

WHITNEY HIGH 'ROOTS' SLAVERY SIMULATION COMES UNDER FIRE BY 8TH GRADE PARENT

PROGRAM THAT 'TAPED' CHILDREN'S HANDS HAS EXISTED FOR TEN YEARS AND WAS WELL-LIKED AMONG STUDENTS

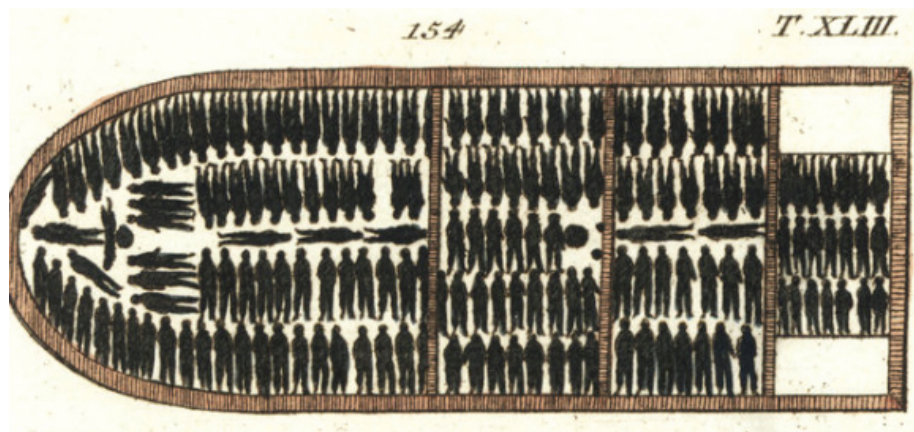
By Brian Hews

Three teachers at Whitney High were enveloped in controversy due to a simulated slavery ship enactment they intended to hold during their 8th grade class this month.

Some people are extremely angry, while others, including many former students, are defending the controversial program.

The teachers sent an email Sept. 5 entitled a "Unique Learning Experience" informing 8th grade parents of an upcoming exercise that would expose students to the horrors of slavery. The lesson would involve the teachers acting as "slave ship captains" and students as slaves.

The email read, "we will sternly tell them to line up outside the classroom, use



History teachers at Whitney High School in Cerritos wanted to recreate the harrowing conditions of the slave trade, one parent objected and went to a major online news source to tell story.

masking tape to 'tie' their wrists together, make them lay on the ground inside the room shoulder to shoulder with each other (boys and girls are in separate rows),

and then watch a clip from Roots."

There were some issues about what tape the teachers used but HMG-CN was told it was masking tape, easily broken if

the student wanted to release their hands, it was not duct tape.

The students were not going to be told, but some learned already from 9th grade students.

Whitney High mother Sharde Carrington was outraged and for reasons unknown contacted a national online news outlet about the story instead of ABCUSD officials or local media.

The story was assigned a young "cultural editor" who broke the story who broke the story last Friday Sept 15.

Carrington told the outlet, "As the mother of a black child, I feared that my son's participation would lead him to experience trauma, perhaps at the cellular level, and have a visceral reaction of anger and fear during the exercise itself."

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ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION SURROUND LACCD'S
AWARD OF \$100 MILLION BOND MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

By Brian Hews

Hews Media Group-Community News has obtained documents that allege officials at the Los Angeles Community College District violated their own procurement process by awarding the \$100 million dollar bond management services contract for Proposition A and AA/Measures J and CC to Jacobs Engineering over AECOM Engineering.

The documents indicate Jacobs omitted information and provided misleading information to win the bid, while also alleging LACCD officials were negligent during the evaluation process.

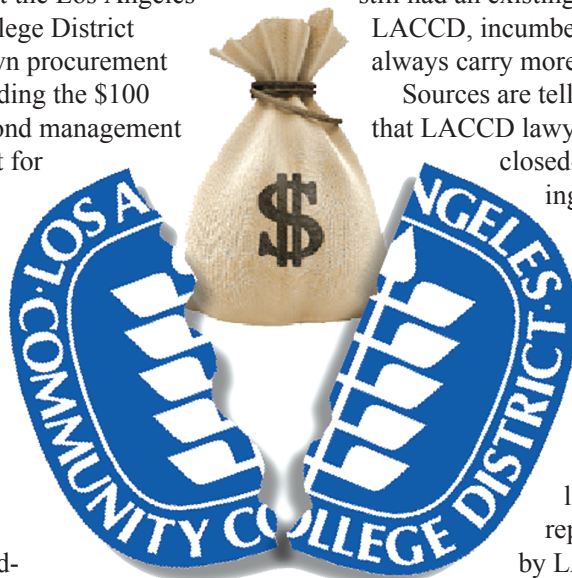
Seemingly validating the explosive allegations, AECOM's bid was \$11.7 million lower than Jacobs and the LACCD failed to negotiate with AECOM.

HMG-CN was told that most observers in the industry were shocked that Ja-

cobs won the contract with one observer saying, "no one in the industry could comprehend it, Jacobs is small potatoes compared to AECOM, and AECOM still had an existing contract with LACCD, incumbent contracts always carry more weight."

Sources are telling HMG-CN that LACCD lawyers, at a recent closed-session meeting, beseeched the LACCD Board to hold off awarding the contract knowing that AECOM would protest. But the lawyers were reportedly rebuked by LACCD Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez and other Board members in the meeting.

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LA MIRADA SALES TAX
CONTINUES TO IMPROVE
CITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE

By Brian Hews

The Measure I Citizens' Oversight Board presented its Measure I Annual Report to the La Mirada City Council at the Study Session meeting this past September 12.

The five-member Board was created to review and report on revenues and expenditures of Measure I, the City's one percent transactions and use tax. The tax expires on March 21, 2018.

The Board has reviewed financial reports and other information detailing the revenues and expenditures of Measure I funds for the period of July 2016 through June 2017.

A total of \$6,384,905 in Measure I payments has been received by the City during that time frame.

Some \$31,560 was spent on Phase 2, \$2,803,109 was spent on Phase 3, \$575,000 was spent on storm drain repair connected to the City's neighborhood street rehabilitation projects, \$58,764 was spent on the design work for Phase 4, and \$303,442 was spent on Olive Branch Drive Pavement work.

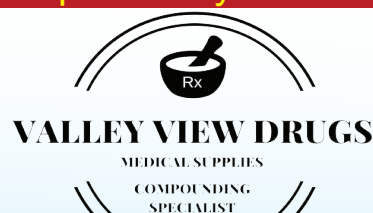
The Oversight Board also received progress updates on the City's capital

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LOCAL BUSINESS 'ADOPTS' ABC ADULT SCHOOL

By Larry Caballero
Social Editor

ABC Adult School Principal Dr. PaoLing Guo welcomed and thanked LBS Financial Credit Union's Senior Vice-President Heather Summers and staff at a Community Coffee on the Cuesta campus Sep. 15. During the event, more than \$3000 of school supplies was donated that included 400 school binders and 500 school supply bags.

"This is our seventh year donating school supplies to a school campus as part of our Adopt a School Program," said Summers. "We have been a community partner for many institutions and organizations for more than 40 years."

"The Adult School will use these generous donations to recognize and encourage student success in every department," said Guo.

"Students will receive school supplies



Dr. PaoLing Guo (center left) with Senior Vice-President Heather Summers, staff and students thank LBS Financial Credit Union for its donation of school supplies.

for accomplishments such as earning credits toward a high school diploma, passing a high school equivalency test, completing a course or earning a certificate in one of our Career Technical Education Programs." Students will also receive supplies by improving English proficiency in an ESL class, learning a new skill, or reaching a goal in one of the many Community Education classes that the Adult School offers.

More than 7,000 students have already enrolled in ABC Adult School classes for the fall semester in the last three weeks alone.

"Thank you for your generous donation," said Guo. "We are always reaching out to our business community for support of our students, and the many programs we offer, in career technology, academics and ESL programs."

LAKWOOD SHERIFF'S 8TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT SHERIFF WITH ILLNESS

The Lakewood Sheriff's will be holding a golf tournament that will benefit Lakewood Deputy Brian Castillo who recently learned he is battling Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

The tournament will take place Monday, October 9, 2017 10:00 AM

AML is a very aggressive form of cancer. Brian and his family will need the support of the entire community to beat this disease.

The Lakewood Station is committed to help Brian's family during this difficult

time.

The Lakewood Sheriff's Station Family would be honored for your contribution toward this worthy cause. The tournament will be at the Westridge Golf Club 1400 S. La Habra Hills Dr. La Habra, Ca., 90631.

The entry fee is \$150.00 per person that includes greens fees, golf cart, range balls, gift bag, on course food, & beverages and a buffet dinner.

Sponsorships available are: Platinum Sponsor \$2000, Gold Sponsor \$1000,

Silver Sponsor \$600, Bronze Sponsor \$200.

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CERRITOS COUNCIL APPROVES PERMIT TO PARK CARS AT CERRITOS COLLEGE

Most residents that came to meeting were against the deal

By Brian Hews and Tammye McDuff

Cerritos residents packed the Council Chambers this past Monday night in anticipation of the continuing saga regarding the Cerritos College lease of former Manassero Strawberry Fields to Norm Reeves as overflow parking.

Robert Lopez, Current Planning Manager, opened the segment saying, "Cerritos College has requested approval of a temporary use permit, for a temporary automobile storage facility that was previously occupied by Manassero Farms."

Lopez subsequently made a presentation, via PowerPoint, to the packed house.

Lopez stated that generally the College is exempt from the City's land use and zoning authority when it comes to classroom and school related buildings. However the proposal to use the subject site as an automobile storage facility is a non-classroom use, is subject to California Government Code / Section 53094(b) saying "The governing board of a school district, by a vote of two thirds of its members may render a city or county zoning ordinance inapplicable to a proposed use of property the school district. The board of the school district may not take this action when the proposed use of the property by the school district is for non-classroom facilities, to include warehouses, administrative buildings and automotive storage and repair buildings." The Cerritos Municipal Code Section 22.20.450 states "Any uses of a temporary nature and not involving construction of substantial or permanent improvements may be permitted at any location within the city for a period not to exceed six months and any extension shall be reviewed by the City Council."

"Given that the proposed automobile storage facility exceeds the six month limit, it is subject to a TUP," said Lopez.

Lopez then outlined the contentious negotiations between the City and Cerritos College that started with the College beginning construction without telling the City, with the City followed by the City issuing a stop-work order.

After a couple weeks, the City and College agreed to conduct a public hearing on the TUP.

It should be noted in this presentation that the temporary automobile storage facility is to accommodate up to 1,000 vehicles for a four-year term with the TUP not subject to renewal after that time.

Several questions were asked by the Council regarding comments from residents.

Who incurs the cost of renovations to the site? One resident stated that zoning prohibits the unloading of vehicles on Studebaker Road. Overall, there were 37 people who commented, ranging from angry residents to students who supported the additional funds.

Sally Havice, current College Professor at Cerritos stated, "I am a Cerritos resident from way back and I wanted to let you know my thoughts on this. It was a joy to see the strawberry fields and enjoy the fresh produce. However, what is done has been done. The college really needs the money from this property and even though it is in the City of Cerritos it really belongs to the school district."

Havice went on to say that the Council should consider the fact the College is trying to find funds to educate the community and she was in favor of proceeding with the TUP for vehicle storage.

Long-time Cerritos resident Dixie Pre-moish was against the TUP. "We want community planning with the College, nobody told us about this, we were the residents who contacted the City, and the City staff was great."

Several people, who did not live in Cerritos, but either worked or who's children went to the College, spoke in favor of the deal.

Nancy Apolonio, who lives across from the field was against the deal because, like Solanki, she thought the auto square dealers were not fulfilling their current commitments.

"Who are we going to call if we see violations?"

Felipe Lopez, Vice President of Business Services at Cerritos College addressed council saying "I acknowledge there has been a lot of miscommunication between the City and the College and we would like to move forward in a more productive manner with the project." Lopez stated a new Board resolution was created taking into consideration all the concerns by residents.

Downey resident Yolanda Salazar said that the some of the area could be "deed restricted." Salazar is a 16 year veteran of the L.A. County Assessor's office.

She implored the Board to research because the land could be restricted in use.

Cerritos resident Eddie DeAvila asked that the College negotiate the deal in good faith. "I expect the College to give us straight answers, they are giving us all the funding they have in mind and all the proposals they have made but where are they going? We do not trust the College to use the money wisely."

A B U S D Trustee Sophia Tse spoke asked why the College did not try and compromise with the residents.

Cerritos resident Laura Asendorph spoke and was worried about the lighting and debris.

A petition was presented by Asendorph signed by over 200 residents against any commercial business being placed on the lot sighting activity, seven days a week for almost twelve hours a day.

She submitted a petition signed by residents who live west of Studebaker and South of 166th.

"The lighting will affect them when they go upstairs. I am not in favor of a commercial business on that lot."

Former Cerritos Board Member Bob Arthur and Scott Smith, Executive Director of Cerritos Chamber of Commerce followed asking for the approval of the TUP.

Scott Smith, President and CEO of the Cerritos Regional Chamber spoke in favor on the project.

Smith said, "This project is a win-win-win. A win for the City, the College, and Norm Reeves Honda."

Smith went on to talk about the tax revenue that makes the City great that comes from Norm Reeves.

He pointed out it was a win for the students also, providing scholarships.

Stating that transparency and a sound accounting of potential funds was needed, a motion was made by Council member Jim Edwards to approve the proposed TUP with revised conditions as listed by City Staff, seconded by Mayor Grace Hu.

The motion passed four to one with Councilman Solanki voting no.

Solanki told HMG-CN, "Dealers are not following rules we have currently on books. They are unloading vehicles on Studebaker Rd, the fountain is not working, and they are parking vehicles on Liberty parking and the State Farm building. I have also seen them test driving cars in my residential home area. They are getting 5% off electric bills and subsidies for parking, I want them to follow the rules."



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By Tammye McDuff

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Go Little Tokyo is a community led effort aimed at highlighting the unique cultural programs, community events, dining and shopping experiences found in Little Tokyo. As one of Los Angeles’ most vibrant cultural hubs, there is an abundance of destinations and landmarks in and around this historic walkable neighborhood.

“You will experience Little Tokyo like never-before” writes Tori Elder, of



Beginning October 1st , ghosts and goblins are invited to experience Little Tokyo.

the Public Relations / Marketing Team, The ACE Agency, “The heart of Downtown LA transforms for the month of October with spooky themed-activities and frightening fun. Visitors can pick the perfect pumpkin at the Tanaka Farms patch located in the Japanese Village Plaza, dressed up little monsters can play ghoulish games, trick-or-treat and attend free family-friendly movie screenings including Studio Ghibli's "Kiki's Delivery Service" and "My Neighbor Totoro.” A legendary tour of little Tokyo ghost tales and it’s haunted will try your imagination or test your fears watching classic

Japanese horror flicks including the 2002 supernatural film “Ju-on: The Grudge.” Dress your best on October 28th as the month-long celebration culminates to a block party with a costume parade, bar crawl, live entertainment, special food and drink discounts. his event is free to the public, depending on the activity. For a full calendar of events visit: www.hauntedlittletokyo.com Go Little Tokyo is a Little Tokyo Community Council (LTCC) project developed and produced by Community Arts Resources (CARS) and made possible with support from

STOP THE FLU BEFORE IT STOPS YOU: GET YOUR FLU SHOT

Kaiser Permanente increases access to FREE vaccinations. Seasonal flu clinics open region wide this Saturday, September 23rd.

Staff Report

Vaccines are available to all Kaiser Permanente members at no cost. This year, to increase access to the vaccine, Kaiser Permanente members will be able to get their shots at more convenient locations than ever—at physicians’ offices, at drive-through flu shot clinics, in pharmacies, at optometry offices, and at walk-in flu clinics. “The flu is a highly contagious and debilitating respiratory infection that can cause serious complications, hospitalizations and, in some cases, even lead to death,” said Binesh Batra, MD, Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center area medical director. “When we receive our annual flu shot, we greatly lower our risk of catching the flu, developing flu-related com-

plications, visits to doctors, and missed school or work days due to illness. That’s why getting a flu vaccine is the most important step we can all take to stay well and protect ourselves and our loved ones against the influenza virus.” The timing of flu season is very unpredictable and can vary from season to season.

During the 2015-2016 flu season, influenza activity began later than usual, and continued for a longer period than was expected, peaking in mid-March. "During last year’s flu season, we began seeing above baseline numbers in mid-December and they remained elevated into mid-March." “It’s important that everyone six months of age and older get a flu vaccine as soon as it becomes available in their area,” said Carol Ishimatsu, MD, Kaiser Permanente Downey flu champion. “It can take up to two weeks for the body to develop immunity, so it’s important to vaccinate as early in the season as possible.

While children, pregnant women and the elderly are more at risk for complications from the flu, it can be just as serious for healthy young adults.” This flu season, in accordance with

the Centers for Disease Control’s recommendations, Kaiser Permanente will not offer FluMist, the nasal spray flu vaccine. Only injectable flu shots will be given. There will be a Saturday flu clinic on September, 23, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the following locations:

- 1. Cerritos Medical Offices**
10820 E. 183rd Street Cerritos, CA 90703
- 2. Garden Medical Offices**
9353 Imperial Highway Downey, CA 90242 (drive-thru available)
- 3. Lynwood Medical Offices**
3830 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Lynwood, CA 90262
- 4. Whittier Medical Offices**
12470 Whittier Boulevard Whittier, CA 9060

Weekday walk-in flu clinics start on September 25th, and run Monday through Friday. For a complete list of clinic locations and times, and for more information about preventing or treating the flu, visit www.kp.org/flu.

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Derek Jeans Chair of the Social Studies Department at Whitney wrote Carrington attempting to explain the simulation and the positive impact it has on students.

"Thanks for reaching out to us and letting us know how you feel about this assignment. I brought this exercise to Whitney about 10 years ago, and have had almost universal appreciation for it in the way that we do not minimize the experience of slavery, but rather attempt in a very small manner, to bring a more personal understanding such a tragic and terrible events that occurred in our history."

"This exercise is from a nationally recognized supplier of curriculum designed to bring experiences into the classrooms versus just discussions. This is not something we have added to our course of study lately. We take this day as one of the most important opportunities of letting the students try to experience a situation, that in times in the modern world, can seem distant and over discussed, but poorly understood."

"While I agree with you that being black in this country currently is difficult for reasons that it should not be, I respectfully submit that this assignment is designed to immerse a student population that is not majority black, into the harrowing world that your ancestors suffered through so as to gain better insight into their plight, and hopefully come out with a stronger resolve to never allow something so heinous to ever occur again in this country. We would never want to traumatize your son, but I believe that in our current climate as a country we need to take a hard look at these times in our path, and we as a department, think that this is a very valid and appropriate way to bring history out of the textbook and into the lives of our kids."

"The reflective essays that our students write about this activity, which is the homework that they must do after being a part of this exercise, would make you better understand the positive impact that it has on their understanding and caring for the poor souls that had to suffer through this terrible historical reality."

"If you wish to talk more feel free to write back or if you would like to speak to me in person I would be more than happy to do that as well."

Carrington did not allow her son to participate in the lesson.

Whitney said the department had been conducting the slavery lesson for 10 years, saying the exercise came from a nationally recognized supplier of curriculum.

ABCUSD Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu told HMG-CN, "The WHS 8th grade history lesson is an experiential exercise that was developed many years ago by TCI and designed to enable students to understand what Africans experienced when they were enslaved. Parents were informed in advance of this exercise and given the opportunity to opt out if they were uncomfortable with it. Whitney HS Principal John Briquelet is fully aware of the feedback from the postings and have shared them with his history teachers. He recognizes that times have changed since these exercises were developed. He will be working with his teachers on Monday morning to discontinue this exercise in the future and look for more updated lessons in regards to the slave history."

The goal was to immerse the largely non-black student population "into the harrowing world that your ancestors suffered through so as to gain better insight

into their plight."

ABCUSD took immediate actions and discontinued the program Saturday Sept. 16.

Briquelet subsequently spoke to Carrington on early Monday morning assuring Carrington the program had been discontinued, yet Carrington kept her personal campaign to discredit the program going on social media.

Cerritos Mayor pro tem Mark Pulido told HMG-CN, "I am outraged, I had no idea, this must end."

ABCUSD Trustee Area 3 candidate Daniel Fierro told HMG-CN, "This is outrageous and in complete opposition to the principles of inclusion and diversity that the Whitney family and the ABC Unified School District hold dear. Under no circumstances should students be restrained, especially without any forewarning or discussion to provide context. This morning I spoke to the President of the Board of Education as soon as I learned of the incident, and I look forward to the district rectifying the situation and improving its communication processes. This program has no place in our schools."

Former Whitney students chimed in on social media.

"As a former student in this class, I'll say this: those history lessons were all about immersive experiences. When we learned about the Boston Massacre, for example, we were assigned to play roles: prosecution, defense, witness, or jury, and argued the case in a "mock trial" exercise to cement our understanding of that pivotal event in our country's history. When we learned about the slave trade, we were packed like sardines on the floor of the classroom for 30 minutes while watching the very accurate depiction from "Roots" of the reality of the slave trade, and all these years later, I still remember what I learned that day about what people experienced during the slave trade. Being uncomfortable lying there for 30 minutes gave us a marginally better insight to what being held in the hull of a slave ship for 3 months was like. Nobody was ever offended by this before, because it was understood that it was an effective, if unorthodox, teaching method, and that Mr. Harp was an effective teacher."

"I was a former Whitney high school student and I believe that the school would not be the same without this activity. The email truly makes this a tivity seem worse than it is because for me the worst part about it was having to sit on the hard floor. Most of the comments are from district employees who rarely ever see the impact of this activity in a real classroom setting and how the teachers approach it. I never felt as if I was threatened because the teachers constantly asked if the students were ok and were caring throughout the process. The teachers never used duck tape but rather masking tape which broke easily. This entire situation is a mother mad about what her son might face and that is completely ok but I feel that as a news organization you should get the viewpoints of other factors rather than just one viewpoint that seems to attack this teaching practice."

ABCUSD'S RESPONSE TO THE CONTROVERSIAL
WHITNEY HS SLAVERY LESSON

A recent issue surfaced at Whitney HS last weekend that is important for the community to be aware of.

An 8th grade history lesson focusing on the origins and development of slavery was taught recently.

This Experiential Exercise was developed by the Middle School U.S. History Development Team of the Teaching Curriculum Institute in 1991, a reputable national curriculum developer.

The teachers used this Experiential Exercise as a supplement to the curriculum. Parents were notified in advance of the lesson and asked to contact the school if they had questions or were uncomfortable with the lesson.

One parent opted out of the Exercise for her student.

The school's administration reached out to her but was unsuccessful in getting connected.

On Friday night, September 15th, Dr. Mary Sieu, Superintendent of the ABC Unified School District, was made aware of an article released by a major online news site regarding Whitney High School's 8th grade history lesson.

Early the next morning, on September 16th, Dr. Sieu spoke with Board of Education President Chris Apodaca and Whitney High School's Principal, John Briquelet, about the lesson.

Mr. Briquelet immediately read the communities' responses related to the article, and comprehensively reviewed the lesson.

Mr. Briquelet communicated with the 8th grade history teachers that after careful review of the lesson, that the Exercise

needed to be discontinued. The District and Board of Education were apprised of this decision on Saturday morning.

Mr. Briquelet met with Whitney High School staff early Monday morning, September 18th.

In this meeting, he informed the staff that the curriculum was dated and that the simulation was no longer a fitting approach to instruction on the slavery topic.

After the meeting with staff, he addressed the entire student body via Whitney Live, a television broadcast led by Whitney High School students each morning.

He spoke about the decision to remove the lesson from the curriculum.

He also informed the 8th grade classes, as well as the entire student body, that Wellness Coordinators would be available to discuss issues and concerns that may have resulted from the Exercise.

In July 2016, the California Department of Education adopted a new History-Social Science Framework. The final publication has not yet been released to the school districts. This year, ABCULSD will also be adopting new textbooks and materials to meet the new History Social Science Framework. Efforts are already in the works by Academic Services for the History-Social Science textbook adoption process.

Whitney High School has eliminated the lesson from its 8th grade history curriculum. The teachers will collaborate to design a better, more meaningful, and culturally proficient lesson on the sensitive topic of slavery in the United States.

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LOCAL STUDENTS ATTEND STEM WHITTIER TECH TREK CAMP THANKS TO LA PALMA-CERRITOS AAUW



Pictured at the September 14, 2017 meeting of the La Palma-Cerritos AAUW are Senator Tony Mendoza’s representative, Adam Gulia, presenting Certificates of Recognition to Tech Campers Naima Dellawar and Isabella Rojas with their mothers by their sides. Left to right, Naima Dellawar, her mom Evelin Dellawar, Adam Gulia, Isabella Rojas and her mom Oralía Rojas.

By Edna Ethington

The La Palma-Cerritos branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) invited two Whittier Tech Trek campers and their parents to come to their Annual Potluck Dinner on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at the Sky-line Room of the Cerritos Library. Both students were awarded \$900 scholarships each by the local AAUW to attend the one- week STEM Whittier Tech Trek Camp at Whittier College this past June. Ross Middle School student, Naima Dellawar, and Fedde Middle School student Isabella Rojas, were selected from five Middle Schools in ABC Unified School District.

During their Tech Trek week at Whit-

tier College, the girls had a taste of college life. They had daily classes in Math, Discrete Mathematics (such as number theory, algebra, calculus, etc.), Neuroscience, Coding, Rocketry and Aerospace Engineering. The next General Meeting of the La Palma-Cerritos AAUW on Thursday, October 16, 2017, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Cerritos Park East (CPE), 13234 East 166th Street, Cerritos. For more information about the La Palma-Cerritos AAUW Programs, contact Thea Siegle at 562-926-3667.

Prior to the program, Certificates of Recognition were presented to Naima and Isabella by Adam Gulia, representing State Senator Tony Mendoza. and Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, and Christine Taxier.

LA MIRADA'S SOLID STATE DEVICES, INC. (SSDI) RECOGNIZED FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

The La Mirada City Council recognized Solid State Devices, Inc. for its 50-year anniversary, its long-standing history of industry excellence, and its leadership.

SSDI opened its business in La Mirada in April 1967 with a commitment to delivering hermetic semiconductor devices, assemblies for critical aerospace and defense applications, and to continually develop unique, innovative solutions aimed at enhancing performance and resolving real world issues.

The City of La Mirada Business Recognition Program highlights local businesses and honors their achievements. Businesses are recognized for demonstrating significant community involvement, celebrating anniversary milestones, and other special achievements unique to their industry.



La Mirada Mayor Ed Eng presents Arnold Applebaum owner of Solid State Devices, Inc. with a Certificate of Recognition during Tuesday’s meeting.

Businesses are encouraged to make recommendations and notify the City of their achievements. Businesses interested may contact the Economic Develop-

NEW VEHICLE PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN LA MIRADA

New restrictions prohibiting parking of nonconforming vehicles, including recreational vehicles (RV’s) on public streets and establishing a permit system for parking were recently approved. Nonconforming vehicles are those greater than 20 feet in length, include detached trailers, 8 feet in width and 7 ½ feet in height.

Residents with nonconforming vehicles may obtain a temporary permit valid for a period of 72 hours up to 20 times in a calendar year. Permits may be used consecutively for a maximum of two, 72-hour periods. Vehicles displaying temporary permits must be parked within

100 feet of the permittee’s property line. Permits are available on the City’s website and on the My La Mirada app.

“The nonconforming vehicle ordinance aims to reduce impacted visibility at driveways and intersections and increase available on-street parking for residents,” says Senior Administrative analyst Mark Rounds.

Signs will be posted informing the public about the new parking restrictions, which become effective in mid-October. Warnings will be issued until the effective date.

For more information, contact Public Safety at (562) 902-2960.

LA PALMA’S OFFICE PARK SELLS FOR \$106 MILLION

Irvine-based Greenlaw Partners and Westbrook Partners have bought a 10-building business park in La Palma for \$106 million. Newport Beach brokerage Newmark Knight Frank, or NKF, represented the seller, an East Coast-based pension fund adviser. (Courtesy of NKF)

Two real estate investment firms have jointly bought a 10-building business park in La Palma for \$106 million.

Irvine-based Greenlaw Partners and Westbrook Partners, with offices in Los Angeles, bought Centerpointe La Palma, which includes three mid-rise office buildings, six single-story R&D buildings, and one single-story retail strip center.

Newport Beach brokerage Newmark Knight Frank, or NKF, represented the seller, an East Coast-based pension fund adviser. Greenlaw Partners and Westbrook Partners were self-represented.

The campus notably is across the street from the JCPenney distribution center that sold in May for \$153 million to an Illinois-based investment firm.

Centerpointe, with tenants that include Tesoro, Honeywell, United Healthcare, University of Phoenix, and St. Joseph Health, was built in 1986 and updated in 2015 and 2016. Its retail strip includes Jimmy John’s, Flame Broiler, Panda Inn and Tokyo Grill.

“Sizable institutional-quality Orange County business campuses like Centerpointe La Palma rarely become available to investors,” said Paul Jones, a senior managing director at NKF.

Kevin Shannon, NKF’s Capital Markets president for the West Coast, Jones and Blake Bokosky represented the seller.

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CERRITOS SHERIFF'S HOLD SAFETY MEETING

By Tammye McDuff

A community safety meeting was held at the Cerritos Sheriffs Department Wednesday evening, September 20th with an outstanding turnout of concerned citizens.

Although Tuesday evening a Neighborhood Watch meeting was held exclusively for Watch Captains, this was reported to be poorly attended. There are approximately 120 neighborhood watch districts with the city and only 75 Captains were in attendance.

Tree trimming was first on the minds of residents. Many of the trees in the city although beautiful are overgrown and cover or block public lighting causing streets to be very dark. Neighborhood Watch Zone 31 discussed the 40 foot pine trees, some which were dying and needed to be removed, comparing to the approval of, trimming or removal of trees on a similar street has caused a lull in crime, stating tree removal does make a difference. Zone 54 Watch Captain also commented that criminals seek out those streets where there is little or no light.

Questions regarding the distribution of free light bulbs came up, but the free LED light bulbs are for a standard light bulb base, most of the homes in Cerritos have a candelabra light bulb base, which is a smaller light bulb so it will do the homeowners no good at all. However due to time constraints citizens were asked to discuss this after the meeting with committee members.

The largest topic of conversation at the meeting was the increased crime in the neighborhoods and crime prevention. Residents wanted to know what is being done about AB 109 which remains the subject of significant controversy, intensified by the February 20, 2017 shooting death of Whittier Police officer Keith Boyer.

The suspect who shot Boyer was on locally supervised probation under AB 109 rather than the more stringent jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections.

Lt. Ed Wells of the Cerritos PD stated that they are most concerned with the increase of residential burglaries, stating that crime rates are up across the state of California, Lakewood has seen 456 in the past twelve months and Cerritos, 248. One suspect had been arrested almost 100 times by Lakewood, Norwalk and Cerritos, only to receive a citation and released back out on the street.

The Cerritos station has implemented a 20 Point Crime Prevention System that includes a dedicated crime analyst to target specific ‘boots-on-the-ground’ missions; sharing of information within the city departments and local PD and special assessment team and specified law enforcement databases.

The city of El Monte, under fierce insistence of its residents will be holding a public forum in order to create a proposal against AB 109. The three state laws passed: California Proposition 47, Reducing Penalties for Some Crimes; California Proposition 57, Parole for Non-Violent Criminals and AB 109 has become a political quagmire and in order to get any changes to this, local city councils must push to change this legislature. The community was reminded that they have a voice and can influence changes to put these back on the ballot and reverse this legislation by contacting their Assembly members and City Council. In the meantime, the Cerritos Police Department emphasized public education, better communication and Neighborhood Watch participation.

LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS NORTH ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE

Staff Report

Eight cities have now opted to participate in the four-year Gang Prevention and Homeless Intervention Pilot Program

La Palma, CA – At their regular meeting last night, the La Palma City Council voted unanimously to approve the City’s participation in the North Orange County Public Safety Task Force. The task force was established this summer in state budget negotiations for the region by State Senator Josh Newman (D-Fullerton).

Mayor Michele Steggell in her remarks to the council upon approving the program stated that she felt it was a wonderful program and was looking forward to how it will assist La Palma youth. Steggell stated: “In today’s society the safety of children is so important. And we want to make that a priority in our city of La Palma.”

The Task force brings \$20 million into the region over a period of four years for the purposes of addressing gang prevention and homelessness intervention at the local level. The task force will collectively administer a pilot program to address these issues and find a regional solution.

“I thank the La Palma Council for their unanimous support of this task force. I’m pleased to see that La Palma and surrounding cities are so committed and enthusiastic about this innovative approach, which offers real potential for devising new models that better address critical local public safety issues,” said Senator Josh Newman.

The cities of Stanton, Buena Park and Placentia voted to adopt the task force last week. The City of La Habra voted to adopt it Monday evening. The cities of Yorba Linda, Brea, Fullerton and La Palma all adopted the program at their council meetings last night. The city of Anaheim will vote on September 26th.

The now eight participating cities believe that while individually they are only able to put a Band-Aid on gang prevention and homelessness, if they come together to form a collaborative partnership to address these issues, they can make a significant positive change in the region. They are enabled to do this with the funding secured in the budget by Senator Newman.

LAC SUPERVISORS HAHN AND KUEHL BRING ‘IN ONE INSTANT’ TO SCHOOLS & ORGANIZATIONS

Los Angeles County roads will be getting safer and teens will be driving smarter, thanks to County Supervisors Janice Hahn and Sheila Kuehl.

They’re curbing the teen epidemic of impaired and distracted driving, by providing generous grants to bring the award-winning In One Instant Teen Safe Driving Program free-of-charge to their districts’ schools.

“We’re extremely grateful to Supervisor Hahn and Supervisor Kuehl for their significant investment in stopping the number one killer of U. S. adolescents -- Car crashes caused by reckless driving,” remarked Gail Schenbaum Lawton, In One Instant Co-founder and President. “They are truly saving lives in Los Angeles.”

In One Instant reaches teens on an emotional level, showing them that they have immense power over their own driving decisions and life choices.

It motivates them to promote safe driving behaviors throughout their communities.

In One Instant is designed to be peer-driven. Teens are encouraged to become In One Instant Student Leaders, receiving oversight from a designated school staff member as well as guidance by the In One Instant team. “In this way, these young people really take ownership of the problem, find their own solutions to it, and influence their peers to do the same,” explained Schenbaum Lawton. School administrators can also implement In One Instant, while involving students in its presentation. In One Instant.”

Thanks to the grants of Supervisor Hahn and Supervisor Kuehl, the In One Instant licensing fee is waived from now through June 2018 for schools and select community organizations in their districts.

CRIME SUMMARIES

La Mirada

Notable Arrests:

- Two suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.

Robbery

- Cash was stolen during a robbery on the 15700 block of Imperial Hwy. No injuries were reported during the incident.

Aggravated Assault

- A victim was assaulted during a domestic incident on the 13200 block of Woodridge Ave. No major injuries were reported. The suspect was later arrested.
- A victim threatened with a knife during a verbal argument on the 15200 block of Terracedale Dr. No injuries were sustained. The suspect was arrested.

Residential Burglary

- A daytime door smash burglary was reported on the 15500 block of Oakbury Dr. Two firearms were reported stolen.
- Jewelry was reported stolen during a daytime door smash burglary on the 14800 block of Turlock Rd.

Other Structure Burglary

- An evening burglary was reported on the 12100 block of Los Coyotes Ave. Surveillance footage captured the suspect in action. The suspect was later arrested.

Vehicle Burglary

- A daytime burglary was reported on the

14700 block of Stanton Ave.

Grand Theft Vehicle

- A truck was reported stolen on the 14500 block of Greenworth Dr.
- A stolen truck was recovered on the 14300 block of Macaw St.
- A stolen truck was recovered on the 15900 block of Lorca Rd.

POLICE ARREST DRIVER OF STOLEN VEHICLE AT GUNPOINT IN NORWALK

Los Angeles County Sheriff’s deputies arrested a man who was driving a stolen vehicle in Norwalk at gunpoint Tuesday afternoon.

After the deputies ran the vehicle’s license plate number around 3:05 p.m. and found it had been reported stolen, they stopped the man, who parked the vehicle in the parking lot of the Denny’s Restaurant on Pioneer Boulevard near Imperial Highway, said Lt. Jeff Dusky of the sheriff’s Norwalk station.

While the man didn’t appear hostile, department policy dictates that deputies approach stolen vehicles with their guns drawn, Dusky said. The deputies arrested the man without incident. Officials did not name him.

The vehicle had been reported stolen out of Norwalk, Dusky said.

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LA PALMA PD JOINS THE 'PINK PATCH' PROGRAM

By Tammye McDuff

The Pink Patch Project [PPP] is an innovative public awareness campaign designed to bring attention to the fight against breast cancer and to support cancer research organization in combating this devastating disease. It is a collaborative effort between the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association and public safety agencies throughout the country. Originating in southern California it has quickly become an international initiative. Montebello, Bell Gardens, El Monte, South Gate and Huntington Park are just a few of the local Police Departments that are proudly wearing these special patches.

The PPP is a collaborative effort between the La Palma Police Department, adding their voice and support to combat breast cancer and by raising public awareness for funding, research and treatment.

The program centers on vibrant pink versions of the public safety officers uniform patch. These bright pink patches are specially

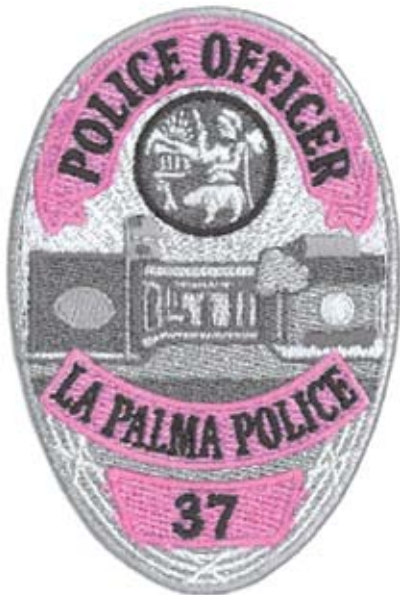
designed by each participating agency. Officers at each agency wear these pink patches on their regular uniforms for the entire month of October advocating for "Breast Cancer Awareness Month".

The City of Hope is a founding beneficiary of the PPP as national leaders in the forward moving efforts using genetic screening to empower women to take charge of their health and into their own hands.

It is estimated that approximately one in every eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. This disease can have a profound impact on the patient and on family members. It is a disease, however, that can be effectively treated with surgery, radiation therapy, hormone therapy and chemotherapy.

The PPP has one simple goal – to increase awareness about the life saving benefits of early detection and intervention in the fight against breast cancer. In addition to public education efforts, they also raise funds from the sale of items

that go directly to fund research, treatment and education needed to help find a cure.



La Palma Police Chief Terry Kim commented "It is the hope of La Palma Police that the pink patches will stimulate conversation with the community and encourage public awareness about the importance of early detection and the ongoing fight against cancer. This will be our initial launch with the Project and we have received a lot of positive input from our officers." The Project had been discussed in previous years, and was revisited in a staff meeting a few back.

Residents can also purchase the patch from the La Palma PD at the front coun-

ter which is open 24 hours daily. "The organizations which will directly benefit from these patches," says Kim, "will be Relay for Life, the National Law Enforcement Cancer Support Foundation and the American Cancer Society. The patches support a noble cause and those warriors battling cancer."

The Program is sponsored by the La Palma Police Association. They cover all the upfront cost and distribution. Patches can also be purchased through their website at LaPalmaPA.com.

FORMER CERRITOS RESIDENT SAM SACHS HONORED ON 102ND BIRTHDAY



The Cerritos City Council recognized former Cerritos resident Sam Sachs, who marked his 102nd birthday on April 26. Born in North Dakota, Sachs joined the U.S. Army at age 17 and retired in 1964. He married Ida Hoffman in 1947 and they moved to Cerritos in 1968. He was a high school teacher and counselor at Huntington Park High School. Sachs has three sons, three grand-daughters and two grandsons. He now resides in Lakewood.



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LACCD

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award and “if they found any irregularities they would look into them.”

The vote was 4-3 with President Sydney Kamlager, and Trustees Steve Veres, Gabriel Buelna, and Andra Hoffman affirming; Vice President Mike Fong, and Trustees Scott Svonkin and Ernest Moreno voted no.

The bid award was finally posted Aug. 9, signed by Rodriguez and Interim Chief Facilities Executive Thomas Hall.

Many are questioning the lucrative award, hurling accusations of political pay-to-play inside the LACCD Board and outright prejudice and favoritism by LACCD officials.

Phase 1 and 2

The bidding process involved two Phases; Phase 1 one was “technical,” Phase 2 was based on “oral presentations.”

The LACCD used six evaluators for scoring with the District taking a weighted value for the final score.

When the scores were tallied, Jacobs surprisingly beat out AECOM in every Phase, with a weighted point total of 814.5 versus AECOM’s score of 802.3, a difference of only 12.2 points.

Phase 1 Scoring

HMG-CN obtained and examined the Phase 1 scoring, which included 96 categories, ranging from Organizational Structure to Corporate Responsibility.

Jacobs scored 789.4, AECOM scored 779.8, for a difference of only 9.6 points.

Out of the 96 categories, AECOM scored higher in 61, with Jacobs scoring higher in only 20; the two companies tied in the remaining 15 categories.

Yet somehow Jacobs came away with the higher score, and it was that skewed ratio that had AECOM and its lawyers crying foul.

Questionable Personnel

Phase 1 categories contained “Personnel Qualifications” requiring each company to “describe the team, including sub-consultants and key personnel.”

Under California contract law, the key personnel in any public contract must “demonstrate trustworthiness, quality, and capacity to perform the work.”

An examination of Jacobs’ team showed that many of their key personnel failed the standards of California’s contract laws - and basic rules of morality - which should have substantially lowered Jacobs’ score under the Personnel Qualifications guidelines and thus awarded the contract to AECOM.

Racist Emails

Ernie Camacho, owner of Pacifica Services and a Jacobs team member included in the bid, has well-documented history of questionable practices that a simple internet search by LACCD officials would have found.

HMG-CN exclusively published several stories about Pacifica and its relations with Central Basin including the execution of several no-bid contracts valued at over \$5 million in favor of Pacifica by then-General Manager Art Aguilar.

In 2015, the FPPC fined Director Leticia Vasquez \$222 for not reporting \$1,797 worth of food donated by Pacifica Services.

But it is the actions of Camacho’s current and former generals that should have raised red flags during the bid process, while drawing the ire of LACCD

Board President Sydney Kamlager, who is African-American.

But surprisingly, neither the LACCD nor Kamlager objected.

An exclusive March 2014 report by HMG-CN showed that several top executives at Pacifica Services exchanged thousands of highly racist emails during a three-year period that disparaged Muslims, Palestinians, Hispanics, Asians, and Blacks.

HMG-CN obtained more than 2,500 emails from a public records request between Mike Sisson, a high-ranking Vice President at Pacifica Services, and several other people sent from his office computer system located at Central Basin. The emails were written and exchanged during regular business hours.

Many were also sent by Pacifica Services Executive Scott Hennessey and Executive Vice President Steve Carpino; Hennessey’s Linkedin account shows he remains a Pacifica employee.

Additional Questionable Personnel

Also included as a key Jacobs team member was Edwin Van Ginkle, who, according to a 2010 Press-Telegram article, was suspended by the Los Angeles Unified School District in connection with an internal probe that revealed cost overruns, perceived conflicts of interest, and violations of the LAUSD’s ban on sub-consultants.

Another key player left off the evaluation was Rory Lorenzo, who was removed from a TradeTech College project at the direct request of the President of the college, Laurence Frank, based on poor performance.

Questions and allegations will certainly surface as to why the information about Pacifica personnel was not revealed to LACCD evaluators.

Jacobs’ total score under Phase 1 would unquestionably have been negatively impacted, likely giving the contract to AECOM.

Jacobs beat out AECOM’s Phase 1 score by a mere 9.6 points.

Omitted a \$3 Billion Acquisition?

An important part of the Phase 1 evaluation was “Financial Capacity,” worth 125 points, with the evaluators calculating several ratios to ascertain each company’s financial health.

Jacobs, who is substantially smaller in financial terms than AECOM, scored 81.9 points.

The much larger and more financially healthy AECOM scored only 7.8 points, 74.1 points lower than Jacobs; it was the reason why AECOM lost the bid.

But according to AECOM attorneys, Jacobs omitted crucial financial information that would have negatively impacted Jacobs’ Financial Capacity score while also violating LACCD’s procurement guidelines.

On August 2, 2017, seven days before LACCD posted Jacobs bid award, Jacobs announced the acquisition of another engineering firm, CH2M, in a massive deal valued at more than \$3.27 billion.

The deal included Jacobs assuming significant liabilities of CH2M including over \$400 million in “net debt.”

But the LACCD process did not take into account the CH2M acquisition and its effect on Jacobs financial position, the LACCD and its evaluators only concentrated on Jacobs’ current ratios.

Once again, similar to the “Personnel Qualifications” category, if the information about Jacobs’ acquisition of CH2M was included, as it should have been, Jacobs’ “Financial Capacity” score under Phase 1 would unquestionably have been negatively impacted.

Violated LACCD’s Bid Guidelines

Massive transactions similar to CH2M’s take months, sometimes over a year, to negotiate and finalize.

Under the LACCD’s “Guidelines and Methodology for Evaluation and Scoring,” Jacobs was required to notify the District of any acquisition expected “within the next twelve months during the bid process.”

The bond procurement RFP was sent out March 10, 2017; Jacobs announced the acquisition five months later on Aug. 2, yet LACCD officials ignored the acquisition and awarded Jacobs the contract.

Editor’s note: Phase 1 had an “Overall Evaluation” category worth 50 points. AECOM scored 39.8 and Jacobs scored 33.3. All evaluators scored AECOM higher than Jacobs in this category.

Phase 2

Phase 2 included the group of evaluators listening to bond procurement presentations from both companies followed by a question and answer session, a highly subjective part of the evaluation process.

The Phase consisted of 25 categories, with Jacobs scoring higher in 16 versus AECOM’s 9.

Jacobs’ final tally was 767, AECOM’s was 752.5.

Of note is the “Overall Performance” score of each company: Jacobs scored 86.3 while AECOM scored 85.

Failed to Negotiate With AECOM

The documents also indicate that LACCD, after selecting Jacobs and AECOM as finalists, failed to negotiate with AECOM for an even lower bid.

By not negotiating with AECOM, LACCD failed to secure the best value for the District and its taxpayers, while once again blatantly violating its own procurement process.

AECOM lawyers slammed LACCD for lack of negotiations, “failure to negotiate with an equally responsive bidders who’s technical proposals scored substantially similarly strongly suggest that either the district did not intend to find the best value through negotiations, or that the bidding process may not have been conducted in good faith.”

First Response From LACCD

On Sept. 6, AECOM received a response letter to its Aug. 7 protest; not from Chancellor Rodriguez or Hall who signed the award, but from David Salazar, LACCD Chief Facilities Executive.

Salazar sternly stated, “My final decision is to reject your protest.”

Shockingly, Salazar indicated that the LACCD was turning a blind eye to Jacobs’ errors and omissions.

Salazar said that Jacobs hiring of questionable personnel along with the alleged omission of the CH2M acquisition that violated LACCD procurement guidelines basically did not matter.

“Jacobs represents the best overall value to the District,” said Salazar. “To the extent that there are any deviations, irregularities, errors, or omissions in compliance with the requirements of the bid documents, such deviations, irregularities, errors, and omissions are hereby waived.”

AECOM’S lawyers once again blasted the district.

“The district limited its discussion to the conclusion that Jacobs represents the best value. This suggests that the district has not acted in good faith and improperly favors Jacobs over AECOM.”

The lawyers then cited the Board of Trustees vote that awarded the contract to Jacobs Aug. 9, one month before the

District issued its final decision regarding AECOM’s bid protest.

Once again, the vote was 4-3 with President Sydney Kamlager, and Trustees Steve Veres, Gabriel Buelna, and Andra Hoffman affirming; Vice President Mike Fong, and Trustees Scott Svonkin and Ernest Moreno voted no.

HMG-CN was told that lawyers for both sides were meeting Wednesday with an outcome to be determined.

President Kamlager, and Trustees Steve Veres, Gabriel Buelna, and Andra Hoffman will have to explain there vote to affirm Jacobs, as will Chancellor Rodriguez and Thomas Hall.

UPDATE:

This article broke last weekend just days before a LACCD committee meeting that would once again consider AECOM's protest.

The meeting was Wednesday in Los Angeles with committee members President Sydney and Board Member Veres voted to approve (giving Jacobs the contract) which moved the vote in front of entire Board for final approval at some meeting in the future.

HMG-CN was told a stenographer was present at the meeting representing AECOM, and that HMG-CN will receive the notes in a few days.

LA MIRADA

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improvement projects.

“The Oversight Board has verified that the Measure I funds used during the July 2016 through June 2017 reporting period have been used as intended for the betterment of the City,” says Chairman Lee Olsen who presented the information to the City Council.

Phases 1 and 2 of Measure I are complete. Phase 3 is 70 percent complete and is expected to be completed by late fall. Design work for Phase 4 is 100 percent complete and is expected to begin construction this fall.

The Oversight Board will continue to serve until all revenues received under Measure I are spent. The Measure I Annual Report will be placed in the upcoming issue of the City’s La Mirada Living newsletter and on the City’s website.

For additional information about Measure I, call (562) 943-0131, visit the City’s website at cityoflamirada.org or visit La Mirada City Hall.

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SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ARTESIA-CERRITOS INSTALLS NEW BOARD



Soroptimist International of Artesia Cerritos Board of Directors 2017-2018 from right to left: Laurel Lanham, Installing Officer; Lola Rizkallah, President-Elect; Janet Owens, Vice-President; Phibun Ny, Co-Treasurer; Gabrielle Babcock, Co-Treasurer; Diana Needham, Co-Secretary; Jennifer Elliott, President; Lou Kaku, Co-Secretary; Ursula Piotrowski, Delegate; Gloria Kappe, Delegate; and Pat Law, Past President.

By Diana Needham

Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos recently installed President Jennifer Elliott and her eight-member 2017-2018 Board of Directors. Outgoing President Pat Law and her Board were also honored. The local service club celebrated its 45th year of founding and a successful year with over \$26,000 in giving through its Soroptimist Award and Mentoring programs as well as its donations to local charities. The Installing Officer was Laurel Lanham, Governor-Elect, Soroptimist Desert Coast Region. Installation Committee Chairs

were Lola Rizkalla and Joy Darling. Sixty members and guests attended including several elected officials. Representatives of Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence and Community Family Guidance Center were presented checks for their organizations. To learn more about becoming a Soroptimist member, contact President Jennifer Elliott at 267-257-8504. The local service club welcomes new members. The Soroptimist’s mission is to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

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WEEK 3 FOOTBALL : BERNARD, GAHR ROUGH UP ARTESIA TO KEEP SILVER MILK BARREL AGAIN

By Loren Kopff
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Gahr High’s football team was comfortably leading Artesia High early in the second half when the bands of the two ABC Unified School District institutions decided to keep the student bodies entertained. That’s when two went back and forth playing the ever so popular “Seven Nation Army” by The White Stripes in a game of ‘anything you can do, I can do better’.

It was added excitement for the Gahr faithful as the Gladiators pummeled the host Pioneers 47-7 last Friday night at Atkins Stadium. The win assured the Gladiators of keeping the Silver Milk Barrel at their school for a fourth consecutive season and eighth in the last nine.

“That’s always a good thing; holding on to that,” said Gahr head coach Greg Marshall. “I was telling the guys, ‘you don’t want to be the senior class that gives this up’. It’s still very special to have it because it stays in our football office and the kids take great pride in that.”

Gahr now has identical 13-6 records against Artesia and Cerritos since 1998 and has proven to the rest of the district that their football program is tops among the three schools.

The Gladiators (3-1 overall) would score on four of five first half possessions and junior Micah Bernard would be a big part of their offense in the first 24 minutes. He scored on runs of 80 and 10 yards within the first six times he touched the ball and already had 117 yards on seven carries when the first quarter had ended. In fact, Bernard began to think about the barrel after he scored the second touchdown saying, ‘this is too easy and if we keep going, we’re going to get the jug’.

While the Pioneers struggled to get much going on offense, the Gladiators continued to add to their lead as junior wide receiver Nathan Rhodes hauled in a 15-yard scoring pass from senior quarterback E. J. Gonzalez to make it a 20-0 contest with 7:39 left in the half. Rhodes

would catch six passes for 112 yards. Meanwhile, the longest drive by the Pioneers (2-1) all night produced the lone score. Beginning at their own 21-yard line following a penalty, Artesia took nearly five minutes off the clock, running 11 plays, which ended when junior quarterback Heder Gladden snuck in from a yard out. Gladden, who completed only four passes, would be the team’s leading rusher with 32 yards on 10 carries.

“We just didn’t play well,” said Artesia first-year head coach Don Olmstead. “We practiced okay, but we have to play perfect. When we play good, we can beat a lot of teams. When we play bad, we can lose to any team. We made some good plays, but we didn’t make enough to keep it close early.”

“They have that running back and quarterback, which is weird because they don’t throw it very well,” Marshall said. “So, we just loaded the box whereas last week, we unloaded the box. It’s a totally different game. So, we changed the game plan for them because we knew they had the quarterback and running back.”

With the score 20-7, the Pioneers were hoping to stop the Gladiators with less than three minutes remaining in the half, knowing that Gahr would get the ball to begin the third quarter. But the visitors marched 89 yards on nine plays, converting on a key fourth and nine from the Artesia 44-yard line. With 16.1 ticks left in the half, the Gonzalez to Rhodes connection did its thing again, this time for 23 yards. That score would be crucial because the Gladiators put the game way almost four minutes into the third quarter when Bernard scored from three yards out, ending an eight-play drive.

“That’s the ballgame,” Olmstead said. “We go into halftime down 13 points, it’s not a big deal. Thirteen and 20 at the half is a big difference. I know it’s only one score, but moral and everything...that’s a big seven points they scored before half.”

The Pioneers would go three and out in their next two possessions, gaining four yards in the process while Gahr continued



Gahr senior running back Ugonna Olumba hoists the coveted Silver Milk Barrel as the rest of the Gahr High football team celebrates a 47-7 victory over Artesia High last Friday night. The Gladiators have now won the season-series over Artesia and Cerritos High the past four seasons.

to pound the ball on the ground. Senior running back Ugonna Olumnba thwarted off several tacklers to score from 15 yards out late in the stanza. Then senior Jai Stanton ended a long 14-play drive that took 8:33 in the fourth quarter with a one-yard run to cap off the scoring. Gahr would blister Artesia’s defense for 310 yards on 42 carries.

“Their movement up front gave us problems tonight,” Olmstead said. “We kind of knew that coming in. They’re nose [tackle] played pretty well. That’s what we kept on talking about [to the coaches] on the headsets...is we’re having problems blocking him. That’s where it all starts.”

“That was our game plan,” Bernard said. “We wanted to run the ball and that’s what we did. My front line was doing good and they got the push and I just finished it.”

In addition, Gonzalez completed 11 of 17 passes for 180 yards and on defense, senior free safety Aaron Hawk had five tackles while junior cornerback Kyle Veazie pitched in with four tackles. During the four-game winning streak, Gahr has outscored the Pioneers 166-40. In fact, since 2009, Gahr has held both Artesia and Cerritos to single digits 11 times in 16 games.

“It’s tradition; it’s the one part of our season where okay, this is what we’re playing for,” Marshall said. “They want it,

we want it, [the barrel] sits in our office and the kids see it every day. So, that’s just part of it.”

“It feels great, man,” Bernard said. “I’ve been thinking about this day since last year. I just wanted to repeat everything again, but this time win a championship. So, this game meant a lot.”

The Pioneers were held to under 100 yards and ran 36 plays prior to Gahr’s final touchdown. Sophomore linebacker LaQuan Ware-Morales led the Artesia defense with seven tackles while junior Travys Davis had six tackles and senior linebacker Xavier Yoakum another five. The Pioneers will host Fountain Valley High tonight while the Gladiators have a rematch with St. Anthony High tonight, the team that knocked Gahr out of the first round playoffs last season.

“That’s athletics in general,” Olmstead said. “You can’t expect to win every single game and it’s how you react after a loss. So, our kids are going to be tested.”

“Next week is going to show us how far we’ve come,” Marshall said. “Obviously, they have a pretty good tradition going on over there and they have some kids in and they’re going to be a major task.”

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SUBURBAN LEAGUE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL : CERRITOS STAYS CLOSE TO MAYFAIR BEFORE LOSING IN BATTLE OF LEAGUE’S BEST

By Loren Kopff
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Last season, the Cerritos High girls volleyball team was swept by Mayfair High in its two meetings with the defending Suburban League champions, scoring a total of 80 points. When the two teams met last Thursday with identical 2-0 league marks, it was Mayfair which came away victorious for the 11th straight time over the Lady Dons.

But this time, Cerritos put up a better fight, winning a set for the first time since 2015 and had a chance to win another set, or two. With the Cerritos side of its gymnasium nearly packed, the energy was flowing on the home side but it the visitors had more energy in a 25-21, 20-25, 25-21, 20-25 victory.

“I think some of the best stuff we’ve played is not consistent enough to get it done today,” said Cerritos head coach David Cuthbert. “But we knew coming in this was going to be a big game for us. We had a nice crowd in here tonight; it was a great atmosphere. We had some players step up, just not quite enough to get the win today.

“This is going to be a pivotal moment to realize what we have to do to be better and what we have to do to win,” he continued. “I think we’re going to learn that lesson. I have a lot of faith in my team going forward.”

Cerritos was either tied or led the Monsoons in the first set until consecutive aces to the back line from Emma Kailiponi put Mayfair in front. After a serve into the net, a kill from Bria Augustine put Mayfair back on top for good. Mayfair, which

has always been a thorn in the side of the other six teams in league, was showing off its offensive power as Augustine, Sarah Clausen and Joy Udeh combined for all 15 kills it would get in the set.

Still, Cerritos stayed within a few points, trailing 20-19 after a kill from senior outside hitter Amber Han. But down by two, a net violation and a kill from Augustine ended the set.

“We haven’t seen that a lot because of the schools in our league,” Han said of Mayfair’s potent attack. “So, we definitely have to adjust to that because it’s new to us.”

The Lady Dons grabbed leads of 3-0 and 5-2 in the second set and for the most part, the set would go back and forth until Han’s seventh kill at 18-17 began the final push the hosts needed. Cerritos reeled off four consecutive points, the largest rally of the match, which ended with an ace from Han. Cerritos served five other aces in the set and got timely kills and blocks from senior middle blockers Kelly Amalu and Muna Okoli, junior outside hitter Samantha Oh and sophomore right side hitter Nicole Blue.

“I think when we rack up points like that and we all get a piece of it, it definitely motivates us and drives us all,” Han said. “We all know we’re doing our part.”

“We have to be balanced,” Cuthbert said. “That’s the team we have. Last year we had someone in Ifeoma [Okoli] who could hit over people and put the ball down. We don’t have that this year. We have to be balanced, we have to spread the wealth, we have to get everybody involved for us to be successful.”

Cerritos got out to a better start in the

third set, holding leads of 6-1, 9-3 and 13-9. But a kill from Augustine followed by three straight aces from Tiana Vaifanua put the Monsoons up by one at 15-14. Cerritos wouldn’t regain the lead but managed to get within a point three times, the last after Blue’s fifth kill, which made it 22-21. Mayfair put the set away with a net violation called on Cerritos, a block from Udeh and an ace from Augustine.

“We just made some errors at key times,” Cuthbert said. “We had a couple of service errors and some unfortunate hitting errors that kind of took the wind out of our sail. They’re a good serving team, so they put us under some pressure and that led to some easier plays for them. They played well and they earned it today.”

“I feel like we kind of lose faith after a couple of points that we lose,” Han said. “We kind of get into a rut, especially in our passing. We have trouble adjusting quickly; we adjust a little bit too late. It definitely hurts us, but we can fix it. We know what to do the next time we play them.”

It was all Mayfair in the fourth set as Cerritos, which was down by as many as eight points, tried to rally late behind a pair of Han kills and an ace from junior libero Sidney Pasion, which made it a 17-13 affair. But it was simply too much of Clausen (20 kills), Augustine (19 kills, four aces) and Udeh (13 kills, two blocks).

“That’s their team,” Cuthbert said. “They want to get the ball to their best players like we want to get the ball to our best players. We didn’t do a good job stopping them. We made some adjustments going in to the second set. We did a better job slowing them down, taking them out

of the system a little bit, and we had some success at that. But when you have good players on the other side, they’re going to get their kills.

“They’re a good team,” he later said. “They’ve won our league the last few years. They have probably some of the best athletes in our division. When they get it right, they’re hard to stop.”

Han led Cerritos with 15 kills, followed by Okoli and Oh, each with eight kills, and Amalu, six kills and two blocks. Pasion led the team with 13 digs while sophomore setter Emily Pasion added 12 digs and Oh pitched in with another eight. The rematch with the Monsoons will be on Oct. 10 and will mark the third match of the second round. That’s how early the league title could be wrapped up should Mayfair win and not be upset by anyone the rest of the way.

“I feel like they’re our biggest competition,” Han said. “We always have really close and good games with them. It’s good to have a healthy competition; to have someone who challenges us a lot.”

Cerritos then competed in the Valley Christian/Bellflower Volleyball Tournament last Saturday, defeating Oaks Christian High 25-18, 20-25, 15-13, falling to El Segundo High 25-19, 25-16 and then beating Trinity Classical High 25-7, 25-13 in pool play action before losing to Westridge High 25-17 in the first round of the playoffs. The Lady Dons (7-2 overall, 3-1 in league) then swept Artesia High 25-12, 25-12, 25-8 this past Tuesday and will entertain Gahr High today and La Mirada High on Thursday.

BALANCED ATTACK GIVES NORWALK SPIKERS ANOTHER SWEEP OVER JOHN GLENN

By Loren Kopff
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Although they have been city rivals for over 50 years, this season may be the last time the Norwalk High girls volleyball team hosts John Glenn High. If that’s the case, since Glenn will be moving into the new 605 League next year, then the Lady Lancers left a lasting impression on the school from the east side of Norwalk.

For the 13th consecutive time, Norwalk defeated the Lady Eagles this past Tuesday to improve to 10-7 overall and 2-2 in the Suburban League. The Lady Lancers dominated the Lady Eagles 25-11, 25-12, 25-20 and since 1998, Norwalk has won 11 of 20 home matches with 13 victories out of the previous 39 meetings coming in sweeps.

Glenn was never in the first set as the hosts bolted out to an 11-1 lead with senior middle blocker Tais Guzman and junior outside hitter Marissa Reyna each spiking three kills. Senior setter Danielle Gomez also had a big part in the scoring spree, serving six straight points with a pair of aces. Moments later, senior defensive specialist Valerie Zavala served five straight points as Norwalk advanced the lead to 18-5.

Glenn (6-6, 0-3) tried to hang with the Lady Lancers in the second set, leading 3-2 and 7-6 early. But a pivotal rotation violation gave possession back to Norwalk and Zavala’s serving strung together 10 points with four of those coming on aces. In fact, Norwalk would have scoring sprees of at least four points eight times.

The Lady Eagles surprised Norwalk in the third set by racing to a 5-0 lead behind two kills each from junior middle blocker Denise Cardenas and junior middle blocker Paola Ramirez. Glenn would continue to maintain a lead that reached six points



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on three different occasions. But at 18-12, a net violation turned the possession to Norwalk and Reyna served four straight points. Then with Glenn clinging to a 19-17 advantage, Zavala had two aces to put the Lady Lancers in front for good.

Reyna led everyone with 10 kills while Gomez and junior middle blocker Priscilla Martinez each had seven kills. The Lady Lancers will host Mayfair High on Tuesday and Artesia High on Thursday. Ramirez had seven of the 19 kills the Lady Eagles would get while Cardenas added another five kills. Glenn will visit Artesia on Tuesday and Bellflower High on Thursday.

In other volleyball action, Artesia began the season with four straight wins but since then, has gone on a nine-match losing streak. The Pioneers fell to Bellflower 25-18, 25-19, 25-19 last Thursday, then was swept in their three pool play matches in the Valley Christian/Bellflower Tournament last Saturday. Artesia picked up a total of 15 points against Gahr High, 22 points against Brea Olinda High and 23 points against Long Beach Wilson High. Senior setter Mika Gebers had a total of 12 kills in the three pool play matches while senior outside hitter Ayanna Jimenez added eight kills. Artesia then fell to Cerritos High 25-12, 25-12, 25-8 this past Tuesday.

Gahr (1-6 overall) lost to Wilson 25-17, 27-26 and Brea Olinda 25-12, 20-25,

15-12 before knocking off Pasadena Poly High 26-24 in the playoffs before getting knocked out by Oaks Christian High 25-8. Sophomore middle blocker Mariah Iosua and junior middle blocker Olanna Olumba had 17 and 13 kills respectively in the three pool play matches. The Lady Gladiators will visit Lynwood High on Tuesday before hosting Warren High on Thursday.

Valley Christian High defeated St. Anthony High 25-19, 25-23, 21-25, 25-21 last Thursday, then went 2-1 in pool play action last Saturday, falling to Westridge High 25-16, 25-21 in a battle for first place. The Lady Crusaders then was on the short end of a 27-26 decision to Grace Brethren High in the playoffs. Senior outside hitter Madison Holmes had eight kills while junior outside hitter Aubrey Schwieger added five kills in the match. V.C. began Olympic League action this past Tuesday with a 25-17, 26-24, 23-25, 25-13 loss to Village Christian. The Lady Crusaders (9-6, 0-1) will compete in the Kennedy Tournament on Saturday before travelling to Whittier Christian High on Tuesday.

FOOTBALL

Fountain Valley (3-1) @ Artesia (2-1)-The Pioneers offense, which had scored 40 points in each of their first two games, was held in check by Gahr last Friday, mustering just a second quarter, one-yard touchdown run from junior quarterback Heder Gladden. The Barons, ranked 10th in the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division 6 poll, are coming off a 28-14 victory over Foothill High and have yielded 40 points this season while scoring 138. This will be Artesia’s last non-league game and the second of three straight home games.

Cerritos (1-3) @ Glenn (3-1)-This might be the new rivalry when both teams move into the 605 League next season.

Cerritos, which defeated Beverly Hills High 20-16 last Friday, has won three Suburban League games since 2011, all against Glenn. Last season, the Eagles prevailed 39-7. The road team has been victorious the past two seasons. Glenn knocked off Hoover High 33-20 last Friday and is off to its best start since opening the 2009 season at 4-0.

St. Anthony (2-1) @ Gahr (3-1)-This is a rematch of last season’s Division 10 first round playoffs in which the Saints prevailed 24-21 on a late field goal. St. Anthony would go on to win the division. This season, St. Anthony, which was blasted by St. Paul High 34-6 last Friday, has scored 42 points and is ranked fifth in Division 9 while Gahr is ranked seventh in Division 10. This will be Gahr’s last game before going on its bye.

Norwalk (3-1) @ Bellflower (2-2)-Suburban League action begins for a pair of teams coming off losses. The Lancers lost to Dominguez High 32-13 last Friday as junior quarterback Brionne Penny accounted for two rushing touchdowns. The Buccaneers were defeated by South El Monte High 35-8 last Friday and have been alternating wins and losses. Norwalk has won four straight against Bellflower since back to back one-point overtime losses.

Ontario Christian (4-0) @ Valley Christian (2-2)-While they are not in the same league, these two teams still consider themselves longtime rivals. V.C. went on an offensive blitz against Rancho Christian High last Friday, racking up 62 points and has now scored 147 points this season. The Crusaders are ranked fourth in Division 8 while the Knights are sixth in Division 11. O.C.’s defense has yielded 44 points, so something will have to give. V.C. overwhelmed the Knights 58-7 last season but has lost the last two home games in this series.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp., hereafter referred to as Grantee, has filed an application with the City of Artesia requesting that the City Council grant to it a franchise for a term of 15 years from and after the date upon which the franchise shall become effective. The franchise would grant Grantee the right and privilege to lay, maintain and use pipes and appurtenances for transmitting and distributing water for all purposes under, along, across or upon the public streets, ways, and alleys as the same may now or may hereafter exist within the City of Artesia.

If said franchise shall be granted to it, Grantee and its approved assigns will pay to said City in lawful money of the United States a sum annually which shall be equivalent to two percent (2%) of the gross annual receipts of Grantee arising from the use, operation or possession of said franchise; provided, however, that such payment shall in no event be less than one percent (1%) of the gross annual receipts of the Grantee derived from the sale of water within the limits of the City of Artesia and further, that in the event the Legislature shall amend the Franchise Act of 1937 (Public Utilities Code Section 6201, et seq.) to permit a franchise payment greater than the percentage formula specified herein, the franchise fee agreed upon shall be adjusted to the level permitted by the legislature in amending such act in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 3 of the proposed franchise agreement. Furthermore, in the event such payment is not made by the Grantee, the franchise will be forfeited.

The Grantee shall also pay to the City within thirty (30) days after receiving a statement therefor, all administrative and other costs incurred by the City in processing the application for a franchise, and for any and all advertising and publishing costs, including the cost of publishing the ordinance, if necessary, incurred in connection with the granting of the franchise.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any and all persons having any objection to the granting of said franchise may appear before the City Council of the City of Artesia at the City of Artesia Council Chambers located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California, at 7:00 p.m. on October 9, 2017 and be heard thereon; and at any time not later than the hour set for hearing objections, any person interested may make written protest stating objections against the granting of said franchise, which protest must be signed by the protestant and be delivered to the City Clerk. The City Council at the time set for hearing said objections shall proceed to hear and pass upon all written protests so made.

For further particulars, reference is hereby made to the draft franchise ordinance which is on file in the office of said City Clerk and also to the resolution adopted by the City Council on the 11th day of September, 2017, declaring its intention to consider granting said franchise.

Dated: September 22, 2017

Pradeepkumar Elayath,
Interim City Clerk
City of Artesia

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Exhibit A

FORM OF NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO
CONSIDER GRANTING A FRANCHISE

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If said franchise shall be granted to it, Grantee and its approved assigns will pay to said City in lawful money of the United States a sum annually which shall be equivalent to two percent (2%) of the gross annual receipts of Grantee arising from the use, operation or possession of said franchise; provided, however, that such payment shall in no event be less than one percent (1%) of the gross annual receipts of the Grantee derived from the sale of water within the limits of the City of Artesia and further, that in the event the Legislature shall amend the Franchise Act of 1937 (Public Utilities Code Section 6201, et seq.) to permit a franchise payment greater than the percentage formula specified herein, the franchise fee agreed upon shall be adjusted to the level permitted by the legislature in amending such act in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 3 of the proposed franchise agreement. Furthermore, in the event such payment is not made by the Grantee, the franchise will be forfeited.

The Grantee shall also pay to the City within thirty (30) days after receiving a statement therefor, all administrative and other costs incurred by the City in processing the application for a franchise, and for any and all advertising and publishing costs, including the cost of publishing the ordinance, if necessary, incurred in connection with the granting of the franchise.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any and all persons having any objection to the granting of said franchise may appear before the City Council of the City of Artesia at the City of Artesia Council Chambers located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California, at 7:00 p.m. on October 9, 2017 and be heard thereon; and at any time not later than the hour set for hearing objections, any person interested may make written protest stating objections against the granting of said franchise, which protest must be signed by the protestant and be delivered to the City Clerk. The City Council at the time set for hearing said objections shall proceed to hear and pass upon all written protests so made.

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Dated: September 22, 2017

Pradeepkumar Elayath,
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. 35497-LS
(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: VMYK VIII CORPORATION, 2657 W. LINCOLN AVE, ANAHEIM, CA 92801
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 12955 LUCAS LN, CERRITOS, CA 90703
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: SUNRISE IBS LLC, LAVENDER TERRACE, CHINO HILLS, CA 91709
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 2657 W. LINCOLN AVE, ANAHEIM, CA 92801
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: BASKIN ROBBINS #360019
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is OCTOBER 3, 2017 at the office of: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 35497-LS, Escrow Officer: LAURIE J. SHORB
(8) Claims may be filed with: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 35497-LS, Escrow Officer: LAURIE J. SHORB
(9) The last day for filing claims is: OCTOBER 2, 2017.
(10) This 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: SEPTEMBER 5, 2017
SELLER: VMYK VIII CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
BUYER: SUNRISE IBS LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 17-853

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF CITY OF ARTESIA COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2017-1 (SERVICES) AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX WITHIN THAT DISTRICT

This is a summary of the above entitled Ordinance No. 17-853 of the City of Artesia. This summary has been prepared and published in accordance with the requirements of Government Code Section 36933.

On August 14, 2017, the City Council adopted a resolution entitled “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Artesia, California, Declaring the Results of a Special Election in City of Artesia Community Facilities District No. 2017-1 (Services) and Directing the Recording of a Notice of Special Tax Lien” (the “Resolution Declaring Results of Election”), which certified the results of the August 14, 2017 election conducted by the Interim City Clerk, which results showed that more than two-thirds of the votes cast in the District were in favor of the propositions to levy the special tax and establish an appropriations limit for the District.

Ordinance No. 17-853 adopts an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Artesia, California, acting in its capacity as the legislative body of the City of Artesia Community Facilities District No. 2017-1 (Services) authorizing the levy of a Special Tax within that district.

Notice is hereby given that a copy of this Ordinance No. 17-853 is available for public review at the City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, and that said Ordinance was passed and adopted on September 11, 2017.

AYES: Taj, Flowers, Lima, Canales and Manalo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

This Ordinance will take effect on October 11, 2017.

Pradeepkumar Elayath, Interim City Clerk
City of Artesia, California

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cerritos Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on **Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following matter:

Review and consideration to waive full reading of and adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CERRITOS PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL APPROVE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2017-1, AMENDING THE CERRITOS GENERAL PLAN BY CHANGING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF APPROXIMATELY ±1.98 ACRES OF LAND, LOCATED AT 12616 183RD STREET (APN 7030-002-902), FROM PUBLIC AND QUASI PUBLIC TO OFFICE PROFESSIONAL COMMERCIAL.*

Review and consideration to waive full reading of and adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CERRITOS PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL APPROVE DEVELOPMENT MAP AMENDMENT 2017-2, AMENDING THE CERRITOS DEVELOPMENT MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONE CLASSIFICATION OF APPROXIMATELY ±1.98 ACRES OF LAND, LOCATED AT 12616 183RD STREET (APN 7030-002-902), FROM OPEN SPACE (OS) TO COMMERCIAL OFFICE PROFESSIONAL (COP).*

*Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is categorically exempt from CEQA Review.

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.

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 **Cerritos Planning Commission** at, or prior to, the public hearing.

CITY OF LA MIRADA

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Please take notice that on September 12, 2017, the City Council of the City of La Mirada adopted the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 696 ESTABLISHING PARKING RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO NONCONFORMING VEHICLES INCLUDING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, VEHICLES TOWING TRAILERS, AND OTHER VEHICLES EXCEEDING CERTAIN DIMENSIONS, AND AMENDING TITLE 10 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE

Summary of Ordinance No. 696

Ordinance No. 696 prohibits the operator of any nonconforming vehicle from parking on any highway, street, alley, public way or public place within any zoning district of the City, at any time, without displaying a valid permit for the nonconforming vehicle. The ordinance defines a nonconforming vehicle as any vehicle (including recreational vehicle), trailer, or combination of vehicle and trailer, when any part of such vehicle, trailer, or combination of vehicle and trailer, together with all fixtures, accessories or property affixed thereto (other than single post radio antennas), measures more than, eight (8) feet in width; or seven and one-half (7½) feet in height; or twenty (20) feet in length. Nonconforming vehicles displaying a temporary permit are required to be parked within 100 feet of the permittee’s property line. La Mirada residents are able to obtain a temporary permit valid for a period of 72 hours. Residents will be issued up to 20 permits within any calendar year, and permits can be used consecutively for a maximum of two, 72-hour periods.

The names of those Councilmembers voting for or against Ordinance No. 696 are as follows:

AYES:	Councilmembers De Ruse, Lewis, Sarega, Mayor Pro Tem Mowles, Mayor Eng
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of the Ordinance 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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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 17-845

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 9-2.3302 (PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED (CPD)) AND 9-2.3304 (DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS) OF ARTICLE 33 (COMMERCIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ZONE (CPD)) OF CHAPTER 2 (ZONING) OF TITLE 9 (PLANNING AND ZONING) OF THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE TO CONDITIONALLY PERMIT DRIVE-IN AND DRIVE-THRU RESTAURANTS IN THE COMMERCIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (CPD) ZONE AND MODIFY THE MINIMUM FRONT YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENT FOR PREMISES IN THE COMMERCIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (CPD) ZONE, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA

This is a summary of the above entitled Ordinance No. 17-845 of the City of Artesia. This summary has been prepared and published in accordance with the requirements of Government Code Section 36933.

Ordinance No. 17-845 adopts a Zoning Code Amendment amending Sections 9-2.3302 (Principal Uses Permitted (CPD)) and 9-2.3304 (Development Standards) of Article 33 (Commercial Planned Development Zone (CPD)) of Chapter 2 (Zoning) of Title 9 (Planning And Zoning) of the Artesia Municipal Code to conditionally permit drive-in and drive-thru restaurants in the Commercial Planned Development (CPD) Zone and reduce the minimum front yard setback requirement for premises in the CPD Zone from 40 feet to 20 feet.

Notice is hereby given that a copy of this Ordinance No. 17-845 is available for public review at the City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, and that said Ordinance was passed and adopted on September 11, 2017.

AYES:	Taj, Flowers, Lima, Canales and Manalo
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

This Ordinance will take effect on October 11, 2017.

Pradeepkumar Elayath, Interim City Clerk
City of Artesia, California

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CITY OF LA MIRADA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 698 ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR MAINTAINING AND REGISTERING VACANT OR ABANDONED COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES AND STOREFRONTS, AND AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 26, 2017, 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. 698 Establishing Regulations for Maintaining and Registering Vacant or Abandoned Commercial Properties and Storefronts, and Amending Title 9 of the La Mirada Municipal Code.

Summary of Ordinance No. 698

The proposed Ordinance No. 698 would require the owner of a vacant or abandoned commercial property or storefront to register the commercial property or storefront on a form provided by the City. The form requires the owner to describe the methods used to secure the commercial property or storefront against unauthorized entry. Pursuant to the proposed ordinance, the property would be required to be posted with the name and 24 hour contact telephone number of the local property management company in a manner sufficient to allow an individual to contact and notify the owner or local property management company of any problems or concerns regarding the property. The proposed ordinance would require all vacant or abandoned commercial properties and storefronts to be kept free of graffiti, weeds, dry brush, dead vegetation, trash, junk, debris, building materials, any accumulation of papers or documents, and discarded personal items that contribute to the appearance that the property is abandoned or that constitute evidence of vacancy.

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 698 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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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 17-850

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ARTESIA AND KHO & KHO, L.P. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 9,999 SQUARE FOOT COMMERCIAL CENTER PROJECT LOCATED AT 11632 SOUTH STREET IN THE COMMERCIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (CPD) ZONE (CASE NO. 2017-05), AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA

This is a summary of the above entitled Ordinance No. 17-850 of the City of Artesia. This summary has been prepared and published in accordance with the requirements of Government Code Section 36933.

Ordinance No. 17-850 approves a Development Agreement between the City of Artesia and KHO & KHO, L.P. for the construction of a 9,999 square foot commercial center located 11632 South Street (APN: 7039-024-006) in the Commercial Planned Development (CPD) Zone (Planning Department Case No. 2017-05) pursuant to Government Code Sections 65865 through 65869.5. Notice is hereby given that a copy of this Ordinance No. 17-850 is available for public review at the City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, and that said Ordinance was passed and adopted on September 11, 2017.

AYES:	Taj, Flowers, Lima, Canales, and Manalo
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

This Ordinance will take effect on October 11, 2017.

Pradeepkumar Elayath, Interim City Clerk
City of Artesia, California

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
MYRA MAY MIYASATO
CASE NO. 17STPB08419
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MYRA MAY MIYASATO.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by NANCY KISHISHITA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NANCY KISHISHITA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/16/17 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
TODD M. LITMAN - SBN 123597
LITMAN AND ASSOCIATES
1422 EDINGER AVENUE,
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TUSTIN CA 92780
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. 50156
(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: EL MONTE GREEN PETROLEUM, 10340 ROSECRANS AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 10340 ROSECRANS AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: HAROUT ABRAHAMIAN AND ROZA ABRAHAMIAN, 10340 ROSECRANS AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURE, AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 10340 ROSECRANS AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: MOBILE GAS STATION
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is OCTOBER 10, 2017, at the office of OAK ESCROW INC, 301 E. GLENOAKS BLVD, STE 2, GLENDALE, CA 91207 Escrow No. 50156, Escrow Officer JENNIFER WOODARD
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as “7” above.
(9) The last date for filing claims is: OCTOBER 9, 2017
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
(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: APRIL 19, 2017
TRANSFEREES: HAROUT ABRAHAMIAN & ROZA ABRAHAMIAN
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Half day \$15

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