



Candidates File Election Papers in Commerce and La Mirada

Three seats open in La Mirada, two in Commerce.

By Brian Hews

Seven candidates have filed for three open La Mirada City Council seats for the upcoming March 3, 2015 election, according to Anne Haraskin City Clerk for the city of La Mirada.

Six candidates have filed for two open Commerce City Council seats, according to the Commerce City Clerk.

In La Mirada, incumbents Stephen De Ruse and Larry Mowles will attempt to retain their current council seats with the third seat opening as a result of councilman Steve Jones' retiring.

The five other La Mirada candidates are Tony Aiello, Edward Eng, Dale Nowicki, Michael Saenz and John Sarega.

In Commerce, incumbent Denise Robles will attempt to retain her seat, with another seat opening due to Councilmember Joe Aguilar's retirement.

The five other Commerce candidates are Hugo Argumedo, John Diaz, Oralia Rebollo, Sonia Rodriguez, and John Soria.

HMG-CN reached out to all candidates asking for bio's this week, with some, but not all, responding to the deadline request.

In Commerce, the well-known and popular former Commerce councilman Hugo Argumedo and Councilwoman Denise Robles responded, while La Mirada's Aiello, De Ruse, Mowles, Nowicki and Saenz sent bio's via email.

Commerce Hugo Argumedo



Hugo Argumedo

Hugo Argumedo is a former councilmember who moved to the City of Commerce in 1994 and was elected to the City Council in 1996 to fill the unexpired term of Ruben Batres. Argumedo was reelected to the City Council in 1997, 1999, 2003, and 2007.

In addition to his duties on the City

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KNX 1070 Newsradio On Your Corner Toy Drive Largest in Four Years



KNX afternoon drive anchors Jim Thornton and Diane Thompson flank CHP Officer Jeremy Tolen, with employees of Walgreens who supported the toy drive and the KNX Street Team. Photo courtesy KNX.

Staff Report

The KNX 1070 Newsradio On Your Corner Toy Drive that took place this past Friday Dec. 12 at Mimi's Café at the Cerritos Towne Center netted, according to KNX, the largest number of toys donated in four years.

This despite torrential rain and the broadcast time frame cut by four hours.

Listeners were invited to a live broadcast at Mimi's and they generously dropped off a few hundred toys for KNX's effort in conjunction with sister TV stations, CBS 2 and KCAL 9.

The toys will be distributed locally to less fortunate children by the California Highway Patrol.

Los Cerritos Community News was the exclusive print media sponsor of the event and published advertising four weeks prior to the toy drive to help drive donations to the event.

It appears, by all accounts, the promotional campaign was a great success.

The event started at 1 p.m., not its usual 5 a.m. because of the rainy weather in the area.

KNX completely took over the back room at Mimi's setting up a mini radio station where KNX anchors Jim Thornton and Diane Thompson broadcasted from 2-7 p.m.

The KNX Business Hour, hosted by Frank Mottek, broadcasted from 1-2 p.m.

Residents in the area enjoyed walking in the back room to give their gifts to

KNX representatives and watch Thornton and Thompson broadcast the latest news and events.

Howard Freeman, Marketing Director at KNX told LCCN, "our KNX listeners in the Cerritos and Artesia areas really came through for kids this holiday season. With the support of Los Cerritos Community News, Walgreens and Mimi's Café in the Towne Center we collected a few hundred toys for the California Highway Patrol's 'CHiPs For Kids' program. Thank you Cerritos and Artesia."

Frank Mottek, host of the KNX Business Hour said, "this was our most successful toy drive to date and we can't thank enough the people of Cerritos who stopped by to help bring some smiles to less fortunate kids in the area. We've joined forces with our sister television stations CBS 2 and KCAL 9 for six years now and from the looks of the mountain of toys, it appears this was our most successful effort to date."

Several dignitaries from the area came down to Mimi's to speak live on the air including Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe.

"This is a great event," said Knabe, "I am honored to be part of it and drop a few toys off for less fortunate families and children. Congratulations to KNX, the CHiP's For Kids Program, Los Cerritos Community Newspaper and other sponsors for putting on such a wonderful event."

Judge Issues Injunction Against Marijuana Dispensary in Bellflower

By Tammye McDuff

Judge Margaret Bernal of the Los Angeles County Superior Court issued a Preliminary Injunction restricting the operation of a marijuana dispensary known as the Bellflower Patient Group that has been operating at 16203 Clark Avenue, according to a release sent out by the Bellflower City Manager December 11.

The press release further states, "the Preliminary Injunction prohibits Bellflower Patient Group, its principal, and the property owner, from causing or allowing the operation of any dispensary, cooperative or collective or any other unlicensed use at the location. Specifically, the order prohibits selling, serving, storing, keeping, or giving away of marijuana at the property or at any other property under the Defendant's control."

The Bellflower Municipal Code does

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Hawaiian Gardens Mayor Rodriguez Honored for His Contributions

By Tammye McDuff



Reynaldo Rodriguez

Outgoing Mayor Reynaldo "Rey" Rodriguez was honored by local dignitaries, friends, and family at the Hawaiian Gardens City Council transition this past week.

Reynaldo Rodriguez was born in Zacatecas Mexico, immigrated with his family to California in 1949, and finally settled in 1951 in Hawaiian Gardens. "I am the oldest of 13 children and had to go work at a very early age. I used to pick string beans, and every season the entire family would go to work," remembered Rodriguez.

A Certificate of Recognition was given to Rodriguez by ABCUSD President May-

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Cerritos Regional Chamber's Annual Holiday Luncheon

By Tammye McDuff

Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce held their annual holiday luncheon Thursday, December 11, 2014. The theme this year was paying it forward through the 'Spirit of Giving'.

Chamber Executive Director Scott Smith began the afternoon with the well-known story of paying it forward; emphasizing this was the true nature of the holiday spirit. Smith stated, "people may not remember what you have said, but they will always remember how you made

them feel. By encouraging others to pay it forward, you are putting out positive energy that creates a strong force and a ripple effect in this community. Be the one that starts the first movement."

Each attendee was given a small bag of Hershey's holiday candy kisses with a small, brightly decorated card attached that said, "enjoy the random act of holiday cheer! Celebrate by giving to others. Happy Holidays! {Pass it on!}"

The Community Family Guidance Center [CFGF] was the 2014 recipient of the Chambers annual holiday drive. Renee Shepard, Development Manager for CFGF told HMG, "we are very grateful to the chamber for their generous contributions. Chamber members contributed over 700 items that were donated to our clients. I understand that 14 separate corporations collected and donated this year with one business holding a massive bake sale and



Cerritos Regional Chamber board members and ambassadors at this year's Chamber Holiday Luncheon "The Spirit of Giving," that took place at the Cerritos Sheraton last Thursday. (l-r) Isela Buenabad, First Choice Bank; Sarah Ambrose, American Cancer Society; Amber Lee, VapeRev; Maryann Wood, Merriwood Management; Sharon Kaplan, Wells Fargo; Jamie Schramm, Gigi Manzanill, Primerica; Jonathan Matson, Matson Architects; Ronald Johnson, Irvine University; Dorothy Owen, Friends of the 1st CEB; Gina Cole, Legal Shield; Jae Lee, Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary; and former Cerritos Mayor Jim Edwards. Photo by Tammye McDuff.



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donating the proceeds. We have been a chamber member for 30 years and are so thankful for all their support." Bill Sinko, Co-Interim Executive Director said he was overwhelmed by the generosity of the community and kindness of the Chamber members.

CFGF is a non-profit public benefit corporation that has been in existence for 40 years. The purpose of CFGF is to provide funding and support to the needs in the community for mental health services, providing consultations, community education, child abuse treatment and prevention services, and training emerging pro-

fessionals in the mental health field.

The luncheon was held at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel. The Cerritos Ballroom was brightly decorated with holiday cheer provided by the hotel with over 100 Chamber members in attendance. An array of holiday songs accompanied by line dancing was the afternoon's entertainment, presented by the fourth and fifth grade singing elves from Hawaiian Elementary School with a visit from Santa Claus supplied by Art Sanchez, Sanchez Restaurant & Catering. Festive Santa Poinsettia centerpiece were donated by Wal-Mart.

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High School Students From Norwalk, John Glenn, and La Mirada Chosen for Tournament of Roses Honor Band

HMG-CN Community Wire

Student musicians from three Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District high schools plan to practice day and night through the holidays in preparation for the 2015 Tournament of Roses Pasadena City College Parade Honor Band.



Glenn High School senior Josie Vasquez, pictured with her band director Frank Hinojz, will play tenor drums on New Year's Day in the Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band.



La Mirada High students from left, Sean Parra, Cristina Navarrette, Jacob Rosales, and Bobby Stauffer will march in the Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band on New Year's Day.



Norwalk High School junior Jennifer Sanchez, left, will play alto sax on New Year's day in the Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band. She is pictured with band director Doris Doyon.

"NLMUSD is very proud of our musicians who made this prestigious Honor Band," said Karen Calhoun, District Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator.

The band, composed of Pasadena City College's Lancer Marching Band and 200 gifted high-school musicians from around the state, has marched in the New Year's Day parade since 1930.

"The Tournament of Roses Parade is a time-honored tradition that really makes New Year's Day special," said Interim Superintendent Ginger Shattuck. "The selection of our students really speaks to the caliber of our performing arts programs here in Norwalk-La Mirada Unified."

Chosen from the Norwalk-La Mirada School District this year were:

Norwalk High School: Jennifer Sanchez, junior, on alto saxophone, John Glenn High: Josie Vasquez, senior, on tenor drums, La Mirada High: Jacob Rosales, senior, on tuba; Sean Parra, junior, on snare drum; Robert Stauffer, junior, on bass drum; Cristina Navarrette, sophomore, Flag Line Pageantry

The NLMUSD students have played their instruments for at least five years and have been taking music instruction at their respective schools, as well as playing in their high schools' bands and other music programs, according to their instructors.

"These students will practice for this specific experience for no less than 75 hours, and will have marched about 40 miles before the six miles that matter on New Year's Day," said Geena Biondi, director of music for La Mirada High School — which has four students in the honor band — and a veteran of the PCC Official Tournament of Roses Honor Band.

Frank Hinojz, Band Director at John Glenn High School has worked with student Josie Vasquez for two years, said. "I am very proud of her and the honor she has earned." Besides hours of practice and miles of marching before the big day, student musicians will also attend fittings for uniforms and shoes and will perform with the band at Disneyland on Dec. 27, according to the PCC Tournament of Roses Honor Band organization.

To join the honor band, students must compete against hundreds of high school musicians, said Norwalk High School band director Doris Doyon whose student, Jennifer Sanchez will play with the band.

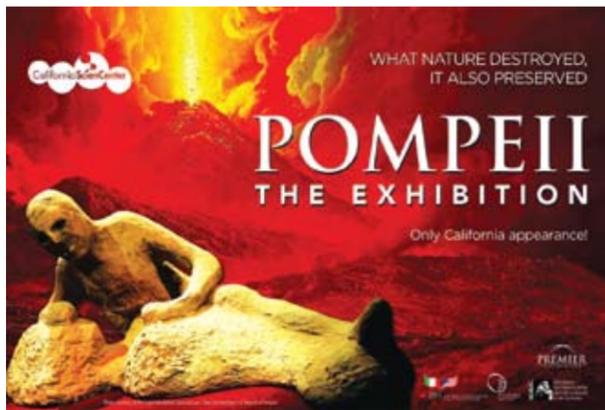
"Jennifer was one of about 40 saxes that auditioned. I am extremely proud of her for doing this. I worked with her a bit on her audition but she largely took initiative on her own."

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Web Submissions to the Editor

La Mirada Football Booster Club

Editor's note: This story generated the largest response from readers in the history of HMG-CN. More than 16,000 hits and over 760 likes on Facebook. The post on the La Mirada Lamplighter facebook page reached over 23,000 people, LCCN over 2,000.

Dear Editor:

This is ridiculous, I have a pretty good idea where the money has gone, new uniforms, equipment athletic gear for the kids.

Has anyone questioned why the people asking where the money is going, have done so?,

Maybe it's because they want a piece for themselves. Every high school program has to fund raise and you can cherry pick every program and ask where the money is going but in the end the purpose of fundraising is to help the kids in their program.

I don't believe there is anything illegal going on here and I think this is a direct waste of valuable resources I am sure very few fund-raising sports programs perfectly file financial records and taxes and create clear and perfect accounting records because this isn't a business it's a money maker to help sports programs.

Atty. Gen. should focus on more important issues in this country like investigating police brutality tactics and stop wasting time investigating a good program who raises money for the kids.

macymyers@yahoo.com

Dear Editor:

It is ridiculous, I checked and Moschetti wasn't even working at the school in 2004 and a friend said that there were different parents running the booster club back then.

So it sounds as if this Dames guy is crying cuz he wasn't invited back to coach and is trying to take down this program.

My friends who were involved in the boosters back then said that they used to go to the practices and recall Dames using very colorful language berating the kids if they didn't do what they were supposed to do at practice.

And one of the times I went I heard him yell at one of the receivers that he had #\$\$\$ cement hands. So from this article it seems like it was all one-sided without any investigation to the allegations just for a juicy story.

My opinion it is no better than stories coming out of the National Inquisitor. Next thing you know Dames will be trying to take down another athletic program at the only high school in LM. Dames why don't you put this effort in trying to do something good. It is obvious you have too much time on your hands.

ethansen1958@hotmail.com

Dear Editor:

This person has put the club in jeopardy of losing their status, subjected the coaches to penalties for not reporting their income, the only signer on checks yeah no skimming is going on!

The mom's just asked for an accounting because Grimajo said they were \$7,000 short while not having any financials to show. How did she come up with the \$7,000 if all funds, according to Grimajo, were co-mingled? Yeah nothing is going on huh?

Email online

Dear Editor:

This is a miserable old man upset that La Mirada doesn't want him coaching with a personal vendetta against Moschetti. Pete Dames you're a joke.

Susan

Dear Editor:

This is typical shoot the messenger and not listen to the message. So let's assume what you all saying is true, does that justify Grimajo and Moschetti's actions as it relates to the club?

Failing to file tax returns Dames fault? Failing to file 1099's to over paid football coaches Dames fault? Sending out false federal Tax ID's Dames fault. Sending out a fake non-profit number Dames fault? The only signer on a \$120,000 account with no supervision no financials and no tax returns and you think there is no skimming? I have got a bridge I want to sell you! Yes you people are the same, shoot

the messenger and stick up for your messiah Moschetti. If this was the NCAA the program would get shut down.

Look at the facts don't shoot the messenger. I am guessing you people have kids in the LM football program yes?

Ralph Kent

Dear Editor:

People have been whispering for years about all the stealing going on. Your comments are stupid and lack any credibility. Once you make it personal, you've lost. So just keep picking on the old man who helped La Mirada High Athletics for decades.

Now Gramajo, Rivas, Moshetti and Brooks are gonna have to do some quick books cooking. If you paid any attention to the outstanding reporting you would know the issue is over a million dollars has been generated with absolutely no accountability to anybody.

For some of you ignorant types that means the IRS too. If you are a non profit, you have to file taxes with the IRS and anybody who asks to see your books may do so at anytime without notice.

You guys.... all you are doing is hating on Dames for your leaderships stupidity and alleged greed.

Well the IRS and Attorney General will sort this out. I think they are a little smarter than some of you. I can't wait for the court proceedings and watch these sleazy opportunists squirm.

Dear Editor:

To the blind. Pete Dames had started to ask questions back in August of 2013.

How can he be doing this, as an old bitter man with out a coaching job, when at the time he started with questions he was a coach. He wasn't asked back as a coach till Sept. of 2014

Dear Editor:

As a former resident, graduate, La Mirada King (78,82), and La Mirada Matador (83,86) along with numerous years of pony colt Baseball.

With many of those years being mentored by Don Gauthier Mark O'Neil and Pete Dames. Three of the most honest honorable and upstanding men I have ever known and for Mr. Dames to be accused of not liking kids is pure idiocy!

The man has cared and mentored hundreds if not in the thousands of men involved in youth athletics in La Mirada. The person who wrote that letter should do some research because those statements that were spewed in a direct attempt to defame Mr. Dames.

Everyone must look at the reason why this was said and the people who look to be guilty of at least fraud and at most who knows?

Ryan M La Mirada

Litter in Cerritos

I'm not sure if this is the correct means to bring this up, but I have noticed a lot of litter being left on the streets of Cerritos. From simple shopping plastic bags, coffee cups, to full bags of trash.

I'm not sure if the City can do something about it. Maybe we need some awareness anti-litter campaign. We need people to be educated and enforce anti-litter laws.

I try to do my part at reporting every Graffiti that I see, and the city is quick to respond, but I can seem to find a way to deal with the litter. I even try to do my part at picking it up and put it in the trash can that is usually near by, but at some areas around South St it has been becoming a much bigger issue.

Victor R. Cerritos

Cuban Relations

Tears rolled down my face when I opened my computer this morning and read that President Barack Obama announced the normalizing of relations between Cuba and the United States. The tears turned into flooding when I learned the Pope Francis played a major role in this historic change.

Normalizing relations between Cuba and the United States had been a longtime passion of mine. In the late 1950's I was involved as a young priest in the resettlement of Cuban families. This gave me the opportunity to learn of the background and history of the Castro revolution against the Baptista regime in Cuba.

I came to the understanding that this was a Social Justice issue. The poor classes had little or no voice. When the Castro revolution appealed to the U.S. for help, the U.S. sided with the Baptista regime and the upper class. Fidel Castro then appealed to Russia for help. After the revolution, the U.S. and Cuba broke off diplomatic relations.

With transforming figures like President Barack Obama and Pope Francis leading the way, long overdue breakthroughs have come to pass.

It is interesting to note that both Pope Francis and President Obama have their critics who try to use all means necessary to block their reforms. Both remain calm and resolute in pushing agendas of reform long overdue.

I am so happy that, having lived 84 years, I have come to experience these wonderful men that God has given us.

May God continue to bless President Barack Obama and Pope Francis.

Father Charlie Ara

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CRIME SUMMARIES

Dec. 8-14, 2014

EDITOR'S NOTE: The crime summaries are sent in to HMG-CN by the respective cities, HMG-CN publishes the summaries as a public service.

Cerritos

There were 15 Part I felony crimes reported in Cerritos this past reporting period, a decrease of four over the previous week. The following is a breakdown of crimes by category: one robbery; one aggravated assault (occurred in October); two residential burglaries; five commercial/other burglaries (one was an attempt); two grand thefts (both occurred in November); four vehicle burglaries; and no auto thefts reported. Deputies made three felony arrests, seven misdemeanor arrests, and issued 101 traffic citations. The Sheriff's dispatch center also received a total of 339 calls for service, a substantial increase over this year's weekly average of 267 calls.

Robbery:

13575 Andy St. (Bettencourt Park, 12/11, 7:45 p.m.): Suspect and victims met outside of the park to discuss an outstanding debt. The suspect produced a gun and stole a purse and cell phones and fled in a waiting car.

Aggravated Assault:

11111 Artesia Blvd. (10/26/14): Suspect and victim playing in a baseball game at Gahr High School when a fight broke out and the victim alleges that the suspect kicked him in the face.

Residential Burglary:

12600 block Rose St. (12/11): Suspect forced a sliding glass door in the living room open, ransacked the bedrooms, and stole a safe containing various documents from a closet in the master bedroom.

12900 block Glenda St. (12/11-13/14): Suspect shattered rear living room window, ransacked several rooms, and stole unknown items.

Commercial/Other Burglary:

100 Los Cerritos Center (12/10): Employee arrested for stealing electronics and clothing from store's back room.

16500 block Valley View St. (12/4-11/12): Suspect broke into storage locker through the wall of an adjoining locker. The loss is unknown at this time.

13400 block Artesia Blvd. (12/13): Suspect pried open glass window at a restaurant and stole cash from the register.

10600 block Midway Pl. (12/13-14): Suspect drilled holes in the rear door of a business but failed to get the door to open.

10800 block Alondra Blvd. (1/13): Suspect entered locker in the fitness center in an unknown fashion and stole car keys.

Vehicle Burglary:

19033 Studebaker Rd. (Liberty Park, 12/8): Suspect broke window of a '09 VW and stole a purse and cash.

16400 block Debra Ln. (12/9): Victim had wallet stolen from his '14 Toyota Tacoma parked in his driveway. No evidence of forced entry into the vehicle.

12800 block Towne Center Dr. (12/11): Suspect entered a locked '14 Chevy and stole a laptop computer. No evidence of forced entry found.

11500 South St. (12/14): Suspect forced entry into '02 GMC Yukon and stole a purse and bag of clothes.

Grand Theft:

18600 Gridley Rd. (11/20-22): Suspect cashed a fraudulent check at the bank and was subsequently arrested 12/12/14.

17400 Leslie Ave. (11/18): Victim scammed by a suspect who sent a fraudulent check in response to an Internet ad.

La Mirada

Aggravated Assault

A shooting was reported on the 14100 block of Foster Rd. No injuries were reported. The incident is currently under investigation.

An assault was reported on the 14000 block of Lynmark St. A male adult was stabbed at the location. The incident is currently under investigation.

Residential Burglary

A burglary to a residence was reported

on the 15900 block of San Antonio Ave.

Other Structure Burglary

A burglary to a recycling center was reported on the 12800 block of La Mirada Blvd. various recyclables were taken.

An incident was reported on the 12800 block of Valley View Ave. Cash and electronics were stolen from the business.

Vehicle Burglary

A vehicle burglary was reported on the 13800 block of La Mirada Blvd. A bag and identification were stolen from the vehicle.

A purse was reported stolen in a burglary reported on the 14200 block of Firestone Blvd.

Grand Theft

A generator was reported stolen from a backyard on the 16000 block of Formby Dr.

Grand Theft Vehicle

A vehicle was reported stolen from the 14300 block of Firestone Blvd.

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Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia Honors the Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos



HONORING YEARS OF SERVICE: (l-r) Women's Club Secretary Katherine Chu, President Marilyn McGorman, Program Chairman Julietta Williams and Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia.

The Woman's Club of Artesia Cerritos was recently given this award by their Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia of the 58th District. In April the Club will celebrate 100 years of community service to Artesia and Cerritos and other organizations outside of these cities. The Woman's Club lends a hand to Su Casa, Community Family Guidance, to the Tracy High School Teen Parent Program, Wounded Warriors, the Fisher House for Veterans, Ronald McDonald House, the USO, the 1st CEB Marines of Camp Pendleton and many other philanthropic organizations. Not only do they contribute financially, they also collect various items each month to give to different causes. These items range from school supplies to paperback books for veterans, to diapers and baby products for the Teen Parent Program, to footwear for the women and children of Su Casa. Thank you to the Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos for pitching in and making life better in our local communities.

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not allow for the operation of marijuana dispensaries in the City, and the City works with property owners to educate them on City requirements and to ensure all businesses in the City are operating successfully and legally.

The City of Bellflower took aggressive action to address several complaints of noise, litter, loitering, drug use, and other nuisances from residents in the neighborhood surrounding the Bellflower Patient Group and has attempted to work with the property owner to bring the property into compliance.

When initial efforts proved unsuccessful, the City was forced to take legal action. According to City Prosecutor James Eckart, "the City's priority is the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life for Bellflower residents, business owners, and guests. The City is prepared to initiate legal action against any person or operation that seeks to illegally profit through the sale of marijuana in the City, and will enforce all applicable laws to the fullest extent possible."

Assistant to the City Manager, Ryan Smoot told HMG, "the illegal operation of this unlicensed business has been on the radar of City Hall for sometime. We have received many complaints from neighboring businesses and residents about drug associated problems in the neighborhood. Not only are they a non-licensed business, Bellflower Patient Group is operating outside the constraints of the city's ordi-

nances." Upon further investigation, HMG found that the alleged dispensary is located at the corner of Clark Street and Los Angeles Street. The small business complex houses five units, with Bellflower Patient Group being listed in the White Pages as Unit E, however this unit has signage stating that it is a dental lab. The windows of Unit E are blacked out and the door has a buzzer allowing for entry.

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nard Law. "You and your city have meant so much to our District," said Law. "We are extensions of one another. You have been instrumental to Hawaiian Gardens. Your dedication and commitment to our City will long be remembered."

Battalion Chief Ken Wiles from the Los Angeles County Fire Department presented Rodriguez with a Certificate of Recognition saying, "Mr. Mayor we had your local fire personnel here to assist in this recognition, but they just left with sirens screaming down the road. On behalf of your support of the Los Angeles Fire Department, we honor you with this commendation."

The City of Cerritos also recognized Rodriguez. "We would like to acknowledge Rey for his outstanding service to Hawaiian Gardens. It is not easy being Mayor, you must have a passion for the City and outstanding leadership," commented Carol Chen, Cerritos Mayor Pro-Tem.

The Hawaiian Gardens city council

presented Rodriguez with a gavel. Mayor Pro-Tem Barry Bruce commented, "we want you to have this new gavel, not the one that you have been pounding on this year. On behalf of your city and your city council it has been my greatest pleasure to serve with this man. He is an awesome person, a man of character and honor."

Rodriguez stated the best thing about serving on the council was being able to serve the community, "I think that the city is doing very well," he noted, "we have no real financial issues. We are a small community where the government and its residents are like family." Some of the noted accomplishments this year was the building of the Veteran's Memorial. The City Council thought it was important that local Veterans be involved with the design and placement.

A plaque from Congresswoman Linda Sanchez office was given to Rodriguez by Field Representative Michael Vaughn, with an additional proclamation bestowed upon Rodriguez and Bruce from the office of Assemblyman Anthony Rendon.

Nominations were opened for position of Mayor, with Rodriguez nominating Barry Bruce. Councilman Barry Bruce voted Mariana Rios as Mayor Pro-Tem with a unanimous vote for both.

Rodriguez last statement as Mayor was "I just want to be remembered as a man who did a good job."

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President of CSULB to Speak at AAUW Meeting

Jane Close Conoley, president of California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Long Beach branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) on Saturday, Jan. 10.

Conoley will discuss issues women face in higher education and reflect on her own journey, rising through the faculty ranks to administrative roles, in a discussion titled "From Token Ineffectual to President."

The AAUW meeting will be held in the Maple Room of The Centre at Sycamore Plaza (5000 Clark Avenue in Lakewood), beginning with a social at 9:30 a.m. and including a business meeting at 10:00 a.m. The program will begin at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon.

The cost of the luncheon is \$32. Those interested should RSVP to Judith Kaho at 562-429-2790 by Jan. 2.

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Towne Center Dome Building Getting Facelift

Editor's Note: Eric Lee is a student at Whitney High now interning at HMG-CN as a roving reporter. We welcome him to our team.

By Eric Lee

As of a few weeks ago, residents in and around Cerritos, have noticed scaffolding around the dome building in the Cerritos Towne Center. The building, owned by the law corporation Atkinson, Andelson, Loyda, Ruud & Romo, was built less than five years ago and is a noticeable structure among those in the surrounding area.

job, a process that includes grinding off the old paint, applying primer, and painting over the primer with a topcoat of new paint.

The job does not include repairing the actual the dome structure.

The repainting process will only be done on the rings and beams supporting the dome and the two concentric walls surrounding it, excluding the top part of the dome, where the scaffolding does not reach the thin arches.

"The process is regular," explains Teodoro Pandoro-Magana, the Project Superintendent, "when you paint on metals or panels, after four years or six



The dome on the top of the Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo building is being repainted. Representatives told HMG-CN that this happens every five years to metal structures. Photo by Eric Lee.

The dome is made with interconnecting arches held together with several rings and supporting beams. The dome has two walls around its base, with one larger in radius than the other. All of these are almost entirely made with metal.

Recently, the paint on the metal has started to peel and form bubbles on the surface after the years of exposure, prompting the scaffolding and repair.

The property owners hired Century Building Solutions to do the repainting

years, the paint will start to have bubbles appearing on the surface. It happens with iron, steel, everything. Our job is to scratch off all the old paint, and after that, we're going to put on a layer of primer, and then a topcoat."

The project was started almost a month ago, though progress was slowed by rain and unfavorable conditions in the last week. Without any further delay, the job is expected to be done by Sunday, December 20th.

CITY OF NORWALK CANCELS MARCH 2015 ELECTION

On Tuesday, December 16, 2014, City Council voted to cancel the March 3, 2015 Municipal Election, as no challengers filed to run for the three seats.

City Council discussed utilizing the roughly \$120,000 it would cost to hold an election for City improvements. Incumbents Marcel Rodarte, Leonard Shryock, and Luigi Vernola will be sworn into office on March 17, 2015 to serve new four-year terms. Please contact Theresa Devoy, City Clerk at (562) 929-5720 with any questions regarding the election process.

Cultural Diversities Celebrate Native Holiday Traditions in Hawaiian Gardens

By Rico Dizon

Every year, the Mexican and Filipino communities in and around Hawaiian Garden usually celebrate their respective aged old religious traditions during these holidays.

With St. Peter Chanel Church as their

to attend the holy mass celebrated by new Associate Pastor Fr. Dave Yankauskas, OMV.

On Sunday, Dec. 14, the Our Lady of Guadalupe fiesta celebration took place starting with a procession from Hawaiian Garden City Hall towards Carson St. and winding up to the church on Juan St. The festivities featured persons dressed in the images of our Lady of Guadalupe and San Juan Diego, the man whom our Lady appeared.

Old folks in the crowd said, "back home, the celebrations actually take place nine days until the actual feast day of Dec.



Celebrants in front of St. Peter Chanel Church.

common parish and center of spiritual activities, they relive what they usually did back home at this time of the year.

The Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe was celebrated with an early mass at 5:00 am on Dec. 12 complete with the singing of mananitas to Jesus and our Lady by the choir dressed in black and white. Devotees and parishioners packed the church

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There were groups of dancers and singers in colorful native Mexican costumes who made presentations in front of the church. There were also several stalls selling food and books to raise funds for the church. A holy mass followed and the festivities continued later until the evening.

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Rotary Shopping Spree Benefits La Mirada Children

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Members of the Rotary Club of La Mirada helped spread holiday cheer re-

carols.

Holiday spirit filled the room as students sang 'Here Comes Santa Claus' while Santa jollily entered the room. He then presented each student with a special toy gift which was provided by the Rotary Club.

Chick-fil-A was present and provided lunch for all of the children. The famous Chick-fil-A cow was also there to take photos and meet the kids.

"We changed this year's event a little and included the families of the children who were chosen," said Rotary Club member Hal Malkin. "We wanted it to be all-inclusive so if any of the students had siblings, they were also invited to participate in the event."

Deputies from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel, and employ-

ees from local businesses were among the many community volunteers who also took part in the event and helped the children select their clothing items.

The Rotary Club performs a variety of projects to serve the community. The holiday shopping spree is the club's biggest event of the year, and members really enjoy giving back to the community.



La Mirada students and volunteers stand outside Marshalls after members of the Rotary Club sponsored a shopping spree for local children in need. This year, 46 La Mirada children took part in the shopping spree and each child had a budget of \$110 to spend at Marshall's on new clothing, jackets and shoes.

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After the shopping spree, the children rode La Mirada Transit buses over to the La Mirada Activity Center where they enjoyed a visit by Santa Claus and sang



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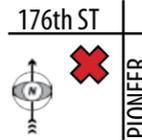


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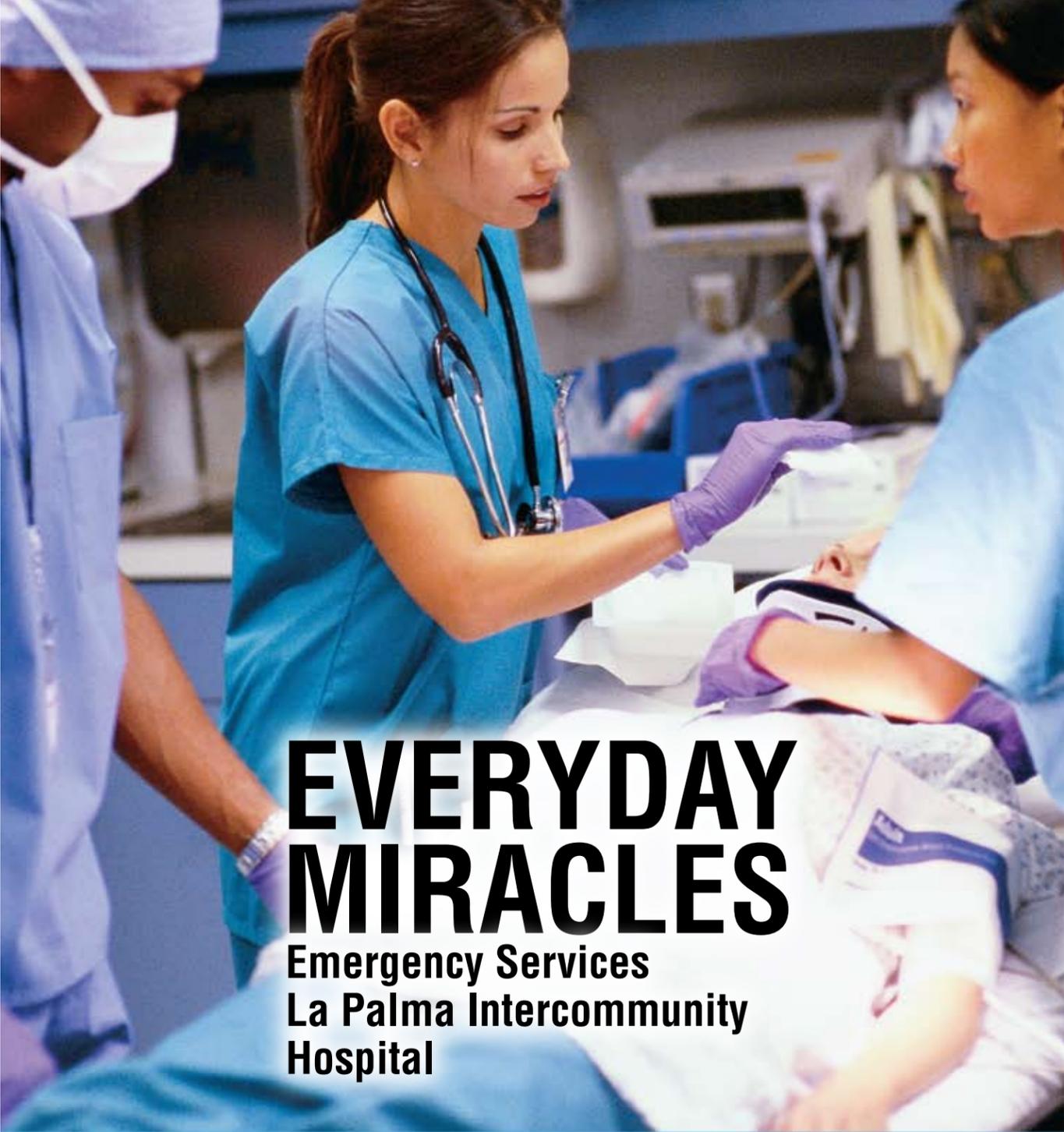
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Gahr dominates Cerritos again behind Carlyle brothers, Harris

By Loren Kopff

The sequel to the Cerritos-Gahr boys basketball showing was pretty much similar to part one, which was played on Dec. 6 in the championship game of the annual Cerritos-Gahr Tournament. Gahr blasted the Dons 81-42 in that game and last Friday night, the two fierce city rivals met again in their annual tilt which always falls six days after their own tournament.

Host Gahr went on a 12-0 run over a three-minute span in the opening quarter and never looked back in a 91-58 victo-

ry. It marked the eighth straight time the Gladiators had defeated the Dons with two of those games coming in the finals of the Cerritos-Gahr Tournament. Since 1999, Gahr now owns a 9-7 regular season, non-tournament record against Cerritos.

"We were just trying to have fun," said Gahr senior guard Gregory Carlyle. "We knew it was a rivalry game and we wanted to bring energy to the game and just bring it to them. Playing a team twice, the second time after beating them the first time, we knew that [Cerritos] would come out stronger. We tried to bring the same intensity and try to do it again."

Gahr was leading 5-4 just 67 seconds into the game when it went on its 12-0 run before the Dons (3-2) scored the next five points. But a basket from senior point guard Malik Smith and a steal and bucket from junior guard Justin Smith closed out the first quarter as Gahr was up 21-9. A



Gahr senior guard Jeremy Carlyle (#24) goes one-on-one against Cerritos senior guard J.J. Rivera in last Friday night's city rivalry game. Gahr defeated Cerritos 91-58. Photo By Armando Vargas.

pair of free throws from Cerritos junior guard Evan Leonard bought the Dons to within eight points again at 25-17 with 5:35 left in the half. But the Gladiators pulled away and had a double-digit lead the remainder of the game.

Part of the reason for Gahr building a 47-27 halftime lead was its perimeter shooting. Senior point guard Jeremy Carlyle sank four downtown shots in the first half while his brother Gregory added three more. On top of that, senior forward Darrell Harris was true on three three-pointers in the half. As a team, the Gladiators were 16 of 35 from beyond the arc.

"We just had to keep being relentless because we knew if we did what we do, it would work," Gregory Carlyle said. "We just kept playing and doing the same things and not let up."

The Gladiators (5-0) were up 54-31 following a three-point play from sopho-

more forward Marvin Bragg before Cerritos went on the first of two 6-0 spurts in the second half. But in the end, it was just too much Gahr, which ended the third quarter on a 10-0 run and ended the game on a 14-2 run.

Gregory Carlyle led everyone with 21 points and was eight of 16 from the field. His brother and Harris each added 17 points while Bragg pitched in with 14 points. Harris also led Gahr with nine rebounds and Gregory Carlyle had five assists along with four of the team's 13 steals.

Leonard led Cerritos with 19 points while senior guard Andrew Bui added 14 points. Both teams began the prestigious 20-team North Orange County Championships this past Tuesday night with pool play action at Servite and Sonora High Schools. Cerritos faced JSerra and then

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Cerritos girls soccer has no problems with Gahr, remains hot to begin season

By Loren Kopff

What a difference a season makes. The Cerritos girls soccer team opened up last season losing six of its first seven games with a tie sprinkled in there. The Lady Dons fielded a squad with just two seniors and had a young squad that was riddled with injuries.

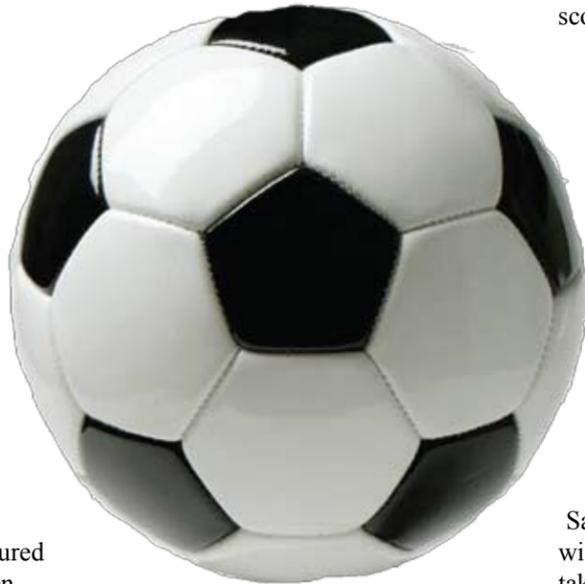
But now, Cerritos has come full circle and is letting many out there know that this season's team is ready to make some noise. Cerritos blanked Gahr 5-0 this past Monday afternoon to improve to 5-0-1, its best start since going 6-0-1 just two seasons ago. In addition, the Lady Dons have already scored 24 goals while posting four shutouts. Last season, Cerritos found the back of the net 24 times and only three players scored those 24 goals during a 4-16-1 campaign.

"Well, we have new girls and some of the new girls who were injured last year, learned what we want even though they were on the bench," said Cerritos head coach Tony Montalvo of the quick turnaround. "I think that's what is making the difference."

One of those injured players from last year is already making a huge impact and could threaten some school records by the time this season is over, or when her high school career is done. Sophomore forward Tobechi Udeh, who tore her right meniscus in mid August of 2013 and sat out all of last season, scored in the first minute and again in the seventh minute on a pass from

sophomore midfielder Lauryn Bautista. Udeh has already scored 13 goals and is only beginning to get her feet wet as she becomes one of the best players to have come through the program.

"I think she was a player we missed last year because we didn't have a good striker last year,"



Montalvo said. "[Senior forward Erika] Lizarraga and [sophomore defender Danica] Castro are the other two players who are incorporating into the team and making a difference on the team this year."

Cerritos had several opportunities to blow the game wide open in the first half, taking eight shots on goal but missing about three or four because players would hesitate once they approached Gahr sophomore goalkeeper Destiny Corletto. The Lady Dons led 2-0 at the break and didn't score again until the

67th minute when senior midfielder Juliana Sierra, just called up from the junior varsity team, scored her first goal of the season. Three minutes later, she made it 4-0 on one of six shots the visitors took on Corletto in the second half.

The final goal came from Lizarraga, who notched her second of the season. She was one of the three players who scored last season.

"I think the girls were overconfident in the first half," Montalvo said. "Since they scored two early goals, they thought they could go 10-0 in the first half and that really concerned me a lot. So I talked to them in the second half and told them exactly what I wanted."

After getting washed out last Saturday in the Best in the West Winter Soccer Classic, the Lady Dons will get pool play action started against Bell Gardens and San Gabriel on Saturday from Santa Fe High School. The tournament will resume on Monday before the team takes the rest of the month off.

As for Gahr (0-3), who is going through its eighth different head coach since last going to the playoffs following the 2002-2003 season, it visited El Rancho this past Wednesday, weather permitting, for its last scheduled game of the month.

"I'm pretty sure [the Suburban League] knows what we're doing right now and they're going to be ready for us," Montalvo said. "But I want to do my job and I want the girls to do their job."

BASKETBALL

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Lakewood this past Wednesday night while the Gladiators hooked up with Bell Gardens and Claremont on back to back nights. The tournament wraps up on Saturday at Sonora High with eight games. The other two games will be held at Serivite.

Gahr is off to its best start since winning the first six games of the 2010-2011 season. The Gladiators, which won the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division II-A championship, would finish that campaign with a 26-8 mark. The previous season, Gahr started off 14-0 en route to a 27-6 season.

"We're just trying to start off hard because we know there will be tougher games later," Gregory Carlyle said.

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With a chance to win their respective pools and potentially have a chance to face each other in either the championship game, or at worst, the third place game, the Valley Christian and Whitney girls basketball came up short in their second games of the 38th annual Valley Christian Tournament. The host school couldn't find its shooting touch in the second half and was blasted by Crescenta Valley 42-14 this past Tuesday evening while Whitney played catch up throughout its second half and was five points off in a 36-31 setback to Bellflower.

Although there wasn't much scoring in the first half, V.C. was plagued with turnovers against Crescenta Valley. Despite holding a 12-11 lead at the break, thanks to five points each from senior Kate Vande Vegte and junior Katy Feller, the Lady Crusaders turned the ball over 16 times and had as many rebounds.

It would go from bad to worse in the

second half as the hosts were shut out in the third quarter as the Falcons scored 17 points with 13 coming off of turnovers. The lone points for V.C. in the second half came with 6:46 left in the game and came via two free throws from Feller.

In all, V.C. (5-3) turned the ball over 36 times and senior Alex Fenderson had eight rebounds. V.C. opened the tournament with a 50-34 win over Workman this past Monday and will play Kennedy tonight for a chance to finish as high as fifth place.

Prior to the V.C. game, Whitney was mired in a close tussle with the Buccaneers, never trailing by more than five points in the first half. In fact, the Lady Wildcats scored three straight baskets early in the second quarter to take a 14-13 lead, just the second time it led in the game.

But Bellflower opened the second half on a 7-2 run in the first three minutes and held on. Junior Annika Brandes led the Lady Wildcats with nine points while seniors Anshika Bagla and Jihee Lee and sophomore Nicole Lee all added half a dozen points. Nicole Lee also had 13 rebounds and six steals. As a team, Whitney had 26 rebounds, but also had 26 turnovers.

Whitney (4-4) kicked off the tournament with a 39-25 win over Mayfield

this past Monday behind 14 points from junior Chloe Olvera and 10 more from Nicole Lee. Just like the Lady Crusaders, the Lady Wildcats will have a playoff game tonight against Mayfair at Whitney for a chance to play for fifth place on Saturday.

Also in the tournament, Artesia found scoring to be at a premium as it lost to Kennedy 51-14 this past Monday and Peninsula 47-8 the next day. In the first game, senior Keina Harris and junior Zharia Simmons each scored six points as the Pioneers, who haven't scored more than 33 points in any game this season, dropped to 1-6. Artesia will face Cabrillo tonight following Whitney's game.

BOYS BASKETBALL

While the V.C. girls basketball team was hosting its tournament, the boys team was enjoying one of its finest starts to any season as the Crusaders began round robin action in the Oxford Academy Tournament. V.C. knocked off Aliso Niguel this past Tuesday and had no problems with Bishop Amat, 70-49, this past Wednesday to remain undefeated in eight games thus far. This is the best start to a season for the Crusaders since opening the 2007-2008 season at 5-0. The Crusaders went on to win the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division IV-A championship and

finished at 27-4. V.C. played Cypress on Dec. 18 and will meet with Newport Harbor today before concluding the tournament on Saturday.

Gahr continued to stay red hot by winning the first two games of the North Orange County Championships, first defeating Bell Gardens 92-59 this past Tuesday, then outlasting Claremont 106-91 this past Wednesday. Through the first seven games this season, all victories, Gahr has scored over 90 points four times and is averaging 89.4 points a game. The Gladiators had a playoff game against La Mirada on Dec. 18 and could play for the tournament championship at 7:30 on Saturday night at Sonora High.

Cerritos was also in the same tournament and was nipped by Lakewood 73-70 this past Wednesday night. The Dons (4-3), who defeated JSerra 77-72 this past Tuesday, met with Diamond Bar on Dec. 18. The Dons could finish as high as ninth place in the 20-team event.

Elsewhere, Artesia won its first two pool play games of the Downey Calvary Chapel Tournament so far, knocking off Ganesha 57-39 this past Monday before edging Middle College Prep 47-46 the next day. The Pioneers (6-4), who won this tournament last season, faced McAucliffe on Dec. 18.



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On the other hand, the Filipino tradition of Simbang Gabi (Midnight Mass which originally used to be said at 12 a.m.) was held Dec. 17 at 6:30 pm at St. Peter Chanel. A short parade of parols (Christmas lanterns) leading to the altar preceded the mass celebrated by Fr. Edward Broom, OMV. A Filipino choir sang Tagalog Christmas carols. A light 'noche buena' (dinner after midnight mass) followed at the old church. The Simbang Gabi is held likewise with Filipino communities in various catholic parishes in Southern CA this time of the year.

In the Philippines, the midnight mass is celebrated at early dawn for 10 consecutive days till Christmas Day. Upon arriving home from church, families usually partake of a full noche buena with all the goodies like hot chocolates, rice cakes, potato salad and 'suman' (sweet version of rice cake rolled and covered in heated banana leaf.) The parols are lighted and displayed in front of houses.

By Jason Ooi

What should really have been called "The Battle of Five Armies and about a dozen other varieties of creatures, characters, and whatnot," the final addition to the Hobbit franchise feels bloated by its own success. It follows Bilbo Baggins and his group of



JASON OOI
WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL

dwarves as they are pitted against dragons, elves, humans, goblins, giants, bats, worms, orcs, and greed to finally reclaim their homeland, and the ensuing battle caused ultimately by the vice of greed.

The entire film is a hodgepodge of throwbacks to the Tolkien's Middle Earth and is a spectacular mess of action and fighting. The Battle of Five Armies' titular battle is extremely gratifying and rewarding, a mindless display of entertainment, without getting too numbing or repetitive. The film wastes no time in getting straight to the action, and, except for a small lull in the middle, is effectively filled with the outright action that the first two films in the franchise lacked; it's essentially a fan service masterpiece.

Yet at the same time, the film felt extremely hollow. Way too many supporting characters felt way too simple, while way too many different creatures and components during the battle felt completely ignored after making a big entrance; as if they disappeared from the fight after their ten seconds of screen time. Smaug, who was given an entire

MOVIE REVIEW

The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies

movies' worth build up in The Desolation of Smaug appears and disappears after a few minutes, which makes the events of the last film absolutely meaningless. The Battle of Five Armies tries to cram way too much in its run time, which would only be beneficial had it tied up all of its loose ends.

This film in general, when placed in contrast with the rest of its franchises' films feels a lot sillier and childish in general. The beautiful New Zealand or the horrifying orcs didn't come with the breath of realism that the last additions



did. Because of this, the film felt a bit tonally inconsistent, unsure of whether it was trying to be a drama or a comedy, at times becoming laughably cheesy. I understand that it's a product of making a film mirror its source material, but at

times it felt like it was trying too hard to be serious and dramatic as well, which broke immersion. The film also lacked the practical effects that made the original Lord of the Rings series so breathtaking and electrifying, replacing them with a cartoon-ish excess of CGI.

The costumes were insanely cool, and just seeing the scale and intensity of all of the armies and their different tactics was very satisfying. A lot of the fight lacked practicality, but honestly, who cares?

Ultimately, The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies feels like a will that leaves nothing to its constituents; a very fun, entertaining movie, that did not feel like a worthy good bye to a phenomenal universe that spanned six movies, four books, and countless hours of entertainment.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PROFIRIO ANTHONY MORONES aka PORFIRIO A. MORONES Case No. BP157475

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PROFIRIO ANTHONY MORONES aka PORFIRIO A. MORONES A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Elva M. Morones in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Elva M. Morones be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 20, 2015 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: ROBERT L. COHEN ESQ SBN 150913 LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT L. COHEN INC 8081 ORANGETHORPE AVE BUENA PARK CA 90621

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24073 et seq.) Escrow No. 15296-EY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The name(s) and business address of the Seller(s)/licensee(s) are: AMERICAN TEXTILE SYSTEMS LLC, 9602 FLOWER ST, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

Doing Business as: AMERICAN TEXTILE SYSTEMS LLC AKA CIRCLE K #2655145 All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s)/licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s)/licensee(s), is/are: NONE

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s)/applicant(s) is/are: MEHAR THIND INC, 11559 JULIUS AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90241

The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY, GOODWILL, TRADE NAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND ABC OFF-SALE BEER AND WINE LICENSE #20-533908 and is/are located at: 9602 FLOWER ST, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

The type of license to be transferred is/are: Type: ABC OFF-SALE BEER AND WINE, License Number: 20-533908 now issued for the premises located at: SAME

The bulk sale and transfer of the alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: AMERICAN CLASSIC ESCROW, 13215 SOUTH ST, CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the anticipated sale date is JANUARY 13, 2015

The purchase price or consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$390,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$15,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$390,000.00; TOTAL \$390,000.00

It has been agreed between the seller(s)/licensee(s) and the intended buyer(s)/applicant(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

AMERICAN TEXTILE SYSTEMS LLC, Seller(s)/Licensee(s) MEHAR THIND INC, Buyer(s)/Applicant(s) LA1485134 LOS CERRITOS COMM 12/19/14

Trustee Sale No.: 0000004571006 Title Order No.: 140154097 FHA/VA/PMI No.: 1973709168 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/29/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 03/07/2008 as Instrument No. 20080398932 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: ELLIS R FARNY, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 01/08/2015 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15014 RAYFIELD DR, LA MIRADA, CALIFORNIA 90638 APN#: 8064-029-039 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$300,446.99. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 0000004571006.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 992, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 22.28 AND ADD CHAPTER 22.60, EMERGENCY SHELTER OVERLAY (M-1) ZONE, HEREIN REFERENCED AS DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT 2014-4. THE REFERENCED AMENDMENTS ARE PROPOSED IN SATISFACTION OF STATE-MANDATED EMERGENCY SHELTER HOUSING REQUIREMENTS AS CONTAINED WITHIN CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 2.*

City Attorney's Summary of Ordinance No. 992: This Ordinance creates an overlay zone which will allow one emergency shelter with up to 30 person capacity as a permitted use and any additional emergency shelters as a conditional use within a limited area of the City as designated on the Cerritos Development Map.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 993, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE CERRITOS DEVELOPMENT MAP TO INCORPORATE THE ADDITION OF THE EMERGENCY SHELTER OVERLAY (M-1) ZONE, HEREIN REFERENCED AS DEVELOPMENT MAP AMENDMENT 2014-2.*

City Attorney's Summary of Ordinance No. 993: This Ordinance designates a limited area of the City with an Emergency Shelter Overlay Zone. The area is in a portion of the City that is bounded by the Coyote Creek River Channel to the west and north, Valley View Avenue to the east and 183rd Street to the south.

The full text of the abovementioned Ordinances can be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703.

/s/Vida Barone
Vida Barone, City Clerk

PUBLISHED: December 19, 2014
POSTED: December 19, 2014

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF CERRITOS)

I, Vida Barone, City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the aforementioned Ordinance Nos. 992 and 993 were duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Cerritos at a Regular Meeting held on the 11th day of December, 2014, and that they were so adopted as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS – Barrows, Chen, Cho, Ray, Pulido
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS – None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS – None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS – None

DATED: December 11, 2014

/s/Vida Barone
Vida Barone, City Clerk

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

MOHAMMAD KAMRUL HASSAN

CASE NO. BP158260

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MOHAMMAD KAMRUL HASSAN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARYANN C. HASSAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that FAEZ M. HASSAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/19/15 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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Council, he served as a member of the California Contract Cities Association, I-710 Oversight Policy Committee, Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District and also served as a representative with the Southern California Association of Governments.

As a former Councilmember, he played an active role in the city and is committed to improving community safety, education and employment. Argumedo helped initiate the City's Education Commission and re-structured the City Scholarship Program resulting in more money being raised for Commerce students with college expenses.

The Crown Plaza Hotel was built and the Citadel expansion project was initiated doubling the number of stores at the Citadel, creating many jobs and added revenue to the city for many years to come.

Argumedo helped pass the hotel visitor tax which generates and estimated \$2.3 million annually, negotiated a new fire department contract saving Commerce over \$11 million, and new homes were built in Bristow and Veteran Park areas.

Argumedo has always been a strong advocate of community-based policing and the neighborhood watch program.

Argumedo has also served as a member of many community-based organizations, including the Model City Democratic Club of Commerce, the Commerce Sister City Association, and the Rosewood Park Elementary School PTA.

He is the proud father of four children and has 30 years of work experience as a computer/network technician for Northrop Grumman Corporation.

Denise M. Robles



Denise Robles

City of Commerce Councilmember Denise M. Robles was elected to the Commerce City Council on March 8, 2011. Raised in Commerce, Denise is the daughter of a blue-collar immigrant family and knows first-hand

the challenges facing the residents in her community.

Denise began serving as a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain and as a commissioner on the City's Library Commission and Community Services Commission.

Denise has been appointed to represent Commerce on several important delegations including California Contract Cities, Gateway Cities 1-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee and Southern California Association of Governments as well as an alternate on the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority and Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority. She has received an Executive Education in Public Policy certificate of completion from the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California and successfully completed training through the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund's National Institute for Newly Elected Officials.

Denise's priorities remain bringing new businesses to Commerce, improving the City's appearance and protecting residential programs and services. With a passion to serve, Denise is committed to investing in those who are struggling the most. She is a member of the United Families of Bristow and Greenwood Community Church in Commerce. Denise lives in the Veterans neighborhood of Commerce with her husband Richard and has six children and one grandchild.

Denise earned her Associate of Arts Degree in 2009, then graduated Cum Laude (with honors) in June 2013 from California State University, Los Angeles with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science with an emphasis on Public Administration. She is currently enrolled in the California State University, Los Angeles Political Science Masters program with a concentration on American Government.

La Mirada Tony Aiello



Tony Aiello

Tony Aiello was born and raised in La Mirada, he has been married to his wife Carmen for 24 years and has two sons. Tony is a product of Norwalk and La Mirada schools from K-12. He has two sons, Miles and AJ,

who were also schooled in the NLMUSD. Tony is the founder and owner of the La Mirada Olive Fest, co-author of the La Mirada History Book, is a former city Historical Heritage Commissioner, and was on the La Mirada Neighborhood Enhancement Advisory Team (NEAT) in 2003-2004.

Tony enjoys being involved in the community and is the current official La Mirada High School basketball announcer. He also loves coaching and was the 2005 La Mirada National Junior Basketball Coach of the Year.

Tony worked as a grocery store auditor for Lucky Stores for 18 years, moving on to Stater Brothers, where he has worked for the past 14 years.

LM Councilman Steve De Ruse D.Min.



Steven De Ruse

Steve De Ruse D.Min. tells HMG-CN that he has been married for 45 years to Mary Ann with two daughters Adrienne and Elaine, both La Mirada High School graduates.

De Ruse has lived in La Mirada since 1975 and is the Pastor of First Baptist Church of Artesia. He has also been a small business owner.

He was elected to L.M. City Council in March 2011, and since that time he has been Mayor pro tem from 2012-2013 and Mayor from 2013-2014.

Prior to election to the City Council he was a member of the Community Services Commission for 5 years, President of the La Mirada Clergy Council, and President of the La Mirada Rotary Club (current member).

He also was the Chairperson for Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority (SASSFA), on the Board of Directors for Sanitation District # 18, recently elected to SCAG Regional Council District 3, an alternate on the I-5 Consortium, and serves on the Executive Board of Directors for Los Angeles Southern Baptist Association.

De Ruse has a Masters and Doctorate Degrees from Fuller Theological Seminary.

Dale Nowicki



Dale Nowicki

Dale Nowicki has lived in La Mirada for 23 years. He and his wife Lorraine have two daughters who went to school in La Mirada. He is an attorney, college professor, retired sheriff's deputy, and former military officer.

With his wealth of experience in law

enforcement, Dale has served on the La Mirada Public Safety Commission giving advice and recommendations to the City Council. Dale is involved in the local Kiwanis club and is also a volunteer member of the board of directors for the non-profit charity, Vets Mentoring Vets, assisting our former service men and women make the successful transition from military to civilian employment.

As a business owner in La Mirada running a successful law practice, Dale serves as a Hearing Officer for several large municipal entities in the southern California area. This experience enables him to bring to his work as an advocate, the perspective and experience of a judicial officer on matters involving employment and labor law, business issues, housing and government assistance, among others.

Besides practicing in state courts, Dale is admitted to all federal district courts in California and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Dale has appeared on matters throughout the state of California, in state, federal, and administrative courts with a specific focus on public safety related matters.

Dale is an adjunct professor at Cerritos College. Besides his law degree, Dale also has a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, and his undergraduate degree in criminal justice and military officer studies.

Mayor Lawrence P. Mowles



Lawrence Mowles

Mayor Lawrence P. Mowles was elected to the La Mirada City Council on March 8, 2011. He has worked in the insurance industry for over 30 years.

Mayor Mowles served on the City's Planning Commission from May 2009 to March 2011. He was a member of the City's Public Safety Commission from May 2007 to May 2009. He was also a member of the City's Community Services Commission from November 2000 to June 2007.

He is a founding member of the La Mirada Community Foundation where he served from August 1999 to May 2007. He served as the Foundation President from November 2000 to June 2007. While serving as a member of the Foundation, he was responsible for the operation of the "4 La Mirada Kids" Carnival, which raises funds for youth programs and community organizations.

Mayor Mowles served as a member of the Citizen Task Force on City Finances and Operations from November 2009 to April 2010. He received the City of La Mirada's "Volunteers in Action Award" in 2008.

Mayor Mowles has been a resident of La Mirada for over 35 years. He and his wife, Paula, have four grown children and nine grandchildren.

Michael (Mik) Saenz



Michael Saenz

Michael (Mik) Saenz has been a resident of La Mirada for over 25 years. He is married to wife Kim and has 3 kids all in the adult age. He attended Rio Hondo College and has attended and was certified in various business courses. During

his early years attending school Mik began working part-time at Wells Fargo and it developed into a 27 year career. Mik has over 15 years of proven leadership's abilities in building team oriented organizations.

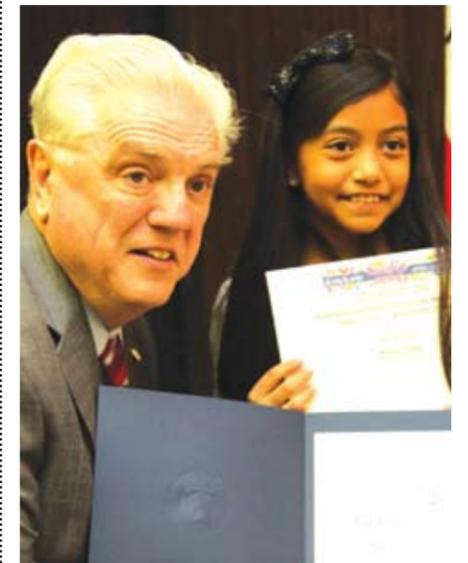
Mik served as Commissioner for the La Mirada Planning Commission; Com-

munity Service Commission; was the City Athletic Counsel President for 5 years and is currently serving as Vice President of the City Athletic Counsel. He was chosen to be on the Task Force committees, as well as serving on the City Charter Exploratory Committee working to provide a better life for residents.

Mik told HMG-CN, "with the various positions I have held, I have come to truly understand this community. I will continue to support the quality of life and protection of our children, adults and senior citizens with the support of our excellent programs. I have the skillset, experience and vision to strengthen our priorities and finances."

La Mirada Library Bookmark Contest Winners Recognized

Each year, the La Mirada branch of the Los Angeles County Public Library holds a bookmark contest for children in kindergarten through twelfth grade. This year's contest winners were honored with awards at the Dec. 9 City Council meet-



Mayor Mowles presents a certificate to Emily Castro of Escalona Elementary School for First Place in her age group for the 2014 Bookmark Contest.

ing. The goal of the contest is to challenge parents, educators, and librarians to encourage children to read and nurture the love of reading.

The theme of this year's contest was "Dream in Color!" and this was the first year color was allowed on the entries. The library received over 700 entries and winning bookmarks will be printed and made available at the La Mirada Library. La Mirada's winning entries have advanced to the County Library contest and Grand Prize winners will be announced in February.

This year's winners were:

Kindergarten – Second Grade:

Natalie Juarez
Second Grade, Eastwood Elementary School

Third – Fifth Grade:

Emily Castro
Fourth Grade, Escalona Elementary School

Sixth – Eighth Grade:

Yoojung Kim
Eighth Grade, Los Coyotes Middle School

Ninth – Twelfth Grade:

Robin Jones
Tenth Grade, La Mirada High School



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