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KEITH CURRY, Ed.D.
Chief Executive Officer

THOMAS E. HENRY
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Special Trustee
Compton Community College District

Dear Special Trustee Henry:

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2013. Closed session begins at 4:00 p.m., with open session commencing at 5:00 p.m. The regular board meeting agenda is highlighted by a presentation on the El Camino College Compton Center First Year Experience Program, by Ms. Barbara Perez, Vice President El Camino College Compton Center. In addition, Dr. Martha Brown, Chairperson of the Compton Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, will present their annual report for 2011-2012 year.

Please mark your calendar for the Compton Community College District's "Taste of Thanksgiving" event for employees, scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 1:00 p.m., in the Staff Lounge and the Employee Appreciation Breakfast, scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Student Lounge.

The November 13, 2013 Board Agenda includes the following:

- A. The consent section includes various purchase orders necessary for operation of the District and the El Camino College Compton Center;
- B. The action agenda includes a resolution to implement an Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 125 Flexible Fringe Benefits Plan; approving Board Policy 4245- Academic Rank and approving budget transfers;
- C. The discussion/information agenda includes the Special Trustee Advisory Committee and the Compton Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Applications; the Board Meeting Presentations and Reports Schedule for 2013; and the Measure CC Bond Fund Category Budgets and Balances through October 31, 2013.

The items below are included for your perusal:

1. Memo from Felipe Lopez dated November 13, 2013, regarding the agreements with First Class Vending.
2. Memo from Felipe Lopez dated November 7, 2013, providing an explanation on the tax rate question from the October 22, 2013 board meeting.
3. Memo from Raelene Walker from American Fidelity Assurance Company dated November 5, 2013, regarding the District implementing the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 125 Flexible Fringe Benefits Plan.
4. Memo from Linda Owens dated November 7, 2013, providing an update on the Compton Facilities Project.
5. Memo from Reuben James dated November 7, 2013, providing a list of the Special Events for November 2013.
6. Compton Community College District and El Camino College Compton Center News Releases for October 17, 2013 through November 7, 2013.

If you would like to request additional back-up information on any Board Agenda items prior to the November 13, 2013 board meeting, please contact Ms. Paula VanBrown, Executive Assistant to the CEO, at (310) 900-1600, ext. 2001. Any additional back-up information will also be made available to the public at the November 13, 2013 board meeting.

Sincerely,



Keith Curry
CEO

c: CCCD Board of Trustees
Vice President, Deans, Directors



OFFICE OF BUSINESS SERVICES

To: Dr. Keith Curry, Chief Executive Officer
From: Felipe R Lopez, Chief Business Officer
Date: November 7, 2013
Subject: Request for Vending Services

Below is a summary of the RFP # CCC-018 – for Vending Services:

The District submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for vending services to provide the District with state-of-the-art equipment for more modern machines and technology which provides efficient vending services. The District published and solicited four firms to submit a proposal regarding the requested services. Only one firm, First Class Vending responded to our requested proposal, which is the current firm we use for vending.

The District's current proposal included a number of incentives that benefited the District, including offering the District 31% commission revenue, an increase of 9% from the existing contract. In addition, the District will get a minimum annual commission revenue guarantee of \$35,000.00.

The District also was able to negotiate First Class Vending's current contract to include the increase in commission rate of 31% compared to the 22% currently receiving and a minimum annual guarantee of \$35,000. The amendment would be effective November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014 at which time the new contract based on the proposal will be in effect.

As a result, it is my recommendation we award First Class Vending the contract effective for 60 months beginning November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2019 and amending the current contract effective November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014.



OFFICE OF BUSINESS SERVICES

To: Dr. Keith Curry, Chief Executive Officer

From: Felipe R Lopez, Chief Business Officer

Date: November 7, 2013

Subject: Tax Rate Explanation

Below is a summary regarding the fluctuation of the District's tax rate:

Under Proposition 39 law, the tax rate for community colleges cannot exceed \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. This is an ad valorem tax, and counties levy a tax to cover the annual bond debt service. Los Angeles County annually sets a tax rate for each series of Compton CCD bonds based on two factors: the annual debt service of the bonds and the District's assessed valuations set that year by the assessor (plus adjustments). In addition, since Los Angeles County is not a Teeter County, they set a delinquency rate that is a reduction to the secured assessed values. If necessary, the county will levy above \$25 to insure that debt service is paid.

The chart below shows the individual tax rates by series and year, the total for each year and the delinquency rates. Three series of bonds have been issued to date: Series A in 2004, Series B in 2009, and Series C in 2012 as well as a refinancing of the Series A bonds in 2012. As you can see, in 2012-2013 the District's tax rate was over \$25 by \$0.618. This occurred because of an increase in the tax rate of the 2004 A bonds and the addition of the new tax for the 2012 C bonds of \$4.126. Assessed values grew by 2.75% in 2012-2013 and the delinquency factor was 11%, both of which were likely worse than the original plan of finance anticipated. Due in large part to the District refinancing the 2004 A bonds in 2012 (which hit the tax rolls in the 2013-2014), the total tax rate is now below the \$25 Proposition 39 maximum. As result of the assessed values not achieving the levels used in the assumptions of the financing plan for the 2012 C bonds, the District's tax rate went over \$25 for that fiscal year. As assessed values continued to grow along with the 2012 refunding, the District's tax rate decreased below \$25.

Election 2002 Series	Tax Rate Year				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
2004 A tax rate	\$12.963	\$14.872	\$14.807	\$15.309	\$9.627
2009 B tax rate		\$ 6.227	\$ 6.259	\$ 6.183	\$5.899
2012 C tax rate				\$ 4.126	\$2.570
2012 Ref. tax rate					\$5.118
Total	\$12.963	\$21.099	\$21.066	\$25.618	\$23.214
Delinquency Rate	12%	12%	11%	11%	9%

November 5, 2013

Dr. Keith Curry
CEO
Compton Community College District
1111 East Artesia Blvd
Compton, CA 90221

Dear Dr. Curry,

I am pleased to provide Compton Community College District with a Section 125 plan that would offer your employees the opportunity to legally reduce their Federal, State, Social Security and Medicare taxes if they contribute to them on Internal Revenue Services(IRS) qualified benefits such as:

- Health and Welfare premiums employees contribute to
- IRS approved voluntary premiums employees contribute to on payroll deduction
- Dependent Care account which allows employees to pre-tax up to \$5000.00 per calendar year for either child care up to age 13 and for elder care for their tax dependents residing with them at least 8 hours per day.
- Un-Reimbursed Medical account which allows employees to pre-tax any un-reimbursed medical, dental and vision expenses for themselves or their family members up to \$2500.00 per plan year.

Section 125 plans also as of October 30, 2013 allow employers who offer Un-Reimbursed Medical plans the ability to choose between:

- not providing any additional runoff roll over period for employees
- 70 day extended grace period to incur and claim left over dollars
- \$500 rollover for any unclaimed URM contributions

This plan also requires employers who allow employees to waive health and welfare coverage and receive an employer funded stipend to offer IRS approved voluntary insurance plans or taxable cash. Employees wanting to contribute these dollars to a 403b of their choice must do so with salary reduction agreements. Employees who contribute to the Social Security retirement system must pay the required Federal Insurance Contributions Act contributions on these employer funded dollars when purchasing a 403b with these stipend contributions. Section 125 is often called the "win/win" plan in that not only do employees reduce their taxes legally but also employers can reduce their employer tax contributions such as a co-contribution to Social Security taxes and Medicare taxes on those employees who pre-tax dollars in a Section 125 plan and contribute to these taxes.

I am very pleased to be able to provide this valuable benefit for Compton Community College District employees as they enter the world of Section 125. American Fidelity is ready to provide this valuable education and assistance to your employees so that Compton Community College District and the employees enjoy the benefits of this plan and also understand the IRS requirements.

Sincerely,



Raelene Walker
School Benefit Consultant
American Fidelity Assurance
Section 125 Provider

MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. KEITH CURRY, CEO
FROM: LINDA OWENS, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND OPERATIONS
SUBJECT: COMPTON CAMPUS PROJECTS UPDATE (BOND AND STATE FUNDED PROJECTS)
DATE: 11/7/13

General - In general, current projects at the District are moving forward. The Facilities, Business, and Administration offices have been working together to process contractor/consultant invoices timely. Blanket Purchase Orders for the Bond Projects opened in the 2012/13 fiscal year will remain open indefinitely based on contract amounts and construction schedules to assist with tracking expenses/invoices against each project.

LRC Project

Due to the unique nature of the work necessary to determine the exact construction scope necessary to complete, closeout/certify and ultimately open the Library Learning Resource Center based on the schedule in the NTD/PCM3 contract, it was recommended and determined to use the process allowed by California Code section 4526 (Lease Lease Back) to include the completion contractor as part of the team that develops that scope of work. P.H. Hagopian, as the board approved Lease Lease Back contractor, had various sub-contractors verify the scope of work for electrical, plumbing, HVAC, roofing, elevators and site work and put together a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$3.2 Million to finish the LRC construction. Their final GMP was board approved in August 2013.

Final acceptance of the LRC project by DSA will also require the closeout of construction change documents (CCD) for the LRC Project. Initially, there were 160 outstanding change orders (CCD). With further review by the Architect, 153 change orders have already been DSA approved, leaving only 7 change orders still in need of DSA approval.

A new DSA number was opened to handle any new design work for the LRC. The Project is still on schedule.

A Grand Opening of the LRC Building is scheduled for April 15, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

II. Music Building Renovation (Y-Area / Little Theater) – The current total project budget is \$ 1M. WLC Architect, the new architect of record for this project, continues to meet monthly with the District to prepare new design documents for DSA submittal. WLC is scheduled to submit the documents to DSA in December 2013.

III. Server Room and MIS Building Enhancements – Phase 1 of the project was substantially completed in November 2012. Remaining phases are dependent upon future budget allocations. The District approved the purchase of additional server equipment in May 2013; and the additional security equipment in June 2013. Installation is scheduled after construction clears around the building.

IV. Phase 1 - Central Plant / Stadium Lighting – Interior utility rough-ins for plumbing and electrical is complete. Interior drywall is installed and painted. Electrical Switch Gear was received on 10/07, installation complete, and pulling and termination of cables underway. Installation of Exterior Lighting is in complete. Photovoltaic panels have been delivered, and installation is underway. The District has taken occupancy of the Central Plant maintenance yard, although Pinner still uses the area for ongoing construction of and within the Central Plant building. Design (Shop Drawings) of Stadium Lighting was approved by DSA on May 24, over-excavation and compaction grouting activities are complete, and the light poles have been erected. Electrical work for these light poles is continuing. The locations of two of the poles on the west side near MLB were adjusted to avoid conflicts with existing utilities associated with MLB, necessitating modification to the light head orientation on these poles.

Phase 1 – Utility Infrastructure – With the exception of irrigation and landscape planting, construction is 95% complete in Segment 7, which includes the Main road from the Math/Science Building intersection to the east side of the Administration Building. The access along the Main road will be blocked through November 15, 2013. The scope of work included the installation of 10" Fire line, Sanitary Sewer line, storm drain, gas line, communication and main electrical lines and the complete redesign of the sidewalk and court yard. Installation of concrete curbs and gutters are complete. Construction continues on the decorative hardscape east of the LRC and Administration. Installation of chilled water lines, storm drain, gas, water, fire main and electrical in Segments 3 and 6 near the Math/Science Road is complete. Asphalt paving of the Math Science road is complete, work continues on the side roads and walkways. This area will open November 7, 2013.

Retention Basin -The District submitted a request to the State to utilize bid savings to fill-in the retention basin at the south end of Campus with an underground piping system; the request was approved. The design phase for the retention basin underground system is complete. Construction of the Retention Basin is in-progress; materials were ordered, and delivery is anticipated for the week of November 11th, at which time construction activities in this area will resume.

V. Phase II – Utility Infrastructure – Installation of the asphalt at Lots D, E, and F and the main road from Administration to Greenleaf entrance is complete; striping to be scheduled. Installation of the main gates and a trench drain at the East entrance on Greenleaf remains and will be completed once the main road is ready to open. Approximately 95% of Parking Lot F is available for parking. Installation of light poles is complete, as well as Emergency Code Blue Phones and security cameras. In addition, installation of the main electrical lines is complete. Additional work on fire main loop near Parking Lot E is about 30% complete. Plant materials have been delivered, and will be planted once the irrigation system is completed and tested.

VI. Allied Health Building – The Allied Health Building bids were rejected in April 2013. August 15, 2013, the District received approval from the State Chancellor's Office and Department of Finance to re-bid the project. In addition to the DOF approval, the District was required to and did receive an extension from DSA to proceed with the project. Bid Docs were received from the Architect on 10/01, the Bid schedule agreed to, and the Mandatory Job Walk was held on October 30th. Per the agreed Bid schedule, bids are due November 21, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.



OFFICE OF BUSINESS SERVICES

To: Dr. Keith Curry, Chief Executive Officer
From: Reuben James, Director of Fiscal Affairs
Date: November 7, 2013
Subject: November Events

Below is the list of the special events that are scheduled for the month of November 2013

SAT Testing	November 2, 2013 7:00am-2:00pm	E-39, F-40
EOPs/Gain Workshops	November 5-21, 2013 (Tue-Thurs.) 12:30 pm -1:30 pm	F-19
Upward Bound	November 16, 23, 30, 2013 8:00 am – 12:30 pm (Sat. only)	D-32, 33, Y-99 VT-212B
Cocaine Anonymous	Nov. 2 – Dec. 28, 2013 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm (Sat)	V-70
Counseling-Student Probation	November 5-27, 2013 (Tues/Wed) 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Tuesday 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Wednesday	Y-99

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CUSD/Transfer/Job Fair/College Night	November 7, 2013 9:00 am – 7:00 pm	Gym
Nursing-Blood Drive	November 12, 2013 7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Parking lot “H”
Student Services Meeting	November 15, 2013 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Student Lounge
Transfer Ctr-Tessie Cleveland Services	November 12-26 (Tuesdays) 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Student Lounge Quad
Transfer Ctr-Veterans Resource Fair	November 13, 2013 10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Staff Lounge
English Dept.-Authors At Compton	November 13, 2013 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Student Lounge
FYE- Male Cohort Speaker Brunch	November 15, 2013 9:20 am – 11:20 am	Staff Lounge (Pending Cabinet Approval)
ECCC Police Sexual Assault Training	November 20, 2013 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (Pending Cabinet Approval)	Staff Lounge
FYE- Male Cohort Mentor Information	November 20, 2013 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Staff Lounge (Pending Cabinet Approval)
ASB-Interclub Council Mtg.	November 20, 2013 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Student Lounge
CalWorks Student Forum	November 22, 2013 8:30 am – 10:30 am	Student Lounge
CEO-A Taste of Thanksgiving	November 26, 2013 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Staff Lounge (Pending Cabinet Approval)



NEWS

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For Immediate Release

November 4, 2013

El Camino College Compton Center to Host Community Blood Drive

El Camino College Compton Center's Nursing Department will host a blood drive on Tuesday, November 12 in partnership with Providence Health & Services Southern California. The blood drive will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in a mobile blood donation unit that will be parked near Building R, which houses the Office of Student Life and the Bookstore. El Camino College Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA 90221.

Community members are invited to join students and faculty in giving the "gift of life." Appointments are preferred and may be made by calling (310) 775-1724. Walk-ins are also welcome. All donors will receive a gift certificate for a pint of Baskin Robbins ice cream in appreciation of their participation in the blood drive.

Twice a year, the Nursing Department sponsors a blood drive to help ensure a safe and stable supply of blood is available when people need it most. An estimated one out of every 10 people admitted to a hospital needs blood.

Anyone who is in good health, at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds can donate blood. One pint can help save the lives of several people.

For more information, please visit <https://california.providence.org> or call (310) 775-1724.

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Compton Community College District Board to Meet November 13

The next meeting of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221. Closed session begins at 4:00 p.m. for anyone wishing to address the Board on closed session agenda items. All regular session Board meetings are open to the public.

The Board Agenda is posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the District website, www.district.compton.edu.

Due to construction on District grounds, parking is available in either Lot A from Artesia Boulevard or Lot F from Greenleaf Avenue. There is no through traffic from Artesia Boulevard to Greenleaf Avenue. Construction updates, access information, and a map are available on the Web at compton.edu/campusinformation/construction-information.aspx.

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Compton Community College District to Host Community Roundtable in Carson November 7

Compton Community College District's (CCCD) CEO Keith Curry and El Camino College Compton Center Vice President, Barbara Perez will host a community roundtable discussion in Carson on Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 p.m. The roundtable discussion is open to the public and will take place at the Carson Civic Center, located at 3 Civic Plaza Drive, Room 107A, Carson, CA.

The presentation will cover a number of topics of interest to the communities served by the CCCD, including the process to accreditation, facilities master plan, and community participation in governance opportunities. Each roundtable discussion will be followed by a question and answer session.

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October 31, 2013

El Camino College Compton Center Invites Students, Local High School Students and the Community to Attend its Annual Transfer and Career Day Fair

Continuing the effort to support success for its students and community, El Camino College Compton Center will host a Transfer and Career Fair on November 7 as part of the goal to best prepare students to transfer to a four-year college or university. College and university representatives will be at ECC Compton Center to share information with students regarding transfer opportunities. The Transfer and Career Fair will feature participation by more than 30 universities and colleges. Students looking to transfer are invited to walk from table to table and gather information from the colleges/universities they have interest in attending.

New this year is the Career Day portion of the event, which is co-sponsored by CalWorks and the GAIN Region V office. Representatives from 40 local companies will participate by offering employment information about careers in their respective industries and the job application process. For job seekers looking to enhance their skills or train for a new career, ECC Compton Center's Career and Technical Education (CTE) division offers 11 occupational programs and job training. For more information on CTE programs, visit www.compton.edu/academics/cte.

The Transfer and Career Fair will take place in the gymnasium from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will provide students with the opportunity to speak to representatives from University of California, Berkeley and University of Southern California. In addition, California State University, Dominguez Hills will be accepting applications directly from students during the fair. Representatives from other University of California and California State University campuses, as well as member institutions from the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU), are also scheduled to attend.

On the evening of November 7, middle and high school students and their parents are invited to attend a College and Career Night Fair from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., also at the ECC Compton Center gymnasium. The evening is a collaborative effort to support high school seniors in their choice to pursue success in higher education and increase local college enrollment rates. The evening is co-sponsored by the Compton Unified School District and ECC Compton Center.

It's never too early for high school seniors to begin thinking about enrolling in college. High school seniors are eligible for priority registration at ECC Compton Center to get a head start on the classes they need. Priority registration is available to 2014 high school graduates living within the Compton Community College District who complete four easy steps by March 31, 2014. Enrollment applications for summer/fall 2014 will be available online beginning November 1, 2013 at www.compton.edu.

The Transfer and Career Day events are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact ECC Compton Center at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2763, or email elmartinez@elcamino.edu.

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October 22, 2013

Compton Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to Meet October 24

The next meeting of the Compton Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. in the District boardroom located at 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA 90221. All meetings are open to the public.

As outlined in the Education Code Section 15278, the role of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is to "inform the public concerning the District's expenditure of revenues received from the sale of bonds authorized by the voters."

More information may be found at the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee page on the District website: www.district.compton.edu.

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October 24, 2013

**Compton Community College District
to Host Community Roundtable in Paramount October 29**

Compton Community College District's (CCCD) CEO Keith Curry and El Camino College Compton Center Vice President, Barbara Perez will host a community roundtable discussion in Paramount on Tuesday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m. The roundtable discussion is open to the public and will take place at the Progress Park, located at 15500 Downey Ave., Paramount, CA 90723.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Based upon newly discovered evidence, prosecutors said they could not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant committed the charged crimes."

— Shiera Davila-Morales, District Attorney's Office



CAMOUFLAGE

- You asked its name
The aggression creeps out in a simple question
You make statements waiting for it to confirm them
- In your mind, you are waiting...
Waiting
To pounce on a confirmation
It does not come
So now you concentrate on all the technicalities of procedure
- It's leaking out of you
So shameful to those who hold your position
An honor that you have shared
Damped by what has poured out of you
- Focus on those technicalities
To make this stick
Validate yourself with the control
Its only mistake was to be spotted by you
A useless mind that has regressed
To the point where it will never progress
- It has camouflaged itself among what you perceive
As a bulk of poor and uneducated
Incapable of having dignity
And capable of anything
- Like cattle
You think it can be herded all together
- It comes out clean
It does not leak
No record, no tickets
Clean and dry of all that is foul
An undeserving halt is what it has received
- Prolonged by a color, an appearance, an accent, a sign of poverty, a neighborhood, a name
- Overall a class you think it belongs to
A weakness in your eyes
- According to you it has camouflaged itself
It looks like something that it is not
- Erroneous thinking
It owns its appearance
It is what it looks like but it does not fit within the walls your mind
builds around it
- No confirmation comes
So you push all the technicalities
Knowing that had it been another
It, another place
There'd be no halt, no prolongment
- When you leave it
There is a hint of rage building
But it calms
- The storm disappears knowing that it has surpassed you, drowned your statements by its overflowing struggles and accomplishments
You have camouflaged yourself
Among the honorable, the fair, the helpful and brave
It knows it and so it is not swayed to think less of the force
It knows that you are the exception
Its respect does not change
- For the the force that helps and protects
- It knows you have camouflaged yourself

Crossword

Edited by Timothy E. Parker January 28, 2013

ACROSS

1 Picasso or Casals
6 Long-range weapon, briefly
10 "That's all right, ___" (Ella Fitzgerald)
14 Fancy hairnet
15 Mitchell mansion
16 "Don't leave home without it" card
17 Command to one on one
20 St. ___ of Avila
21 "___ victory!"
22 Agatha Christie, ___ Miller
23 Featherbrain
25 Plods
27 Brazil's ___ Paulo
30 Pen parts
32 Practice grp. ?
33 Alero or Aurora, briefly
35 Barflies
37 Like yoga instructors
41 Avoid being a witness?
44 Like horror movie film scores
45 Fizz-flavoring
46 Lock
47 banned at Harvard?
49 "___ go brag!"
51 Grass over

DOWN

1 Confidential call
2 Deserve a hand?
3 Crude person
4 Ran relaxedly
5 Having likely-to-win chances
6 Famed TV judge
7 Crime syndicate head
8 Arctic goose
9 Often-repeated utterance
10 Spell the perfection of
11 Mixed in with
12 Chaotic

brawl
13 Connections for big wheels
18 Pungent root
19 Two-base hit
24 Bassoons'
28 Type of farm
27 High-class flourer
28 Sunblock additive
29 Teltale sign
31 Made off with a neckpiece?
34 Part of a Girl Scout's uniform
36 Baby deliverer of legend
38 "___ the night before Christmas..."
39 Angel costume accessory
40 Checked out
42 Firtatious

laugh
43 Something to fall back on?
48 Mt. ___ (Washington's home)
50 Kind of milk
52 Pitches in
53 "Middle-march" author
54 Theater passageway
55 Chip variety
57 Grooming implement
60 Verbalized
62 Melange
63 Melodramatic lament
64 Unit of force
68 "On ___ of Old Smoky"
67 Lobster coral

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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ROAD RULES By Irma Atram

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Melina Cervantes grew up in Compton and writes poetry about her city streets to combat the stereotype she's faced about the city for her entire life. For more information about Melina, see the article about her in the June 26 edition of the Bulletin.

ADDICTION STUDY

Are you addicted to cocaine and seeking treatment? If you are between the ages of 18-60 years you may be eligible to participate in a research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of cocaine dependency. All research-related care and study medication will be provided at no cost to those who qualify. Compensation will be provided to qualified participants. CA11: Friends Research Institute, Inc. located in Torrance at (800) 991-DRUG

Answers next week!

THE COMPTON BULLETIN, Wednesday November 6, 2013

El Camino College Compton Center community to attend Career Day Fair

Continuing the effort to support success for its students and community, El Camino College Compton Center will host a Transfer and Career Fair on November 7 as part of the goal to best prepare students to transfer to a four-year college or university. College and university representatives will be at ECC Compton Center to share information with students regarding transfer opportunities.

The Transfer and Career Fair will feature participation by more than 30 universities and colleges. Students looking to transfer are invited to walk from table to table and gather information from the colleges/universities they have interest in attending. New this year is the Career Day portion of the event, which is co-sponsored by Cal Works and the GAIN Region V office. Representatives from 40 local companies will participate by offering employment information about careers in their respective industries and the job application process. For job seekers looking to enhance their skills or train for a new career, ECC Compton Center's Career and Technical Education (CTE) division offers 11 occupational programs and job training.

For more information, visit www.compton.edu/academics/cte. The Transfer and Career Fair will take place in the gymnasium from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will provide students with the opportunity to speak to representatives from University of California, Berkeley and University of Southern California. In addition, California State University, Dominguez Hills will be accepting applications directly from students during the fair.

Representatives from other University of California and California State University campuses, as well as member institutions from the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU), are also scheduled to attend. On the evening of November 7, middle and high school students and their parents are invited to attend a College and Career Night Fair from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., also at the ECC Compton Center gymnasium. The evening is a collaborative effort to support high school seniors in their choice to pursue success in higher education and increase local college enrollment rates. The evening is co-sponsored by the Compton Unified School District and ECC Compton Center.

It's never too early for high school seniors to begin thinking about enrolling in college. High school seniors are eligible for priority registration at ECC Compton Center to get a head start on the classes they need. Priority registration is available to 2014 high school graduates living within the Compton Community College District who complete four easy steps by March 31, 2014.

Enrollment applications for summer/fall 2014 will be available online beginning November 1, 2013 at www.compton.edu. The Transfer and Career Day events are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact ECC Compton Center at 310-900- 1600, Ext. 2763, or email elmartinez@elcamino.edu.