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HMG-CN EXCLUSIVE:

Bellflower Unified's Current Public Relations Firm Boasts Playgirl Magazine as a Client

By Brian Hews

When HMG-CN exclusively reported in late June the results of a Bellflower Unified audit by the state of California that found what could be only described as complete incompetence and negligence by both Bellflower Unified School District's (BUSD) board and administration, many were shocked, but not surprised.

The blame lay everywhere, with the superintendent's actions creating a perfect storm of mismanagement, encompassing a failure to communicate the district's financial situation coupled with some on the board that had abandoned their over-

sight responsibilities.

The audit found:

The superintendent did not clearly communicate its financial position, which caused the board to spend less and amass an unheard of \$83 million reserve, failing to meet student needs.

The district did not provide mandated services to students with disabilities and did not adequately mitigate disruptions to students' education during the pandemic.

The district did not consistently comply with transparency laws. Failing to respond to public records requests in a thorough and timely manner, thus limiting transparency and the

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Save Local News

Google and Facebook are Threatening the Existence of Local Newspapers

By Dean Ridings
CEO, America's Newspaper Association

Thomas Jefferson famously declared, "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Jefferson knew that local papers were vital to a thriving democracy, and that notion is as true today as it was at our nation's beginning. Americans know it, too.

They trust their local news outlets, even in this highly fractured and partisan time.

Compared to national news, six in 10 Americans have more trust in local news to report on stories that affect their daily lives, and they are about twice as likely to trust local news to report on the information they need to vote.

Despite our trust in local news,

too many communities today are hurtling towards Jefferson's worst fear, but in a way he never could have imagined.

About two newspapers have been closing every week since 2005. Instead of the government stifling journalism, local papers are steadily being shuttered due to the unchecked influence of two private entities: Google and Facebook.

The main challenge for small news publishers is that Google and Facebook have hindered local outlets' ability to be fairly compensated for the significant value their content generates for these platforms. Big Tech has commoditized and disconnected news content from its sources, undermining the advertising business that served as a bedrock of the newspaper industry. Big Tech platforms control virtually every aspect of the online advertising business and use

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PROTEST OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD CLINIC AT JOHN GLENN

POSTPONED: The NLMUSD proposed to open a Planned Parenthood clinic on John Glenn High's campus. Over 100 area residents descended on Monday's meeting to protest, with the NLMUSD Board postponing approval of the clinic indefinitely.

Beach Property Seized From Black Couple Formally Returned to Heirs

By Tammy McDuff

Less than two years after the LA Board of Supervisors announced their intention to return Bruce Beach to the Bruce family, it finally happened. A dedication ceremony and celebration was held Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

"Bruce's Beach has been returned to the descendants of Willa and Charles Bruce," stated Supervisor Janice Hahn, "when I

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RETURNED: (l-r) County Registrar Dean Logan, Supervisors Janice Hahn and Holly Mitchell, Anthony Bruce, and wife Sarah Bruce.

Cerritos Not on List - Rep. Sánchez Advances Funding for Artesia, Bellflower, Hawaiian Gardens, Pico Rivera, La Mirada and WRD

By Brian Hews

This week, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 8294, a package of six government funding bills that will lower costs for families and create jobs.

Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA) announced that she advanced funding for 11 community projects.

Cerritos is not on the list once again, reflecting the Republican slant of the City Council and its residents...and the fact the Cer-

ritos City Council has snubbed Sánchez her several times when the Republicans were the majority.

Passage of this spending bill in the House is just the next step in the funding process for these projects.

"I am pleased to advance this much-needed funding that will make life better for working families in our communities," Rep. Sánchez.

"From creating more affordable housing to improving public

transportation, these investments will directly benefit families in Southern California. I'll keep fighting for each and every one of these projects as they make their way through Congress."

The projects, include: **\$3 million for the City of Artesia.** The funding will be used to transform an unused parcel of land at the Artesia Botanical Gardens into usable park space for residents to enjoy. The City

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Man Burned in Cerritos House Fire

July 18, 2022 ~ A house fire erupted in Cerritos on Saturday July 16, gutting the house, while a contractor trying to save a family member was severely burned.

The house is located at 11302 Lucas Lane north of the 91 freeway between Pioneer and Studebaker Rd; records show the home is owned by Brian and Jennifer Kang, who is related to former ABCUSD Trustee James Kang.

According to witnesses, Kang's contractor, Abel Herrera, who saved Kang's son William and tried to put out the fire, was severely injured/burned.

The fire is currently under investigation.

A gofundme page has been set up for the Herrera family.



THE HOUSE ABLAZE on Lucas St. in Cerritos. The contractor saved the life of a family member, but the contractor, Abel Herrera was severely burned, a gofundme page has been set up at <https://bit.ly/abelherrera>.

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L.A. County Launches 988 Crisis Lifeline

As of Saturday, July 16, people nationwide who are experiencing a mental health crisis and in need of immediate help can dial or text 988 and receive assistance through the new Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number.

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) has been preparing for this launch for more than a year to ensure operational logistics and response teams are in place to enable Los Angeles County community members to call 988 and receive immediate help during a mental health crisis.

"988 is a game changer," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, who has championed the County's preparation for the 988 hotline. "Starting this weekend, anyone experiencing a mental health crisis or who has loved one that is in trouble can dial this short, easy to remember number and get help."

Trained operators will triage callers to receive the appropriate services, including suicide crisis counseling over the phone and mental health de-escalation counseling over the phone. They will also triage callers to determine when dispatching a mobile crisis team is appropriate and, in rare cases, connection to law enforcement when safety is of concern.

L.A. County has increased the number

of teams of mental health professionals available to respond in-person to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis operating Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams (PMRT) that consist of unarmed mental health workers who respond in person to people in crisis. These teams operate between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 a.m. In the coming weeks, L.A. County will be expanding the number of PMRTs available and launching new Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams (MCOTs) that will supplement them by providing crisis response outside of PMRT hours, making the services available 24/7. Both PMRTs and MCOTs will be connected to through the 988 Call Center.

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NLMUSD Postpones Vote on Planned Parenthood Clinic at John Glenn High

In a statement, the superintendent stated "he does not plan on bringing the proposal back."

By **Tammye McDuff**

The Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Board of Education postponed discussion of a controversial Board Agenda Item #12a regarding a Planned Parenthood clinic at John Glenn High School.

The contract was to have been part of an unspecified grant from Los Angeles County for services relating to "reproductive health," but neither abortion nor gender reassignment were included in the proposal.

Over 100 activists waited outside the NLMUSD board room during their meeting July 18, when the proposal for a Planned Parenthood clinic at John Glenn High School was to be on the agenda. It was removed before the meeting.

District officials put out a statement before the meeting saying the proposal had been postponed. "We chose not to move forward at this point in time," Superintendent John Lopez said during a break in the meeting. He added that "unless he hears otherwise, I don't plan on bringing this back."

Due to COVID restrictions, only

about 30 people were allowed into the meeting. All who wanted to speak were allowed to share their views. Loudspeakers were placed outside, allowing people to listen to the meeting.

"I think so many people are fired up by this," Ryan Heath, an attorney from Arizona, told the board. "I went through the agreement and I was pretty upset with the language," Heath said.

The agreement called for physical examinations relevant to the reproductive health system; diagnosis and treatment of illness associated with reproductive health, including sexually transmitted diseases; iPrescription and the dispensing of pharmaceuticals related to reproductive health, including contraceptives and insertion of non-surgical reversible contraceptives.

One protestor was overheard saying, "Had it not been for local media, this district would have approved Planned Parenthood coming onto John Glenn High School with a five-year contract. I don't want a Planned Parenthood in our high school."

One protestor was booed when he brought up the fact that less than 5% of Planned Parenthood procedures were for abortions while saying, "so you stop a Planned Parenthood at the school, they can still drive or get in a friend's car and go to a Planned Parenthood office. The key to this is education; if you educate the kids about sex and sexual activity, and the consequences of such a lifestyle, most avoid it until later in life."

Los Angeles county has 55 Planned Parenthood clinics at schools without protest.

Cerritos Residents Outraged by "Affront to Diversity" by City Officials During July 4 Event



THE JULY 4TH EVENT where Cerritos invited Republicans Michele Steel and Janet Nguyen (far left) and snubbed Democratic candidates Jay Chen, Kim Carr and Sharon Quirk-Silva. In the foreground of this picture is Jay Chen (in hat) who was not recognized by the city, even though the city was told he was there. Also seen is Alex Villanueva who is currently under investigation. Speaking is Councilman Naresh Solanki, who is under D.A. review for residency issues. HMG-CN has opined that the Republican slant of Cerritos is why the city is left out of millions in federal budget dollars awards, funds that cities all around Cerritos are getting. See page 1. Photo by Danny Hom.

Dear Mayor Vo and the City of Cerritos City Council:

I have been a resident of Cerritos since the '70's and an ABCUSD teacher since the 60's. All three of my children have grown up in Cerritos and attended its schools - pre-K through graduation; one from CHS and two from WHS. I am invested in our city and deeply care about what transpires in our community. That is why I was taken aback regarding this year's July 4 "Let Freedom Ring" celebration when Janet Nguyen and Michelle Steele (both GOP candidates in the upcoming Congressional and State Senatorial elections) were present, while Sharon Quirk Silva, Jay Chen and Kim Carr (all Democrats) were not! To make matters worse, current LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva who is currently under investigation, also appeared onstage and was given the privilege of ringing our Freedom Bell!

To me and to my friends and neighbors, this was a purposeful affront to the diversity and beauty of our special city of Cerritos; not a way of bringing us together

to celebrate the beauty of our differences.

Though we may have differing opinions on how we view and wish to celebrate this annual observance of our nationhood, I believe it should have been incumbent on you, our elected officials, to have taken this celebration of "Liberty and Justice for ALL" and used it to bring our community together; not by pushing it apart.

As we continue to work our way through the 3rd year of this pandemic, the social and political unrest our country is experiencing, and the many other issues that are pulling us apart, may we reflect on the direction we wish to go as a community; not as one separate faction. I believe that we have so much to offer if only we work together.

It is vital that we fulfill the promise of our country's founding for everyone. I know that we have the potential to change and to live up to our national values. They should also be the impartial values of the City of Cerritos.

*Very sincerely,
Roni Love*

California is the First State to Ban Gun Shows on State Property, Builds on Orange County Fairgrounds Ban

Staff Report

Senator Dave Min (D-Irvine), Senator Monique Limon (D-Santa Barbara), and Assemblymember Steve Bennet (D-Ventura) announced that Governor Gavin Newsom has signed Senate Bill (SB) 915 in to law. This legislation bans the sale of firearms, ammunition, and precursor parts on all property owned and operated by the state. This builds on SB 264 from last year that brought an end to gun shows held at the Orange County Fair & Event Center. SB 915 comes at a moment where gun-related deaths in the United States have swelled to crisis levels, with increased fatalities in 2020 and 2021 according to the Gun Violence Archive.

"I'm proud to announce that the State of California will no longer profit off of the sale of firearms on its property," said Min. "Last year, we laid the foundation for this moment with a ban on gun shows at the Orange County Fairgrounds. Today, I am proud to announce that California will become the first in the nation to enact a total ban statewide. This is a clear and de-

cisive step to address the persistent threat of gun violence that has surged since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. For too long, gun shows have become synonymous with underage sales, cash-and-carry transactions, and the sale of unserialized ghost guns. At a time when the specter of gun violence looms everywhere, even in churches in communities like Laguna Woods, we must say that enough is enough. Our communities and our state will be safer because of this new law, and I would like to thank Governor Newsom and my legislative colleagues for their support in passing this legislation."

"I am pleased to see the Governor sign this crucial bill which will enhance gun safety in our communities," said Senator Limón (D-Santa Barbara). "As a co-author, I am glad to see the prohibition of gun sales on state property be applied statewide."

"It's good to see California continuing to take steps both large and small to counter the influence of the gun lobby," said Assemblymember Steve Bennett (D-Ventura).

Downey Will Hold Two Day Family Pride Festival

By Tammy McDuff

The first annual Downey Pride Sunset Festival will be held on Friday, August 12, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and the city of Downey has committed \$25,000 to the festival.

Downey held a family pride picnic in 2021, which was very well attended, "It was a successful event; I think all of us attended," said Councilman Mario Trujillo. "The picnic was a test to see how the community would react, and it was well received. The picnic was family-focused and youth-oriented."

The Downey Pride Sunset Festival will be held on Downey Avenue between 2nd Street and 4th Street in Downtown Downey. There will be numerous food vendors with an adult-focused overall theme, entertainment, a beer garden, and activities.

The Pride Family Picnic will be held Saturday, August 13, at Furman Park. The day will feature a main stage with

entertainment, guest speakers, information booths, free food, kids' activities, photo booths, and an art component. The Pride Family Picnic will be intended for Downey youth and families. Attendance and participation are free on both days.

The event brings awareness, support, and resource information regarding issues of substance abuse and mental health, particularly to the city's LGBTQ youth.

Supervisor Janice Hahn will have committed to considerable support by covering the cost of security and police personnel. The event is being planned and coordinated by the Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Additional allocated funds will be drawn from the city's General Fund reserve account.

Event sponsorship opportunities are still available. Downey Pride appreciates the generosity of the involvement of residents and community business. Monies raised will go toward the not-for-profit community event while benefitting L.A. CADA.

East 60 Closed Weekend of July 29 - August 1

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will perform major pavement construction casuin complete lane closures for the \$8.7 million State Route 60 (SR-60) Corridor Improvement Project.

The work will be on the Ramona Avenue Overcrossing in the City of Chino.

A 55-hour full weekend closure will begin at 11:00 p.m. on Friday, July 29 and continue to 5:00 a.m. on Monday, August 1.

Work will require the full closure of the east-bound mainline closures at Ramona Avenue.

This will result in no direct access to I-15 via SR-60 during above mentioned work hours.

Closures are dependent on contractor receiving proper materials for each job function. They can be changed or canceled at any time.



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Daily Pilot Published False Reader Letters Slamming 45th Candidate Jay Chen

By Brian Hews

This past week, the Daily Pilot, which was a fine community newspaper until purchased by the LA Times, ran a series of letters from readers praising right-wing Rep. Michelle Steel while calling 45th Congressional District Candidate Jay Chen and extremist.

The managing editor, Carol Cormaci, inexplicably ran the letters without fact-checking. It is a certainty Cormaci has already been called to the editor's office in El Segundo.

So the question is, was Cormaci's actions negligent or on purpose?

A simple internet search of candidate Jay Chen may answer the question.

Extremist? Jay Chen is a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserves, a Trustee for Mt. San Antonio Community College, and owns his own business. He is a child of immigrants and a Harvard graduate.

Extremist? As a school board member, he created free college application workshops, free SAT classes and dual language Spanish and Mandarin language programs to ensure all students have a chance to thrive and succeed.

Is this extreme? Chen wants lower healthcare costs for all, proper funding of public schools for education and safety, increased resources for Veteran services, and believes SCOTUS' Roe decision was an attack on women's reproductive

health.

Extreme? Chen favors the Paycheck Fairness Act, favors funding Planned Parenthood, and believes in small business support via the government.

All these impressive extremists (and many more) endorse Chen:

Tammy Duckworth Senator D-IL
Alan Lowenthal Congress CA.-47
Lou Correa Congressmember CA.-46
Linda Sanchez Congressmember CA.-38
Harley Rouda (Ret) Congress CA.-48
Nanette Barragán Congress CA.-44
Grace Napolitano Congress CA.-32
Mike Levin Congressmember CA.-49
Ted Lieu Congressmember CA.-33
Adam Schiff Congressmember CA.-28
Mark Takano Congressmember CA.-41
Tony Cardenas Congressmember CA.-29
Judy Chu Congressmember CA.-27
Pete Aguilar Congressmember CA.-31
Raul Ruiz Congressmember CA.-36
Sara Jacobs Congressmember CA.-53
Mike Honda (Ret) Congress CA.-17
Ro Khanna Congressmember CA.-17
Anna Eshoo Congressmember CA.-18
Ami Bera Congressmember CA.-7

Michele Steel

You want extreme? A simple search and you can find Steel supporting Trump and Trumpian issues, **voting against any investigations into the Jan. 6 insurrection.**

Following her Trumpian values, Steele voted no to recommend that the House of Representatives find (recently arrested)

Peter K. Navarro and Daniel Scavino, Jr., in contempt of Congress.

Extreme conservative. Steele just voted **AGAINST the Women's Health Protection Act of 2022; the Ensuring Access to Abortion Act of 2022; the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act; the LGBTQI+ Data Inclusion Act; the Federal Reserve Racial and Economic Equity Act; and the Recovering America's Wildlife Act.**

You want extreme? Steele voted **AGAINST the Protecting Our Kids Act.**

She apparently likes high fuel prices **voting no for the Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act.**

More extreme. **She voted against helping moms and children, voting no for the Infant Formula Supplemental Appropriations Act;** she is against firefighters voting no on the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2022 and restaurants, **voting no for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund Replenishment Act.**

She also voted no to lowering the cost of insulin and helping the USPS.

Finally, Steele is so extreme that she **voted against the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act** and Protect Our Democracy Act.

It is really a shame when incompetent editors don't do their job and fact-check letters to the editor, and during an election year no less

Was it negligence or on purpose?

Downey Mayor's Corner

By Mayor Blanca Pacheco

Summer is here, and we have a lot in store. This month let me share the many events we have planned for the entire family, an excellent initiative for pet lovers and some new exciting programs.

Let's begin with family fun. The Twilight Summer Concert Series is still on every Wednesday and will run through July 27. The series features different bands at Furman Park playing a variety of music. Come out and join your neighbors for evenings filled with great live music. The Downey High School pool will be open for the Summer Aquatics program. Swimming classes are available for ages six months and up. More information can be found about events and summer programs on the city's website at downeyca.org.

Please share this great program for military personnel for all you pet lovers. Downey has teamed up with the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAA-CA) to support our military personnel with an initiative called "Pets 4 Troops". Pet adoption fees for active duty or retired service men and women are waived. For more information and to view animals that are looking for a forever home, please visit seaca.org.

The Columbia Memorial Space Center is seeking volunteers to join its team for the remainder of the summer and the upcoming fall season. If you have a passion for science, technology, engineering, or mathematics, this is a golden opportunity to work with the community and form friendships with like-minded people. Please visit www.columbiaspacescience.org to learn more about the Space Center and preserving the history of Downey's aerospace program.

If you are a high school resident, the Downey Youth Commission serves as advisors to the Downey City Council. The Commission comprises fifteen student representatives residing in the City of Downey. The goals of the Downey Youth Commission are to provide leadership development; civic and local government education; youth input to the city council; complete annual assignments; and priorities from the city council

To learn how the Downey Youth Commission contributes to our community, please follow them on Instagram @Downey.YC for the latest updates.

After years of hard and persistent work by our city staff, the city celebrated groundbreaking events for the Temple Park and Crawford Park Renovations. We successfully acquired a grant to make this renovation a reality. Funding was made

possible by Senate Bill 5, which was created to rehabilitate and improve local parks across the state. The city received \$246,569 to rehabilitate its city parks. We are thrilled to have this project in our city.

And lastly, we celebrated the ribbon cutting of the Rancho Los Amigos Sports Center. The brand-new sports complex will provide much-needed recreational opportunities for our region's youth. It will also encourage and promote economic development and revitalization to enhance the city's attractiveness to the local and regional marketplace. The sports complex has three multi-sport fields for soccer, football, and lacrosse. It also includes a 3,000-square-foot building that will house restrooms, concessions, administrative offices, storage, and meeting space. The project could not have been possible without the support of Supervisor Janice Hahn, who has been committed to this project and has worked with our city to articulate the vision and design that reflects the needs of our community. The complex and sports fields will be a legacy project that will impact multiple generations. Please visit Downey's new park at 7651 Gardendale Street, Downey, CA 90242.

Stay safe and, most importantly, be kind to one another.

Outreach Manager Joins Su Casa – Ending Domestic Violence Staff



Maria Mendez

Su Casa – Ending Domestic Violence has selected Maria Mendez to join the nonprofit agency in the position of Outreach Manager.

Ms Mendez' role

will be to lead the efforts to increase awareness of Su Casa's domestic violence services in the community and provide prevention education.

"Maria will focus on outreach to the communities we serve," stated Dean Lockwood, Director of Development & Community Engagement.

"She will increase our presence in the community and implement programs directed toward teens."

Mendez will also bring her skills to increase the reach of Su Casa's social media efforts. One of the goals is to provide prevention and education to

social media channels regularly.

Mendez received her Bachelor's of Science in Public Health from the University of California, San Diego where she was involved in the leadership of several volunteer community service projects.

She brings international experience with a community health background.

Not only did she serve with projects in different regions in Southern California but also in villages in Thailand and Honduras. She is very passionate about health and promoting holistic wellness to all.

Soroptimists Hold First 'No-Show Monte Carlo'



'NO-SHOW' COMMITTEE MEMBERS, left to right: Gail Kempf, Sandy Fikse, SIAC president Gabrielle Babcock, Lola Rizkallah, Chair Louzana Kaku, Pat Law, Susan Green, Joan Flax, and Amy Dominguez.

By Louzana Kaku

Soroptimist of Artesia-Cerritos recently held their first “No-Show Monte Carlo,” raising over \$10,000 to fund their programs in the coming year. Known in the community for their lavish Monte Carlo Night fundraisers with over 200 attendees, SIAC had found it challenging to raise funds during the pandemic.

“We know that women and girls in the community depend on us,” Live Your Dream committee chair Lola Rizkallah explained. “And we knew their need was even more dire during the last two years. But we didn’t want to send another letter. We wanted a fundraiser that would remind past attendees of the fun they’d had at previous Monte Carlos.”

And so they came up with the idea of the “No-Show Monte Carlo” where donors were urged to stay at home and enjoy a quiet evening while donating to Soroptimist via mail or on-line.

The first challenge was sending a “fun” invitation to the non-event. Using a smiling cartoon sloth on the front of the invitation set a humorous tone. Donors were informed that “Doors will NOT open at 5:30” and that “Dinner will NOT be served at 6:30,” but they could still make a donation that would enable Soroptimist to ensure that women and girls would have access to the education and training needed to achieve economic empowerment.

“We were overwhelmed by the support of the community,” Louzana Kaku, chairman of the “No-Show Monte Carlo” committee, admitted. “One donor even sent a note along with her generous donation stating, ‘Your invitation is the most brilliantly creative I’ve seen. I accept your invitation to Stay-at-Home but I’ve

ordered in so I don’t have to eat my own cooking.’ So we knew that donors were enjoying our lighthearted invitation - and that they understood the importance of our mission. Now we are hoping for an in-person Monte Carlo in 2023 so we can again mingle with our amazing donors. We are so appreciative of their support”

In an added effort to remind donors of the “fun” had at previous Monte Carlos, SIAC included a drawing for those who returned their donations by Friday, May 13. Soroptimist members personally donated to the drawing so that 15 lucky donors could win gift cards to local businesses or – for the luckiest of donors! – a hand crafted glass cabochon pendant and earrings donated by local glass artist Joan Flax.

“We even had fun assembling the invitations,” incoming President Norma Williamson volunteered. “We gathered around Lou’s dining room table, laughing and catching up as we stuffed envelopes and applied postage. We Soroptimists believe that, ‘Many hands make light work.’”

“SIAC is celebrating its 50th year,” outgoing President Gabrielle Babcock added. “And I’m happy to say that we are an innovative, resilient club. It takes more than a pandemic to keep us from fulfilling our mission!”

To learn about becoming a Soroptimist member, contact President Elect Mary Ann Tipton via email marytcerea@aol.com or cell 562-706-2881. We welcome new members. Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos is celebrating its 50th year. This past year we donated over \$20,000 to fund our signature programs, Live Your Dream and Dream It Be It, and to many local organizations/charities.

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Norwalk Library Offering FREE Tool Lending Program

By Tammie McDuff

Lending libraries are popping up all over the place, offering members no-cost or low-cost access to home and garden tools, kitchen tools, books, toys, games, sewing equipment, and other material goods that may not be practical for a household to buy and maintain.

Libraries now allow cardholders to borrow tools for free. L.A. County Library offers tool lending to customers at five of their libraries: Compton, Lancaster, Norwalk, Rosemead, and San Fernando. The program allows the community to check out tools and equipment at no

cost. The inventory includes power tools, hand tools, measuring and layout; clamps and jigs, electrical; garden and digging; bike repair; sewing instruments, cooking pots and pans; crafting items and even auto repair.

After traditional libraries that loan books, home and garden tool libraries are the most commonly identified type of lending libraries.

While tool libraries have grown in North America since the late 1970s, informal tool lending libraries have likely existed in communities predating their formal counterparts.

Between 2013 and 2015 the number of tool lending libraries in the United States grew from about 40 to more than 60. Tool libraries often offer classes and workshops and are sometimes coupled with communal workshop spaces or

'makerspaces'.

Traditional book libraries are now carrying other items like toys, kitchen gadgets and home and garden tools that the public can check out. Likewise, other spaces like sewing stations, shared kitchens, hackerspaces, and technology labs offer tools and places to complete do-it-yourself projects of all types.

This program is partly supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Due to space availability, not all libraries have the same set of tools. Please review the catalog of your library to determine if the tools are in the collection and call in advance of visiting. Each library has a printed catalog to browse in the library.



THE PROGRAM allows residents to check out tools and equipment at no cost including power tools & hand tools.

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will maintain the existing forest area and enhance it with educational features to teach children and families about caring for plants and trees, California's climate, and the benefits of preserving forestry.

\$1.4 million for the City of Hawaiian Gardens. The funding would be used to upgrade athletic facilities, fields, and concession stands at parks and sports fields across the City. The goal of these upgrades is to provide safe recreational facilities for the community to enjoy.

\$2.5 million for City of La Mirada. The funding would be used to construct landscaped median improvements in the City of La Mirada, which will improve traffic safety, enhance the aesthetics of the streetscape, and provide ecological and environmental benefits.

\$1.05 million for the City of Pico Rivera. The funding would be used to transform an underutilized and blighted bus depot into a colorful and vibrant neighborhood park that features 14 new canopy trees and drought resistant native landscaping, a grassy knoll and performance amphitheater, decorative fencing, creative solar panel shade structures, a butterfly garden, community-based artwork, children's play areas, free Wi-Fi hotspot, and architecturally-designed shipping containers to be used as flexible community space. The PAD Park will also commit space dedicated to incubating small, home-grown businesses such as galleries, cafés, bakeries, and other vendors.

\$2.2 million for the City of Santa Fe Springs. The funding will be used to bring Water Well No. 12 into operation and provide safe, affordable drinking water for residents and businesses. Water Well No. 12 was constructed in 2015 but has never been in operation due to its inability to pass state and federal drinking water standards.

\$750,000 for the City of Whittier. The funding would be used to convert 8 acres of underutilized property at Whittier Union High School's Sierra Education Complex into shared community recreation space. When complete, the space can be used for youth sports programs that serve more than 2,000 young people annually.

\$2.5 million for Water Replenishment District of Southern California. The funding will be used to treat three PFAS-affected wells, helping to ensure residents of Whittier, Montebello, and La Habra have access to clean drinking water. \$2.5 million for the LA County Department of Public Works' South Whittier Communities Bikeways Access Project. The funding would be used for the installation of bike lanes and bike boulevards, wayfinding signage, roadway resurfacing, landscaping medians, streetlights, curb

bulb-out; reconstructing a curb and gutter, sidewalk, and curb ramps; and upgrading pedestrian push buttons with audio and vibration devices.

\$620,000 for the LA County Department of Public Works' Sunshine Shuttle Route C Electric Buses and Charging Infrastructure Project. The funding will be used to acquire two electric buses for the Sunshine Shuttle service, replacing existing buses that are now beyond their service life. Sunshine Shuttle provides Los Nietos and South Whittier area residents access to shopping centers, community centers, medical facilities, parks and recreation areas, libraries, job training, and employment sites for Cal-WORKS recipients.

\$4 million for Foothill Transit. The funding will be used to procure double deck zero emissions buses in the San Gabriel Valley of LA County. With this capital project, Foothill Transit will continue to lead the way to cleaner, smarter transit in one of the most congested regions in the country. The buses will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve residents' quality of life and access to vital resources such as medical services and groceries.

\$500,000 for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles. The funding will support construction of 18 new-construction homes in Santa Fe Springs to be sold with an affordable mortgage to low-income families. This is Habitat LA's contribution to the Lakeland Development project, a public-private partnership working to expand affordable housing in the area.

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met with our County lawyers last year and said I wanted to return this property to the Bruce family, they said nothing like it had ever been done before. The work ahead of us would be unprecedented. Today, we are sending a message to every government in this nation confronted with this same challenge: this work is no longer unprecedented. We have set the precedent and it is the pursuit of justice."

On the southwest coast of Los Angeles in Manhattan Beach, Bruce's Beach enjoys year-round sunny weather and clear skies. Thanks to its picturesque setting, the well-manicured lawns that overlook the shore are the site of frequent picnics; children's play dates, dog walks, yoga classes, and other pleasant recreational activities.

Those who visit Bruce's Beach may be surprised to learn that it is actually Manhattan Beach's oldest park site, and has a rich history. A commemorative plaque stands on the park grounds, detailing the inspiring origins of what has long been one of Southern

California's favorite places for seeking rest and relaxation.

Willa and Charles Bruce, purchased some of the land that makes up Bruce's Beach in 1912. They added three lots to the original land and soon set to work, establishing a resort open to all African Americans. Since segregation practices had restricted most beach access for blacks in the city, the new resort was welcomed by many who had until then hardly had the chance to experience the area's coastal beauty until then.

Land around the resort was bought by wealthy land developer George H. Peck, also in 1912. Being a bit of a maverick for the times, Peck did away with the common practice of racial segregation by offering up the plots for purchase to African Americans. Tensions grew so high in the 1920's that the resort and surrounding homes were eventually condemned and closed by the city.

In 2007, 80 years later, the park was renamed, and the family who did so much to bring change and equality to the city was remembered.

"Today we are celebrating the return of Bruce's Beach to the legal heirs of two visionary entrepreneurs Willa and Charles Bruce, said Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, "We are here to honor that courageous vision; acknowledge the trials and tribulation that pursued; and in 2022 with these fearless leaders and advocated bearing witness ... return the property to its' proper owners."

Dean Logan Registrar of LA County actually handed the title and deed to the Bruce heirs. "I am here to recognize the historic nature of this event and acknowledge that it has been placed into public record the significance of this event. This is the official record of the transfer. It symbolizes for all of us that it is always the right time to do the right thing."

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clever tactics to keep users on their sites and deprive publishers of the ability to monetize their content.

Faced with this anticompetitive behavior, it should be no surprise that local papers are struggling. In 2022, more than a fifth of Americans live in news deserts. And, 1,625 counties have only one newspaper, while more than 200 have no local newspaper at all. Social media is increasingly filling the void with untrustworthy sources and misinformation and becoming America's de facto local news source.

Big Tech's threat to local journalism will not go away on its own, and the cost of inaction is too great to ignore. Congress must act.

Among the antitrust bills Congress is considering this year, the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA) is the only one that provides a direct check against Google and Facebook's anticompetitive tactics that put local papers at risk.

Ironically, Big Tech is protected by U.S. antitrust laws, which prevent local papers from negotiating as a group. The JCPA would provide a temporary, limited antitrust safe harbor for small, local news publishers to collectively negotiate with Facebook and Google for fair compensation for the use of their content. It's narrowly tailored to ensure that coordination by news publishers is only in the interest of protecting trustworthy, quality journalism.

Critics of the JCPA have parroted Big Tech's argument that the bill would predominantly help large national publications. However, the JCPA is specifically designed to help small- and medium-sized papers and would help flow subscription and advertising dollars back to their newsrooms. Large national publications like The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times won't qualify. The bill also incentivizes publishers to invest in hiring new journalists and newsroom personnel. In fact, publishers that demonstrate their investment will receive a higher portion of the negotiated funds.

As Big Tech devalues high-quality journalism in favor of provocative, divisive clickbait, the prospect of layoffs, pay cuts and furloughs has become an everyday reality for local journalists. While critics of the JCPA squabble about utopian solutions, local publishers, who recognize the urgency to revive local news, are firmly supporting the JCPA. They acknowledge the JCPA is the only bill that will put them on a more level playing field with the tech giants.

Join me in asking your representatives in Congress to prioritize passing the JCPA to protect their constituents' access to objective, quality local reporting – and to ensure that Thomas Jefferson's fear of a democracy without robust journalism never comes to pass.

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BREAKING NEWS

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Women's Equality Day Youth Speech and Art Contests

By Norma Williamson, M.Ed.

On Saturday, August 27th, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. school age contestants, all the way from kindergarten to 12th grade, will be competing in a Youth Speech and Art Contest celebrating Women's Equality Day that commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment which granted women the right to vote in 1920. It is sponsored by the Cerritos based Hubert H. Humphrey Democratic Club. Voter registration will be available on site. The venue is the Shadow Park Clubhouse and it is critical that contestants/guests register (by August 15) to attend since this is a private gated community.

Area high school student finalists, who have survived the "first cut", will be delivering a 3-minute speech on one famous female political/human rights leader like Mary McLeod Bethune, Malala Yousafzai, Greta Thunberg &/or historical American suffragist like Alice Paul, Carrie Chapman Catt and more. First place winner will be awarded a \$300 check, 2nd place a \$200 check and third place a \$100 check.

Middle school students will compete for the best interpretive visual, two dimensional, 8 1/2" x 11" multimedia art piece showcasing important female leaders like Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Ida B. Wells, Eleanor Roosevelt and others.

Prize money levels for winning are \$100, \$75 and \$50.

Elementary school boys and girls will participate in a coloring page contest (watercolors, colored pencils, crayons, markers, charcoal allowed) of either Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor, Susan B. Anthony, Shirley Chisholm, Kamala Harris and/or Sandra Day O'Connor. Winning award levels are \$75, \$50 and \$25.

All finalists in attendance, will receive an admission ticket (valued at \$35) to Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Cerritos and a one-of-a-kind gift bag unique to each contestant.

One distinctive feature of our scoring system is based on the popular American Idol television show where the audience votes.

The adult family/adult friends of contestants, who are in attendance and have registered to attend, will be allowed to vote for the speech and art winners. Contestant or at least ONE adult family/adult friend MUST reside in one of the following 9 cities: Artesia, Buena Park, Cerritos, Cypress, Fullerton, Hawaiian Gardens, La Palma, Los Alamitos or Rossmoor and identify their city on the contest registration form.

Guest speakers are former Huntington Beach Mayor and current Councilmember Kim Carr, Mt. San Antonio College Trustee Jay Chen and Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk Silva.

Cerritos Towne Center Chalk Festival Sat., August 6th

Cerritos Towne Center will host a FREE fun-filled "Chalk It Up" chalk art festival on Saturday, August 6th, from noon to 3 p.m.

The event will showcase the work of professional chalk artists as they create eclectic, mesmerizing and breathtaking street art, including 2D and 3D murals on the pavement in the Edwards Stadium 10 Courtyard. Other family-friendly fun at the Cerritos Towne Center Chalk It Up event will include kids crafts chalk activities, a DJ and more. This event is free and open to the public; no pre-registration is required. For more information, visit <https://cerritostc.com/events/cerritos-towne-center-chalk-it-up-event>.

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Rocket Fever at Columbia Memorial Space Center



CIVIL AIR PATROL volunteers putting together a glider for cadets during Fever.

By Tammy McDuff

SoCal's only annual rocket festival returns to the Columbia Memorial Space Center Saturday, August 13, at 10 am.

Rocket Fever 2022 offers free rocket building and launching, hands-on STEM activities, on-site exhibitions, and a free model rocket kit.

"This is a really cool event," said Ben Dickow, Executive Director for the Space Center, "we offer our visitors the opportunity to build and launch their own rocket, kids can get their face painted, and learn tons of cool facts about aerospace."

In the past, over 300 rockets were released and over 2,500 attended. "We are

really grateful for the generous donation from the City and our financial partners that fund projects like this."

Admission to the Space Center is free. Those interested in launching their rocket will be charged a \$5.00 fee to cover the cost of the single-use motor along with a complimentary rocket. A limited number of on-site registrations will also be available the day of the event it is suggested to register early; registration begins August 1 at 8 am. All registered participants will receive a free model rocket that they can decorate before inspection and enter the launch que during one of four designated launch times: 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm.

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GUEST SPEAKERS:

Sharon Quirk Silva -
Assembly member

Kim Carr - former Mayor
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Jay Chen - Trustee of Mt.
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Day Excursion -

San Diego's Point Loma and 'Lomaland'

adventures in this charming and very thriving city by the sea.

This time, we start our visit to Point Loma to enjoy the Sunset Cliff National Park walking trails that parallel the ocean on the San Diego Point Loma peninsula.

Park your car and step out to stretch while you take a deep breath of the ocean air and enjoy the breathtaking views from the cliff trails and lookout points.

Adjacent to Sunset Cliff park and trails is Nazarene University, formerly the location of Lomaland, a settlement of adventuresome advocates of Theosophy, a spiritual movement founded by Helene Blavatsky in the late 19th century with headquarters in New York City and locations throughout the world, the most prominent in Adyar, India.

Lomaland founder, humanist and social advocate Katherine Tingley purchased the land on the peninsula in 1897 and founded the Lomaland community as a model for a philosophy that would blend new world confidence, Victorian morality and Indian

LOMALAND CAMPUS: now the home to Nazarene University.

spirituality with a love for antiquity, ancient civilizations, world cultures.

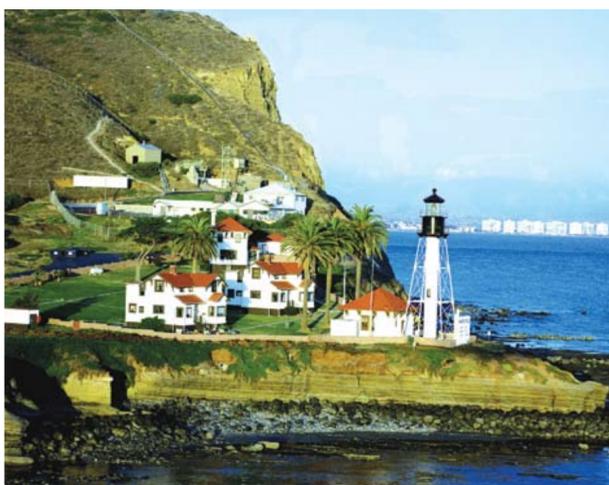
By 1900, the Southern California Theosophical Society followed Tingley and moved from Pasadena to Lomaland to set up headquarters for the Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society and build their spiritual haven.

The Lomaland colony would develop to include residential, administrative and educational facilities, an outdoor amphitheater and art studios and invite visitors to share in higher spiritual Theosophical learning and enlightenment.

The Raja Yoga Academy opened in 1900 a boarding school with over 300 students who all lived in the 'Lotus House' shaped dormitories on the property. In addition to studies into the beliefs of Raja Yoga and ancient history students performed in Ancient Greek and Shakespearean plays and learned to play at least one classic instrument to perform in the orchestra's weekly concerts.

The spectacular Greek amphitheater overlooking the Pacific Ocean was built in 1901, with geometric designed pavement and stoa added in 1909 as a site for theater and concert events.

A college was established on the property in 1919, along with other buildings, including



a hotel, a textile factory, a joinery, a bakery and a publishing house.

Despite the beauty of the Point Loma location, there were also challenges to survival. To overcome the lack of water on the peninsula, the Theosophical community had to import water and install irrigation to plant gardens and nurture enough plant life to sustain the self-sufficient colony and cultural community.

To create their Lomaland paradise, the Theosophical community introduced avocados, oranges and other fruit to the arid terrain. The Lomaland model Theosophical humanitarian and cultural colony flourished from 1900 when it was established until 1942.

When WWII broke out, much of San Diego and especially the harbor

lookout at Point Loma was devoted to naval and military operations. Support waned for spiritual communities like Loma Land, that practiced peace, love of antiquity, Indian spirituality and world brotherhood.

Unable to sustain operations, the Lomaland property was sold in 1942, and fell into the hands of a succession of owners until the Christian Nazarene University came into possession of the stunning ocean view property and its original buildings.

Although over the years, new buildings were added to the site, the prominent historical buildings of the original Lomaland still remain. On a walking tour of the campus, visitors may view the original Raja School and the adjacent Academy Building and

THE REBUILT Point Loma lighthouse is worth the hike to see the beauty of the house and the great views.

Temple of Peace, notable for its grand, massive hand-carved doors and an illuminated amethyst dome that served as a beacon of light in the night.

The Lomaland campus also included several private homes. Most spectacular was the home of sporting goods tycoon Albert Spalding, built-in 1901 with flattened arches and modified Victorian Corinthian columns with wood carved designs in the shape of papyrus leaves.

At its height, the Lomaland Theosophical Spiritual community attracted artists Grace Betts, Maurice Braun, Leonard Lester and Marian Plummer Lester, Marguerite Lemke Barton and Edith White, who worked in many studios and workshops on the Lomaland

property. Lomaland artist, Reginald Machell, renowned for his wood carving masterworks and spiritual paintings, directed the art studios and workshops.

Machell who first met Helena Blavatsky in London, became a devotee of Theosophy, and moved to the Lomaland community with Tingley after the passing of Blavatsky. Machell's paintings are devoted to the expression of Theosophical spirituality. His most famous painting, 'The Path' reveals the path of the human soul through a spiritual evolution into higher consciousness.

The printing shop on the campus was the headquarters for Theosophical Society spiritual publications, often illustrated with Machell's paintings and drawings.

Machell's masterpieces, 'The Bard' and 'The Path' along with his stunningly beautiful wood carved chairs and screens are preserved in the collection

of the San Diego Historical Society in Balboa Park.

On a self-guided tour of the campus, visitors may enjoy the charm and quaint references to antiquity in the historical Theosophical Lomaland buildings, as well as the stunning ocean views of the property on a cliff, in some areas directly over the Sunset Cliff trails.

The ocean view from the Greek Theater ensconced with elegant Greek columns and surrounding stoa is especially enchanting, reminiscent of ancient Greek theaters in Europe and abroad.

For those who have time, there is still plenty more to experience on the Point Loma peninsula, so continue driving down the point to the tip to enjoy the stunning views from the Old Point Loma Lighthouse.

Point Loma was discovered by Europeans on September 28, 1542, when Portuguese navigator Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo who departed from Mexico and led an expedition for the Spanish crown to explore the west coast of what is now the United States.

THE GREEK AMPHITHEATER on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University was the first of its type built in the United States, dating from 1901.

Cabrillo described San Diego Bay as "a very good enclosed port", when he most likely docked his flagship on Point Loma's east shore. Because of its strategic location guarding the San Diego harbor, the point was also a military outpost as early as 1852 with later development by the Navy in the 1920s. Charles Lindbergh first tested his airplane 'The Spirit of St. Louis', built in San Diego by Ryan Aeronautical Company, on the 'Dutch Flat's' dirt airstrip on Point Loma. Photos of Lindbergh and tests for his famous flight may be viewed at the U.S. Post Office at the Cabrillo Point site. By now you may have an appetite and would enjoy fresh fish, accompanied by a glass of wine or a beer. Perfect time to enjoy a stroll on nearby Shelter Island to paruse some of the charming restaurants and cafes in the marina next to all of the boat docks. Or head directly to The Fish Market at 750 N. Harbor Dr. to enjoy a fabulous array of fresh fish dishes on the outdoor patio, including delectable Canadian Cod Fish and Chips, Crab sandwiches and hot fish tacos, yes, also lobster. Well, what a day! Are you ready for a pleasant drive back to Cerritos now? On your cruise on Freeway 5, you may savor the special experiences, refreshed and rejuvenated for the week ahead.



BY LYDIA RINGWALD

The Theosophical community of Lomaland, which flourished on Point Loma, San Diego from 1898 until 1942, was an experiment to make Theosophy "intensely practical," according to its founder and spiritual leader, Katherine Tingley.

Sometimes all it takes is a day; a day away from the routine, a day that makes a difference in our perception and places us on a higher plateau of consciousness, refreshed and at peace, ready to start again or to continue on with renewed courage.

In prior Day Destination articles, I have highlighted several places to visit in San Diego, including the San Diego Museum of Art and the Balboa Park museum and theater complex.

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LOREN KOPFF CELEBRATES 25 YEARS AT THE LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS- SEVERAL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS END LONG LEAGUE TITLE DROUGHTS WHILE MORE CHAMPIONS ARE CROWNED

By Loren Kopff
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Editor's note: This is the fourth part of a series looking back at the past 25 years as a member of the Los Cerritos Community News

The 2012-2013 girls basketball season was beginning to have some blowout games in late December and into January. Gahr High would fall to J.W. North High 73-39 in the championship game of the Gahr Winter Classic while Norwalk High would pick up a rare big win over Cerritos High in a 57-37 decision. Later in the season, both Norwalk basketball teams would upset Mayfair High with the girls moving into a first place tie, a position it would have when the season was over. It was the first time since 1995 that the Norwalk girls program had won a league title and the first since 1992 for longtime Norwalk head coach Richard Drake, who also coached John Glenn High.

The Artesia High girls soccer team had won 10 straight games ahead of its first place battle with La Mirada High as the first round of Suburban League action was coming to an end. The Pioneers put up a good fight but could not get a hold of first place all alone as the game ended in a scoreless tie. When the season was over, Artesia had won 19 games and advanced to the quarterfinals, both of which were, and are still, bests in the program's history.

In the playoffs, the Gahr girls basketball team advanced to the CIF-Southern Section Division III-AAA championship game where it fell to Agoura High 60-39 as the Gladiators were seeking the program's fourth title.

For the first time since 1993, Gahr and Norwalk met on the softball field as the spring season was getting started. Norwalk blasted the Gladiators 12-3, highlighted by a Viviana Gomez grand slam in the first inning. And for the second straight season, La Mirada's softball team spotted Cerritos a 4-1 lead before rallying for a 5-4 victory. The 2013 version was the league opener for both while the 2012 contest was on the last game of the regular season.

The Artesia baseball team would reach double figures in victories (10) for the first time since 2007 but missed the playoffs for the sixth straight season while the softball team also won 10 games, the most in the program in over 15 seasons. In his only two seasons coaching the program, Jeff Hovis won 18 games. In contrast, the program had won 19 games the previous six seasons.

In the first of two straight seasons, Gahr baseball head coach Gerardo Perez won 22 games and took his team to the quarterfinals while the Gahr softball team missed the playoffs for a fourth straight season. That would be the last time the Gladiators would miss the postseason.

In the pool, the Cerritos girls swimming team won the Division IV championship while the boys finished in fourth place.

My first feature in 2013 was on former Cerritos softball slugger Sarah Smith who was making an immediate impact at Baylor University. Smith would complete her first season in Waco, TX batting .365, and hit five home runs, both of which were good for second on the team.

Valley Christian High's football team

held its first ever spring game as the Crusaders welcomed Woodie Grayson as its new head coach.

I would make a road trip to Denver where I attended the Tough Mudder race and interviewed my cousin, Steven, who was taking part in the event at Beaver Creek for the second straight summer. Prior to making the trip to the Rocky Mountain state, the Cerritos Girls Softball Association was making history yet again, this time sending three teams to the state tournament.

The Artesia Punishers 18-Under travel softball team hosted the Shanghai National Team for three games at East Los Angeles College while weeks later, his team was invited to play in the Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championships, something that has been a recurring theme every July.

Prior to the beginning of the football season, Jon Nielsen resigned as Gahr's offensive and college recruiting coordinator. All he did for the past 10 seasons with the Gladiators was get several players signed to some of the top college programs and see his quarterbacks rank among the best in the state and CIF-SS with several records.

The 2013 football season would see the return for the Cerritos varsity team and was knocked off by V.C. 42-28 in the season opener. The Dons would go 2-8 that season, the first time since 2010 they had experienced a victory. One of those wins came against Glenn in a 36-29 conquest, which snapped a 16-game Suburban League losing streak.

Artesia would capture the Silver Milk Barrel for the first time since 2008 with victories over ABC Unified School District rivals Cerritos (43-32) and Gahr (29-27). But the biggest news in the area coming from the gridiron would be Norwalk, which won 13 straight games in emphatic fashion on its way to the Southeast Division championship game. Then, in front of a packed crowd at Titan Stadium on the California State University, Fullerton campus, the Lancers lost to La Serna High 41-38 in double overtime. The 13-1 record would mark the program's best and the second time in at least 25 seasons Norwalk would post double digit victories.

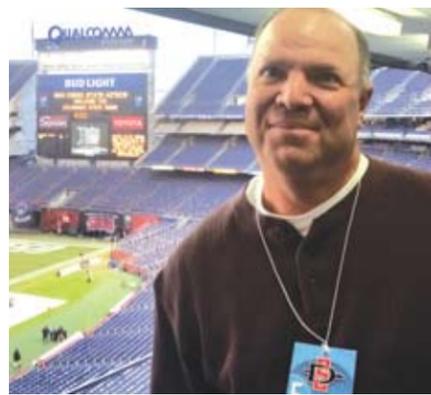
In girls tennis, Cerritos defeated Redlands High 10-8 in the Division IV championship match, winning four of the final six sets. It was the second straight title for the program.

The boys basketball season would begin with Artesia winning the Garden Grove Tournament and started a season with six straight wins for the first time since the 2006-2007 campaign. Then, the Pioneers won the Calvary Chapel Downey Grizzly Classic, defeating El Rancho High 48-46 in the championship game.

The Whitney High girls basketball team, behind Rachel Nagel and Reyna Ta'amu, had no problems with South Torrance High, 53-36 in the championship game of the Glenn-Norwalk Tournament.

Towards the end of the 2013-2014 basketball season, Glenn girls head coach Linda Parra announced she was stepping down after 12 seasons and a 156-163 record, one Suburban League title and six trips to the playoffs.

The Glenn boys basketball team ended a 13-season playoff drought, despite finishing the regular season with a 7-19 record. The Eagles would be bounced out in the first round by La Canada High, 59-39 and would not get back to the postseason



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until this past winter.

The Whitney girls basketball team would post what is believed to be the program's best record at 25-4 and went to the quarterfinals for the third straight season, two of them by former head coach Jeff Day. The Wildcats were capping off their fourth straight 10-0 Academy League record and in just his second season at the helm, Day already had a 46-9 record.

In soccer action, the V.C. girls won the Olympic League for the sixth straight season but was eliminated from the playoffs in the second round after getting the quarterfinals the previous two seasons. Meanwhile, the V.C. boys captured their second straight league crown and advanced to the semifinals for the first time since 2000. The Crusaders also advanced to the state playoffs.

The big story early in the spring was a doubleheader between the Cerritos and Gahr softball teams where the Dons swept the Gladiators 3-1 and 12-10. It was the first time since Mar. 16, 2006 the two programs had met and when the season was over, both would win their respective leagues with Cerritos winning 20 out of 24 games played.

For the second straight season, the Gahr baseball team got to the quarterfinals and posted its 10th season of at least 20 victories since 1998. And, for the first time since 2009 and only the third time in the past seven seasons, Glenn reached the postseason as the Eagles had an 18-11 record.

I would do a feature late in the spring season on Cerritos softball batterymates Heather Cameron and Jennifer Iseri, both of whom were juniors and have been best of friends for a long time.

In the summer, a pair of Artesia Punisher 14-Under teams faced each other in the PGF National Championships in an elimination game. Danny Guerrero's team would double up Anthony Medina's group 8-4. The two teams would then head to San Diego a week later to take part in the Amateur Softball Association's 14-U 'A' National Championship.

A third 14-Under team, this one coached by Junior Vasquez, would win the Triple Crown Sports Western World Series in Park City, Utah while the 18-Under team, coached by Bob Medina, would also play in the PGF National Championships.

Late in the summer, tragedy struck the Artesia and Cerritos College girls soccer programs as prolific goal scorer, Jasmine Cornejo, passed away due to complications of a seizure. Cornejo had just turned 20 years old and was about to begin her future at California Polytechnic Pomona. In three seasons at Artesia, Cornejo scored 77 goals.

In the fall, Jesse Cenicerros, who put Norwalk football on the map with his double-wing offensive attack, coached his last season with the Lancers and went 7-4 with a first round loss in the playoffs. Cenicerros had a 58-28 with Norwalk and went to the playoffs in all seven seasons he was there.

I did another profile on former Cerritos softball pitcher Jessica van der Linden, now Jessica Boulware, as she inducted



into the Florida State University Hall of Fame on Sept. 6.

In late October, Norwalk baseball head coach Ruben Marquez was ousted after a controversy involving the usage of the high school's baseball field. He coached only one season at Norwalk, going 6-19.

In early November, I covered San Diego State University's football game with the University of Idaho as former Norwalk stars Elijah and Rashaad Penny were facing each other with the latter a freshman at SDSU. The fall season would wrap up with the Cerritos boys water polo team losing to Righetti High 8-4 in the Division IV finals.

In the 38th annual V.C. girls basketball tournament, the host team edged Whitney 31-21 in the seventh place game while Cerritos moved to the semifinals of the Gahr Varsity Winter Classic where the Dons easily defeated J.W. North 62-39.

One of the highlights of the 2014-2015 boys soccer season came from Gahr, where the Gladiators knocked off Lynwood High 4-0 for their first San Gabriel Valley League win since Jan. 19, 2010. Gahr had gone 51 straight games without recording a league victory. In fact, in the 25 years of covering Gahr boys soccer, the program has won 55 SGVL contests.

Another program was snapping its own long losing streak as the Cerritos boys basketball team knocked off Mayfair 86-77 in overtime for its first win over the Monsoons in 33 meetings since becoming a member of the Suburban League.

As the regular season came to a close, I did a feature on Cerritos girls basketball star Alyssa Movchan becoming the newest member of the 1,000-point club for her career, which she achieved on Dec. 23, 2014 against St. Mary's Academy. Movchan scored 344 points in the regular season as a senior and that feature would give me my first Los Angeles Press Club Southern California award as the best sports story for 2015. That accolade was handed out in June 2016.

The Gahr boys basketball team would head back to the CIF-SS divisional finals for the fourth time since the 1998-1999 season where it fell to Sonora High 66-54 as the Raiders went on a 12-0 run in the fourth quarter.

The top softball story early in the season came from Cerritos and Gahr as the two teams split a doubleheader with the host Gladiators winning the first game 8-7 while the Dons took game two by the same score. Later in the season, Cerritos would record the program's first sweep over Mayfair since 2006. That feat had also been accomplished in 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Another of my top features in the first half of 2015 was on the up and coming singing star Kenna, who once played basketball at V.C. Her first single from the self-titled album was "Do You Love Me".

Good things were happening for Glenn's baseball team, which clinched the program's first league title since 1990 while at Cerritos, the Dons would finish with a 16-11 record, marking the first time since 1998 that the program did not finish

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a season with a losing record.

There would be plenty of excitement in the playoffs as the Cerritos girls swimming team won its third straight CIF-SS divisional title, the Cerritos softball team being cheated in the quarterfinals by Grand Terrace High 3-2 as a bases-loaded triple play ended the game and the Gahr softball team losing to Grand Terrace a few days later in the semifinals.

The summer would see the usual happen with the Artesia Punishers 18 Gold team go back to the PGF National Championships and the CGSA 14-Under All-Stars making a return visit to the state tournament. Also in the summer, I did a feature on former Cerritos resident Tim Walton, who was, and is still having success as the University of Florida's head softball coach. That summer, Walton was also an assistant coach of the U.S. Junior Olympic softball team.

Prior to the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year, I interviewed CIF-SS Commissioner Rob Wigod, as he was welcoming one-on-one interviews with members of the media. We talked about the new playoff groupings along with the ongoing concussion problems with high school football players and the possibility of realignment of schools to make it more geographically desirable, especially for V.C., which travels more for league events than any other area school.

The Cerritos and Norwalk football programs would welcome new head coaches with the latter finishing in third place and falling in the first round of the playoffs. A Week One tilt between Cerritos and V.C. would see the visiting Crusaders score on all seven of the drives in a 48-6 rout. Entering the fourth quarter of the game, V.C. had held the ball for less than nine minutes.

The Gahr girls volleyball team would win the Silver Division of the V.C./Molten Classic in September while for the second time in three seasons, Norwalk was putting together a 16-win season under head coach Jesse Gonzalez. The first one resulted in the Lancers sharing a piece of the Suburban League title. The 2015 team would come in second place and the two 16-win squads would advance to the second round in the playoffs.

In a battle of winless football teams, Cerritos defeated Glenn 22-16 in a Week Nine contest while V.C. claimed the Olympic League title for the first time since 2011 with a 37-6 victory over Maranatha High. It would mark the first of three straight seasons in which V.C. would not lose a league game. However, the Crusaders would fall to Linfield Christian High for the second straight season in the playoffs.

On Nov. 6, the Glenn basketball community would lose one of its former stars as 26-year old Champign Hood passed away due to a blood clot in her heart after she had been admitted to College Medical Center in Long Beach after coming down with pneumonia.

The basketball season began with Cerritos defeating Gahr 83-76 in the championship game of the co-hosted tournament of the two programs. Evan Leonard would pour in 36 points. Six days later in the annual rivalry game, Gahr came through with a 76-66 victory as Marvin Bragg had 21 points. Cerritos would have one of its better campaigns in the past 15 seasons, winning 18 games for the first time since the 2008-2009 season and get to the quarterfinals for the first time since 2011.

Also advancing to the quarterfinals was V.C., which posted a 15-15 mark and finished in fourth place in the Olympic League. In fact, only two area boys basketball teams failed to reach the playoffs

in the 2015-2016 season, Whitney and Glenn, the latter losing all 24 games. It would be the first of two seasons during my time covering the Glenn program that the Eagles went winless.

As the softball season was getting started, I made the trek to Cathedral City where the popular Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic was going on. It was there where I interviewed former Gahr and CGSA standout Deidra Genera as she was playing for Bethune-Cookman University and having early success as a freshman.

Gahr's Alyssa Kumiyama would blast a home run on her 17th birthday to help her team get past North Torrance High 7-5 in the championship game of the 5th annual Torrance National Tournament. It would be just the third in-season tournament championship for the program under my watch with the other two coming in 2006 (Downey Tournament) and 2000 (Thousand Oaks Tournament).

Glenn's baseball team would capture the St. Paul Easter Tournament's AA Division with a 5-3 win over Cerritos 5-3 while V.C. defeated Bishop Montgomery High 5-3 for third place in the event.

Later in the spring, I would interview former Gahr football starts Joshua Perkins and Dwayne Washington as they were drafted by the Atlanta Falcons and Detroit Lions respectively of the NFL.

The V.C. softball team would win only four games but still clinched a playoff spot by virtue of a 3-5 league mark and a third place finish. The program would have one more taste of the playoffs since 2016.

Gahr was just getting warmed up under Shawn Quarles and in his second season with the Gladiators, went 24-6-2 and advanced to the quarterfinals while at Whitney, the Wildcats ended a three-year playoff absence by finishing in a tie for second place in the Academy League before falling to Desert High in a wild card game.

In baseball, Cerritos snapped a 17-year playoff drought as the Dons tied for third place in league and finished with a 14-14 campaign while Whitney failed to put a team together. Gahr posted its only undefeated league season in my 25 years covering the program, albeit 10 games, and won 24 games for the first time since 1999.

The V.C. boys volleyball team picked up the program's third CIF-SS divisional title in a five-set win over Cathedral High while on May 13, I ended the spring season with another feature on Cameron and Iseri, who just completed their first season at the University of Hawai'i.

I would also do an opinion piece on the Gahr baseball and softball programs who have been long overdue for a CIF-SS championship. From 1998-2016, Gahr baseball had been to the quarterfinals and semifinals four times each while softball would reach the quarterfinals three times and the semifinals once. Between the two programs, they had 18 seasons of at least 20 victories.

The PGF was in its seventh season and in all but one, the Artesia Punishers Gold team had taken part in the Southern California Qualifier. However, this was the first time the team went two and out but was later invited to the PGF National Championship. The team would also participate in the PGF Las Vegas Qualifier.

The Punishers 16-Under team finished in fifth place at the TCS World Series in Park City, Utah while the CGSA 14-under All-Stars competed in the ASA 'B' Western Nationals, which were held in La Habra.

The summer would mark the end of longtime CGSA board member Lori Williams, who had been with the organization since 1999. And the USA Cal A's select travel softball team would host the Denso team from Anjo, Japan from July 5-10.

I would interview Whitney pitcher Ashley Iseri, who went to Fukushima, Japan as one of five students nationwide to learn how the residents were coping with the 6.6 earthquake that rocked the region five years earlier.

One of the changes the CIF-SS would make as the 2016 fall season was approaching was the elimination of "named divisions" for football. Now, they are simply Divisions 1,2,3, and so forth. I would venture out of the sports scene to do my first entertainment review, which was on the Go-Go's Farewell Tour.

Gahr's football team would win its first seven games and when the season was over, had its first winning campaign since 2011. The 8-3 Gladiators also snapped a six-year playoff drought. But the big football story of 2016 came from V.C., which went 12-3 and won the Division 9 championship, a 59-13 win over Silverado High. It would be the program's third title and the Crusaders would move on to their first state playoffs where they lost to The Bishop's School 28-9 in the 3-A regionals.

In cross country action, the Norwalk girls won consecutive league championships while the La Mirada boys won a league title for the first time since 1996.

As the 2016 calendar year was concluding, Artesia, Cerritos and Glenn all put in a proposal to leave the Suburban League after the 2017-2018 school year and join Oxford Academy, Pioneer High and Whitney to form what would now be the 605 League.

On Dec. 17, I went to Las Vegas to cover Rashaad Penny again as his SDSU's Aztecs were facing the University of Houston Cougars in the Las Vegas Bowl. Penny had 32 yards on carries and ended the season with 1,027 yards as the Aztecs won 34-10.

On January 5, 2017, I covered the Cerritos wrestling meet against visiting Glenn in which history was made. It marked the first girls league meet with Glenn easily winning 60-12 while the boys had no problems in a 66-12 victory.

My first feature of 2017 was on Casey and Corey Nielsen who were taking different paths in their professional careers after college while Suburban League races were heating up. Artesia boys basketball had completed a season sweep over Norwalk to clinch fourth place while the Lancers dropped to fifth place. In girls soccer, Artesia made things interesting when it defeated Cerritos 2-1 to improve to 3-5 in the circuit while dropping the Dons to 4-5. But it would be Cerritos claiming fourth place when the season was over while the Pioneers missed the playoffs.

The Whitney boys basketball team thought it had clinched a playoff berth when it knocked off Oxford Academy in a third place tiebreaker game. Then it was discovered the Wildcats had to forfeit two games and just like that, fell to fifth place in the Academy League and missed the playoffs.

The V.C. girls basketball team won a playoff game for the first time since 2011 and eventually advanced to the Division 4AA championship game where it lost to league rival Village Christian High 49-29.

That wasn't the only V.C. team making its way to the finals as the girls soccer team, led by the dynamic Kennedy Wesley, defeated Grace Brethren High 3-1 in Division 6 action, the first outright league title for the program. Then the Crusaders defeated Grace Brethren again in the Southern California Division 5 regionals by a 2-1 decision.

What was first discussed in December became official in the spring as the motion to form the 605 League was passed by a 27-16 count from the schools of the Almont, Del Rio, Foothill, Mission Valley, Pacific, Rio Hondo, San Gabriel and Sub-

urban Leagues. The 605 League would start for the 2018-2019 school year.

There would be several top stories from the softball season, and it began with Artesia finishing with the program's first winning season on over 20 seasons and going to the playoffs for the first time since 1992. Cerritos wrapped up a successful 20-6 season and a Suburban League title in Kim Ensey's first season with the program and Gahr won 26 straight games before falling to St. Lucy's High 10-4 in the second round of the playoffs.

Late in the season, I did a feature on a pair of sluggers from Gahr's softball team as Kumiyama and Malia Quarles were re-writing the record books with their power and in boys tennis, Gahr was shocking the world and Division 5 by first advancing to the quarterfinals for the first time in school history, then upset top-seeded Magnolia High 14-4 for the championship.

The V.C. track and field team broke several personal and school records in the divisional finals while the Cerritos boys volleyball team fell to La Serna High in four sets in the program's first trip to the divisional finals.

The summer would see Wesley become Gatorade's National Girls Soccer Player of the Year and mark the first time that the Artesia Punishers program would expand into Nevada with the addition of a pair of teams while back home, the 18 Gold team had to win three straight games in the loser's bracket on consecutive days to win the PGF National Championships. before being eliminated in the first of those potential games on the first day.

Another Artesia Punishers 18-Under team would win the West Coast American Fastpitch Association Nationals while the 10-Under and 16-Under teams came in second place in the tournament.

I would write features on the 10-year anniversary of the Punishers 18-Under team winning the organization's only national championship and former Gahr baseball pitcher Jake Faria beginning his career with the Tampa Bay Rays as I interviewed him while the team was playing the Los Angeles Angels.

Gahr's football team would blast Cerritos 48-0 for the program's 13th straight win over the Dons in which the Gladiators outscored their city rivals by a combined score of 554-56. One week later, a 47-7 win over Artesia meant Gahr would keep the Silver Milk Barrel while at Norwalk, it knocked off Glenn 20-14 for that program's 15th straight win over the Eagles. Gahr would advance to the quarterfinals before losing to Dos Pueblos High 35-28 while Norwalk lost in the first round.

In a Week Six game between V.C. and Maranatha, the Crusaders scored on their first seven drives, none lasting more than 1:56, and routed the Minutemen 63-14. At the time, V.C. had reached the 60-point mark five times since 1998.

The fall season would end with a trip to Fresno for the CIF State Cross Country Championships where Misty Diaz of Norwalk earned a medal with her sixth place finish while V.C.'s Josh Ruppercht came in eighth place, also picking up a medal.

I would make another trip to Qualcomm Stadium for a SDSU football game against Colorado State University as Penny was nearing the completion of his collegiate career while the winter girls basketball season would see Gahr fall to Bell Gardens High 48-35 in the championship game of the Glenn-Norwalk Tournament. In boys basketball, Cerritos snapped an eight-game losing skid to Gahr with a 56-52 victory, marking the first time in 10 seasons that the final score was in the 50s.

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Hahn Names Haw. Gardens and Whittier Residents to County Commission



APPOINTED: Dandy de Paula (left) and Lisa Michelle Dabbs

This week, LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn named two community leaders and educators to serve on the County's Commission on Human Relations – **Hawaiian Gardens resident Dandy De Paula and Whittier resident Lisa Michelle Dabbs.**

"The Commission on Human Relations has the monumental and important task of combating prejudice and hate in an increasingly diverse LA County," said Hahn.

Both De Paula and Dabbs bring decades of experience in education and community leadership.

De Paula – a native of the Philippines – is a resident of Hawaiian Gardens who has worked since 2003 in the field of Early Childhood Education. He currently serves as a Program Director of Covenant Kids Preschool, helping local kids get a quality education in a safe and nurturing environment. De Paula has received numerous awards from the City of Hawaiian Gardens and the ABC Unified School District for his organizing and outreach efforts in Hawaiian Gardens.

"Serving others has been my passion and I am deeply honored to have been given this great opportunity to continue my work in helping improve the quality of life and create healthy relationships," said De Paula.

Starting her career as a teacher, Whittier resident Lisa Michelle Dabbs is an education leader who worked for over 15 years as a school principal in four different school districts in LA County. She was elected in 2018 to serve as President of the East Whittier City School District Board and is currently an Adjunct Professor at the University of La Verne, where she teaches courses in school administration. She is also a published author.

"As a second-generation Latina, I have dedicated my education career to championing the rights of the underserved," said Dabbs. I look forward to connecting with my fellow Commissioners and in collaboration with them, becoming a valued member of this important Human Relations work." The Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations is a 15-member body dedicated to promoting positive human relations and protecting human rights in an increasingly complex and multicultural LA County.

Partnering with schools, cities, community-based organizations, and other leaders, the Commission brings key players together to resolve intercultural conflicts and to work toward the longer-term aim of eradicating bias and prejudice in LA County. Each Supervisor names three Commissioners who serve multi-year terms.

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public's opportunity to address the board when it did not disclose required information about its closed sessions.

The next day, the BUSD Board did not renew Superintendent Tracy McSparren's contract.

Two days after the report, HMG-CN received a massive 2,209-word statement defending the actions of Bellflower Unified from the Blaine Group and owner Devon Blaine.

Unknown to many, and highly unusual for a public school district, BUSD had retained Blaine's company, a pricey Beverly Hills public relations firm with a small client list and a corporate address near Rodeo Drive.

Blaine did what she was supposed to do, obfuscating the results of the audit writing, "like any audit, personal or governmental, there may always be things found where further improvement or correction may be recommended despite prior best efforts by Bellflower USD which can and should be acted upon. As the State Auditor offers in its mission statement, the goal is improvement, not criticism for criticism's sake."

The long missive contained several statements contradicting the findings of the audit such as, "Districts cannot obtain healthy reserves without having sound practices. Reserves are also public funds. We do use a conservative approach and our sites do an outstanding job of budgeting based on identified needs," and "the budgeting process for a large, active school district in California is no simple matter."

HMG-CN sent questions to Ms. Blaine asking for her financial experience related to school districts without response.

But it took delving deeper into her client list that will have Bellflower teachers, staff, and parents questioning why BUSD retains Blaine and who was responsible for vetting her company.

Current and former clients of Blaine include Dr. Irene Cassourla, a noted sex therapist and woman's sexual problems doctor, who wrote the book Nice Girls Do. A review of the book read, "there's really no good reason to not have a fantastic sex life, and it is really eye-opening to find an "expert" who writes to the masses with complete confidence!"

Another was Kevin Trudeau's Natural Cures They Don't Want You To Know About. One noted website wrote, "You may wonder why I would even waste my time writing about this book. I wouldn't have except that I have been inundated with calls and appointments from patients that have read this book or seen the infomercial and are really afraid of dying immediately from toxins in their shower water."

But the one client that will have everyone involved shaking their head, and one that is displayed proudly with its iconic logo plastered on Blaine's site, is the famous Playgirl Magazine.

Playgirl Magazine featured full male frontal nudity and was marketed mainly to women, although it also had a significant gay readership. In 2010 the magazine went quarterly until 2016, with the final issue in December 2016.

One could only guess what advice

Ms. Blaine gave the pornographic magazine.

"I never thought I would hear Bellflower Unified in the same sentence as Playgirl Magazine, but here we are," said a concerned parent and Bellflower resident, "obviously Ms. Blaine has some kind of connection with the higher-ups at Bellflower Unified."

One source at BUSD told HMG-CN that it will take time to clean up the mess that McSparren left but it will get done, including examining the relationship with the Blaine Group.

Emails into Blaine went unanswered.

Coyotes in Lakewood

Like opossums and raccoons, coyotes have adapted over the years to suburban life throughout California and the nation.

Coyotes can venture into residential areas and become problematic, especially if people are feeding them (intentionally or unintentionally) by leaving pet food out overnight, tree fruit on the ground, or trash unsecured.

These coyote attractants create a threat to pets, as coyotes coming into neighborhoods see them as potential prey. Coyotes will kill cats and small dogs who are left unattended or stray off your property.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, which has jurisdiction over urban wildlife in our state, provides helpful tips for communities and asks for our cooperation. The City of Lakewood recommends that residents follow these guidelines to prevent attracting coyotes

into our community.

Tips to safeguard your pets-

- Keep your small dogs and cats inside. Coyotes can jump over fences 6-10 feet high.
- Feed your pets inside. Don't feed feral cats, ducks or pigeons. They attract coyotes to your neighborhood, putting pets at risk.
- While walking dogs, keep them on a leash 6' or shorter. If you encounter a coyote while walking your dog, remain calm, take control of your dog by picking it up if possible and back away slowly, keeping your eyes on the coyote. Look for another pedestrian to assist you.
- Use negative reinforcement ("hazing") to train coyotes to stay away. If you see a coyote, let it know it's not welcome in your neighborhood by making loud noises to frighten it away. You're helping the coyote by keeping it wild...and you're helping protect your neighborhood.
- Keep trash lids securely closed. Don't overfill trash cans so they can't close fully. Coyotes can reach in and get food. This teaches them to come to your home.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING
PLOT (SITE) PLAN NO. 1000**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will conduct a hearing on a Plot (Site) Plan No. 1000 to consider a development review to allow the construction of two new industrial buildings, each measuring 46,391 square feet (92,781 square feet total) on a 3.86 acre site in the City's M-2 (Heavy Industrial) zoning district, at 6027 S Eastern Ave, Commerce, CA 90040. Pursuant to Chapter 19.39 Division 10 (Site Plan Review) of the Commerce Municipal Code (CMC), a Plot (Site) Plan Review is required for any new building or structure in excess of 25,000 square feet in area. The project will also involve the demolition of nine structures on the project site that total 80,326 square feet, which were built in between the years of 1944 and 1965.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING MEETING: A virtual meeting will be held via Teleconference during the Planning Commission hearing on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m, at which time proponents and opponents of Plot (Site) Plan No. 1000 will be heard. Instructions for Teleconference access are provided below:

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

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

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

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

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

THE PLANNING COMMISSION
Jose D. Jimenez

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE
(U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24074 et seq.)

Escrow No. 224628-CS
Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names and address of the Seller/Licensee are: K & K CONNECTIONS INC, 2011 DEL AMO BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712
The business is known as: LAKEWOOD ARCO AM/PM
The names and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: DJ FOOD, INC., 8799 SUNBIRD AVE., FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA 92708
The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT and are located at: 2011 DEL AMO BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712
The kind of license to be transferred is: Type: OFF-SALE BEER AND WINE now issued for the premises located at: 2011 DEL AMO BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712
The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is AUGUST 31, 2022 at the office of: R ES-CROW CORPORATION, 1205 E. CHAPMAN AVE, ORANGE, CA 92866
The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of \$1,800,000.00 which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH THROUGH ESCROW \$1,800,000.00
It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
DATED: JUNE 15, 2022
DJ FOOD, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Buyer(s)/Applicant(s)
ORD-1069223 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 7/22/22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE
(U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24074 et seq.)

Escrow No. 43909-MC
Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and address of the Seller/Licensee are: SAUL ROBLES AND MARTIN ROBLES, 14236 BELLFLOWER BLVD, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
The business is known as: MARISCOS MIRAMAR
The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: AGUSTIN OLMOS, 14236 BELLFLOWER BLVD, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE
The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, GOODWILL, STOCK IN TRADE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND INVENTORY and are located at: 14236 BELLFLOWER BLVD, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
The kind of license to be transferred is: ON-SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE, now issued for the premises located at: 14236 BELLFLOWER BLVD, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is AUGUST 9, 2022 at the office of: PACIFIC ESCROW, INC., 9155 E. TELEGRAPH ROAD, #100 PICO RIVERA, CA 90660
The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of \$60,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT 20,000.00; GOODWILL \$20,000.00; LIQUOR LICENSE 20,000.00; TOTAL ALLOCATION 60,000.00
It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
DATED: APRIL 26, 2022
BUYERS: AGUSTIN OLMOS
1057646-PP LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 7/22/22

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICIA PARA UNA AUDIENCIA PUBLICA**

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS PLANNING COMMISSION

THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITH LIMITED SEATING CAPACITY TO ALLOW FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING.

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a Special Planning Commission Meeting pertaining to the items listed below:

HEARING BODY:	Planning Commission
DATE OF HEARING:	August 3, 2022
TIME OF HEARING:	6:00 P.M., or soon thereafter.
LOCATION OF HEARING:	City Council Chambers 21815 Pioneer Boulevard Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

PUBLIC HEARING: Case No. CITY2021-0001 (6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE) - The City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a special public hearing to review, discuss and consider recommending approval to the City Council of the Draft 2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING IS BEING CONDUCTED AS A HYBRID VIRTUAL MEETING AND IN PERSON MEETING.

- **ZOOM:** Members of the public may participate via Zoom by logging on via the information below:
- **Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9643544069?pwd=UWtQamNlaElxYnlwdjlSUUtiNEhQdz09>
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Further information may be obtained by contacting the Hawaiian Gardens Community Development Department at (562) 420-2641 Ext 246. Si desea obtener mas informacion, llame al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al (562) 420-2641.

Maryann Marks, AICP, Interim Community Development Director

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022 128927

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: MUSE BY MIDNIGHT 324 S. BEVERLY DRIVE #548 BEVERLY HILLS CA 90212. Registered Owner: BRITTANY EVONN ELLEN GRAHAM 324 S. BEVERLY DRIVE #548 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 5/2020. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ BRITTANY EVONN ELLEN GRAHAM. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/14/22. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/22

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022 139171

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: PS SALON & SPA, 6233 VARIEL AVENUE WOODLAND HILLS CA 91367; 55 PUBLIC SQUARE STE 2075 CLEVELAND, OH 44113. Registered Owner: SALON PS CALIFORNIA LLC 55 PUBLIC SQUARE STE 2075 CLEVELAND, OH 44113. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ JOHN POLATZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/24/22. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022 114543

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: MR. GAZPACHO, 2625 24TH ST APT A, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 Registered Owner: CASA PASTA LLC, 2625 24TH ST APT A, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ CLAUDIO CARBONI. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 5/26/22. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022 142304

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: AKIRAHIN JEWELRY, 283 W. RADCLIFFE DRIVE, CLAREMONT CA 91711. Registered Owner: THE EMPIRE INC., DBA EMPIRE JEWELRY, 283 W. RADCLIFFE DRIVE, CLAREMONT CA 91711. THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 5/22. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ MICHELLE HAMILTON. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/28/22. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/22

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APN: 6286-010-025 TS No: CA08001220-16-1 TO No: 190758661 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 18, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On August 16, 2022 at 10:00 AM, behind the fountain located in the Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on May 27, 2005 as Instrument No. 05 1243648, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by GERMAN A SANCHEZ, AND LUCY M SANCHEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9356 FARM STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90241-2954 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$278,111.75 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001220-16-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 702-659-7766, or visit this internet website www.insourcelogic.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08001220-16-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: July 11, 2022 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001220-16-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660 4288 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Order Number 83809, Pub Dates: 7/22/2022, 7/29/2022, 8/5/2022, LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code, 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a Lien imposed on said property. The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage-treasures.com ending on or after Tuesday, August 9th, 2022, at 9:00AM. The personal property belonging to those listed below to be sold as follows: boxes, totes, table linens, tarps, shelving racks, pots, dishes, books, desk, chair, car seat, pictures, baskets, bikes, bike pump, bike parts, dog crate, golf clubs, baseball bat, tools, vacuum, outdoor turkey fryer, helmet, clothes, shoes, blankets, mattress, bags, basketball, sports memorabilia, wall art, and TV.

NAME	UNIT
JOSE R GARCIA	B410
CHARLES JERMAINE JONES	B485
LLOYD VERNIS	A180

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa California #3112562

Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party. **Publication Dates: 7/22/2022 AND 7/29/2022**

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**NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS
COMMERCE WAY PAVEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FROM SHEILA STREET TO WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, PROJECT NO. 2019-04**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF COMMERCE, referred to as "CITY", invites sealed bids for COMMERCE WAY PAVEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT and will receive on **PlanetBids**, up to the hour of **2:00 PM, August 11, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud online. Late submittals will not be considered. It is the bidders responsibility to upload the bid proposal file by the due date to City's portal on PlanetBids.

Electronic files of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents are available for download on the City's portal on PlanetBids.

The work to be done consists of furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment as shown in the PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

Estimated cost is in the range of \$655,000.

Contractor shall have a valid California General Contractor License, Class A, General Engineering Contractor.

This is a Federally Funded Project (FTA, Federal Transit Administration funded).

This project is subject to the requirements of SB 854. No prime contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal and may be awarded for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

If there are any questions regarding this project, please upload all questions to: City's portal on PlanetBids

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MICHAEL CHAVEZ CASE NO. 22STPB04163

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MICHAEL CHAVEZ.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by TONI I. CHAVEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that TONI I. CHAVEZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 08/10/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

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

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NAME	UNIT#
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MARY JANE DOMINGO 075
KEITH GREGORY THOMAS B10

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Storage Treasures' Principal Auctioneer and Auctioneer on Record: Auctioneer License Numbers for Christopher Paul Rosa-California 3112562

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**NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES
FOR ADA CITY HALL/CITY HALL WEST PROJECT**

Project Number: 50073

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Pico Rivera, California ("City") invites sealed proposals for the Project. The City will receive such proposals at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California 90660 up to **5:00 p.m. on August 8, 2022**.

All proposals must be made in accordance with the RFP. Each proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the City Clerk with the Project name and identification number typed or clearly printed on the lower left corner of the envelope.

SCOPE OF WORK. The City is seeking qualified consultants to provide construction management services related to the Project. Note, this request does not include inspection services. Inspection services will be provided by the City's inspector.

The City participates in the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program and receives annual funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended, herein called the "Act". This contract is for services that may be funded in whole or in part with CDBG funds and must comply with the terms and conditions of 2 CFR part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards", as set forth at § 570.502. The Project construction to be managed includes improvements to City Hall and City Hall West needed for compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations, including remodeling of bathrooms, lobby counters, lights, flooring, stair railings, and alterations of parking lot and sidewalks. The Project is currently being advertised for construction. Bid opening for the construction of this Project is scheduled for July 27, 2022. The construction to be managed is anticipated to take sixty (60) working days.

OBTAINING RFP DOCUMENTS. Proposers may obtain free copies of the RFP and reference construction documents online by visiting <http://www.pico-rivera.org/rfps/>. Hard copies of the Contract Documents are not available at this time.

QUESTIONS. Proposers are required to post their questions to the City Project Manager online by visiting <http://www.pico-rivera.org/rfps/>. Proposers may not contact staff members directly with questions. Questions will be accepted until **5:00 pm on or before July 25, 2022**. Any answers, addenda and/or supplemental information will be posted online and available at <http://www.pico-rivera.org/rfps/>. It is the Consultant's responsibility to check online for answers or any addenda that are released. Proposers shall acknowledge receipt of all addenda documentation (if any) with the submitted proposal.

CITY PROJECT MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION:

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By: Terry Rodrigue 7/18/22
Interim Public Works Director Date

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: TERESITA SANTIAGO CASE NO. 22STPB06864

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of TERESITA SANTIAGO.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ELIZABETH SANTIAGO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ELIZABETH SANTIAGO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 08/17/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS

Cassandra Chase Sworn-in as Lakewood City Councilmember



SWORN-IN: from (l-r) Councilmembers Todd Rogers and Cassandra Chase, Mayor Steve Croft, Vice Mayor Ariel Pe and Councilmember Jeff Wood.

Staff Report

The three winners of the June 7 election in Lakewood were sworn into office at last week's Lakewood City Council meeting, including new Council Member Cassandra Chase and re-elected Mayor Steve Croft and Council Member Todd Rogers.

Vice Mayor Ariel Pe and Council Member Jeff Wood were not on the 2022 ballot but continue serving, as their existing council terms last until 2024. Council Member Vicki L. Stuckey lives in a district of Lakewood that will not have its election until 2024, but her term in office ended in 2022, so she stepped down from the council at the beginning of Tuesday's meeting, after she joined other council members in adopting the results of the

June 7 election.

Council Member Chase was joined at the council meeting by her parents and many friends and family.

Chase was born and raised in Lakewood, and graduated from St. Joseph High School in Lakewood and the University of California, Irvine.

Chase was one of the first Lakewood community members to be appointed to serve on the Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee starting in 2020.

Starting this year, Lakewood is converting from its traditional system, where all five council members were elected at-large by the entire city, to a new district system where each council member is elected by the residents of one of five districts in the city.

Rescue 4,000 Beagles! Animal Rescue Groups Across the U.S. Band Together to Save Dogs Bred for Research

(NPR) Several animal rescue organizations across the U.S. are racing against the clock to rehome approximately 4,000 beagles from Virginia.

Envigo, which bred these beagles for pharmaceutical research and testing, was found to be in violation of several federal regulations. The beagles were found this year in horrendous condition, according to U.S. Agriculture Department reports.

The Humane Society of the United States is working with the U.S. Justice Department in spearheading the effort to transfer these dogs from their current home to shelters in a matter of weeks.

At least two inspection reports revealed that the facility "performed unnecessarily painful medical procedures on dogs and puppies — including euthanasia without a sedative." Authorities intervened, and last week a federal judge ordered thousands of these remaining dogs to be released. Federal authorities now have just 60 days to rehome these animals.

Rescue organizations from California, Wyoming, Virginia and elsewhere are preparing to take the first batch of dogs next week. Each organization is taking on a monumental level of work and expenses.

"It's one of the most daunting rescues that I've ever heard of or have had the privilege of being involved in," said John Ramer, the executive director of the [Kindness Ranch Animal Sanctuary](#) in Wyoming. "When I carry one dog out of a facility, I can tap it on the head and give it a hug and tell him that everything's gonna be OK," he said. "But pulling 4,000 out ... it's an inconceivable number of dogs."

[Homeward Trails Animal Rescue](#)



in Virginia has been working with other beagles rescued earlier this year from the Envigo facility.

Homeward Trails signed an agreement with Envigo earlier this year to take in 500 "surplus" beagles that the company could not properly care for because of COVID-19, according to Sue Bell, the executive director of Homeward Trails.

The group was able to take those dogs in and find foster or adoptive homes for them by May.

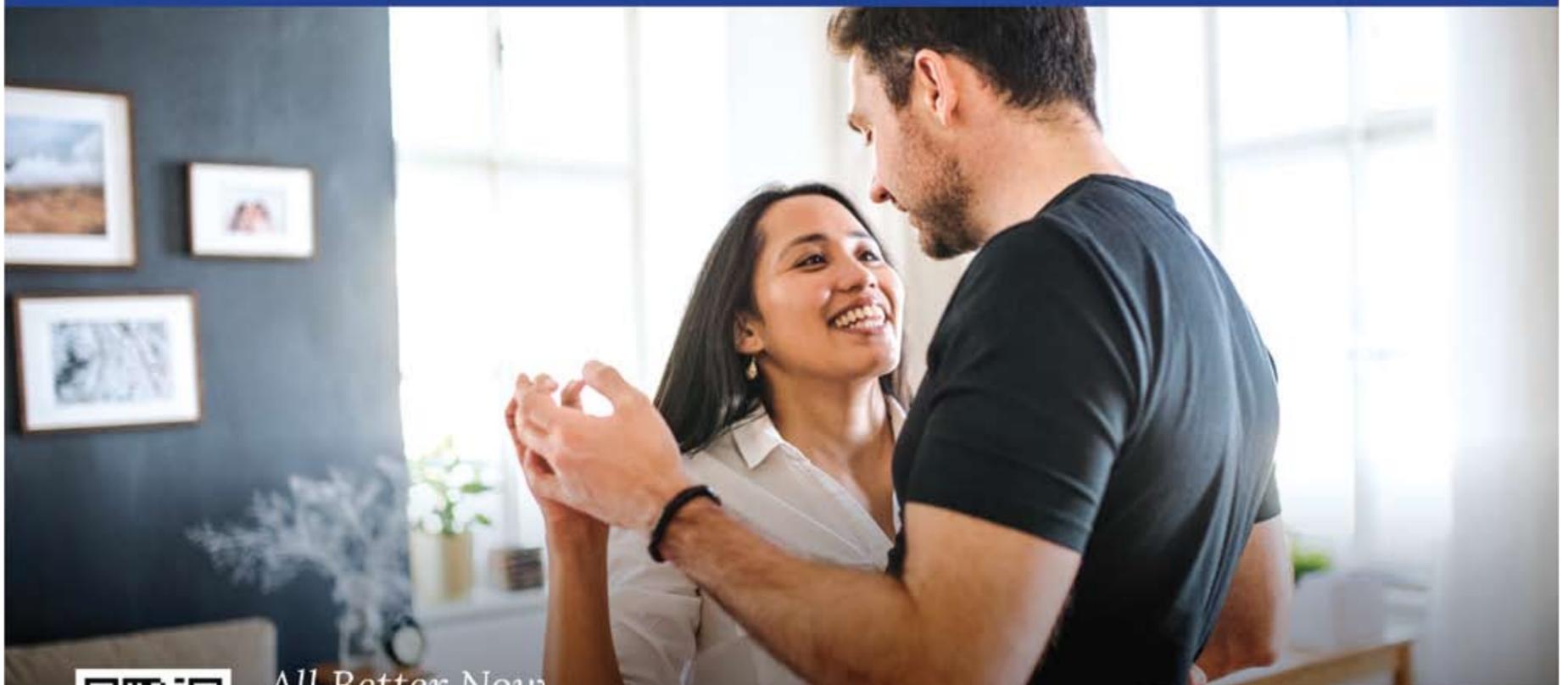
Bell says a number of people heartbroken by these dogs' story and interested in taking them in have contacted her.

Aside from the younger pups that will likely be ready to be adopted sooner, older dogs from the facility will be more undersocialized. This means everything in their environment could be new and really overwhelming to them, Ramer said. Even the sound of a vacuum cleaner or TV is something these dogs have to get used to.

"It takes a little bit of time to condition them to get used to home life environment," Ramer said.

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