



HMG-CN Investigation-

Questionable Search Warrant Investigation Angers Sheriff's

When questioned by HMG- CN, lead investigator in raid becomes angry and says, "I don't like your line of questioning."

By Brian Hews

Last week Hews Media Group Community News published an article in print and online about the Bellflower Sheriff's obtaining a search warrant under questionable circumstances to raid a house in Norwalk.

The raid occurred Thursday, November 6 at 4 PM when fully armored and fully armed sheriff's went into E. Garcia's (name withheld) Norwalk house pointing guns at his head, yelling for Garcia to get on the ground, and subsequently telling him to put his arms up get out of the

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Local Artists Painting Downey's Electrical Boxes Under City's Adopt-A-Box Program

By Tammye McDuff



In opening comments at a recent Downey Council meeting, Councilman Mario Guerra introduced the new Adopt-A-Box policy. Guerra addressed Council and the audience

with the preface saying "I know that our Economic Development Director will be bringing up this new project, however, I

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Cerritos Tennis Team Crowned National Champions at USTA League Mixed 40 & Over



FIRST PLACE: 8.0 Southern California (l-r) Jinny Losaria, Mark Magsadia (Co-Captain), Rollen Cabahug, En En Liao, Eutiquio Barcial, Julie Mak, Jose Espina, Yoneko Buritica (Captain), Kathy Zepeda-Emerzian, Nancy Wong-Thomas.

SURPRISE, ARIZONA A mixed doubles tennis team from Cerritos representing the USTA Southern California Section, captured the national title at the USTA League Mixed 40 & Over 8.0 National Championships held in Surprise, Ariz.

The team started off by winning their round-robin flight contests last Friday and Saturday. In a close match, they then defeated a team from Haverhill, Mass., 2-1 in the semifinals. Finally the Cerritos team

defeated a team from Detroit, Mich., 3-0 in the Championship match.

The team is captained by Yoneko Buritica (Cerritos) and features Jinny Losaria (Irvine), co-captain Mark Magsadia (Norwalk), Rollen Cabahug, En En Liao (San Marino), Eutiquio Barcial (Newport Beach), Julie Mak (Huntington Beach), Jose Espina (Long Beach), Kathy Zepeda-Emerzian (Surfside), Nancy Wong-Thomas (Monterey Park) and plays at the Cerritos Regional Park.

La Palma Proclaims Nov. 29 'Small Business Saturday'



La Palma City Council proclaimed Nov. 29 as 'Small Business Saturday' in recognition of the importance of supporting small businesses in the city. Small businesses nationwide accounted for 64% of new private sector jobs created and represented 99.7% of all employer firms. LP Mayor Steve Shanahan presents the proclamation to Victor Perrin of the West Orange County Regional Chamber of Commerce with Roy Cordova, owner of Centerstage Salon.

CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL APPROVES WATER, SEWER RATE INCREASES

By Tammye McDuff

The Cerritos City Council conducted a public hearing at its regular meeting November 13 and approved the proposal to increase residential and commercial water and sewer customer rates over the next seven years.

The vote was unanimous 5-0.

The city contended that it was a 10% increase every year with rates doubling within that span, but the increases actually signify a 14.28% increase per year; 100% (doubling of the rates) divided by seven years equals 14.28%.

This would be the first increase since 2006.

In June of this year, the council voted 4-1 (with Councilman Barrows dissenting) to approve the proposal, however the city was legally required under proposition

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Hawaiian Gardens Casino Renovations on Track

By Tammye McDuff

Gerard Lara, Project Manager for Hawaiian Gardens Casino and the new addition of the Garden Gaming House presented the City Council with a progress report at its regular meeting this past Tuesday.

"Over the past 15 months I have been diligently working with the city's Development Department to obtain the appropriate permits and applications and outside agency's approval. It has been challenging at times, but we are wrapping things up and as you can see the Casino is moving right along," opened Lara.

Hawaiian Gardens Casino renovations and additions are taking the original 59,000 square foot to over three times its size to 202,000 square feet. Currently there will be 154,000 square feet on the first floor with the additional 48,000 square feet on the second floor. The result will be, in terms of square footage, one of the largest card rooms in California. At present, the casino employs about 1,600 people, and

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Whitney High School Winner of the 2014 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award



Blue Ribbon Winners: (l-r) Jodi Improta, Whitney High School teacher; Aba Kumi, Director-National Blue Ribbon Schools Program; Dr. Rhonda Buss, Principal-Whitney HS; Dr. Mary Sieu, Superintendent-ABCUSD.

HMG Education Wire

On November 11th, Whitney High School in Cerritos was honored as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School. ABCUSD Superintendent, Dr. Mary Sieu, Whitney HS Principal Dr. Rhonda Buss and Whitney HS teacher Jodi Improta attended the National Blue Ribbon Schools Awards Ceremony held at the Omni Hotel in Washington, DC. The event was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and has been held each year since 1982. Whitney HS was one of 24 California public schools that was recognized as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School.

Whitney HS has the special distinction of having earned this award the most number of times in the country—five times!

The California schools, which are either high achieving or made significant academic improvement are among 337 schools in 47 states. U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan opened the Awards Ceremony in Washington, DC. Each winner of the National Blue Ribbon School Award received a beautiful plaque and flag as a mark of excellence from Aba Kumi, Director of the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program in the U.S. Dept. of Education.

Cerritos Boy Scout Troop 72 Annual Food Drive Nets Over 630 Cans of Food



The Boy Scout Troop 72 of Cerritos participated in an annual food drive, "Scouting for Food". They were also joined by Pack 72 this year.

During the early mornings of October 25th and November 1st, while some people were still asleep, scouts and adults from Cerritos Boy Scout Troop 72 were exemplifying what is called "Do a Good Turn Daily." Do a good turn daily means doing your part to care for your community.

Scouting for Food is a national food drive that the Boy Scout Organization launched to help communities fight hunger. This year the troop donated to the HOPE Food Bank. During the expedition, the troop met very generous residents of Cerritos that helped them surpass their goals by collecting 632 cans in all.

The troop was also joined by the younger Pack 72, and they too collected an impressive 335 food items.

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Hawaiian Gardens Holds First Annual 3k Fun Run

By Tammy McDuff

In celebration of the City's Golden Year Hawaiian Gardens hosted a 3K Fun Run in October. "We wanted to promote a healthier more active lifestyle in our community," Mayor Reynaldo Rodriguez told HMG-CN.

The race was held at the Fedde Sports Complex which featured a special course designated just for fun. "We had special dance instructors and exercise gurus to help limber us up," Rodriguez stated.

A Spirit award was presented to the participants and teams wearing the most celebratory outfit and to the local school with the largest crowd. With over 300 students and 200 adults signed up to participate - City staff registered more than 550 people to walk, jog or run.

Local schools were very active in the event. Participants from Hawaiian Elementary School, Venn W. Furgeson Elementary School and Ella P. Melbourne Elementary School averaged 28 persons per school. Artesia High School signed in 60 students qualifying the school for a \$500.00 donation and Fedde Middle School won for the highest student participation with 167 participants, entitling the school for the first place award of \$1,000.00 going to the Physical Education Department.

Fedde Academy Principal Ricardo Lois stated how proud he was of the school. "One of the struggles as a Principal, is that the P.E. department does not receive specific budgets. This was a wonderful opportunity for our teachers to encourage their students to come and partici-



Participants in the 3K Fun Run warm up before the event. The race was held at the Fedde Sports Complex which featured a special course designated just for fun. Participants from Hawaiian Elementary School, Furgeson Elementary School and Melbourne Elementary School averaged 28 persons per school. Artesia High School signed in 60 students. Photo by Tammy McDuff.

pate in our community in a fun way." Lois continued, "on a day-to-day basis, it is the job of our PhysEd teachers to get our kids up, moving and motivated; I want to thank the City Council for sponsoring this event. The kids will be very happy with the new equipment we will be able to purchase." Robert Costillo, Principal of Melbourne Elementary challenged Fedde Academy for next year "we have 550 students and I am recruiting all 550 to show up next year!"

Rodriguez, although tired from the run /walk stated he believed the community had a great day and he is looking forward to raising the bar with hundreds more participants next year.

Many of the local businesses and staff were in attendance, including the newly renovated Gardens Regional Medical

Center [formerly Tri-cities Regional Medical Center]. Spokesperson Sergio Avila was on site early "We have been excited to participate, since we heard of the event and we brought our whole team!"

Councilwoman Marian Rios brought her entire family out "This is extremely important for our City. We have been focusing on creating a healthier environment and I believe we are accomplishing that goal." Councilmember Michael Gomez, who was the driving force behind this new event, was dressed as Star Wars character Yoda, quoting Luke Skywalker, "Only a fools dream can defeat the empire, Jedi. This is what the 3k Fun Run is all about, inspiring our community to reach their full potential and create a healthier environment."

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Lakewood Regional Medical Center Appoints Lani Dickinson as Chief Operating Officer



Lakewood Regional Medical Center has appointed Lani Dickinson Chief Operating Officer. An experienced health care professional, Ms. Dickinson served as Chief Nursing Officer of Doctors Medical Center of Modesto, a 465-bed, multi-specialty hospital located in Modesto, CA. Tenet Health is the parent

company of Doctors Medical Center of Modesto.

Ms. Dickinson also served as associate administrator, director of clinical quality and director of patient care services for the cardiovascular service line.

"Lani is an experienced leader with exceptional results throughout her career," said Ron Galonsky, Chief Executive Officer at Lakewood Regional Medical Center. "She will fit well with our strong leadership team as we continue our capital improvement project and further expand services to meet the patient and physician needs of the central Los Angeles County region."

Ms. Dickinson received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from California State University-Stanislaus, Master of Business Administration from the University of San Francisco - School of Management, and is working towards a Doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh.

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Bo's Cigar Lounge Opens in Bellflower

By Tammye McDuff

The City of Bellflower is proud to welcome a unique addition to the Downtown Bellflower business community as Bo's Cigar Lounge celebrated the official Grand Opening on Thursday, November 20, 2014. The program included refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, and a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Owners Bo Mouissat and Clayton Olivier chose to partner with the City of Bellflower based on the market trade area, and more notably, both owners and the City of Bellflower shared the same vision of a revitalizing Downtown corridor. This is the third location for Bo's Cigar who offers an extensive selection of over 100 premium cigars, ten beers on tap, 21 different bottled beers, and over 14 varieties of wine. Customers receive complimentary coffee, sodas or water while in the store. Bo's has been known to hand out cigars, Mouissat says, "I don't believe in pressuring customers. It's not about the sale, it's about service."

The new lounge is three times larger than the Long Beach location. Furnished with comfortable oversized chairs, custom



décor and twelve big screen TVs is sure to become a favorite local establishment.

Bo's walk-in humididor is regulated by state-of-the-art equipment which auto-corrects and notifies staff when the temperature and humidity fluctuate, keeping cigar storage at desirable freshness.

Bo's Cigar Lounges offer Cigar Lockers in sizes, Small (approx. 2.5 cu.ft.) and Large (approx. 4.5 cu.ft.), for annual lease. Each locker is climate controlled by the same system that keeps the cigars fresh in the big humididor and clients receive a brass plaque on their locker. Locker membership includes exclusive use of the Private Back Room at Bo's Torrance; 10% off sale price after meeting your monthly minimum and Monthly "Members Only" specials.

Some at Bo's have become such trust-

ed friends that they often assist behind the counter and run the shop in Bo's absence". Mouissat recalls that during a recent hospital stay, customers visited him, took the store keys and opened and closed the store in his absence. "My customers take better care of the store than I do!"

Bo participates in many local events including the St. Patrick's 5th Annual Jameson Open Golf Tournament, held at Lakewood Country Club, with profits going to assist the Catholic Baseball League. Recently, Bo received a surprising announcement learning that customers had nominated the store for the MYFOXLA (Channel 11 News) Hotlist search for the best cigar lounge in the metropolitan Los Angeles area.

FAST RESPONSE SAVES PARAMOUNT RESIDENT'S LIFE

By Brian Hews

Paramount resident Alfredo Cuadros knew something was wrong.

On Nov. 6, Alfredo was out mowing the lawn when his right arm went numb and he started to feel nauseous. Alfredo had suffered from occasional seizures, but none of the seizures felt like this.

So he called out to his son-in-law Elliott Alvarez, who happened to be home at the time recuperating from a broken knee, for help.

Alvarez had been through some of Cuadros' seizures, but none of them looked like this. He could see Cuadros' right side was not moving, so he immediately called 911.

The paramedics arrived and recognized that Cuadros had what is called an ischemic stroke. An ischemic stroke (clot) occurs as a result of an obstruction within a blood vessel supplying blood to the brain. 85% of the strokes that occur today are ischemic.

Cuadros was almost completely paralyzed because of the stroke; he could not

move or speak.

Cyrus Osen, RN, BSN, MSNc, is the Stroke Coordinator at Lakewood Regional Medical Center. The stroke program at the center is designed to quickly assess and treat patients; and when it comes to treatment of a stroke, every second counts.

Lakewood Regional Medical Center also uses tissue plasminogen activator, tPA, which is heralded as the "gold standard" for treatment of strokes.

Osen's training and the experience of doctors and staff at Lakewood Regional Medical Center would prove life-saving to Cuadros.

Back at the house, the paramedics were further evaluating Cuadros. All paramedics are required to call a registered nurse for evaluation of their patient. They advised the RN that he had all the symptoms of a major ischemic stroke.

During the evaluation, the paramedics learned that Cuadros was registered at Kaiser. Knowing that Lakewood Regional Medical Center had the most advanced stroke treatment center in the area, the paramedics insisted on taking Cuadros to the Center.

They got their way and Cuadros, along with his wife Yolanda Cuadros and their daughter Veronica was sent to Lakewood Regional Medical Center where Osen, the doctors and staff were waiting.

Osen noted that, "Cuadros came in

with severe aphasia (can't communicate), right facial droop, and right side paralysis."

They took the necessary scans and confirmed the diagnosis.

Osen then sat with a teary-eyed Ms. Cuadros and her daughter and learned about tissue plasminogen activator.

Tissue plasminogen activator, is the only FDA approved treatment for ischemic strokes. Tissue plasminogen activator works by dissolving the clot and improving blood flow to the part of the brain being deprived of blood flow. If administered within 3 hours, tissue plasminogen activator can drastically improve the chances of recovering from a stroke.

A compassionate Osen told them that one possible side-effect, which has occurred in only 3% of patients who took tissue plasminogen activator, was death due to bleeding of the brain. He also told them that if Cuadros was left alone, he would be paralyzed and bed-ridden for life.

The Cuadros' were obviously worried about the side-effects but at the same time did not want to see Alfredo paralyzed.

Osen called on the doctors and neurologist who both recommended tissue plasminogen activator to be given to Cuadros immediately. Yolanda gave her consent.

"The way they explained the pros and

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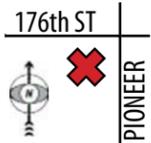
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Urban Art Hits Norwalk Streets



Upper left: 8th grader Angie Vazquez from Wait Middle School.

Upper right: 12th grader Amanda Lira from La Mirada High School.

Left: 11th grader Cynthia Helm from Santa Fe High School.

Norwalk's first urban art piece was completed as part of the City's Art in Public Places utility box artwork program. Three top winners of Norwalk's 2014 "ARTastic" competition were selected to create a theme and design for a utility box near the Cultural Arts Center. Norwalk residents and local students Amanda Lira, Cynthia Helm, and Angie Vasquez, under the supervision of artist Candace Galvan, used acrylic paint to bring their design to life. See their unique artwork at the northeast corner of Firestone Boulevard and San Antonio Drive.

The city of Norwalk brought back the award-winning "ARTastic" event on Saturday, March 15, 2014. A free event featuring art projects, game booths, a book fair, craft fair and chalk art contest. The event was held at the Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

The family-friendly event featured a train ride through the park, caricature artists, henna tattoos, and the Cultural Art Center's "CAC Art Box Exhibit," which features artists who have showcased their work at the Mary Paxon Art Gallery.

ADOPT-A-BOX

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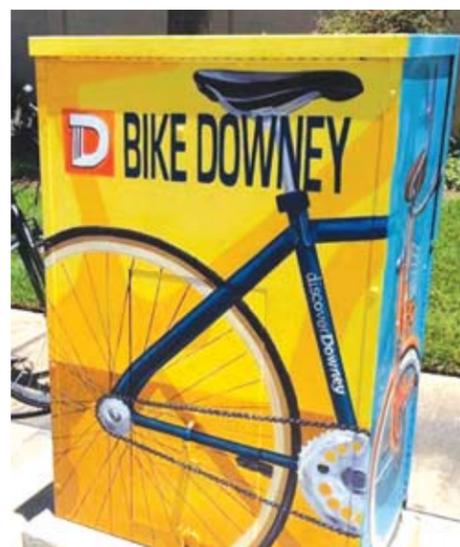
want to begin to spread the word through the community and Chamber, about this new urban branding opportunity Adopt-a-Box."

The City of Downey has joined a new urban improvement movement by allowing local artists to paint approved art on the cities electrical power boxes. Currently Downey has decorated eight power boxes, with a contract to finish ten more. Guerra states "This is a terrific way to beautify our community, is a deterrent to graffiti, and we will be offering the opportunity to our local businesses to adopt a power box."

Council has already approved a theme for small power boxes – which will align with the cities new branding efforts 'Discover Downey'. On the street corner of Columbia Way and Imperial, NASA theme boxes have been decorated depicting the Space Shuttle; Downey Bike Coalition has sponsored several boxes denoting 'Bike Downey'; a power box outside of the Downey library notes a bookshelf full of reading classics and several other power boxes that showcase the train depot can be found off of Firestone Boulevard.

Guerra encouraged the audience to spread the word and begin considering this new project saying "These power boxes are a blank slate for taggers and graffiti; this improves the quality of life within the city and makes our city special."

Utility boxes are for the most part rectangular, gray, metal structures housing needed electrical wiring. They are also both drab and ubiquitous. Now there are exceptions in the form of original artwork transforming drab to dramatic and gray to colorful. Adopt-A-Box is a mini street beautification effort that is now deemed Urban Art.



Neighboring cities have sponsored art boxes, the city of Bellflower have decorated many with an underwater theme. Bellflower Council made a statement saying "It's a nice way to add art. You can look at art in different ways. You can look at big art that's very expensive in the center of the city, or you can look at art that is less expensive and spreads throughout the city. It is a way to offer a spot of color to our neighborhoods."

The Economic Development Division is responsible for growing the local economy in Downey. Specifically, the department strives to attract and retain quality businesses within the city and maintain a business-friendly environment for Downey businesses. Economic Development uses a variety of tools and initiatives to implement its objective. The Department oversees redevelopment project areas and uses the tools of redevelopment to attract and retain quality businesses in Downey. Redevelopment resources are also used to make infrastructure upgrades within the redevelopment project areas.

Guideline, artists, colors and themes are currently being discussed by Council and will be presented to the public.

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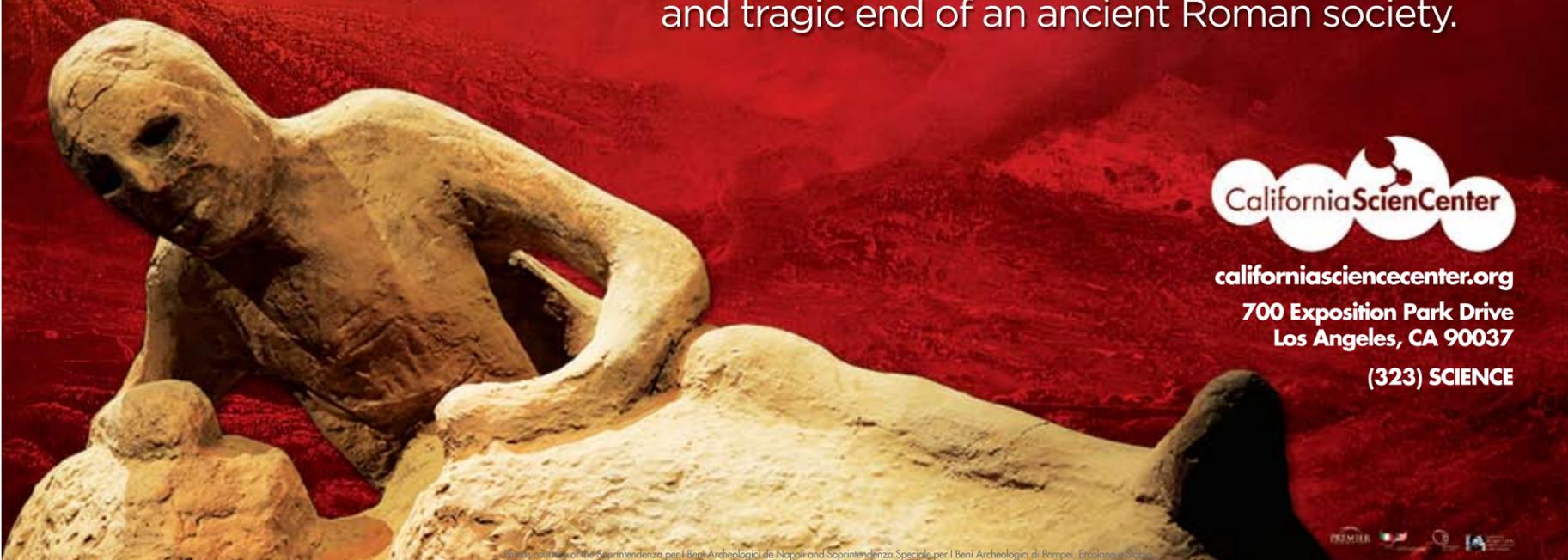
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MEMORIALCARE TODD CANCER INSTITUTE CELEBRATES LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Staff Report

The MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute (TCI) at Long Beach Memorial hosted its 6th Annual "Shine a Light on Lung Cancer" awareness event on Sunday, Nov. 16. More than 40 community members, TCI care teams, lung cancer survivors and their families gathered at the Todd Cancer Pavilion to celebrate lung cancer awareness month and to spread awareness by lighting up two cancer ribbons.

The first ribbon was a 10-foot tall white lung cancer ribbon projected on the front of the Todd Cancer Pavilion for the entire month of November. The second ribbon involved community members, TCI care teams, lung cancer survivors, patients and their families "lighting up" their own lung cancer awareness ribbon by placing glow sticks in vases to "shine the light" so desperately needed on this disease.

"People need to recognize this horrible disease as it is not just confined to people who smoke," said Cora Hews, wife of HMG-CN Publisher Brian Hews, who along with her husband attended the event. "There are many people out there diagnosed with lung disease who never smoked. People think this is a "smoker's disease, but it is not, and it is up to us to draw more attention and give more donations to fight this horrible disease."

Cora Hews' mother Tina Booth died of lung cancer two years ago, after a four-year battle.

The "Shine a Light on Lung Cancer" awareness event is the largest national and international coordinated awareness gathering for lung cancer – uniting cities across the nation. Long Beach was one of only eight cities in California to host the event which is held to give a voice to the



Community members, MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute care teams, lung cancer survivors, patients and their families witnessed and contributed to the lighting of two lung cancer awareness ribbons last Sunday evening.

millions of people impacted by lung cancer. It also served as the first public event announcing Long Beach Memorial's new Lung Nodule Center opening that started seeing patients earlier this month.

"Lung cancer has been long ignored, stigmatized and underfunded for too long. This Shine a Light on Lung Cancer event has helped expand the dialogue around lung cancer, and brought community attention to this leading cancer killer of both men and women, smokers and non-smokers," says Debbie Oates RN, ANP-BC, MSN, nurse navigator, Lung Nodule Center, MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute, Long Beach Memorial. "This event shows the recent strides we have made because

five years ago we couldn't have anticipated the enormous potential we see ahead in diagnosing the disease earlier and treating it more effectively."

At the start of the evening, guests and survivors were welcomed to sign message cards attached to glow sticks in honor of loved ones lost, or in support of those still fighting lung cancer.

Throughout the event, Long Beach Memorial physicians, Nilesh Vora, M.D., medical director,

Palliative Care, MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute; and Robert Liou, M.D., pulmonologist, Lung Nodule Center, MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute, spoke about the impact of lung cancer, lung can-

cer screenings and the new Lung Nodule Center and how the community can reduce the stigma.

The new lung cancer screenings done at MemorialCare can detect lung cancer nodules much earlier possibly saving 20% more lives.

The number of deaths due to lung cancer has increased approximately 3.5 percent between 1999 and 2012 from 152,156 to 157,499. The number of deaths among men has reached a plateau but the number is still rising among women. In 2012, there were 86,740 deaths due to lung cancer in men and 70,759 in women.

The new detection system could possibly save over 31,000 lives.

An inspiring moment in the event came when David Carver, a lung cancer survivor, shared his journey on how he is overcoming the odds to beat lung cancer.

"I am honored to be a part of this event and proud to be alive today to tell my story," says Carver. "I can't thank Dr. Vora and Long Beach Memorial enough because I wouldn't be alive today without their recommendations, support and expertise."



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Warren High Club Raises Funds For Thanksgiving

By Tammye McDuff

Stay Connected is a student led club created by Warren High School students with the intention of helping local resi-

eating contest in order to raise funds and feed seven local families from Downey and Warren High Schools for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. More than 200 students from both schools were in attendance.

The Warren High School club was the host, inviting Downey High School students as the challengers, and created teams. In a one on one battle against each

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The Stay Gallery Board immediately volunteered Executive Director Valentin Flores, "I am accepting the challenge and taking a pie for a great cause!" Flores commented "It is the easiest decision I have made all year!"

"If you haven't heard of Stay Connected," says Gabriel Enamorado, Creative Director of Stay Gallery, "they are a volunteer based group of students from Warren High School that simply want to do good things for their community." Under minimal guidance, Stay Gallery allows the students and the club to make use of their premises in creative and significant ways. Enamorado noted, "we want to thank everyone who helped Stay Connected pass our goal. We want to thank Stay Connected for continuing to host amazing events, and Mario Guerra for his generous donation to their group."

Stay Gallery is a 501(c)3 nonprofit offering a creative space for our community, hosting a variety of art exhibits, and provide programs that further our cause. Their mission is to revitalize and engage the Downey community through the arts and create a vibrant 'sense of place' where people can live, work, and play. Flores comments, "we strengthen our community by allowing creative concepts to flourish within our space. By constantly fundraising and seeking donations, our lights are kept on, and local creativity has a place to call home."

WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARTESIA-CERRITOS MARKS 100TH ANNIVERSARY WITH CHARITY DRIVE

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In honor of its 100th anniversary, the Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos kicks off a charity drive campaign, "Celebrating a Century of Service," to benefit the communities of Artesia and Cerritos.

Club members have assigned a particular item to each month, with the goal of collecting 100 of those items at each meeting. In October, 100 rolls of paper towels and 100 bottles of liquid hand soap were collected for the Ronald McDonald House. In November, 100 paperback books will be gathered for the Veterans' Hospital.

In December, 100 toys and games will be donated to Su Casa and 100 arts-and-crafts supplies will be given to Community Family Guidance. In January, members will contribute 100 pennies each to benefit Pennies for Pines.

One hundred pairs of flip-flops will be collected in February for Su Casa. In March, 100 packages of diapers and wipes will be given to Tracy Teen Program in the ABC School District. In April, 100 canned goods will be gathered for local food banks.

For more information, contact President Marilyn McGorman at (562) 860-8944 or Gail Grossman at (562) 926-8487.



The Warren High School club hosted the event, inviting Downey High School students as the challengers, and created teams. In a one on one battle against each other, the students raised their goal of \$500.00, having a wonderful time in the process. Midway through the contest, Councilman Mario Guerra noticed a large crowd forming outside of Stay Gallery from his office window. Out of curiosity, Guerra came down to watch and got word that Stay Connected was \$200.00 away from their original goal. In a generous and hilarious gesture, Guerra offered to donate the remainder if one of the Stay Gallery Directors received a pie to the face.

dents and addressing city issues.

Tuesday, November 18th, Stay Connected hosted the club's first annual pie

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FILM REVIEW

WHIPLASH

By Jason Ooi



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There are no two words in the English language more harmful than good job.

It's a good thing that the words good job don't come close to cutting it when describing the greatness of Damien Chazelle's sophomore film Whiplash.

When the film ended and the credits began to roll, the entire of the theater lay silent before completely erupting in applause. Completely breathless, confined to my chair, I was gasping for air and reduced to shivers. Even as I sit here now, an hour later, I can only barely find the words to describe my experience with this film.

At its core, Whiplash is a film about perfection. It follows ambitious 19 year-old jazz drummer Andrew Neyman as he attends his first year at Schaefer Music Conservatory, where he is mentored by the cutthroat and ruthless Terence Fletcher. It follows his journey as he tries to become not "just great", but "one of the greats" as he sacrifices all of the non-essentials to realize and fulfill this dream.

The film stars two amazing leads in Miles Teller and J.K Simmons, both of which simultaneously provide motivation and foil for each other's characters. Teller captures the commitment and devotion of Andrew perfectly, through fictional blood, tears, and sweat, and the very real dedication to drumming outside of the film that gave the film so much of its energy. He provides J.K. Simmons a great contrast, and really helps Simmons forge Fletcher as a fearsome, intimidating mentor.

The film explores the depths of ambition. It delves into the true zeal for one's passion, and is extremely relevant in every single person out there's life. Andrew isn't just some good drummer striving to be the best, he's representative of every single person who has ever existed spanning across every time period, striving to be the best at what they do. Likewise, Simmons isn't just a violent conductor, spitting vulgarities at every mistake, he's everyone that has ever given criticism or begot inspiration. These two main characters, brought to life through the brilliance of their actors, are the epitomes of their own depictions, making Whiplash and its character's infinitely relatable. Simultaneously, this film bears morals, it teaches of resilience and of the necessity of independence from past educators.

The score, which was absolutely invigorating and beautiful, created such a hectic but soulful atmosphere, which when paired with Chazelle's quick editing and beautiful electrifying cuts, really causes the film to flow like the music that it utilizes so perfectly. Despite hardly considering myself a music dilettante, (especially to the more refined sounds of jazz.) I still found myself inexplicably dreading the end to each performance. There was something about the melodies and the characters performing them that was captivating.

Chazelle, in only his second film to grace the screens, created such a phenomenal intense film. His ability to draw emotion, to convey passion; to make a one hundred minute movie feel like a lucid daydream is a grand testament to the caliber of his film making in Whiplash. It's fierce, bold, unrelenting on the senses, and the best movie of 2014 so far, all phrases more suited for describing this film than a mere good job.

Bulgogi House Opens in La Palma

By Tammye McDuff

Bulgogi House Korean BBQ hosted their official grand opening at their newest location in La Palma with complimentary appetizers, selections from their Premium Menu, live entertainment and cooking demonstrations.

Bulgogi House was founded in 1992 by Young Park, who combined fresh local ingredients and business expertise to create a quality Korean barbecue experience in Los Angeles. They are known for their quality meats and his grandmother's secret sauce.

Passed down through generations, the Park family's timeless sauce is the foundation for the delicious Korean BBQ, fresh ingredients and precise mixing processes, lends each sauce a handcrafted quality.

The process involves steeping the meat in his grandmother's marinade for at least 24 hours, which makes the beef tender and flavorful. Young Park has now brought this unique, time-tested recipe to California through the Bulgogi House restaurant chain. Bulgogi House offers customers four different sauces for even the most selective palates.

From the brisket to the ribs and every



(l-r) La Palma Mayor Steve Shanahan, Ms. La Palma Maddie Thompson; District Rep. Patrick Wang from Senator Bob Huff's office, District Rep. Michael Vuong from the Congresswoman Linda Sanchez' office, Bulgogi owner Young Park, Council Members Gerard Goedhart and Henry Charoen, Mayor Pro-Tem Peter Kim.

cut in between, Bulgogi House prides in offering prime menu at a reasonable price. Park notes "With our dinner options, you can feast like a king and choose from all of the delicious barbecued meats on our menu."

Bulgogi House is proud to serve you endless marbled cuts to ensure that you leave with a full stomach and a smile on your face." Offering four separate menus, a full appetizer and sushi buffet with an extensive desert bar, Bulgogi House caters to

everyone from Vegan to Meat Lover.

Scott Kline, noted food skeptic and acknowledged finicky eater told Benjamin Kang, Public Relations Specialist with Kollaboration Media "This is far better than any other Korean barbecue I have been too." Kline continued, "The restaurant is clean and well laid out, the service was exceptional, the wait staff explained each course in detail and prices are very reasonable for any budget."

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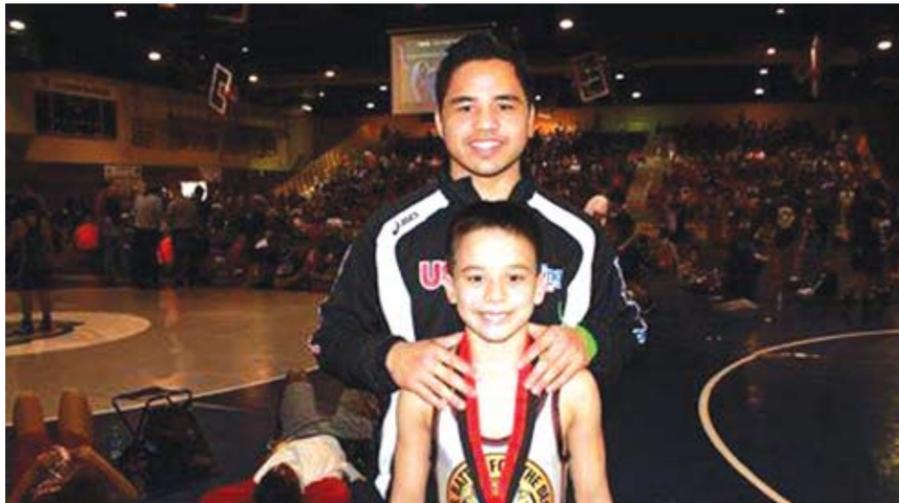
CERRITOS COLLEGE WRESTLER TOM'S LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY NEARLY COMPLETE

By Brian Reed-Baiotto

Keanu Tom was a runner-up in the 2011 CIF-Southern Section Inland Division 135-pound wrestling finals to eventual state champion Chris Mecate of Redlands East Valley High School. After falling in the ninth-place match a week later at the

tos, many athletes in his shoes, let alone in a sport that demands so much physically, would call it a career and focus on college and prepare for an eventual career.

But Tom put everything he could muster both physically and mentally into nearly a year's worth of rehab and is now ranked No. 1 in the state at 157 pounds in his sec-



Keanu Tom and his 11-year old brother Koa Ruiz. Tom tore his ACL his senior year in high school and put everything he could muster both physically and mentally into nearly a year's worth of rehab. Tom is now ranked No. 1 in the state at 157 pounds in his second year at Cerritos College.

Masters Meet, a victory that would have qualified Tom for the CIF State Meet in Bakersfield, he returned to Los Alamitos High in 2012 for his senior year as one of the area's top stars.

But as fate had it, Tom tore his right ACL just one month into the season and his prep career was over. Facing the steep, uphill climb and rehabilitation that would stretch well beyond his days at Los Alami-

ond year at Cerritos College for the state's top-ranked program.

Tom, who finished fifth at state last season, is 31-1 this season for ninth-year Falcons coach Donny Garriott, including tournament titles at the West Hills, Santa Ana and Mt. San Antonio College Invitational meets. His only setback was a recent 3-2

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semifinal loss to Adrian Gomez in Fresno, despite having defeated Gomez twice this season in the West Hills finals and Santa Ana semifinals.

The disappointment, though, could very well serve as a wake-up call as regionals take place on Dec. 6 at Cerritos College, and then Tom goes for his ultimate goal of winning a state championship the weekend of Dec. 12-13 at Cuesta College. Perhaps the most impressive fact in Tom's journey to redemption is that he's not only back after such a major injury, it's that he's even better than during his banner days at Los Alamitos, and for coach Kenny Torres.

But it hasn't come easy. His collegiate career thus far has produced 68 wins in 73 matches.

"I was in so much pain after the surgery and couldn't walk for three months," Tom said. "The doctor told me I should pick a new sport. But I love doing this too much. I used (Olympic champion) Jordan Burroughs' rehab program and it helped me get back sooner than expected."

Cerritos also boasts former local CIF individual champions AJ McKee (Long Beach Poly) and Robert Chism (Downey), as well as state qualifiers Randy Howe and Max Kumashiro. Both Howe and Kumashiro were teammates of Tom at Los Alamitos.

Tom gives credit not only for his return, but also his ascension to parents Rick Ruiz and Lana Olotoa, the Cerritos College staff and teammates and coaching brothers Dan and Pat Cadwallader. He also trains every day with New York native and 174-pound teammate Dylan Clarke.

"Keanu works hard every day, is a great teammate and I think we make each other better," Clarke said.

Tom's primary recipe for staying injury-free the last two seasons are not only his diet, but his six days-a-week training. A typical day, to stay at or below the 157 pounds, includes the following daily menu: two egg whites and ground beef for breakfast. He snacks every three hours, has a post-workout protein shake and then a "fist full" of whatever his mother makes him for dinner.

As difficult as it is to stay disciplined and under weight, he's not about to complain.

"I deal with it like I have to," he said. "It's something that has to be done, and I look at it like a homework assignment."

Cerritos is in Spokane, Washington over the weekend for both team duals and an individual tournament. In fact, the Falcons take on Northern Idaho College, the nation's top-ranked program in a team dual.

Tom hopes for not only individual success, but he and the rest of the Falcons hope to give Garriott his first state title on Dec. 13. Cerritos has finished twice on three occasions and could see as many as five individual state champions in McKee, Kumashiro, Chism, Tom and Dustin Kirk.

"Keanu is a great kid and he's a much more complete wrestler than he was in high school," Garriott said. "I think what I appreciate most about him is he's always wanting to learn and get better daily. He could very well win a state championship in a few weeks, and I know he can wrestle at any level in college."

Tom has received interest from a number of schools, but said his dream fit would be wrestling at Arizona State University. Aside from his own wrestling career and maintaining his 3.5 grade point average, Tom's other passion is coaching his 11-year old brother, Koa Ruiz, who is No. 3 in the nation at 80 pounds.

While there are still a few weeks to go in the season, Tom already knows what he wants to be remembered for.

"I'd like to be remembered as a guy who, even when facing the longest odds, picked himself back up and ended up being better for it," Tom said. "Someone who worked as hard as anyone and was always there for my teammates."

CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION NORTHWEST DIVISION PLAYOFFS

Valley Christian gets a case of the first round Burns in playoff loss

By Loren Kopff

TEMECULA-Valley Christian was looking strong after the first two plays of its California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Northwest Division first round playoff game at Linfield Christian last Friday night. An interception and a touchdown within the first 23 seconds of the game put the Crusaders ahead.

But throughout the contest, the Crusaders had problems stopping the Lions' Zac Archer and Lorenzo Burns and as a result, the second place representatives from the Olympic League fell to the Ambassador League co-champions 28-27. V.C. finishes the season at 7-4, its best record since 2009 when the Crusaders went 8-4.

On the first play of the game, senior defensive back Chandler Vos picked off Burns at the 36-yard line and returned it 18 yards. Following a false start penalty, senior running back Jonathan Nicholson

cashied in from 18 yards to give the Crusaders a 7-0 lead.

But Burns and the Lions responded and chewed up nearly five minutes off the clock as the crafty quarterback eluded many would-be tackles down the left sideline and tied the game on a 25-yard run. The Crusaders, though, regained the lead 77 seconds later when senior tight end Kyle Westra received the ball from under center and pushed his way forward for a two-yard score. The extra point would be missed and that would play a key factor the rest of the game.

After both teams traded punts, Westra came up with V.C.'s second big defensive play of the game when he sacked Burns, who fumbled the ball, and senior defensive end Nate Aaronsen scooped up the pigskin and returned it to the Linfield Christian 12-yard line. On the next play, Nicholson scored to increase the margin to 20-7.

That's when the tide shifted quickly

in favor of the host Lions. Burns threw a 41-yard scoring strike to Brian Agapito with 7:15 remaining in the first half and following an interception from RyeZeir Wilkins, Burns found Isaiah Pate open for a 32-yard touchdown connection as Linfield Christian took a 21-20 lead with 2:08 left in the half.

"We had opportunities to really put some separation between us and [Linfield Christian] and we didn't take advantage of it offensively," said V.C. head coach Woodie Grayson. "We had a couple of nifty drives where we could have been up 28-7 at halftime or maybe 35-7. But instead, we were down.

"They made some adjustments after that first mistake with the pick in their offensive scheme," he continued. "They found a way to move the ball a little bit and steady themselves and their run game did that. We didn't tackle very well. Their kids ran a little tougher than we tackled."

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AREA SOFTBALL PLAYERS MAKE IT OFFICIAL WITH THEIR SIGNINGS

By Loren Kopff

Five area softball players put their signatures on the coveted NCAA paperwork, making it official for them to pursue their dreams of being a collegiate athlete for the next four years. Heather Cameron and Jennifer Iseri of Cerritos High and Jazmin Guzman of Norwalk High signed their letters of intent at Fullerton College last Saturday afternoon while Emily Morrow and Madison Wright of Valley Christian High signed their letters of intent last Wednesday at the high school.

Iseri, who will be attending the University of Hawai'i, has been a three-year varsity player for the Lady Dons and one of the top pitchers in the area, as well as in school history. As a freshman, Iseri went 12-4 in the circle with an earned run average of 1.58 while striking out 132 batters in over 106 innings of work. Offensively, Iseri batted .467, which was second on the team, and was tied for the team lead with 25 hits and seven doubles.

The next season, Iseri missed most of the season due to an injury and was limited to just over 30 innings of work. Still, she went 3-2 and posted an ERA of 0.91, striking out 35 and yielding 16 hits. Last season, Iseri led Cerritos with a .526 average and pounded out 41 hits, 15 doubles and six home runs as she helped her team win a Suburban League title. Iseri was also 15-4 with a 1.76 ERA and fanned 189 batters in nearly 118 innings. Iseri was the



Norwalk High's Jazmin Guzman is flanked by Jennifer Iseri (left) and Heather Cameron of Cerritos High as all three softball standouts signed their letters of intent to play in college last Saturday afternoon. Cameron and Iseri will be playing at the University of Hawai'i while Guzman and will attend California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Los Cerritos Community News Pitcher of the Year as a freshman and again last season.

"It was actually kind of a crazy experience," Iseri said of signing the letter of intent. "I know a lot of people think of it as, 'oh, she already knew she was going [to Hawai'i]'. But it was a big deal to me. It was just eye opening because I know that since I was seven, since I started down in little [Cerritos Girls Softball Association],

I would have never thought I would be the person and the player I am today. I can't express how thankful I am because I know personally I've put in a lot of hard work and a lot of time and effort."

Iseri said she knew she wanted to play collegiate softball when she made the transition from recreational ball to travel ball. While her decision to go to Hawai'i was never in doubt long before entering

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V.C. was held to 90 yards on the ground in the first half and had the ball for less than 10 minutes. But the Crusaders began the second half just as strong as it did to begin the game. The Crusaders ran seven plays to begin the third quarter and ended the drive when junior running back Quaid Kawana scored from 11 yards out, the only time he would touch the ball. However, the Lions roared back and used eight plays to score the game-winner, a 16-yard run from Archer. He would finish the game with 75 yards while Burns led the Lions with 104 yards on 18 carries. In addition, Burns was 10 of 14 for 162 yards and at one point, connected on seven straight passes.

"[Archer] is a very hard, downhill runner," Grayson said. "So he just exploded through holes before we could really get in position to make a tackle. [With Burns], we would be in position but he would just make us miss. And he has some ability to run tough to get the extra yards. Hats off to those two kids. Offensively, they carried the day for them."

V.C. would have three more chances to take the lead again. First, sophomore defensive back R.J. Van Kampen intercepted a Burns pass at the Crusader's 20-yard line with 4:11 left in the third quarter. But V.C. proceeded to go three and out. Then Michael Brown was wide on a 44-yard field goal attempt early in the fourth quarter. But the Crusaders had to punt again. Finally, the Lions were forced to punt with 4:24 left in the game and the Crusaders had the ball at their own 31-yard line.

V.C. moved the ball up the field on runs from Nicholson and junior running back Robert Downs., plus an 11-yard pass from senior quarterback Jack Struiksmas to Aaronsen. But Struiksmas was incomplete on fourth and 17 from the Linfield Christian 42-yard line with 46 seconds left to play.

Although V.C. scored twice after missing the extra point back in the first quarter, the question remained as to when Grayson would have tried to go for a two-point conversion to at least give the Crusaders a chance of having the game go into overtime.

"You knew it would factor in at some point," Grayson said. "The question is, as a coach, when do we chase it? When do we go for two? I thought if we go for it early, we put ourselves in a position where we're chasing it the rest of the game and that changes the whole tone of the game. It really didn't factor in the game other than the final score. We had the ball last, with a drive to get into field goal range and not score [a touchdown]."

Nicholson led everyone with 136 yards on 21 carries while Downs was limited to 29 yards on 10 touches. Junior defensive end Matt Sigala was the leader on defense with 11 tackles while Westra and senior defensive back Kent Running each had 10 tackles. Westra also had a sack.

"I'm proud of these kids," Grayson said. "We always talk about football being a game of adversity and overcoming adversity. We had our fair share of that this year with injuries and things that you never think you have happen when you lose kids to this, that and the other. These kids and the coaches never used it as a crutch. The kids that we put on the field played their hearts out. They deserved to win."

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high school, California State University, Northridge and Long Beach State University were two blips on her radar. She knew that she wasn't set on going far away to the Midwest or even the east coast. But her dreams of playing on the college scene became interesting once she began playing for the Artesia Punishers travel ball team.

"Being surrounded by collegiate athletes and hearing their stories made me open my eyes and say, 'hey, that's a great goal,'" Iseri said.

Cameron, who has been Iseri's longtime best friend, tag-team partner and battery mate, will also be playing on the islands for the Wahine, coached by Bob Coolen.

Like Iseri, Cameron has also been a three-year varsity starter for Cerritos and has been rock solid behind the plate. Offensively, Cameron batted .289 as a freshman and improved greatly the next season when she led the team with a .381 average, 24 hits, 21 runs, 15 runs batted in, five doubles and 17 walks. Those numbers landed her a spot on the LCCN All-Area first team.

Last season, Cameron batted .377, fourth best on the team, had 23 hits and smacked nine doubles. Cameron was a second team LCCN All-Area member last season and also made the team as a freshman.

"It means everything to me," Cameron said of signing her letter of intent. "I've been working my whole life just for this moment. I've been playing since I was seven and I've been striving to get better and better every year. It means so much because I've wanted to go to [college] since I was in seventh grade. I was e-mailing them all the time. I want to major in marine biology and that school is so good with that program. I'm just so blessed to have everyone around me who pushed me to be here today."

Cameron, who also wanted to give credit to one of her coaches, Marian Mendoza, also looked at the University of California, Santa Barbara, University of San Diego and Long Beach State University.

Guzman becomes the second straight Norwalk softball player to sign a letter of intent to play at an NCAA institution. Last season it was Samantha Lujan (UCSB) and now, Guzman will be playing at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

"I would say it's an accomplishment because I've been playing since I was three and I came out of a league that wasn't so big," Guzman said. "It feels good to know that I came out of somewhere small and to get a scholarship. It's a good feeling."

Guzman has been on Norwalk's varsity team the past seasons and was a LCCN All-Area first teamer her freshman and sophomore season as a second baseman before being on the honorable mention team as a shortstop last season.

Guzman led the Lady Lancers with a .512 average, 44 hits and 11 stolen bases as a freshman as well as leading the team with a .962 fielding percentage. The next season, Guzman batted .425 and led Norwalk with 37 hits and 17 RBI.

Guzman, who will major in physical therapy, made her decision to attend CSUDH in June. She also targeted SDSU but chose the home of the Toros because she wanted her parents to see her play close to home.

"When I was little, I said I wanted to play in college, and I'm happy I achieved my goal, finally," Guzman said.

Morrow and Wright have been two reasons why V.C. has won the Olympic League crown in two of the past three seasons. Morrow, a shortstop who will

be attending Boston University, was the LCCN Co-Offensive Player of the Year in 2013 after batting a blistering .626 with 54 hits and scoring 36 runs. Morrow also made the LCCN All-Area team her freshman season (second team) and last season (third team).

Wright will be taking her talents to Simpson University in Redding and has been a LCCN All-Area outfielder all three seasons, making the first team as a right fielder her freshman season when she led the Lady Crusaders with a .556 average with 40 hits, 33 runs and four triples.

Also from Valley Christian are Stephanie Lau, who will be going to Northwestern University on a golf scholarship and Rebekah Dominik, a diver who signed to do the same at the University of Nevada, Reno.

WATER RATES*Continued from page 1*

218 to send notification of the potential increase to all residents, who would ultimately decide if the rate increase would go into effect.

Notification about the public hearing was sent out in bright yellow envelopes via United States Post Office mail.

The proposed increase would help to cover the cost of water, which has spiked approximately 70 percent in the last seven years. The rate adjustment would also help fund the repair of the City's aging water and sewer infrastructure, which is approaching its 50-year life span.

According to a press release of September 26th, the hearing was to discuss the City's proposal. Under the plan, an average resident's water bill would increase approximately \$3 per month the first year.

Residents were given the opportunity to respond to the notice. If the majority of residents oppose the increase, it would not be approved. There was a marked absence of residents at this Council meeting with only five residents submitting a formal protest in the public hearing.

Gayle Grossman, a 44-year resident addressed the Council shaming them on the material sent out saying, "a flyer was sent out regarding this increase right around election time. Many residents did not receive the information or assumed it was political garbage. What happens to those who have limited incomes? We do not need this increase."

Longtime resident Jerry Jensen addressed the council over a month ago about the water and sewer issue. Jensen stated, "it is not a 10% increase, but a 14.28% increase per year. You have indicated that the rate increase will be for the next seven years!" Jensen commented he would like additional answers from the Council regarding the hidden agenda by stating that the bill is vague regarding rates after the seven year period. Jensen concluded his statement saying, "there are too many open ended items in this bill. Is there a specific project this increase will be designated for? You, the Council are doubling our rates!"

City Manager Art Gallucci responded stating "Under Prop 218 raising any property related fees must undergo a property protest. Cerritos contracts the refuse fees out and are not subject to Prop 218. Anything beyond a seven year period will be subject to another property protest."

Councilman George Ray commented "We have not increased our rates for six or seven years. We are actually losing over \$1.9 million dollars. We are still in the process of dissolving the redevelopment agency and we need to retain a reserve. This measure is designed to take care of maintenance issues, helping to avoid any major water, sewer or pipe disasters.

We need to see our revenues match our costs."

Mayor Mark Pulido told residents, "valve replacements alone will cost the city \$1.1 million dollars. No one likes to raise fees or taxes, but we need a clean and safe water system."

The City Clerk reviewed 1,571 written protest forms, which represents less than half of the voting residents within in the City. A motion was made to adopt the resolution and was carried with a unanimous approval.

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
EVENT PLANNED**

The City of Cerritos will hold its annual Christmas tree lighting event on Monday, November 24 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Cerritos Civic Center.

The free event will feature entertainment by local music groups, carolers, children's crafts and fun for the entire family. Santa Claus will be available for photo opportunities, and residents are encouraged to bring their cameras. The Cerritos City Council will light the City's Christmas tree at 6 p.m.

For more information, call the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101.

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cons of tissue plasminogen activator in such a compassionate and descriptive manner is why I went ahead with the treatment, and it ended up saving my husband from a lifetime of paralysis," Ms. Cuadros told HMG-CN.

The results of the tissue plasminogen activator treatment were almost immediate.

"Within ten minutes he was moving his right side, and the next day he was speaking, it was a miracle," she said.

Indeed, after entering Lakewood Regional Medical Center with severe stroke symptoms, Alfredo Cuadros left the hospital the next day, was placed at Kaiser on Friday, then went home Saturday night, barely two days after his stroke.

HMG-CN learned of the story and called Ms. Cuadros this past Wednesday for an interview.

At the time of the interview, her husband was outside gardening, 6 days after having a massive ischemic stroke.

"Mr. Cuadros surviving his massive stroke and leaving the hospital in two days is a testament to the doctors and staff at our Primary Stroke Center," said Ron Galonsky, CEO at Lakewood Regional Medical Center. "They all work extremely hard and treat each patient, along with their families, with the utmost care and compassion, recognizing, through their ongoing training, what is the best and most effective treatment for the patient, I am very proud of all of them."

WARRANT

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house.

At the time Garcia was asleep with his 18-month old daughter who has a severe seizure disorder.

The daughter was left with the female sheriff who brought the daughter out later.

Investigators then searched Garcia's house and found nothing.

Now the lead investigator in the raid, Dan Machuca, is disputing what Garcia told HMG-CN and the information that was published in the article.

After the raid, both Garcia and his wife told HMG-CN that the sheriff's were from Bellflower and that lead investigator Machuca told them they had been watching the house for two months.

But in an interview with HMG-CN, Machuca denied the statement from the Garcia's and said "we drove by the house a couple times."

"No way," said Garcia, "he said we've been driving by for two months. He told us we know your kids, we know where you go, my wife and I will swear on it."

When told of the Garcia's statements, Machuca became angry and belligerent on the phone telling HMG-CN, "I do not like your line of questioning."

When HMG-CN asked for the search warrant Machuca replied, "go down to the courthouse, get a court order, and get it yourself."

HMG-CN then asked Muchuca how he was able to obtain a search warrant if he never saw the people he was after, he replied, "two people who were recently paroled were using Garcia's address as their mailing address and they had it on there drivers license, pretty much all their IDs had that address."

Machuca went on to say, "we just went into clear the house to see if the two people were there."

When asked if search warrants are routinely issued using this type of evidence and where no suspects are identified, an angry Machuca replied, "that's the way it's done, and once again I don't like your line of questioning."

HMG-CN has obtained a one-page document titled "Search Warrant Notice of Service" from Garcia. The document was given to Garcia after the sheriff's searched the premises.

The document stated, "These premises have been searched by Peace Officers of the Century OSS (Operation Safe Streets) pursuant to a search warrant issued on November 5, 2014 by Hon. Judge Tipton of the Superior Court of the Bellflower Judicial District.

The document looked like a form that requires simply filling in the blanks. The 'Century OSS,' 'Judge Tipton,' and 'Bellflower' were typed on the document, while the dates were handwritten.

Also handwritten on the bottom of the document was the address of Garcia's house.

"That seems strange to me," an indignant Garcia said, "I asked them for the entire search warrant and they did not give it to me."

The OSS website states, "Operation Safe Streets Bureau (OSS) provides Gang Suppression and Investigation support to the jurisdictions served by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department."

Bellflower Judge Tipton resides in Cerritos, where HMG-CN is headquartered.

The warrant went on to state, "the search was conducted on November 6, the list of property seized pursuant to the search warrant is attached."

After reading the first article online Lakewood Sheriff's Captain Keith Swenson

called HMG-CN and said, "we had nothing to do with this I can't find any paperwork on this raid, I don't think it was Bellflower Sheriff's."

Swenson said he would call HMG-CN back if he found any further information. No call has been returned at the time of publication.

That was little solace for Garcia who commented, "we tried to call the investigator after the incident to get the search warrant but he never called us back. I again ask how they were able to get the search warrant if they admittedly were watching my house for two months and none of the people that they were looking for came to the house? The parolees illegally used my address and I am penalized for it? These cops were a bunch of thugs, they treated my daughter, who has severe seizure disorder very badly, and now they are lying about what they said and avoiding questions from this newspaper, this is wrong."

Garcia went on to say, "I want to see the evidence that the people they were after were using my address, and if they won't give it to me, I will go down to the Bellflower Courthouse and get it."

CASINO

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with the expansion, projected to hire 300 to 400 additional employees.

The first floor will house the gaming floor; facility operations; restaurant and kitchen, while the second story will

house a banquet and tournament hall. Lara states "We are receiving many comments and compliments from our patrons. This casino will be considerably bigger and significantly better."

Currently the project is working on structural steel placement, plumbing up and welding all frames. Metal decking is underway and 95% of underground utilities have been set in place. Footings are being poured and concrete slab on grade December 1st. "We hope to begin putting up drywall the first quarter of 2015. We are schedule be completely finished and functional by the first quarter of 2016," comments Lara "Provided we don't have a wet winter, things are looking good and we are right on schedule."

The existing building is scheduled to be in operation, hosting games like poker, blackjack and pai gow until the new building, planned to enclose about 202,000 square feet of space, is ready for business.

The casino is the most significant business in the city of Hawaiian Gardens, which is, by area, the smallest city in Los Angeles County. Hawaiian Gardens has 0.9 square miles in land area and a population of just under 14,300 people. Hawaiian Gardens' current budget projects collections of nearly \$14.5 million in general revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30.

Hawaiian Gardens Casino was founded by Dr. Irving Moskowitz. His wife, Cherna, is President of the casino and the Irving I. Moskowitz Foundation. The Moskowitz Foundation was established in 1968 by Dr. Irving Moskowitz to help people in need regardless of race, creed, politics or religion. One of the Foundation's principal beneficiaries is The City of Hawaiian Gardens, where the Foundation operates a state-legislated Bingo Club. Moskowitz believes that by concentrating many efforts in one small community, a significant benefit will be felt by all.

Proceeds from the Bingo Club benefit the residents and social organizations such as Head Start and The United Community Group, and through the Foundation's direct support of the Hawaiian Gardens Food Bank, children's athletic programs, scholarship awards, health care programs, and educational initiatives.



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