



## Nursing Facility in Norwalk Hit With Elder Abuse Lawsuit

By Brian Hews

The Long Beach law firm of Garcia, Artigliere & Medby has filed a lawsuit against North Walk Convalescent Hospital, a skilled nursing facility in Norwalk, Life Care Centers of America, Inc., and the facility's Administrator Trent Weazer for elder abuse, negligent hiring and supervision, assault and battery, and fraud.

The facility is located at 12530 Rosecrans in Norwalk and the lawsuit was brought on behalf of Rudy Rivera.

Life Care Centers operates skilled nursing facilities in 25 states across the U.S.

Its website touts the Norwalk facility as a "Convalescent Hospital that focuses on 24-hour skilled nursing and rehabilitation care for inpatients and outpatients. Patients and residents work with our teams to create personalized care plans based on individual needs and goals."

The lawsuit alleges that Rivera was sexually assaulted in his room by a male nurse named "John", an employee with poor performance issues and known aggression propensities.

Another staff member witnessed the assault and immediately reported it to Mr. Weazer.

The lawsuit then states that Weazer and others took no action and that the defendants engaged in a scheme to conceal the assault including the Director of Nursing Gemma Degracia, Administrator Michael Ktemer, Forrest Preston, J. Stephen Ziegler, Beecher Hunter, and others.

It was days later that the facility contacted the police, an investigation ensued, and "John" was ultimately fired.

The lawsuit further alleges that understaffing was a chronic problem and that the officers, directors, and/or managing agents meaningfully disregarded issues even though they "knew the understaffing could, would and did lead to unnecessary injuries to residents."

The facility has been the subject of over 30 complaints since 2011 according to the website Carepathways.com. The website listed all complaints investigated by the state inspectors that were subsequently "substantiated."

In Dec. 2012, an inspection revealed that the facility failed to develop and im-

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## Norwalk High School Marching Band Wins Musical Sweepstakes Award in Lynwood Christmas Parade



**Norwalk High School Band won the hearts of the judges, taking home the parade's Musical Sweepstakes Award. It is estimated that more than 15,000 people attended this year's Lynwood Candy Cane Lane Parade.**

LYNWOOD, CA – Out of more than 80 entries in the City of Lynwood's 93rd annual Candy Cane Lane Parade, Norwalk High School won the hearts of the judges – taking home the parade's Musical Sweepstakes Award.

Bands from Lynwood, Willowbrook, Dominguez and Los Angeles schools shined in their parade performances as well, but Norwalk took the cake as the highest scoring band in the parade.

It is estimated that more than 15,000 people attended this year's Lynwood Candy Cane Lane Parade. Among the entries were an array of special guests, including Grand Marshal, Carlos Alvarez of Super Estrella FM 107.1.

Lynwood High School's Drill Team took home the parade's Drill Team Sweepstakes Award, and Waste Resources Inc., went home with the Float Sweepstakes

Award for creatively entering one of their flatbed trucks and filling it with giant holiday inflatables, along with a banner that wished parade-goers Happy Holidays.

Merengue Ocho, a local dance company, took home the Hometown Award for best local entry in the parade.

Judging was officiated by Pageantry Events, experts in organizing large parades. "The line-up in this year's parade was excellent," said Mark Flores, interim director of the City of Lynwood's Recreation and Community Services Department. "We didn't expect so many entries, but it feels good when groups and bands and organizations from other communities want to be in our parade. Our parade may take place in Lynwood, but it's all inclusive. It's a hometown parade where everyone is welcome."

## LUIS MARQUEZ SWORN IN AS DOWNEY'S MAYOR

By Tammye McDuff

Luis Marquez has been representing Downey District 1 as member of the Downey City Council since November 2008 and with a unanimous vote Mayor Pro-Tem Luis Marquez was voted in as Downey Mayor for 2015.

Senator Tony Mendoza, of the 32nd District administered the Oath of Office to Marquez, at the last Downey Council meeting of 2014. Mendoza stated what

an honor it was to be able to swear in his childhood friend Marquez. "We grew up a few blocks away from each other in a really tough neighborhood and to be standing here with him today makes me proud to call him friend." Mendoza continued, "sometimes, as a public servant you have to deal with conflict, but a man like Luis Marquez has been able to overcome adversity and divergence, working for com-

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## Lakewood Education Foundation Event Raises \$42,000

By Rico Dizon

The Lakewood Education Foundation raised a record \$42,243 at its 12th anniversary celebration that took place at Monte Verde Park this past month.

The funds, which came from 106 grants, were distributed to Lakewood teachers' classroom improvements and other educational enhancement programs.

Recipients from 21 Lakewood schools included those in ABC, Bellflower and Long Beach Unified School Districts along with St. Pancratius and Bethany Lutheran Schools.

"This was the year of the tablet," said LEF co-founder Lakewood Mayor Todd Rogers. "Lots of teachers requested learning enrichment activities and remote control of educational power point presentations, while walking around their classrooms to see how individual students

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## Baseball Legend Receives Downey Mayor's Healthy Heart Award

By Tammye McDuff

Anthony Nomar Garciaparra, a former Major League Baseball player and current ESPN analyst was honored with the Mayors Healthy Heart Award at the December Downey Council meeting.

Mayor Fernando Vasquez introduced Garciaparra as a noble leader, a great athlete, member of the 1992 Olympic Baseball Team and a St. John Bosco High School graduate. Vasquez noted, "tonight's recipient of the Mayors Healthy Heart Award, is a local boy who has risen through the ranks and succeeded." Vasquez described Garciaparra as a man of conviction and values, who really believes in doing the 'right thing' for the city and for local youth.

The Downey Council invited two gentlemen from Garciaparra's youth to for his introduction, President of St. John Bosco High School, Paul Escala and Patrick Mc-Morrow, Math professor.

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# NLMUSD 'Toy Shop' Brightened Season for Families in Need

MORE THAN 100 FAMILIES RECEIVE GIFTS FOR CHILDREN.

Elizabeth, a mother of four young children attending Norwalk-La Mirada Unified schools, almost didn't have the opportunity to surprise her kids with gifts this Christmas. Newly on her own and struggling financially, her story represents the challenges some families may face this holiday season.

It's the reason the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District six years ago created the inaugural Toy Shop event, to al-



A parent receives help wrapping toys for her kids at the annual McKinney-Vento Education Program's Toy Shop at the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District.

low families to hand-pick gifts for their own children. On Dec. 18, more than 100 families had the opportunity to choose from hundreds of presents to give to their kids this holiday. At the same time, parents received help wrapping gifts and were treated to breakfast and other community-building activities.

"This event is wonderful," Elizabeth said as a volunteer helped wrap gifts for her boys. "If not for this, I wouldn't have had been able to buy presents."

The McKinney-Vento Program serves about 500 District families in transition — those who live in motels or with others because they have lost their homes.

"This gives the parents a chance to enjoy the holidays without worry and helps them build memories with their kids," said McKinney-Vento Program Coordinator Rosa Barragan. "For a few hours, they can just focus on celebrating the season."

A one-stop resource center, McKinney-Vento provides families with community agency referrals according to their individual needs in a manner that helps them navigate the bureaucratic maze to get the services they need when they need them.

"McKinney-Vento has been a lifeline for so many students and their families," said NLMUSD Interim Superintendent Ginger Shattuck. "With this event, we try to do more than provide gifts for kids who might have gone without; we are also hoping to relieve some of the burden of their circumstances from the parents, for whom this time year can be especially stressful."

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is a federal law that provides states with funding to ensure educational stability and support for homeless children, youths and their families.

Barragan said gifts for about 350 children were donated by District faculty, staff and administrators as well as community partners such as the Office of Assemblyman Ian Calderon, Girls' Soft Pitch of Norwalk and CareFirst.

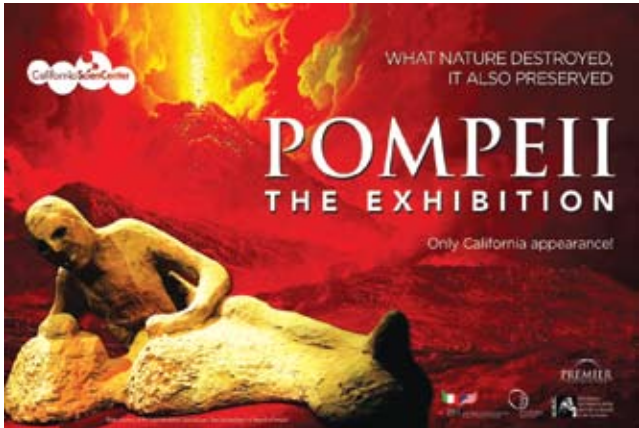
"I want to thank our communities, our partners and our staff for making the season a little brighter for our families," said NLMUSD Board of Education President Jesse Urquidi. "It's so important that in times of need, we lean on one another and support each other."

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## CERRITOS VOTERS TO DECIDE PROPOSED HOTEL BED TAX INCREASE

Cerritos voters will vote on a measure to increase the Cerritos hotel bed tax to 12 percent in the General Municipal Election on March 3. Information on the proposed rate increase will be mailed to all residents in mid- to late January.

The Transient Occupancy Tax (also known as a hotel bed tax) is charged on the cost of hotel rooms, such as the Sheraton Cerritos, and affects only Cerritos hotel guests. The hotel bed tax increase would assist in recovering expenses for providing general City services, including police, library and park services.

Since 1983, the hotel bed tax in Cerritos has been 6 percent, one of the lowest rates in California. On par with the average charged by other Southern California cities, the proposed 12 percent tax rate is expected to bring the City's total bed tax revenue to \$914,200 annually. Under Proposition 218, the proposed increase requires majority approval by the voters.

For more information, call the Cerritos City Clerk's Office at (562) 916-1248.



# COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE HUGO ARGUMEDO HOLDS FUNDRAISER



Commerce City Council candidate Hugo Argumedo (center with suit on) held a fundraiser this past week. Central Basin Water Directo Arturo "Art" Chacon, former Councilwoman and Mayor of Commerce Sylvia Munoz, former Councilmember and Mayor of Commerce Jesus Cervantes and over 150 Commerce residents attended the event. Photo by Fernando Chacon.

# ST. IRENAEUS GIVING TREE PARTIES

By Edna Ethington

Health Ministry members of St. Irenaeus Church in Cypress started working on their Annual Giving Tree Community Outreach Project early in November. The project depended on the assistance of many people to successfully share the Christmas Spirit with others.

The Health Ministry purchased 400 large brown paper bags and enlisted the help of the students, teachers and staff members of St. Irenaeus School to decorate them festively as gift bags.

The students decorated the bags artistically with a variety of Christmas decora-

Teams of Health Ministry members brought the gift bags to each of the Care Centers on designated days. They were joined by parishioners and members of the St. Irenaeus Adult Choir who sang carols and other holiday songs

Health Ministry member Grace Francis arranged for different men to help give the gift bags to the residents of the Care Centers dressed as Santas. Parishioners Tom Nagle and John Lewallen volunteered to be Santas. Grace's husband Ken and her grandson, Troy Kissell, were also Santas for a few days and helped deliver gift bags to each resident. At Knott Manor, Santa Troy was joined by his mother, Lucy Kis-



Pictured, at center, is St. Irenaeus parishioner Santa John Lewallen waving as he walked the hallways of Karlton Care Center in Anaheim delivering gift bags to bedridden residents. Photo by David Ethington.

tions and drawings.

The 400 bags were prepared to be given as gifts for homebound parishioners and residents of five Care Centers.

The Anaheim Terrace in Buena Park, Knott Avenue Manor in Buena Park, Karlton Care Center in Anaheim, Knott Avenue Care Center in Buena Park, and Sunrise Assisted Living in La Palma were all recipients of the gift bags.

After Thanksgiving Day, parishioners were asked to help fill the 400 gift bags with suggested items for men and women. Parishioners responded generously and filled the 400 bags with their gifts in time for distribution during the week of December 12-19.

Parishioners were also invited to join Health Ministry members in singing carols and other holiday songs and help distribute the gift bags at the Giving Tree Christmas Party at the Care Centers.

sell as Mrs. Claus, and his son Kingston Kissell as an elf. Grace then had four generations of her family all helping at the Manor Christmas party.

The fifth and last Giving Tree Christmas Party at Sunrise Assisted Living in La Palma was extra special because Mrs. Cathy Corkhill's Sixth Grade Class at St. Irenaeus School made blankets themselves for the residents and delivered them in person. They also joined in singing Christmas carols and songs with parishioners and some of their parents. The residents were overjoyed with their special gifts and loved seeing and hearing the students sing.

The Health Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped to reach out to the residents of the Care Centers by donating gifts, singing songs, and helping to deliver the gift bags to residents and the homebound parishioners.

# Profile: La Mirada Council Candidate Ed Eng

**Editor's note:** HMG-CN inadvertently left Mr. Eng's bio out of last week's expose on La Mirada City Council candidates.

Eng has lived in La Mirada for over 24 years. His wife Cathy, a tenured teacher, and Eng have one son Brandon, who is a La Mirada High School senior.

Eng has served the community as a youth basketball coach, an education advocate and Chairman of the city's Community Services Commission.

Prior to his current position as the Executive Director of the Economy and Efficiency Commission for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Eng held several executive positions at the Los Angeles Times including Director of New Business Development, and Vice President/Los Angeles Regional President.

Before joining the Los Angeles Times, he spent 15 years in the Utility industry mostly at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) in various management positions including Senior Marketing Manager and Project Manager.



LM Council candidate Ed Eng.

Eng earned his Bachelor's of Science Degree from UCLA and was a registered professional engineer in the state of California.

He received his first Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from California State University of Los Angeles, and his second Masters' Degree in Business Administration from Pepperdine University, with an emphasis in strategy formulation.



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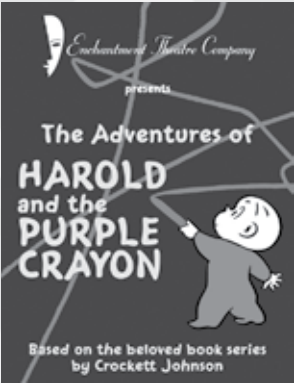
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Letters to the Editor

Yes on AA, the Right Way

The proponents of Measure AA had the keys to the kingdom. A well performing school district by most measures, labor peace, a well educated electorate, growing economy, and well stocked campaign treasury.

Almost everyone who spoke at the ABC school board meetings spoke in favor of the bond. So how could it fail?

Was it the stupidity of the ABC voters listening to the purported lies of the Anti-bond group and hiding the truth from an educated majority?

Or perhaps we blame the consultants who led a community effort composed primarily of employees and took a biased

survey. A survey that made you seem like an idiot if you didn't support a bond.

Maybe it was a cynical electorate who wanted payback for being ignored by a board after it was consulted at numerous community meetings about the redistricting – only for the district to vote on a map that had never been seen at those community meetings.

As Mr. Riley stated, we can analyze this to death but we must learn from this failure to find our way forward.

Do we need a bond? Quite frankly, yes. California will never fund schools sufficiently to meet the demands of the new economy our kids live in. If we want our kids to keep up with the technology, like any business, we must invest. To keep our kids safe, yes, we need to spend money to fix traffic issues surrounding our busy schools.

But we also must listen to the majority.

Democracy works—but our district is made up of more than just the narrow subgroup of people in Cerritos interested in property values and kids. I have a Cerritos home and a daughter so that is my interest.

Selfishly, I had a big stake in its success because my 11 year old daughter would benefit from school monies.

But what about the limited income Senior in Lakewood whose taxes were going up? Were they part of the group we listened to? Or a struggling business in Hawaiian Gardens. Did they understand that this specific tax could benefit them with educated employees? We need to listen to them.

I think this majority was telling us that the bond was too high. I don't care if we compared the cost of the bond to a cup of coffee at Starbucks—I don't buy coffee at Starbucks because it is too expensive. You can't offer to paint the school new fancy colors if seniors are having a hard time painting their home or low income people are losing their homes because they can't pay the mortgage. You can say you are investing. But what are you investing in?

It is hard to convince people to add to their expenses for some general idea of improvement. You need to tell us how it will specifically improve their school.

A specific debt should fund a specific project because it comes out of MY specific pocket. You shouldn't create a huge wish list of projects—then tell us that we cannot build these projects because the bond isn't big enough. Instead of a list where every elementary school has a new theater (whether they renovated it or not in the last year) and new track and new paint we should have a principled needs analysis comparing needs across the schools.

We shouldn't borrow for 30 years to paint the house or to fix a crack- particu-

larly when the voter themselves can't get a loan to fix their own home. The problem of deferred maintenance took many years to accumulate and unfortunately it will take many years to fix. A bond is not the appropriate way to fix this.

A business borrows money to invest in the future. Lets treat our bond like an investment with a required rate of return. The Return on Investment should include things which will affect student scores, safety, Technology, and other community concerns.

Everyone would love a new paint job—but does that improve the spirits of our children and results in a better score? Does that paint job prepare our kids better than a science, technology, engineering and math center? Inspire me with our financial partnerships with regional businesses seeking kids with these skills. Are the computers out of date or the classrooms configured for the last Century—then address the issue of obsolescence by shortening the term of the bond. (which might increase short term cost and limit the other projects).

While we are at it address the fear exploited by the “liars” that the funds won't be used for increased salaries. No, don't just tell us that the law prevents it—I'm a lawyer so I know these tricks. List projects that would not normally be within the school's annual capital maintenance budget- this way there is no substitution of bond monies for the annual maintenance budget thus providing extra room for inordinate raises. (by the way, I think the wage increases protections on this bond are far greater than the wage increases Cerritos could experience after raising water rates over 100% in seven years—but I digress)

We need to learn from our past. Some people hung on the rumor that previous bond funds were wasted and that the district was not disclosing everything.

Perhaps the new bond addresses the distrust of government by providing enhanced public procedures and document preservation so that future generations can see clearly what we did. Instead of a bare-boned bond oversight committee-mandated by the State Law, perhaps we create a committee with more teeth to enforce the intent of the people.

Don't cynically tell me that some people can never be satisfied. I know that if we listen to the majority of the entire district and treat them with respect and information, I have faith that we can move forward with a good investment in our future. We have two years to do this. Let's not waste another moment.

Ernie N.

Guest Opinion

Latinos Should Make A New Year's Resolution Not To Remain Silent

BY ALBERT ROBLES  
CARSON CITY COUNCILMAN  
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News stories that will unfortunately carry into 2015 will be the ill treatment of African-Americans by our justice system.

While everyone is outraged at the injustice, particularly deafening is the silence of Latinos at rallies demanding justice.

While every racial, ethnic and demographic group is guilty of screaming louder for their injustices than the injustices suffered by others, it seems Latinos are more hypocritical. For example, (1) Latinos were silent when the fundamental Right to Marry was denied to Gays, (2) Latinos were silent when the Right to Freedom of Religion was denied to Muslims, and now (3) Latinos are silent as Justice is denied to African-Americans. Yet, Latinos are outraged when others are silent at their injustices? In 2015 Latinos should make a New Year's resolution to stop being hypocritical.

Latinos as a group are the most diverse in terms skin color, religion, sexual preference, or any other categorization, but inexplicably Latinos fail to see how our fate is tied to the justice of others – so Latinos do not protest when others suffer injustice. However, when the Right to Citizenship under the 14th Amendment is denied to Latinos or Latinos are victims of anti-immigrant bashing, the very same Latinos that are outraged at the silence of others are hypocritically silent at the injustices suffered by others.

Published shortly after the World War II Holocaust, the following poem eloquently describes what happens when one group of people remains silent during attacks on another group:

*First, they came for the homosexuals,  
and I didn't speak-up because I wasn't Gay.  
Then they came for the Blacks,  
and I didn't speak-up because I wasn't Black.  
Then they came for the Jews,  
and I didn't speak-up because I wasn't Jewish.  
Then they came for me,  
and no one spoke-up because no one was left to speak for me.*

The original wording, i.e., the groups

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and the order, is not known because the poem is derived from numerous speeches given in 1946 by a prominent anti-Nazi theologian.

What is clear, however, is the poem’s message of the consequences of remaining silent as others suffer injustice, a lesson that seems to be forgotten, especially by Latinos.

Consider that (1) when Gays were being attacked and people voted to deprive them of the fundamental Right to Marry, poll after poll showed that Latinos overwhelmingly supported the ban in greater percentages than the general population;

(2) when Muslims were attacked for their religion, Latinos stood quietly by or, even worse, joined the attacks on Islam because they were “good” Christians; and

(3) when the anti-affirmative action fervor was at its highest a few years ago, the majority of Latinos thought such programs should be abolished because it only benefitted African-Americans or more recently when African-Americans were victims of the criminal injustice system, Latinos quietly believe that these African-Americans must have done something to deserve it. In other words, because Latinos did not oppose the anti-Gay laws, did not speak-up to stop the anti-Islamic rhetoric, did not speak-up against anti-affirmative action or the injustices suffered by African-Americans, it should come as no surprise to Latinos that there is not greater opposition to the anti-immigrant rhetoric because there is no one left to speak out for Latinos.

Whether the impetus for turning a blind eye to injustice was the dire economic conditions after the Great Depression then, or after the Great Recession now and/or the lack of a good public school system then, or the broken public school system now, whatever gives rise to the phenomena of people remaining silent as another group suffers injustice is not clear; but, what is clear is that we must stop turning a blind eye and come together to fight injustices everywhere, especially Latinos.

All peoples of diverse backgrounds must come together to make our Country a more perfect Union. In the 1960’s, as another group of people was attacked in Germany, people from all around the world who valued freedom stood united against the USSR because remaining silent was a mistake that was not to be repeated. This sentiment was best captured by President Kennedy’s famous declaration as the communist encircled Berlin and he stood with them to say “I too am a Berliner.”

As we approach the 70th year since the end of the greatest injustice caused by remaining silent, today Latinos should follow President Kennedy’s example, and rephrase the Holocaust poem as follows:

Next time an anti-Gay statement is made, or someone Gay is the victim of a hate crime, all groups, but especially Latinos, should speak up and say, “I too am Gay.”

Next time a Muslim is attacked for their appearance or cultural beliefs, or their religious freedom is threatened, all groups, but especially Latinos, should speak up and say, “I too am Muslim.”

Next time an African-American is the victim of police abuse, or racism, all groups, but especially Latinos, should speak up and say, “I too am African-American.”

Latinos should make a New Year’s resolution not to remain silent at the injustices suffered by others, so maybe next time someone attacks Latinos there will be others to speak up too.

“In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

# Reflections On Central Basin Municipal Water District Election

Three cheers for James E. Becerra, Noel A. Jaimes and L. Hilary Barba.

Bravo for having your "E, A, and L" all appear on an actual election ballot! I'm sure that official sample ballot pamphlet is now taking its proud place of distinction in that old family scrapbook. You three are almost famous.

Never mind that you three didn't actually do much more than file an application with the county to run. Who cares that you didn't open a committee or raise funds to conduct a legitimate campaign.

To his credit however, Jaimes actually went the extra mile to submit a candidate's statement where we learned about Armando and his young wife Flavia leaving Palmar Chico, Mexico in 1955 searching for America.

Ah, I still get misty seeing a guy shamelessly self promote himself.

Congratulations Becerra, Jaimes and Barba, you three pulled down an impressive 13,504 votes in the Central Basin general election. According to interviews that appeared in the press, you three claimed to have run “to clean up that nasty old Central Basin by removing the head of the snake,” the sexual harasser himself, Bob Apodaca. Great plan indeed! Place your name on the ballot, don't campaign and pray for a miracle. Our Founding Fathers would be proud.

But Bob Apodaca won with only 9,961 votes. There are 159,439 registered voters in his Division...you do the math folks.

A fifth candidate, Tom Malkasian, took the election seriously. He loaned himself \$25,000 on the way to raising nearly \$100,000. He paid for a ballot statement in both English and Spanish. He put up signs. He put up a billboard along the 605 freeway. He bought slate cards and mailed out numerous campaign flyers. He invested in robo-calls featuring LA County Supervisor Don Knabe and former Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamonte. He received numerous endorsements including one from Congresswoman Grace Napolitano. He hired phone bankers who repeatedly called registered voters with an appeal for support. He concentrated his door-to-door precinct walking to Norwalk, where Apodaca had never faced voters before thanks to 2010's redistricting. He took this election seriously and displayed his commitment like a true candidate should.

But Tom Malkasian received only 7,364 votes.

I was the first announced candidate seeking to unseat the corrupt Bob Apodaca. I did what I could to lock in early key endorsements and attempted to secure the necessary financing to challenge an entrenched incumbent like Apodaca. Then Tom Malkasian came along. I met the man and discovered he had the tools at his disposal to actually accomplish the mission of cutting off the head of the snake.

As a result, I took a step back and acknowledged that the goal was to beat Apodaca and that the person most capable of achieving that goal was Tom, not myself. For two weekends I walked side by side with Tom covering the streets of Norwalk where I have served as a Planning Commissioner for the past 19 years.

But Tom Malkasian still lost.

Becerra, Jaimes and Barba sliced away 13,504 votes. I am assuming those 13,504 voters wanted Apodaca out as badly as Tom, and myself but they fell for the oldest trick in the political playbook and "split the vote."

Had those three lined up their respective support behind the candidate who had made the maximum commitment, Bob Apodaca would be kicking down a six-pack right now at home on his couch

counting the days till Central Basin sent him bouncing out their doors for the last time.

But that didn't happen, did it?

Becerra, Jaimes and Barba certainly had the right to run, as did I. But was it too much for them to ask themselves what their ultimate goal really was? Was it to rid Central Basin of its culture of corruption? Was it to prevent the ratepayers from funding another \$670,000 sexual harassment settlement to cover Apodaca's sexual perversions? If it was, then why didn't they run an actual campaign?

They didn't and now it just seems to me that their selfishness killed Malkasian's legitimate opportunity and now we're stuck with Bob Apodaca for another four years.

I'm sure Apodaca wants to plant big wet kisses on the foreheads of Becerra, Jaimes and Barba right now...or did he simply fool us all by asking these three to run for him to win his reelection by splitting the vote?

Scott Collins  
Norwalk, CA.

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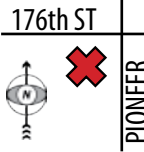
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# La Palma Intercommunity Hospital Blood Drive

By Brian Hews

La Palma Intercommunity Hospital will be hosting a blood drive in their front parking lot located at 7901 Walker St. on January 20 from 7:30 AM to 1:45 PM.

The blood drive is in collaboration with the American Red Cross. The Red Cross "Blood Mobile" will be facilitating the event.

"We are doing something a little different this year to increase participation in the blood drive," said Rachel Hogue Marketing Director at La Palma Intercommu-

nity Hospital, "all participants in the blood drive receive a discounted ticket offer to either an Anaheim Ducks home game at the Honda Center in Anaheim or a LA Kings home game at Staples Center."

Walk-ups will be accepted but participants are urged to schedule appointments to the blood drive.

"There is always an urgent need for all types of blood and we encourage all residents of La Palma and surrounding communities to participate and give blood," said Virg Narbutas CEO of LPIH.

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## Hawaiian Gardens Employee Retires After 29 Years

By Tammye McDuff

The city of Hawaiian Gardens honored staff member Katy Lowe for 29 years of dedicated service with a Commendation of Service from the City Council.

Lowe began her involvement with the city in 1983 as a volunteer at the Lee Ware Park and Recreation Center as a preschool instructor. In 1985, Lowe was hired on a permanent employee aiding in the English as a second language department where she continued for eight years. Lowe was then promoted to the Public Works Department in 1992, where she remained until this December.



**Hawaiian Gardens City Council members Rey Rodriguez, Mike Garcia, Victor Farfan, Mariana Rios and Mayor Barry Bruce stand with Lowe at the presentation and retirement celebration. Photo by Tammye McDuff.**



**Kathy Lowe shows off gold watch  
given to her by the city.**

City Council noted that Lowe “always added a generous dose of kindness and a personal touch to all that she did, whether that was making coffee; gifting to the entire staff on special occasions or decorating the beautiful snow scenes in the City Hall lobby since 2006.” Mayor Reynaldo Rodriguez commented, “Kathy always has a constant smile and a helping hand. Each staff member is blessed to have known and worked with her.”

Lowes Supervisor of twenty-two years commented, “there so many good things to say about Kathy. She has always given more than 100% of herself and her time to the city. She doesn’t know what the word ‘No’ means. Kathy will accept a project and go above and beyond to ensure it completion and success. She and I have made a deal that she will continue to decorate the lobby at Christmas time because she does such a great job and so

many people enjoy it.”

Amid many accolades Lowe received a beautifully engraved city watch for her many years of service; a plaque of recognition and several beautiful green plants from her fellow staff members and the various departments she has worked with. Lowe was a very dedicated member of the Hawaiian Gardens Senior Advisory Board, which bestowed a queens bouquet of roses for her hard work and friendship.

Lowe thanked each and every staff member that came out to honor her saying, “I want to thank my family and friends all ‘my kids’ throughout the years that I have had the pleasure of helping to raise. I’m still gonna stick around and volunteer as much as I can!”

Lowe has been a Hawaiian Gardens resident for many years; she has four children; 21 grandchildren and one great grandson.



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There were 13 Part I felony crimes reported in Cerritos this past reporting period, a nice decrease from the 23 the previous week. The following is a breakdown of crimes by category: one robbery (a shoplift gone bad); two residential burglaries; one commercial/other burglary (a locker); two grand thefts (one was a shoplift); four vehicle burglaries; and three auto thefts. Deputies made five felony arrests, two misdemeanor arrests, two warrant arrests, and issued 25 traffic citations. The Sheriff’s dispatch center also received a total of 233 calls for service, a decrease from this year’s weekly average of 266 calls.

Robbery:

10930 Alondra Blvd. (12/24): Shoplift suspect detained in a parking lot for stealing expensive tool items and was taken into custody following a fight with a loss prevention officer.

Residential Burglary:

16400 block Greenlake Ln. (12/22): Suspect entered an unlocked garage and stole a purse from an unlocked car.

12400 block Carolyn St. (12/22): While the residence was being fumigated a suspect entered and stole unknown items.

Commercial/Other Burglary:

11800 block Del Amo Blvd. (12/22): Suspect cut lock off of a gym locker and stole a wallet and cell phone.

Vehicle Burglary:

19700 block Mapes Ave. (12/23): Suspect smashed the window of a ’04 Toyota and stole passports and Social Security cards.

19200 block Studebaker Rd. (12/23): Suspect punched door lock on a ’04 GMC and stole compact discs.

12900 block Park Plaza Dr. (12/24): Suspect smashed window of a ’07 Mercedes and stole a black leather bag.

12700 block Center Court Dr. (12/25): Suspect pried open door of a ’04 Toyota and stole clothing.

200 Los Cerritos Center (12/26): Suspect stole a ’09 Toyota Corolla from the parking lot.

Grand Theft:

239 Los Cerritos Center (12/23): Suspect stole a purse from the food court area.

457 Los Cerritos Center (12/27): Two women stole 20 pairs of sunglasses from Lens Crafters.

Grand Theft Auto:

11300 block South St. (12/23): Sus-

pect stole a ’98 Nissan from the rear parking lot.

100 Los Cerritos Center (12/23): Suspect stole a ’97 Honda from the Sears parking lot.

Hawaiian Gardens

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Car Burglary Season

As recently mentioned in this newsletter, Cerritos has averaged about 3.8 car burglaries each week during this past year. As the last couple of weekly reports indicate, vehicle burglars are busy this time of year and that weekly number has increased substantially in December. The good news is that you don’t have to be a victim if you remember some easy-to-practice safety tips. When shopping, travel with a companion if possible, leave the expensive jewelry at home, and don’t carry large sums of cash. Never leave valuables visible in your car when it is parked at the mall or even in front of your house or in your driveway. In fact, never leave anything in your car regardless of whether it is visible or not. Window glass does not stop a determined thief, but thieves can’t steal what’s not left in your car.

Volunteers on Patrol Wanted

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Neighborhood Watch Works -  
Block Captains Wanted

Neighborhood Watch Block Captains are also a valuable and important way to serve your community and neighborhood. Block Captains serve as a liaison between residents and our Sheriff’s Department by networking with neighbors, distributing information about crime incidents and trends, and providing feedback to our law enforcement personnel. Anyone interested in becoming a Block Captain is encouraged to contact the Cerritos Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266.

Sheriff's Citing Drivers For  
Unsafe Drop-Off of Schoolchildren

Illegally or unsafely dropping off or picking up schoolchildren from vehicles onto roadways near schools is a traffic violation and is subject to a citation.

In the interest of public safety, a Cerritos ordinance implements a \$25 fine for the violation; additional State and County penalties bring the total fine to more than \$135.

Adults are routinely seen walking their children to school across busy streets outside of crosswalks. Some drivers illegally park, often in the middle of the block, and allow their child to cross the street. This practice poses a safety risk, especially to young children. Some drivers block driveways and fire hydrants in residential areas to unload passengers or walk their children to school.

The Cerritos Municipal Code states:

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# Norwalk Moose Lodge Donates Toys and Books to Local Shelter

The Norwalk Moose Lodge, located at 13305 E. Imperial Hwy. in Whittier, recently donated stuffed toys and coloring books to the Whittier First Day Shelter. From left to right is Charles Former of the Whittier Day Shelter and Carlos Penilla representing the Norwalk Moose Lodge.



# Cerritos High School Regiment of Gold Marching Band Honored



The Cerritos High School Regiment of Gold Marching Band was recognized by the Cerritos City Council on its first-place win in Division 2A of the Western Band Association Grand Championships. The band made history by being the first Division 2A ensemble to be awarded the Silver Medal award for second place in the overall Grand Championships. The group also earned trophies in the Outstanding Music, Outstanding Percussion, Outstanding General Effect and Outstanding Visual Effect categories. The competition was held November 23 at Fresno State Bull Dog Stadium in Fresno. Band director Tim Trost, band manager and drums majors Jamie Trinajstich and Jeremy Yang, and other members of the band were present to accept the honor from the City Council.



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Water and sewage rates will increase by 10 percent every year through Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for residential and com-

mercial accounts. The increases will help cover the cost of water, which has risen roughly 70 percent in the last seven years. The rate adjustment will also help fund repairs of the City's aging water and sewer infrastructure, which is approaching its 50-year life span.

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**LAKEWOOD**  
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are doing."  
LEF co-founder and City Council Member Steve Croft added, "I believe that with the implementation of the Common Core at most of our high schools, this year's grants mean even more to teachers. I

ported LEF. Whether it's visiting firework booths, playing in our golf tournament or simply dropping by with a check through the year, your support is helpful. We are a 100% volunteer organization and we put every possible dollar raised directly into support of education in Lakewood," said Rogers.  
LEF added a new twist to its fundraising this year when the mayor, during the annual LEF charity golf tourney, offered



**Lakewood Mayor Todd Rogers (left) with some of the recipients of the funds from the Lakewood Education Foundation.**

know they really appreciate the additional resources that LEF has been able to add to classroom experience. Thanks for the generosity of the community."  
Grants awarded to the anniversary event also covered science and laboratory equipment such as microscopes, books of all kinds, art and physical education supplies, a new theatre stage for Mayfair Middle School and educational field trips. One such field trip was the Lakewood HS ROTC student's Navy damage control training in San Diego.  
"We are grateful for everyone who sup-

to get 'ice bucketed' for as long as people kept making contributions to the foundation. With Croft acting as auctioneer, Rogers was 'bucketed' five times and raised \$1,280.  
Since it started in 2003, LEF has awarded more than 810 grants totaling over \$316, 000 to Lakewood school teachers to directly improve the education of Lakewood students.  
Anyone interested in donating directly to the Lakewood Educational Fund is encouraged to call 562-496-3559 or visit [www.lakewoodeducation.org](http://www.lakewoodeducation.org).

**Cerritos Christmas Tree Recycling**

Residents in single-family homes can recycle their Christmas trees beginning Friday, December 26 through Friday, January 16 by placing them at the curb for pick-up by 7 a.m. on their trash collection days.  
Trees should not contain any lights, tinsel, nails, metal stands or decorations, and should not be placed in bags. Trees more than 4 feet tall should be cut in half. Flocked trees will be accepted.  
Businesses in Cerritos or residents living in apartments or condominiums can place trees next to their trash bin for collection. For more information, call the City's Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220.

**Festival of Friendship Planned for Feb. 7**

The community is invited to celebrate Cerritos' rich cultural diversity at the City's Festival of Friendship from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 7. The City of Cerritos and the Let Freedom Ring Committee, in conjunction with the Los Cerritos Center, are presenting the event. The festival will be held in the Los Cerritos Center.  
The Festival of Friendship will feature a variety of cultural entertainment on various stages. Local groups will perform an assortment of ethnic songs and dances.  
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GAHR GIRLS VARSITY WINTER CLASSIC

Cerritos gives JSerra all it can handle before falling in championship game

By Loren Kopff

First it was Mater Dei in pool play action of the South Coast Holiday Classic, followed by a meeting with Orange Lutheran in the Fountain Valley Tournament. The Cerritos girls basketball team thought it had seen enough of Trinity League teams before JSerra became the latest challenge for the Lady Dons in the championship game of the Gahr Girls Varsity Winter Classic last Saturday night.

Facing a starting lineup that featured three girls standing at least 5’ 10”, the Lady Dons gave it their best shot but succumbed to the Lions 56-43. The outcome was a stark contrast from the previous two games against Trinity League teams in which Cerritos managed 27 and 26 points respectively.

“Each time we played a Trinity League team, we learned from that game as far as how to play against a big team,” said Cerritos first-year head coach Marcus Chinen. “So hopefully this will help us going into the postseason. That’s what we’re looking for. We need to see bigger teams because when we get into the postseason, if we don’t see these big teams early, it hurts us in the long run.”

Cerritos took a 12-10 lead late in the first quarter on a basket from senior Taylor Hirata before JSerra went on an 8-0 run.

But the Lady Dons refused to go away and following a three-pointer from Hirata, trailed 18-17 just 68 seconds into the second quarter. A basket from senior Alyssa Movchan with 5:30 remaining in the first half cut the JSerra lead to 23-21 before the Lions, ranked third in the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division IV-AA poll, went on a 15-0 run that Cerritos would not recover from.

During that run, tournament most valuable player Megan House, who stands at 6’ 4”, scored six of her 10 first half points. The Lions also got a huge first half form Julia Ackerman (17 points) as Cerritos trailed 40-24 at the break.

“Their height did catch up with us a little bit in the long run,” Chinen said. “But other than that, I think [we] fought really well.”

Cerritos (7-6) tried to get back in the game early in the third quarter and got a big boost when junior Tatiana Fominyam scored a pair of baskets within the first minute, then sophomore Cailey Vitug’s basket made it 40-30. But Movchan, the team’s leading scorer this season, picked up her third foul with 6:52 left in the stanza and did not see action until the fourth quarter.

That’s when Cerritos had to change its game plan a bit. After attempting 16 three-pointers in the first half, the Lady Dons took one long distance shot in the third quarter.

“It makes a big difference because she actually spreads the court out,” Chinen said of not having Movchan on the court. “With her and Taylor out there, they spread the court out.”

While the Lions scored just 16 points in the second half, Cerritos was unable to get its deficit under nine points. In fact, Cerritos missed on its final eight shots of the game and did not get any points from its bench the entire game.

Fominyam led Cerritos with 16 points, eight rebounds and four steals while Hirata and Vitug each added 11 points. Hirata, who was named to the all-tournament team, also added four assists while Vitug posted a season-high in points, six of which came in the third quarter.

“Cailey was a big factor,” Chinen said. “In the third quarter, she was the one who stepped up. Then she kind of went flat in the fourth quarter. Once she went flat, it kind of stalled our offense. She’s going to be key for us.”

Cerritos was seeking its first tournament championship since 2002 when the Lady Dons won the Western Tournament after knocking off Corona Del Mar, Rancho Alamitos, Western and Loara. Before that, the last tournament championship came in 1997 when Cerritos took home the top spot in the Woodbridge Tournament after defeating Mater Dei, Woodbridge, Fountain Valley and San Clemente.

Since 2002, Cerritos has appeared in



Cerritos sophomore Cailey Vitug passes the ball off in front of Mariah Lora of St. Pius-St. Matthias Academy in the semifinals of the Gahr Girls Varsity Winter Classic last Friday night. Vitug scored eight points but also had six assists, five rebounds and three steals in the game. Photo by Armando Vargas.

the finals of the Duarte Tournament (2005 and 2006) and the La Habra Tournament (2013). The Lady Dons, who beat St. Pius-St. Matthias Academy 56-35 in the semifinals last Friday night, will host Gahr on Saturday and visit Mayfair on Wednesday in the Suburban League opener.

“I think right now, we’re battle-ready for league, and that should lead us into the postseason,” Chinen said. “I think we should do well this year. I’m looking to try to match what we did last year, and then go further. Again, we have to stay healthy and to make sure that we’re smart and make all the right decisions on the court.”

Earlier last Saturday, host Gahr earned a 64-46 win over Birmingham to finish the tournament at 2-2 and claiming seventh place in the process. The Gladiators never trailed in the contest, building a nine-point lead twice in the first quarter.

“It was a good game for us,” said Gahr head coach David Garcia. “I’m glad we came back pretty strong after getting beat the way we got beat last night. The issue at the halfway point [of the season] is we have no post player. So, we’re a bunch of little girls chasing a bunch of big scorers. Luckily we have scorers. We can score and trade three’s for two’s. We’re going to be pretty decent but we have a long way to go, still.”

Gahr (8-5) was paced by junior Angelica Soltis and her sister, sophomore Alana Soltis, in the first quarter as both scored seven points and both connected on a three-pointer. In the second quarter, the Gladiators outscored the Patriots 13-4 as they built a 35-21 lead at the break.

A steal from Alana Soltis who dished the ball off to Angelica Soltis for a score increased the margin to 39-24 with 3:51 left in the third quarter. The stanza ended when Angelica Soltis nailed a three-pointer with 5.8 seconds left increasing the bulge to 47-32.

Angelica Soltis led everyone with 25 points on 10 of 18 shooting from the field. Sophomores Lauren Magano and Breanna Smith each added 12 points while Smith and Alana Soltis grabbed half a dozen rebounds. Smith also had five steals.

“People don’t realize that they play travel ball but they haven’t played high school ball yet,” Garcia said of the Soltis sisters. “For me to get them in their first year of [playing] high school is a blessing because they have a lot to give to the program and obviously, they are improving every game.”

Gahr was coming off a lackluster second half performance against J.W. North the previous night when they were blasted 75-38. The Gladiators trailed 28-26 with 2:04 left in the first half following a three-pointer from Angelica Soltis. J.W. North would then go on a 13-0 run that carried into the half of the third quarter. Gahr was outscored 24-5 in the third quarter and after a 12-0 run ended the stanza, J.W. North had a commanding 58-31 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Alana Soltis scored a team-high 18 points and pulled down five rebounds while Angelica Soltis added a season-low nine points, Gahr’s only game over the next seven days will be the one against Cerritos. Last season, Gahr edged Cerritos 60-59 on a last second basket.

“They’re a very much improved team and they go 14 deep on the bench,” Garcia said of his city rivals. “I understand that but at the end of the day, we still have to play the game. Win or lose, we’ll still learn from it. There’s nothing really about them that I see that’s special. At the end of the day, they’re going to have more players than [my team] and that full-court press might wear us out. They’re a very good squad.”

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NEWS AND  
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By Loren Kopff

LA HABRA-After losing its first four games of the season, the Norwalk boys basketball team started to get on a roll and was playing for a chance to be in the finals of the Leon Davis Classic, hosted by Whittier Christian. But the Lancers, who had trailed Buena Park by three points at the half, connected on five of 18 shots in the second half and fell to the Coyotes 63-35 this past Tuesday night in one semifinal game.

Norwalk tied the game twice in the first quarter on a pair of three-pointers from junior David Suarez. With less than a minute elapsed in the second quarter, Suarez took a pass from junior Keno Valdenor and nailed his third straight trifecta in as many attempts to give the Lancers their first lead at 11-10. Norwalk’s game plan of slowing down Buena Park, which had averaged 77 points in its two pool play games, was working as the Coyotes were limited to 22 points at the break.

However, Suarez, who scored a team-high 11 points, was held scoreless in the second half and attempted just three shots during that time. Junior Emmanuel Lateju came off the bench and also scored 11 points, all but two coming in

the second half. In fact, he accounted for nine of Norwalk’s 16 points in the second half. Valdenor added nine points and five rebounds as the Lancers (5-8) would play the loser of the Western-Whittier Christian game this past Wednesday for third place. Norwalk will host Artesia on Wednesday in the Suburban League opener for both teams.

In other boys basketball action, Artesia (7-5), which has been off since Dec. 19, will host Garey tonight and face Northwood on Saturday night at San Juan Hills High. The Pioneers are being paced by senior Dontae Smith, who is averaging 14.7 points a game.

Cerritos wrapped up the Mt. Carmel Tournament with a 65-59 loss to Fallbrook this past Tuesday night. The Dons (6-8) had previously defeated Helix 62-53, lost to Perris 61-54 and got by Patrick Henry 63-48 in the tournament. Cerritos will square off against Downey on Monday afternoon at the Staples Center before visiting Mayfair on Wednesday.

Gahr edged Capital Christian out of Sacramento 77-75 this past Tuesday in the final game of the prestigious Max-Preps Holiday Classic and in the process, won the consolation championship of the Gear to the Max Division. The Gladiators (12-2) will visit Price on Tuesday night.

John Glenn remained winless through 13 games and has scored less than 50 points in all but two games. The Eagles will visit Sierra Vista on Monday and host La Mirada on Wednesday.

Valley Christian snapped a three-game losing streak by taking the final

two games of the Monrovia Tournament. This past Monday, the Crusaders (12-3) smashed Animo South Los Angeles 76-31, then came back the next day to knock off Franklin 58-45. V.C. will visit Paramount on Tuesday and host Whittier Christian on Thursday in the Olympic League opener.

Whitney wrapped up the Whittier Tournament by getting past Warren 50-45 in overtime. The Wildcats (4-7), who have won two straight games and three of their last five, will host Los Amigos on Saturday before going to Oxford Academy on Tuesday for the Academy League opener.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Norwalk went 2-2 in the Santiago Tournament after easily beating Rosemead 60-32 last Saturday while Valley Christian snapped a three-game losing skid with a 44-40 win over Los Amigos this past Tuesday in the final game of the Garden Grove Tournament. The Lady Crusaders (7-7) will host Whittier Christian on Thursday.

Whitney has been off since Dec. 20 and will resume action on Tuesday at Oxford Academy. The Lady Wildcats are 4-6.

BOYS SOCCER

Artesia saw its brief two-game winning streak end in a 3-1 loss to Dominguez this past Monday morning in the 28th Annual Marina High School Holiday Classic. The Pioneers (4-5-3), who had lost to Magnolia 1-0 and tied Long Beach Poly 1-1 in pool play action, eliminated Fountain Valley 3-2 and Torrance 2-1 in penalty kicks last Saturday. Artesia will host Norwalk on Wednes-

day. Cerritos was also in the Marina Holiday Classic and lost all three of its games without scoring a goal. In pool play action, the Dons lost to Citrus Hill 3-0 and Lawndale 4-0 before falling to Dominguez 3-0 last Saturday morning in the playoffs. The Dons will host Mayfair on Wednesday.

Also in the same tournament was Gahr, which beat Fountain Valley 4-3 and lost to Anaheim 5-0 in pool play before edging Long Beach Poly 3-2 last Saturday in the playoffs. The Gladiators were then bounced out of the tournament after a 1-0 loss to Rancho Alamitos in

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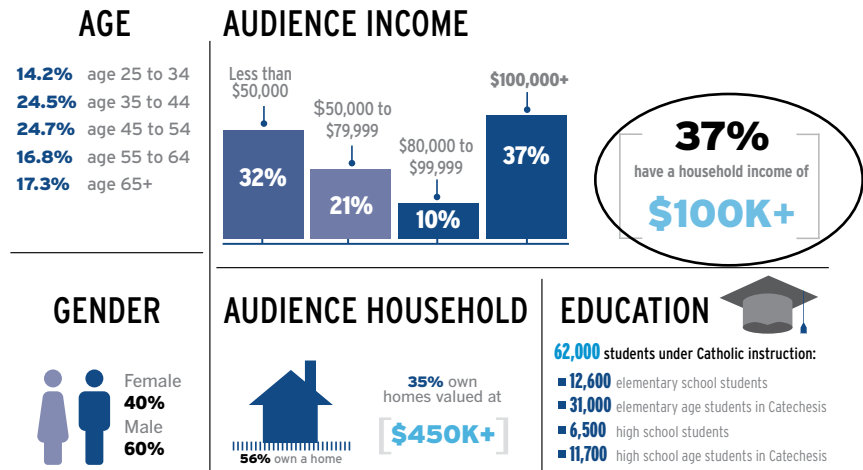
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plement policies for screening and training of employees, for the prevention, identification, investigation, and reporting of any abuse, neglect, or the mistreatment and misappropriation of property.

The investigation also noted that the facility did not provide medically related social services to help each resident achieve the highest possible quality of life.

In 2013, an investigation found that the facility was not ensuring that areas were free from accident hazards and did not provide adequate supervision to prevent avoidable accidents.

In 2014, additional reports again noted that the facility failed to provide necessary care and services to maintain or improve the highest well being of each resident. The facility also failed to ensure that each resident's 1) entire drug/medication regimen was free from unnecessary drugs; and 2) that the process was managed and monitored to achieve highest level of well-being. This failure was given a level 6, which can result in immediate harm to the patient.

Another level 6 deficiency noted was that at least once a month, the facility did not have a licensed pharmacist review each resident's medications and report any irregularities to the attending doctor.

The understaffing was also noted on Carepathways.com, as staffing hours per day per resident was well under the LA County and state averages.

The number of Registered Nurse's hours at the Norwalk facility stood at 0.65, while county was at 0.81, and state facilities were at 0.88. The number of Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse's hours was 0.78, compared to 1.00 in the county and 0.91 in the state.

Total Staff Hours equaled 3.77, 4.39 for the county and 4.38 for the state, with the Norwalk facility spending 16.5% less hours per day with residents than other county and state facilities.

The lawsuit did not specify a damage amount but indicated that Rivera was seeking "general damages according to proof, special damages according to proof, punitive and exemplary damages, attorney's fees and costs as allowed by law according to proof, for costs of the lawsuit and for such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper."

Several calls into the Norwalk facility by HMG-CN went unreturned.

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penalty kicks. At 3-3, Gahr has already won more games than it did all of last season. Gahr is off until its San Gabriel Valley League opener on Jan. 13 at Warren.

Valley Christian recently lost all three games in the South Torrance Tournament, then was shutout by Mayfair 4-0 to fall to 2-6. The Crusaders will host California on Tuesday and travel to Whittier Christian on Thursday.

GIRLS SOCCER

The Suburban League race figures to be a good one as Artesia ended its non-league slate at 5-2-3. The last time the Pioneers were in action, they had lost to fellow league foe Bellflower 1-0 in the finals of the best in the West Winter Soccer Classic.

Cerritos was also in that tournament and fell to Century 2-1 in the finals of the other bracket. The loss was the first for the Lady Dons (8-1-1) who have outscored their opponents 33-5 this season.

Valley Christian, which is no stranger to a slow start, has won two straight games in the Ontario Christian Tournament, the first time it had won consecutive games. The Lady Crusaders (3-8) defeated Crean Lutheran 1-0 in penalty kicks this past Monday, then blanked St. Anthony 2-0 this past Tuesday. The Lady Crusaders will visit Marlborough

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MARQUEZ  
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mon solutions to unify the city for the greater good." Mendoza went on to say that the entire Marquez family embodies the true concept of what a public servant should be.

Marquez addressed a packed audience stating, "well, here we go! It truly is an honor to stand before you as Mayor of the beautiful city of Downey. Before I begin I want to take this time to thank and honor my beautiful wife Alma, who has supported me all these years as I go through each campaign and political endeavor."

Marquez addressed the entire city staff thanking each one for all the hard work in continuing to "Keep Downey Beautiful" and complimented the Downey Fire and Police Departments stating, "thank you for keeping us safe and all that you do!"

Marquez turned to Council and acknowledged the fact that they held true to the mayoral process, commenting, "I would like to thank you for your trust in me and respecting our tradition of rotation," which met with a huge round of applause. "Serving as Mayor is not something I take lightly or for granted. It is truly a great privileged and honor which I will carry with dignity and responsibility. We are one Council united, working together for our great city."

With much emotion, Marquez gave special recognition to his Mother and Father stating, "I stand before you that the America dream is alive and well. Only in America can an undocumented kid from a little town in Mexico, grow up to become Mayor of this great city. Thank you Mom and Dad for all the sacrifices you made for our family."

Marquez first official act was to award Councilman Fernando Vasquez with a Plaque of Recognition for his accomplishments in 2014. Marquez stated, "One of the many perks of sitting on this Council is too recognize those individuals who have supported and promoted our city. We want to say 'Thank you Fernando' for leading us this past year and for the many contributions you have made to the city of Downey."

Mendoza also stated, "The city of Downey is blessed to have a family of this caliber working for you.

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McMorrow has been a teacher at St. John since 1978 and called Garciaparra an exceptional person. "It was easy to view him as an athlete, but what set him apart was his personality. He treated others with respect and was rock solid in his character." On one occasion McMorrow recalls asking why Garciaparra printed everything, the response he received was, "because one day my signature will be famous!"

Escala was a freshman in High School when Garciaparra was a senior. Escala recalled, "in some schools freshmen get picked on, thrown in trash bins and receive a lot of hazing. It was not that way at St. John Bosco because of students like Nomar. I am humbled to be able to thank Nomar for all that he has done to represent his family, the school and this community."

As Garciaparra accepted the award he thanked the Council saying, "this is truly an amazing award." He stated that everything he had was due to his opportunity for a great education. "I never saw myself as a role model," said Garciaparra, "I hope I could be an inspiration. I have gone from

being just a kid in the community to being able to be a minority investor in Los Angeles Football Club. Every single day I am grateful for the sacrifices my parents gave to send me St. John. The school taught me so much."

Garciaparra is a former All-Star short-stop for the Boston Red Sox, he played for the Oakland Athletics, Los Angeles Dodgers, and the Chicago Cubs. He is one of 13 players in Major League history to hit two grand slams during a single game, and the only player to achieve the feat at his home stadium.

Garciaparra married Olympian and World Cup Champion soccer star Mia Hamm in 2003, the couple has twin girls, born in 2007 and welcomed a son 2012.

Poll Workers Needed for the General Municipal Election

The City of Cerritos is looking for poll workers to cover the General Municipal Election on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. Individuals who are bilingual in Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese and Hindi are especially needed.

Poll workers will be compensated \$155 (inspectors will be paid \$175) if they attend the mandatory poll worker training and work the full shift on Election Day.

**Requirements for all poll workers:**  
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La Palma-Cerritos AAUW Meeting Jan. 15

The first General meeting of 2015 for the La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the American Association of University Women will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2015, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Skyline Room of the Cerritos Library, 18025 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos.

Guest Speaker will be Vickie McCoy, General Manager of Aftercare-Los Angeles for ZOE International.

Currently, ZOE (Greek for LIFE) has a home in Thailand for children who were at risk or were forced to be victims of Human Trafficking.

McCoy and her colleagues are working to launch a safe children's home locally here in the Greater Los Angeles area where over 75 children have already been identified in Los Angeles County as CSEC (Commercially Sexually Exploited Children).

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# THE IMITATION GAME

By Jason Ooi



Sometimes it is the people no one imagines anything of who do the things that no one can imagine.

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The Imitation Game is a truly tragic film; one that makes you feel terrible as a human because it happened. It tells the story of Alan Turing, a brilliant but narcissistic mathematician, whose cracking of the German Enigma code led to the speedy conclusion of World War 2, the saving of countless lives, and the birth of the modern computer. It is also of his life as a homosexual in a world that was even less accepting than it is now, and the secrets that he had to take as he was forced to 'imitate' normality.

It's a film on three fronts, interweaving both Turing's past as a precocious and bullied child, and the Turing's future as a homosexual under attack for indecency, brilliantly and concisely into the main story in the film: the cracking of Enigma. The film never treats the audience like anything lesser; it doesn't slow down or sacrifice its pacing to explain anything, and maintains this sophisticated

air to it that rewards you for paying attention. Simultaneously, however, it does feel a little bit too much like it was made for the Oscars with an overt attempted profundity that gleans; for example, in various interrupting shots of Turing jogging that add little to the story but a laughably awkward break in the narrative.

The performances that *The Imitation Game* offers are all stupendous. Benedict Cumberbatch gives such a raw and passionate performance as Turing and really conveys the urgency and desperation of a man racing against the clock, showered with the pressures of social stigmas and secrets. Unlike his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes, a character similar to Turing's more machine side, Cumberbatch plays Turing with an uncanny sense of humanity that really shines past all of the arrogance and egotism, which makes him unlikely likable. Keira Knightley is as lovable as ever and provides a very charming and charismatic glimpse of empathy that foils Turing's as it transfers to him.

The movie does so much with it subtlety, and never really feels underwhelming. It captures and documents the urgency of breaking the code and the magnitude of the war without ever really showing any bloodshed. The film implies it all, yet makes it feel so real and daunting. It also beautifully takes the happiness in every scene and overtakes it with sadness- which feels so natural rather than forced.

The Imitation Game is a very inspirational portrait of injustice fueled by terrific performances that accentuate its themes of difference. It's as brilliant as the man it depicts, and does nothing to embellish it with the usual, pointless Hollywood trivialities.

# Koz at Cerritos for Christmas: A Welcome Tradition

By Glen Creason

For seventeen seasons Dave Koz has brought a group of top entertainers to the Performing Arts Center to celebrate Christmas without ever producing a bag of coal for the fans who pack the joint each yuletide. This year he invited the electrifying Jonathon Butler, the surprisingly fresh Christopher Cross and newcomer Maysa with pipes almost bigger than the hall could hold. As a glittering ornament atop the concert Christmas tree the music was sweetened by the Musuca Children's Choir. These kids made "Carol of the Bells" a beautiful beginning to an action packed show featuring a couple of dozen songs including the evergreens of the holidays brought forward in all manner of form including ensemble pieces and rousing solos. Much of the night was filled with light-hearted familiars as in "Let It Snow," "Sleigh Ride," "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," and a duet in the American Idol style of "This Christmas." Each star was allowed a moment in the spotlight to step outside the holiday: Maysa performed her "Inside My Dream," Jonathon Butler broke off from "O' Holy Night" and into his gospel rave "You're My Everything" and Christopher Cross played a medley from his unreal successes of 1981 that were like pulling the old sweater vest out of the closet and finding it stylish again.

Of course, at the center of it all was the affable and awesomely talented Koz

who good-naturedly bantered with his guests at every turn but stepped in to blow some pretty warm sax at exactly the right times. He also saluted his Jewish roots with the truly terrific “8 Candles” and even dashed off Adam Sandler’s “Chanukah Song.” There were very nice moments in the overall warmth of the show including Christopher Cross’ moving “We Will Remember You” to those serving in the military around the globe and a conclusion of having vets stand and take a bow. Also an admirable “Dream of Peace” with the kid’s choir that was as sweet as grandma’s divinity followed by some rather high voltage secular stuff including “Ride Like the Wind” by Cross that actually rode the Winter wind pretty hard.

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All participants must register at [distinguishedyw.org](http://distinguishedyw.org) and attend a mandatory meeting on Saturday, January 10. For more information, contact Jenny Ma at (562) 833-0868, Rhonda Burd at (562) 843-2468 or Darshna Shah at (562) 547-0645.

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IN 55 GALLON DRUM

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CALIFORNIA AUCTION AD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the contents of the following storage units will be offered for sale by public auction to the highest bidder for enforcement of storage lien. The auction will be held on or after **Jan. 20th, 2015 @ 9:30 am.**  
Location:  
**Extra Space Storage, 10753 Artesia Blvd. Cerritos, CA 90703.**  
Terms: Cash, ExtraSpace Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid or cancel auction. Name of Auctioneer: **West Coast Auctioneers Bond #137857.** The following units are scheduled for auction:



(Customer Names)

Keith Kristich  
Cathy Peralta  
Carrole Hines  
Angel Francisco  
Valon Jackson  
La Trece Polk  
Brandon Hudson

Embedded Systems Consulting LLC  
Sophia King  
Roger Hurtado  
Sean Kuwada  
Roberto Garcia  
Rosa Pecbot  
Sharon Gaither

All units to include but not limited to tools, furniture, electronics, household items and misc. items unless otherwise specified.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. 05-FWA-111344 APN# 7056-012-021 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/14/2005. 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 January 23, 2015, at 11:00 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 JEN-NIFER 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, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC 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. 7056-012-021 From 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's purported to be 12232 CHRISTOPHER LANE, 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 \$872,260.69. 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. 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 800-542-2550 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.rtspace.com, using the file number assigned to this case. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c), the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one or more of the following methods: by telephone, by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting or the borrower has surrendered the property to the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent and that the compliance with Civil Code Section 2923.5 was made at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of this Notice of Sale. Dated: 12/19/2014 RTS Pacific, Inc., Trustee By: MARILEE HAKKINEN Agent for Trustee: AGENCY SALES AND POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 Telephone Number: (800) 542-2550 Sale Information: (714) 730-2727 or http://www.rtspace.com Federal Law requires us to notify you that we are acting as a debt collector. If you are currently in a bankruptcy or have received a discharge in bankruptcy as to this obligation, this communication is intended for informational purposes only and is not an attempt to collect a debt in violation of the automatic stay or the discharge injunction. A-4503135 01/02/2015, 01/09/2015, 01/16/2015

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. 05-FSL-133637 APN# 7023-006-033 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/21/2006. 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 January 6, 2015, at 11:00 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 JEN-NIFER 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, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC 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, 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, 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 \$637,084.18. 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. 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 800-542-2550 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.rtspace.com, using the file number assigned to this case. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c), the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one or more of the following methods: by telephone, by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting or the borrower has surrendered the property to the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent and that the compliance with Civil Code Section 2923.5 was made at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of this Notice of Sale. Dated: 12/5/2014 RTS Pacific, Inc., Trustee By: GREGORY BOSCOMBE AGENCY SALES AND POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 Telephone Number: (800) 542-2550 Sale Information: (714) 730-2727 or http://www.rtspace.com Federal Law requires us to notify you that we are acting as a debt collector. If you are currently in a bankruptcy or have received a discharge in bankruptcy as to this obligation, this communication is intended for informational purposes only and is not an attempt to collect a debt in violation of the automatic stay or the discharge injunction. A-4500239 12/12/2014, 12/19/2014, 12/26/2014

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S) (UCC Sec. 6105 et seq. and B & P 24073 et seq.) Escrow No. 14-2252-JY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the Seller(s)/ Licensee(s) are: D & H GROUP, INC, 13502 ELGERS ST, CERRITOS, CA 90703 Doing Business as: MR. LEE'S BBQ HOUSE All other business names(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: LEE'S BBQ USA INC, 138 S. ST. ANDREWS PL, UNIT 8, LOS ANGELES, CA 90004 The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASEHOLD INTERESTS, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS ALL TRANSFERABLE PERMITS AND LICENSES, ALL INVENTORY OF STOCK IN TRADE and is/ are located at: 12300 SOUTH ST, ARTESIA, CA 90701 The type of license(s) and license no(s) to be transferred is/are: Type: ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE, License Number: 47-430449 And are now issued for the premises located at: SAME The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/ are intended to be consummated at the office of: ACE ESCROW, 9625 GARDEN GROVE BLVD, STE B, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92844 and the anticipated sale/ transfer date is JANUARY 23, 2015 The purchase price or consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$140,000.00, in addition to inventory estimated at \$1,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$141,000.00; ALLOCATION SUB TOTAL \$141,000.00; ALLOCATION TOTAL \$141,000.00 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. Dated: 12/23/2014 D & H GROUP, INC, Seller(s)/ Licensee(s) LEE'S BBQ USA INC, Buyer(s)/ Applicant(s) LA1489115 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 1/2/15

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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)/transferee(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. : 00000004571006 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 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. 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 00000004571006. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: NATIONWIDE POSTING & PUBLICATION A DIVISION OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY 5005 WINDPLAY DRIVE, SUITE 1 EL DORADO HILLS, CA 95762-9334 916-939-0772 www.nationwideposting.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP as Trustee Dated: 12/12/2014 NPP0239384 To: LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER 12/19/2014, 12/26/2014, 01/02/2015

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2449

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA DETERMINING AND ADOPTING AN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 FOR THE CITY OF ARTESIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIII B OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Article X111B was added to the Constitution of the State of California at a General statewide election held on November 6, 1979; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 7910 of the Government Code of the State of California, an annual appropriations limit must be established for this City; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 7910 of the Government Code of the State of California, fifteen days prior to the date of adoption of this resolution, documentation used in the determination of appropriations limit has been made available to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Artesia has determined as follows:

SECTION 1. That in accordance with Article XIII B of the California Constitution and Section 7901 of the California Government Code, that the appropriations limit for the 2014-15 fiscal year shall be \$9,575,489.00, as set forth in detail in the attached "EXHIBIT A".

SECTION 2. The Council reserves the right to modify or adjust the limit if necessary.

SECTION 3. The City shall certify the adoption of this Resolution 15-2449.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of January 2015.

ATTEST:

MIGUEL CANALES, MAYOR

GLORIA CONSIDINE, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

I, Gloria Considine, City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Artesia, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Artesia held on the 21st day of January 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

Gloria Considine, City Clerk/Treasurer

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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. 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 D. SCOTT ABERNETHY - SBN 151014 LAW OFFICE OF D. SCOTT ABERNETHY 4675 MACARTHUR COURT, STE 550 NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660 12/19, 12/26, 1/2/15 CNS-2697582# LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS

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