



## Water Directors Rob Katherman, Wife Marylyn, Ron Smith, Charged in Embezzlement Scheme

By Randy Economy and Brian Hews



Rob Katherman



Ron Smith

West Basin Municipal Water District Director Ronald Smith along with Water Replenishment Director Robert Katherman and his wife Marilyn have been charged in case what prosecutors are calling “an elaborate embezzlement scheme” that resulted in Smith making about \$20,000 in personal expenses.

Eight felony counts

were filed in the case.

Hews Media Group-Community Newspaper was the first media outlet in Southern California to report on the indictment, arrest and prosecution of the three well-known political figures.

District Attorney Jackie Lacey, through spokesperson Jane Robison, announced the case details and the specific allegations listed in the indictment in an email to HMG-CN on Tuesday morning.

The Katherman surrendered in Los

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## DOWNEY CELEBRATES 2ND ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

By Tammye McDuff

The City of Downey was host to its second annual National Night Out, along with the rest of the local and national communities commemorating the National Association of Town Watch 31st anniversary, Wednesday, August 6, 2014.

The introduction of National Night Out, “America’s Night out against Crime”, began in 1984 as an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie, sending a state-

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## Virginia Street Widening Project in Bellflower



Bellflower Mayor Santa Ines (r) and city council members prepare to finish the official tree planting over on Virginia Street on Wednesday. Tammye McDuff Photo

By Tammye McDuff

The widening of Virginia Avenue has been long in coming.

Since the early 1940’s, a Bellflower resident has owned half of the street, with a private home on the property. The city of Bellflower recently entered into negotiations with the heirs to the property, and celebrated the official widening and re-opening of the street this past Wednesday.

Mayor Sonny Santa Ines and Bellflower Council members were present to dedicate the newest street addition. In honor of this new area Australian Willow trees were planted on the newly constructed common area. These trees have water-filled leaves that are fire resistant and highly tolerant of drought with noninvasive roots.

The past few years, the City has been at a financial standstill, however through recent acquisitions, the City is now on track to economic recovery. Brian Lee, Director of Economic Development was onsite to give HMG an exclusive look at the new additions to the City. Among a few of the newer developments is the Flora Vista Dog Park that will be a 12,000 square foot facility with area denoted for large dogs and small dogs. Lee notes “The anticipates completion by November 2014.”

A refurbished Kaiser Permanente complex has already begun. Lee added, “This facility is where the old Kaiser hospital was. The hospital was moved to Downey due to seismic retrofitting issues. It was apparently easier to build a new hospital, than correct seismic concerns. What that meant for the City of Bellflower is that the facility went from being a hospital to a medical campus, to include clinics and

doctors’ offices.”

Kaiser has not yet submitted the final proposal of their master plan; however, they have already embarked on sizeable contributions to the community. Two years ago, Kaiser added solar panels to the existing four story parking facility. The installation of 30k square feet of panels is the largest solar panel fitting in Southern California. The medical campus will provide a substantial increase of fiscal revenue for the City in the form of property taxes.

A new live – work multifaceted complex will be located at Alondra Boulevard and Clark Avenue. Similar to the new downtown Belmont Court with a Mediterranean flare, this new project has been partnered between the City, William Hezmalhalch Architects, and City Ventures.

The previous building was the old bowling alley site, which had been misused with code enforcement issues and a large uncontrollable transient population. Lee adds “Part of the agreement between the City and the architects, was the transfer of fees. These fees will go toward the building and opening of a new Fire Museum.” The Fire Museum construction will begin next year with an anticipated opening by the end of 2015. The Museum is a partnership between the City and a non-profit organization called The County of Los Angeles Fire Museum Association.

The celebration also marked the 54th deployment of the B.R.I.M. Program in the Bellflower community. Bellflower Recreation in Motion [B.R.I.M.] is an award-winning program that brings recreation activities to neighborhoods.

## Artesia Council Renews Crossing Guard Contract, Questions Who Should Pay

By Rico Dizon

The Artesia City Council recently voted unanimously in renewing the already lapsed four-year crossing guard contract with All City Management Services ending in 2016.

At the same time, the City Council, with Mayor Pro Tem Miguel Canales and Council Member Sally Flowers abstaining, gave the go-ahead for City Manager William Rawlings and the Staff to schedule discussion with ABC Unified School District Board specifically about the issue of who’s obligation is it to safeguard the school children when crossing the streets by providing the services of crossing guards.

During this meeting, the City Council and the Staff were in a quandary to determine if the city, school district or the state were responsible for providing and paying

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## \$375 Million School Bond Heads to Fall Ballot in Norwalk-La Mirada Unified

By Randy Economy

Voters throughout the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District will be determining the fate of a massive \$375 Million school improvement general obligation bond that proponents claim would go directly “toward improving education and every school in the District.”

The Board of Education voted to have the issue placed on the November 4th ballot and if passed by voters, the bond funds would be dedicated to building new infrastructure as well as to support technology.

A spokesperson for the NLMUSD told Hews Media Group-Community Newspaper that the bond funds would also be dedicated to “performing various renovations and modernizations to all District sites and providing electronic

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NEW ENHANCED IMAGES OF NORWALK LION EMERGES

By Randy Economy

Images caught on home security camera of what could be a lion or a very large animal roaming around a neighborhood in Norwalk has prompted massive worldwide

media attention, as well as a cult like following from curious outsiders just about everywhere.

The brief video captured during the early morning hours on July 29 shows the animal walking in front of a house in the

11000 block of Tina Street near Orr and Day Road.

On Wednesday, a new high-resolution rendering of the converted video was produced live on-site by Clear View experts and a copy was provided to Hews Media

Group-Community Newspaper.

Since the release of the video, law enforcement officials have been patrolling the area in hopes of locating “whatever it is,” said Jeff Hobbs, the Public Information Officer for the City of Norwalk.

The new enhanced video still leaves experts in a quandary.

“It certainly helped, but not quite enough to make a positive ID of the animal,” Hobbs said.

The mysterious creature is also becoming a celebrity not only in Norwalk but as far away as Europe, South America, and Asia.

“This has captured the attention of just about every media outlet around the world, and I am not exaggerating,” Hobbs said.

As of Wednesday, hundreds of media outlets had reported on the “Norwalk Lion/Cat story.” Hobbs said. The city has compiled a list of all of the reports, clips and articles.

Mayor Marcel Rodarte has also been caught into the media frenzy.

Just in the last couple of days, Rodarte has been seen live on NBC News, ABC News, CBS, KCAL, KTLA, the British Broadcast Channel CNN, as well as news channels in the Middle East, Africa and Australia.

On Monday, the wildly popular news magazine show “Inside Edition” featured “the Norwalk lion” along with Rodarte as their top news story. “Is there a lion on the loose in Los Angeles? A surveillance video from a home in Norwalk, a suburb of Los Angeles, had folks spooked! It looked like a lioness on the prowl,” an Inside Edition anchor asked their viewers.

“Rodarte, the town mayor, told INSIDE EDITION, It could be an escaped animal from the circus. It could be someone’s illegal pet. We just don’t know what the origin of the animal is at this point,” Inside Edition gloated.

The Daily Mail in London even reported on the matter.

“They have suggested it is - among other things - a mountain lion, an African lion, and some type of hybrid dog, a leopard or a large domestic cat. Some have even speculated it could be the mythical Chupacabra,” the Daily Mail reported.

In other developments surrounding the matter, an award-winning Mexican filmmaker says the image is a “Chupacabra” and that a motion picture is already in the works. Los Angeles has announced that he will begin forming a production team for a new motion picture based on the recent Norwalk ‘mystery lion’ event.

After viewing the video showing the mystery animal, filmmaker Isaias Casteneda concluded that it clearly resembles the “Chupacabra,” a Mexican folkloric creature that resembles a cross between a dog and tiger.

Several carcasses have been discovered, Casteneda said, and those that were “legitimate, and very much resembled this animal.”

Casteneda said the revised screenplay would reflect some of the events in Norwalk.

Hobbs was getting ready for another interview this time with a news channel from Tokyo via Skype on Wednesday afternoon. “This has put Norwalk on the map, all around the world. We are all overwhelmed by this incredible situation. It has been a great time in many ways,” Hobbs stressed. Hobbs also said that TIME, Washington Post, NY Times, NY Daily News, and Gulf Mag are also reporting about it.

In addition, it did not take long, but a private t-shirt vendor has begun a line of shirts commemorating the mystery in Norwalk.

Regardless of “what” is roaming around Norwalk, if you see the animal, do not approach it, and immediately call 911 to notify law enforcement.

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# Downey Parents Alerted Via Phone About ‘Human Trafficking’ Flyers

By Tammye McDuff

Downey Unified School District and parents of students received an alarming and unusual notification two weeks ago to warn the community about flyers that were being distributed in the area about human trafficking.

A voicemail alert was sent to each family in the DUSD from Dr. Roberts Jagielski, Director of Student Services: “This is the Downey Unified School District calling with an important community message. We want to make you aware of an influx of teen job posters in South Downey that are often fronts for human trafficking.

These flyers are typically posted to telephone poles near schools. These advertise jobs that pay teenagers from \$150 to \$450 a week with free transportation.” Jagielski voice mail continues “Many of the jobs are not legitimate and could place children in dangerous and harmful situations. The city of Downey has already removed hundreds of these posters in the past few weeks. I encourage you to review safety procedures with your children. Please also help alert other parents and children to this situation.”

HMG-CN contacted DUSD regarding the flyers and Board member Martha Sordetani stressed, “These jobs are typically selling door to door in affluent areas. You may be aware that human trafficking is the number one source of gang profit. Drugs are now second and arms are third. Supervisor Don Knabe and the other County Supervisors have warned of human trafficking and its threat. At a gang seminar I learned so much. Teenagers should NEVER get in a vehicle to be transported to a work area.”

Knabe joined a panel discussion on child sex trafficking at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. this past April. Knabe’s office was contacted regarding this issue and HMG was directed to his blog statement:

“I received a deeply troubling briefing regarding minor girls who are being bought and sold as prostitutes across Los Angeles County. Some of these girls are as young as 11 and 12. While we often think of child sex trafficking as a problem in other countries, it’s happening right here in our backyard ... I am asking the Probation Department to track and gather more statistics so that we get a real sense of what is happening out there. Then we can aggressively address prevention tactics, figure out ways to combat the problem and develop aftercare programs ... I would also like to look at the possibility of establishing a special unit in the Probation Department, dedicated to sexually exploited minors. We must do everything we can to get these girls off the streets and on a path to a better life ahead.”

At the Downey City Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 22nd, Mayor Vasquez assured residents there were currently no known victims of human trafficking because of the flyers. Vasquez stated “It is unfortunate in the 21st Century that in a country as powerful as the United States human trafficking still goes on. Recently I had an opportunity to speak with Univision about this issue. The reason I bring this up is to remind parents to please, please use caution and common sense, don’t allow your children to put themselves in danger because of these flyers.”

The Downey Police department has removed more than 200 flyers in the last few weeks for violating city code.

# Upscale Condos to Expand at Artesia and Bloomfield Development

By Randy Economy

Hews Media Group-Community

Newspapers has learned that plans are underway to expand a recently approved apartment complex at Artesia Boulevard and Bloomfield Avenue in Cerritos.

The new development will be built on land currently occupied by Sam Ash.

Torrey Contreas, Director of Community Development, and Robert Lopez, Planning Manager for the City of Cerritos told HMG-CN in a phone interview on Wednesday that plans for an “unspecified amount of new housing apartment style units” is currently being considered for the location.

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Publisher's Corner

Thirteen is Unlucky,  
Time to Recall Director  
Leticia Vasquez

By Brian Hews



Over the past year and a half, this paper has chronicled the actions of Central Basin Municipal Water District Director, Leticia Vasquez. Director Vasquez was elected in June 2012 in a wave

of voter anger over the corruption of the Bell scandal, capitalizing on the "time for a change" voter sentiment.

After only 18-months in office, clearly the time for a change has come again.

Similar to when we called for Director Roybal's resignation, we are calling for a recall of Director Vasquez.

Ms. Vasquez pledged to expose and wipe out the corruption that she proclaimed was rampant at Central Basin. There was undoubtedly some truth to Ms. Vasquez's claim, as federal investigators in June 2013 raided the offices of Senator Calderon and began an investigation into the actions of the senator's brother, Tom Calderon, a long-time consultant at Central Basin. Unfortunately, Ms. Vasquez has demonstrated a level of corruption and incompetence that overshadows the problems she campaigned to solve.

Upon GM Art Aguilar's retirement in October 2012, and prior to Ms. Vasquez being seated, the District Board hired interim General Manager Chuck Fuentes and Assistant GM Ron Beilke in large part, to investigate potential improprieties at the District. Inexplicably, shortly after Ms. Vasquez was seated, she voted to fire Fuentes and Beilke, and began an aggressive campaign to smear the previous Board, accusing them of creating and covering up an illegal "slush fund". This despite the Board already voting to conduct an internal investigation looking into the formation of the fund.

Consider the following:

1. Ms. Vasquez has filed a qui tam lawsuit against the District's former lawyers, staff and 50-does alleging illegal action re the slush fund. If successful, Ms. Vasquez stands to receive millions of dollars.
2. Legal representation for the District in the qui tam matter has cost the District hundreds of thousands of dollars.



Central Basin Director Vasquez smoking a cigar in a public bar during a convention.

3. The presiding judge in a recent hearing indicated that she was inclined to dismiss the suit, given that Ms. Vasquez clearly is not a qualified qui tam plaintiff and the District's refusal to waive attorney-client privilege. Ms. Vasquez had lobbied aggressively for months to persuade the District to waive privilege despite the strong warnings by the District's legal counsel. It is now clear that Ms. Vasquez was advocating waiving privilege to help her lawsuit, and thus secure a large payday.

4. If the qui tam is dismissed, Ms. Vasquez and the District are exposed to millions in a likely lawsuit by the defendants for malicious prosecution.

5. Ms. Vasquez attempted to fire GM Tony Perez after only 6-months of a 5-year contract, despite his settlement of long-standing lawsuits, the universal support of the water industry, and the completion of the largest sale of replenishment water in the District's history.

6. Ms. Vasquez is associated with and is a strong supporter of accused sex offender, Compton School Board member Skyy Fisher.

7. Ms. Vasquez has allied herself w/ Dir. James Roybal, which HMG-CN found to be assigned to LAUSD's "teacher jail" and illegally receiving tens of thousands of dollars in District salary.

8. Ms. Vasquez retained known convicted felons to run her campaign, and just recently paid them off.

9. Ms. Vasquez's actions as a Board member were a determinant factor in the ACWA/JPIA's decision to drop Central Basin's insurance coverage due to increased liability for "board dysfunction".

10. Ms. Vasquez's actions as a Board member were a determinant factor in the L.A. County Board's motion to investigate the District over concerns that the Board's dysfunction may affect the District's ability to deliver water.

11. Ms. Vasquez is the primary suspect for illegally providing a confidential federal subpoena to a private citizen. The District is investigating the source of the leak, which if the source is found and convicted is considered an obstruction of justice punishable by 20-years in prison.

12. It was reported in this paper in March 2014, that a recall campaign was being launched by concerned citizens.

13. Ms. Vasquez has previously been recalled as a Lynwood City Council member due to political corruption charges.


It is time for the voters to halt the dysfunction.

If the voters are concerned during this time of extreme drought, to have honest, capable representation on their water boards, it is time to recall Leticia Vasquez.

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Reader Rips Hawaiian  
Gardens Mayor Rodriguez,  
Vice Mayor Bruce

Dear Editor:

I am writing about the 07/22/14 Hawaiian Gardens City Council meeting. That meeting was a joke. Instead of the mayor (Rey Rodriguez) doing his job and keeping control of the meeting he sat back laughing until it got way out of hand. Rodriguez and (Mayor Pro-Tem) Barry Bruce should learn how to behave.

Bruce was throwing a baby tantrum. They both are wrong for their actions. The fact that they did wrong and were caught and Los Cerritos Community Newspaper printed the truth last week about them.

I am sure your article about their FPPC fines didn't make them happy, but they did it to themselves not anybody else. For Bruce to put the blame on Sue Underwood the city clerk was wrong. A Spanish saying, [a skunk never sees its own tail] applies here. They need to grow up and take responsibilities for their own actions. They showed their true colors at this meeting and I hope the people see that and do something about it. They are rude, disrespectful, liars, unprofessional, PREJUDICED babies.

They are so into themselves saying people (especially Mrs. Rosie Gomez) hate them because they are jealous of them and are no longer in the lime light.

Is that why they want to be in the council so they can be in the lime light?

I believe that is true because if you notice they are always the only ones on camera even when other council members are there. They only go to events that they know the camera will be there. Rodriguez bringing out his family problems was wrong and not necessary, I didn't even know Mrs. Gomez was his sister so even

more so airing his family problems the way he did on TV was very wrong and unprofessional. He looked and sounded like a spoiled baby.

Now we have Barry Bruce, the worst councilperson I have ever seen. I cannot say he is a council member because he acts like a bigger spoiled baby than Rodriguez does. He is very offensive, a liar, and rude. He called the public jealous idiots.

I speak for myself and my family we are not idiots and the furthest from being jealous of him. Barry Bruce calls himself a Pastor. In all my year's I have NEVER seen nor heard a pastor talk or act the way he does. What he said about a woman living in Mr. Gomez's home was wrong and uncalled for. What she is or is not or where she lives or does not live is NOBODYS business and should not have been said over the TV or at all. I am sure that most people from Mexican descent have had one family member come illegally at one point or another.

It would not surprise me if even Mr. Rodriguez has or had an illegal family member here, maybe even Bruce because as we all know, not just Mexicans come illegally.

I hope the people see how prejudiced Barry Bruce is. Bruce was really showing his true colors because I can almost guarantee most of the people that support him are in the same situation.

I'm sure the parents of the kids that were in his school and go to his church are also in the same situation, and for the mayor to allow him and the mayor himself to say ALL those mean, hurtful, rude, and hateful things they said were uncalled for. Honestly I have not seen or heard that they are doing anything better than the council before them have done, I have only seen and heard bad from them.

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# Downey Kiwanis Donate New Play Park Equipment

By Tammye McDuff

Hundreds of children, and several key city officials and members of the Downey



Downey City Council, Kiwanis Club Official and Downey Chamber of Commerce at the double ribbon cutting of Furman Park.

Don Cupvas, past President of Downey Kiwanis introduced the new play parks as being “An important event for the community, updating park equipment for the children. Furman Park is the first step in revitalizing all parks for this community.”

Furman Park was established in 1955 as part of the Downey Recreation

and Park Special District. It serves over 300,000 visitors per year through summer concerts, camps, picnic shelters, baseball, basketball, tennis courts, walking trails, two playgrounds and a multipurpose room. The two playground areas were last updated in 1990.

HMG-CN reported in May of this year, that the cost of the Furman Park project was an estimated \$255,238.79 that \$80,000 would be provided by Kiwanis upon Reimbursement Agreement approval.

An additional \$173,239 is required from the General fund Reserve to cover the remaining project cost. The General Fund Reserve will be reimbursed \$75,000 July 2015 and \$75,000 in July 2016 for a total of \$230,000 toward the project cost.

## WRD Holds ‘Drought Diaries’ Photo Contest

By Randy Economy

The Water Replenishment District of Southern California is taking the plight of the current drought and turning it into a photo contest.

This past week, officials at the Lakewood-based water utility announced that they will be sponsoring a photo

competition around the theme “Drought Diaries.”

According to officials at the WRD, the rules are simple. Snap, a photo of what the drought looks like, feels like to you and send them a copy of it.

The photos can be as simple as a dusty car window or a dry, golden, brownish colored lawn, beautiful native plants or even a low waterline at your favorite lake. Other ideas could be photos of a leaking sprinkler, an ultra-high efficiency toilet, or whatever enters your creative mind.

The “Drought Diaries” competition is intended to increase awareness and sharing your drought photos can increase public awareness and draw attention to the importance of water conservation. “We talk about drought every day, but a picture is worth a thousand words,” said a spokesperson for WRD.

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Kiwanis were on hand on Thursday, for the double ribbon cutting of two newly furnished playgrounds at Furman Park.

The Downey Kiwanis Foundation had been approached in 2013 to adopt-a-park, in hope of benefitting the community as well as beautifying and upgrading play equipment at a pre-chosen facility.

The Parks and Recreation Department submitted a proposal to replace the Furman Pak playground equipment to the Kiwanis Foundation for consideration.

In March 2014 the City was notified that the organization had reviewed and approved the proposal to replace the existing recreational areas. Playground design would embrace a space theme paying homage to Downey’s aeronautics history.

The proposed reopening and summer concert were originally scheduled for last month.

Addressing the crowd Mayor Vasquez thanked the Kiwanis Club saying the organization was helping to shape the vision of the next leaders in the city. Vasquez continues stating the Club has donated 4.3 million dollars to Downey over the past 40 years, “The Kiwanis Club is truly making Downey the jewel of the region, they believe Downey has great days ahead, creating safe parks and making life a better place for our children.”

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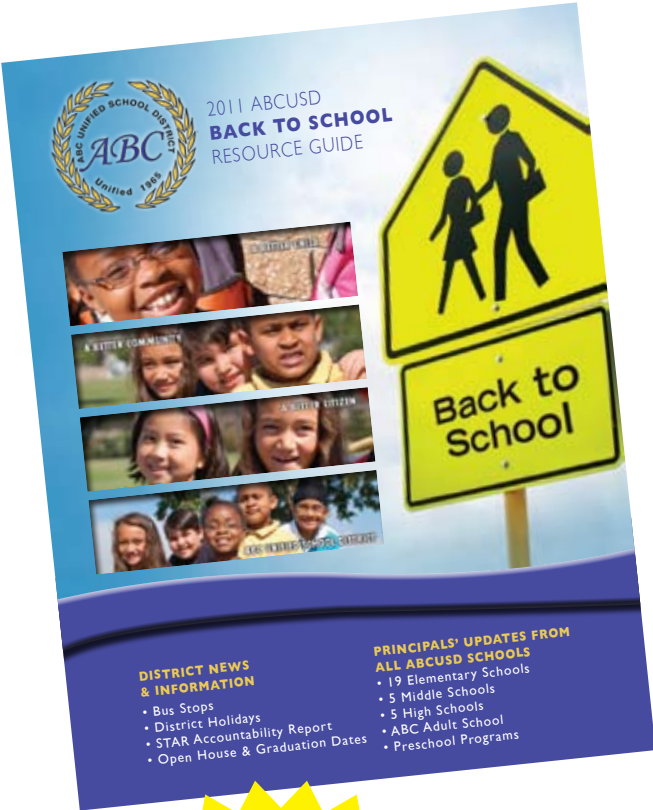
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There will be a fundraiser on August 11 at the Loft Hawaiian Restaurant at the Lakewood & Cypress locations to help her daughter raise funds for the funeral. You will need to print out the flyer & take it in from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.. Those who want to help out but can't make it can send donations to the Lakewood location 20157 Pioneer Blvd., Lakewood Ca., 90715, C/O Desiree Foja.

A Catholic Vigil/ Rosary will be held Friday, August 15, 2014 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Church of Our Fathers, Forest Lawn Cypress, 4471 Lincoln Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, 1-800-204-3131. Funeral service, Saturday, August 16, 2014, 2:00 pm, Church of Our Fathers Forest Lawn Cypress.

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**Summer Potluck to Start Local AAUW's 2014-2015 Fiscal Year**

By Edna Ethington

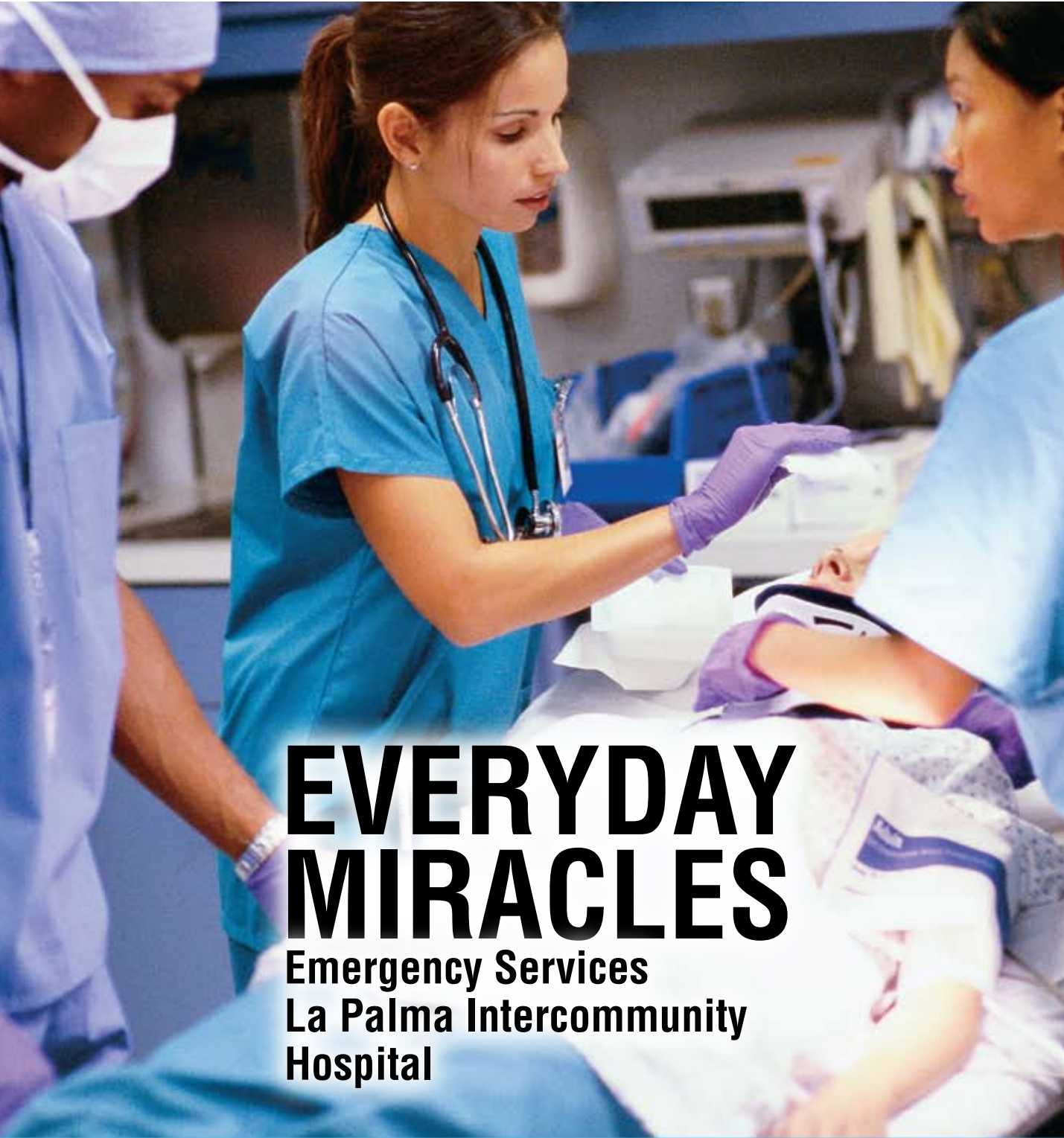
The La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the American Association of University Women will be starting their 2014-2015 fiscal year on Sunday, August 17, 2014, with their Annual Summer Potluck at Cerritos Park East on 166th Street in Cerritos. The group will be meeting at Shelter #2 near the tennis courts from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Members and their significant others are asked to donate \$10.00 per person to cover the cost of the BBQ chicken, paper goods, drinks and desserts. Members will also be participating in the potluck by bringing a salad or side dish, but prospective members are invited to just come and enjoy the potluck and meet other members.

For more information about the Summer Potluck, contact Membership Vice-Presidents Sue Solomon at 562-926-2746 or Barbara Sparks at 562-921-7307.

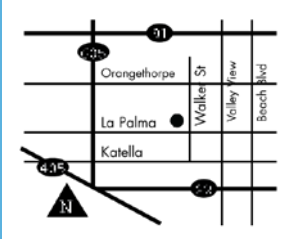
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Angeles County Superior Court in Torrance on Tuesday morning at 8:45 a.m. and appeared in Division 4 before Judge Sokolov. They were released without having to post a bond, but will be back in court on August 27.

The couple appeared in court accompanied by famed powerhouse criminal defense attorney Mark Werksman who will be representing them.

Werksman told HMG-CN in an interview that the Katherman's will be "cleared of all of these charges."

"The Katherman's are lifelong residents of the community, and they have family here and they are not going to anywhere in the future. They are not flight risks, they are good decent citizens, and will be found innocent of these charges," Werksman said.

Werksman added that he believes that the Katherman's "acted appropriately at all times," and that he will be putting together a "solid defense" for the couple in the case.

Smith was taken into custody last week and is slated to be back in court on August 1 when he will have a preliminary hearing on his specific portion of the case.

"Smith is charged with seven felony counts, including two counts of misappropriation of public funds, four counts of perjury and one count of conflict of interest," Robison told HMG-CN.

Prosecutors are claiming that the "embezzlement scheme occurred after Smith got the West Basin Municipal Water District board to make multiple contributions to help sponsor Adopt A Storm Drain Foundation, a nonprofit educational foundation to promote water conservation run by the Kathermans."

Werksman said the focal point of the case should be focused on Smith, not the Katherman's. "This case is about Director Ron Smith, in my opinion," Werksman wanted to stress to HMG-CN.

Still, prosecutors in the case say the Ronald Smith, Robert, and Martha Katherman "worked together" in the alleged scheme.

"The contributions occurred over a three-year period, beginning in August 2010. During the same period, Smith also contributed money from his district outreach fund that did not need board approval, prosecutors said," the District Attorney's office contend.

Shortly after receiving the West Basin donations, prosecutors allege the Kathermans began "writing checks from foundation accounts to schools and organizations that had no connection to the foundation."

The DA contends that the checks allegedly covered school and college tuition and paid for tennis and dance lessons for Smith's children. Adopt a Storm Drain checks also allegedly paid for repairs to Smith's boat and his rent.

"Smith also allegedly wrote checks from his West Basin discretionary account to pay various school expenses for his children. In all, about \$20,000 was stolen," prosecutors say.

Last week, Smith was arrested and charged on seven felony counts including two counts of Penal Code section 424 (A), misuse of public funds and was charged with one count of violating Government Code section 1090 that prohibits a government official from having a financial interest in a contract entered into by his agency. Smith was also charged with four counts of violating Penal Code section 118. Robison said that the statute makes it a crime to file a false affidavit.

If convicted, Smith faces up to nine years in state prison and the Katherman is each face up to four years in state prison if convicted.

Smith has retained a public defender in the case and still remains locked up in a downtown Los Angeles jail cell as of Tuesday afternoon. Sources tells HMG-CN that Smith is having a "hard time" trying to post the \$100,000 bond.

The political fallout against the Katherman's began within minutes of their court appearance on Tuesday.

Katherman who is a key senior staff member with Los Angeles City Councilman Curren Price where he was Deputy Chief of Staff for Planning and Economic Development tendered his resignation on Monday afternoon. Sources tell HMG-CN that Katherman and Price met at Los Angeles City Hall behind closed doors to talk about the case and it was agreed that it was "in the best interest" that the resignation strategy be crafted.

On Tuesday, just before noon, Price formally announced that Katherman was no longer employed with this office.

"Rob Katherman worked hard for this office over the last 13 months; however, his resignation is in the best interest of my district and my constituents. The trust we are given by our community as public officials is a privilege that I have taken very seriously in my more than 20 years as an elected official and will continue to do so," said Connie Llanos, a press representative for Price.

Officials at the Lakewood-based WRD also issued a statement to HMG-CN on Tuesday afternoon, acknowledging Katherman's indictment.

Spokesperson Peter Brown said: "The Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) has learned of allegations against Robert Katherman, who is a member of the WRD Board of Directors. The allegations are not related to WRD or

its operations and the District will continue our steadfast commitment to provide safe, reliable and affordable drinking water to the district's four million residents. WRD has earned a reputation for public transparency and sound fiscal operations as reflected by our national awards for financial accountability and for innovative groundwater projects."

Katherman was elected to the Board in 2004 and according to his bio on the WRD website, he has more than 30 years of experience in land use planning, environmental impact analysis and governmental and community relations. He represents a wide portion of the South Bay and the Harbor area.

Katherman called HMG-CN late Tuesday afternoon and said that he and his wife Marilyn were going to "fight to prove they are innocent."

Katherman said that the past week has been hard on his family, but said he has received an "outpouring" of support.

"I can't get into the specifics of the case, I will leave that to my attorney," Katherman said.

HMG-CN will have additional details as they develop.

DJ's Converge on Sam Ash Cerritos for 'Battle of the Tables'

By Randy Economy

One of the biggest Dj battles in Southern California is landing in Cerritos during the month of September and organizers are promising to have a real "blast of sound" filtering in the air.

Hundreds of active Dj's will be converging on the Sam Ashe Store located at the corner of Artesia Boulevard and Bloomfield Avenue on Saturday, September 5 in a Turnabist style battle using Technics 1200s and a Rane 62 mixer vinyl or Serato.

According to DjQuest9, one of the organizers of the event, all interested Dj's are welcomed to take part along with any other DVS systems, but no Digital Controllers will be allowed for the competition.

Auditions can be between two to five minutes, and must be clean sets, and no profanity will be allowed at any time during the competition. The organizers are also stressing, "highlighting beat juggling scratching body tricks originality and creativity" will be encouraged.

In order to qualify for the Championship Battle on September 5, participants must audition in a prelim that happens every Saturday starting this Saturday

Aug 2 between 12-2 inside the Sam Ash in Cerritos. Judging the prelims will be EddyXpress from 93.5 KDAY FM. EddyXpress will select between 10-12 participants to battle in the main battle for September 5. Also participating in the final judging will be Dj Curse from the World Famous BeatJunkies as well as other surprise guest judges.

There will be a prize packs and trophies for 1st 2nd and 3rd place finishers to be announced later along with clothing give away from LiHai clothing and sponsored by Red Alert Radio.

"The event is free and is really about promoting positive hip hop and the Turntablist culture all Djs are welcomed and encouraged to try out," a spokesperson for the event told Hews Media Group-Community Newspaper.

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for the costs if a crossing guard falls and, or, is injured on the job.

City Council Member Ali Taj opened discussion on the agenda item, “I am in favor of providing crossing guards but I came across the fact that it is the school district who should be paying for crossing guards, however, the latter refused to do that, and so the city has no choice but shoulder the obligation. Why is that?”

Rawlings said, “I would not characterize it as refusal to pay, but they are not paying. From what I know, the state does not statutorily require the city to provide the crossing guards and typically, it is the school district that takes care of crossing guards.”

However, the city’s goal is to assure the safety of children.

Mayor Tony Lima asked the City Attorney Kevin Ennis, “who is liable in case the school children’s safety is put at risk?”

Ennis replied, “I will let you know as soon as I find out.”

Flowers recalled, “10 years ago, there was this meeting with the ABC School District Board that centered on the issue of responsibility over the crossing guards. The board was quiet about it but the previous superintendent just refused to shoulder the salaries of the crossing guards in Artesia. The residents sent letters. We noticed however, that the setup varies from other cities per the survey conducted years ago, like for instance in Norwalk schools, ABCUSD split the expenses with the city while in other cities of the region, it is 100% shouldered by the School Districts.”

Although the City Council had already agreed to renew the contract, Ennis pointed out, “it can be cancelled in 30 days and a new contract can be prepared just in case the discussion with the ABC-USD would bring good results.”



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# Firehouse Chefs Restaurant: FIREFIGHTER BY TRADE COOKS BY NECESSITY ON BELLFLOWER BOULEVARD

By Tammye McDuff

The city of Bellflower is now home to one of the unique dining establishments in all of Southeast Los Angeles County.

Firehouse Chefs Restaurant, owned and operated by firefighters is “bringing firehouse eats to the streets with comfort food classics that feature a fun firehouse fusion twist” says Fire Captain and Chef Eddie Sell, creator, restaurant owner and cooking show host of Firehouse Chefs.

Sell has 15 years of experience as a firefighter, but before becoming a fireman, Sell was an executive chef in the United States Navy where, after placing top in his culinary class, was given a exclusive opportunity to prepare meals for the admiral as part of his personal staff.

Inspired by Sell’s Latin culture and his love for creating flavor-packed recipes, he decided to share his dishes and give the public a taste of authentic firehouse fare. The idea of Firehouse Fusion Food was to convey the unique flavors into gourmet street food. FHC Food Truck offered a variety of signature sandwiches, tasty salads, comfort finger foods and a Firehouse Chefs Special.

A brick and mortar establishment was the next logical step for the expansion of Firehouse Chefs. Sell and his professionally trained staff craft thoughtful, delicious comfort-food classics with a creative flare for the trademark Firehouse Fusion Food. The décor is fun, entertain-



*Chef Eddie Sell, creator, restaurant owner and cooking show host of Firehouse Chefs in Bellflower.*

ing and a reverent tribute to the history of firefighters. The restaurant is located in the revitalized Town Center of downtown Bellflower. The Los Angeles County Fire Museum will be opening up their new facility a block away from the restaurant to make this excursion a true destination.

Along with being an active firefighter and restaurateur, Sell is currently traveling the country to showcase the culinary capacity of America’s firefighters “Let’s see if they can handle the heat in the kitchen as well as they handle the heat of their profession” says Sell. For a half an hour each week, the show will highlight a different firehouse specialty from around the country. Highlights of the show will be a meal selection; shopping process and preparation. Sell then presents the meal to real on-duty firefighters to enjoy.

Sell is currently, a fire captain and paramedic in Long Beach. His fire service career has taken him from the mountains of San Diego to the Bay Area and finally to Long Beach.



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ASA/USA 14-UNDER “A” NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

International Tiebreaker proves to be heartbreaker for Artesia Punishers 14-Under squad

By Loren Kopff

CHULA VISTA-History repeated itself for Danny Guerrero’s Artesia Punishers travel softball team in the Amateur Softball Association/United States of America 14-Under National Championship, but for the wrong reason. For the second time in about 18 hours the Punishers squandered a seventh inning lead, then lost to their opponent under the dreaded International Tiebreaker format.

This past Saturday afternoon at Mount San Miguel Park, the Punishers saw a four-run lead evaporate as the (St. Louis) Worth Prospects scored twice in the top of the seventh inning and two more in the eighth to edge the Punishers 8-7. Last Friday afternoon, the Punishers were one out away from advancing in the winner’s bracket but couldn’t hold onto a one-run lead against the (Sugar Hill, GA) Southern Force.

“Oh my gosh,” Guerrero pondered. “What’s so funny is this has happened not only this year, but it happened at [the Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championships] this year. It also happened last year. Last year at PGF we lost both of our games in the bottom of the seventh inning. This is something that we’re getting used to a little bit.”

The Punishers were trailing 1-0 heading into the bottom of the second when they batted around and erupted for five runs. Pitcher Kendall Henscheid (Huntington Beach High School) deposited a one-out single to shallow right and stole second. Two batters later, designated player Rebecca Chung (West Torrance High School) brought in Henscheid. That would be followed by singles from second baseman Danielle Lew (Los Alamitos High School) and right fielder Anyssa

Ortega (La Mirada High School), a two-run double from shortstop Karina Ibarra (Lakewood High School) and a run-scoring two-bagger from center fielder Erica Guerrero (Kennedy High School).

But Lexi Slavik replaced Sarah Handrahan in the circle before Erica Guerrero’s double and handcuffed the Punishers the rest of the way. Slavik yielded five hits and allowed two runs.

“The girl that came in threw a lot of change-ups,” Danny Guerrero said. “Her speed was completely different, so that threw us off a little bit. It just kept us off balanced and we just weren’t able to make good solid contact when we needed it.”

After the Prospects crept back with three runs in the fourth and fifth innings combined, the Punishers added what they thought would be an insurance tally in the bottom of the fifth. Ibarra led off with a single to left field and eventually came home on a sacrifice fly from left fielder Pacy Villa (Frank Augustus Miller Middle School). Erica Guerrero, who was safe on an error following Ibarra’s single, would be stranded at third base.

In the top of the seventh, the Prospects loaded the bases with one out but Miranda Schulte flew out to Villa for the second out. On the very next pitch, Suzy Block dropped a lazy fly ball into shallow right, scoring two and tying the contest. One inning later with Olivia Jones at second per the International Tiebreaker rules, she went to third on a sacrifice and scored on an infield hit from Cassidy Knoerzer. Then two batters later, Addie Balderston’s double plated Knoerzer.

In the bottom half of the frame and with Ortega at second, first baseman Jazzmynn Loe (Los Alamitos High School) moved Ortega to third on a sacrifice where she would come home on Villa’s base hit to left field. Henscheid would then be safe

on a fielder’s choice and replaced by pinch runner Rachel Hermann (Los Alamitos High School).

However, third baseman Roxanne Habash (Kennedy High School) laced a line drive to right field where Knoerzer dove to her right and snared the ball just inches from the ground that would have won the game. Four pitches later, Chung flew out to right to end the contest.

“It was a great hit and the kid just made a good play on it,” Danny Guerrero said. “Both [losses] were just like this. The girls battled all the way through. It just hasn’t been able to fall our way the last couple of times.”

Ibarra went three for four with two runs scored and two runs driven in while Chung, who batted in the seventh spot, went two for four and Ortega, in the ninth position, went two for three.

“It’s nice to hide her back there because when you get your number four hitter up, [pitchers] would used to walk her all the time on purpose,” Danny Guerrero said of Chung. “So, when we hide her back in the lineup, there are different situations where they can’t afford to walk her. And she gets more opportunities to hit the ball.”

The Punishers began bracket play last Thursday afternoon with an uncontested 10-2, five-inning victory over the (Beaverton, OR) Northwest Batbusters. Ibarra led the way with three hits and four RBI while Chung, Habash and Villa all added a pair of hits. But last Friday came the disappointing 3-2 loss to the Southern Force in 10 innings as the Punishers were limited to five hits. In the top of the third, catcher Berlyn Carreon (Los Alamitos High School) reached on an error and scored on a single from Erica Guerrero. In the top of the eighth, Valerie Rudd (Huntington Beach High School) scored on Ibarra’s base hit. But the Southern Force quickly

tied the game and won two innings later.

“The thing is they’re always in the game,” Danny Guerrero said. “If you look back at every nationals we’ve been in, we’ve lost by one run every time. It’s very frustrating. I feel bad for the girls because they’ve worked so hard. I really feel that we’re the better team and it just didn’t seem to go our way.”

Later in the day, the Punishers bounced back and doubled up the (Rhome) Texas Fusion 6-3 as Ibarra and Loe each went three for four while Lew went two for three and scored twice. Erica Guerrero also scored twice.

The Punisher began last Saturday morning with a 14-0 thumping of the (East Palo Alto) Northern California Blast. A dozen batters came to the plate in the top of the first with seven crossing home. Villa provided the big blast in the inning, a two-run home run to make it 4-0. Habash would go three for three and score three runs while Loe and Villa added two hits each as the Punishers pounded out 13 hits.

The Punishers finished in a tie for 33rd place out of 121 teams but already have something to look forward to for next summer. By virtue of finishing in the top six at the PGF National Championships a few weeks back, the team earned an automatic berth for next July’s PGF National Championships. Danny Guerrero’s team also finished tied for ninth place in that event last summer.

“We have that [automatic] PGF berth for next season, so we’re going to build off of that,” Danny Guerrero said. “Hopefully we can get [an] upgrade to [the] Premier berth. If we can keep this team together, I think we have a good shot at it next year. We’ll be a dominant second-year team.”

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

Summer tournament season comes to an end with several area players finishing strong

By Loren Kopff

SANTEE-What began as a promising start for the Artesia Punishers 14-Under travel softball team managed by Anthony Medina ended with two straight losses in the Amateur Softball Association/United States of America 14-U “A” National Championship. The Punishers roughed up the (San Ramon) Northern California Valley Stompers 9-2 last Friday morning at the Santee Towncenter Park before losing a pair of close games in a span of six hours or so the next day.

Against the Stompers, the Punishers grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning as third baseman Destinee Alvarez (Lynwood High School) singled and came home on a base hit from right fielder Alyssa Medina (Cerritos High School). The Punishers would get four of their 13 hits in the inning but had two runners thrown out at third base.

The Stompers came back with their two runs in the bottom half of the inning, collecting three hits in the process. But pitcher Alyssa Olague (Whittier High School) settled down and retired seven straight after a run-scoring hit from Natalie Parker and allowed three base runners the remainder of the game. Olague would scatter half a dozen hits and struck out four.

Meanwhile, the offense was just heating up and it began in the third inning. With one out, left fielder Gracie Rose (Maranatha High School) smacked a single to center off of the glove of pitcher

Teresa Piazza. Alvarez and Medina both would be safe on a fielder’s choice but a throwing error allowed Rose to tie the game. Then Olague went the opposite way to send a long single down the first base line to plate Alvarez and Medina.

In the fifth, Alvarez, Medina and Olague all had successive singles on a combined four pitches. Two batters later, first baseman Mariah Sheffield (Lakewood High School) was safe on an error which allowed two more runs to come in. One inning later, Rose (four for four) and Alvarez (two for four, four runs scored) would score the final tallies. Olague went three for four and drove in four while Medina went two for four and scored twice.

The scene shifted to the Poway Sportsplex last Friday where the Punishers fell to the (Sarasota, FL) Team Mizuno 5-3, the second time those two teams had met in the tournament. The Punishers were on the losing end of a 5-1 decision to Team Mizuno on July 29 in pool play action. Later in the evening, the Punishers were eliminated by the Chicago-based Orland Park A’s, 7-4.

Elsewhere in the tournament, Gahr High School’s Naomi Dickerson, Alyssa Kumiyama and Malia Quarles and the rest of their Cerritos-based Southern California A’s squad captured the tournament by winning nine of the 10 games they played. The So Cal A’s won their first four games before falling to the Windermere (FL) Wildfire 1-0 last Saturday night. But the team bounced back to

win five straight games this past Sunday including a 4-0 revenge game against the Wildfire.

The So Cal A’s, who are the defending state champions, previously won the Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championships in 2012 and the ASA Nationals in 2010.

Also in the tournament, the (Fullerton) California A’s team, managed by Brian Iseri, with Celeste Borza (Cerritos High School), Ashley Iseri (Whitney High School) and Jennifer Morinishi (Cerritos High School) went 5-2 to finish in a tie for 13th out of 121 teams.

Another So Cal A’s team, based out of Norwalk and managed by Jonathan Natividad, went 3-2 and finished in a tie for 33rd place. Brianna Lerma (Valley Christian High School) and Destiny Lucero (Cerritos High School) are on that team.

In the PGF National Championships, Heather Cameron (Cerritos High School) led all area players with a .588 average in five games for her Cal A’s team managed by her father, Craig. The catcher had 10 hits, four runs batted in, two runs scored and stole a pair of bases as her team went 4-2 in the Platinum Division and finished tied for ninth out of 80 teams.

Madison Lee (Cerritos High School) and Samantha Lujan (Norwalk High School/University of California, Santa Barbara) and their Lakewood Firecrackers team went 6-2 and finished in a tie for fourth place


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devices for all classrooms.”

“The District has been diligent in asking for and receiving input regarding this prospective bond measure, and what our stakeholders expect from it,” said NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Ruth Pérez. “All funds are earmarked for classroom and school improvements as we continue with our mission to ensure Norwalk-La Mirada students are accomplished 21st century learners and are successful in college and their prospective careers.”

A recent survey of more than 400 likely voters found that 67 percent would vote yes on the proposed Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Classroom Repair and School Safety Measure. A bond measure would need 55 percent approval to pass.

Perez said that nearly eight out of 10 prospective voters, or about 78 percent, said they believe the District has a need for additional funding and recognize the challenges it faces.

Perez also told HMG-CN “among the top features of the measure considered by respondents to be extremely or very important include preparing students for 21st century jobs; updating science, math and computer technology; improving education at every school in Norwalk and La Mirada; and repairing classrooms and leaky roofs.”

“When looking at our survey, we found that an overwhelming majority of the community felt physical education and sports provided healthy after-school activities and that the District needed to make improvements to ensure school safety and security,” said NLMUSD Board of Education President Margarita

Rios.

“The facilities master plan addresses those concerns, and if the bond passes, the District will start the process in meeting the needs outlined in the plan,” Rios stressed.

Campuses throughout the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District have not seen improvements for decades, and many feel that this particular bond would go a long way to provide the needed funding

Voters in the ABC Unified School District, Cerritos Community College District will also be voting on bond improvements measures on the November ballot.

Pathways Celebrates 20 Years of Golfing With Upcoming Tournament

Pathways will host its 20th annual fundraising golf tournament Monday, August 18th to raise money for the much needed bereavement, caregiving and hospice services that Pathways can provides. What better way to start the week than with a fantastic game of golf with friends and family, all for a great cause!

The event will be held at Recreation Park Golf Course in Long Beach. It will include a lunch, raffle prizes and silent auction items, and an awards ceremony. Registration begins at 11 a.m., and tee-off is at 12:30 p.m.

Organized by the Pathways Board, staff and volunteers, the golf tournament is part of the annual campaign to raise funds to promote and support all programs; to provide the best in compassionate care.

Already sponsoring this event are: Outback Steakhouse, Stone Brewery, You-

gurtland, and The Crooked Duck, CH2M Hill, Inc., L.A. Fire Fighters Local 1014, and Optimal Hospice, to name a few, who are continuing their tradition of partnering with Pathways on projects and programs that benefit the community.

Last year’s tournament raised nearly \$43,000. Volunteers, donors, and Pathways staff work hard each year to raise funds from businesses and individuals who recognize the importance of Pathways’ services to the local community. Supporting Pathways is a great investment in the community. For 29 years, Pathways has strived to meet the needs of families and individuals in need of care by providing free bereavement support, caregiving and hospice services.

For more information on the golf tournament, or for more information about Pathways’ services call the main office at 562-531-3031 or visit [pathwayshospice.org](http://pathwayshospice.org).

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**DOWNEY**  
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ment to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. NATW’s Executive Director, Matt Peskin introduced the first National Night Out where 2.5 million Americans, 400 communities in 23 states participated, Pe-

community together with law enforcement groups in a positive environment,” Milligan goes on to say “Most of the time when people are in contact with the Police or Fire departments, they are either reporting or have been involved in a traumatic event. This is a time where everyone can interact on a different playing field, ask questions and get information in a non-stressful environment.”

The city of Downey Neighborhood



Hosts for National Night Out are Downey City Council and Downey Police Department.

skin said, ““This is a night for America to stand together and promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity.” Each Community observes this event various ways. Downey held their National Night Out at City Hall and the Civic Center. Downey Police Captain, Dean Milligan, addressed the crowd stating the importance of the evening “The biggest impact we can have is to bring the

Watch program is relatively new, however even in its infancy, supports over 150 groups. Mayor Fernando Vasquez stressed the importance of this night as “Providing Downey neighbors and neighborhoods the opportunity to come out and interact with law and emergency personnel, while also sharing with residents the many new technological trends that the city is implementing to keep its citizens safe.” Also

involved was Downey’s Emergency Preparedness Committee; Downey’s Bicycle Coalition; Department of Public Works; Gangs Out of Downey and the East Los Angeles Women’s Rape and Crisis Center. The city of Bellflower has been involved for more than ten years with a mobile team visiting throughout the city. Community Services Officer 2, Taylor Morgan told HMG-CN “We involved Bellflower City Council, the L.A. Sheriff’s Department, Bellflower Fire Department and Neighborhood Watch advocates in our presentations. We took full fire trucks, squad cars as well as motorcycles, public safety and hybrid vehicles to eight different neighborhoods reaching over 200 citizens last night.” The city of Commerce took their event to each neighborhood watch street. Numerous block party barbeques were held at various locations throughout the City, hosted by Neighborhood Watch Captains. The City supplied the hot dogs, buns, tables and chairs and a small gift, while Police, Fire and City officials, addressed citizens concerns.

**Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival Arrives**

HMG-CN Community Wire

The Newport Harbor Orchid Society (NHOS) announced this week that it is hosting the Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival at the Westminster Mall, August 22-24. The nonprofit organization, which has more than 150 active members who range from experts to casual hobbyists in the cultivation and growing of orchids, hosts several successful orchid events each year, including the largest orchid show in the region every winter. A

wide variety of Southern California nurseries and growers are expected to participate. The festival will also include an art show featuring popular local Vietnamese and Chinese artists as well as members of the NHOS. “We’re thrilled to have the opportunity to host the second annual Summer Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival,” said Ha Bui, spokesperson for NHOS. “Once again, our show introduces Southern Californians to a wide variety of orchids and other exotic plants. Whether they are a novice in the hobby or an experienced grower, they have the chance to meet other enthusiasts, see orchids from reputable dealers and view inspirational art from the local Vietnamese and Chinese communities.” Show admission and parking are free and the event is handicap accessible. According to Bui, a recognized expert in the hobby internationally, interest in these beautiful flowers and other exotic plants continues to blossom in the region. Among the vendors, he expects to see a wide range of plants for growers at all levels of expertise. The show features multiple orchid nurseries and professional growers selling orchids, exotic plants and supplies. In addition, a beautiful bonsai exhibit featuring an array of these gorgeous trees, open art exhibit by area painters and photographers organized by the Vietnamese Orchid Society, according to Tom Harrison, NHOS president, the group meets monthly and features guest speakers, potting demonstrations and a wide variety of presentations from local experts. Harrison estimates that some 20% of its members have traveled outside of the US with the desire to observe orchids in their natural environments. For more information visit <http://www.nhosinfo.org>.

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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
INVESTIGATING COMPTON  
CITY OFFICIALS**

By Randy Economy

Hews Media Group-Community Newspaper has obtained documents that show Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey investigating several

The District Attorney’s office has specifically requested documents that include candidate registration and qualification forms; declaration of candidacy forms; candidate intention statements; statements of economic interests, as well as documents regarding interest in real property assets.

Lacey is requesting that city officials provide records dating back “from 2004 to the present.”

In addition, HMG-CN can confirm that in the request, Lacey is specifically asking for “city council agenda and minutes related to the appointment of City Attorney Craig Cornwell.”

On Thursday, Jane Robison, a spokes-

**CRIME SUMMARY  
Jul. 28-Aug. 3, 2014**

*Cerritos*

There were 18 Part I felony crimes reported in Cerritos this past week, an increase of six over the previous week. The following is a breakdown of crimes by category: one robbery; one aggravated assault; two commercial/other burglaries; five grand thefts; seven vehicle burglaries; and two reported auto thefts. Deputies made two felony arrests, 15 misdemeanor arrests, four warrant arrests, and issued 158 traffic citations. The Sheriff’s dispatch center also received a total of 321 calls for service which is considerably more than this year’s weekly average of 267.

**Robbery:**

10900 block Roberta St. (8/2 at 10:25 a.m.): A female resident walking from her car toward her front door was approached by a woman brandishing a handgun who robbed her of her purse. The suspect ran to a waiting car and drove away.

**Aggravated Assault:**

16800 block Norwalk Blvd. (8/2): A 20-year-old suspect was arrested for assaulting his girlfriend causing various injuries to her face.

**Commercial/Other Burglary:**

11300 block 183rd St. (7/29): A suspect shattered the front door of a restaurant but left when he saw that the cash register was empty.

10800 block Alondra Blvd. (8/2): A woman’s purse was stolen from a locker at the fitness center.

**Vehicle Burglary:**

13900 block Cerritos Corporate Dr.

(7/28-29): Passenger window shattered on a Chevy van but no property was taken.

13900 block Cerritos Corporate Dr. (7/28-29): Passenger window shattered on a Ford van but loss is unknown.

18600 block Bloomfield Ave. (7/30): Window shattered on a Toyota Corolla and purse stolen.

16800 block Stowers Ave. (8/1): Rear window of Dodge pickup shattered but no property was taken.

18400 block Cecelia Ave. (7/31-8/1): Door lock pried on Chevy Impala and a gun belt and bulletproof vest taken.

18100 block Vierra Ave. (8/1): Rear window on a Chevy Suburban pried and 3rd row seat stolen.

17700 block Eric Ave. (7/30-31): Rear window on a GMC Yukon pried and 3rd row seat stolen.

**Grand Theft:**

18700 block Studebaker Rd. (7/28-31): Purse stolen from unlocked vehicle while being serviced.

500 Los Cerritos Ctr. (7/31): Woman’s wallet somehow became missing from her purse while shopping at Macy’s.

500 Los Cerritos Ctr. (7/3): Sixty pairs of sunglasses stolen from Sunglass Hut after shipment dropped off.


11400 block Beach St. (7/31): Catalytic converter stolen from Honda while parked in commercial parking lot.

239 Los Cerritos Center (8/1): Woman’s undergarments valued at about \$7,500 stolen from Victoria’s Secret.

**Grand Theft Auto**

16300 block Arthur St. (8/2-3): Semi tractor stolen from leasing company parking lot and recovered 8/4 in Irvine.

300 Los Cerritos Ctr. (8/3): Honda Accord stolen from mall and recovered partially stripped in Lakewood on 8/4.



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July 31, 2014

City of Compton  
City Clerk's Office  
205 South Willowbrook Avenue  
Compton, California, 90220

Attention: Alita Godwin, City Clerk

Please provide certified copies of election documents listed below for the following elected officials:

- Aja Brown
- Janna Zurita
- Isaac Galvan
- Yvonne Arceneaux
- Dr. Willie O. Jones
- Craig J. Cornwell
- Alita Godwin
- Douglas Saunders

Documents requested:

1. Candidate Registration and Qualification Form
2. Declaration of Candidacy Form
3. Candidate Intention Statement – Form 501
4. Statement of Economic Interests – Form 700
5. Interests in Real Property – Schedule B – Form 700

The time period for the above documents should cover from 2004 to present. Please do not redact the signatures.

Please include the city council agenda and minutes related to the appointment of City Attorney Craig Cornwell.

The above document(s) will be used for official business only. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Senior Investigator C. McLean at (213) 974-2003.

Very truly yours,

JACKIE LACEY  
District Attorney

By

C. McLean, Senior Investigator

elected officials in the City of Compton related to election laws and statements of economic interests.

On July 31, Lacey directed Compton City Clerk Alita Godwin to turn over several different documents pertaining to Mayor Aja Brown and City Council members Janna Zurita, Isaac Galvan, Yvonne Arceneaux and Dr. Willie O. Jones.

Lacey is also requesting documents pertaining to City Attorney Craig J. Cornwell, City Clerk Alita Godwin and City Treasurer Douglas Sanders.

person for Lacey told HMG-CN the following about the situation: “We do not confirm if we have ongoing investigations involving any Public Integrity Division.”

Robison went on to say, “I can, however, tell you if we’ve received any complaints against city officials. We have received complaints against four of the Compton officials you inquired about, (Mayor) Aja Brown, (Councilmember) Janna Zurita, (Councilman) Isaac Galvan and (City Attorney) Craig Cornwell.”

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Ocean Blvd. Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) or Call: 1-800-280-2832. NBS Default Services, LLC, Kym Lai, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. A-4473505 08/01/2014, 08/08/2014, 08/15/2014

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On 08/14/14 at 9:00 A.M., Aztec Foreclosure Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Maria Miranda, a single woman and Margarita Miranda, a married woman, as her sole and separate property, as joint tenants, as Trustor(s), in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as Nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., as Beneficiary, Recorded on 06/06/06 in Instrument No. 06 1238143 of official records in the Office of the county recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AR4, as the current Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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 Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state), Doubletree Hotel (Vineyard Ballroom) Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described as: 13284 LORCA ROAD, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". 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, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by 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, to-wit: \$738,677.84 (Estimated good through 8/1/14) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: July 15, 2014 Robbie Weaver Assistant Secretary & Assistant Vice President Aztec Foreclosure Corporation 20 Pacifica, Suite 1460 Irvine, CA 92618 Phone: (877) 257-0717 or (602) 638-5700 Fax: (602) 638-5748 [www.aztectrustee.com](http://www.aztectrustee.com) 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. 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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE File No. 7042.12746 Title Order No. NXCA-0125056 MIN No. 1000641-0000010312-6 APN 8065-015-003 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/19/05. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in §5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Trustor(s): Isabel Flores, an Unmarried Woman Recorded: 12/30/05, as Instrument No. 05 3230976, of Official Records of LOS ANGELES County, California. Date of Sale: 08/15/14 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: In the main dining room of the Pomona Masonic Temple, located at 395 South Thomas Street, Pomona, CA. The purported property address is: 14405 LA PLUMA DRIVE, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 Assessor's Parcel No. 8065-015-003 The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$510,297.91. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid, plus interest. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the beneficiary, the Trustor or the trustee. 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 877-484-9942 or 800-280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site [www.USA-Foreclosure.com](http://www.USA-Foreclosure.com) or [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) using the file number assigned to this case 7042.12746. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: July 16, 2014 NORTHWEST TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC., as Trustee Candice Yoo, Authorized Signatory 1241 E. Dyer Road, Suite 250, Santa Ana, CA 92705 866-387-6987 Sale Info website: [www.USA-Foreclosure.com](http://www.USA-Foreclosure.com) or [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) Automated Sales Line: 877-484-9942 or 800-280-2832 Reinstatement and Pay-Off Requests: 866-387-6987 THIS OFFICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE ORDER # 7042.12746: 07/25/2014, 08/01/2014, 08/08/2014

2014200897  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
The following person is doing business as the V AND L APPLIANCE SERVICE, 19620 MOORSHIRE AVE, CERRITOS 90703. The following business is conducted as a Individual. The registrant has not begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.  
/S/ LUIS COLUMBO  
The statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 7/24/19  
NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious statement must be filed before that time. 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 14400et seq. Business and Profession Code). Published at LCCN on 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29/14

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APN: 8064-001-020 TS No: CA08001396-14-1-FT To No: 12-0006655 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 9, 2007. 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 21, 2014 at 09:00 AM, Vineyard Ballroom at Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, 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 April 11, 2007 as Instrument No. 20070867685 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by OLGA URIARTE AND OSCAR URIARTE, MARRIED TO EACH OTHER, as Trustor(s), BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., 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: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF EXHIBIT "A" LOT 7 OF TRACT NO. 20251, IN THE CITY OF LA MIRADA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 626, PAGES 25 TO 27 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, EXCEPT AN UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST IN AND TO ALL OIL, GAS, CASINGHEAD GASOLINE, ASPHALT AND HYDROCARBONS OF EVERY NATURE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, IN OR UNDER, OR WHICH MAY BE PRODUCED FROM SAID LAND, AS GRANTED TO ANDREW MCNELLEY, ET AL, BY DEED RECORDED FEBRUARY 4, 1959 IN BOOK 40889 PAGE 92, OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, WITHOUT RIGHT OF ENTRY ON THE SURFACE THEREOF. ALSO EXCEPT AN UNDIVIDED 50 PER CENT IN AND TO ALL OIL, GAS AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES AND OTHER MINERALS SITUATED 500 FEET OR MORE BELOW THE PRESENT NATURAL SURFACE OF SAID LAND, AS GRANTED TO THEODORE K. STERLING AND TIDE WATER ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY, A CORPORATION, BY DEEDS RECORDED ON JUNE 15, 1959 IN BOOK 4817, PAGES 86 AND 120 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, RESPECTIVELY, BUT WITHOUT RIGHT OF ENTRY AS TO THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND. 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: 14806 FACETA DRIVE, LA MIRADA, CA 90638-4916 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 the Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$593,972.32 (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 Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001396-14-1-FT. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: July 15, 2014 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001396-14-1-FT 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 Amy Lemus, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION CALL AUCTION.COM AT 800.280.2832 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. P1103924 7/25, 8/1, 08/08/2014

2014189947  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
The following person is doing business as RAMONA VILLA APARTMENT, 9300 RAMONA ST. BELLFLOWER, CA. 90706, PEACE AND JOY LLC, 13047 E ARTESIA BLVD., STE. C-104, CERRITOS, CA, JOSEPH CHAU. The following business is conducted as a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant has not begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.  
/S/ JOSEPH CHAU  
The statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 7/14/2014.  
NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious statement must be filed before that time. 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 14400et seq. Business and Profession Code). Published at LCCN on 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8/14

2014189978  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
The following person is doing business as SHERSEY VILLA CONDOS, 13047 E ARTESIA BLVD., STE. C-104, CERRITOS, CA, JOSEPH CHAU. RIGHT TIME DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 13047 E ARTESIA BLVD., STE. C-104, CERRITOS, CA, JOSEPH CHAU. The following business is conducted as a LIMITED PARTNERSHIP. The registrant has not begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.  
/S/ JOSEPH CHAU  
The statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 7/16/2014.  
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE  
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)  
Escrow No. 34837-MW  
(1) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made. On the personal property hereinafter described  
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: PRINAL, INC, 4846 PARAMOUNT BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712  
(3) The location in California of the Chief Executive Office of the seller is: 1112 MAERTZWEILER DR, PLACENTIA, CA 92870  
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: PIFFERS LLC, 2422 ELIZABETH CT, UPLAND, CA 91784  
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 4846 PARAMOUNT BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712  
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: CHARO CHICKEN LAKEWOOD  
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is AUGUST 26, 2014 at the office of: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 34837-MW, Escrow Officer: MARILYN WESTMORELAND  
(8) Claims may be filed with: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 34837-MW, Escrow Officer: MARILYN WESTMORELAND  
(9) The last day for filing claims is: AUGUST 25, 2014.  
(10) The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.  
(11) As listed by the seller, all other business names and addresses used by the seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the buyer are: NONE.  
Dated: JULY 30, 2014  
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