Cultural Arts Center (CAC) will host Open Mic Night giving local talent the opportunity to take center stage. All types of artists, including singers, dancers, poets and musicians, are invited to come out and experiment with new material or share classic favorites in front of an enthusiastic audience.

All talent will be allowed to perform two selections or a maximum of seven minutes. Performances should be appropriate for all ages. Microphone, mic stand, speakers and auxiliary cord will be provided. Performers should bring any additional equipment needed.

Open Mic Night is free and open to the public. The event takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. and light snacks will be provided. The CAC is located at 13200 Clarkdale Avenue. For more information, please call (562) 929-5521.

Friends of La Palma Library Fundraiser

Eat burgers and make reading a habit. The Friends of La Palma Library will hold a fundraiser at Habit Burger at 5968 Orangethorpe Ave., Buena Park, CA on

Aug. 8 from 4 to 9 p.m. The nonprofit will get 20 percent of all proceeds from patrons who bring in a flier from the library. Go to the library at 7842 Walker St., La Palma, CA 90623 to pick up a flier. Or print one out from the friends' website at friendsoflapalma.wix.com. Funds are used to support library programs like the kids' summer reading program and homework help.

Community Education Series: Cognitive-Linguistic Rehab

Join the MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute at Long Beach Memorial to learn about cognition, aphasia, short-term memory strategies and brain training. Anita Robin, speech therapist, Long Beach Memorial, will lead a presentation on the effects of chemotherapy on the brain. She'll explain how to use cognitive-linguistic rehab to help with memory. RSVP by Friday, Aug. 4.

This is a free event open to the public. For questions, call (562) 933-7815. Friday, Aug. 11 | 12:15 – 12:50 p.m. Todd Cancer Pavilion, Treatment Planning Room, 3rd Floor, 2810 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90806

Hazardous Waste Round-Up

Household hazardous waste and e-waste roundup will be held on Saturday, July 15 at Cerritos College Stadium Parking Lot C-1. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sponsored by the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts and the Department of Public Works, the Household Hazardous Waste collection program gives Los Angeles County residents the opportunity to legally dispose of unwanted household chemicals that cannot be discarded in the regular trash.

Chemicals that will be accepted include motor oil, antifreeze, paint, paint thinner, turpentine, cleaners with acids or lye, pesticides and herbicides, household and car batteries, old computers and televisions. Approved materials also include used needles, expired medication and mercury thermometers.

Explosives (with the exception of flares), ammunition and radioactive materials, trash and old tires will not be accepted. Waste from businesses will also not be accepted. Appliances such as washers, stoves, air conditioners and refrigerators are also prohibited.

Bring items in sturdy boxes, preferably in their original labeled containers, and do not mix the products together. Be prepared to leave your containers. There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds per vehicle.

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Thanking the Rotary Club of Artesia-Cerritos for assisting in the sponsorship for their ABC exchange visit to Kakamigahara, Japan were (l-r): Chaperone Sachie Horita, and ABC students Maria Carmona, Alyciana Cazares, Robb Matthew A. Flores, Sally Tan, Andrew Kim, Chasha Montreesirilkul, and chaperone Eilene Oyama.

ABC EXCHANGE STUDENTS THANK LOCAL ROTARY CLUB

By Larry Caballero

ABC Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu thanked the Rotary Club of Artesia-Cerritos this past Jul. 10 at the ABC District Headquarters "for your generous support and contributions to this exchange program all of these years."

The seven students, along with their chaperone visited **Kakamigahara, Japan.**

Kakamigahara is a city located in southern Gifu Prefecture.

Situated in the northern part of the Noubi Plain, what is now Kakamigahara originally thrived as a stop on the Nakasendo Road, being called "Unamujuku" at the time.

The Rotary Club has sponsored ABC students travelling to Japan since 1996.

Students enjoyed their experiences during local high school visitations.

While there they participated in cultural presentations, traditional cooking, Japanese calligraphy and in a local cultural festival.

They were very impressed how clean the classrooms were and how much respect the citizens have for their workplace.

Students also remarked that there was also a lot of respect for the environment and their elders.

One student was surprised to see their photo in the local newspaper.

"We were treated like royalty every-

where we went," he said.

Local city tours included several historical sites and museums, and it appeared to them that there was "a temple or shrine on every corner."

Riding the Shinkansen (Bullet Train) was a tremendous experience for the students, as well as visiting the Inari Shrine.

They also visited the huge AEON Mall where they were able to do a little shopping.

All of the students enjoyed staying with local families and experiencing what it is like to live in Japan.

As usual, many tears were shed on their last day before flying back to the United States.

ABC School Board Trustee Olympia Chen asked what was the biggest cultural difference they can remember. Responses included "having to take off our shoes everywhere we went," to the tall school buildings and massive vegetable gardens instead of lawns.

Everyone agreed that it was an experience of a lifetime, and their mastery of the Japanese language definitely improved since they found themselves immersed in the language.

Rotary Club President Maha Rayan reported that her club is already preparing for the next exchange visit to Japan in 2018. "It's really a joy to be able to put so many smiling faces on these students. I know it's an experience they will remember for the rest of their lives."

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Armin works as a Staff Representative with the United Nurses Association of California, UNAC/UHP, AFSCME, AFL-CIO. He has been with the labor movement for 20+ years.

Armin and his wife Lilibelle have three children - Ian graduated from Cerritos HS '13 and is a midshipman at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Julia graduated from Cerritos HS '15 and is a student at Arizona State University and Michael is a junior at Cerritos HS.

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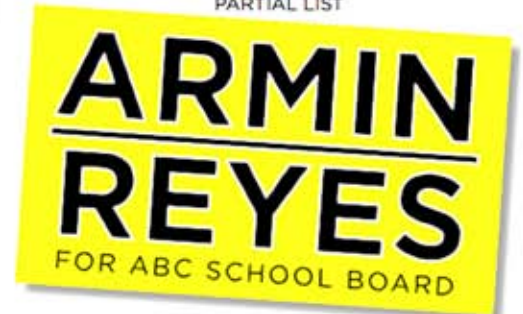
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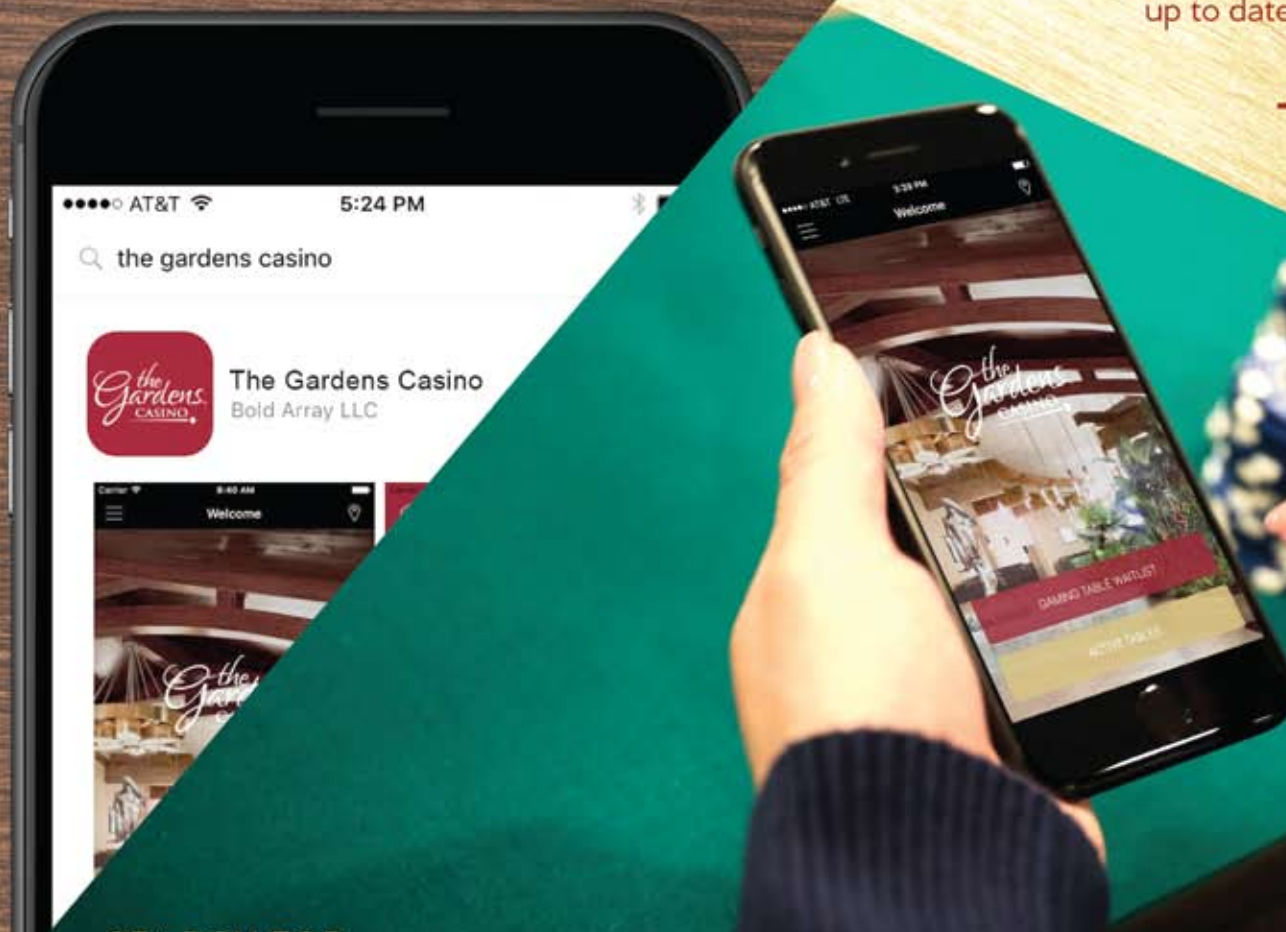


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LA MIRADA ROTARY'S "CLOTHES FOR KIDS" PROJECT RECEIVES AWARD OF MERIT FOR YOUTH SERVICE IMPACT



HOLIDAY SPIRIT – Rotarian John Lewis (l) and Los Angeles County Fire Department Captain Hugo Valdivia from Fire Station 15 help a child select new shoes during La Mirada Rotary's annual "Eileen Wade Clothes for Kids" event at Marshalls.

La Mirada Rotary's "Eileen Wade Clothes for Kids" shopping event for local youth has received a Youth Service Impact Award of Merit from Rotary District 5320 for 2016-2017. The District includes some 45 Rotary clubs covering all of Orange County and the southeast portion of Los Angeles County.

The award was accepted by Rotary Club of La Mirada Rotary President Zurich Lewis.

Rotarians worked in conjunction with the Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District to identify 40 children in the community to receive special gifts during the holidays. Rotary invested nearly \$7,000 in the project for new clothing and gifts for the children. Dozens of community volunteers, including City of La Mirada staff and members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Fire Departments, helped the children select clothing items they needed

from lists provided by their parents.

Following the shopping event at Marshalls on the corner of Imperial Highway and Santa Gertrudes Avenue, the children were taken by La Mirada Transit buses to the La Mirada Activity Center for a holiday party. Santa Claus distributed toys to each of the children, and the Chick-fil-A cow, decked out in holiday attire, swayed to Christmas carols. The cow and helpers from the company's La Habra store brought food for the children.

"The Rotary Club of La Mirada is very pleased to be recognized for this major project, which has been done annually by our Club for many decades," says Lewis. "Eileen Wade was an outstanding Rotarian who championed this project for many years. We are proud to carry on the Clothes for Kids project in her name."

"La Mirada Rotary is busy throughout the year with a variety of community service projects throughout the community that involve or support local youth," adds Lewis. "We are very fortunate to have the active support of so many dedicated community volunteers who become involved in these important projects."

Among the other youth service projects conducted by La Mirada Rotary are: awarding scholarships for graduating high school students; sponsoring local students to attend the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) mountain camp; assisting with the Easter Egg Hunt, and numerous smaller activities.

The Rotary Club of La Mirada performs a variety of community service projects throughout the year. The group meets on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. at the Sizzler's Restaurant on Rosecrans Avenue in La Mirada. Visitors are welcome to attend.

ROTARY NOW MEETS AT SIZZLER

The La Mirada Rotary Club has a new meeting place at Sizzler Restaurant at 15252 Rosecrans Avenue. Business and community leaders meet to network, hear interesting speakers, and plan service projects during lunch at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Visitors are welcome to attend.

LA MIRADA STROLL IN THE PARK SET FOR JULY 27

La Mirada's annual Stroll in the Park event will be held Thursday, July 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Creek Park. Enjoy live music, food, games, and fun at one of La Mirada's most popular summer events.

"This free event is perfect for all ages to relax and spend the evening strolling through the park and listening to great bands," says Supervisor Oliver Osuna.

"Kulayd" will be playing a variety of Doo Wop music, "Upstream" will play Caribbean and calypso music, and the "Tom Nolan Band" sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, will play to Blues and Soul.

Crafts and face painting will be available for children, and pet friendly activities will also be offered. Community members are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. A variety of food will be available for purchase.

Creek Park is located at 12021 Santa Gertrudes Avenue. For more information, contact (562) 943-7277.

VALLEY VIEW INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY!

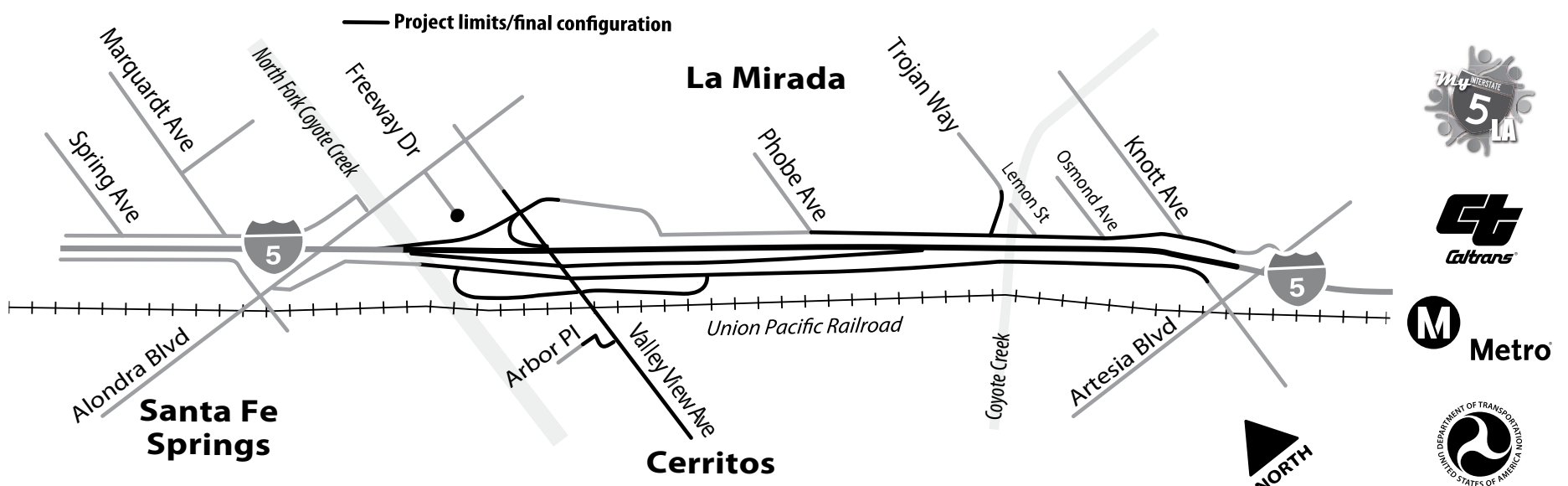
What: The Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) Valley View Avenue Interchange Project will widen I-5 to add one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) or carpool lane, and one general purpose lane in each direction. The project extends from the Artesia Boulevard undercrossing to North Fork Coyote Creek approximately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

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

When: November 2016 through Late 2019

Benefits:

- Improve the overall traffic circulation along the I-5 south corridor including interchanges and ramps, as well as surface streets
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- Revitalize our I-5 community



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RABIES CLINIC JULY 19

The City of Cerritos will hold a low-cost rabies clinic for dogs and cats in Shelter 1 at Cerritos Park East from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19.

The clinic is sponsored by Long Beach Animal Care Services and Artesia Animal Hospital, in cooperation with the City of Cerritos' Community Safety and Community Participation divisions.

Rabies shots for dogs and cats will be available for \$10, and canine bordetella (kennel cough) shots cost \$17 each. Canine coronavirus vaccines are \$15, and Lyme disease vaccines will be \$23. DHPP shots, also known as the "6-in-1" vaccine that protects dogs from distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza and parvovirus, will be available for \$19. The comparable "4-in-1" (FVRCP) shot for cats cost \$18. Feline bordetella (FIP) shots will be \$29, and feline coronavirus (FELV) shots are \$20. In addition to vaccination fees, a \$3 biohazard disposal fee will be charged for each treated animal.

Checks for vaccines should be made payable to the City of Cerritos. A driver's license number and expiration date are required on all checks. Returned checks are subject to a \$10 service fee. AVID microchipping will also be available for \$25 per cat or dog.

In addition to an annual rabies shot, dogs four months and older are required by law to have a license. Dog licenses will be sold to Cerritos, Long Beach,

Los Alamitos, Seal Beach and Signal Hill residents at the clinic. Dog license fees for Cerritos residents are \$20, or \$10 for dogs that are spayed or neutered (a certificate is required to receive the discount). Seniors ages 60 and older may purchase up to three half-price licenses per household for dogs that are spayed or neutered. To obtain a license, dog owners must show a copy of a current rabies certificate, valid for 12 months, and a sterility certificate if the dog is spayed or neutered. Checks for dog licenses should be made payable to Long Beach Animal Care Services.

Pet owners must keep their dogs on leashes and cats in pet carriers during the clinic. For more information about animal licenses, call Long Beach Animal Care Services at (562) 570-7387.

CERRITOS LIBRARY SEEKS TEEN VOLUNTEERS

The Cerritos Library Volunteer program is seeking responsible, dependable and enthusiastic teens to help with library programs, shelving and monitoring of computer workstations.

Applications for the 2017 Fall session will be available on Monday, July 17. The session runs from Sunday, September 10 to Saturday, December 23.

The program is open to students who will be at least 13 years old in Fall 2017. Students must reside in Cerritos or attend school in Cerritos or the ABC Unified School District.

Applicants must have a Cerritos Library card in good standing and are required to pass a criminal background assessment in accordance with City policy. For more information, call (562) 916-1338 or email volunteen@cerritos.us.

MONTEBELLO GEARS UP FOR CAR SHOW



Flaming car at last year's Car Show. The show is located at Montebello's City Park located between Whittier & Olympic Blvds., and Park & Taylor Aves.

The City of Montebello is revving up for the Cars & Guitars Car Show on Saturday, July 15, 2017 from 9:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.

This event promises to be a great one with a day full of cars and trucks, music performances, food and specialty vendors, community groups and more all at Montebello's City Park located between Whittier & Olympic Blvds., and Park & Taylor Aves.

Cars of all makes and models will be on display with the show. Hot rods, antique cars, customs, street rods, bombs, classic cars, trucks and special interest vehicles will be participating in the event.

This show will bring car enthusiasts to Montebello where they spend part the day viewing the fabulous custom cars and hot rods.

There will be two live bands performing featuring The Altar Billies and The Swinging 8-Balls band. There will be snack and food booths available.

Various types of automotive related vendors will have their products displayed. There will be a raffle for auto gear and merchandise including a Gretsch Guitar and an opportunity to win awards for car participants.

The event is family friendly with free admission to spectators from the public, and a portion of the proceeds from the car show going to benefit Youth Programs in the City.

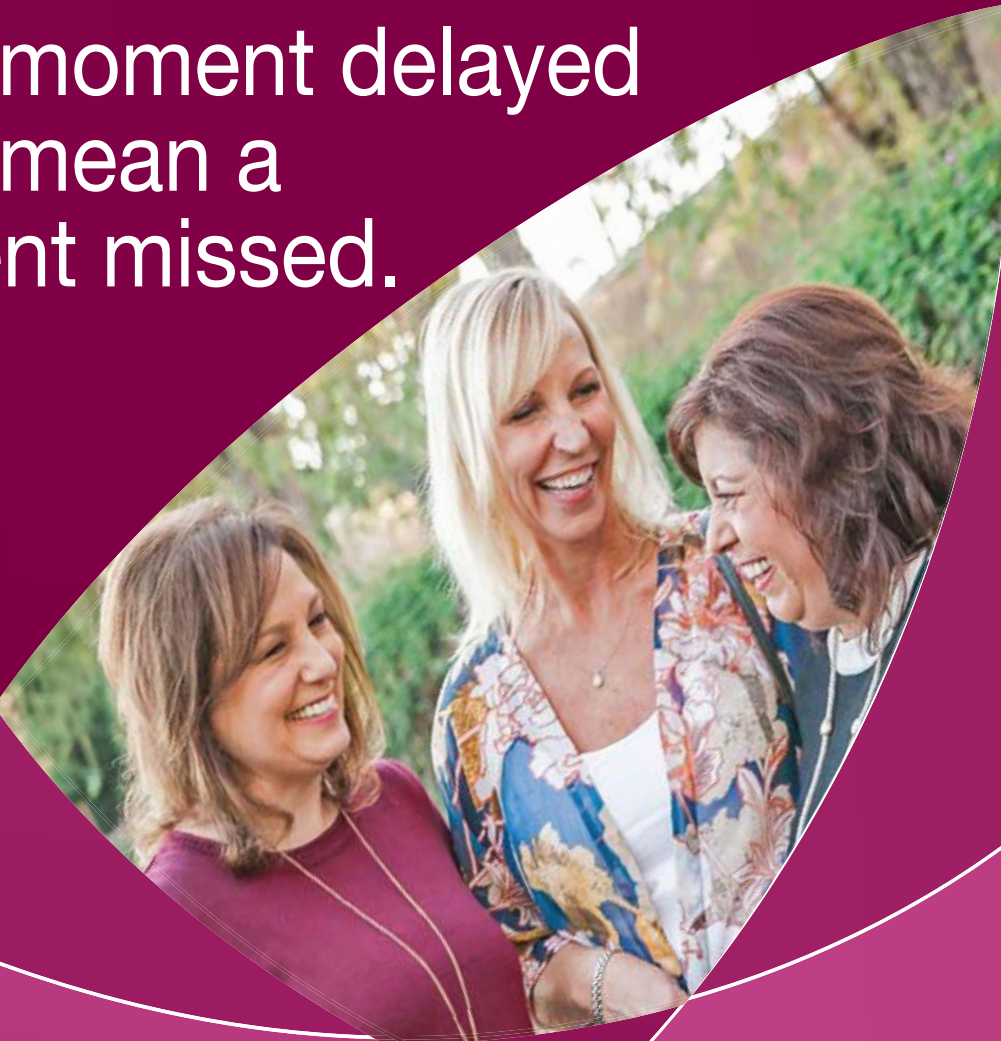
Registration for cars wanting to be in the show will be taken the day of the show at a cost of \$30.

For further information, please contact the Montebello Recreation & Community Services Department at (323) 887-4540, or visit their website at www.CityofMontebello.com/departments/park-recreation/p-r-events.html. Show produced in conjunction with car event coordinator Larry Trujillo (626) 274-0011.

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AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION 'B' STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

CERRITOS 10-UNDER ALL-STARS UNABLE TO WEATHER THE HOT CONDITIONS, GO TWO AND OUT

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

LANCASTER-The Amateur Softball Association 'B' State Championship Tournament has been held in Lancaster and nearby Palmdale for many years. While it tends to get hot in the Antelope Valley in early July, it was nothing like what the 142 teams ranging from the 8-Under to 14-Under age groups experienced last weekend.

As temperatures clearly sailed above the century mark all weekend long plus the accompanying humidity, the oppressive conditions took a toll on the Cerritos Girls Softball Association 10-Under All-Stars and the team failed to win a game, losing 11-0 to runner-up East County Gold last Friday, then Temecula Valley 6-4 last Saturday at the Big 8 Softball Complex. According to Cerritos manager Anthony Medina, several ASA tournament officials said it was probably one of the hottest state tournaments they have ever had. The weather conditions affected a lot of the girls and hydration was definitely a huge problem.

"Overall, it was a great experience," Medina said. "These girls battled and fought. We just made too many errors and in [the Temecula Valley] game, that's what it comes down to. The team with the [fewer errors] most of the time wins. We just had more than the other teams did and that's what hurt us in the end."

After seeing his top two pitchers, Alea Medina and Alyssa Riley ailing against East County, Anthony Medina knew his team had to give it all it had the next day and Cerritos almost pulled off yet another rally. So, what words of motivation did Anthony Medina give his team leading into the Temecula Valley contest?

"Just to continue battling; continue fighting like we've been doing," he said. "That's one thing about the team; they never give up. They've always known how to adjust."

With a game-time temperature of 105 degrees shortly after noon, Temecula Valley scored once in the top of the second as Drew Brown scored on an error.

Then in the next inning, the floodgates opened up as Temecula Valley batted around, had six hits and scored five runs. The big blow was Brown's two-run triple to right field with two outs. Two pitches later, Providence Feenstra, the niece of Artesia High softball head coach Dayna Feenstra, singled

in Brown for Temecula Valley's final run.

But Cerritos wasn't ready to pack it in just yet. With one out, right fielder Estella Perez singled to right and moved to second on an error. That was followed by a base hit from catcher Natalia Hill and an infield single from Alea Medina, which loaded the bases.

Another infield knock, this one from first baseman

Kylee Manibusan, plated Perez before second baseman Luna Villa singled to center to bring in Hill and Alea Medina. On the play, an error allowed Manibusan to score Cerritos' last run.

"They don't give up," Anthony Medina said. "I keep repeating myself and I can keep saying the same things over and over but that's just what it is with this team. Many of the girls had great at-bats. Luna came in and got us a good hit. Natalia got us a good hit. It brought a lot of energy back into the game."

That bottom of the third was the only threat Cerritos had in the game. In the first, Manibusan reached on a walk

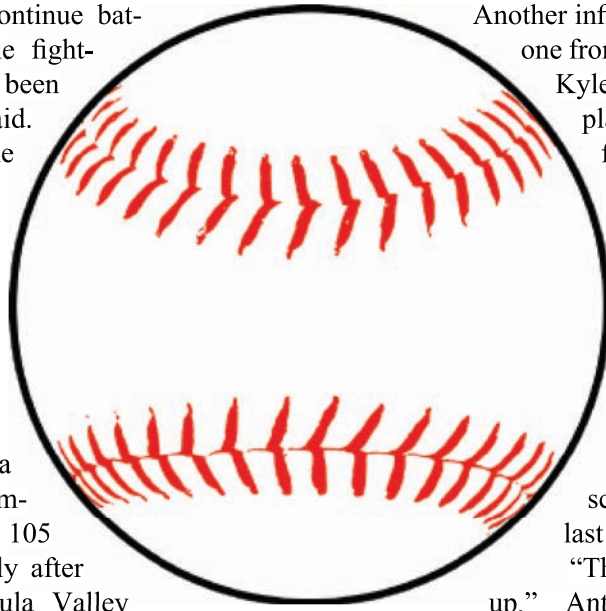
with two outs and stole second before Villa struck out. In the fourth, shortstop Michelle Meza singled. But on the first pitch thrown to third baseman Kayleigh Sutton, Meza was caught stealing and Perez grounded out to end the game.

This marks the second straight season that a Cerritos all-star team has gone two and out. Last season, both the 8-Under and 10-Under All-Stars failed to win a game. The 10-Under squad faced East County and lost 15-0 before falling to La Costa 6-5. Since 2008, there have been seven Cerritos all-star teams that have gone two and out.

As for this season's 10-Under team, it finishes the summer at 10-11-1 and won more games than any of the CGSA all-star teams. In fact, the 10 wins are one short of the combined total of the other three teams.

"It's been a roller-coaster for sure," Anthony Medina said. "Just all of the emotions that come into it...the schedule that we had and the amount of practices and everything that comes with it. It's definitely a busy season and we just try to prepare the girls as best as possible to make it this far."

The rest of the 2017 CGSA 10-Under All-Star team are: Presley Hendrix, Itzel Hernandez, Vanessa Soto and Emily Vargas. The head coach is Cedric Hill and the assistant coaches are Allen Manibusan and Gonzalo Vargas.



EX-GAHR PITCHERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT FOR DIFFERENT REASONS

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

It was an experience that former Gahr High standout Chris Devenski will never forget. The 26-year old Houston Astros hurler pitched a perfect bottom of the eighth inning in the 88th All-Star Game this past Tuesday night at Marlins Park in Miami, getting Ender Inciarte of the Atlanta Braves to line out, striking out Joey Votto of the Cincinnati Reds and getting Los Angeles Dodgers Cody Bellinger to groundout.

Devenski, who was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the 2011 Major

League Baseball Amateur Draft, was making his debut in the mid-summer classic. Devenski currently sports a 6-3 record with an earned run average of 2.73 in 35 games. He has struck out 74 batters and three saves. Last season, he went 4-4.

Another ex-Gahr pitcher is making waves in his rookie season. Jacob Faria of the Tampa Bay Rays is 4-0 with a 2.11 ERA and is expected to start tonight against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Faria, who was also drafted in 2011 in the 10th round, has started six games and pitched just over 38 innings.

SOFTBALL

The Artesia Punishers 18-Gold team

began pool play action in the Champions Cup and were shutout by the Corona Angels 7-0 and the (Bellevue, WA) Absolute Blast 4-0 this past Wednesday at Harvard Park in Irvine. The Punishers, who also played the (San Diego) Epoch on July 13, will wrap up pool play competition today at Harvard Park against the (Grass Valley) Hype Fastpitch and (El Dorado Hills) Foothill Gold-Stinson and will continue play in this showcase tournament on Saturday and possibly on Sunday.

The Artesia Punishers 16-Under travel softball team is competing in the Triple Crown Sports World Series in San Diego

and played in a pair of pool play games this past Tuesday and Wednesday. The first two games, played at the Sweetwater Complex Bonita Farmers Market Field in South San Diego County were a 7-1 loss to the (Hillsboro) Oregon Thunder and a 5-0 setback to the (Kennewick) WA Angels. The scene then shifted to Hickman Field this past Wednesday where the Punishers defeated the (Imperial, CA) IV Xtreme 7-5 before falling to the (Camarillo) Southern California Revolution 8-0. The Punishers played the (Queen Creek) Vendetta, AZ-Baldwin on July 13 in the first playoff game of the double elimination format.

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ing exact words from the exposé.

Also implicated in the complaint is Montebello City Council members, City Manager Francesca Tucker-Schulyer, and an "employee of Montebello who had to know the bids, other than JCS", were fabricated."

The city of Montebello is suing Magallanes for damages, while Spertus is a Realtor in a whistleblower lawsuit under California Government Code 12652.

Sham Competing Bids

JCS was awarded contracts amounting to \$53,000 in 2013-14, \$121,000 in 2014-15, and \$320,000 in 2015-16.

During the bidding process, two other firms submitted bids, but the HMG-CN investigation found the bids to be fabricated; the firms either denied they ever worked for the City, or indicated they could not bid on a project.

Even more suspect the investigation found several of the contracts contained gross misspellings of rudimentary words and in some case repeated words on different contracts.

California Public Contracts Code generally obligates cities to award contracts to the responsible lowest bidder following a competitive bidding process.

The Montebello City Code requires three competitive bids if the contact is under \$50,000.

A contract over \$50,000 requires public notice and approval of the City Council.

The contracts awarded to JCS did not go through the vetting process as mandated by the Public Contracts Code and the Montebello City Code.

Violating City Codes

The contracts were also not contained in the "Agreements" log maintained by the City Clerk's office to track approval of City contracts.

City code mandates that any contract under \$50,000 must be in the log along

with the person who approved the contract, which is usually City Manager Tucker-Schulyer.

Any contract over \$50,000 must also be in the log along with the date the contract was approved and the item number the contract was listed under from the City Council meeting agenda.

None of the JCS contracts appeared in the log.

The complaint goes on to state that former City Treasurer Charlie Pell saw the potential corruption and tried to stop paying JCS for any services; the City Attorney agreed with Pell also citing the lack of formal contracts.

Yet a majority of the City Council voted to pay JCS.

More Questionable Attempts to Pay JCS

At the Nov. 2 City Council meeting, City Manager Tucker-Schulyer handed out a letter demanding payment from Magallanes.

The letter was not included with the "Council packet," the packet given to

councilmembers a few days before the meeting.

In the letter Magallanes requested an "unpaid amount" of over \$31,000 because "he had to pay his employees."

Yet Magallanes told the State License Board years earlier that JCS was exempt from carrying workmen's compensation insurance because JCS "had no employees."

Once again, despite lacking formal contracts, a majority of the City Council voted to pay JCS.

Finally, at the Nov. 30 City Council meeting, \$21,780 was scheduled to be paid to JCS, but the public spoke on the JCS fiasco- after reading the exposé in HMG-CN- and demanded that JCS payments be stopped.

Seeing the public's anger, this time the Council voted 4-0 to deny JCS the payment.

But somehow, according to the compliant, JCS received the \$21,780 check the next day.

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CROSSING GUARDS

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If ABC pays for the crossing guards, Cerritos would no longer receive state and federal grant money and money from certain parking fines.

In addition everything that ABC pays on its own to assure a safe route to school would be paid for by Cerritos.

The discussion was opened at the last council meeting by Councilman Naresh Solanki, who after public comment, immediately asked about the City paying for crossing guards for ABCUSD schools.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The motion was made by Solanki and seconded by Edwards.

The vote by the Cerritos Council placed the ABC in the position of receiving and appropriating the Safe Routes to

School revenues.

The ABC Board would need only 4 votes to enact the mandate, notify the state, who would then inform the City to give ABC the grant money and fines.

PRESS CLUB

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Kopff has earned three press club awards in the past two years.

Daina Beth Solomon of the Los Angeles Business Journal took home the prestigious award for Journalist of the Year.

The judges indicated, "The range of subjects covered by Daina Beth Solomon is impressive as is the fact they are clear, well-written and interesting pieces."

Placing second was Brent Lang of Variety and placing third was HMG-CN Publisher Brian Hews.

"It was a honor just to be nominated for an award," said HMG-CN Publisher Brian Hews, "congratulations to all the winners."

The 60th annual Los Angeles Press Club Awards will be held in June 2018 once again at the Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel.

FIREWORKS

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it was the busiest July 4th they have had in many years. The residential complaints were many, with 78 citations being given for illegal displays. This is more than the last three years combined.

Ashton also commended the Police and Fire Departments for their swift response to a major accident that occurred

at Stewart & Grey and Brookshire, where the Jaws of Life had to be used, "They did an amazing job, considering this was right in the midst of fireworks going off," adds Ashton.

Mayor Fernando Vasquez also complimented all departments for a phenomenal job but was swift with comments about the disrespect of some residents. "We put the word out every year to our residents, stressing 'Safety First', but no matter how much we put the word out it seems that there will always be those residents who will not follow the laws or safety procedures."

Vasquez added that he heard fireworks going off in his neighborhood until 4:00 am on July 5th. "It is really a shame that people continue to act in a discourteous manner," he said, "This is not celebrating, this is being rude to your neighborhood."

Vasquez directed questions to the Police Chief and to the Fire Chief stating that he understood in some neighboring cities fines increased with the number of citations issued to an individual, adding that for third offenses fines could go up as high as \$10,000.

Vasquez then added that he would like the City to consider this as an option. "If residents want to continue to be disrespectful and persist on breaking the laws, then we need to make the fines higher," Vasquez noted.

A discussion ensued as to what type of fine and crime illegal fireworks should be considered. "I understand that selling fireworks is a great fundraiser for many of our non profits, but we need to make sure there is a time limit, and not allow them to continue into the wee hours of the next morning," Vasquez added, "I do not want our City to be tolerant of this type of activity and behavior."

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Deputy City Clerk Lillian Guzman, "emailed the Mayor, Councilmembers, Tucker-Schulyer, and Public Works Director Danilo Batson to inform them that the \$21,780 check to JCS "has been paid" because the unapproved amount was simply a reissuance of two prior checks from the Nov. 2 City Council meeting."

The check was purportedly issued prior to Guzman's email to the Mayor and City Council with someone in the City calling the new check a "reissuance" of previously approved checks.

Tucker-Schulyer Friends With Magallanes

The complaint also asserted Tucker-Schulyer personally knows Magallanes and was instrumental in procuring jobs for JCS while covering up JCS's substandard work.

Some of the work was performed at a Montebello fire station where a door was replaced that "did not lock and scraped the floor," and the bathrooms JCS updated had "leaking ceiling tiles, no hot water, cracks in shower walls, and mold."

Spertus apparently spoke to the firefighters who reported their frustrations and who said they did not want to work further with JCS.

Those same firefighters told the Spertus that when Tucker-Schulyer learned they were complaining, she "came down on them hard," and told the firefighters to "keep their mouths shut if they want to see any improvements."

The City is asking for all money to be returned by Magallanes with damages, while Spertus was filing for awards as a whistleblower under Code 12652.

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ARTESIA

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complaints ran from the Pioneer Boulevard petition recall, 7/11 liquor license, the Councils pay increase over 100%, and putting a limit on city council terms.

The residents were allowed to speak their minds and make accusations that could not be confirmed.

Later the council discussed the Artesia Water Tower upgrade.

The Artesia City Council has been considering painting and upgrading the iconic Artesia Water Tower since the beginning of this year.

Many designs were presented, and at the June 12 meeting the City Council requested that staff return with fewer design choices.

At the meeting, staff presented fewer options but the decision was continued due to Mayor Taj and Councilman Manalo's previously excused absences.

Four designs were included and presented at the council meeting.

Option 1 was the design presented to the council on April 10th, with the letters Artesia in blue accompanied by a backdrop of sunrays and the tower depicted in a sunset.

Option 2 was from the Artesia Historical Society as presented to the council on June 12, with Artesia in block letters and a floral design water image topping the word Artesia.

Option 3 was a more modern version of Option 2 as requested by Councilmember Manalo on June 12.

Finally, option 4 included Artesia in block text with the American flag wrapping around the bottom of the water tower.

If option 1, 2, or 3 were chosen the cost for painting two 8'x10' logos would be \$11,800. If option 4 were chosen, the "wraparound design," the additional cost would be \$14,150.

City officials indicated that cost would be covered by the dedicated reserve funding for painting and repairing the water tower.

The council will consider the artwork once again at the August 14th meeting.

In other news the council approved a renewal \$50,000 annual contract with Brea IT solutions.

Mayor Taj and Mayor pro tem Sally Flowers made their appointments to the Public Safety Commission and Councilman Manalo made his appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Canales was making his appointment at a later date.

Mayor Taj appointed 39-year resident Melinda Bettencourt.

Mayor pro tem Sally Flowers appointed 40 year resident and current Friends of the Artesia Library vice-president Bill Morey.

Councilman Canales appointed Gahr High graduate Michael A. Candalaria to the Parks and Recreation Commission.



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The four choices for the Artesia water Tower, pictured clockwise from (l-r) Option 1, option 2, option 3, and option 4. Options 1, 2, 3 would cost the city \$11,800. Option 4, with the American flag wraparound, would cost \$14,150. City officials indicated that cost would be covered by the dedicated reserve funding for painting and repairing the water tower.

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**An Open Letter to Norwalk Residents:**

We at NASA Services, a family owned, family operated small business, have continued to provide quality service to many communities since 1986. Our philosophy has always been to provide reasonable rates for unmatched performance and service. We have always treated our employees fairly, and our communities recognize our belief that humility is a true path to success.

Although our policy has long been to turn the other cheek at the profligacy of others against our reputation, we must address certain malicious allegations of recent weeks. Monies used for those inaccuracies could have been more useful in philanthropic ventures. The false statements are better meant for the trashcan.

We admonish the slanderous nature of what has been said of current and former elected officials. A reputation is very much at mercy of the orator and only requires a mention without proof, or a mere suggestion that damages a person's reputation. The character, however, of the persons who have been mentioned in an attempt to stifle our potential business, in our opinion is above the imagination of accusers and undeserving of such imputation. We regret that these individuals may see fit to refute legally what has been wrongfully insinuated, and we condemn the tarnishing a person's reputation for monetary gain.

The Sarkisian Family, who own and operate NASA Services, Inc., has been recognized by the County of Los Angeles, California State Senate, California State Assembly, several municipalities, and members of Congress for their philanthropy and financial support to charitable organizations throughout Los Angeles County.

We are humbled for the support and recognition offered by communities we serve. We also resolve that our business dealings have always been fair and worthy of consideration, which is why we have met our goals in growing our business. We will continue to work very hard to provide the communities we serve with the best quality services. We look forward to the opportunity to be considered and fairly evaluated as we compete to become Norwalk's next trash hauler.

Sincerely,

NASA Services Inc.
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“Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.” – Abraham Lincoln.