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Old Corrupt Habits Come Back to Haunt Central Basin Water After Financial Turnaround

By Brian Hews

Former Bellflower Mayor and Central Basin (CB) Water Director Juan Garza, who was appointed to the late Phil Hawkins' CB board seat, only took a few months to go rogue, teaming up with perennial agency disruptors CB Directors Leticia Vasquez-Wilson and Martha Camacho-Rodriguez in an attempt to further interrupt operations at the Commerce-based water agency.

According to multiple sources inside the agency, Garza, much like Vasquez-Wilson and Camacho-Rodriguez, has harassed and intimidated CB staff, going as far as directing his anger in public at CB staff during committee meetings when they declined to implement his demands without

board approval.

Garza began his behavior in May, just months after he was appointed when he became "very angry" that CB GM Alex Rojas would release a lobbying firm Garza works with, California Advocacy, LLC.

One of Cal Advocacy's clients is California Cities for Self-Reliance-JPA, an organization representing casinos; Garza is the Executive Director of the JPA and has renewed the contract with Cal Advocacy since 2020.

In May, Garza had asked GM Rojas about the status of Requests for Proposals from lobbying firms. Garza was told CB was not pursuing new firms; according to sources, Garza became angry at GM Rojas and CB staff.

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Olympic Gold Medalist Jimmy Kim Dies at 56

By Brian Hews

Grandmaster Dr. Jimmy Kim, raised in Cerritos, attended Leal ES, graduated from Cerritos High in 1985, and the first American male to ever win a gold medal in taekwondo at the Olympics, passed away Friday June 23 at the University of California San Diego Medical Center; Kim was 56.

A Facebook post stated that Dr. Kim died from Dermatomyositis, a rare autoimmune disorder he had suffered from for some time.

Dr. Kim's father, Cerritos resident Chan-Yong Kim, was also a Grandmaster. Jimmy began his taekwondo training at the age of 2 and started competing by the age of 7. By 1988 Kim had collected "between 45 and 50" medals, including three national gold medals and three gold medals in international competitions.

Incorporating elements

of Zen Buddhism, taekwondo translates into English as "the way of fist and foot fighting." Competitors, who wear head and chest protectors, score by striking their opponent's head or chest with sufficient force to make them stagger.

The younger Kim was part of the American team that shocked the taekwondo world, capturing four gold medals when the sport was included in the Olympics for the first time as a demonstration event at the 1988 games in Seoul, South Korea.

Kim and his teammates, Lynnette Love, Arlene Limas and Dana Hee, all won gold medals. Despite suffering from a fever and a broken toe, Kim upset South Korea's Jong-Suk Kim in the finals to capture the first heavyweight Olympic title.

Kim always wanted to study sports medicine, eventually earning a doctor of chiropractic.

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LAKWOOD'S FIREWORK SAFETY PATROLS

A TEAM of seventeen Deputy Sheriffs and thirteen civilian Community Safety Officers and support staff patrolled and monitored Lakewood neighborhoods on the night of July 4, responding to calls about illegal fireworks and issuing over fifty citations that can run up to \$2,000 or more.

Johnson Retires After Long Run as Cerritos Aquatic Club Coach

By Loren Kopff

All good things must come to an end, and after a lengthy run of nearly 50 years with the Cerritos Aquatic Club, long-time coach Mark Johnson has retired. Johnson, who will turn 74 years old later this month, was the aquatics coach for Cerritos High in 1984 and later at

Whitney High, among other accomplishments.

Johnson said he finally decided at the end of last year and beginning of this year that he was going to retire this summer. He said he had always hoped to be able to be free when, as he put it, it is 'lovely here in Southern California', which is

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Coach Mark Johnson

Cerritos Fourth Grader One of Three U.S. Open Poster Contest Winners

By Brian Hews

Cerritos fourth grader Alison Zhang, who attends Gonsalves Elementary, is one of three juniors from around the country chosen as winners of the Youth Poster Design Contest for the 78th U.S. Women's Open Championship at Pebble Beach Golf Links, which will be contested July 6-9.

"This contest is the perfect way to engage kids, not only in Monterey and our essential local communities, but also nationwide," said Allison Burns, director U.S. Women's Open. "We were thrilled to see a record number of creative entries for this year's poster design contest. This is another example of the palpable excitement surrounding this year's U.S. Women's Open. Congratulations to our creative and talented winners – we can't wait to share their artwork on-site during championship week for

all to admire!"

Zhang's parents introduced Alison to golf when she was six, taking SCPGA junior classes at Don Knabe Golf Center and Junior Academy; she currently plays on the SCPGA Junior Development Tour.

The winner's designs will

be printed and distributed to juniors attending the U.S. Women's Open and available at various special events leading up to championship week. In addition, winning designs will be uniquely featured on-site at

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GRANDMASTER Dr. Jimmy Kim won gold at the 1988 Olympics.



CONTEST WINNER: Alison Zhang holds her poster, she was one of only three winners in the country.

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Sup. Hahn & Asm. Calderon Fund First LGBTQ+ Center in Whittier



DEDICATED LGBTQ+ SPACE: the new center will be established in an existing L.A. County building at 7639 Painter Ave. Above, Supervisor Janice Hahn is seen touring the future LGBTQ+ Service Center in Whittier.

Tracy High School Earns Six-Year Accreditation

The Accrediting Commission for Schools from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC) granted Tracy High School a six-year accreditation.

The accreditation comes after an in-depth visit by an ACS WASC evaluation team, where the school had to demonstrate the capacity, commitment, and competence to support high-quality student learning and ongoing school improvement.

Tracy High School will have to provide an in-depth progress report and host another visit by ACS WASC midway through the six-year cycle to ensure the school is working and progressing on continuous improvement.

“The ACS WASC visit and review is an important process to ensure we are delivering high-quality education to our students,” said Superintendent Dr. Gina Zietlow. “All ABCUSD high schools have gone through the process and continue to demonstrate our strong academic programming. I’m so proud of the entire Tracy High School team for earning this accreditation.”

The school’s six-year accreditation will run through June 30, 2029, and requires a mid-cycle visit during the 2025-2026 school year. All ABCUSD high schools are WASC accredited.

Industrial Building on Shoemaker Avenue

Cerritos approved a new industrial building at 16323 Shoemaker Avenue on the corner of Moore Street and Shoemaker Avenue permitting light industrial warehousing, wholesaling and manufacturing uses at the site.

The project includes demolishing the existing 70,110-square-foot industrial structure and constructing a new 159,627-square-foot building.



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Staff Report

Last week, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Janice Hahn and California State Assemblymember Lisa Calderon (D-Whittier) announced a plan to create a LGBTQ+ Service Center in the City of Whittier.

The center will be established in an existing LA County building at 7639 Painter Avenue.

Through the recent Budget Trailer Bill passed by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Newsom, Calderon secured \$4.3 million to support the creation and operation of the future center.

“The LGBTQ+ residents of Whittier and surrounding areas have always had to travel far to find dedicated LGBTQ+ spaces. There just isn’t anything like that in this area. That’s going to change when this center opens. When this space became available, I knew we had to snatch it up,” said Hahn, who represents Whittier and who recently visited the construction site. “At a time when the rhetoric of hate across our country is louder than ever, LGBTQ+ centers like the one we’re building here are lifelines for this community. I’m thankful for Assemblymember Calderon’s work to secure the state funding we needed to make

this a reality.”

The property, which already belongs to the County and has sat empty since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, consists of a single-story building of approximately 2,694 square feet and a surface parking lot. It is currently undergoing previously planned upgrades by Los Angeles County Public Works.

“It is important to bring resources to my district that help our communities thrive. That is why I am pleased to partner with Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn to establish a new LGBTQ+ Center in Whittier,” stated Assemblymember Lisa Calderon, Whittier resident and representative for the state’s 56th Assembly District. “I was thrilled to advocate for this project in the legislature, which will support the livelihoods of my constituents and individuals in the region through the creation of a safe and supportive space for all!”

At the direction of Supervisor Hahn, the County’s Internal Services Department is already conducting evaluations of the site’s ADA accessibility, building systems, designs, costs, and programmatic needs for the future center. The Internal Services Department will next provide the Board of Supervisors with cost and timeline estimates.

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Cerritos Library Seeks Teen Volunteers

The Cerritos Library Volunteer program is seeking responsible, dependable and enthusiastic teens to help with library programs, shelving and monitoring of computer workstations.

Applications for the 2023 Fall session will be available starting July 17.

The session runs from Monday, Sept. 11 through Saturday, Dec. 16.

The program is open to students who will be at least 13 years old in Fall 2023.

Applicants must have a Cerritos Library card in good standing and are required to pass a criminal background assessment in accordance with City policy.

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Summer Fun Nights at Bellflower's Rosewood Church



INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: this year's theme is Tree Tales, featuring Jer. 17:7-8, it coordinates with a 10-week summer sermon series of the same name.

The Rosewood Christian Reformed Church in Bellflower has put on Summer Fun Nights, a five-week Wednesday night intergenerational ministry for over 21 years.

It is the brainchild of Pastor Bonny Mulder-Behnia, who says the congregation of Rosewood "always looks forward to the stage transformation" at the front of the church's sanctuary every summer. This year it is graced by a 17-foot paper-sculpted tree.

"We like to 'wow' them," Mulder-Behnia said of the creativity behind the project. It's a visual focal point for the church's program.

"Basically, it's a 'next-step' outreach ministry for people who have come to our large outreach events at Halloween and Easter and/or to GEMS and Cadets (girls and boys' faith formation ministries)," Mulder-Behnia said.

Summer Fun Nights are set up to have all participants together, different from how Rosewood does programming the rest of the year with specific ministries like GEMS, Cadets, youth groups, and adult small groups all on different nights.

"Summer is the time we all get together for a dinner, intergenerational worship, a drama (presentation), and classes for all ages," Mulder-Behnia said. She writes the drama scripts and says it's a favorite feature of Summer Fun Nights to see church members perform and act a little silly. The church's children's ministry coordinator writes material for the primary grade classes on the same theme, and Mulder-Behnia writes the materials for children in fourth to eighth grade.

Part of the design of Summer Fun

Nights is to "offer a menu of classes for the adults so that there are non-threatening options for seekers as well as an in-depth study for mature believers," she said.

Many of the participants are newer members and attendees, Mulder-Behnia said. In past years as many as 250 people would enjoy the evening sessions, she said, but Summer Fun Nights is in rebuilding mode after the COVID-19 pandemic, "so we anticipate maybe 60 adults and 60 children and youth, plus around 30 volunteers (this year)."

This year's theme is Tree Tales, featuring Jer. 17:7-8, and it coordinates with a 10-week summer sermon series of the same name.

Mulder-Behnia said the adult classes at this year's Summer Fun Nights include a group led by two mothers—one age 30 and one age 70—to encourage sharing life experiences and building relationships across generations of women, a class exploring spiritual growth, an overview of the Psalms, a parenting book study, a class that offers healthy recipes, physical exercise and other elements of wellbeing, and a Spanish-language class on the Bible.

The "big tree" will remain in Rosewood's sanctuary past the period of Summer Fun Nights, Mulder-Behnia said, remaining until at least Labor Day. About 15 people, with one couple coordinating the design and construction, contributed to the building of the tree over two evenings and one long Saturday just before the "Tree Tales" sermon series.

FDA Makes Alzheimer's Drug Leqembi Widely Accessible

By Pam Belluck
New York Times

July 6, 2023—The Food and Drug Administration on Thursday gave full approval to the Alzheimer's drug Leqembi, and Medicare said it would cover much of its high cost, laying the foundation for widespread use of a medication that can modestly slow cognitive decline in the early stages of the disease but also carries significant safety risks.

The F.D.A.'s decision marks the first time in two decades that a drug for Alzheimer's has received full approval, meaning that the agency concluded there is solid evidence of potential benefit. But the agency also added a so-called black-box warning — the most urgent level — on the drug's label, stating that in rare cases the drug can cause "serious and life-threatening events" and that there have been cases of brain bleeding, "some of which have been fatal."

Leqembi cannot repair cognitive damage, reverse the course of the disease or stop it from getting worse. But data from a large clinical trial suggests that the drug — administered every two weeks as an intravenous infusion — may slow decline by about five months over about 18 months for people with mild symptoms.

Eisai, a Japanese pharmaceutical company, led the development and testing of Leqembi (pronounced le-KEM-bee). Eisai is partnering and splitting profits with the American company Biogen, the maker of the controversial Alzheimer's drug Aduhelm, for its marketing.

Leqembi will be available for people with mild dementia or a pre-Alzheimer's condition called mild cognitive impairment. The F.D.A. label instructs doctors not to treat patients without testing to confirm they have an accumulation of the

protein amyloid, a hallmark of Alzheimer's that Leqembi attacks.

Alzheimer's experts said they would inform some patients that they had greater risk for brain swelling and bleeding — including those taking blood thinners, those with more than four microscopic bleeds in the brain and those with an Alzheimer's-linked gene mutation called APOE4.

The black-box warning will apply to all drugs that, like Leqembi, are monoclonal antibodies that attack amyloid. Leqembi is the first to get full approval, but others are in various stages of development.

The warning does not mention patients who are taking blood thinners, but Leqembi's label says that "additional caution should be exercised" when considering whether to give blood thinners to Leqembi patients.

The F.D.A. decision granting full approval to Leqembi means that Medicare will cover it for eligible patients.

Still, some patients will be unable to afford the 20 percent Medicare does not cover, possibly about \$6,600 a year. Including costs of medical visits and required regular brain scans, some of which will receive Medicare reimbursement, the treatment could run to about \$90,000 a year, some experts estimate.

The Medicare agency is adding a requirement that doctors prescribing Leqembi submit medical information about each patient before and while they are being treated with the drug. The information will be kept in patient registries and evaluated to learn more about Leqembi's benefits or harms, the agency said.

The F.D.A.'s approval on Thursday was based on a large trial indicating that patients receiving Leqembi declined 27 percent more slowly over 18 months than patients receiving a placebo.

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Philippine Consul General Badajos Visits Cerritos



PHILIPPINE CONSUL GENERAL Edgar Badajos visited Cerritos on Monday, June 26, 2023. With Badajos is the Honorable Mark Pulido and Councilmembers Lynda Johnson & Frank Yokoyama who took a tour of the Cerritos Sculpture Garden, the Cerritos Library, and the Cerritos Civic Center.

Norm Reeves Genesis Car Dealership Approved



ARTIST'S RENDITION: The proposed Norm Reeves Genesis dealership at 10907 183rd Street, north of South St. and east of Studebaker. The proposal entails demolishing the existing 8,970-square-foot building and constructing a new 13,238-square-foot auto dealership building.

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Cerritos

A free household hazardous waste collection event will be held on Saturday, July 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cerritos College, Stadium Parking Lot C-1, located at 11110 Alondra Boulevard in Norwalk.

Items that will be accepted include motor oil, antifreeze, paint, paint thinner, turpentine, cleaners with acids or lye, pesticides and herbicides, household and car batteries, old computers and televisions, used needles, expired pharmaceuticals and mercury thermometers.

For more information, contact Los Angeles County Public Works at (626) 458-5100 or pw.lacounty.gov.

Staff Report

Cerritos has approved a request for a new Norm Reeves Genesis auto dealership at 11011 South Street in Cerritos.

Norm Reeves Genesis of Cerritos, which currently operates a dealership in the Cerritos Auto Square at 10907 183rd Street, plans to relocate to the new site once the work is completed.

The site is north of South Street and east of Studebaker, bordered on the east by the San Gabriel Freeway (I-605).

The proposal entails demolishing the existing 8,970-square-foot building and constructing a new 13,238-square-foot auto dealership building.

The new building will feature Genesis corporate design guidelines and will modernize the look to match the updated building designs found in the Cerritos Auto Square. Plans call for glass panel

walls, with a Basalt Grey-colored, Alu-cobond metal panel band at the top of each building elevation.

A service reception canopy is proposed on the north side of the building, designed with three drive-through service bays, with each bay showcasing a glass panel roll-up door to complement the glass elements on the dealership building. The remaining portions of the building will be covered in stucco panels and painted grey to match the color scheme of the building.

The landscaping includes water-saving plant trees, shrubs, succulents and groundcover, including Western Redbud trees, Crape Myrtle trees, Queen Palm trees and London Plane trees. The proposal also incorporates a Zen garden showcasing bamboo plants, lily ponds and various ornamental landscape features.

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THE SUPREME COURT JUST TOLD STUDENT DEBTORS TO GO TO HELL

Last week, the Supreme Court struck down President Joe Biden's student debt relief program, wiping out over \$400 billion in promised economic relief.

As with so many recent rulings, this was a straight party-line vote: The six justices appointed by Republican presidents voted to take away the money, and the three justices appointed by Democratic presidents voted to allow the political branches to make policy.

To give you a sense of just how unhinged the court's opinion is, Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for the conservative majority, compared the debt relief program to the French Revolution and the violent dispossessing the Ancien Régime from its wealth and status. Roberts wrote: "The plan has modified the debt relief provisions only in the same sense that the French Revolution modified the status of the French nobility—it has abolished them and supplanted them with a new regime entirely."

The core legal issue for the court to consider was whether the Biden debt relief program was authorized in a manner consistent with the 2003 Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students (HEROES) Act.

HEROES gives the Secretary of Education the right to "waive or modify any statutory or regulatory provision applicable to the student financial assistance programs... as the Secretary deems necessary in connection with a... national emergency."

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic—which, you'll remember, was the dictionary definition of a "national emergency"—the Biden administration used that authority to discharge \$10,000 in student debt for people who make less than \$125,000 a year, and up to \$20,000 for people who had an outstanding Pell Grant.

To recap: There was a national emergency, and so the government waived some student debt. That seems like a point-and-click application of the HEROES Act allowing the administration to "waive or modify" student debt.

But Roberts and the conservatives didn't see it that way.

In his opinion, Roberts argued that canceling debt is not a waiver but a change to the structure of the student debt program.

Then he said that the waiver used by the Biden administration here was not the same as the waivers used in the past. Others addressed specific applications of the law, while Biden's waiver addressed the amount owed.

Then he argued that Congress did not specifically authorize this kind of waiver of debt burden—even though, again, "waive" is right there in the damn text of the statute he is referring to.

The decision just proves, for about the millionth time, that the conservatives on the court operate on one principle: "The law is whatever gets us the outcome we want."

They claim that their rulings proceed from the text of the laws but when a textual analysis doesn't lead them to

the policy they prefer, they make something else up.

Conservatives also claim to want to follow the will of Congress. Here, the Biden administration used authority granted to it by Congress, and Robert's response was essentially, "No. Not like that!" because he didn't like the policy of the Biden administration.

The six justices are unprincipled partisan hacks who make things up as they go along, based on the party affiliation of the president.

For evidence of that, just look to Roberts' most famous opinion regarding the emergency powers of a President: *Trump v. Hawaii*, aka the Muslim Ban case.

Back in 2018, President Donald Trump declared a (fake) national emergency over immigration, and wanted to use a religious test to determine entry into the country. If you were an immigrant from a Christian country, you were allowed in; if you were an immigrant from certain Muslim countries, you were banned.

Roberts ruled that Trump did not exceed his executive or statutory authority, writing "Congress' decision to authorize a benefit for many of America's closest allies... did not prevent the Executive from imposing tighter restrictions on people of certain high-risk countries."

But in *Biden v. Nebraska*, Roberts wrote: "All this leads the Court to conclude that the basic tradeoffs inherent in a mass debt cancellation program are ones that Congress would likely have intended for itself."

To put it in plain, practical terms: If the president wants to ban people based on their religion, he doesn't need Congress to explicitly say that he can.

But if the president wants to waive \$10,000 of student debt, a law from Congress authorizing the executive branch to (wait for it) "waive or modify" student debt is not an explicit enough.

There are a number of more technical legal problems with Roberts's ruling: Most egregiously, the states suing the Biden administration shouldn't have been granted the right to sue (no standing) at all, because the states suffer no harm from the student debt relief program.

But the practical upshot is that Roberts and the conservatives took away debt relief from 43 million Americans by judicial fiat, over the objection of the democratically elected branches of government.

We can only hope that in the next election, voters remember which Supreme Court justices told student debtors to get fucked, and which party those justices belong to.

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from July to October, and felt like it was time, especially for the Cerritos Aquatic Club. Johnson also cited that there has been some coaching changes.

"It's been a long, long haul and I can feel the age a little bit," said Johnson. "I had cataract surgery, my hearing is not great and just other medical...I had some teeth pulled and stuff. Eyesight kind of gave me a clue...and I just felt like it was a good time."

Johnson said the club went through a 'very good selection process' of interviewing his replacement, which will be Vince Carmosino. Johnson added that the retirement is bittersweet and that the emotions have welled up a couple of times and admitted his retirement hasn't hit yet. There was a big retirement party last Saturday at Cerritos Park East in which there was a large contingent of past and present athletes, families, coaches and officials. Johnson called the event 'overwhelming'.

"I been overwhelmed with all the coaching throughout the years and the little stuff that just doesn't get done," said Johnson. "But it's been a good run. The party was outrageous; there was a huge number of people [with] swimmers who now have kids. It was just wonderful."

"The overwhelming feeling is just... the familiness of it is really what stands out, which I feel the most proud of, I guess, and the overall emotions connected with that," he later said. "Not necessarily any particular super performance, because there have been lots of them. But the feeling of togetherness and working together for a common

goal."

Johnson began with the Cerritos Aquatic Club in 1975 and was a Junior Olympic swimming champion with the Lakewood Aquatic Club under coaching legend Jim Montrella. Johnson attended Warren High where he was a CIF-Southern Section swimming champion. Post-high school, Johnson was an All-American water polo player and captain of the Yale University swimming and water polo teams.

Johnson has coached many Junior Olympic finalists, high school league and CIF-SS champions at both Cerritos and Whitney over the years. He also runs a popular bodysurfing contest every summer at Huntington Beach, which he still intends to keep even though he's retired from the high school and club scene.

"Bodysurfing is really fun because... it's so much fun to go fast and if you're in the right place at the right time, you can go really fast," said Johnson. "I'm still trying to get in the water. Now I'll have some more time to actually swim. I've been out of shape because of Covid and I broke a couple of ribs a couple of years back."

Several of his swimmers and water polo athletes have competed at the university level and one of the club's water polo players went on to play for the United States Olympic team, which won several medals.

Johnson said he would like to credit much of the area's success to the 'excellent' assistant coaches the Cerritos Aquatic Club has had and the support of the families and schools in Cerritos. He is most proud of all the swimmers who have learned to love swimming, water polo and bodysurfing for the competi-

tion, friendships and life-long healthy exercise they offer.

"What I also would like to do is teach swimming," he continued. "I've been telling the kids over and over, thousands of times how to swim and get into college, find a roommate or friend that doesn't know how to [swim], and help them. I would really like to teach adults that have been afraid of swimming or had a bad experience or are afraid to get near the water. That's prob-

ably in the future. I hope it is."

Now that he has more time on his hand, Johnson admitted he is ready to learn some more Spanish and get much better at it along with reading a lot more and trying to keep the same discipline as far as going to bed early and eating extremely well and taking care of himself and try to stay healthy.

"It's been an incredibly rewarding career," he said.

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Pebble Beach.

Alison learned about the contest from her parents, who read the United State Golf Association newsletter and encouraged Allison to enter.

Alison told Los Cerritos Community News, "I love painting and drawing! I have been coloring since I was five. What inspired me to come up with my poster design was watching LPGA players golfing in tournaments. I want to play college golf and get a degree in art. My dream is to play in the LPGA tournament and win a trophy. I'd also like to use my artwork to "spread the light," just like my idol, In-Gee Chun does for the kids."

In-Gee Chun is a 27-year-old South Korean golfer who won the U.S. Open in 2015. She funds a successful charity, the In Gee Chun Lancaster Country Club Educational Foundation, which provides educational scholarships to young people in the Lancaster, Penn-

sylvania area, the site of her 2015 U.S. Women's Open victory.

Chun is an incredibly talented artist who funds her foundation through art sales. Her fascination with art began around seven years ago when she was looking for a hobby that she could do while traveling and competing on the LPGA Tour. Thinking it would be fun, she started painting sneakers during her time on the road. The pastime quickly developed into a passion for the three-time major champion.

"I don't think I have that much talent but if I can help something a little bit - I really enjoy seeing other people when they get something from me and their happy faces," she said. "This is why I'm doing (what I'm doing) and trying to make a good effort."

Meanwhile, at time of publication of this LCCN issue, Alison is likely on her way Pebble Beach, "My poster will be displayed at Pebble Beach, I am very excited about going to Pebble Beach! I'm hoping to see some of my favorite golf players."



U.S. OPEN CHAMPION: In-Gee Chen is an accomplished painter and Alison's idol. Ms. Chen's Instagram is [ingeechun_dumbo](https://www.instagram.com/ingeechun_dumbo) because, as her coach says, "she has very good hearing."

Mr. Franciso Noyola appointed to serve as Trustee Area 7 for the ABC Unified School District Board of Education

Mr. Noyola, a resident of Hawaiian Gardens, was appointed by the ABCUSD Board of Education on Saturday, July 1, 2023, during a Special Board Meeting. His appointment fills the seat for Trustee Area 7 (Hawaiian Gardens) left vacant when Trustee Dr. Christopher Apodoca resigned on May 16, 2023.

The appointment was made in accordance with California Education Code Section 5091, 5093, and Government Code 6061.



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Aquarium of the Pacific Opens New Exhibits



REVAMP: The Southern California Gallery is among ten new exhibits based on aquatic life along the California coast and Catalina Island.

Staff Report

The Aquarium of the Pacific has revamped itself, and now features the marine life found in Southern California in a series of exhibits that depict the coast.

Officials said the Aquarium has partnered with many local institutions for its



first revamp since opening 25 years ago.

It is called the Southern California Gallery, ten new exhibits based on aquatic life along the California coast and Catalina Island.

When attendees enter the new exhibit, they see California fish swimming among kelp plants flowing back and forth within the massive tank of marine life.

Living, swaying kelp replicates Casino Point off Catalina Island, where according to aquarium officials, kelp is making a comeback.

The exhibit includes the Ray Habitat Touchpool, the 211,000-gallon Seal and Sea Lion Habitat, the nearly three-story-tall Honda Blue Cavern with iconic sea

A WEEDY SEA DRAGON floats among the underwater flora at the Aquarium.

bass, and the Shorebird Sanctuary.

The Aquarium's Gulf of California exhibit features some of the world's most biologically productive and diverse seas. It includes unique species of butterflyfishes, and large silvery fish called Mexican Lookdowns.

Animals include the California spiny lobsters, leopard and horn sharks, a moray eel, California Scorpionfish, a Catalina Goby, and California's state marine fish—the Garibaldi.

The 30-foot-long tank called seagrass meadows includes various species indigenous to southern California.

Two of the exhibits will focus on underwater habitats off Catalina: Casino Point kelp forests and deep-sea hydro corals at Farnsworth Bank.

Another exhibit focuses on oil rigs that serve as artificial reefs located between the mainland near the Aquarium and Catalina Island. An ecosystem has formed on the pilings that rise from the sea floor since the placement of oil platforms, which started in the 1960s.

There is also a 30-foot-long tank that includes indigenous sea grasses, starfish that swim, pipefish that look like pipes, and other fish that have adapted so well one can barely distinguish them from the replicated ocean bottom of sand and rock.

There is over a dozen species of fish and over 1000 fish live in the tank.

And when visitors look up, they will see digitally designed scenes that give the impression that the gallery is underwater.

The Aquarium also has a variety of conservation initiatives at the exhibit to give visitors ideas on how to restore California's marine and coastal ecosystems and species.

The new exhibit is now open seven days a week. For more info, visit www.lbaop.org.

Lakewood's Mayfair Pool Remains Closed

Mayfair Pool continues to be out of service due to malfunctioning filter and pump mechanics.

City staff are working in unison with an aquatics contractor to determine a repair time frame. Every effort is being made to return the pool to service as quickly as possible.

Until we know more, announcing a reopening date would be premature. As soon as we can, we will announce a reopening date through this emagazine, the city website and our social media channels.

The city appreciates your patience and understanding while they work on a solution.

In the meantime, McCormick Pool remains open for use. Recreation swim is available at McCormick Pool daily from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and 2:45 to 4:15 p.m.

Cerritos Water Quality Report Available

The City's Annual Consumer Confidence - Water Quality Report is available on the City's website at cerritos.us/ccr2022.pdf. The report indicates that Cerritos water meets all primary state and federal standards.

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NORWALK'S NAKANO FINALLY GETS HER CHANCE TO REPRESENT TEAM JAPAN

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

Kendall Nakano, one of the area's top softball players, never thought she would have a chance to represent her ethnic background in any way through softball tournaments. She also said she



Kendall Nakano

never thought about either going to Japan or playing for any Team Japan squads.

But now that Triple Crown Sports has been putting on an International Challenge for a third straight summer, leading up to its popular Fourth of July Fireworks and Sparkler showcase tournament every June in the Denver metropolitan area, Nakano finally has that opportunity.

"Knowing that there's this International Challenge, it definitely opened my eyes and made me consider it," she said. "Yes, I could have also represented Mexico or the USA. But I think those teams...they have a lot of girls on their roster, too, and they have had multiple teams in the previous years, and I think Japan only had one team. So, I might as well go for it."

Nakano, the 2023 HMG-Community News Player of the Year and one of the area's top hitters, remembered her Norwalk High teammate Leilani Juan and a couple of friends playing last year for Team Philippines and thought she would tryout for Team Japan. Nakano was born in the United States, but her father, Keith, is full Japanese. To be eligible to play in the International Challenge, you, a parent, a grandparent, or great grandparent had to have been born in the country you want to represent.

"Last year I wanted to tryout, and it



KENDALL NAKANO with Team Japan, Nakano was born in the United States, but her father, Keith, is full Japanese. To be eligible to play in the International Challenge, you, a parent, a grandparent, or great grandparent had to have been born in the country you want to represent.

was different because it was an online tryout instead of an in-person tryout where I show off my skills," said Nakano. "It was interesting. Then I had to write a letter why I wanted to play; why I wanted to represent [Team Japan]."

"They definitely inspired me to do it," she later added. "But I think I just wanted to represent my culture and just get more in touch with my Japanese

side."

The week before she was to go to Colorado for last year's TCIC, Nakano was in Kansas City June 16-19 with her 16-Under travel team, the (Norco) Wildcats Laufou/Hunter, for the Top Gun Invitational and on the second day, fractured her ankle. At that point, she knew she wouldn't be able to play with [Team Japan].

"That was a little discouraging," said Nakano. "But I still got the stuff which made me a little more happy."

After last year's TCIC, the coach sent a group text to the players that she hoped to see everyone for this year's event. Four to six months later, the players had to tryout again, but Nakano said since she was a returner, she made the team, but not automatically. Once it was official that she made the team, it was simply putting in the work and staying disciplined with all the training.

Nakano went two for two against Team Middle East on June 23, a 19-3 victory but did not play against Team South Korea later in the day. Team Japan won that game 8-6, then completed pool play on June 24 with a 5-2 victory over Team Cuba. The head coach of Team Japan is Shannon Mortimer, who also coaches the All American Sports Academy travel team.

"They're very sweet," said Nakano of her teammates. "They have the same demeanor, though, just when it comes to softball. But personality-wise, they were so sweet. You could tell that they brought a little bit of where they're from to the field, and I like that. Playing with them...they were all talented. It was quite amazing watching them play."

"She told everybody that this was just a game and if we did do bad, that is doesn't define us as a player or a person," Nakano later said of Mortimer. "I really took that to heart because in a few of those games I didn't do that good, and I felt like I just wasn't helping the team and I wasn't producing like I should. That just reminded me that this is just one weekend, and one weekend doesn't define me as a player or a person."

The TCIC didn't have an opening ceremony because of inclement weather, but Nakano did have a chance to watch some of the games involving players from Southern California from afar and even talk to them, including Banda. The other area players who represented their

WONDERWORD

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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countries were La Mirada High's Rebecca Eckart (18-Under Team Mexico), Gahr High's Natalia Hill (18-Under Team Spain), Cerritos High's Camille Lara (18-Under Team Philippines) and Gahr's Rio Mendez (16-Under Team Puerto Rico).

Nakano has one more year of high school ball and is already looking forward to playing in next June's TCIC, citing that the 2023 version was 'very fun'. She added that she loves to see all the different cultures just having their own thing.

"Even when celebrating, it was just amazing, and then I have some noisemakers from Team Japan and I'm absolutely in love with them," she said. "The one thing I will take is as much as you think you work hard, there's always other people working harder than you. Just stay disciplined and to keep on doing what you're doing and just be great at it. Just keep working on it; work on your craft; work on your talent, work on whatever you have in mind and don't stop because there's always going to be somebody who's ahead of you."

Nakano's journey to the Rocky Mountain state was just another stop in what seems to be a never-ending summer for her and all other travel softball players. Nakano's team competed in the Triple Crown Sports Zoom into June showcase tournament June 10-12 and will be a part of the USA Softball Champions Cup, another top showcase tournament, which begins on July 6 and runs through at least Sunday. Each team plays five pool play games, then it goes to a single elimination playoff format. After that, Nakano's travel team will cap off the summer by playing in the Platinum Division of the Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championship.

"Sometimes it does get a little hectic," said Nakano. "But I just like to remember that softball isn't forever and just to enjoy this while I can because after college, I'm not really planning to do anything further [in softball]."

Nakano, whose travel team is sporting a 17-5 record in major games since May 13, is batting .490 with 25 hits, 17 runs batted in, 16 runs scored, four doubles, three home runs and has struck out twice. She does have some advice for other travel softball players who are considering playing in the TCIC.

"I just want girls to not be enclosed and not be shy to do things that they want to do," said Nakano. "I just want them to be able to have fun, do what they want and just have a good time while they're at it, and not get discouraged at the same time. Because I know softball can be very mentally draining. But I think it's a good experience and it's a good quality to have."

CENTRAL BASIN from page 1

Just a few weeks later, at the June 26 meeting, Garza, saying he did not receive an email with the board agenda items, joined Vasquez and Camacho-Rodriguez and voted to table two lobbyists firms approved by CB staff.

But Garza's anger did not end there, with sources telling LCCN that Garza, in a possible Brown Act violation, had talked with other board members about firing GM Rojas based on the 2022 indictment by the Los Angeles District Attorney.

With Prejudice

The indictment centers around Ro-

jas' employment with Bassett Unified School District and the relationship with Del Terra Construction, whose CEO is Luis Rojas, who is also indicted.

Both Rojas' have vehemently denied all charges in the indictment, and their attorneys are "eager to go to trial."

The D.A. used a report authored by attorney Francisco Leal in 2019; a controversial attorney, a known associate of Vasquez-Wilson, and a constant GM Rojas critic despite the agency's impressive financial turnaround; a four-notch credit rating upgrade from Moody's while building a \$16 million reserve and lowering rates by 14%.

But the Leal report is full of holes and lacks evidence; it is so bad that when Bassett's law firm used the Leal report to sue Del Terra in civil court, they lost, and lost horribly.

And it is much easier to win in civil court than in criminal court, where the D.A. indicted the Rojas'.

When the judge looked at the purported evidence in the Leal report, he dismissed the major allegations of fraud and punitive damages against Del Terra; which are the same charges brought against GM Rojas.

But it wasn't just any dismissal; it was an in-your-face, don't bring this case back to any courtroom dismissal.

The judge dismissed the allegations with prejudice and without leave to amend. In the legal world, a court case that is dismissed with prejudice means that it is dismissed permanently, it is over and done with and can't be brought back to court.

LCCN informed the D.A.'s office of the loss in civil court and asked if they knew about the judge ruling with prejudice and without leave to amend.

After months of emails, D.A. spokesperson Greg Reisling finally wrote, "The District Attorney's office declines to comment."

Both Alex and Luis Rojas' attorneys have stated several times that there is no evidence and that they want to go to trial now and question Leal about his report.

As confirmation, the D.A.'s office is acting as if there is no evidence.

The case was brought in August 2022, nearly one year ago; the evidentiary hearing has been moved three times by the D.A., the latest move just last week, with the judge finally ordering the D.A. to produce evidence by October.

Garza Uses Same Report

Yet Garza, according to sources, is using the same report and teaming up with Vasquez and Camacho-Rodriguez to drum up votes to fire GM Rojas, calling for a special meeting tomorrow July 5.

There is one item on the agenda, and it reads, "Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Government Code §54954.53(e) and 54957(b)," which can only be one person, GM Alex Rojas.

But the firing is highly problematic; in the legislative bill produced after a 2015 audit that former disgraced Asm. Cristina Garcia put forth - after she and others tried to take over the agency - the audit demanded more protection for the GM mandating that it would take a 4/5ths vote to remove the GM.

In an ironic twist, the stipulation stemmed from the many times that the board, led by Leticia Vasquez, James Roybal and others fired the GM and installed a crony GM, similar to what they're trying now; the last time they did that was when they fired Tony Perez and appointed Kevin Hunt.

There are seven members meaning six of the seven need to vote yes to fire

GM Rojas.

More Trouble With Garza

And there could be additional disruption on the horizon caused by Garza.

Officials and board members have told LCCN that Garza "failed to inform the board and management" during the appointment process of his conflicts of interest and questionable business connections with lobbying firms.

California Cities for Self-Reliance-JPA is a client of California Advocacy and Garza, as Executive Director of the JPA, has renewed his contract with owner Marvin Pineda since 2020.

According to Cal Advocacy's website, former State Senator Richard Polanco is an advisor working with Cal Advocacy.

Polanco is also affiliated with the lobbying firm Tres Es, Inc., one of its clients is the Water Replenishment District; sources have told LCCN that Francisco Leal is affiliated with Tres Es through his attorney relationship with the WRD.

LCCN has sent several emails to Leal about Tres Es without response; meanwhile, Leal is getting increasingly brazen in his attempt to damage CB.

A source close to Leal recently told CB officials that, while at Attorney General Rob Bonta's fundraiser at Tamayo's Restaurant last week, Leal was bragging to people that he was "going to get GM Rojas and Central Basin."

Leal has not returned an email about his comments at the fundraiser.

In the Middle of the Venn

To sum it up, we have three circles: Tres Es, Inc. (Polanco and Leal) has a relationship with Cal Advocacy (Polanco and Pineda), who has a relationship with Garza. Leal, the author of the legally challenged report that Garza is using to fire GM Rojas, is right in the intersection of the three circles in the Venn diagram.

Is it a coincidence that Garza gets his knickers in a twist then tries to fire GM Rojas because Rojas was not changing CB's lobbying firm to the trio of Tres Es, Inc., Cal Advocacy and Leal?

GM Rojas went on the record confirming Garza's illegal maneuver to get Cal Advocacy in as CB's lobbying firm, "Garza called a meeting and demanded we fire Lucien Partners, our current lobbying firm, and replace them with Cal Advocacy; there was another board member at the meeting."

Garza's demand could be a violation of CB Board Policy in regards to relationships between companies and board members.

"Complete Negligence"

In several texts to LCCN Garza attempted to justify his move on GM Rojas, "It's my obligation as a public official to perform my job, especially when I find factual information demanding follow-up of any public official. To do otherwise would be complete negligence and a complete dereliction of my duties as a public official."

Yet Garza has ignored a 2021 report showing Vasquez and Camacho-Rodriguez harassing employees - Camacho-Rodriguez called an employee a heifer when the employee was pregnant - while also ignoring the incident where the two demanded GM Rojas pay \$40,000 to two questionable lobbyists.

CB recently paid \$1.25 million to settle several harassment claims.

Garza defended Cal Advocacy, but when asked about Tres Es and Richard Polanco Garza stated, "he never heard of them."

When pressed and shown evidence, Garza backtracked, "I've met Richard

Polanco once. At a Groundswell event at MWD a couple months ago."

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tic degree while opening his martial arts school, the Jimmy Kim Taekwondo Center, in Laguna Niguel, Calif. Among his students was 2008 Olympian Charlotte Craig.

Dr. Kim is survived by his wife Lauren and three sons; his father and mother, Grandmaster Chan Yong Kim and Mrs. Kim and two sisters, Jenny and Susan and their families.

The family is requesting privacy at this time.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FALL 2023 VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

Non-profit offers several coed youth programs to learn and play volleyball.

TORRANCE, Calif., – The United States Youth Volleyball League (USY-VL) is pleased to announce that registration is open for our 2023 Fall Leagues.

These signature programs provide a fun, safe, and supervised environment for boys and girls to learn the 'FUNdamentals' of volleyball alongside the life skills of motivation, persistence, and teamwork.

Our eight-week fall league programs provide instruction to boys and girls ages 7 to 15 with curricula that engagingly teaches fundamental volleyball skills in a positive environment.

The league sessions are twice per week beginning the second week of September and ending the first week of November. Practices and games operate in a non-competitive format and offer participants the development of coordination, confidence, self-esteem, and sportsmanship.

Cerritos Fall 2023: September 13 – November 4, 2023. Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm & Saturdays 10:00-11:00 am. At Heritage Park, 18600 Bloomfield Ave 90703.

Teams fill quickly, so register early to reserve a spot for your child. Registering early also allows participants to save with our early bird registration pricing available until August 1.

The registration fee includes a uniform t-shirt and participation medal for each. Visit our online registration page www.usyvl.org to locate a program in your area.

For general information on registration, locations, or schedules visit www.usyvl.org or contact us at 888-988-7985 or write to info@usyvl.org. For specifics on Cerritos program or to volunteer, email Jennifer@usyvl.org.

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CITY OF BELLFLOWER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. MND 23-01 FOR STORMWATER CAPTURE AND TEEN/SENIOR CENTER PROJECTS, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT CASE NO. GPA 23-02 and ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. ZC 23-02

TAKE NOTICE that the Bellflower City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California, to consider the Stormwater Capture and Teen/Senior Center Projects within Simms Park, General Plan Amendment Case No. GPA 23-02 and Zone Change Case No. ZC 23-02 for the properties located at 16614 S. Clark Avenue and 9402 E. Oak Street. The City Council will also consider Mitigated Negative Declaration No. MND 23-01 associated with the proposed projects and applications.

The stormwater capture project is a component of the Los Cerritos Channel Watershed Management Program that will improve regional water quality. It will construct underground infrastructure within Simms Park to divert stormwater runoff from an existing storm drain in Clark Avenue into a concrete storage reservoir proposed beneath the baseball/softball fields, and will also include new fencing, landscaping, and other park improvements. The teen and senior center project will replace the old teen center building that was demolished in 2019 and will construct a single-story, 12,355-square foot building east of the existing Woman’s Club building, near Clark Avenue and Oak Street. The existing Simms Park parking lot will be expanded to the east and will include ornamental landscape. Social programs will offer recreational activities for youth and senior citizens provided and lead by both City staff and contracted non-profit organizations. GPA 23-02 and ZC 23-02 are proposed for the existing Woman’s Club (9402 E. Oak Street) area and for the Teen and Senior Center site (16614 S. Clark Avenue) to change the land use designation from Commercial to Open Space and rezone the parcels from General Commercial (C-G) zone to Open Space (O-S) zone. Lot lines will be adjusted later to accommodate the Teen and Senior Center.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), MND 23-01 was prepared, which means that the proposed Stormwater Capture and Teen/Senior Center Projects, GPA 23-02 and ZC 23-02 will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment with implementation of proposed mitigation measures. The 30-day public review period for this document will begin on June 23, 2023 and will close on July 24, 2023. All written comments concerning the MND may be submitted to Rowena Genilo-Concepcion, Planning Manager, (562) 804-1424, ext. 2228, rgenilo@bellflower.org, City of Bellflower, Planning Division, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706. The Initial Study and MND are also available online at (https://www.bellflower.org/departments/planningplanning_division/environmental_documents_and_information.php#outer-234) and may be reviewed by the public during normal business hours at: 1) City of Bellflower, Planning Division office and 2) Clifton M. Brakensiek Library located at 9945 E. Flower Street, Bellflower, CA.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report, MND, and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City’s website at www.bellflower.org, or by appointment in the Planning Division office. All written comments concerning the Stormwater Capture and Teen and Senior Center Projects may be submitted to City of Bellflower, Attn: Len Gorecki, Director of Public Works, (562) 804-1424, ext. 2259, lgorecki@bellflower.org.

If you wish to challenge the MND and/or the proposed projects in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or before the Public Hearing.

MAYRA OCHIQUI, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF COMMERCE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 23-05
2909 Supply Avenue

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will conduct a public hearing on a request from Dirt Dog Restaurant for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for the on-site sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages (Type 41, On-Sale Beer & Wine – Eating Place) at an existing sit-down restaurant, located at 2909 Supply Avenue, Commerce, CA 90040. Pursuant to Chapter 19.31, Division 3 of the Commerce Municipal Code, a Conditional Use Permit is required for on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with food sales.

Said public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce in the Public Safety Conference Room, 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, CA, 90040, on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the proposed Conditional Use Permit will be heard.

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge this Conditional Use Permit 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 Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION
 Viviana M. Esparza

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)
 (UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24074 et seq.)
 Escrow No. 001292-JK

Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers, and address of the Seller/Licensee are: HYUN SEOK JEONG, 12218 CENTRALIA ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715

The business is known as: BROTHERS KOREAN BBQ
 The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers, and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: K-BROTHER BBQ INC., 12218 CENTRALIA ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715

As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE AND ABC LICENSE and are located at: 12218 CENTRALIA ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715

The kind of license to be transferred is: ON-SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE, 41-602846
 Now issued for the premises located at: 12218 CENTRALIA ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715
 The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 at the office of: ETECH ESCROW CO., 6301 BEACH BLVD., #315 BUENA PARK, CA 90621

The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business including the estimated inventory \$1,000.00, is the sum of \$670,000.00 which consists of the following: Description/Amount CHECK \$20,000.00; DEMAND NOTE \$650,000.00; TOTAL \$670,000.00

It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Dated: JUNE 27, 2023
 K-BROTHER BBQ INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
 HYUN SEOK JEONG
 ORD-1749543 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 7/7/23

NOTICE

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 17900 Crusader Ave., Cerritos, CA on 07/25/2023 at 12:00 pm. Phedria Forte- household goods; Ersell Reid- household goods; Hector Ramirez- household goods; Aja Johnson- house-hold goods; Jhona Lim- household goods; Pittman, Shanta- household goods; Laura Childers- house-hold goods; William Sweitzer- household goods; Officer, Christopher- household goods; Yolanda Griffin- household goods; Daniel Altamirano- household goods; Mildret Sanchez- household goods; Dung Ta- household goods; Anisha Malone- household goods; Kimberly Watkins- household goods; Antwinette Ford- household goods; Luka Inacio- household goods; John Dunwoodie- house-hold goods; Bridgette Wilcher- household goods; Gicheru Mwangi- household goods; Emmanuel Sengoba- household goods; Jennifer Flores- household goods; . The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
 CN997906 07-25-2023 Jul 7,14, 2023

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF AGAPITO C. CRUZ aka AGAPITO CRUZ CRUZ aka AGAPITO CRUZ
 Case No. 23STPB06557

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of AGAPITO C. CRUZ aka AGAPITO CRUZ CRUZ aka AGAPITO CRUZ
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Nora C. Naguiat in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Nora C. Naguiat be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 6, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 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:
 JOSHUA WANG ESQ SBN 295243
 LAW OFFICES OF JOSHUA WANG
 909 EL CENTRO ST UNIT C1
 S PASADENA CA 91030
 CN997714 CRUZ Jun 30, Jul 7,14, 2023

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DORA E. RAZO
 Case No. 23STPB06597

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DORA E. RAZO
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Mariano Razo, Jr. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Mariano Razo, Jr. 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 July 21, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 2D 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.

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 CN997738 RAZO Jun 30, Jul 7,14, 2023

CITY OF BELLFLOWER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. CU 23-01 AND ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT CASE NO. ZOTA 23-01

TAKE NOTICE that the Bellflower Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706 to consider an application from Roderick Graham for a Conditional Use Permit (“CUP”) to allow an automobile repair shop and a spray booth within an existing 9,970-square foot building; and a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (“ZOTA”) to amend the Bellflower Municipal Code (“BMC”) to reduce the minimum distance requirement between automobile repair shops / centers. The subject site is located at 9638-9648 Artesia Boulevard, within the Light Industrial (“M-1”) District. Pursuant to the authority and criteria of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), an environmental assessment was conducted for this project. The ZOTA was determined to be exempt from CEQA under §15061(b)(3) because the ZOTA will not result in any development or changes to the physical environment. The CUP was determined to be Categorically Exempt under §15301, Class 1 because the project consists of a negligible expansion of the use.

The City of Bellflower invites members of the public to review and comment on this item. Copies of the staff report and supporting documents regarding this matter may be inspected by the public on the City’s website at www.bellflower.org, or by appointment in the Planning Division’s Office at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, California; telephone number (562) 804-1424, extension 2011. All written comments concerning this may be submitted to Eliana Muñoz at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA 90706; or by email at emunoz@bellflower.org.

If you wish to challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or before the Public Hearing.

ELIZABETH C. OBA
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

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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 no later than **11:00 AM** on the **21st day of July 2023** sealed bids for:

Bid # ABC – 1622 Paper 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 7, 2023 or later.

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated: 17701 Ibbetson Ave. Bellflower, Ca 90706 on July 25, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.

Petrina King- washer, dryer, boxes, bins, full bed set
 Adnan Hasanovic - Household items and overpack

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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