



MONTEBELLO'S WASTE, FRAUD AND MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

By Brian Hews

It looks as if Montebello City Treasurer Charlie Pell is having quite an effect on the city of Montebello, the City Council and high-ranking City officials.

Just not in a good way, unless you are a resident.

A few weeks ago Pell was verbally admonished at a Council meeting by members of the City Council for pointing out what he sees as major discrepancies in City operations and finances.

City Manager Francesca Tucker-Skyler, in an anger-filled statement, joined the fray and admonished Pell for "speaking out of turn."

He was told, even though he is an elected official, that he was "not allowed to speak in public at the meeting unless it was on the agenda."

There was likely an underlying reason the City Council and Tucker-Skyler acted the way they did, as Pell, in the months since his election, has been hard at work documenting financial discrepancies and is ready to speak out.

Hews Media Group-Community News has obtained a letter written by Pell slamming City Officials and City Council members for "waste, fraud, abuse, misuse of public funds, and neglecting its fiduciary duty."

The letter relates to the April 2000 agreement between Michael Minasian President of Garfield Financial Corporation (GFC), and a good friend of Montebello Councilmember Jack Hadjinian, and the city's Redevelopment Agency, (RDA).

In April 2000, the Montebello RDA

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Supervisor Knabe Recognized by La Mirada Council



Supervisor Knabe is presented with a recognition plaque and a framed photo collage at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

By Brian Hews

The La Mirada City Council recognized Supervisor Don Knabe for his career of public service, local support, and leadership for the past 20 years.

The Supervisor's term ends in November.

During his time as Supervisor, Knabe saw the City of La Mirada's facilities expand to include the Community

Gymnasium, Community Resource Center, Activity Center, Community Sheriff's Station, and Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center. His support was instrumental in making many of the facilities come to fruition. Supervisor Knabe's "Operation Libraries" project is investing over \$4.4 million to renovate the La Mirada Library, which will open by the end of the year.

Assemblywoman Garcia Speaks at Artesia Chamber

By Larry Caballero



Assemblywoman
Cristina Garcia

Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia was the keynote speaker at the State of the State Business Networking Luncheon, hosted by the Artesia Chamber of Commerce Aug. 5 at the Wok N' Tandoor

Restaurant in Artesia, where she reported to more than 100 in attendance that California "is thriving and doing well, but there is still much work we need to do because there are people in our state who have yet to feel the benefits of our robust economy."

Garcia said the recently passed \$126 billion state budget "continues to emphasize stability as well as responsible

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ABCUSD Board Member Lynda Johnson Tried to Block Union Appointee

By Brian Hews



Lynda Johnson

Controversy surrounded the July 19 ABCUSD Board Meeting as Board Member Lynda Johnson attempted to block the appointment of long-time committee member and ABCFT Union

Representative Gavin Riley, throwing the normally tranquil meeting into chaos.

The controversy began when Vice President Christopher Apodaca nominated Hugo Enciso as his representative to the ABCUSD Facilities Committee.

After Apodaca spoke, Johnson suddenly inquired about the appointment of Riley to the ABC Finance and Audit Committee based on his "employment status" with the ABC, and how it "deviated from Board bylaws."

It was that move that threw the Board meeting into complete disarray.

Riley has been affiliated with the ABC for over 50 years, 38 years as a teacher, with the remaining as a part-time teacher while volunteering and serving on several un-paid ABC committees.

As the board was asked to vote to approve the list of appointees that included Enciso, Johnson stipulated an amendment to the agenda item in order to "review the status of Riley and postpone the appointment to a future date."

But Johnson apparently was not aware of the Rules of Order.

After the move to amend, Board

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PIH-HEALTH BREAKS GROUND FOR EXPANDED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

By Tammye McDuff

A groundbreaking ceremony held Friday August 5th kicked off construction for the expansion of PIH Health - Downey Emergency Department (ED). Ramona Pratt, newly appointed PIH Health Chief Operating Officer of Group Operations greeted special guests and VIP’s. “PIH-Health continues to invest in the Downey facility and in technologies that will enhance the quality of care and the patient experience,” said Pratt, “we remain committed to those who come to us for care and we are dedicated to ensuring high standards.”

The current facility was built to accommodate 25,000 patient visits per year; the current number of patient visits has increased to approximately 50,000. To better meet the current and future needs of the community, approximately 5,000 square feet of space will be added to the existing ED, doubling the current footage and expanded the waiting room to accommodate an additional 40 plus patients. This project will include new and improved service areas, a “fast track” - which will serve patients who are not experiencing life-threatening emergencies, 11 additional exam rooms, a new registration desk, modern nursing stations, new hospital equipment and a state-of-the-art CT scanner. “We knew when we acquired the Downey Medical Center that we would have to expend the emergency capabilities

PIH Health chief operating officer of the Downey campus Ramona Pratt; Downey Mayor Alex Saab; and former patients broke ground to mark the beginning of the renovations.

of the ED,” says Pratt, “clearly this expansion is necessary to further assist the Downey Community.” Beginning immediately, the expansion will comprise nine phases with the completion date being in the fall 2018. Hospital services in the ED will remain available during the two-year construction period. Downey Unified School District Board member, Martha Sodemani was invited to give her recent experience with PIH Health Emergency Department. Sodemani had become ill; her daughter insisted she go to the emergency room and drove her to PIH-Health, Downey. “Before I knew it, I was on oxygen, I had an IV with antibiotics, testing done and admitted to the hospital with pneumonia,” Sodemani adds, “My care team was loving, respectful, they took care of my needs and

my family’s needs perfectly, and I thank them so very much for expanding on what is effectively working for Downey residents. I have recovered 100 %” The vision of PIH is ‘patient first’ and currently 70% of those in-patients come through the emergency room, it is usually their first introduction to PIH-Health, Downey. The hospital has been a cornerstone of Downey for almost 100 years, and PIH Health is focused on ensuring the legacy continues and operates as the best medical facility in the area. Downey Mayor, Alex Saab congratulated the PIH Health team on their community partnership and the new expansion, “We were very excited when PIH wanted to acquire the hospital. They made a commitment to aggressively invest in our city and provide the best care for our residents.”

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CERRITOS' JAWS DRAGON BOAT TEAM PLACES SECOND

Competing in the Long Beach Dragon Boat Festival high school division, on July 30-31 local JAWS dragon boat team won the second place title, establishing themselves as the number one team in SoCal and the number two in the state. The festival, located near Belmont Shore, celebrated its 20th anniversary with teams from around the world and over 5,000 boaters overall. “Winning second place was an unbelievably emotional experience seeing a year’s worth of work all end in such a surreal climax,” JAWS captain Tyler Vo said. JAWS is a nonprofit dragon boat organization that is centered here in Cerritos. As it is entirely student run, the team is open to anyone from surrounding high schools. Currently, JAWS is home

to around fifty paddlers and four captains who are in charge of coaching, planning practices, fundraising, etc. After the festival, this year’s senior captains Jason Yoon, Samir Kamnani, Bjorne Vidal, and junior captain Tyler Vo passed the torch to Anuj Patel, Hannah Casady, Shannon Hong, and again Tyler Vo. The team’s victory this year served as a fitting climactic ending for years of hard work put in by the seniors leaving off to college. “I’m sad about the seniors leaving but I look forward to train an even bigger team and win the High School cup next year,” Vo said. It has been three years since JAWS won first and proved itself as the best team overall in California.

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LA MIRADA ACTIVITY CENTER OFFERS PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS



The La Mirada Quilters meet at the Activity Center each Thursday and Friday to exchange quilting ideas and fellowship. Participants can assist one another while working on solo and group projects.

The La Mirada Activity Center offers a wide variety of programs and classes for seniors that provide opportunities for community involvement, socialization, informational courses, hot lunches, health and wellness workshops, and much more. The La Mirada Quilters is one of the many groups that meet at the Activity Center. The quilters are a group of ladies who meet twice a week to exchange quilting ideas and fellowship. Their quilting activities are not just limited to personal items and several times a year their efforts are directed to giving back to the community. They provide place mats for Meals On Wheels, lap quilts for hospice patients, and Christmas stockings for military personnel. “Ask the Nurse” Wednesdays is conducted by Biola Nursing students

and is a time where the students provide information on medications, diet, exercise and overall health and wellness. This program begins August 24 and runs through December 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. There is no charge for these informational sessions and no need to make an appointment. “The La Mirada Quilters and “Ask the Nurse” Wednesdays are just two of the many programs offered for seniors,” says Community Services Supervisor Lisa Montoya. “We encourage all seniors in the community to visit the Activity Center and find a class that interests them.” For more information on classes and programs for seniors, contact the La Mirada Activity Center at (562) 902-3160.

Local Democratic Club Hosts Cerritos College Board Candidate Debates

By Larry Caballero

The Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club (HHDC) of Cerritos and surrounding communities will be hosting Cerritos College Board Candidate Debates Monday, August 15 at 7:00 pm at Mimi’s Café, 12727 Towne Centre Drive in Cerritos. All Democrats and interested parties are welcome to attend and listen to five candidates, who are all on the Nov. 8

ballot, share their qualifications as they campaign for a seat on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees. “We are very excited in hosting the debate and supporting our local candidates and elected officials,” said HHDC President Larry Caballero. Cerritos College Board candidates now run in their own district areas, so in Area 6 are incumbent Sandra Salazar

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CERRITOS NOW PROVIDING RECYCLED WATER SERVICE TO FOREST LAWN

City News Service

The City of Cerritos is now providing recycled water service to Forest Lawn Memorial Park as of August 8. In addition to helping Forest Lawn save more than 250 acre-feet of potable water annually, the expanded service also is expected to generate approximately \$50,000 in annual revenue for the City. Forest Lawn has more than 100 acres of lawn area that was previously irrigated with potable water for more than 50 years. The City of Cerritos embarked on the project to expand the City's recycled

water system to serve Forest Lawn in December 2014. The project involved the construction of approximately 8,200 lineal feet of 16-inch-diameter recycled water pipeline starting from the City of Cerritos and continuing through a portion of the cities of Lakewood and Cypress. The new pipeline crosses two bridges: Coyote Creek, which is shared between Los Angeles County and Orange County, and Moody Creek, located within the Forest Lawn facility. The project was completed in December 2015, with final approvals received from the State and OC Department of Health See **WATER** page 5

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NEW GOLDEN CORRAL OPENS IN DOWNEY



Downey Mayor Saab, Councilman Sean Ashton, Downey VIP's and Chamber of Commerce gather with Rey Vasquez, officially cut the grand opening ribbon at the new Golden Corral located in the commercial center at 9588 Lakewood Boulevard. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

By Tammye McDuff

Golden Corral is legendary for their endless buffet choices, varieties of familiar favorites and reasonable prices, with a continuous menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Monday August 8th Golden Corral had their official ribbon cutting for the newest restaurant in Downey.

Located in the brand new commercial center at 9588 Lakewood Boulevard, the new buffet offers a variety of proteins including grilled to order sirloin steaks, pork, seafood, shrimp, and chicken. The USDA sirloin is aged and hand-cut daily by in-restaurant butchers. The endless lunch buffet features a wide variety of home-style classics like pot roast simmered for 12-hours, made-

from-scratch meatloaf, crispy fried chicken, creamy Mac and cheese, made-from-scratch mashed potatoes, Bourbon Street Chicken, fresh salad choices and dozens of other items. Our never-ending breakfast buffet features made-to-order omelet, fluffy pancakes, hot-off-the griddle sausage and bacon, fruit, French toast and pastries. The bakery and dessert buffet are filled with freshly baked breads, famous yeast rolls, homemade cakes and pies, delicious cookies, brownies, pastries, ice cream and a chocolate fountain.

The company's vision strives to be the leader in family restaurants, making the dining experience pleasurable and affordable for every guest, at every restaurant, every day.

CERRITOS ACCIDENT SNARLS TRAFFIC



An accident at Bloomfield and Del Amo snarled traffic for hours as a Nissan truck and a BMW were involved in a head-on collision on Wednesday. One man was in the Nissan and two females were riding in the BMW. The impact was so forceful, the Nissan's battery was ejected from car and landed in the street. Both cars were totaled. Photo by Jim McMahon.

ARTESIA LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARTESIA-CERRITOS



WCAC volunteers include Candy Yee, Elayne Shiohama, Joan Pylman, Sally Lopez, Gloria Ampolilla and camera shy Joanne Witt and Mabel Low. Photo by By Gail Grossman.

By Gail Grossman

At the same time students in the Artesia Cerritos area prepare to go back to school, the Magnificent 7 members of Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos (WCAC) start preparing for the year as Tutors at the Artesia Library Homework Center.

Since 2002, the WCAC have been partnering with the Artesia Library to provide after school tutoring once a week for children in grades one through six.

The WCAC members volunteer on Wednesdays from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Students are helped in the content area of language arts (spelling, word pronunciation, etc), reading comprehension, math, social sciences and science.

The project has been supported

monetarily for the last three years by WCAC. The funds are used for supplies such as crayons, pencils, erasers, graft papers, etc. Four times a year the tutors gather treats and small gifts to give to the children for rewards and incentives.

Four of our seven tutors are retired teachers. In 2015 the WCAC had 33 tutoring sessions, with a total of 266 hours. Total number of children assisted was 478.

A parent of a WCAC student said her son received honors at a school ceremony and credits the WCAC Homework Center for his improved schoolwork. She said that her son "now does his homework right away instead of putting it off."

If you are interested in helping at the WCAC Homework Center, please contact Barbara Nightingale at the Library.

Our volunteers included Candy Yee,

and \$20 for seniors and veterans.

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, State Senator Tony Mendoza and Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia have all spoken to the club.

Recently, Artesia Mayor Victor Manalo and newly elected Hawaiian Gardens City Councilwoman Myra Maravilla have been guest speakers who shared recent updates and developments in their cities.

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and challengers Tom Chavez and Rosa Barragan.

Incumbent Carmen Avalos and challenger Luis Melliz are running in Area 2.

After the debate and Q & A, members in good standing will be allowed to vote to endorse or not.

Non-members can join before the voting begins.

Annual membership dues are \$30,

70 ACRE, \$468 MILLION REDEVELOPMENT APPROVED IN SOUTH DOWNEY

By Tammye McDuff

Downey released the official press statement [August 10th] acknowledging the redevelopment of 70 acres on the South Rancho Los Amigos Property.

After more than thirty years of disuse, including a 10-year master planning process, Downey City officials announced that Los Angeles County will begin redevelopment to one of the most underdeveloped urban parcels in California. City Manager Gilbert Livas noted, "This took years to get off the ground and is a major accomplishment. It is the largest under developed parcels of land west of the Mississippi," Livas added, "It will be a \$468 million dollar investment by the County, and would not have been accomplished without the efforts of City Council, Community members and our local AYSO youth organization."

On August 9, 2016, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors voted to approve the multi-million development project on the 70-acre South Rancho Los Amigos Campus that will include the consolidation of several county departments and the development of a 15 acre regional sports center. This major investment by the County will help bring good, quality jobs to the City, and generate significant economic activity both during construction and after the project is complete.

The site will be the future home of an environmentally-friendly light rail line. "This is a major accomplishment for Downey," said Mayor Alex Saab. "Our City has worked very hard over the past ten years to encourage the redevelopment of this property, which complements our economic development efforts throughout the city and specifically in South Downey." It is exactly what the City needs to keep sports local.

Mayor Pro Tem Fernando Vasquez also expressed his excitement over this investment by the County, "Yesterday was a historic day for our City – one that will be cemented in Downey's legacy for many generations to come. Thank you to all of those involved in making this project a reality for our community, from past Downey Mayors and City staff to elected officials in our neighboring cities including South Gate, Bellflower, and Paramount, thank you for your support for the regional sports park."

Council Member Luis H. Marquez said, "This is a major victory for the City of Downey and the youth of our region. This has been one of my top priorities and I am so proud of all the hard work on the part of my Council colleagues and myself, and what we have been able to accomplish. Last but not least, a big 'Thank You' to Supervisor Knabe who supported us and worked hard to champion this project."

"We're excited for the opportunity the redevelopment of South Rancho will bring, not only economically, but also for our local youth," commented Council Member Roger Brossmer, "We appreciate the efforts of local youth athletes who came to the Supervisor's meeting and spoke about the need for this regional park."

Council Member Sean Ashton added, "I support this project because it is the right thing to do for the children of Downey and the Gateway Region. The Council will work closely with the County of Los Angeles to finalize the specifics in regards to the construction of this state of the art, regional sports complex."

Saab added, "That entire area has been shut down for such a long time, the buildings are closed and it has just been wasting away. " Over the years City Council has tried to encourage the County to take action and after much effort and with the support of Supervisor Don Knabe, funding has been secured to develop a portion of the property. "It really falls in line with all that we are trying to accomplish in our City," adds Saab.

The Board of Supervisors approved the capital improvement project August 9th and no details have been given as to a construction timeline. The next step will be to negotiate and then sign an MOU on the sports complex, which city staff anticipates happening this fall.



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in July 2016. The total project cost was approximately \$2.6 million. Roughly \$1 million of that amount was funded by a California Department of Water Resources grant, with the remaining cost funded by Forest Lawn. The City of Cerritos is responsible for maintaining the water line and related infrastructure.

"With this latest service to Forest Lawn, the City's recycled water system continues to benefit numerous local agencies, in addition to our own community" stated Cerritos Mayor George Ray. "As a result of the City's leadership and foresight in this area, our neighborhoods are blessed with beautiful green parks, schools, lawns and landscaped areas."

The City of Cerritos is committed to conserving natural resources through the use of a recycled water distribution system, one of the largest systems in California with a 22-mile underground loop. Since 1988 when the system was constructed, the use of recycled water has saved approximately 815 million gallons of drinking water every year.

The recycled water system is used to irrigate more than 200 acres of City-owned property, including the majority of the City's medians, parks, parkways, decorative fountains and schools. In addition to Forest Lawn, the recycled water system transports water to various local agencies, including the ABC Unified School District, Artesia Cemetery, Caltrans, Central Basin Municipal Water District, Cerritos College, Cerritos Post Office, Cerritos Regional Park, City of Lakewood and Valley Christian Schools.

Various privately owned landscaped areas such as those at Cerritos Towne Center, portions of the Cerritos Auto Square and some churches, nurseries and housing developments in the City are also irrigated with recycled water. The recycled water is billed monthly at about half the cost of drinking water.

Cerritos receives its recycled water from the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant, which produces up to 37.5 million gallons of recycled water every day. Originating from industries, businesses and homes, the waste water is treated by a three-stage process by the Sanitation District before being used for irrigation.

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spending.” Garcia also said there will be no cuts from essential services and programs.

The Earned Income Tax Credit for low wage earners will continue so “that families are more financially secure and will have more money to spend in local businesses while reinvesting in their local economies.”

The budget also provides rate increases for child care and preschool programs, as well as for kindergarten and higher education. It also supports a two percent enrollment growth at community colleges and provides \$200 million to expand career technical education programs.

“An additional \$2 billion is deposited in the Prop 2 Rainy day fund, in addition to the amounts constitutionally mandated,” said Garcia. There is currently \$86 billion in the fund just in case there is a future downfall in the state economy.

The budget also makes economic development a priority by providing more than \$600 million in Affordable Housing investments. About \$266.8 million in bond proceeds will continue to fund a competitive, multiyear program to combat homelessness and provide housing for the mentally ill.

“Unfortunately, I don’t have much to report to you about the transportation budget bills,” said Garcia. “It’s not clear when they will be acted upon.” Still being debated are additional options for homelessness, mental illness and public safety issues before the final Aug. 31 deadline for this legislative year.

Garcia said, “In addition to crafting a budget that reflects our values and is geared toward keeping our economy



Welcoming Artesia Chamber of Commerce guests to its State of the State Business Networking Luncheon with Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia were (l-r) Artesia Princesses, Chamber President Dr. PaoLing Guo, Assemblywoman Garcia, Vice-President Shaila Patankar and Past President Parimal Shah.

strong while strengthening the middle class, I want to touch on a few bills I’ve been working on this year.”

She authored AB 1561, a no tax on tampons that will return about \$20 million to California women. She also authored AB2197 that would allow classified school employees to collect unemployment insurance benefits during the summer.

“I also authored AB 1794 that ensures accountability within water agencies to ensure ratepayers, residential and business, aren’t footing the bill for corrupt officials,” said Garcia.

“In short, the state of the state is good,” said Garcia. “The legislature and the Governor are looking for ways to be responsible stewards of our economic good fortune. California has been upgraded to being the sixth largest economy in the world, and we want to be able to maintain

that standing, if not improve upon it.”

Artesia Chamber of Commerce President and ABC Adult School Principal Dr. PaoLing Guo thanked Garcia for her report and for her hard work and dedication to the residents of the 58th AD. She encouraged Artesia Chamber members to call Garcia’s office if they have any issues or concerns. “Her office is always accessible to us. We only have to reach out to them.”

Assemblywoman Garcia currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the Legislative Women’s Caucus and Chairs the Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review. In addition, she currently serves on the Government Organization, Judiciary, Ethics, Water Parks and Wildlife, Natural Resources and Utilities and Commerce Legislative Committees

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THE COMPASSION EXPERIENCE COMES TO PARAMOUNT

By Tammye McDuff

The Chapel of Change located in Paramount, CA was host to a riveting interactive, travelling demonstration that brings other cultures, the realities of global poverty, and the multitude of challenges those children, living half a world away, must deal with every single day.

Held in over 150 cities nationwide with more than 600,000 attendees visiting this unusual and compelling exhibit, visitors receive an overwhelming tour of the day to day struggles of children in El Salvador, Haiti, Ethiopia, Peru and so many other economically challenged countries.

Compassion works in some of the toughest place on the planet. Children growing up in these environments are extremely vulnerable. The Compassion Experience contains true stories faced by children living on less than \$1.50 per day. The exhibit aims to help parents and children begin those conversations about helping others and showing compassion to the vulnerable.

Our group took a walk through the life of Sameson. As a very small child in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Sameson’s father leaves him and his mother, who cannot afford to feed or care for him. She leaves him in the care of his aunt, who sees him as just one more mouth to feed. At a very young age, Sameson works to help provide food for the struggling family. More than that, he is burdened by self-doubt and loneliness. When Sameson’s big dream of attending University to become a writer falls through, feelings of self doubt emerge. His story shines when he finds that he is not alone in this world and realizes he can help other children. The exhibit deals with emotions of loneliness, abandonment and self worth.



The 2,000 sq. ft. exhibit was set up on a spare lot at the Chapel of Change in Paramount.
Photos by Tammye McDuff.

There are moments of child labor, safety, hunger and finally hope.

In the my group were two preteen boys Jackson and Jacob, watching them go through the exhibit was heartwarming, to see their young emotions stirred by the poverty and general ‘lack of’ by Sameson was touching. Jackson said, “It was heart breaking that this little boy wanted to go to school, but couldn’t. He wanted to be a writer, but his aunt could not pay for school,” Jacob added “I am really grateful that I have a Mom that loves me and a family because Sameson did not and felt alone.”

A child in a developing country is 10 times more likely to die before the age of 5 than a child born in a modern country. From a survival specialist that provides one-on-one pregnancy coaching and parenting instruction to medical resources, emotional support, basic nutrition and spiritual guidance, Compassion.com has helped over 30,659 moms and babies to date.

Mara Klassen, a Child Advocate for Compassion has participated in program as a donor and volunteer. She sponsors

seven children and corresponds with seven additional children. “I wanted to become involved at a deeper level, I began to volunteer as an event facilitator coordinating events and activities,” Klassen said “Because you develop a relationship with the child, through letter writing and while there is a financial component, you are able to meet the child’s physical needs and their emotional ones as well, letting them know they are loved and you believe in their potential.” Klassen has actually been able to visit six of the children she sponsors, “When I arrived and the children recognized me, they ran right up and hugged me, this is more than just a letter writing relationship, I cried.”

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2016 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

ARTESIA LOOKING TO END A BRIEF TWO-YEAR SLIDE AND LONG PLAYOFF DROUGHT

By Loren Kopff
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ARTESIA PIONEERS
3-7 overall last season, 2-4 in the Suburban League, fifth place
18-32 overall last five seasons
Head coach: Joe Veach (seventh full season, 19-48)
Lost 14 seniors out of 52 players from 2015 opening day roster
Last time made the playoffs: 2008
2016 schedule
Aug. 26 Pioneer (7-3 overall last season)
Sept. 2 Magnolia (4-6)
Sept. 9 Rosemead (5-6)
Sept. 16 @ Gahr (3-7)
Sept. 23 @ Bellflower (4-6)
Sept. 30 John Glenn (0-10)
Oct. 7 @ La Mirada (13-3)
Oct. 14 Mayfair (7-4)
Oct. 20 @ Cerritos (1-8)
Oct. 28 Norwalk (5-6)
Nov. 4 BYE

For the past four years and five in the last seven, the Artesia High football team has stayed on the heels of that final automatic California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section divisional playoff spot out of the Suburban League. But a combination of injuries to key players and a lack of depth as opposed to the squads fielded from Bellflower High, La Mirada High, Mayfair High and Norwalk High has kept the Pioneers in fifth or sixth place. However, with an experienced squad and some new playoff groupings and realignments that the CIF-SS made since the end of last season, head coach Joe Veach feels this is the season that Artesia ends its playoff drought that dates back to 2008.

“We were inexperienced in a lot of spots last season,” Veach said. “We had some older guys but they hadn’t played a lot. But what killed us last season was the quarterback position. That’s football; you

have to have somebody at that spot and we didn’t do a good job last year at the quarterback from a coaching standpoint or a playing standpoint at all. So, we sputtered a lot offensively and that’s what hurt us.”

OFFENSE
Make no mistake, the heart and soul on this side of the ball will come from senior Jordan Benoit, who played in six or seven full games last season, and still managed to rush for over 1,000 yards. Benoit will start as the team’s top running back but will be moved around to play some slot. Junior Xavier Yoakum will also be in the mix, and sophomore Travys Davis, who played a lot last season, will get a lot of time in the backfield and will also play some slot with Benoit.

“He and Jordan, I think, are a very similar,” Veach said of Davis. “Jordan is older and has a little bit more size to him. But Travys is a great athlete and did a great job for us coming in and filling in as a freshman last year. We expect him to be a part of the offense.”

Taking the snaps from under center will be junior Jalani Brown, who was third on the depth chart last season but has not played a lot of football, and sophomore Heder Gladden, who shined last season with the basketball team. Gladden has played a lot of football growing up but hasn’t been with the team as much because of basketball. However, he has been taking more reps towards the end of summer. When put in a passing situation, Brown or Gladden will throw to seniors Andres Covarrubias and Armando Pacheco, junior Greg Soto and sophomore J.J. Pasa, in addition to the three main running backs. Veach added that his goal is to go back to what Artesia has done for years, which is the read option, meaning the quarterback will get a ton of carries.

The offensive line has a lot of veteran players but injuries forced Veach to constantly shift players around in 2015.

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2016 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

CERRITOS' NEW CO-HEAD COACHES HAVE HOPES OF TURNING AROUND STRUGGLING PROGRAM

By Loren Kopff
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CERRITOS DONS
1-8 overall last season, 1-5 in the Suburban League, sixth place
4-44 overall last five seasons
Co-head coaches: Daniel Mesa and Barry Thomas (first season)
Lost 18 seniors out of 43 players from 2015 opening day roster
Last time made the playoffs: 2001
2016 schedule
Sept. 2 @ Bolsa Grande (0-10 overall last season)
Sept. 9 Gahr (3-7)
Sept. 16 @ Beverly Hills (1-9)
Sept. 23 @ La Mirada (13-3)
Sept. 30 Mayfair (7-4)
Oct. 7 BYE
Oct. 14 @ Norwalk (5-6)
Oct. 20 Artesia (3-7)
Oct. 28 @ Bellflower (4-6)
Nov. 4 John Glenn (0-10)

Fans and followers of Cerritos High football hope the old saying that goes ‘the more things change, the more they stay the same’ does not take place in 2016. For the third straight season, the Dons have new co-head coaches in Daniel Mesa and Barry Thomas. Together, they hope to bring some rays of sunshine to a program that has been dark for over a decade. Cerritos has had two or fewer wins in 10 of last 12 seasons and has been victorious in Suburban League action more than once just one time during the same time period.

Mesa, who was the Cerritos quarterbacks and linebackers coach last season while being promoted to offensive coordinator, and Thomas, who was the defensive backs coach and defensive coordinator, were on former head coach Jason Anderson’s staff last season. Thomas first coached at Huntington Beach High from 2001-2005 before moving to Millikan High in 2006 and 2007 where he worked under Kirk Diego.

“It was not something I expected,” Thomas said. “I got the job on June 2, which was really late. Things came up with coach Anderson that were unexpected. Personally, I was kind of nervous about whoever comes in [and] are they going to have a staff already? So that was kind of my incentive to be interested in the coaching position because of the uncertainty.

“And I really enjoy the environment,” he continued. “I enjoy the kids, I like this program and I enjoy being the underdog. I was at Huntington Beach when they weren’t really good. I was at Millikan when we were an also-ran in the Moore League. I kind of relish that kind of thing.”

For the past two or three seasons, the Dons have been fielding teams that have had more sophomores and juniors than seniors. Now, most of them are seniors and juniors which should lift the team to better results.

“We got some younger guys playing time,” Thomas said. So we have some guys who know what the varsity game is all about. That was big for us last year. Mostly out of necessity, we had to be all hands on deck because of our numbers. But it was a positive because there are a lot of guys that know what to expect out of varsity football.”

OFFENSE
The Dons scored just 84 points last season and reached double figures three times. The most they scored in any game was 22 points at John Glenn High on Oct. 29. In that game, it was 16-16 going into the fourth quarter.

Whereas Cerritos had gone with a double-wing rushing attack under Anderson and former head coach Darin Owens, Thomas says the team will be going to more of a spread offense in 2016, something that will fit junior quarterback Colby Nielsen just fine. Thomas says he understands the offense and knows what everyone is supposed to do. Plus, Nielsen comes from

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loaned \$1.574 million to GFC, at 7% annual interest, to construct 20 single-family residential homes in the City.

The agreement restricted the sale of those 20 homes to low income first-time homebuyers.

The agreement was secured by a Deed of Trust and included an Assignment of Rents. The Deed and Assignment granted the City the legal right to collect rents from the properties if GFC defaulted on the agreement.

In November 2005, to avoid what both parties saw as impending litigation, Garfield and the RDA executed a Settlement Agreement (Agreement) signed by both parties and their attorneys.

The Agreement provided the City “a general release of all claims, known or unknown that Garfield might have.”

Garfield stipulated they owed the City \$1.574 million, and agreed to pay off the \$1.574 million using funds from the sale of the last five houses that remained.

The City graciously agreed to not charge 7% interest on \$1.574 million debt and to remove the low-income requirement to sell the homes.

The changes would allow GFC to sell the houses at market prices, with GFC agreeing repay to the RDA a minimum of \$314,800, \$1.574 million total, from the sale proceeds of each of the final 5 homes GFC sold.

But GFC has not followed through on their end of the agreement.

More than 10 years later, GFC has sold only three homes, repaying \$1 million, but has failed to sell the remaining two, owing the City over \$500,000.

Given that scenario, the terms of the agreement allow the City to begin collecting rent on the two homes and charge 7% interest on the outstanding debt.

But sources have told HMG-CN that Councilman Hadjinian and his allies have blocked every attempt to enforce the agreement.

A 7% simple interest calculation on a \$500,000 debt for ten years would net the City \$350,000, more than \$35,000 per year.

Comparable rents on the two remaining homes are valued at \$2,500 per month for each house, or over \$60,000 per year.

Consequently, inaction by Council and other City officials over the years have left over \$95,000 uncollected per year.

In his letter, Pell, a U. S. Federal Prosecutor said, “The legal right to collect rents under an Assignment of Rents provision in the Deed of Trust (from the April 2000 agreement) is well established in California. Under California Civil Code, the City's Successor Agency has the right to enforce its collection of the rents from the above two [GFC] properties.”

It is a fairly simple process, as the City only needs to deliver to GFC and the tenants of those properties a written demand for the rents, at which time the tenants are legally obligated to pay rent to the City, rather than to GFC.

But the City has failed to exercise that option.

The letter went on to say that the demand for rent would not preclude the City from suing Minasian for the \$500,000.

“Moreover, enforcing a right to assignment of rents does not limit any rights otherwise available to the City, including initiating formal legal action against GFC and/or Mr. Minasian to collect on the underlying [\$500,000] debt.

Pell then slammed City officials for their inaction saying, “The City has the legal right-and fiduciary obligation-to

enforce the terms of the underlying Deed of Trust, which specifically includes an Assignment of Rents. Particularly in these trying financial times, the City can ill afford to forego thousands of dollars in monthly revenue. Nor can it afford to forego collecting more than \$500,000 in debt.

HMG-CN asked current City Manager Francesca Tucker-Schuyler who was appointed in May 2012 and earns over \$200,000, why the City, under her fiscal leadership, has delayed taking action against GFC.

Tucker-Schuyler had not responded at the time of publication.

Her lack of action in the 51 months she has been in charge has cost the City over \$255,000 in uncollected rents and over \$120,000 in interest charges.

But even more money could be attributed to Tucker-Schuyler’s inaction, as she was the City’s Finance Director since 2010, and likely knew that the City was not pursuing GFC.

That would add an additional 24 months, equaling \$120,000 in uncollected rent and \$70,000 in interest charges.

Pell ended his letter saying, “It is inexcusable that the City has failed to enforce its legal rights regarding this huge debt owed by GFC, which has remained unpaid for a decade. The continued failure of the City to enforce its legal rights to collect the rents and recover the outstanding debt of public funds exceeding \$500,000 constitutes waste, fraud, abuse, and/or mismanagement of public funds. That failure must be rectified immediately.”

ABCUSD
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President Chen asked for public comment, a surprised Johnson vehemently objected.

"We can have public comment"? Johnson asked.

Chen indicated that it was proper to allow comment because Johnson added an amendment to the agenda item, a discussion ensued and it was ruled that public comment was allowed.

Richard Hathaway spoke first and confirmed the Board’s ruling that since Johnson made an amendment, public comment is allowed.

Speaking directly at Johnson, Hathaway said, “There is no way I could know about an amendment prior to the meeting, once the amendment is made I can submit a comment card, it only makes sense that comments are allowed.”

Hathaway then slammed Johnson for her singling our Riley and then the ABCFT Union.

Hathaway said, “This is disgusting. Board member Johnson has also attempted to have me thrown off the Facilities Committee. Riley has been on Finance and Audit Committee for years, he was a teacher for 38 years, long-time community member and volunteer, you question Gavin [Riley] you question the ABCFT. He is a good man; you [Johnson] do not want people on committees who do not agree with you, that’s wrong. ABCFT should be able to appoint people who best represent their members.

Riley then calmly took the podium and spoke about his 50 years of service to the ABCUSD, 38 years as a teacher, 11 years with the union in various positions.

“We are in a situation with the district where every dollar counts and you need people who are experienced. If you want community members who are well intentioned but less experienced that’s your call. But I do not think one board member should beat the board to make

decisions simply for her own benefit.”

Board Member Sophie Tse then chimed in saying, “the ABCUSD needs to go by our bylaws, I am not ignoring your [Riley’s] ability or contributions, but I think we need to follow the bylaws.”

Tse then asked Superintendent Dr. Sieu to look into the matter. Sieu indicated the Board can deviate from bylaws but it must be voted on by the entire Board.

VP Apodaca then interjected with a “call to question” to appoint Enciso, which stops discussion on the current issue. Board Member Maynard Law, who was teleconferencing, seconded his motion.

The motion passed with Tse and Johnson voting no.

The Board was then forced to waste more time and go back to discuss and vote on Johnson’s original amendment to table Riley’s appointment.

A lighter moment ensued as Enciso, who had stood up when VP Apodaca nominated him at the beginning, was still standing. Apodaca told Enciso he could sit down with the entire room bursting out in laughter.

The ensuing discussion made it clear that Johnson did not want Riley to serve on the FA committee. Given that stance, her proposed amendment to table his appointment was voted down 4-3.

Apodaca, Chen, Law, Mendoza voted no to approve the amendment, with Tse, Johnson, and Yoo voting yes.

A confused Johnson then asked, “So are we going back to the original motion?”

Rules of Order allowed public comment once again with Hathaway immediately submitting a comment card.

Hathaway once again slammed Johnson, “I have never seen an appointee get refused in the 39 years I have been here. Hopefully the board will approve

the list of appointees. Johnson has done a disservice to appointees. She pulls someone off the list and names him in public without talking to anybody? This is how it works, you are allowed to appoint from your area. Your [Johnson’s] actions set a dangerous precedent, it’s insulting... I am insulted. You can always come back and discuss the bylaw issue.”

Trying to calm the situation, Johnson then backtracked and thanked Riley and Hathaway for their service.

“We have bylaws in place, if we are deviating from the bylaws then a discussion needs to take place. I wanted to table the appointment, I am not attacking him [Riley].”

Tse then said, “we should construct meetings better and not name volunteers, they are very valuable to the district.”

Rebuking Johnson, Tse then wanted to nominate Riley as her FA member but was told that she had to wait.

An angry Apodaca was allowed to speak and talked about “what is like as a board member.”

“Our next meeting is September, between now and then we can straighten this out without having to strain the relations between the labor group and ABCUSD. Having to drag someone through mud, it is disrespectful and lacks class. At this time we have a motion to appoint Enciso, all this other stuff can be fixed at a later date.”

Tse then asked for a vote.

After all the chaos and administrative maneuvers, the Board voted to approve Enciso’s appointment, with Johnson voting yes along with the six other Board Members.

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ARTESIA

Leading the way will be senior Jaden Alejo, who played right guard last season, and junior Alex Tovaes, who played nine games at left tackle but will move to center this season. Alejo was the only lineman to play all 10 games last season. Senior Patrick Juico started eight or nine games at right tackle and will play at one of the tackle spots again this season. Junior Brandon Logan, who played the last six games of 2015 at left guard, will stay at that position or move to the right side. Junior Ruben Orozco, who started at left tackle in the first game last season when Tovaes was injured before playing junior varsity the remainder of the season, will be fighting for that spot.

“We have a good group of guys that got some experience last year on the offensive line,” Veach said. “But keeping those experienced guys healthy...I think, is we have a good set of defensive linemen.”

The Pioneers, who scored 145 points last season and were shutout four times are primed to put up more points in 2016. The four goose eggs put together were the most since 2002.

“My goal this year is not get to a point where we have to give the ball to Jordan 35 times a game,” Veach said. “I don’t think we’ll have to do that this year no matter what. Last year we were just in a spot where that was our best option. I think we have more options, athletically, at different spots.”

DEFENSE

Artesia’s defense last season allowed at least 25 points eight times, but Veach believes his team should be better on the line and in the secondary. The line will is slated to be occupied by senior tackles David Montanez and William Suarez, the latter playing on Artesia’s freshman team before moving to Texas, and sophomore end Stanley Monis. The other end spot

is still up in the air but Juico, Logan and junior Phoenix Allen might get in there. In the secondary it will be cornerbacks Benoit, Covarrubias and Davis and safeties Pacheco and Soto, as well as Davis sometimes. Whoever is not playing quarterback will also be in the secondary. The area of concern on defense will be with the linebackers, where Yoakum is the only experienced player.

Sophomores Leroy Gladden and Gustavo Gutierrez are other options down the road and if needed, Veach will move some of his other defensive players to this position.

“We’re real thin at linebacker; that’s one of our things right now,” Veach said. “J.J. is going to play a lot at linebacker. We’ve moved Jaden Alejo to linebacker from the defensive line. He played some end last year and he’s one of our leaders on the team, and somebody who we’ve always thought is an athlete.”

SCHEDULE

The only significant change from last season is replacing Pasadena High with Rosemead High in the third week. After beginning last season with three straight road games, the Pioneers will not be wearing their white jerseys until Sept. 16 and will be hosting six games for the first time since 2013 and fourth time since 1998. Getting off to a fast start is something the Pioneers haven’t done much of. They were 3-1 before league play in 2013 and before that, you have to go back to 2008 to find another 3-1 non-league start.

“We look forward to playing Pioneer because we owe them a little,” Veach said. “That game [last year] was closer than 28-0. It was 14-0 at the half and we did nothing on offense, and that was pretty much the story of the game. Rosemead is one we tried to add to try to get a game with somebody who is similar to us.”

Once league play starts, the Artesia program will still seeking its first victory

over Mayfair in over 18 seasons. Bellflower is still a thorn in Artesia’s side with the Pioneers losing two straight and five out of the last seven to the Buccaneers. Last season, Artesia lost to Bellflower 26-20 and is 8-10 against the Bucs since 1998.

“Bellflower is always one for us,” Veach said. “The last few years it seemed like it could have gone either way. That was one of the games last year that really [bugged me]. It was the last game of the season and we lost. It was one of those games that I looked at and said, ‘we should win this game’ and we didn’t.”

HOMECOMING

Artesia’s homecoming game will be against John Glenn High, the one opponent the Pioneers have had great success against. Last season, Benoit rushed 22 times and scored five touchdowns totaling 273 of his 345 yards at Glenn in a 52-35 victory. Since 1998, the Pioneers have had more than 10 wins against two league teams and Glenn is one of them, going 14-4. This will be the third time Artesia has faced Glenn on homecoming. In 2004, Artesia blasted Glenn 49-7 and just two seasons ago, Artesia flew past the Eagles 48-14. The Pioneers have won their past three homecoming games.

DIVISION 12

No longer is Artesia in the Southeast Division. The new realignment calls for Artesia to be one of 46 schools now situated in Division 12. The good news for Veach and his program is that the other 45 teams are relatively comparable to Artesia, thus giving the program a better chance of making the playoffs. Veach has heard rumors that maybe five wins will be good enough and if that is the case, then Artesia’s chances of getting into the playoffs will improve. Veach believes his team can win at least five games and as many as six or seven. Three of teams Artesia plays this season are in Division 13.

“We’ll, there are 13 divisions, so they don’t think we’re very good,” Veach said. “That’s one thing that I took from that, and I told the kids that. But you still have to get into the playoffs; that part of it doesn’t change. I like what CIF is doing because it’s not good for anybody to see teams go into the playoffs and lose 50-0 in the first round.”

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a family that has produced a pair of signal callers who set state records while playing for Gahr High nearly 10 years ago (Casey and Corey Nielsen). Senior Gianni Vargas and sophomore Jon Cortez will backup Nielsen.

Leading the ground game will be senior Kaliq Hatcher and junior Ryder Eddy for the most part. Senior Ignacio Cobian will also get a lot of action, making the Dons a triple threat either in the backfield or when Nielsen airs it out. Hatcher has the ability to be a 1,000-yard rusher. Senior Demare Franklin and junior Andrew Hernandez will also get some touches

There will be a lot of competition to fill the five positions on the offensive line, according to Thomas. Senior center Matt Mendiola, who was the team’s most valuable player last season, and senior Abel Perez will be the top two returning players. Seniors Shreejit Bhattarai, who started a couple of games last season and Sterling Thompson, junior Codi Guinto and sophomore Javier Campuzano will also vie for spots on the line.

This offense has the potential to be better than that of last season, according to Thomas. But the Dons have to score more than one or two touchdowns a game, and they have to score in the first half, where they scored 22 points all of last season.

“In my opinion, scheme-wise, it is [better],” Thomas said of his offense. “If something is not working, we have other options to attack other areas of the field. So that right there is a step up, I believe. We’re hoping that if [plan] A doesn’t work, we can work [plan] B or [plan] C.”

DEFENSE

As dismal as the offense was last season, the defense was even worse, yielding 379 points with opponents torching the Dons for least 35 points seven times. Just like the offensive line, there will be heavy competition on the defensive line with seniors J.J. Ko, Peter Lee, junior Jymel Johnson, who Thomas believes is a “special athlete”, and sophomore Matt Ryan as the top candidates. The secondary will be handled by returning veterans Eddy, who was a cornerback last season but will

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CITY OF CERRITOS
NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos will conduct a hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2016 on the following matter:

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BALLOT MEASURE THAT WOULD PLACE BEFORE THE CERRITOS ELECTORATE AT THE MARCH, 2017 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO APPROVE A LOCAL SALES TAX INCREASE.

This hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers of the Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Civic Center, Bloomfield Avenue and 183rd Street in Cerritos, California 90703. The meeting will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website at www.cerritos.us. A copy of the related staff report will be available for download from the website by 6:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

If you challenge the above mentioned item and related actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the **City Council** at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Any person interested in this matter may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248, for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard.

Dated: August 12, 2016/s/ Vida Barone, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cerritos City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on August 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. on the following matter:

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF A SUBLEASE AND APPROVAL OF AN ESTOPPEL AND CONSENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE LEASEHOLD INTEREST IN THE VINTAGE CERRITOS SENIOR HOUSING CONGREGATE CARE FACILITY LOCATED AT 11000 NEW FALCON WAY, CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA, 90703, FROM AVALON AT CERRITOS LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, TO WELLTOWER INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION, OR ITS AFFILIATE (7016-007-001,7016-007-002).

This public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers of the Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Civic Center, Bloomfield Avenue and 183rd Street in Cerritos, California 90703. The meeting will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website at www.cerritos.us. A copy of the related staff report will be available for download from the website by 6:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

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Any person interested in this matter may contact the Department of Community Development at (562) 916-1201 for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard.

Dated: August 12, 2016/s/ Vida Barone, City Clerk

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CITY OF CERRITOS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

SAFETY PROGRAM TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERVICES
RFP NO. 1259-17

The City of Cerritos is accepting proposals for professional services to select a qualified safety consultant to develop and update the safety programs as needed, provide City employee trainings, and any miscellaneous safety support services.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, and Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703, until **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2016**, for the safety program training and support services.

Proposals will be publicly opened at Cerritos City Hall at 11:00 a.m., **Tuesday, August 23, 2016**. Proposals must be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, and Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703, marked **“Proposal to provide Safety Program Training and Support Services. RFP No. 1259-17”**.

No proposal will be accepted unless it has the RFP number and project name clearly identified on the outside label.

The City of Cerritos reserves the right to reject any and all RFPs, or portions of any and all RFPs or waive the informality in a RFP not affected by law.

Proposal specifications are available online at www.cerritos.us/BUSINESSES/bid_and_contract_opportunities/bid_listings.php For additional questions please contact Support Services at (562) 916-1318.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL will receive up to, but not later than **2:00 pm** of the **22nd of August 2016**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

Bid #ABC- 1478 Testing of FCI Fire Alarm Systems

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may obtain drawings and specifications by request (562) 926-5566 x 21218. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, FCI Certified and Valid License Class C-16 will be required.

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move to strong safety, and last season’s free safety Vargas. Cobian will most likely play cornerback along with senior Raj Singh. Junior Eric Baker, a transfer from Gahr High, figures to be a defensive back.

Senior Josh Cruz is the top returning middle linebacker and as Thomas puts it, ‘has everything that you need’. However, Thomas is going to use him in several ways and says he’ll pass rush, pass drop and will do some man-to-man covering. Guinto will move from the defensive line to be another middle linebacker while Thompson will be on the outside. Senior Antonio Galindo also figures to get some time in the middle.

“The kids trusting coaches is huge,” Thomas said. “So, we wanted to keep as many coaches on staff as we could, especially being [hired] that late, it’s tough to get coaches.”

“I work on campus, so I see them pretty often,” he later added. “I understand that it’s tough. I had some growing pains last year because I was probably the fourth defensive backs coach that they had. So it’s tough to gain that trust.”

SCHEDULE

For the third straight season, Cerritos will go with a nine-game slate. The Dons have won just two non league games in the past nine seasons but have the potential to win two of their first three games before meeting defending state champion La Mirada High. Beverly Hills High and Bolsa Grande High are new opponents that Cerritos has not faced in at least 18 years, if at all. Thomas says he likes the matchups against Beverly Hills and Bolsa Grande. The schedule tends to get a little easier once the Dons are done with the three playoff teams from the league after the Norwalk High tilt.

“Gahr is a tough game because it is a city rivalry, and historically, they have been better than us,” Thomas said. “What reason does anybody have to believe that we’re going to be better than them just because we changed our offense? It doesn’t make sense. So, we’re going to have our work cut out with those guys. They’re very good.”

Thomas is quick to remind his players a lot that two things they can control are their effort and their attitude and went on to say that if one person has a bad attitude, then everyone else will follow. He says that of the players have a good effort and great attitude, then the results will be pretty good against Beverly Hills and Bolsa Grande.

“Glenn is going to be a lot better,” Thomas said. “When we played them [last year], they fought us tooth and nail. They had us down for a long time. We put the ball on the ground a lot. They get after it. They want to force turnovers and that’s huge. And what we’re doing now, there’s a lot more opportunities for a turnover.”

HOMECOMING

The last time Cerritos schedule Artesia High for its homecoming, it was cancelled when the team forfeited all six league games out of concerns for the safety of its players That was in 2012 and the Dons were outscored 234-0 in their four non league games. Cerritos did knock off Artesia 35-13 in 2010 for the only other homecoming game with the Pioneers in at least 18 years. Since 1998, Cerritos has won seven of 18 games against Artesia and since 1998, the Dons are 6-8 against current Suburban League opponents in homecoming games.

DIVISION 13

Cerritos may feel it is in the easiest division under the new California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section format. But the bottom line is it still has to win enough games in order to advance to the playoffs for the first time since 2001, the longest playoff drought out of all league teams. There are 84 teams in the division and Cerritos is ranked 329th out of 401 CIF-SS schools that field a football team. Three teams that Cerritos plays are also in Division 13.

“If you look at the numbers, they’re accurate,” Thomas said. “It’s not like someone doesn’t like us or anything like that. If you look at the numbers, the numbers are what they are. The history shows Cerritos hasn’t been pretty good record-wise.”

T.S. No. 029521-CA APN: 8087-032-007 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE□ SALE Pursuant to CA Civil Code 2923.3 IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 7/11/2007. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 9/6/2016 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 9/7/2007, as Instrument No. 20072079023, and later modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded 6-5-12 #20120837236 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: WILLIAM BEST and DEBORAH BEST, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER□ 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 FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14854 CHESHIRE STREET LA MIRADA, CALIFORNIA 90638 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 held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. 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: \$486,972.65 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. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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 (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 029521-CA. 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. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200 San Diego, California 92117

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 683 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MIRADA AMENDING REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO NOISE LEVELS IN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ZONES, AND AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, the City Council of the City of La Mirada will consider adopting its Ordinance No. 683 entitled “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Mirada Amending Regulations Applicable to Noise Levels in Residential and Commercial Zones, and Amending Title 9 of the La Mirada Municipal Code.”

Summary of Ordinance No. 683

Ordinance No. 683 of the City Council of the City of La Mirada amends La Mirada Municipal Code (LMMC) Section 9.04.010(b)(4) to allow for minor home repairs and maintenance work on Sundays between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. and repeals Section 9.04.010(c) of Title 9 of the LMMC. Section 9.04.010(c) of Title 9 of the LMMC currently prohibits sound levels beyond the boundaries of any lot or parcel of land of any residential or commercially zoned property from exceeding 45 decibels. LMMC Section 21.70.080, which established 60 decibels as the maximum noise levels for residential and 70 decibels the maximum noise levels for commercially zoned uses, would be enforced. A maximum noise level of 60 decibels would be more appropriate as many common activities that take place in a residential neighborhood exceed 45 decibels.

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 683 is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **11:00 AM** on the **9th day of September, 2016** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1479 Trucks

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may obtain drawings and specifications by request to Jessica Moon (562) 926-5566 x 21218.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
JUDITH M. RINDSBERG
CASE NO. 16STPB02530
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the lost WILL or estate, or both of JUDITH M. RINDSBERG.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MICHAEL R. AUGUSTINE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHAEL R. AUGUSTINE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The lost 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: 08/22/16 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 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.
Attorney for Petitioner
MICHAEL R. AUGUSTINE - SBN 56480
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL will receive up to, but not later than **2:00 PM** of the **19th of August 2016** (extended), sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

Bid #ABC- 1476 Unit Price Asphalt Paving

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License Class C-12 will be required. MBE, WBE companies are encouraged to bid. Bidders shall adhere to Davis-Bacon Act.

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CITY OF CERRITOS
NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos will conduct a hearing **at a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2016** on the following matter:

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL BUDGET EXPENDITURE
REDUCTION MEASURES.

This hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers of the Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Civic Center, Bloomfield Avenue and 183rd Street in Cerritos, California 90703. The meeting will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website at www.cerritos.us. A copy of the related staff report will be available for download from the website by 6:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the public hearing. If you challenge the above mentioned item and related actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the **City Council** at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Any person interested in this matter may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248, for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard.

Dated: August 12, 2016 /s/ Vida Barone, City Clerk

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CITY OF CERRITOS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

UNIFORM PURCHASE FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND
THEATER DEPARTMENT STAFF

BID NO. 1261-17

Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703, until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, for uniform purchase for public works department and theater department staff.

Bids will be publicly opened at Cerritos City Hall at **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2016**. Bids must be made on the form provided for this purpose, addressed to the City Clerk, City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703, marked “**UNIFORM PURCHASE FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND THEATER DEPARTMENT STAFF, Bid No. 1261-17**”.

No bid will be accepted unless it is made on a proposal form furnished by the City and has the bid number and project name clearly identified on the outside label.

The City of Cerritos reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions of any and all bids or waive the informality in a bid not affected by law.

Bid specifications are available online at www.cerritos.us/BUSINESSES/bid_and_contract_opportunities/bid_listings.php For additional questions please contact Support Services at (562) 916-1318.

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