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Hall proposes bill requiring condoms for adult-film actors



By Staff Reports

COMPTON—Just in time for Valentine's Day, Assemblyman Isadore Hall, D-Compton, is proposing a special gift for porn actors — condoms for every adult film made in California.

Standing next to a table covered in prophylactics, each wrapped in bright holiday covers and bearing names like "Love" and "Icon," Hall said it's time for California to share the love with those involved in one of its most lucrative industries.

Lawmakers can do that, he added, by making sure porn actors are covered, so to speak, with safety protections, just as the state mandates measures for people who work in dangerous professions such as construction.

"The adult film industry, given the type of work required, disproportionately exposes actors to a range of health and safety risks," Hall said.

His bill, patterned after a law adopted by Los Angeles County voters last year, calls for producers of adult films to obtain a public health permit from the Los Angeles County

After successful passage of Ballot Measure B, the County of Los Angeles Safer Sex in the Adult Film Industry Act, which Los Angeles County approved—57% to 43%—in the November election, Assemblymember Hall introduces legislation to take law statewide.

Department of Public Health and pay a permit fee sufficient for necessary enforcement and follow all health and safety laws, including condom use by performers. Hall's measure will expand upon the workplace protections now required in Los Angeles County to protect all adult film actors throughout the state.

It doesn't spell out a penalty for violations but calls on the state Occupational Safety and Health Standards

Board to address that issue.

Although he chose Valentine's Day to promote his proposal "[t]his is the only day I was available," Hall joked with a wide grin.

He announced his sponsorship of the bill at a news conference staged by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, a group that pushed for the Los Angeles County condom law.

Although an estimated 90 percent of adult movies filmed in the United States are believed to be made in Los Angeles County, Michael Weinstein, the foundation's president, said Hall's bill addresses threats by the industry to move its operations to other parts of California if the local ordinance survives court challenges.

The county ban hasn't been enforced yet, and one of the industry's largest filmmakers, Vivid Entertainment, sued last month to overturn it as an infringement on freedom of expression.

Hall acknowledged that getting a statewide law passed by the Legisla-

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Local student credits hard work for success

By Staff Reports

COMPTON—Tracey Amaya's success as a college student can be attributed to plenty of studying, hard work, and most of all, planning.

Amaya's skills helped her earn an associate degree at ECC in 2011 and then transfer to the University of California at Berkeley where she is continuing her studies in sociology.

On top of that, she also spent a semester in a Barbados study abroad program this past fall.

She returned from the islands in time to celebrate the New Year with her family and said the expe-

rience was incredible — from meeting people in the community to studying under palm trees on a warm beach.

"I really wanted to study abroad, so I planned my whole schedule around this opportunity," she said. "I was considering either taking on a minor or joining study abroad. I did a lot of research and went to workshops and meetings; in the end decided that study abroad would be a good choice because it is a great way to grow school-wise, and also as a person. As a transfer student, I found that you have to really think

about what you want to do and plan so that you can work it all in."

When Amaya first enrolled at El Camino College after graduating from high school, she admits she felt a little confused.

"That first semester I was a bit lost and then I met with a counselor who explained different programs I could join," she said. "Soon, I was part of the First Year Experience, which guided me toward meeting my goals. I always tell everyone that the people I met at El Camino College have been so important to helping me get to where I am now."

Senator Curren Price holds seventh annual SHeroes event



LOS ANGELES—Community members from throughout Los Angeles, filled the USC Radisson Ballroom to attend Senator Price's 7th Annual "Tribute to SHeroes" Awards Luncheon, which was held Sunday, February 10.

Hosted by Senator Price, this year's sold out event recognized exceptional women including community and union leaders; educators who work with students with special needs; teaching specialists that provide opportunities through the arts, music, and literacy programs; non-profit founders; and homeless and healthcare advocates for the young, unemployed, and elderly.

"For all the bad that is bound to happen in a large metropolitan area like LA, it makes you realize how

much good is also going on," said Senator Price. "This year's SHeroes are truly exceptional women."

The event also paid tribute to our brave women in law enforcement by honoring two officers with the Los Angeles Police Department. The Los Angeles Fire Department was represented by two of their long-serving members, who were similarly honored.

Two distinguished honorees, Charlsa Tina James and Charisse Bremond-Weaver, the first woman to serve as President of the Brotherhood Crusade, received 2013 Rose Awards.

KTLA Morning News Co-Host, Michaela Pereira, returned as Mis-

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Laurel Elementary named National Title I Distinguished School



By Staff Reports

COMPTON—Compton Unified School District's (CUSD) Laurel Elementary School can now add National Title I Distinguished School to its collection of academic honors after receiving the recognition from the California Department of Education.

The school received the award, Monday, January 21, at the National Title I Conference at the Gaylord Opry Hotel and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Laurel is one of 67 schools

throughout the country that have received national recognition for their high student achievement.

The school's accolades include the 2012 California Distinguished School Award, the Title I Achievement Award, and the Golden Bell Award for its innovative writing program.

In addition to receiving their award, Principal Frank Lozier and three teachers led a workshop on leveraging technology to boost student achievement. Principal Lozier said the school is proud to be among the country's top Title I schools.

"This is not only an incredible honor for us, but it also serves to motivate us as we continue to do our very best to educate our children," he noted.

Superintendent Darin Brawley praised the school for its latest accolade.

"Compton Unified is extremely proud of all its schools' efforts to raise student achievement. Laurel stands as a great example of how this district continues to make great strides," he said.

"The school collectively works together with parents to ensure every child has the support needed to succeed."

Man ordered to stand trial for allegedly killing woman, fleeing

COMPTON—An alleged gang member accused of shooting a woman to death and then shoving her body from a car as he led sheriff's deputies on a chase in Lynwood last September was ordered today to stand trial.

Juan Diego Valencia, 30, is charged with murder in the Sept. 6 slaying of Selene Mayoral, along with a charge of felony evading.

Valencia is accused of pushing the 24-year-old woman's body from a green Mercury Cougar at the intersection of Josephine Street and Harris Avenue in Lynwood after sheriff's deputies tried to stop him for a traffic violation.

Mayoral — shot once in her head — died at the scene.

Valencia was arrested at about 1:50 a.m. the following day after barricading himself inside an apartment complex in the 14000 block of Chadron Avenue in Hawthorne, authorities said.

Valencia remained jailed while awaiting arraignment Feb. 28 in Compton Superior Court.



Rash of vandalism leads to five arrests

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