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### HMG-CN Exclusive:

# **Central Basin Director** Leticia Vasquez Under **Investigation by FPPC**

By Brian Hews

HMG-CN has exclusively learned that the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) has opened an investigation into embattled Central Basin Municipal Water District (CB) Director Leticia Vasquez and her illegal CB Board vote to approve waiving the attorney-client privilege in the Qui Tam "Whistleblower" lawsuit against CB.

Vasquez is a "party plaintiff" in the whistleblower case.

In addition, CB sources told HMG-CN that the FPPC and investigators are looking into whether Vasquez actually lived

See **CENTRAL BASIN** page 13

# **Cerritos Celebrates** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at City Hall

By Tammye McDuff

In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the City of Cerritos hosted a special ceremony on Monday, January 19 at 10 a.m. at the Cerritos Civic Center. The public was invited to this free event, which included remarks by Cerritos City Council and community leaders. Among one of the special events was the presentation of Art and Essay winners of the 2015, "Everybody can be great ... Because anybody can serve" contest.

The Cerritos Public Library, in honor of Dr. King, sponsored an art and essay contest. The contest theme was: Sharing the dream: change begins with me. The art contest was open to students from kindergarten through grades 12. Participants were required to submit one art entry, no larger than 12" X 18," using any drawing or painting materials.

The third place winners of the art contest were: Monicka Manni; Swetha Chidambara Ganesh; Rachel Anne Tibayan and Nataly Campos. Second place was awarded to: Aariya Kawatkar; Medha

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### REPTILES INVADE THE ARTESIA LIBRARY



PYTHON: Thorsten Pape [Thor] holds 'Snuggles' a 12-foot Albino Burmese Python. Children also got to touch a blue tongued skink reptile named 'Mama Betsy' and 'Flash', an enormous Monitor. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

By Tammye McDuff

Thor's Reptile Family paid a visit to the Artesia Library Saturday, January 17, 2015, to the delight of many squealing children. Presented in a nurturing handson, interactive format, Reptile Family handler Thor acquainted children and parents to a world of exotic animals.

Thorsten Pape [Thor] is a certified ani-

mal trainer. Pape gave instruction up front, letting children and parents know that each animal had been properly bathed and groomed for the show.

Thor introduced his first set of the slippery, slimy, creepy crawly critters saying, "this is my reptile family. We are going to go on a safari around the world to the rain forest, the desert, and the jungles. I brought some animals that live down in the ground and some that live in the trees. Some of the animals eat bugs, some eat fruit and some eat everything!"

For the safety of the children and the relief of parents, Thor instructs the children they may touch the animals and even hold them, but only as instructed.

The first animal to come out of hiding was Mildred from Africa, who nibbles on plants and has 276 legs. Mildred is millipede. This creepy crawly friend was brought around for the children to see and touch.

> was a special spider named Rosalie a Mexican red kneed tarantula. As the children called her name, Rosalie popped out of her basket and crawled onto the table. Next was Miss Freckles the

The next friend to crawl out

tree frog from the rain forest who the kids loved as the frog slimed their hands.

Little Bob, a two year old baby bearded dragon was next "covered in spikes from head to toe to tail' says Thor.

Then the big animals came out. A blue tongued skink reptile named 'Mama Betsy' and, from the jungles of New Guinea, came Flash, an enormous Moni-

But the star of the day was Snuggles the 12 foot albino Burmese python who Thor handled with expert hands.

German by birth, Pape grew up in Egypt, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Thailand

See **REPTILES** page 8

# **Anthony Portantino Threatens Hews Media Group-Community News Over Endorsement Story**

**HMG-CN Staff Report** 



**Anthony Portantino** 

Hews Media Group-Community News recently received an email from "Team Portantino" threatening newspaper publishing an investigative

story related to a website that had published bogus quotes endorsing Portantino.

The website was pulled offline minutes after HMG-CN broke the story on January 15.

The investigative story found that several names and quotes were fabricated.

The names included state Sen. Mark Leno who said, "I have not spoken to Anthony in years," but was quoted as endorsing Portantino on the site; Glendale Councilwoman Laura Friedman, Pasadena Councilman Terry Tornak, and Eric

See **PORTANTINO** page 12

# **Bellflower Adopts** 45-Day Moratorium on **Massage Parlors**

By Tammye McDuff

An urgency ordinance of the City of Bellflower was passed at the first Council meeting of 2015 approving a 45 day moratorium on the issue of any new permit or business license to massage establishments within the City.

In 2008, Senate Bill 731 ("SB 731") was adopted by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor to become effective on January 1, 2009, and was to sunset on January 1, 2015.

This significantly shifted the laws to local regulations of therapist and practitioners, creating the California massage

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# FEDDE MIDDLE SCHOOL SELECTED AS 2015 CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS TO WATCH

On Jan. 15, State Superintendent Tom Torlaksen announced that Fedde MS in the ABC Unified School District is one of seven high-performing California middle schools to be designated as model middle schools in the 2015 Schools to Watch—

Taking Center Stage Program. The Schools To Watch Program is sponsored by the California League of Middle Schools and the California Department of Education, in partnership with the California Middle Grades Alliance.

California's School to Watch—Taking Center Stage Program uses a competitive, rigorous review

process to identify high performing, high impact middle school schools so that all middle schools may have models of real world success. Fedde MS is one of just 66 model schools that have been identified statewide since 2003. To become a "Schools to Watch", schools must have met or exceeded the API schoolwide growth target for three of the five most recent years scores. Fedde MS also conducted a self-study evaluation and were reviewed by an outside team of middle grades experts.

Fedde MS will be celebrating with the entire school community on February 13, 2015 at 11:00AM. This is the first time that Fedde MS located in Hawaiian Gardens has been selected for the Schools to

Watch Program. "It is a true honor for Fedde MS to be recognized as a School to Watch" said Principal Ricardo Lois. "Our staff has worked very hard in developing an exciting and challenging middle school program that supports achievement for all students. This ceremony is an affirmation of the fine work so many have done at Fedde MS-International Studies Academy." The celebration will feature an address to the student body on their school's selection as a model and the presentation of a banner by Dr. Irvin Howard, Past President of the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform. He noted, "Fedde MS is a model of what an outstanding middle school can be. School leaders from across the state

will now turn to Fedde MS for guidance on improving their programs to better serve their students.

All the schools will be formally recognized in Sacramento at the California Middle Grades Alliance Annual Luncheon held on Feb. 26 and during the California League of Schools Annual Conference held during Feb. 26-March 1,

2015. Fedde MS will have an opportunity to showcase their accomplishments and network with other middle grades educators from around the State. In addition, Fedde MS will be recognized at the national level during the National Model Middle Schools Conference/Awards Ceremony held in Washington, DC on June 24-28.

Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu noted that last year two middle schools in AB-CUSD, Carmenita MS and Tetzlaff MS were selected as 2014 Schools to Watch. "It gives us great pride to have Fedde MS selected as a model middle school in California this year. They have done exceptional work in turning around the school under extraordinary circumstances."

# NLMUSD Board to Review Projects for First Round of Bond Issuance

HMG-CN Education Wire

The Board of Education, during a study session on Jan. 15, directed staff to prepare three to four proposals that package potential projects with the District's first Measure G bond issuance this summer, which will range between \$52 million and \$70 million.

The public meeting provided board members with an overview of the District's \$600 million Facilities Master Plan, a long-range planning tool outlining facilities needs, the required next steps in regard to state laws, bond financing and a list of potential first projects.

Staff will provide the detailed proposals at a public study session Feb. 2.

"The Facilities Master Plan was never meant to prioritize projects, but to simply provide insight into our needs for updating, renovating and revitalizing our facilities," said NLMUSD Interim Superintendent Ginger Shattuck. "When we return for the study session next month, we'll provide potential options and plans for the first round of projects. The Board of Education will make the ultimate decision on what happens next."

Voters approved Measure G in No-

vember so NLMUSD could renovate, repair and update its schools.

During the Jan. 15 meeting, District staff presented a list of potential first projects that included: security fencing; roof replacement; playfield/playground upgrades; air conditioning systems in school offices and multipurpose buildings; furniture replacement; drought-resistant landscaping; lunch shelters; and digital marquees. In addition, staff members presented options for construction of high school stadiums and performance/media

Board members asked staff to return with proposals that cluster projects ac-

cording to the following: projects that will fit within the funding scope for the first issuance; projects that are needed most; projects that logically should happen first to set up for future projects; projects requested by the community and staff; and projects related to technology.

"There are a lot of needs in terms of

renovation and new construction at our schools and sites across the District," said NLMUSD Board of Education President Jesse Urquidi. "Now comes the challenging task of deciding what happens first. At the end of the day, it's our priority to ensure that we get the most for every dollar so that we can provide students with learning environments that are safe and engaging."

The next bond study session will take place from 5 to 6 p.m. Feb. 2. If needed, the Board of Education will hold a second discussion at 5 p.m. Feb. 23.





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# TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX

Proposed Adjustment to Transient Occupancy Tax (Hotel Bed Tax)

A measure has been placed on the March 3, 2015 Cerritos General Municipal Election ballot asking voters if the Transient Occupancy Tax in Cerritos should be increased from 6 percent to 12 percent.

What is the Transient Occupancy Tax (Hotel Bed Tax)? The Transient Occupancy Tax (hotel bed tax) is charged on the cost of guest rooms in hotels such as the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel. Only people staying at a hotel in Cerritos would pay the tax. The hotel bed tax increase would assist in the recovery of expenses for providing general City services, including Sheriff, library and park services. Based upon the amount of hotel bed tax collected in fiscal year 2013-2014, the proposed increase to 12 percent would bring the City's total bed tax revenue to an estimated \$914,200 a year.

### Background

Since 1983, the hotel bed tax in Cerritos has been 6 percent, which is one of the lowest rates in California. The proposed 12 percent rate is closer to the average rate charged by other Southern California cities. Under Proposition 218, the proposed hotel bed tax increase requires majority approval by the voters of the City.



The City will mail an information sheet about the proposed hotel bed tax increase to all Cerritos homes.

Translated versions of the information sheet will be available on the City's website at **cerritos.us**.

For more information about the proposed hotel bed tax increase, please call the Cerritos City Clerk's Office at (562) 916-1248.

# LA PALMA-CERRITOS AAUW CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE'S FORUM FEB. 9



Pictured are members of the La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the AAUW who are sponsoring a Candidates Forum for the Cerritos City Council as a public service on Monday, February 9, 2015 at the Cerritos City Council Chambers. Left to right are Sondra Cohen, Dorothy Edwards and Harriet Moses. Cohen and Moses are Public Policy Co-Chairs for the AAUW and Edwards will be the moderator of the Candidates Forum.

Story and Photo by Edna Ethington

The La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women (AAUW) is sponsoring a Candidates Forum for the Cerritos City Council as a public service on Monday, February 9, 2015 in Cerritos City Council Chambers, 183rd and Bloomfield, adjamcent to Cerritos City Hall and the Cerritos LIbrary from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Forum will also be broadcast live on Cerritos Channel TV 3. The public is invited to come and meet the

candidates and become informed as voters. In addition to prepared statements by the candidates, the audience will have the opportunity to submit questions in writing to be asked of the candidates. The Forum will be moderated by Dorothy Edwards, a member of the La Palma-Cerritos AAUW and a resident of the city of La Palma. For more information, contact Public Policy Co-Chairs Sondra Cohen at 714-826-1097 or Harriet Moses at 714-994-1487.





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### Cerritos Mayor Pulido Swears-In Cerritos Gadabouts Board Members



The Cerritos Gadabouts appointed and sworn-in its new Board Members with the help of Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido on December 22. (l-r) President Bev Calvin, Vice-President Josie Garcia, 2nd Vice-President Julie Behar, Mayor Pulido, Secretary Ernestine Cruz, Treasurer Donna Williamson. Pulido said he is looking forward to working and continuing the relationship with the Gadabouts. Cerritos Gadabouts are accepting anyone 50 years or older. "If you like meeting new people, enjoy pleasant conversation then we have a seat for you," said Calvin. For information contact Cerritos Senior Center for date and time. The Cerritos Senior Center is located at 12340 South Street Cerritos, CA 90703, 562-916-8550.

# Sam Sultan Ahmad

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The past Cerritos City Council, for the most part, has done a terrific job. The areas of where they have come up short are the areas of my expertise. That's why I'm running for a seat on the City Council.

My hope, and wish, is that you stay connected with the political process by educating yourself with the issues in our community, and participate by voting for your favorite candidates in the upcoming election on March 3rd. We *all* want to make our City a better place to work and live in.

Over the next few weeks, in this newspaper and through direct mail, I will be sharing with you my views, ideas, and goals that I have for the City of Cerritos.

We'll be in touch soon.

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### Letters to the Editor

### Re: Parks and Rec Commisson Collars Dog Park

Dear Cerritos Residents,

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank Cerritos Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Cindy Yen Chen for her leadership and sole vote in support of a Cerritos Dog Park. I am disappointed in the 3-1-1 vote of the Commission to not recommend a Dog Park at this time to the Cerritos City Council.

However, I remain hopeful and optimistic about the future.

I remain personally committed to the idea of establishing a Dog Park in the City of Cerritos at some point in the future.

If you have thoughts on this, please feel free to comment with your thoughts and ideas.

Let's remain connected and committed to bringing about the positive change our community deserves.

With that said, I do want to thank my colleagues on the Cerritos City Council who joined with me in consensus to direct City staff and the Commission to study and discuss this important issue.

I thank City staff for their dedicated efforts to research and present the issue to the Commission.

I thank the Commissioners for having a thoughtful discussion on the matter.

Most of all, I thank the members of the public who came to the Commission meeting this past Tuesday to give public testimony that was personal and heartfelt.

Regardless of the outcome of the recent vote, I am very grateful that our community had the chance to have this meaningful discussion. Together, I believe we can keep Cerritos great and make it even better!

Mark E. Pulido Cerritos Mayor

#### **Dear Editor:**

Cerritos Dog Areas: 5 overlooked possible dog runs.

#1)—South grass easement, along the south side of Sports Center complex, between the inner surface road and the concrete runoff ditch. 25Wx500D

#2)—Cerritos corporate yard off of Marquardt. Front curbside areas.

#3)—Vacant corporate holdings on 166 Street, to rear street to north.

#4)— Bloomfield Cerritos museum padfront yard areas.

#5)—Vacant hotel pad on Studebaker, along the 605/RR Bridge.

All of these are owned and maintained by the city of Cerritos, or abandoned RDA, & possible temporary dog runs could easily be installed in any one of these locations. None of them are adjacent to homes for noise violations or smell. Mooo, CCC has chased out dairy cows, please dont chase out dogs too.

JM Cerritos resident

### **Measure AA**

#### **Dear Editor:**

I will answer to Bonnie Sprague.

You do not realize that this city has a lot of senior citizens and the only income we have and depend on is our Social Security that amounts to almost nothing.

Living in this state the politicians think about how much money can they take from us.

To people that have the money \$200 dollars means nothing, but to me it is a lot of money and my property taxes keep going up.

We are still paying for that other bond that passed a few years ago and it has not been repaid yet.

My wife and I have been living in this city for 42 years and we had 4 kids and we put the kids through private school.

I never asked for help and kept paying taxes for the school.

If the district wants to fill the schools with kids from other areas go ahead and do it and you pay for them.

Or maybe you can ask Governor Brown for more money... he has plenty. Oh wait, he cares more about that train that will go to nowhere.

Remember he does not care to spend other peoples money for his dream.

Moses Cerritos

### LOU PILTZ MEMORIAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Lou Piltz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Activity Center at 13810 La Mirada Blvd. behind the Fire Station on Friday, January 30, 2015. Lou PIltz was a beloved and generous philanthropic man who served his community through Kiwanis for many years. His patriotism, philanthropy, and sense of humor were legend throughout the City.

The annual event is sponsored by the La Mirada Kiwanis Club with all proceeds donated to the La Mirada Meals on Wheels Program. A delicious spaghetti feast is served with garlic bread and salad. A variety of desserts are offered by the La Mirada Ebell Women's Club, and soft drinks and coffee are available. Entertainment and opportunity drawings fill out the evening.

Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 per person. Children under 6 are free. Everyone is welcomed and will share an evening of good food, entertainment and community spirit.



The Lou Piltz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Activity Center in La Mirada Friday, January 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

# La Mirada Father-Daughter Dance Scheduled for Feb. 6

This year's Father Daughter dance is "Valentines" themed and will be held on Friday, Feb. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the La Mirada Gymnasium.

This special event provides the perfect opportunity for fathers to bond with their daughters and enjoy a memorable night out. Fathers and daughters who attend will be in for a fun filled night of dancing and creating memories. In addition to music and dancing, there will be crafts, refreshments, and fun activities available.

Guests are encouraged to dress in any "Valentines" themed clothing or their favorite party outfit. There will also be a photo booth at the event to provide souvenir photos.

The cost is \$37 per couple with the cost of each additional daughter set at \$12. All girls ages 3-14 are encouraged to attend the dance with their fathers and be ready to dance the night away.

For more information or to sign up, please call La Mirada Community Services at (562) 943-7277.

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### Miss Bellflower Visits Tea Party

By Tammye McDuff

The Clifton M. Brakensiek Library in Bellflower held their annual Royal Tea Party on Saturday, January 17, 2015.

Bellflower Court allowed each child to create a King or Queens's crown of gold or silver with baubles and jewels.

Lauren Talbott, Library Manager stated, "this was an incredible event and the



Bellflower Queen Rachel Udabe with attendees at the Royal Tea.

Since 2009, members of the Miss Bellflower Court and Friends of the Bellflower Library have hosted the Royal Tea Party. This past Saturday the event attracted more than 90 people and over 60 boys and girls who came dressed as their favorite prince or princess.

Janna Enkhorn, Court Coordinator told HMG, "we saw that Miss Downey held a "Princess for a Day', and it was a wonderful event, but we wanted to include the boys as well. A royal tea party can do just that. The crowns for the craft are purposely non gendered and allows the child to personalize it to their own liking."

Each participant received a crown [for the boys] or a tiara [for the girls] upon entrance. An interactive craft with the Royal

first tea I was able to be a part of. We had a lot of kids and is was such fun!"

The Clifton M. Brakensiek Library has served the community of Bellflower for more than 80 years. The first branch was opened on March 11, 1914. The library moved four times until its present facility was dedicated on August 16, 1975, and named in honor of Clifton M. Brakensiek, MD, who donated the land on which the library is built.

The library is comprised of 141,177 books for adults and children, 6,491 audio recordings, 7,550 video recordings and 188 magazine and newspaper subscriptions including English and Spanish language magazines, and local and national newspapers.

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# **Woman's Club of Artesia/Cerritos to Host Cerritos City Council Candidates Forum**

The Woman's Club of Artesia Cerritos will be hosting a candidates forum for the upcoming Cerritos City Council elec-

The forum will be held on Feb. 25, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Cerritos City Hall Council Chambers. The forum will be televised on Cerritos TV3.

All 10 candidates have been invited and have been informed that there will be tact Gail Grossman @562-926-8487.

no prepared questions and all questions will be submitted from the audience and reviewed by members of the club.

All residents are invited and encouraged to come and listen to what these candidates have to say, because they will be representing you in the decision making process of affairs of the city.

For further information you can con-

### La Mirada Offers AARP Tax Assistance Program

the opportunity to receive free tax assistance with the AARP Tax Assistance Program.

It will be offered to seniors and lowincome community members at the La Mirada Activity Center. Taxpayers are asked to bring records of income and deductions including forms W-2, W2P, and IO99's, statements showing interest and dividends, a copy of last year's tax return, and any other pertinent records. Other in-

The City of La Mirada offers residents formation such as identification and proof of health insurance will also be needed.

> Income tax assistance for seniors will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and low-income residents' tax assistance will be on Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This program will begin Feb. 3 and end April 15.

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# LOCAL PROFILE: BELLFLOWER CITY MANAGER JEFF STEWART

By Tammye McDuff



"I had the opportunity to choose between a city in Orange County and the City of Bellflower; I chose the latter because I saw its potential." Jeff Stewart, City Manager of the City of Bellflower told HMG-CN in a recent interview.

Stewart's mission was to create and maintain efficient and economical programs that support the City.

"Bellflower Boulevard is becoming a success," states Stewart, "I spoke to the owner of Johnny Rebs last week and he is grossing almost a million dollars a year." The restaurant is such a success that a second restaurant will be opened in Huntington Beach. The newly opened Fronks restaurant is bringing just as much revenue. Stewart explains, "both of these places have been successful additions to the City."

"Obviously there is a process," notes Stewart, "but we working on a couple of new sites, and will be approaching Council in the next few weeks requesting proposal to fill some of the vacant buildings on the Boulevard."

One of the roles of a City Manager is to maintain viability of the City organization supporting morale and productivity while balancing personnel, departmental, organizational, and community demands with the City Mission.

Stewart has been able to do just that, "When I interviewed for this position, I noticed a disconnection between the counter, the public and how they interacted with one another," Stewart explains "We have brought that into alignment, and the city is well on its way to bringing into compliance many of our properties and making sure our zoning codes match what is happening within the City, and I am really proud of that."

The City Manager works under the broad policy guidance of the City Council, performing high level administrative, technical and professional work in directing and supervising the administration of the City.

With the addition of the soon to open Golden Corral, Stewart hopes to bring in regional and national attention to Bell-flower Boulevard.

The City was able to fund the project

by purchasing 17' of right of way allowing for the widening of the Boulevard from one lane into two.

Stewart states, "through a perfect storm of circumstances we were able to obtain the funding for Public Works to widen the street. And it helped fund the financial gap between the developer and the property owners."

The Golden Corral restaurant will generate 1,600 trips a day from customers, making it a target spot for Bellflower and surrounding areas.

A new LA County Fire Museum will break ground later this year with the completion expected in 2016.

New condominiums, the addition of mixed use establishment's, aspirations for the Railway Museum and the addition of two more movie nights and one more street faire will make Bellflower a point of destination.

Stewart is most proud of being able to put Bellflower on equal footing with the surrounding cities with the quality of development.

"I feel good that our city is in the game now. We have reestablished the Boulevard," Stewart notes "I can't take credit for all the improvements – I give that to my predecessor, but I have been able to harness the resources to move a bit faster."

### REVIEW: BILLY ELLIOT SHINES AT THE LA MIRADA THEATER

By Brian Hews

Years after it first swooned into audiences' hearts, 'Billy Elliot the Musical', now playing at the La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts with music by Elton John, book and lyrics by Lee Hall, musi-

cal direction by John Glaudini, choreography by Dana Solimando and directed by Brian Kite, is a rollicking fun musical that makes itself out as one of the best nights in town.

From tough miners to Tchaikovsky's

swans, it's a great story of hope.

The musical takes a miners' strike in Britain in 1984 as the backdrop to Billy's story. It is a tale of "manly miners" threatened by the 12-year-old Billy's effeminate

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Vicki Lewis (center) stars with the Ballet Girls in the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts/Mccoy Rigby Entertainment production of "Billy Elliot," choreography by Dana Solimando, directed by Brian Kite and now playing at La Mirada Theatre for The Performing Arts.





### **BILLY ELLIOT**

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attempts to express himself as a dancer.

Kline and company exploit that clash to the maximum. Whether you're laughing at dirty-mouthed ballerinas or miners in ballerina outfits, Billy Elliot is both a comedy and near-tragedy.

Billy is a motherless boy living with a loving but gruff father (David Atkinson) and his grandmother, (Marsha Waterbury).

He is portrayed by the more than capable Mitchell Tobin, who took over for Noah Parets a mere five days before the show. During one of the last rehearsals, Parets broke his arm.

The musical progresses from resistance by the father and his brother (Stephen Weston) to acceptance, when the whole town unites to help send Billy to London for his big audition.

After going from a boxing ring into a ballet class, Billy becomes tutored by his inspirational teacher, Mrs. Wilkinson (the adorable Vicki Lewis), who sees the great talent in Billy.

Wilkinson will fight anyone who gets in her way when it comes to Billy.

Several scenes in the musical were absolutely terrific. The ballet of men with chairs, fags (what a cigarette is called in Britain), and beer glasses is incredible.

Billy's pre-dementia grandmother entertaining Billy's 'bastard' of a dead grandfather was hilarious

The scene where a frustrated Billy slams a tap dance against an advancing line of police riot shields was extremely powerful.

And Billy's best friend, Michael (Jake Kitchin) illuminating the thrill of dressing up in his sister's clothes and making like Sophie Tucker in "Expressing Yourself" was a show stopper.

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### CRIME SUMMARIES Jan. 11-17

### **Cerritos**

There were 18 Part I felony crimes reported in Cerritos this past reporting period, a notable decline from the 27 reported the previous week. The following is a breakdown of crimes by category: seven residential burglaries; five grand thefts; five vehicle burglaries; and one auto theft. Deputies made four felony arrests, two misdemeanor arrests, and issued 91 traffic citations. The Sheriff's dispatch center also received a total of 174 calls for service, a considerable decrease from the previous week and somewhat fewer than the 2015 weekly average of about 205 calls.

#### **Residential Burglary:**

17400 block Caliente Ave (1/9-10): Victim heard noises outside of his bedroom while he was sleeping. When he shouted out he heard someone running from the house. He discovered later that the suspect pried open a kitchen window and stole his television from the living room. When the victim learned on 1/12 that the loss would be covered by his homeowner's insurance if he filed a report he called the Sheriff's Station.

**18900 block De Voss Ave (1/2):** Suspect pried open a rear kitchen window, ransacked the bedrooms and stole cash from a dresser drawer.

**16600 block Yvette Way (1/14):** Suspect entered through possibly unlocked dining room window and stole a purse.

**13700 block Aclare St. (1/15):** Suspect opened a possibly rear sliding door and stole four computers and PlayStation.

**11900 Eberle St. (1/15):** Suspect entered through unlocked garage door and stole a television and coins.

**16400 Midfield Ln. (1/16):** Suspect stole a computer from an unlocked garage.

12700 block Edgefield St. (Attempt, 1/18): Suspect removed several window screens but failed to gain access.

### Vehicle Burglary:

**16100** Indian Creek Rd. (1/13): Suspect ransacked and stole a garage remote control from a '93 Toyota parked on the driveway. There was no evidence of forced entry into the vehicle.

**300 Los Cerritos Center (1/14):** Suspect pushed open a window on a '99 Honda Civic and stole a backpack and GPS.

**239 Los Cerritos Center (1/14):** Suspect forced open the window on a '96 Honda Civic and stole laptop from the trunk.

11300 block Palm St (1/15): Suspect broke a window on a '08 Ford parked in driveway and stole a computer tablet.

11700 block Concord St (1/16): Suspect broke a window on a '05 Infiniti parked on the street and stole a golf club.

### Grand Theft:

**12700 block Cuesta St. (1/12):** Suspect stole tools from an unlocked truck's camper

parked in driveway.

**17500 Bloomfield Ave (1/12):** Two suspects entered the AT&T store, grabbed two display iPads and ran out.

**12700 block Center Court Dr.(1/15-16):** Victim reported the theft of a laptop computer from a conference room.

**17700 block Palo Verde Ave (1/15):** A watch was stolen during the victim's housewarming party.

**300 Los Cerritos Center** (1/15): Suspect stole five men's watches from a Nordstrom's display case.

#### **Grand Theft Auto:**

**10800 block Alondra Blvd (1/12):** Suspect stole a '96 Nissan Altima from a fitness center parking lot.

### **End of Year Crime Statistics**

Here is some very good news on the crime fighting front as 2014 comes to an end.

There was an almost 16 percent reduction in the nine categories of Part I crime tracked by the Cerritos Community Safety Division, including a nice decline in residential burglaries.

As regular readers of this weekly summary know, the Cerritos Sheriff Station deputies have made reducing residential burglaries their primary crime fighting focus over the past two years.

Deputies, aided by alert residents who have been willing to call when they see suspicious activity in their neighborhoods, made several good arrests of professional thieves who make their living preying on bedroom communities like Cerritos.

In 2012 there were 285 reported residential burglaries in our City and this past year the total was 183, a reduction of about 36 percent in two years.

### La Mirada

### Robbery:

An attempted robbery was reported on the 12800 block of La Mirada Blvd. One of two suspects demanded money and

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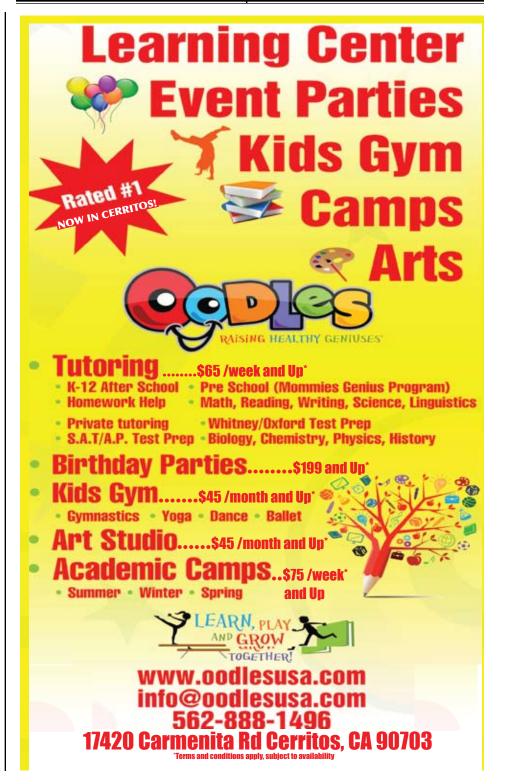
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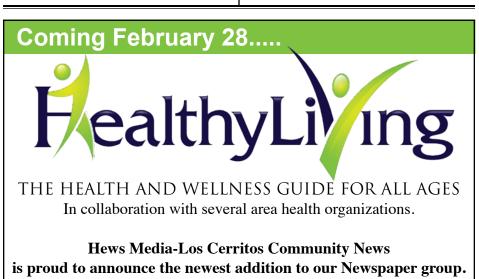
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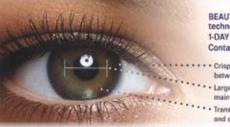
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before finally settling in the United States. His childhood was spent in Africa and Asia "picking up anything that slithered. crawled or hopped through the backyard." this is where his deep interest in understanding animals developed.

After studying photography in San Francisco, Pape decided to turn his passion for animals into something more serious and went on to attend Moorpark College: graduating with a diploma in Exotic Animal Training and Management.

Pape has managed marine parks and dolphin interactive programs in Antigua and Hawaii and worked for the Muenster Allwetter Zoo in Germany. Returning to the mainland. Pape has spent the last few years growing his reptile family to provide educational programs

Pape notes, "what makes our reptiles special is that they are all rescued animals. We are a family business and each one of these animals is a pet and part of our family."

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### ACADEMY LEAGUE BASKETBALL

### Whitney boys put a scare in league frontrunner, fade in second half

By Loren Kopff

If anything, the Whitney boys basketball team put league-leading Crean Lutheran on upset alert in the first half of its Academy League tilt last Saturday. The host Wildcats led throughout most of the first quarter and were down by no more than four points in the second quarter.

But Whitney struggled in the second half, hitting on only six field goals during that time and eventually lost to the Saints 60-44. Crean Lutheran entered the game as the ninth-ranked team in the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division IV-A poll as selected by its advisory committee.

"After our first opening week, we had two lousy games against Oxford Academy and St. Margaret's and since then, all I've been preaching is don't worry about the score," said Whitney head coach Ruben Guerrero. "Just play hard and be consistent at playing hard from beginning to the very end. And we're on the track for that, but it seems the third quarter is lousy for us right now."

The Wildcats (5-11 overall, 0-4 in league) had lost to Oxford Academy by 11 points before losing their next two league games by an average of 24.5 points. But against Crean Lutheran, which has just one loss on the season, the hosts led by four points twice within the first 77 seconds and again with 2:20 left in the first quarter on a bucket from freshman guard Heaven Flores.

The Saints took their first lead of the game as time was winding down in the stanza when Brett Kittelsen scored the last of his nine points through the first eight minutes. Although both teams combined to score 17 points in the second quarter, sophomore guard Ben Barnett tied the game at 24-24 with 46.1 seconds remaining. Seven seconds later, Tim Ghita gave Crean Lutheran a lead it would not relinquish the rest of the way.

In fact, the Saints began the second half with five straight points and after Flores connected on a free throw, the visitors from Irvine went on a 6-0 run to lead by 12 at 37-25.

"I told them when we came out from halftime, I don't care what the score is right now," Guerrero said. "To me it's 0-0 and [they] better start off the way we did in the first quarter. The energy was flat from the beginning and I called a quick timeout to try to get them going. It took them a little long to get going and eventually they picked it up. But it was too late."

Senior forward David Lu led Whitney with a career-high 10 points while senior guard Antony Thomas added eight points and grabbed nine rebounds. Lu became the 10th different player to reach double figures in scoring in a game this season as well as the 10th different player to lead his team in scoring in a game.

The Wildcats visited Brethren Christian this past Wednesday and will travel to Calvary Chapel Downey tonight to wrap up the first round of league action. Whitney will host Oxford Academy on Tuesday. Guerrero said the way his team played in the first half should send some message to the league as to not sleep on Whitney.

"Hopefully it says something to them," Guerrero said. "Hopefully it lets them know that if they're going to play us, it's going to be work. If they're going to beat us, it's not going to be easy."

Prior to the game, the Lady Wildcats were also in a close game with the Saints

throughout the first half. But Whitney managed only five points in the second half and succumbed to Crean Lutheran 33-16, giving the Saints their first ever victory over Whitney. The 16 points are the second fewest Whitney (6-8, 2-2) has scored this season but the team has held its first four league opponents to less than

Whitney never led in the game but kept the game close early on as the Saints led by no more than three points until Jordan Bishop scored on an offensive rebound with 1:09 left in the half. That was followed by a steal and basket from Annalynn Benson.

The Lady Wildcats, which had won 42 straight league games before falling to Sage Hill last Thursday, scored one point in the third quarter and that didn't come until the 2:13 mark. At that time, Crean Lutheran was leading 20-12.

Whitney, which turned the ball over 27 times leading to 17 steals from Crean Lutheran, was led by senior Shiraya Thompson's six points. It marked the first time since Dec. 17 that sophomore Nicole Lee, the team's leading scorer this season, did not lead her team in that department. Lee did grab five rebounds and have three steals while senior Tushara Govind had five thefts.

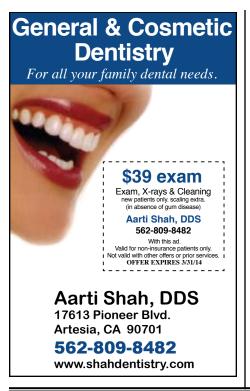
### OLYMPIC LEAGUE BASKETBALL

# Valley Christian boys rally from huge deficit but fall short against Village Christian

By Loren Kopff

It was looking pretty bleak for the Valley Christian boys basketball team early in the second quarter against Village Chris-

tian this past Tuesday night. Valley Chris-



tian was trailing the ninth-ranked team in the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division I-AA poll by 17

But, three of Village Christian's starters all picked up their third personal foul before halftime and were relegated to becoming cheerleaders for the final half of the second quarter. That's when Valley Christian made a courageous rally, which came up short in the end, 69-67. Valley Christian, which didn't take its first lead until the fourth quarter even led by three points with 1:49 left to play. But Village Christian went on an 8-3 run to thwart any upset bid.

"You have two good teams and both teams are going to make runs," said Valley Christian head coach Bryan Branderhorst. "We talked about that, even yesterday. There are going to be moments of adversity and things and you have to bounce back from those things. When you have a lot of guys who can make plays, there are going to be momentum swings.'

Valley Christian trailed by six points after the first quarter but also missed half a dozen free throws, which would be a major theme in the game. Village Christian then reeled off the first nine points of the second quarter to lead 30-15. But the

fouls were beginning to pile up for University of Southern California-signee Bennie Boatwright (game-high 20 points), Clifton Powell (14 points in the first quarter) and Kahlil Simplis (11 points).

Valley Christian would go on a 17-0 run with those three on the bench and just like that, the game was tied at 34-34 after junior power forward Vaj Rice connected on a free throw with 20.3 seconds left in the first half.

But Village Christian opened the second half on an 8-0 run and led by half a dozen points before the hosts closed out the final 1:47 of the third quarter with a nifty 9-3 run.

"The thing is, they don't drop off a lot in talent," Branderhorst said of Village Christian. "So, they were still coming. Certainly that was an important part in the game. It's unfortunate we could never get any of those guys on the bench for the fifth foul. But they play a lot of zone and try to hide those guys. And so it's hard to really pick on those matchups."

In this game of runs, it was Valley Christian's turn to make another one early in the fourth quarter and when Rice scored with 5:42 left in the contest, he had given his team its first lead at 55-53. That was followed by an offensive rebound and basket from junior power forward Ronald Massey, who was fouled with 5:01 left. Although he missed the free throw, a technical foul was called on Chris Love and junior point guard Stedman Bryant made both free throws. Rice ended the scoring spree with another basket to put Valley Christian up 61-53 with 4:52 remaining.

But Valley Christian went cold from the field the remainder of the game, missing its next four shots before sophomore forward Aaron Purnell drilled a three-pointer at the

Rice came off the bench to score a team-high 17 points and grab seven rebounds, five on the offensive side. Bryant added 15 points while Purnell pitched in with 11 points. But Valley Christian was 18 of 31 from the charity stripe while the visitors from Sun Valley missed four free

"It's a big deal; it's a really big deal," Branderhorst said. "We just try to tell the guys to relax and knock them down. But certainly we left a lot of points out on the free throw line tonight and we missed a couple of bunnies around the rim. We just have to keep getting better."

Valley Christian, ranked fourth in Divi-

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sion IV-A with Don Bosco Tech, dropped to 16-5 overall and 2-1 in the Olympic League. It was also Valley Christian's seventh straight loss to Village Christian. Valley Christian will visit Maranatha today to wrap up the first round of league play, then face Saddleback Valley Christian late Saturday night in the Brethren Christian

"We still believe that playing well wins and playing well matters," Branderhorst said. "It's not about adding up your talent. If that was the case, we wouldn't even play the game. It's a matter of doing things well and execution and attention to detail and effort and togetherness. We showed a lot of that tonight. We just have to be a little bit better."

Earlier, the Valley Christian girls found themselves playing catch-up for most of its game but faded really fast in the fourth quarter and lost to Village Christian 41-31. The setback puts Valley Christian, which has now lost two in a row, at 10-10 overall, 1-2 in league.

After Village Christian opened the game with five points, senior Kate Vande Vegte's three-pointer late in the opening stanza tied the game at 5-5. Valley Christian would lead just twice, the second coming half a minute into the second quarter on a three-pointer from junior Katy Feller.

That would be one of three field goals for Valley Christian in the second quarter with the last one being a three-pointer from junior Elexis Carr with 1:12 remaining before halftime. It wouldn't get much better in the third quarter as Valley Christian could only muster a two-pointer from sophomore Cheyenne McKinnie and another trifecta from Vande Vegte, who paced the hosts with eight points. Feller added seven points with six rebounds while senior Alex Fenderson grabbed seven boards and scored half a dozen points.

# Cerritos basketball squads end first round of Suburban League action on high note

By Loren Kopff

The Cerritos boys and girls basketball teams will be off today from the Suburban League and while the respective coaches will do some scouting, they'll also enjoy life at the top of the circuit. The boys had no problems with host Artesia in a 63-43 win this past Wednesday night while the girls cruised to another win of over 20 points.

The boys limited the Pioneers to three points in the second quarter as they led 31-12 at halftime behind the stellar play of senior guard Henry Buycks and junior guards Evan Leonard and Brandon Yoon, all of whom combined for 22 first half points.

Artesia tried to make it close in the third quarter with the scoring of senior post Dontae Smith, who scored eight of his 12 points in the stanza, and junior guard Semaje Chatman, who grabbed five of his eight rebounds in the quarter.

But the Dons (11-10 overall, 5-1 in league) went on an 11-0 run in the middle of the fourth quarter to put the game away. Leonard finished with 21 points, six rebounds and two of the teams' 10 steals. The last time Cerritos ended the first round of league play with a 5-1 mark was 2011. That season, the Dons went 8-4 in league play but advanced to the quarterfinals of the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section playoffs. If La Mirada beats Mayfair tonight, there will be a three-way for first place.



NEWS AND Notes from Press row

First place will be on the line when Cerritos

still be on the line when Cerritos travels to La Mirada on Wednesday as the second round begins. The Dons upset the Matadores 78-69 on Jan. 12.

Artesia freshman post Gary Williams also scored 12 points and pulled down seven rebounds and the Pioneers (10-9, 2-3) cleaned up the glass 34 times. Artesia will visit Bellflower today before returning to action at John Glenn on Jan. 30.

Before the boys took to the court, the Lady Dons barely broke a sweat in a 63-26 rout over the last place Pioneers. Cerritos, the eighth-ranked team in Division II-A, improved to 14-6 overall and 6-0 in the league. It's the first time the Lady Dons have gone through the first round on league action undefeated since 2008 and the fourth time this century. In addition, the six league wins have come by an average of 24.2 points.

Cerritos led 20-12 after the first quarter, then scored 20 more in the second quarter while Artesia was held scoreless. Senior guard Alyssa Movchan scored 10 of her game-high 17 in the first half while sophomore guard Cailey Vitug added seven of her 10 points in the first 16 minutes.

The Cerritos defense forced Artesia (4-15, 0-5) to turn the ball over 27 times and the Pioneers attempted 12 shots in the first half. Freshman Riley Woolf came off the bench to lead Artesia with seven points.

In other basketball action, the Gahr boys team improved to 15-4 overall and 3-0 in the San Gabriel Valley League following a 67-47 road win at Downey this

past Wednesday. The Gladiators, who are ranked third in Division III-AA, will host Dominguez tonight and Lynwood on Wednesday.

### **BOYS SOCCER**

Artesia routed Cerritos 5-1 this past Wednesday to win for the fifth time in 17 games this season. The Pioneers got two goals from sophomore midfielder Francisco Sierra and solo tallies from junior forward Steven Espinoza, sophomore forward Jorge Pantoja and sophomore midfielder Jose Ortiz. The win was Artesia's 25th straight over Cerritos, which had just snapped a 54-game winless slump in league action when it edged John Glenn 3-2 on Jan. 16. The last time Cerritos won a league game was Feb. 1, 2010, a 2-1 home triumph over Glenn. Since then, the Dons had gone 0-52-2 before the win over the Eagles.

Valley Christian routed Village Christian 11-2 this past Tuesday as sophomore forward Clay D'Amico found the back of the net seven times. The 11 goals are the most the Crusaders (5-7, 3-0) have scored in a league game since blanking then-league foe Brethren Christian 11-0 on Feb. 4, 2000.

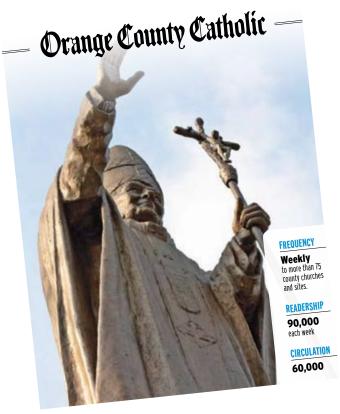
#### **GIRLS SOCCER**

The middle of the Suburban League continues to stay tight as Artesia and Cerritos played to a 2-2 tie this past Wednesday. Artesia had a 2-0 halftime lead on a pair of goals from freshman midfielder Brittany Llanes, who leads the team with nine goals. Cerritos got a goal from sophomore forward Tobechi Udeh midway through the second half and the equalizer in stoppage time.

Artesia stands at 6-4-5 overall, 1-2-2 while Cerritos is 10-3-3, 2-2-2 and both trail La Mirada and Mayfair, who each are 5-0 and play each other today. Norwalk could improve to 2-2-2 in league play with a home win over last place John Glenn today while Artesia visits Bellflower, which is 1-4 in league action.

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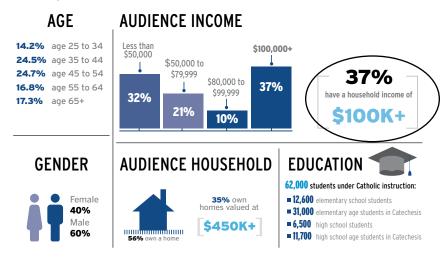


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### **PORTANTINO**

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Bauman, Chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party who told HMG-CN he was "emphatically not supporting him (Portantino)."

In the days after publishing the story, several other officials have come forward to HMG-CN saying they did not endorse Portantino.

HMG-CN will publish those names in a separate story.

The "Team Portantino" email to HMG-CN stated, "we are writing to request that you immediately retract the false and misleading story that ran in Los Cerritos News last week asserting that a campaign website with fabricated endorsements was posted for public review."

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The email indicated that the website was not public and that Portantino's campaign "did not know about it."

Sources told HMG-CN that a few city councilmembers told them that Portantino would go to local meetings sending officials to the website, even pulling it up on his phone, to show them all these "impressive" endorsements.

In addition, the bottom of the website stated, "paid for and authorized by Anthony Portantino for Senate 2016, ID# 1334175."

The email went on, "the draft homepage of the "mockup" was private and password protected. No one on Team Portantino knew that the long dormant satellite pages, including the one in question, were in any way available to the public or that they could be accessed without a password."

**GATEWAY CITIES** 

The HMG-CN investigation found that the website was indeed publicly accessible for a very long time and easily found by a "Portantino Endorsements" Google search.

HMG-CN Publisher Brian Hews said, "the page was public. Google crawled it and cached the site meaning it was public. I did a Google search, found it, and took screenshots. If it was private at the time, the search would have produced a login or password page. After the story published, Portantino pulled the site down and now a Google search of "Portantino Endorsements" takes you to a login page."

"Further," Hews stated, "after seeing the site, my website company said that was very elaborate for a mock-up. Website mock-ups use stock pictures and "Greek text." If the site was a mockup, they went through a lot of trouble to fabricate text that was very specific to the campaign. It is unheard of to pay a web designer to find pictures and related photos and come up with copy that's going to be thrown away."

The threatening email to HMG-CN contained several other demonstrably false statements.

In response to the story, Portantino initially claimed the web page was from his aborted 2012 run for State Senate.

In the email to HMG-CN, Portantino indicates the website is "years old."

However, the website in question contains Portantino's 2016 Campaign information.

Further the website also contains the current titles of individual politicians indicating it was created well after 2012.

Alan Lowenthal, who served in the State Senate until 2013 is listed by his current title of Congressman.

Still others, like Laurie Collins, are listed as "former." Collins only recently retired from the Santa Monica Conser-

The email then asserted, "these facts clearly and indisputably disprove the thesis of your story and establish, to the contrary, that the Portantino campaign never finalized, launched, promoted or intentionally posted the campaign website you reference. Again, the only person promoting and distributing this page is you (HMG-CN), not Team Portantino."

HMG-CN contacted a experienced publishing executive in Northern California who said, "what they have provided is an incomplete and unauthenticated series of allegations explaining how the page your story exposed came to exist and their incompetence in managing their affairs to avoid damage to Portantino's reputation."

The email then took on a more threatening tone, "moreover, to minimize the harm already caused by your inaccurate reporting we request that you immediately retract the false story. Should you not do so, you will be perpetuating a story with knowledge of its falsity and in reckless disregard for the truth. While we recognize that it is uncomfortable for a publication to admit inaccurate reporting, in this case making an honest disclosure of your error is the right thing to do, both legally and ethically. We encourage you to do so."

"There is nothing to retract," said Hews. "We acted in good faith based on the public endorsement page. Our allegations were reasonably drawn by the content of that page, backed up by the officials who came forward to refute the endorsements, and we have more coming."

Got to www.loscerritosnews.net to view supporting documentation.

### CRIME

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attempted to strike the victim. The suspects were last seen fleeing the location on foot. No injuries or loss was reported.

### **Other Structure Burglary**

A burglary occurred on the 15500 block of La Mirada Blvd. Cash was reported stolen from the business.

### **Grand Theft Vehicle**

- A van was reported stolen from the 14500 block of Rosecrans Ave. The vehicle was recovered the same day with minor strip damage.
- A trailer was reported stolen from the 15200 block of Alondra Blvd.
- A semi-truck was reported stolen from the 14000 block of Rosecrans Ave.
- A vehicle reported stolen from Industry Sheriff's Station jurisdiction was recovered at the corner of Adelfa Dr. and Alicante Rd. following a traffic stop. The driver was taken into custody.



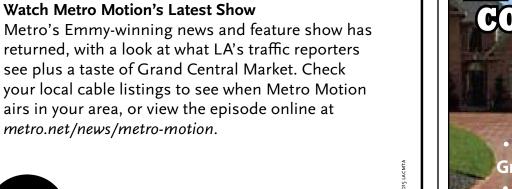
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### **VASQUEZ**

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in her district when she ran for the seat in 2012.

A letter from an investigator from the FPPC obtained by HMG-CN asked for several items related to the whistleblower case.

The investigator requested the "Agenda Packet, Agenda and Minutes for the October 9, 2004 meeting concerning the Oui Tam case."

He also requested "the date of the board vote to wave attorney-client privilege regarding the Qui Tam case."

Two other items that the investigator asked for, seemingly unrelated to the Qui Tam case but items that might point to a residency investigation, were "the date Vasquez was elected to the board and the date Vasquez took office."

Sources inside CB confirmed to HMG-CN that the FPPC asked for documentation signed by Vasquez attesting to her residency in Lynwood.

### **Illegal Vote Investigation**

In Oct 2014 HMG-CN exclusively obtained a legal opinion written by Paul Chan of the Los Angeles law firm of Bird-Marella, slamming CB Director Leticia Vasquez' October 9, 2014 vote to waive attorney-client privilege so the whistle-blower lawsuit filed in 2013 can go forward.

Chan was hired as legal counsel for Buchalter-Nemer, one of the defendants named in the whistleblower lawsuit.

Among other things, the opinion clearly warned Vasquez that she was financially conflicted, and should she or any of the 'legacy' Board members (Bob Apodaca, Phil Hawkins or Art Chacon) take a vote to waive privilege, they would be liable.

Chan said in the opinion, "We write to advise you that if the current board votes to waive the attorney-client privilege it is our view that such a waiver would be ineffective and that Leticia Vasquez' participation in such a vote would violate California law."

Chan went on to say, "Miss Vasquez has a direct personal and financial interest in advocating and voting for the district to waive its attorney-client privilege and is in violation of California Government Code 87100 which states, "no public official at any level of state or local government shall make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use her official position to influence a governmental decision in which she knows or has reason to know she has a financial interest"

Vasquez stands to make over \$2 million if successful in her lawsuit, filed against the very agency she was elected to serve two years ago.

According to a recent CB audit, the lawsuit has cost the agency over \$270,000 in fees as of June 2014.

That vote is now the subject of the FPPC investigation on Vasquez.

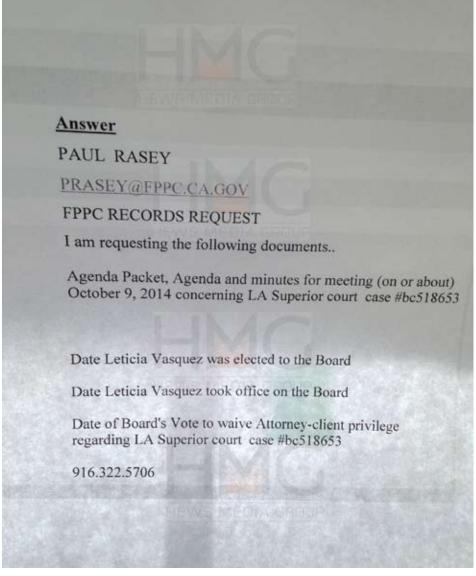
### Residency Investigation

The other items requested by the FPPC, the date which she was elected and the date she took office, point to a residency investigation, confirmed to HMG-CN by sources inside CB.

Since early 2013, HMG-CN has published several articles on CB about Vasquez and two other board members, Bob Apodaca and James Roybal.

Posting the stories in print and online garnered major attention in Vasquez' district and especially in the city of Lynwood where she resides.

Several residents who said they lived very near Vasquez told HMG-CN via email, phone, and posting comments on loscerritosnews.net that they rarely saw her at her house in Lynwood.



Letter from FPPC asking for documents related to the Oct. 9 whistleblower case and also other documents related to Central Basin Director Leticia Vasquez.

"She would only come by the house about once a week," a source that wanted anonymity said in an email sent to HMG-CN, "her family members live there, she does not, you need to investigate this."

Some accused Vasquez of living with her boyfriend, now husband, attorney Ron Wilson who lives in Central Los Angeles.

### **Past Issues**

Vasquez has been a lightning rod since she was elected as a CB Director in 2012.

Joining Directors Roybal and Apodaca, she formed a new majority and fired COO Chuck Fuentes and Assistant GM Ron Bielke, both who were looking into the now infamous \$2.5 million "slush fund"

In Feb. 2013 HMG-CN exclusively reported that Vasquez, who campaigned on ridding the troubled water district of corruption, received extremely heavy financial support from two individuals with substantial criminal backgrounds, Angel Gonzales and Rick Mayer.

Gonzales, who plead down from a felony to a misdemeanor was convicted on political corruption charges and Mayer is a convicted felon.

Vasquez declared paying her political campaign manager Gonzalez \$4,000 before the actual June 5, 2012 election and owing him another \$18,399.

Documents also showed that some of the \$31,146 she amassed came from the same special interest groups that she vigorously campaigned to root out.

Tom and Ron Calderon gave \$2,250 while Vasquez' own mailer criticized Tom Calderon for taking money from the CB-MWD.

### Pay-to-Play

With her new-found majority, she started handing out contracts to benefit longtime personal associates including Maurice Chenier, the law office partner of her husband Ron Wilson, and another close personal associate Jasmyne Cannick.

Chenier was hired as a special attorney and Jasmyne Cannick as a media consultant by the CB in early 2013 raising ire from Directors Chacon and Phil Hawkins.

CBMWD Director Art Chacon suspected that the two were awarded the lu-

crative work because of their close ties to Vasquez, telling Los Cerritos Community Newspaper in a series of interviews, "the District apparently has added yet another lawyer and for some unknown reason some sort of media relations specialist, whatever that means."

CBMWD Director Phil Hawkins was even more outspoken telling LCCN, "the very first board meeting, after she was elected, I said her whole plan was basically to hire all her (Vasquez) campaign team, friends, and relatives and put them on staff so they would be ready for her next campaign, and it is all coming true now."

Hawkins went on to say that, "for no reason they fired our attorney, COO, and assistant manager, now its time to fill those positions with her cronies."

### Pacifica Services

When Vazquez voted to fire Fuentes and Bielke earlier in the year, the firing stopped an investigation by the two into 8 no-bid contract extensions worth over \$5 million given to Pacifica Services and its CEO Ernie Camacho.

The vote was 3-2, with longtime member Bob Apodaca, who is related by marriage to Pacifica's CEO Ernie Camacho, Vasquez and James Roybal voting to terminate.

According to California State Conflict of Interest disclosure filings, Roybal, Vasquez and Apodaca have accepted tens of thousands of dollars in campaign donations from Pacifica Services and another firm MLJ Property Management that is located at the same address as Pacifica in Pasadena.

HMG-CN confirmed that MLJ is the first initials of Ernie Camacho's three children, Michael, Lisa and Jeffery, who gave \$5,000 each to Roybal and Vasquez.

### Removed New General Manager

In July 2013 Vasquez, Roybal and Apodaca formed a committee to "evaluate" new CB General Manager Tony Perez immediately after Perez suspended contracts with Pacifica.

Perez determined that the 8th amendment effective June 25, 2012 provided no additional board approved funding and that since November 2012, Pacifica was being paid for work that the elected board

had not voted to fund.

According to sources familiar with Pacifica and the CBMWD, that is when the process to fire Perez started.

### **Stop Pacifica Lawsuit**

In August Vasquez, Roybal and Apodaca along with retired GM Art Aguilar, purposely attempted to sink their own District's case against Pacifica Services.

At a Special Board meeting attended only by Roybal, Apodaca, and Vasquez, the three inexplicably fired its legal counsel, Grant Burton, who has been successfully litigating the District's case against Pacifica.

Director Phil Hawkins, who represents the Cerritos area, stated that the "Roybal Three" have "no logical reason" to fire Burton and his firm Cohen & Burge LLP.

"Grant retired recently after more than 20 years with Metropolitan Water where he served as their in-house litigator. He has shown to be successful in proving CBMWD's case to the court. Grant is the best of the best and he was winning our case as evidenced by the court rejecting Pacifica's request to throw the case out on December 30th. This shows we have a great case against Pacifica, the firing makes no sense at all, unless you look at the contributions," Hawkins told HMG-CN in an interview.

### **Vasquez Shakedown Meeting**

In March 2014, HMG-CN was first to report that Vasquez sent a "personal friend" to represent her to secretly negotiate a "yes" vote for settlement in favor of the Pacifica Services lawsuit.

Sources inside Pacifica confirmed that Vasquez' representative met in Pasadena at least twice to broker the vote from Vasquez.

CB's suit against Pacifica was potentially worth upwards of \$5 million to the agency. According to sources, Pacifica may not have possessed the necessary California State License to contract with public agencies while doing work for CB. If that was the case, fraud may have been committed by Pacifica and CB could sue for the entire \$5 million.

### Leaked a Federal Subpoena

Sources are also telling HMG-CN that Vasquez is under investigation for allegedly leaking a federal subpoena related to former GM Art Aguilar.

HMG CN obtained through a public records request copies of a Central Basin Municipal Water District subpoena given to the Metropolitan Water District during public comments by political activist Lorraine Cervantes, that showed the subpoena Cervantes gave out was altered.

Cervantes, a good friend of CBMWD Director Leticia Vasquez, told HMG-CN that she "went down to the courthouse and got the documents," a statement now confirmed to be an obvious lie.

According to sources inside CBMWD, only two people were given the original subpoena; Director Vasquez and Director James Roybal.

Only Vasquez knows Cervantes. Vasquez and Cervantes previously worked together.

Vasquez refused to answer direct questions about how Ms. Cervantes obtained the forged subpoena.

"We'll see where this investigation goes, said CB Director Art Chacon. "We got that letter from the law firm saying that her vote was illegal, yet her Roybal, and Apodaca voted to waive the attorney client privilege for the whistleblower lawsuit, now the FPPC is asking for documents related to that vote. This does not look good for Vasquez."

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER EDDIE FRANKLIN JR.

EDDIE FRANKLIN JR.
CASE NO, BP159029
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of EDDIE FRANKLIN JR.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANDRE V. FRANKLIN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANDRE V. FRANKLIN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate

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personal representative to administer the council 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: 02/09/15 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES,

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

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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 ERIC S. HARTMAN, ESQ.

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APN: 7022-017-023 T.S. No. 011818-CA NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to CA Civil ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 7/14/2009. 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 On 2/16/2015 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 7/23/2009, as Instrument No. 20091116796, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: PO-CHUNG BILL CHIEN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY AND YING CHIU CHIEN, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATED PROPERTY, AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIA-TION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13914 ROSE ST CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA 90703 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 held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the prosession, continuon, or cummanics, including less, changes and expenses of the Tritiste and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured 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: \$258,980,33lf the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 derivered to the undersigned a written Dectaration of Default and Definant of 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 lien, 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. 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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA AS PERMAP RECORDED IN BOOK 792, PAGE(S) 98-100, IN-CLUSIVE OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTYRECORDER OF SAID COUNTY

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The 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 the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENamount may be greater on the day of sale. BEN-EFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): ROB-ERT K. SMITH, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 9/25/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2124041 of 9/25/2006 as instrument No. 09 21/24041 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 2/5/2015 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in the Vineyard Ballroom Amount of unpaid balance Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in the Vineyard Ballroom Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$625,218.95 The purported property address is: 16807 OUTRIGGER CIR, CERRITOS, CA 90703 Assessor's Parcel No.: 7016-023-069 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, 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. 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The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee, at Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptey, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 411 Ivy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Liene 1800.000.000. a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: http: www.qualityloan.com Reinstatement Line 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service TS No.: CA-10-395290-CL IDSPub #0075496 1/9/2015 1/16/2015 1/23/2015

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Sale No. 05-FSL-133637 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFER-ENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS ENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/12/006. 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. AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. I On February 13, 2015, at 11:00 AM, by the fountain located at 400 Civic AM, by the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, in the City of Pomona, County of Los Angeles, State of CALIFORNIA, RTS Pacific, Inc., a Washington corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by Jennifer Jiae Lee, a married woman as her sole and separate property, as Trustors, recorded on 12/29/2006, as Instrument No. 06 2899864, modified under Instrument No. 20110742084, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County. office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, or cashier's check (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) without warranty express or implied as to title, use, possession or encumbrances, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it as such Trustee, in and to the following described property situated in the aforesaid County and State, to-wit: TAX PARCEL NO. 7023-006-033 From information which the Trustee deems reliable information which the Trustee deems reliable but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 13522 Carnaby Street, Cerritos purported to be 13522 Carnaby Street, Cerritos, CA 90703. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$642,498.26 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, voy should ing bidding on this property lien, 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 the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear own-ership 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 the county recorder's office or a tittle 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 no present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether

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Kappagantu; Austin Yang and Ethan Yang. First place winners of the 2015 Art contest are Sudheera Polu; Eileen Kang; Sriya Kappagantu and Zurie Joseph.

Each art piece or essay entry needed to represent the theme of "Everybody Can Be Great, Because Anybody Can Serve." Contest entry forms were available through the Cerritos Library and the City's website. Completed entries were dropped off the Cerritos Library's Children's Help Desk, with selected entries displayed at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ceremony. Selected authors were invited to present their entry during the ceremony and selected art entries are currently on display at the Cerritos Library through February.

The writing contest was open to students in grades seven through 12. Participants submitted one writing entry, which could have been a poem or an essay with no more than 300 words.

Winners of the 2015 Martin Luther King Jr. Essay contest are third place Han Mai and Kyle Sheu. Second place winners are Emily Chae and Joanne Robielos with first place ribbons going to Aline Pham and Gabriel Garcia.

### **BELLFLOWER**

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Therapy Council [CAMTC]. Certificates were issued to the CAMTC to qualified applicants to practice massage therapy anywhere within the State, without having to comply with local rules or regulations.

In 2011 Assembly Bill 619 and in 2012 Senate Bill 1238 amended various provisions of Business and Professions Code, further limiting the City's ability to regulate massage establishments. In September 2014, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 1147, which returned to authority to



los cerritos community newspaper strictly regulate massage establishments.

According to staff reports, a new State law took effect on January 1, 2015, which changes how a City can regulate massage establishments.

Reports from other California cities show the enactment of prior State laws has had an unintended consequence of the proliferation of illicit massage establishments that are fronts for prostitution and may also be involved in sex trafficking.

The proposed ordinance would impose a 45-day interim moratorium on the issuance of any permits, licenses, tax certificates, approvals, or entitlements for new massage establishments or the relocation of massage establishments as defined in the Bellflower Municipal Code.

Staff stated it was urgent the City undertake a review of current massage regulations in order to determine how current City regulations may need to be revised in order to be consistent and compliant with State law, while still providing local control with ample regulations for the establishment, use, and operation of businesses offering massage services.

The City of Bellflower had two massage establishments in 2008 and currently has 20 such establishments. The City regularly receives complaints of illicit activity occurring at some of these establishments, therefore requiring a higher level of examination and enforcement.

The City has found that a number of local massage establishments have advertised or received online reviews of adult entertainment which strongly suggest illegal and illicit activities.

The City has initiated action through the citation process against these establishments, owners and operators. The over-saturation of these establishments have been found in violation of the law, changing the character of the neighborhoods and impacting surrounding businesses.

Staff was directed to study appropriate modifications to the City's massage and zoning ordinances in order to mitigate any negative effects from these massage establishments.

Pending the completion of these studies, Staff will establish appropriate operational and zoning regulations. This was met with a unanimous agreement from the Mayor and City Council.

### **FAMILY FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION INFO MEETING**

(Carson, CA) Caring, Compassionate, Child-focused, Concerned and Comforting. Is this how you "C" yourself? If so, Children's Bureau invites willing adults to become a resource family to children in foster care while reunifying with birth families or provide legal permanency by adoption if needed. There are approximately 64,000 children in foster care in California. Los Angeles County's foster care population exceeds 21,000 children with 450 foster children waiting to be connected to a family who will adopt.

Each day, Children's Bureau Resource Parents say: "I protect and nurture children," "I meet children's developmental needs," "I support children's relationships with their birth families," "and I do all this as a member of a professional team." Discover if you have the willingness, ability and resources to take on the challenge! Help these children find the love, stability and support only a family can provide.

Individuals (single or married), who are interested in helping children find the love, stability and support a family can provide, please contact Children's Bu-

reau. Our monthly information meeting is being held Saturday, Feb. 14th from 10:00 a.m. – Noon at Children's Bureau's Carson office located at 460 East Carson Plaza Drive, Suite 122, Carson, CA 90746. Qualifying families receive training, certification and support. For more information, call (213) 342-0168, (800) 730-3933 or visit the website www.all4kids.org.

Children's Bureau, established in 1904 to protect children, began providing adoption services in the 1940's in response to the increased need of finding homes for World War II refuge children and war orphans. Today, we help 500 at-risk children in caring foster homes and finalize over 100 adoptions each year. For 110 years, Children's Bureau has been a nonprofit leader in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. More than 28,000 children and families are helped each year throughout Southern California with services that include school readiness, parenting classes, family resource centers, support groups, mental health counseling, foster care, foster-adoption and more.

### LA PALMA-CERRITOS ANNUAL FUNDS LUNCHEON

The La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will have their Annual Funds Luncheon on Saturday, February 21, 2015, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the the home of Carol Marsh, at 5092 Cadiz Circle in La Palma.

For a donation of \$25.00, members and guest will enjoy a delicious lunch including Mimosas.

They will also have the opportunity to participate in a Silent Auction of slightly used Bags and Blings donated by AAUW members.

All funds raised will designated for AAUW Funds which will be explained in more detail by guest speaker Sharon Westafer, Funds Chairman for the State of California AAUW.

Funds raised at the luncheon could benefit five different areas of AAUW Funds.

These include Fellowships for women

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