



FBI EXHIBITION AT REAGAN LIBRARY

BONNIE AND CLYDE’S getaway car that they were eventually shot and killed inside is part of the exhibition which also includes a jet engine found at the South Tower from the 9/11 attacks. **Story page 8.**

Billboard in Pico Rivera Honors Slain Cows



SAVE ANIMALS: The billboard was put up very near the slaughterhouse where the '41' escaped.

BY BRIAN HEWS

A billboard was erected in Pico Rivera near the slaughterhouse where 41 cows escaped June 22. 38 were captured, one was fatally shot by a sheriff’s deputy, and two were rescued. The outdoor advertisement read “Remember The Pico and is located on the corner of Beverly Boulevard and Di Maria Road, near the Manning Beef facility. The Animal Alliance Network, the nonprofit organization

that came up with the idea and secured the billboard. Other animal welfare and vegan organizations joined Animal Alliance including Peace 4 Animals and World Animal News, which helped design and sponsor the ad. Featured on the right of the billboard is June B. Free, one of the surviving cows who escaped and is now at the Farm Sanctuary. The other was named Susan. Both names were chosen in honor of Farm Sanctuary donors. “Taking action to save the

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'GAME CHANGER'
California Budget
Eliminates 'Asset
Test' for Medi-Cal
and Medicare

BY BRIAN HEWS

A provision in California’s newly approved state budget will eliminate the asset test for the 2 million Californians enrolled in both Medi-Cal and Medicare, the federal health insurance program for people 65 and older and people under 65 with certain disabilities. Instead, their financial eligibility will be based solely on income, as it is for the millions of other people in Medi-Cal. The elimination of the test will be a game changer for aging or impaired Californians who need long-term care but are caught in a common conundrum: They don’t earn enough to cover the high costs of ongoing nursing home care and can’t rely on Medicare, which does not cover extended nursing home stays. They can get that care through

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HMG-CN INVESTIGATION PART THREE

Did Bassett Unified and
'Megataxers' Commit Bond Fraud?

Forged and falsified documents, altered ballot statement and question, and a raising of the debt limit.

BY JONESY SMITH,
THE IRISHMAN, AND
BRIAN HEWS

In 2006, students from local communities, prompted by the Edward James Olmos’ film Walkout, the story of the Chicano Blowouts, marched from the city of Pico Rivera to Montebello High. They lowered the flag of the United States and raised the standard of Mexico. They turned the red, white and

blue upside down and flew Old Glory underneath. This nation can take demonstrations and protests for a good cause. Civil disobedience without violence is admirable and tolerable. Just ask Martin Luther King. Students from Bassett Unified probably did not join the march. Most of the schools were in “program improvement,” meaning they were failing. From 2007 on, Paul Solano guided the District to make improvements under the banner of education. A line of superintendents followed, including James Ballard, who resigned in 2010. Ballard was replaced by

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Rep. Sánchez Requests \$10M for Local
City Projects and Organizations

BY BRIAN HEWS

Representative Linda Sánchez is working to secure nearly \$10 million dollars for local cities and organizations, including 2 million for tiny La Palma to repair their street medians. The money is coming from the 2022 Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies bill. A \$475,000 request was made for better accessibility and lighting at the city of La Mirada’s ten-acre Neff Park. The funding would be used to replace deteriorated asphalt walkways with concrete, place new concrete walkways to enhance accessibility to all areas, improve lighting throughout the park, and extend wood rail fencing around

the perimeter of the park. These improvements would improve public safety at the park and help meet requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The park includes three historic buildings, a gazebo, a basketball and tennis court, horseshoe pits, a newly renovated playground, and picnic areas. In addition, the park hosts community events. Sánchez requested \$2 million to rehab La Palma’s arterial street medians; a redesign that will address California’s ongoing drought and water restrictions. The project includes the removal of existing landscaping/irrigation, hardscape removals and replacement, installation of a new drip irrigation system, plant-

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Bellflower Moving Forward on Economic Development



DEVELOPMENT: Look for the opening of a Starbucks in late summer/early fall at Belle Fleur. The Orchard at Belle Fleur Centre will follow, a multi-tenant food, court a few months later in early 2022.

STAFF REPORT

The northeast corner of Bellflower Boulevard and Cedar Street is buzzing with construction activity as Belle Fleur Centre begins to take shape on the 1.5-acre site.

Look for the opening of a Starbucks in late summer/ early fall. The Orchard at Belle Fleur Centre will follow, a multi-tenant food, court a few months later in early 2022.

Former Alpha Beta Supermarket and retail buildings have been demolished at 10129 Artesia Boulevard, just west of Woodruff Avenue and south of the 91 freeway.

The 2.8 acre blank canvas is now ready for new development.

Bellflower is looking for local “makers.” As the retail landscape continues to change and evolve, the economic vitality of main streets and downtown districts throughout the nation continues to be challenged.

Looking to add another tool to the economic development toolbox, the City hired Ilana Preuss of Recast City to look at Downtown Bellflower and recommend how City leaders could incorporate “Small Scale Manufacturing” into the mix.

Get to know “Bellflower Made.” Like many small-town downtown districts, Downtown Bellflower has seen its fair share of ups and downs over the decades. In the past ten years, huge strides have been made to encourage new development, add rooftops, and improve the pedestrian environment.

As traditional retail continues to struggle, the City is making a concerted

effort to find additional ways to maintain its recent positive momentum. Small Scale Manufacturing is part of this effort, and this is just the beginning.

To foster this group of businesses, the City is reviewing its zoning to make it easier for Makers to locate Downtown; seeking training resources for entrepreneurs and microbusinesses; and stepping up the promotion and branding of Downtown Bellflower.

The City unveiled a second mural completed by muralist Dave Can Patten in Town Center Plaza located in Downtown Bellflower.

This colorful tower displays illustrative characters in his signature style, which highlights the neighboring businesses.

Van Patten's whimsical style will be featured in a third mural set for late 2021.

The Nest Tambien adds an excellent new flavor to Downtown Bellflower. The Nest Tambien, a second restaurant for owner Antonio Appling following the success of The Nest: A Breakfast Joint, celebrated its official Grand Opening this month. Be sure to visit the newest brunch spot on Bellflower Boulevard.

The City is happy to see The Stand Up Comedy Club's recent soft opening events. It's the newest late-night entertainment spot to open in Downtown, which offers craft drinks, barbecue favorites and a variety of headlining comics. Be sure to visit their website for details about the upcoming official Grand Opening Event scheduled for August 26, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

For more information call or email Jim DellaLonga at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2224.

Cerritos Receives \$6.2 Million Check



MUCH NEEDED FUNDS: from (l-r) Cerritos Councilman Frank Yokoyama, Mayor Grace Hu and Rep. Linda Sánchez.

NEWS SERVICE

Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (D-Lakewood) delivered a check in the amount of \$6.2 million to Cerritos last Friday as part of the funding the City received through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan.

The American Rescue Plan was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden in March and delivered more than \$43 billion in relief to local and state governments in California to help speed up the country’s recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The City of Cerritos is grateful to the federal government for these relief funds and to Congresswoman Sánchez for her ongoing work for our community," re-

marked Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu. “These monies will be used for our ongoing efforts to support COVID-19 response efforts and to continue to provide our residents and businesses with excellent services well into the future.”

“This pandemic hit our communities hard,” said Congresswoman Sánchez. “As we mourn the loss of over 63,000 lives here in California alone, it is critical we deliver relief directly to working families, small businesses and local governments so they can continue working to get us back on track. That is exactly what the American Rescue Plan did – it extended a lifeline to millions right here in Southern California and I was proud to support it. I am glad to be here in Cerritos to highlight over 6 million dollars the City received through this relief package.”

West Nile Virus Confirmed in Los Angeles County

Confirmed in Bellflower, Studio City and Tarzana.

BY BRIAN HEWS

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has confirmed West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquito samples in Los Angeles County.

The positive mosquito samples were collected from mosquito traps in Bellflower (90706), Studio City (91602), and Tarzana (91356). The District is currently still awaiting results for additional samples.

While this confirmation serves as the District’s first positive West Nile virus mosquito pool this year, virus activity has been increasing steadily throughout California, including other vector control jurisdictions within the County. Additionally, the District submitted a dead bird located in Valley Village which has been confirmed positive for WNV.

“West Nile virus is detected every summer by local public health agencies because it is endemic to Los Angeles County,” said Susanne Kluh, director of Scientific-Technical Services at GLACVCD. “This virus is spread through our bird population and transmitted to humans with the bite of an infected mosquito.”

Because there is no human vaccine for West Nile Virus, residents must be proactive against mosquito bites by wearing insect repellent. Many mosquito repellents are available to prevent bites, but they do not all work equally well. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend products with the active ingredients DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus as being safe and effective against mosquitoes that can transmit disease when used according to the labels.

“Our agency will continue monitoring disease activity and keep residents informed so they can protect themselves from mosquito bites during dusk and dawn,” said Anaïs Medina Diaz, public information officer for GLACVCD. “But it is very important to remember that at this time the virus could be anywhere, even though we may not have detected it yet.”

One in five persons infected with the virus will exhibit symptoms. Symptoms can include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, or a skin rash. These symptoms can last for several days to months. One in 150 people infected with the virus will require hospitalization. Severe symptoms include high fever, muscle weakness, neck stiffness, coma, paralysis, and possibly death. If residents feel they are experiencing symptoms, it is strongly recommended to consult their primary care physician.

Mosquito control is a shared responsibility and residents must take a role in reducing the threat of WNV in their neighborhoods by taking these additional steps:

Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs or anything that holds water for more than a week.

Ensure that swimming pools, spas, and ponds are properly maintained. Change the water in pet dishes, bird baths and other small containers weekly. Request mosquito-fish from your local vector control district for placement in ornamental ponds.

Wear EPA-recommended insect repellent when outdoors where mosquitoes may be present. Report neglected (green) swimming pools in your neighborhood to your vector control district.

Visit www.tiptosstakeaction.org. For more information, contact the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at 562-944-9656, online at www.glacvcd.org,

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'Seniors Fighting Back' - Teaching Older Adults Self-Defense Skills

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

In light of the recent attack on Cesar Echano, a 70-year-old Filipino-American, and his wife who were verbally and physically assaulted during an outing at a local Cerritos park, Supervisor Janice Hahn is offering free Seniors Fight Back [SFB] classes.

Empowering older adults and the community through self-defense classes, the Seniors Fight Back team will hold the Cerritos edition of self-defense classes.

Last month, Echano and his wife, Ruth, walked along a trail at Don Knabe Community Regional Park, a weekly exercise they've done for years. Suddenly, a man approached and began verbally harassing them.

"I don't know why but he confronted us," Echano said. "He was laughing and asking me why I was looking at him. I kept my head down and walked away. Then he started yelling a lot of profanity."

The creation of SFB grew out of the fear that some of the older adults in communities have been feeling. The class is lead by Ron Scolesdang, a professional



A PROFESSIONAL MMA fighter teaches a local older adult both noninvasive and invasive self-defense moves..

MMA fighter; the course will include non-invasive and invasive segments.

The mission is to teach older adults to have the awareness to avoid a potential physical or life-threatening situation while

also preparing older adults with practiced physical strike maneuvers to reduce the severity of an attack.

All moves are for people who have no prior fighting or martial arts experience. There will be assistant instructors that will aid with practice moves.

On Saturday July 31, 2021, there will be three self-defense classes for older adults; the first class beginning at 9:00 am with two more at 10:00 am and 11:00 am at Don Knabe Community Regional Park.

"The world is a broken place, and it is unfortunate the horrors that our elders experience," said a Hahn representative, "we hope our participants leave the event feeling empowered and find comfort that there are people looking out for them."

Seniors Fight Back (SFB) was founded in April 2021 in Southern California by individuals that wanted to help the AAPI community amid rising anti-Asian hate crimes, particularly against the elderly.

Admission is free, and ages 18 and over are welcome to register at www/seniorsfightback.com. For more information, contact Hong Lee at seniorsfightback.la@gmail.com

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Two Downey High Students Found by Search and Rescue



TWO TEENAGERS were found by a search-and-rescue team at about 9 a.m. Wednesday on Mt. Baldy. The teens were among 51 students from DHS along with two coaches and a teacher, who hiked the mountain before breaking up into several groups Monday morning.

A group of the students walked back and left the area. But at 7 p.m., ten minors and three adults were airlifted from the mountain, but two hikers — a 15-year-old girl and a 16-year-old boy — remained unaccounted for. They were found the next day by helicopter. At left are the teens.

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Downey Space Center Reopens

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The Columbia Memorial Space Center welcomed its first guests in over a year, Friday, July 9.

CMSC closed its doors over a year ago, as did museums across the Southland.

The Center reported that 85,000 people participated in over 600 online or virtual programs.

"The mission of the Columbia Memorial Space Center is to ignite a community of creative and critical thinkers," Executive Director Benjamin Dickow in his report to the City Council, "Making access to the Space Center as easy as possible to all members of the community helps to fulfill that mission."

The standard \$5 entrance fee was waived on their opening weekend. "The public may have been disconnected from the Space Center facility after it has been closed for such a long time," stated Dickow. The waiver also included the senior discount, and children under three were free. Students and teachers were also free under past admissions policies.

The council approved the fee waiver at the first council meeting to be opened to the public on June 22.

New exhibits include a virtual display dedicated to the 40th anniversary of the Columbia Space Shuttle. The Columbia Shuttle made 27 missions to space. It exploded on February 1, 2003, upon reentry to the Earth's atmosphere, killing its nine-member crew. "We have changed up our floors a bit," said Center Supervisor Sarah Medina, "We will have several make-and-take activities such as paper airplane and capsule building as well as a fun stomp rocket activity."

The Challenger Learning Center is currently closed, but the Center will be offering group Challenger virtual experiences

soon. "We will be moving to in-person programming slowly," stated Medina, "We have an early childhood program that is filled for the summer, and that will be held in-person, although many of programs will remain virtual."

Constructed in 2009, the two-story fa-



ADMISSION will be free throughout the summer through September 7, 2021, hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tue.-Sat.

cility is part of the former National Aeronautics and Space Administration site. Companies such as North American Rockwell and Boeing designed and built spacecraft during the 1960s and 70s.

The free admission status will result in an \$11,000 income loss, based on figures from 2019. But some of that should be recouped from the sale of items from the gift store and new programs. The Space Center continues to pursue grant funding through its nonprofit foundation.

Admission will be free throughout the summer at The Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way, through September 7, 2021 with regular hours 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tue.-Sat..

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CENTRAL BASIN WATER CLOSES YEAR ON A HIGH NOTE

BY BRIAN HEWS

COMMERCE, CA ~ The Central Basin Municipal Water District (CB) ended its fiscal year on a positive note with a position of strong fiscal stability, a reorganization that has yielded a significant reduction of operating expenses of \$1.8 million and improved customer satisfaction.

A significant achievement given the District's previous governance, operational and fiscal challenges, and attacks by Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (D-Bell) and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood), along with Rendon's Assembly Attorney Alf Brandt, to take over the agency under dubious reasons.

The actions of the three were preceded by corrupt Finance Director Andrew Hamilton, who, among other questionable maneuvers, called CB's bond rating service to inform the Moody's contact that CB was in terrible financial trouble.

The communications resulted in a downgrade of CB.

In addition, after years of dysfunction, some caused by Asm. Garcia's bill that added directors to the board, others by the corrupt actions of former disgraced GM Kevin Hunt, the District's Board of Directors has coalesced around their vision of an improved and efficient agency, working together to support the new direction of the District.

"The District's Board is very pleased

at the recent planning and turn of events leading to a positive fiscal and operating position," said Art Chacon, CB Board president. "Our new general manager and staff have done a stellar job in turning around a District tapping into the potential to improve the reliability and quality of water for our customers."

This positive development for CB did not happen overnight but began with the arrival of the District's new general manager, Dr. Alejandro (Alex) Rojas.

Rojas came to CB as a turnaround specialist tasked to use his prior public administrative experience to promote and secure the District's fiscal stability.

Upon arriving, Rojas implemented a district reorganization resulting in a nearly \$1.8 million reduction in annual operating expenses; furthermore, he developed a cross-functional operations team made up of internal employees and external contractors making the District more efficient while improving organizational performance.

Additionally, the District reduced fixed costs for customers by approximately \$300,000 per year and approved \$1.5 million in grants for recycled water system expansion which will be used to improve local water supply reliability specifically to local disadvantaged communities.

Rojas' moves generated the highest level of average monthly operating and unrestricted cash reserves since 2016, \$12 million, ending the year with \$22 million in unrestricted and restricted cash reserves.

"I am very pleased and appreciative of the Board's support for the District's concerted plans to vastly improve our fiscal position, programs, services and customer satisfaction," said Rojas. "Most significantly we have managed to reduce the cost of imported water by

14% for customers during a drought. The District also kept its recycled water rates unchanged, further reducing the cost of water for its customers."


Despite a projected statewide drought, the CB Board of Directors took action during its monthly May 24 Board meeting and approved a 14% reduction in imported water rates for customers in its service area while other districts are raising their rates.

Many California counties are currently under a severe drought forecast precipitated by low water levels and little snow in the Sierras. This has been the second dry year in a row, and 2021 might bring some additional changes.

"It's important to remember that one of the principal reasons Central Basin is able to lower water rates is that we have taken prudent measures to regain fiscal control of our budget," Rojas continued. "Our goals for the District have been to lower the cost of imported water, ensure our long-term fiscal stability, improve customer service, diversify our revenue streams, and grow our recycled water services. With our final report we believe we have accomplished that goal."


"As a Central Basin customer, we are incredibly pleased the District is working with all its customers to ensure its service areas have a reliable and diverse source of high-quality water at affordable rates, particularly at a time when local governments have been impacted by the pandemic," said John Oskoui, Assistant City Manager, City of Downey. "The Board's actions reflect a new direction for Central Basin which has started to form collaborative partnerships with its customers and take the necessary steps to ensure the District's long-term fiscal stability."

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Downey's Stay Gallery Reopens

AFTER BEING CLOSED for over sixteen months, the nonprofit art gallery held its first in-person public art exhibition July 9.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

STAY Gallery, the pride and joy of the Downey Arts community, reopened its doors with a grand reception on July 9.

After being closed for over sixteen months, the nonprofit art gallery held its first in-person public art exhibition. The exhibition, entitled Unidos, was the spotlight for the creativity of eighteen artists from the Greater Los Angeles region.

"We were eager to reconnect with our community," said Gabriel Enamorado, Stay Gallery's co-founder and executive director. "The pandemic has been challenging for us, but we have learned to adapt on a day-to-day basis. It gave us the time and space to strengthen our programs and offerings and deepen relationships with our city's leaders, families and artists."

Stay Gallery plans to reopen with the addition of a small artisan shop. The Gallery received a grant from the SELACO Workforce Development Board, which provided funds for new equipment and PPE necessary to maintain an artisan shop and reopen safely due to the pandemic.

"We're very grateful for the grant from SELACO," says Juliana Canty, Stay's Program Director. "Before the pandemic, we relied heavily on large in-person gatherings. The new artisan shop will help us generate lost revenue from our closure to get us back on our feet."

Stay Gallery has undergone numerous changes during the last year, with a name change from Downey Art Vibe to Stay Arts and a new board of directors.

"The Unidos group exhibition is a testament to our collective experience, providing an avenue for our artists and community to process and recover from a difficult past year," said Enamorado. "We are happy to have our doors open again and invite everyone to visit and perhaps relate to the stories and experiences that the artists have allowed us to share."

Enamorado expresses his gratitude for everyone who came out to support the re-opening exhibition 'Unidos' "There are no words to describe how it feels to reconnect with the community again. We appreciate each and every one of you!"



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Police Bike Patrol Returns to La Palma



NICE BIKES: LPPD Sergeant Luke Carlson (left) and Officer Gary Wilson patrolling residential and retail areas, such as the Super-1 Mart center. They also spend time patrolling the Coyote Creek area conducting outreach to the homeless population.

STAFF REPORT

Recently, the La Palma's Police Department's Bike Patrol Team deployed for the first time since the pandemic began in the spring of 2020. The team was put on hiatus as a precaution during the COVID-19 pandemic as many non-essential functions were limited in order to protect staff from unnecessary exposure.

Sergeant Luke Carlson and Officer Gary Wilson spent their shift patrolling residential and retail areas, such as the Super-1 Mart center. They also spent time patrolling the Coyote Creek area conducting outreach to the homeless population. The Bike Patrol Team has several shifts scheduled for the upcoming months and will continue to patrol neighborhoods, retail areas, and schools.

SOCAL HOME PRICES ZOOM TO ANOTHER RECORD

L.A.County's median home price rose nearly 24% to \$790,000; sales climbed 69% in June. Southern California home prices zoomed to yet another all-time high, but analysts see the extreme bidding wars of the last year beginning to ease. Experts say many factors are behind the increase: fast-expanding buyer markets, and low mortgage rates are just two. June's median home price of \$680,000 eclipsed the previous record of \$667,000, set in May. The demand could make for a hot Southern California market through the rest of the year and beyond. In San Diego County, the median home price rose nearly 25% to \$750,000; sales climbed 34%.

In Ventura County, the median home price rose 23% to \$736,000, sales climbed 48%. In Los Angeles County, the median home price rose 23.1% to \$790,000 in June, while sales climbed 68.9% year over year. In Orange County, the median home price rose 18.6% to \$900,000, while sales climbed 67%. In San Bernardino County, the median home price rose 21% to \$442,750, while sales climbed 42%. In Riverside County, the median home price rose 20% to \$510,000, while sales climbed 44%. With more houses steadily being listed for sale, many realtors say the historic seller's market could ease down before the end of the year. Homeowners are seeing it is a sellers market, so every time positive news hits, more will list their homes.

Margaret's House Volunteer Day in Bellflower



HELPING OUT: This past weekend, over 40 local volunteers assisted with projects around Margaret's House, a hospitality home operated by Kingdom Causes Bellflower for families transitioning into permanent housing. Not only did individuals step up to provide support, but also families served together to contribute to the effort to make Margaret's house a safe and beautiful hospitality home for the future families who will be staying there. You can learn more about Margaret's House and how you can help during this time by visiting www.kcbellflower.org/blog/mh-revamp-project.



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Lakewood Adds New Sheriff's Traffic Deputy



GREETINGS DISTRACTED DRIVER
Meet Deputy Pasquale Mastantuono; extra deputy that is keeping Lakewood safe.

BY BRIAN HEWS

In the city's budget that started July 1, funds were allocated for an additional Deputy Sheriff dedicated to traffic safety—the second such deputy for the city.

More hours of coverage means that distracted drivers, speeders, California stops, drivers under the influence who have never heard of a taxi, really dumb unsafe speeding drivers around schools - that is a hefty ticket - might see those flashing red lights in their Tesla rear view mirror.

If residents see L.A. County Deputy Sheriff Pasquale Mastantuono, give him a wave. Lakewood receives little revenue from traffic tickets as the tickets are written by deputies revenue goes to LA County and the court systems.

Despite that, the Lakewood pays for two traffic safety Deputy Sheriffs in order to reduce accidents and keep Lakewood drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists safe.

Norwalk Could Add Another Motor Deputy

The City experienced a 54% decrease in the number of total collisions from 2018 to 2021 with an additional deputy.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The Norwalk City council requested an assessment of the possibility of adding another motor deputy. In conducting the assessment, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Traffic Analysis Report for the years of 2018 through 2020 and the current data for 2021 were reviewed for the months of January through April of each year.

In previous years, Norwalk had contracted for one commercial enforcement deputy, one traffic deputy and one traffic enforcement motor officer. A second motor sergeant was added to the contract in November of 2020. All of these units work primarily during the day with some flex schedules.

The City experienced a 54% decrease in the number of total collisions from 152 in 2018 to 82 in 2021. This significant decrease also reflects in the number of injury collisions. When the productivity and type of enforcement in 2020 and 2021

was factored in, staff began to conclude that the increase in law enforcement significantly impacted the rate of collisions in the city.

Data from the Public Safety Departments' two radar trailers, which are moved throughout the City based on complaints of speed from residents, were significant in the collection of the speed data. In addition to the trailers, these same locations are provided to the LASD traffic units for enforcement efforts. There were four locations where the trailers were frequently deployed. Bloomfield Avenue between Civic Center Drive and Foster Road; Disney Avenue between Rosecrans Avenue and Mapledale Street; Orr and Day Road between Cecilia Street and Beaty Street and the intersection of Adoree Street and Kalnor Avenue.

It was evident from reviewing the data that traffic enforcement efforts have positively reduced the number of traffic collisions in the City. There were significant gains made with the addition of the second motor deputy, and data strongly supports the continued benefit of the addition of a third motor deputy to reduce traffic collisions. If approved, the planned deployment officer will start later in the day and work into the evening hours to cover commuter traffic.

Funding for a third traffic motor Sheriff's deputy is included in the adopted Fiscal Year 2021 / 2022 budget

CRIME SUMMARY COMPILED BY HMG-LCCN Woman's Death in Bellflower Under Investigation

BELLFLOWER (CNS) - Homicide detectives are investigating the death of a woman in Bellflower, authorities said today.

Deputies responded about 11:15 p.m. Tuesday to the 9700 block of Mayne Street, a block west of Bellflower Blvd., where they found the woman, who was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Deputy Tracy Koerner of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Information Bureau.

No additional information was available.

Anyone with information was asked to contact the LASD's Homicide Bureau at 323-890-5500. Anonymous tips can be called into Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (8477) or submitted online at lacrimestoppers.org.

Man Shot and Killed in Lakewood

LAKEWOOD (CBSLA) – A man was shot and killed in Lakewood early Tuesday morning.

The shooting occurred at 12:52 a.m. in the 8200 block of Somerset Boulevard.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies responded and found a man with gunshot wounds. He was rushed to a hospital, where he died.

He was not identified.

There was no word on a motive in the killing or any suspect description.

Anyone with information should call the sheriff's department at 323-890-5500.

Cerritos ROBBERY
7/15, 12700 Blk. Towne Center, store, suspects entered store, took misc. per-

fumes and exited store without paying for the items. Suspects were recognized by store employees from recent thefts at the same location suspects may be part of an organized retail theft crew. Suspects arrested.

BURGLARY OTHER
7/14, 11100 Blk. Artesia Bl., school classroom window open suspect arrested.
7/12-7/17, 16500 Blk. Piuma Ave., storage facility, door removed lock computer, tv.

GRAND THEFT
7/16, 13300 Blk. South St., store, wallet taken.
7/13,12700 Blk. Towne Center Dr., store, perfume, suspect arrested.
7/15, 12700 Blk. Towne Center Dr., store, misc perfume.
7/12, 10900 Blk. Alondra Bl., store, power tools.
7/18, 11900 Blk. South St., store, pool cleaner.
7/14-7/15, 11100 Blk. Bos Pl., laptop.
7/13-14, 13600 Blk. Felson St., catalytic converter 2005 Honda accord
7/12, 19100 Blk. Pioneer Bl., catalytic converter
7/14, 13200 Blk. Moore St., business, catalytic converter 2007 Honda accord

GRAND THEFT AUTO
7/16, Los Cerritos Ctr., 2007 Honda recovered
7/14-15, 11300 Blk. Felson St., 2006 Chevy Silverado, recovered
7/15, Los Cerritos Ctr., 2006 Chevy Silverado, not recovered

VEHICLE BURGLARY
7/15, 10600 Blk. Alondra Bl., gym, 2016 Honda Civic front passenger window shattered, purse stolen..

La Mirada NOTABLE ARRESTS
• During a traffic stop deputies arrested a suspect on several probation violations; driving without a valid license, possession of narcotics, possession of live ammunition and possession of stolen property.
• Nine suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various war-

rants and narcotics violations.

ROBBERY
• A suspect was arrested for stealing alcohol by force on the 12700 block of Valley View Ave. No injuries were reported during the incident.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY
• Jewelry and cash were reported stolen during a daytime door smash burglary on the 16000 block of Crestline Dr.
• A daytime burglary was reported on the 13200 block of Lorca Rd. Medication and a laptop were reported stolen.
• An afternoon theft of a bicycle was reported from an attached garage on the 15000 block of Olive Ln.

VEHICLE BURGLARY
• Two vehicles were broken into on the 14900 block of La Mirada Blvd.
• Clothing and cash were stolen during a burglary on the 14300 block of Rosecrans Ave.
• An early morning burglary was reported on the 15600 block of Pescados.

GRAND THEFT
• An afternoon theft was reported on the 15700 block of Rosecrans Ave.
• A catalytic converter was reported stolen during a daytime theft on the 13800 block of La Mirada Blvd.
• Two thefts from vehicles were reported on the 14200 block of Firestone Blvd. A tailgate and set of rims and tires were stolen.
• A catalytic converter theft was reported on the 14500 block of La Pluma

• A catalytic converter theft was reported on the 14700 block of Industry Cr.
• A catalytic converter theft was reported on the 15600 block of Phoebe.
• An afternoon theft of a cell phone was reported on the 16800 block of Trojan Way.

GRAND THEFT AUTO
• A truck was reported stolen on the 13700 block of De Alcala Dr.
• A SUV was reported stolen on the 14200 block of Firestone Blvd.
• A van was reported stolen on the 14500 block of Cartela Dr.
• A stolen utility truck was recovered on the 14700 block of Firestone Bl.

Sánchez Secures \$450,000 for Whittier’s Central Library Remodel and Improvement Project

WASHINGTON – Last week, Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez announced that she secured inclusion of \$450,000 for the City of Whittier’s Central Library Remodel and Improvement Project

“It is my honor to fight for our district in Congress, and I am proud to advocate for this much-needed funding for Whittier’s Central Library Remodel and Improvement Project,” said. Sánchez.

“I will continue to fight for our district to ensure that we get the federal funding we need to make Southern California communities stronger.”

This funding will be used for enhancement to the Children and Youth Services section in Whittier Central Library, including updated furnishings, additional seating, technology stations, a children’s story area , and special computers for early learners .

Whittier Central Library opened in 1959 and has welcomed millions of visitors since.

The library collection on opening day was 80,000 items; the collection has now grown to over 220,000 items, an increase of 175%. However, the building has not been updated with the changing role of the library. The facility has overcrowded shelving; lack of seating for Library users, inadequate electrical capacity including wiring, power outlets, data lines, and space for the current and new technology; lack of community meeting place for the wide variety of library programs which are now offered by the Library; inadequate space for housing and displaying local history materials and collection; poor lighting; and a critical shortage of workspace.

Rep. Sánchez submitted several Community Project Funding requests to the Appropriations Committee.

A \$475,000 request was made for better accessibility and lighting at the **City of La Mirada's ten-acre Neff Park**. The funding would be used to replace deteriorated asphalt walkways with concrete, place new concrete walkways to enhance accessibility to all areas, improve lighting throughout the park, and extend wood rail fencing around the park's perimeter.

Sánchez requested \$2 million to rehab **La Palma's arterial street medians**; a redesign that will address California's ongoing drought and water restrictions. The project includes the removal of existing landscaping/irrigation, hardscape removals and replacement, installation of a new drip irrigation system, planting of new trees along with new landscaping/hardscaping in 48 median islands. Re-grading of the medians is also included to capture irrigation and storm runoff to meet state/federal storm water regulation compliance. Three newly designed median islands on Moody Street from Malaga Avenue to Orangethorpe Avenue would be added, with the completed project presenting a consistent median island design for all of the City's roadway medians.

A \$322,000 request was made for **Bellflower's Constitution Park**, add-

HMG-CN GUEST OPINION

Let's Call it What It Is: The Delta Variant is the Murdoch Variant

BY ERIC BOEHLERT

There’s a renewed Covid crisis in this country because powerful forces, led by Rupert Murdoch’s Fox News, want there to be one.

The United States is the only country in the world that’s simultaneously trying to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic while battling a homegrown, deep-pocketed political and media crusade determined to keep the pandemic going.

Call it the Murdoch variant. And it’s proving to be deadly.

While a staff of fully-vaccinated hosts rage against an extraordinarily safe and efficient vaccine, Fox News is doing what no other outlet has done in the history of cable news, or even broadcast television has done — it’s deliberately getting people killed during a public health crisis by feeding eagerly gullible red state viewers a mountain of lies.

With the debate about masks now largely eliminated from the cultural war battlefield, as a majority of eligible Americans got vaccinated and no longer have to wear them, Fox News and the extreme-right media are left with only one target — the miraculous vaccine itself.

The same right-wing crew that this winter demanded Trump receive credit for helping develop the vaccines, has done a U-turn. They’re now urging loyalists not to get the vaccine, thereby prolonging the pandemic.

The anti-vaccine campaign follows the network’s strident anti-mask, and anti-social distancing crusade. Last year, Fox pumped poisonous, anti-science rhetoric onto the airwaves and worked hard to divide the country, making it impossible to have a common sense national conversation in a time of crisis. This NPR headline surprised nobody from May, 2020: “Study Finds More COVID-19 Cases Among Viewers Of Fox News Host Who Downplayed Pandemic.”

Today’s pro-Covid movement, which dresses itself up as being anti-vaccine, highlights the deliberate lunacy that has gripped the conservative movement. It’s shocking, but not surprising. It reflects the willing embrace of a dark, QAnon conspiracy view of the world where conservatives are the target of demonic Democratic scheming. And where a safe vaccine might kill you.

“This is becoming a pandemic of the unvaccinated,” CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said last week. There remain tens of millions of Americans who have no plans of ever getting vaccinated. For the most part, they’re not “vaccine hesitant.” Those “hesitant” people

ing new recreational amenities, including play and fitness equipment, and a sports court. The funding request for this project will serve to address the final phase in the plan to revitalize the park.

Sánchez requested \$300,00 for **Montebello to build the Henry Acuna Park Dog Park**. Montebello's first dog park will feature an enclosed area for dogs to exercise, socialize and play off-leash under the supervision of their own owners.

For Norwalk, Sánchez requested \$1.72 million for sites in the City.

Sánchez requested \$2.5 million for the **Pico Rivera Water Authority for a PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project**. These funds are to be used toward the design, environmental and construction of Phase 1 of the Pico Rivera Water Authority's PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project.



make up a much smaller portion of the population and for a variety of personal, historic, and religious reasons they lean against getting the shot. The defiant tens of millions though, are part of a larger movement that gladly risk infections and spreading the disease in order to own the Libs. Period.

Between June 28 and July 11, “Fox personalities and guests made a total of 216 claims undermining or downplaying vaccines in segments about coronavirus immunization,” Media Matters reported.

And this, since July 11:

- “Fox’s Jeanine Pirro claims door-to-door vaccine outreach is about confiscating guns.”

- “Tucker Calson on COVID vaccine: “Maybe none of this is really about COVID. Maybe’s it about social control.”

- “Fox contributor Lara Trump says the COVID vaccine has been about controlling people “from day one”

And it’s not just Fox. “Republicans are getting the same message of skepticism about the vaccines and the vaccination campaign from other parts of the right-wing media apparatus, from digital outlets to talk radio to podcast shows to Sinclair Broadcast stations to the new generation of social media influencers,” Media Matters’ Matt Gertz noted.

In 2020, the crass political calculations were obvious — desperate to get Trump re-elected amidst a crippled economy and a once-in-a-century health crisis, Fox News knew the only chance was to downplay the virus and pretend Democrats were overreacting, even though Trump himself nearly died from the contagious disease.

But with Trump now out of office, and even making vague suggestions that people get vaccinated, what’s the political advantage of Fox News becoming a ghoulish hotbed of anti-vaccine hysteria? It’s pure nihilism.

Pretending that American school children haven’t been forced to get vaccinated for lots of serious ailments for the last century, Fox News has embraced a wholesale anti-vax conspiracy approach, portraying Covid jabs in the arms as signs of encroaching totalitarianism, condemning the shots in the most hysterical terms.

This was a Fox News host when Biden said there might be “door to door” outreach about the vaccine in certain communities: “Do you want someone knocking at your door that you don’t know, that’s a stranger?” Another host suggested the vaccine ambassadors would be shot for trespassing.

For decades, Democrats have had to deal with a billion-dollar propaganda outlet and have wrestled with how to communicate with the country when the largest cable ‘news’ channel lies to its viewers every day, around the clock. And for years, Beltway journalists rolled their eyes and claimed Fox News didn’t pose any real danger, that the network was simply spinning on behalf of the GOP, and if Democrats wanted to govern the country they had to figure out a way to make better arguments.

Now with the pandemic, Fox News’ deliberate sins are coming into clearer focus. No longer taking place against a partisan backdrop, the network is still lying nonstop. But instead of falsifying claims about Democrats or candidates or legislation, Fox News is lying without pause about a health emergency, and getting people killed in the process.

The Murdoch variant spreads.

Boehlert is veteran media critic who has been monitoring right-wing misinformation for years. A frequent cable news commentator, he's made hundreds of television appearances.

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'FBI: From Al Capone to Al Qaeda' now on exhibition at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley

FBI AT REAGAN: There are a number of galleries with information, one gallery showcases evidence from top cases including: Al Capone, John Dillinger, the DC Beltway Snipers, the Mafia, the Unabomber and 9/11.

BY LAURIE HANSON

BELTWAY SNIPER

A close up of the vehicle's trunk with "beltway sniper" hole in rear above the license plate. Sought after criminals would stick their rifles out to fire shots at drivers and officers.

Ever dream of being an All-American hero? Your chance is here at FBI: From Al Capone to Al Qaeda now on exhibition at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley.

"I would highly recommend the exhibi-

BONNIE AND CLYDE'S getaway car that they were eventually shot and killed in.

it for anyone, whether they're current or past law enforcement, military, or general citizens, so they can understand and appreciate what the FBI does for all Americans and for people all over the world," said Former FBI Special Agent David Espie who recently toured the exhibit with his family.

This worldwide premiere features the brand-new 11,000 square foot exhibition about the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) from its beginnings with J. Edgar Hoover to its modern-day fight against terrorism. For the first time more than 300 historic artifacts from approximately 40 lenders are brought together on public display, many from retired agents personal collections, according Chief Marketing Officer Melissa Giller of the Ronald Rea-

gan Presidential Foundation and Institute.

The Reagan Library has a small curatorial team made up of a curator, a registrar, an exhibit specialist, and a graphic specialist who developed the overall storyline of the exhibit, and then made the calls to bring all the artifacts together, according to Giller.

"At first the idea was really just to share the story of the FBI's history with our guests," she said. "But as we began to work with the FBI, we also realized the importance of showcasing the impact of FBI agents on our freedoms, our safety and to help bring to light that the FBI is always recruiting for more agents and personnel. We tell both stories within our exhibit."

The agency got its famed start in 1906 when President Teddy Roosevelt and his Attorney General Charles Bonaparte agreed it was necessary to prevent crime in the United States at the federal level. At that time corruption was widespread. Through Bonaparte, a small investigative group

was put together, and in 1909 under President Taft, the group was named the Bureau of Investigation. It was later officially renamed the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1935, according to www.reaganlibrary.gov.

Today's FBI fights terrorism far and wide with both perseverance and persistence. According to Former FBI Agent David Marquis, "Terrorists can run, but they can't hide...If you kill and/or injure an American or kidnap an American during the commission of a terrorist attack, the U.S. government will find you and do our very best to bring you to justice."

Included in the Reagan Library's exhibition is the origins of the FBI, what makes it unique among other federal agencies and how it has evolved over the years. On display are artifacts from the first Director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover's estate and office. Guests can learn about how to become an agent, plus participate in a handful of interactives including a brief qualification on how to become an agent, according to www.reaganlibrary.gov.

"The FBI Academy is the toughest boot camp, hardest grad school rolled into one. It is not college. It is life and death."- quote from the television show, Quantico.

Included in the exhibition is how the FBI formed its Top 10 Most Wanted List and what it has accomplished over the years. Another gallery showcases stories and evidence from top cases including those of Al Capone, John Dillinger, the DC Beltway Snipers, the Mafia, the Unabomber and 9/11. Displayed artifacts include a bullet-ridden car in where Bonnie and Clyde met their fate, John Dillinger's death mask, the raft and paddle used in the only escape from Alcatraz, Donnie Brasco's undercover documents, and trial evidence from the DC Beltway sniper case. Artifacts from more recent cases are from the infamous "Unabomber" and Oklahoma City Bombing – including parts of the bomb-laden truck from the crime scene.

Yet another gallery covers the changes the FBI has made over the years and shows their advance in technology and artifacts recovered from 9/11 and the 1993 World Trade Center bombings. The FBI in film and pop culture with props, posters, and costumes from shows such as Bones, X-Files and The Americans are also displayed.

"An entire gallery in our exhibition [is] dedicated just to this [inspiring young people about working for the FBI]," she said. "In that gallery we focus on Quantico – the training center (both classroom and physical) for agents. [There's] a buildout of 'Hogan's Alley' – known as 'the most dangerous city in America' – it is a built-out town within Quantico (with an actual working hotel, subway sandwich shop, bank, post office and more). [Here] everyday FBI agents are sent in to 'react' to whatever they find (bank robbery, hostage situation, kidnapping, etc.).

"The main role of the FBI is that they are the lead federal law enforcement agency for investigating and preventing acts of domestic and international terrorism," added Giller. This is especially challenging in today's technological world where online attacks are prolific.

According to FBI Director Christopher Wray, on the cyber front the country is seeing hack after hack, and breach after breach repeatedly, and more of what is called a 'blended threat,' where

GROUND ZERO: Guests at the Reagan Library view a jet engine found at "Ground Zero" South Tower in the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York City.

cyber and espionage merge together in all kinds of new ways. The country still confronts traditional espionage threats, with dead drops and covers, but economic espionage dominates the FBI's counterintelligence program.

"We [The Reagan Library and Museum] interviewed 8 former FBI agents in preparation for this exhibit, and every one of them said the same thing – today's world is scarier than when they joined the FBI," Giller said. "They all pointed to cybercrime, the use and availability of technology and terrorism as the reasons why."

"We spoke to a current agent in the Los Angeles office who oversees the Cyber-crime Division and he said that his main responsibility is to ensure that the 19 million people that live in Southern California are protected," she added. "So that's one of the main ways that the FBI has evolved." "They have also evolved as 'things' improve – meaning as forensics have improved, tracking has improved, etc.," Giller explained. "They've kept up with the times and improved the way they do things."

Certain actual cases have evolved the FBI as well. One example is when the FBI started, and how agents did not carry weapons then. If they were going to go into a serious situation, they brought local law enforcement.

"After a shootout with a mobster in the 1930s, all agents started carrying guns," Giller said. "In 1986 there was a huge shootout in Miami between FBI agents and bank robbers. The case is known as 'The 5 minutes that changed the FBI,' because in 5 minutes 150 rounds were shot. The FBI agents had handguns and the bank robbers had rifles. After that shootout, all FBI agents now carry rifles and have personally fitted body armor."

Putting their lives on the line for the country is part of the remarkable work the FBI does day in and out. Former President Ronald Reagan held the FBI in high esteem as he held all of law enforcement. On July 26, 1983, he declared FBI Day and spoke at the 75th anniversary of the agency. He was made an honorary agent during his presidency, and the Reagan Library possesses a plaque honoring him in the exhibition.

The Reagan Library rotates in special exhibitions twice a year with each typically lasting 6 months each. Prior exhibitions include one on Pompeii, the Vatican, the Titanic, Abraham Lincoln, and Baseball. These exhibits have helped drive attendance through repeat visitations where patrons also can go onboard Air Force One, see the library's exact replica of the Oval Office, and eat in the onsite café.

"Suddenly you've spent your day here and were able to really enjoy the experience," Giller said. She explained that about 75 percent of the exhibitions are rented through touring exhibitions companies, but about 25 percent are self-curated.

"The FBI is self-curated," she said. "We often survey our guests to see what types of exhibition topics they'd be interested in coming back to see, and when we tested the FBI, it did really well."

"The FBI is dedicated to the well-being of all United States citizens," Giller explained. "We want the public to learn about their history and learn all the things they do to keep us safe every day. To young people- we hope we can inspire them to perhaps become agents someday."

"The FBI is special in that hires people from all walks of life – teachers, account-



ants, lawyers, forensic specialists, former military, etc.," she said. "Diversity, for them, is key."

"The FBI and all its employees, whether they're special agents or support employees, are dedicated to the well-being of all United States citizens," added Espie. "This exhibit expands knowledge of the FBI, respect of the FBI, and it will reaffirm and, potentially, educate individuals regarding the FBI's jurisdiction and accomplishments during the course of its great history."

The Reagan Library preserves the papers, the documents, and the artifacts of Ronald Reagan's Presidency. The Reagan Foundation is the non-profit business arm that supports the Reagan Library. They pay for exhibits and programming including educational programming where they give out hundreds of thousands of dollars in college scholarships annually. Every

dollar raised goes back into their programming.

"We aim to inspire future generations with President Reagan's character, optimism and leadership traits through education outreach programs, hands-on learning, immersive simulations and in-person leadership summer camps," Giller said. "Our mission is to promote the life and legacy of Ronald Reagan for generations to come. We focus on educating today's youth... which are the leaders of tomorrow."

"Ronald Reagan once said, 'Education is not simply another part of American society - it is the key that opens the golden door,'" added Giller.

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Cerritos High/Westcliff University
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(Bakersfield) Frontier High
(Bakersfield) Liberty High/Univ. of the Pacific
(Bakersfield) Liberty High/CSU, San Marcos

Head coach: Joe Fletcher; Assistants: Leo Amaya, Michael Jacobsen, John Medina

“The team is playing a lot better; we seem to be gelling,” said Artesia Punishers head coach Joe Fletcher. “We’re kind of peaking at the right time. We’re still kind of mixing and matching the roster a little bit. But I think we have a pretty good mix now. So, we’ll try to get prepared for that and

For the Punishers to go deeper than they did in 2019, Fletcher says it's going to be the typical adage of playing

“We’re looking forward to going and playing our best softball,” he later added. “It feels like it’s been five years since we’ve been able to play. But the girls are excited; the opportunity is here. We’ve been talking about it for eight or nine months and getting prepared for this. So, hopefully that excitement and the work we’ve put in will display itself and we can make a deep run.”

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

Former Gahr High infielder selected by the Minnesota Twins in MLB Amateur draft

BY LOREN KOPFF
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Once again, a former Gahr High baseball standout has been selected in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft, and this one is even closer to home. UCLA infielder Mikey Perez, son of longtime Gahr baseball head coach Gerardo Perez and UCLA softball head coach Kelly Inouye-Perez, was selected in the 15th round (459th overall) by the Minnesota Twins on July 13.

Over a month prior to the draft, Perez had just wrapped up his junior season with the Bruins where he batted .231 and started all 57 games UCLA played, leading the team in home runs with 11, two of which came on Mar. 13 at California Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Perez joins the likes of Greg Cain, Chris Devenski, Jake Faria and Kris Medlen, among others, to have been drafted by a MLB team with Faria still in the big leagues, now a member of the Arizona Diamondbacks. Perez graduated from Gahr in 2018.

TRAVEL SOFTBALL

After going winless in four pool play games to begin the Triple Crown Sports World Series in San Diego, the Artesia Punishers 16-Under team, coached by Vince Gonzales, doubled



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up the Hawthorne Firecrackers 4-2 last Thursday morning in the first game of the double elimination playoffs, held at the Lakeside Complex. However, later in the day, the Punishers fell to the [Brentwood] Valley Stompers 12-6, then were eliminated last Friday afternoon by the [Temecula] Power Surge-Walling/Perez Ridenour 11-2. The Punishers were one of 16 teams that finished in last place in their respective pools and needed to win three straight games in the loser’s

bracket in order to advance to the four-team Bronze Championship bracket. Meanwhile, in St. George, Utah, the Athletics-Nielsen 16-Under team completely dominated the USA Preps Summer Nationals, winning all eight games played and outscoring the opposition 110-23.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

As of now, the 2021-2022 high school athletic season plans to begin on time with the first official practice

date for teams playing a Week “0” game beginning on Aug. 2 and a week later for teams beginning with a Week 1 game. As of now, Cerritos High, Gahr High, La Mirada High and Norwalk High have Week “0” games scheduled.

The first girls volleyball contest is scheduled to be played as early as Aug. 14 with Aug. 23 slated to be the opening date for girls golf, girls tennis and boys water polo. Boys and girls cross country can have their first races on Sept. 2.

Long Beach Vintage Etc Night Market

STAFF REPORT

Pine Ave comes alive next Wednesday during @lbvintage_etc Long Beach Vintage’s Night Market from 5-9PM.

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ing of new trees along with new landscaping/hardscaping in 48 median islands. Re-grading of the medians is also included to capture irrigation and storm runoff to meet state/federal storm water regulation compliance. Three newly designed median islands on Moody Street from Malaga Avenue to Orangethorpe Avenue would be added, with the completed project presenting a consistent median island design for all of the City’s roadway medians. This project will be built in preparation for the use of reclaimed water for irrigation to reduce the use of potable water.

A \$322,000 request was made for Bellflower’s Constitution Park which will add new recreational amenities, including play and fitness equipment, and a sports court. The funding request for this project will serve to address the final phase in the plan to revitalize the park. The city has already seen a reduction in illegal activity within the park and an increase in positive, recreational pedestrian traffic.

Sánchez requested \$300,00 for Montebello to build the Henry Acuna Park Dog Park. Montebello’s first dog park will feature an enclosed area for dogs to exercise, socialize and play off-leash under the supervision of their own owners. The area that the dog park would be constructed would feature fencing, double-gated entry, benches, dog waste stations, a water station, shade and adequate drainage. The area is approximately 32,630 square feet, located near the center of the park and is adjacent to an existing playground and picnic areas.

For Norwalk, Sánchez requested \$1.72 million for various sites in the city. The Smart Cities Digital Divide Free Wi-Fi project is designed and developed for Norwalk underserved neighborhood students, employees, workers, and small

businesses. The City is looking to create areas within public parks and facilities near these locations. The Smart Cities Solution will provide students, employees, and small businesses with a free opt-in “Smart & Safe” Wi-Fi Zones. This is a critical Wi-Fi resource necessary to simply exist in this COVID pandemic and post-COVID era to intentionally diminish the digital divide.

Sánchez requested \$2.5 million for the Pico Rivera Water Authority for a PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project. These funds are to be used toward the design, environmental and construction of Phase 1 of the Pico Rivera Water Authority’s PFAS Groundwater Treatment Project. Work on this project started in November 2019 and is expected to be completed by April 2022.

Due to industrial activities in prior years, the groundwater aquifers are contaminated with PFAS – commonly known as “forever chemicals.” In order to provide potable drinking water to surrounding communities, the Pico Rivera Water Authority must pump and thoroughly treat water to eliminate this contamination.

Sánchez requested \$200,000 for the Boys & Girls Club of Whittier for their Main Clubhouse. The current two-story clubhouse does not meet all safety requirements and is inaccessible to some community members. The funding would be used to make modifications that improve accessibility, safety, and equity. The modifications will include a fully ADA-compliant elevator, accessible restrooms, ADA-van accessible parking, accessible pathways, and related equipment and labor. The main clubhouse serves more than 5,000 high-need individuals and will better serve the community, including to parents with infants in a stroller, seniors and elder family members, and persons with physical impairments.

Sánchez requested \$1.5 million for Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to complete Rosemead Boulevard street improvements. The Rosemead project will construct 2.6 miles of protected bikeways and walkways along Rosemead Boulevard which divides the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area and is a major north-south route for vehicular traffic. The project will enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists along Rosemead Boulevard and improve non-vehicular access to the various recreational destinations within the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area such as Legg Lake, playgrounds, multiple soccer and softball/baseball fields, walking trails, the Whittier Narrows Nature Center, the San Gabriel River Bike Path, the Lario Trail, and the Rio Hondo Bike Path.

The Whole Child – Mental Health and Housing Services could get \$500,000 for Interim Housing & Supportive Services Center for Homeless and Veteran Families. The Whole Child (TWC) would receive funding for construction of an Interim Housing and Support Services Center for Homeless Families to be located in Santa Fe Springs, California. Specifically, the funding would be used toward construction of a 40-unit interim housing and 6,000 square foot supportive services center. Interim housing units would provide six to nine months of safe temporary housing, a crucial first step away from homelessness, and supportive services would be available to help families solve issues that caused their homelessness and to locate permanent housing.

Sánchez requested \$450,000 for the Whittier Public Library Foundation to remodel the Central Library.

Whittier Public Library Foundation is requesting \$250,000 in funding for Teen Center and Homework Center and \$200,000 for Children’s Section be used for enhancement to the Children and

youth services section in the Library. The facility has overcrowded shelving; lack of seating for Library users, inadequate electrical capacity including wiring, power outlets, data lines and space for the current and new technology; lack of community meeting place for the wide variety of library programs which are now offered by the Library; inadequate space for housing and displaying local history materials and collection; poor lighting; and a critical shortage of work space.



MEGATAXERS from page 1

later in 2013, moving to El Rancho Unified School District in Pico Rivera.

The superintendents were given huge salaries \$220,000; nearly \$280,000 with all the bells and whistles.

Jose Reynoso was hired in 2016; he did not last long. The suicide of Jenifer Lenihan, allegedly based on administrative abuse and bullying, ended his career. Deputy Superintendent Alex Rojas took over and stayed until May of 2017.

At that time, the Board engaged Luis Rojas and his construction management firm, Del Terra, and his energy firm, Evergreen Energy. Interestingly, the Board also hired Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates, Inc. and paid them nearly \$24,000 to frame the next ballot question in January 2018.

Fairbanks is known as FM3; they are experts, part of the Megataxers that schmooze School District Boards.

FM3 promotes nothing but taxation; according to their materials they, “helped secure voter approval for a total of 123 bond measures for California K-12 public school districts with a combined total of approximately \$46.8 billion.”

Did they say \$46.8 billion? Is that with or without Tax Rate Statements?

If without, the cost to local residents would be closer to \$100 Billion!

FM3 noted that “Assembly Bill 195 mandates that ballot details for local bonds include precise figures about authorization amount and the rate and duration of the resulting property tax increase.”

AB 195 language is the kind of information that should be displayed prominently while the tax measure is in the process of passing, and has a major effect on the bond’s viability.

FM3 set the Megataxing spin machine in motion advising BUSD to, “identify ballot language for the District’s bond that complies with AB-195 while simultaneously maximizing its public support and electoral viability.”


Under Superintendent Art Cunha, and the guidance of FM3, the Board made their move. In November of 2019, they passed “RESOLUTION 06-20” to approve \$50 Million in school bonds at a cost to resident taxpayers of \$96 Million.

The authors prepared the Official Documents for the primary election in March of 2020, at the meeting, the Board decided to have the tax measure on the ballot in November of 2020.

But they forgot to change the date from March to November on the documents. Resolution 06-20 called for the Clerk of the Board of Education to certify the Resolution, Full Text of the Measure and Ballot Label. The Official Documents languished for months.

Can Districts Raise Money to Refinance Bonds?

While Proposition 39 allows 55% of voters to approve a tax measure for school and community college districts, the Constitution provides taxation only "for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and



By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: First, read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are found in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues you'll have a number of letters left over that spell out the WONDERWORD. To see the answer use the link below the puzzle.

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Solution: 5 letters

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While Proposition 39 allows 55% of voters to approve a tax measure for school and community college districts, the Constitution provides taxation only "for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of school facilities."

In the BUSD Resolution, the Board asserted they were "authorized to order elections within the District for the purposes of considering bond measures to finance and refinance the ongoing capital improvement needs of the District, pursuant to the State Constitution and the California Education Code."

The Board was desperate, they formally recognized the sale of bonds as subject to the California Education Code, specifically, the Strict Accountability in Local School Bond Construction Act of 2000, Education Code Section 16264.

Altered Documents

BUSD officials subsequently noticed that Resolution 06-20 was not amended for the November 2020 election.

So they altered it to place the tax measure on the ballot.

HMG-CN obtained "Resolution 06-20 __," a resolution that looks just like the original 06-20, but had an extra underline at the end. The documents showed the schedule was changed and election date was amended from March to November, but most shockingly, the certification sections were altered. Dolores Rivera went from type written to hand written, and Certified a True Copy

was altered from "Clerk of the Board of Education" to "Board Member".

The Clerk approved the original under Board Resolution 06-20.

Dolores Rivera, former President and now Member of the Board, delivered the altered document to the County. Rivera and Paul Solano certified that the Resolution "is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by said Board of Education on the 12th day of November, 2019."

They had started their illegal quest to get their \$50 million, \$96 million over time.

More Shenanigans

Resolution 06-20 __, under Accountability Measures, provided that, "in the event the full text of the bond proposition is not reprinted in the voter information ballot in its entirety, the Registrar is hereby requested to include the following statement in the ballot in compliance with the Education Code:

"If Measure __ is approved, the Board of Education of the Bassett Unified School District will appoint a citizens' oversight committee and conduct annual independent audits to assure that bond funds are spent only on the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and for no other purposes."

But officials had no intention complying with the Education Code, starting the full text of the ballot measure with an "Abbreviation of Bond Proposition" noting, "the following to appear on the

ballot." The ballot label and question stated:

"BASSETT SCHOOLS SAFETY, COLLEGE/CAREER READINESS MEASURE." To improve school facilities, by replacing leaky roofs, improving access to technology, repairing and upgrading security/fire/earthquake systems, modernizing, acquiring, constructing, repairing classroom, restrooms, and facilities, shall Bassett Unified School District issue \$50 million of bonds, within legal interest rates, averaging \$2.66 million annually for 36 years (estimated), at projected rate of 6 cents per \$100 of assessed value while bond are outstanding, be adopted, with all funds staying local."

California's Education Code requires that the actual ballot, not the sample ballot, contain a statement that, "the board will appoint a citizens' oversight committee and conduct annual independent audits to assure that funds are spent only on school and classroom improvements and for no other purpose."

BUSD spent nearly \$25,000 to construct a non-compliant ballot label. Not a word about citizens oversight or audits.

They had followed FM3's advice to, "identify ballot language for the District's bond that complies with AB-195 while simultaneously maximizing its public support and electoral viability."

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PARKING LOT SEAL COAT FOR CITY FACILITIES – CIVIC CENTER, BEHRINGER PARK, FRONTIER PARK, VETERANS PARK, WINDERMERE PARK, NEFF PARK, CREEK PARK, GARDENHILL PARK, WILDERNESS AREA, PUBLIC WORKS WAREHOUSE, THEATRE WAREHOUSE, TRANSIT FACILITY AND 14515 ALONDRA BOULEVARD

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for Capital Improvement Project No. 2021-06. Project Documents are available online from American Reprographics Company (ARC). Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by visiting <http://www.crplanwell.com/>. Work includes parking lot seal coat, crack seal, asphalt replacement and striping for the following City facilities: Civic Center, Behringer Park, Frontier Park, Veterans Park, Windermere Park, Neff Park, Creek Park, Gardenhill Park, Wilderness Area, Public Works Warehouse, Theatre Warehouse, Transit Facility and 14515 Alondra Boulevard in the City of La Mirada.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on August 12, 2021. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Leticia Revilla, Assistant City Clerk

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CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following item at the Regular City Council Meeting at **7:00 p.m.** on **August 9, 2021:**

Resolution No. 21-2843

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NEW REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE VACANT BUILDING AND FORECLOSED PROPERTIES REGISTRATION PROGRAM

The meeting will be held at the City Council Chambers in Artesia City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, CA 90701. Public comments can be made in person, or may be submitted by email to publiccomments@cityofartesia.us, or by voicemail to (562) 865-6262, extension 200. Please submit email and voicemail public comments by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting to ensure that the comments are read into the record.

If you challenge the City’s actions in regard to this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior, to the public hearing.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF TIN PU THANMYINT aka TIN THAN MYINT
Case No. 21STPB05140
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of TIN PU THANMYINT aka TIN THAN MYINT
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Sun Win Thanmyint in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Sun Win Thanmyint be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 12, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 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: ROBERT L COHEN ESQ, SBN 150913, LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT L. COHEN INC., 8081 ORANGETHORPE AVE BUENA PARK CA 90621 CN979076 THANMYINT Jul 9,16,23, 2021

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

TAMI CATHERINE EPSTEIN-MOORE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: TAMI CATHERINE EPSTEIN-MOORE TO TAMI CATHERINE MOORE. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant a petition without a hearing. Court date 8/23/21, 10:00 am, Dept 74, RM 735 by Nick Miramontes. Published at Los Cerritos Community Newspaper 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30/21, Case number 21STCP02176.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021127041
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: YBCS, YOUNG BCS, YOUNGBCS, INC., YOUNG CONSTRUCTION, 147 N LA PEER DR. 6, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA., 90048 AND YBCS, INC., PO BOX 706 BEVERLY HILLS, CA., 90213 and THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED AS A CORPORATION. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /S/ JOHN G. YOUNG. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/7/21. In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the of notice of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). LCCN 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23/21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. 35966-KR
(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: KEERAT, INC., 10301 ARTESIA BLVD., STE. 113, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 325 SARA JANE LANE PLACENTIA, CA 92870
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: AYAN, LLC, 1416 W. VILLAGE LANE, WEST COVINA, CA 91790
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 10301 ARTESIA BLVD., STE. 113, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: SUBWAY #42153
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is AUGUST 16, 2021 at the office of: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 19671 BEACH BLVD STE 103 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648, Escrow No. 35966-KR, Escrow Officer: KIT RHOADS
(8) Claims may be filed with: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 19671 BEACH BLVD STE 103 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648, Escrow No. 35966-KR, Escrow Officer: KIT RHOADS
(9) The last day for filing claims is: AUGUST 13, 2021.
(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: JUNE 15, 2021
SELLER: KEERAT, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
BUYER: AYAN, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **11:00 AM** on the **9th day of August 2021** sealed bids for:

Bid # ABC – 1570 Custodial Supplies Bid

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA., 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

Bids and specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Department at the above address on July 23, 2021 or later.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers – Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenant at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 8/19/2021 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Carmen Milagros Figueroa. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce – Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 8/19/2021 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Jose L Molina; Kassandra Suhey Buenrostro; Joseph Macias; Brishee Taylor; Roxanne Zepeda; Maria Baez Juarez; Larry Barron; Nora Guadalupe Reeves; Mariah Marlene Tirado; Elie Samaha; Lizett Romero; Iveth A Espinoza Castro; Pricilla Corral; Johnny Jesse Ramirez; Alberto Rolando Garcia Alpizar; Juan Manuel Rodriguez; Arthur Victor Reyes; Kejaun Malik Alexander; Hugo Olivares Cerezo; Christian Michael Preciado; Israel Navarro. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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