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HMG-CN EXCLUSIVE: FORMER CENTRAL BASIN WATER GM TONY PEREZ SETTLES WRONGFUL TERMINATION LAWSUIT FOR \$700,000

Apodaca, Vasquez, and Royal fired Perez "for cause," costing the agency \$625,000. If the three would have dismissed Perez without cause, he would have been paid \$200,000.

By Brian Hews

Hews Media Group-Community News has exclusively learned that former Central Basin Municipal Water District General Manager Tony Perez has settled his wrongful termination lawsuit for \$700,000.

Perez confirmed the settlement in a phone conversation earlier today.

Perez told HMG-CN, "I am pleased that we resolved this matter and that we can all move on, other than that I have no additional comments."

The settlement is another in a long line of costly litigation cases and questionable payments that is a result of the actions of former CB GM Art Aguilar, President Bob Apodaca, Vice-president James Royal, and Director Leti-

cia Vasquez.

Voted to Fire Perez-\$125,000 to Tafoya and Garcia

Back in October 2014, Apodaca, Roybal, and Vasquez voted to fire Perez 'for cause' indicating misconduct on the part of Perez.

Sources told HMG-CN that Pacifica Services, Inc. CEO Ernie Camacho wanted Perez fired for questioning Pacifica's no-bid contracts that amounted to over

\$5 million.

Immediately after his firing, the three voted to hire the Los Angeles based law firm of Tafoya and Garcia (TG) for \$100,000, paying the firm an immediate \$20,000 retainer to 'investigate' Perez.

At the time, Director's Art Chacon and Phil Hawkins slammed the vote and walked out of the CB boardroom.

The questionable TG investigation was conducted five months before Perez filed his lawsuit.

HMG-CN conducted an investigation of the billings of TG - and the investigators TG was using - and found they billed \$90,000 in less than 35 days, with David Garcia and another attorney frequently working 13-hour days, seven days a week,

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Walmart in Hawaiian Gardens to Close

By Brian Hews

Walmart said this past Friday that it will close over 260 of its stores including-154 in the U.S. - and the Walmart located in Hawaiian Gardens - as the company adjusts to the "new" retail environment.

The company indicated that in 2016 it plans open more than 140 new stores nationwide and expanding nine stores in California.

Other store closures include Los Angeles, Chinatown, Oakland, Long Beach, San Jose, Altadena, and San Bernardino

The closures come at an especially bad time for employees at Wal-Mart but the company said they will staff them in other stores, retrain them, or give them

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La Mirada's Youth in Government Program



California State Senator Tony Mendoza (front) joined Mayor Pauline Deal and Youth in Government participants in La Mirada last week. Front row (l-r) Vanessa Pelayo, Bianca Santos, State Senator Tony Mendoza, Mayor Pauline Deal, Isatou Gaye, Brian Kooptaporn. Middle row (l-r) Javier Marin, Lauren Decker, David Ramirez, Austin Castro, Dante Gonzales, William Gupton, Nikolai Clark, Karim Sologuren. Back row (l-r) Eddie Pardo, Michael Caplan, Benjamin Spirescu, Kevin Hanst. *Story on page 5.*

Area Cities Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King

By Tammye McDuff

Many cities took the opportunity to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which is officially celebrated January 18th. However, Artesia and Cerritos were the only local cities to host a tribute or celebration.

The City of Cerritos has held an annual celebration for many years, but they out did themselves this year. Usually held on Civic Center lawn, this year festivities were held in the Skyline Room of the renowned Cerritos Library. A soulful musical performance was presented by the Kilgore Singers, followed by first grader Ayanna Greenidge, age 6, who gave a perfect animated recitation of the poem "Har-

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The Cerritos City Council listens to keynote speaker Reverend Jonathan Hemphill, Pastor of Another Level Ministries LA. Photo by Tammye McDuff.



Artesia Mayor Pro Tem Ali Sajjad Taj, with the students of Padleford Park After School Care. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

MLK

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riet Tubman” by Eloise Greenfield; while Ethan Robinson, Jr. age 16 and Katelyn Hunter age 15, both from Cerritos High School, performed “Glory”.

Two keynote speakers were featured Monday, Senator Tony Mendoza and Reverend Jonathan Hemphill, Pastor of Another Level Ministries LA.

Mendoza remarked, “As a member of a minority group, it gives me great honor to speak about such an inspiring man whose actions played a role in me being able to stand before you today, Dr. King

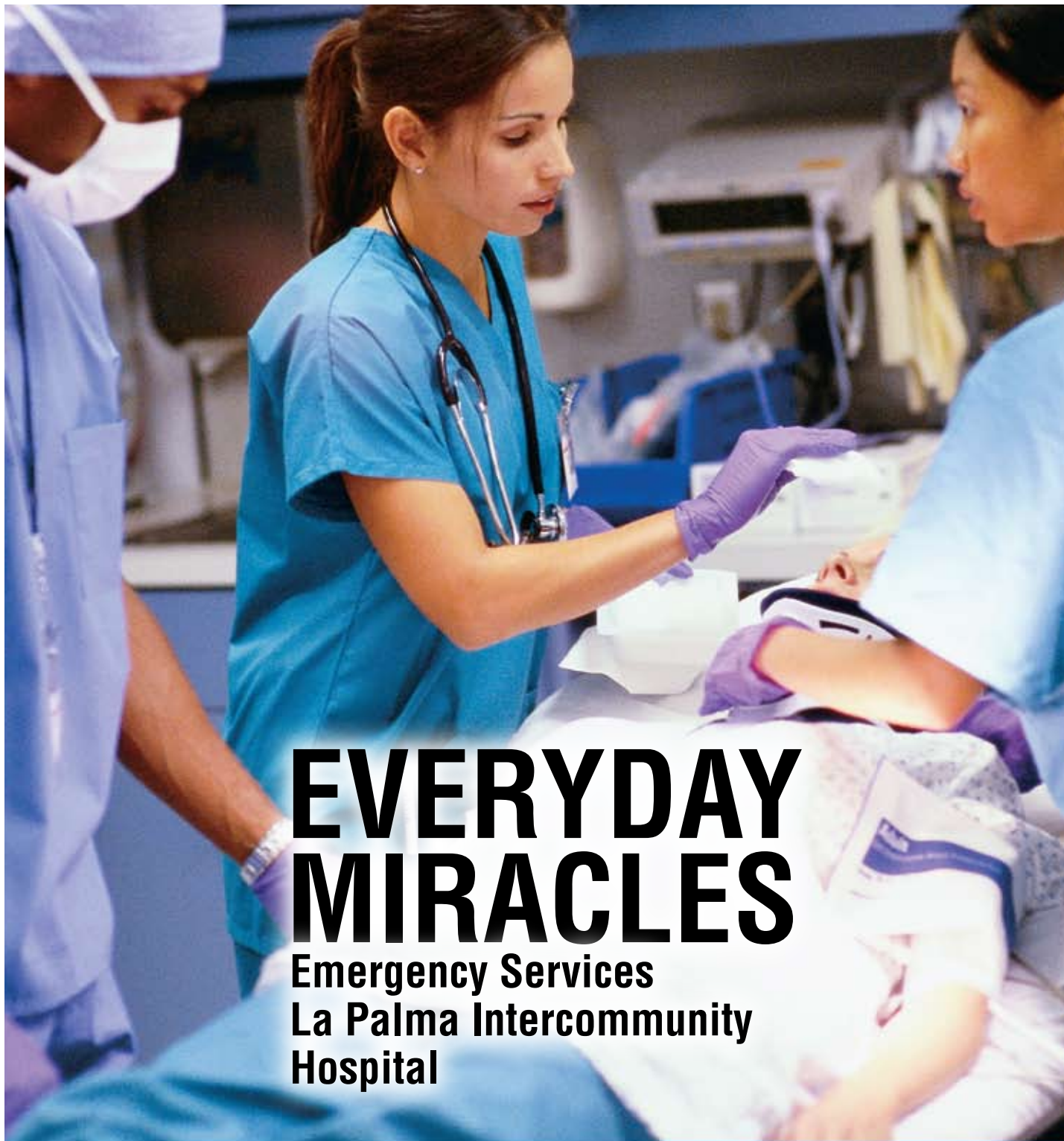
was such an encouraging individual.” Mendoza went on to say that King led a powerful movement of people of diverse backgrounds to extinguish racial prejudice and injustice, noting that Kings fight for civil rights spearheaded the crusade to turn the United States into a country of acceptance and freedom.

Pastor Hemphill introduced the theme

of his homily, ‘Be the peace you wish to see in the world’. “It strikes me rather odd,” began Hemphill, “we talk about finding peace and creating peace, but seldom do we hear about Being Peace. It is one thing to look for Peace; it is another to Be the Peace.” Hemphill continued to state to Be Peace, requires that we self reflect and make choices, in spite of what is going on around us, to be the people that brings light to darkness, serenity to chaos and order, where there is destruction. To a packed house, Hemphill concluded with, “Peace is not about happenstance, it is a disposition of your attitude.”

The City of Artesia held their first annual Martin Luther King tribute Tuesday, January 19th at Padleford Park. Mayor Pro-Tem Ali Sajjad Taj, addressed residents, speaking directly to the many children that were in attendance, stating that Dr. Kings message expressed the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility and service. “On this holiday we share the message of universal love, forgiveness and non-violence. Dr. King not only dreamed of a color blind society, but he had the courage to lead peaceful reform and made his dream of a vibrant multi racial nation a reality.”

Taj encouraged residents to honor and celebrate the values of equality, tolerance, interracial communication, and take the opportunity to teach our children and young people to fight evil, “We should ask ourselves,” says Taj, “What is the most peaceful way we can resolve a conflict. We must teach unconditional love, even to our adversaries. It is time for us to lead by example.”



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LA MIRADA HIGH STUDENTS ATTEND ROTARY CONFERENCE



ROTARY PEACE CONFERENCE – Representatives of the Interact Club at La Mirada High attended Rotary International's World Peace Conference recently in Ontario. Pictured are (l to r): Interact Club liaison Mary Cipres, Samantha Huerta, Gianfranco Salas, Heidi Ordorica, Isabella Verdon, and Gabby Magar.

La Mirada High School students joined Rotarians from around the world for the recent Presidential Conference on Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution in Ontario.

The Rotary World Peace Conference offered a unique opportunity for participants to exchange ideas and solutions with leaders and experts in conflict prevention and resolution.

Students attending the conference were members of the Interact Club sponsored by the Rotary Club of La Mirada. Participating were: Gabby Magar, Samantha Huerta, Heidi Ordorica, Gianfranco Salas, and Isabella Verdon. Also attending was Interact Club liaison Mary Cipres.

The event connected leaders and conflict resolution experts from around the globe with solutions to create a culture of peace. World-class speakers and facilitators spoke throughout the conference on more than 13 different tracks of training in the field of conflict prevention and resolution. More than 80 panel and facilitated sessions were held during the two days of the conference. Five plenary sessions

were conducted, and a Concert for Peace was held on the evening of January 16.

Rotary's World Peace Conference was designed to bring together experts with solutions to major issues that occur in personal lives, homes, schools, businesses and communities, not just in Southern California, but around the world. Leaders from health care, academia, government, public safety, religions, business, and communities came together to share the solutions presented by experts. The format allowed for action plans to be developed such that real and measureable actions can be undertaken when attendees return home."

"Peace is often talked about, but it is rare to hear concrete ideas and solutions that can actually be put into practice," says Rotary Club of La Mirada President Russell Hall. "We are very pleased that these La Mirada High School students, who will be tomorrow's leaders, were able to join in this important discussion about shaping a more peaceful future by resolving potential conflicts."

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School Choice Matters for California's Families

By Andrew R. Campanella

When it comes to K-12 education, America's parents want more choices.

In fact, almost two thirds of parents – 64 percent – say they wish they had more options for their children's education.

In a society where Americans choose practically everything, from the brands of coffee they drink in the morning to the types of cars they drive, it is understandable that parents are demanding more of a say in where they send their children to school.

Parents understand that with greater options come better results for their children. Every child is unique, with distinctive interests and learning styles. Moms and Dads know that a school that might work for one student might not be a

good fit for another.

From January 24-30, millions of Americans will raise awareness about the importance of school choice at an unprecedented 16,140 events – including 1445 events in California. These events are planned to coincide with National School Choice Week, the largest celebration of opportunity in education in US history.

For families in the Golden State, National School Choice Week provides a good opportunity to review the different types of education options available to their children.

Parents can choose from schools in the public sector – such as traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, or online academies. Parents can also pay to send their children to private schools, or educate their children in the home.

Parents who are not happy with their children's current schools, or would like to explore their options, should use January to consider the alternatives

available to them. Families can use National School Choice Week as an opportunity to visit schools, ask lots of questions of teachers and administrators, and talk with other parents to find a school that may be a better fit.

Starting the school search process in January, rather than waiting until summer break, means that parents have more options available to them.

Of course, some – if not many – parents in California will find that they do not have as many education options as children and families in other states. For these families, National School Choice Week provides an opportunity to stand up and have their voices and opinions heard.

Providing greater access to education options in California and across the country is essential, not just for individual families, but for the future prosperity of communities.

Research has demonstrated that when parents actively choose the schools their children attend, or choose to educate their children in the home, high school

graduation rates increase dramatically.

A student with a high school diploma will, over the course of his or her life, earn more than a quarter million dollars more than a student who has dropped out. High school graduates are far less likely to be incarcerated, and are six times more likely to participate in community and civic affairs, than individuals without high school diplomas.

In the short term, and over the long haul, school choice pays dividends.

Most importantly, though: school choice matters because every child in America has potential. Today's students are tomorrow's leaders, and together, we must do everything possible to prepare them for success.

Andrew R. Campanella is president of National School Choice Week, the nation's largest annual celebration of opportunity in education. A recognized expert on education reform, Andrew lives in Blue Mountain Beach, Florida.



Congresswoman Linda Sanchez (3rd from right) and Cerritos City Councilman Naresh Solanki join Cerritos Chamber staff and ambassadors at the ribbon-cutting at Rosewood's Restaurant in Cerritos.

ROSEWOOD RESTAURANT RIBBON CUTTING

By Tammye McDuff

The Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce welcomed Rosewood's Family Restaurant to the community with a ribbon cutting & grand opening event. A longtime, family-owned business, Rosewood's Family Restaurant reopened their doors in a brand new location in Cerritos.

Elected officials joined Chamber members, Ambassadors, and Board Members to celebrate the new restaurant. Customers can enjoy home-style food served during breakfast, lunch and dinner. Rosewood's Family Restaurant also provides a private banquet room which includes a bar and patio available for private parties and a wide range of catering services.

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'Labor Dispute Trailer' Irking Cerritos Residents and Causing Traffic Jams



The parked trailer in front of the Korean Bell Church just north of the Emerald Villas on the Cerritos side of Carmenita. It has writing posted in Korean and is causing traffic jams from curious drivers.

A parked trailer with writing posted in Korean is drawing the ire of Cerritos residents in the area, as the trailer is causing traffic jams from curious drivers.

The trailer is located on Carmenita in front of the Korean Bell Church just north of the Emerald Villas on the Cerritos side of Carmenita.

Banners are also flying in to the south bound lanes of traffic on Carmenita, causing traffic to abruptly slow.

One resident told HMG-CN "its been parked here on and off for over a month,

7 days a week."

Cerritos officials said there was nothing they could do because it is not an advertisement of a business, but more of an "advertisement over labor problems."

In addition, the owner of the trailer is passing out flyers written in Korean.

One resident who complained to the City was advised to let the Cerritos Planning Commission know about the situation, and that the City was working on how to rectify the problem.

LA MIRADA'S YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

The 56th annual La Mirada Youth in Government luncheon was recently held at the La Mirada Activity Center.

Youth in Government is a collaborative effort between the City of La Mirada, La Mirada High School, and La Mirada Ebell. The award-winning program partners students from La Mirada High School with City officials in an effort to engage local youth in City programs and services.

The luncheon is held each year as part of the program and provides students time to meet with their elected officials and staff counterparts. La Mirada Ebell volunteers help set up the event and serve the lunch.

Members of the La Mirada City Council attending the event were: Mayor Pauline Deal, Mayor Pro Tem Steve De Ruse, Councilmembers Ed Eng, Larry Mowles, and Andrew Sarega.

California State Senator Tony Mendoza, his wife ABC Unified Board Member Leticia Mendoza, Norwalk-La Mirada

Unified School District Board Member Chris Pflanzner, Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian, Assistant Superintendents Estuardo Santillan and Wayne Shannon, and La Mirada High School Assistant Principal Laurie Uesugi also attended.

Senator Tony Mendoza spoke to the students about the importance of civic engagement. He talked about the importance of education and urged students to pursue higher education. He also recommended students develop core values and determine what motivates and interests them.

From October to February, Youth in Government students work with City officials and staff members to learn the functions and processes of municipal government. During this time, students review community programs and services, and develop ideas for new programs or enhancing existing services. The students will present their recommendations at the Feb. 23 City Council meeting.

101 Freeway to Close for Forty Hours

Demolition of Sixth Street Viaduct Triggers 40-Hour Shutdown

The City of Los Angeles' Bureau of Engineering announced today that the final closure of the Sixth Street Viaduct is scheduled to take place early Wednesday January 27th. The Sixth Street Viaduct will be closed from Mateo Street on the west and Boyle Avenue on the east to allow for demolition of the existing viaduct and construction of the new viaduct. Detour signage will be in place to assist the public in finding alternate routes around the construction closure.

The 84-year old Sixth Street Viaduct suffers from a chemical deterioration of the bridge's concrete and needs to be replaced. Demolition is expected to take nine months and construction of the new viaduct will be completed in late 2019.

40-Hour Closure of 101 Freeway

To allow for demolition of the section of the viaduct over US Rte 101 on the east side of the structure, the freeway will be closed for 40 hours, starting on Friday Feb. 5th at 10 p.m. and ending on Sunday Feb. 7th at 2 p.m.

"My main priorities are keeping Angelenos safe and doing everything possible to minimize inconveniences or confusion that may be caused by the closure," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "We will do that by ensuring that detours are clearly marked, and working closely with LAPD and LAFD to maintain the highest standards of police and fire response throughout the weekend."

A 2.5 mile section of US Rte 101 will be closed from the 10/101 split to the 5/10/101 interchange just east of downtown Los Angeles. In addition, motorists travelling west on Rte 60 from the Pomona area will not be able to access US Rte 101.

"We are encouraging drivers to plan ahead, expect delays and to follow detour signs to alternate freeways," said Carrie Bowen, Caltrans District 7 Director. "It's important for motorists to Be Work Zone Alert and to Slow for the Cone Zone."

Councilmember Jose Huizar (CD-14) represents the communities closest to the viaduct.

"During the 40-hour freeway closure we encourage local residents of Boyle Heights and Downtown Los Angeles to plan accordingly," said Councilmember Jose Huizar (CD-14). "As we say good-bye to our old 6th Street Bridge before welcoming in our new bridge and public space, this is a necessary step to ensure the public's safety and begin the work at hand."

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Disneyland Band Featured at the Cerritos Center

Staff Report

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) presented two performances of the Disneyland Band in January as part of its arts education efforts to provide programs for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

The concert was made possible by the City of Cerritos with help from the Friends of the Cerritos Library.



Approximately 27 schools and 2,422 students from 11 school districts participated.

The school districts included ABC Unified School District, Bellflower Unified School District, Buena Park School District, Centralia Elementary School District, Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, Little Lake School District, Long Beach Unified School District, Los Angeles Unified School District, Mountain View School District, Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District and a private school.

The Disneyland Band, presented by Disneyland Resorts, has been performing for more than 25 years and introduces second-grade students to the history of the American Band and the fundamentals of concert etiquette.

At the conclusion of the show, students were joined by Mickey Mouse and friends and participated in a large choir.

CERRITOS HILLS FLORIST RE-OPENS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT



Recently, Cerritos Hills Florist passed ownership to Charlene Park. Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce welcomed Park as a new member with a grand opening & ribbon cutting celebration. Cerritos Hills Florist is located at 11827 South Street and can be reached at (562) 402-8108. Photo from Cerritos Regional Chamber.



Downey Mayor Alex Saab stands with Uncle John employees and Chamber ambassadors. Owners Ilkoo nam [Uncle John] and Soo Hyum Kim are on either side of Saab. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

Uncle John BBQ Sushi Opens in Downey

By Tammye McDuff

After several months of anticipation, Uncle John BBQ Grill & Poke Sushi is now open for business. Located at 9952 Lakewood Boulevard, this unique fusion Sushi and Brazilian BBQ adds a distinct spiciness to their menu.

From now until February 29th, a free raffle ticket will be issued with each order, first prize is a 32" LED Smart TV, second prize \$50 gift card and third prize a \$25 gift card to Uncle John.

The food is fresh, healthy and addictive. A great place for lunch or appetizers.

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• A robbery occurred near La Mirada Blvd. and Rosecrans Ave. Cash and a cell phone were stolen from a pedestrian.

Aggravated Assault

• An assault was reported on the 16100 block of Rosecrans Ave. A suspect was arrested in connection with the incident.

Other Structure Burglary

• An incident was reported on the 15700 block of Valley View Ave. Various electronic accessories were reported stolen.

• A burglary to a restaurant was reported on the 14800 block of Imperial Hwy. There was no loss reported from the location.

• A burglary to a recreation room was reported on the 13300 block of Hillsbor-

ough Dr.

Vehicle Burglary

• An incident was reported on the 11800 block of Armsdale Ave. There was an unknown loss from the vehicle.

• A car stereo and purse were reported stolen in a burglary reported on the 15800 block of Alicante Rd.

• A burglary was reported on the 13300 block of Kilkenny Ct. A first aid kit was reported stolen from the vehicle.

• A window-smash burglary was reported on the 16100 block of Rosecrans Ave. A backpack was reported stolen from the vehicle.

• A purse was reported stolen in a window-smash burglary which occurred on the 15700 block of Rosecrans Ave.

Grand Theft

• A grand theft was reported on the 15000 block of Elmbrook Dr.

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Staff Report

Anaheim, CA – Cornelia Connelly School is pleased to announce the opening of the new IDEAS Center on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. The IDEAS Center, an acronym for Innovation, Design, Energy, Artistry, Synergy, was designed to be an innovative space for active learning where students develop new skills through the creative use of technology. Every space was designed with the thought of peer-to-peer learning and collaboration. The aesthetics and furniture combine to create a learning atmosphere that is engaging for both student and teacher.

Connelly’s graphic design teacher, Gustavo Madrigal, was instrumental in the design concept of the IDEAS Center. “The IDEAS Center was designed to be an innovative space where students learn essential skills for today’s success, such as critical thinking, problem, solving, communication, and collaboration,” Madrigal said. “It is equipped with top-of-the line iMacs and MacBook Pros that will be able to keep up with the extensive processing power needed for graphic design, 3D development, and other multimedia capabilities. The Center will also be a hub for all things Maker and robotics. As technology is always changing and moving forward, Connelly will continually explore newer technology as it relates to teaching and learning.”

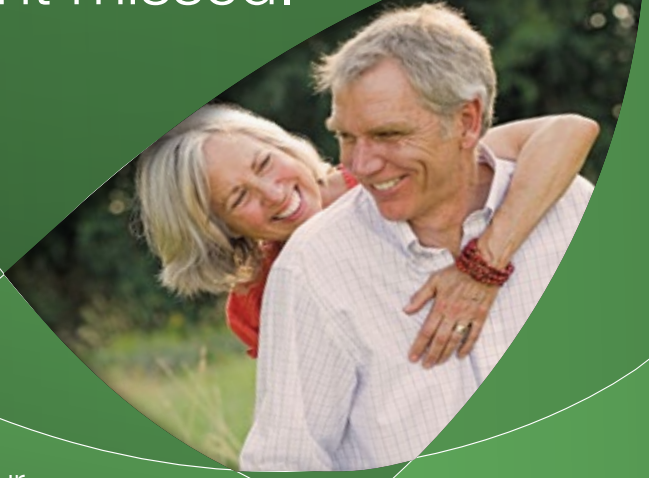
The Most Reverend Kevin Vann, JCD, DD presided over a special Mass held in Connelly’s Gunther Auditorium, which was filled with students, faculty, staff, parents, Board members, donors, and alumnae. Other guests present included Fr. Jerry Horan, O.S.M., Vicar for Faith Formation for the Diocese of Orange; Gregory Dhuyvetter, Superintendent of Catholic Schools; Shirl Giacomo, Chancellor of the Diocese of Orange; Teresa “Tita” Smith, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Orange County and Mayor of Orange; and Steve Perales of Shea Family Charities.

Bishop Vann expressed his delight at being on the Connelly campus for the occasion. After Mass, Bishop Vann and the congregation processed across the campus to the new IDEAS Center, where Connelly’s ASB officers held a red ribbon to cut. Priscila Forbes, Chair of Connelly’s Board of Trustees, talked about the IDEAS Center and then invited Bishop Vann to join her and Sister Francine to cut the ribbon and officially open the new Center.

After the ribbon cutting, Bishop Vann prayed a blessing for the IDEAS Center, and then went inside to bless the room. The students, Board members, parents, alumnae, and special guests were then welcomed to enter the IDEAS Center to try out all of the new technology at their fingertips. The excitement in the air was palpable as everyone, especially the students, eagerly went from one technology station to the next while the two 65” and one 70” video display panels above cycled through various messages welcoming everyone to the IDEAS Center.



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Bryan Audiss, Executive Merchant Store Manager at Floor and Decor.

By Tammye McDuff

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Top left: Bishop Vann, Sister Francine Gunther, and Board Chair, Priscila Forbes, cut the ceremonial ribbon opening the new IDEAS Center.

Top right: Bishop Vann, accompanied by Deacon Carl Swanson, bless Connelly's new IDEAS Center.

Left: (from left to right) Shea Foundation representative, Steve Perales, Head of School Sr. Francine, Chair of Connelly's Board of Trustees Priscila Forbes, Mayor of Orange, Teresa "Tita" Smith, Chancellor Shirl Giacomi, and Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Mr. Gregory Dhuyvetter, are among the first visitors in Connelly's new IDEAS Center.

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ARTESIA BOYS, JOHN GLENN GIRLS STOP LOSING SKIDS WHILE EXTENDING WINLESS STREAKS

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

Something had to give when the Artesia High girls basketball team hosted struggling John Glenn High last Friday evening. Through the first 17 games of the season, Glenn had just a forfeit win against Torres High to claim while the Pioneers had lost 12 of their past 14 games.

Despite nine lead changes in the first half and neither team leading by more than three points, it was an 8-0 run over the final 1:49 of the first half that enabled Glenn to walk away with a 40-34 victory.

"It's exhausting but exciting at the same time," said John Glenn head coach

Christina Hernandez. "We didn't come up with any wins in the preseason, but we got a lot of experience and it's everything we're working towards. It feels like a great accomplishment. I know on paper it's one win. But for these girls and my young kids, it's a lot more than that."

Glenn (2-16 overall, 1-3 in the Suburban League) did not take its first lead until the 1:34 mark of the first quarter when sophomore Savannah Madrid scored off a pass from sophomore Kaylin Meno. The lead stretched to 12-9 in the opening minutes of the second quarter after a Meno steal and basket.

But the Pioneers (4-15, 0-4) went on an 8-2 run following a basket from senior Zharia Simmons and with 2:15 left in the half, the hosts were up 17-14. From that point on, Artesia missed its last five shots of the half while Glenn went on that aforementioned 8-0 run. Both teams wouldn't shoot particularly well from the field in the second half, but one area where the Lady Eagles clearly dominated was on the glass. Glenn grabbed 30 rebounds in the second half and finished with 55 boards. Senior Natalie Cardenas, who had a quiet second quarter after getting five rebounds in the first quarter, led everyone with 15 rebounds, seven coming on the offensive end. Madrid and sophomore Dalilah Mendoza each added 13 rebounds while Simmons had 11 of



her team's 35 boards.

"That's one of the statistics that I've been telling the girls that it doesn't matter for us from the very beginning," Hernandez said. "Are we boxing out? Are we getting opportunities to rebound?"

While our shooting percentage was low, we have to have the other side of the boards. We have to be able to get those rebounds to even have a chance." Glenn opened up an eight-point lead almost two minutes into the fourth quarter after senior Savanna Aguilar scored the second of her consecutive baskets within a 19 second span. The Lady Eagles would have two more eight-point leads while Artesia was unable to get to within four points the rest of the way.

"I told the girls and I've been telling them it really comes down to who wants it more," Hernandez said. "They really wanted today's win and it didn't matter which lineup was out there even though some had more success than others. Everybody was on the same page."

Simmons, as she has done virtually all season long, led Artesia with 15 points while sophomore Riley Woolf added seven points. For Glenn, which still hasn't had all three of its returning players-Cardenas and juniors Saurianna Harrison and Vanessa Rouse-in the lineup on a consistent basis all season long, was led by Aguilar's career-high 17 points. Madrid and Cardenas added nine and seven points respectively. But it's

been the job performed by sophomores who have picked up the slack in the absence of the returning players.

"Because we got Savannah so late in the preseason, we told her from the very beginning, 'you're going to have to continually take shots until you get into a rhythm again'," Hernandez said. "She's such an offensive-oriented player. She wants to score and as long as she wants to score, we're going to keep allowing her those opportunities."

Something also had to give when the Artesia boys faced John Glenn as both teams were looking to escape last place in the Suburban League. In addition, the Eagles were seeking their first win of the season.

This one was over before the end of the first quarter as Artesia head coach Ray Walker saw his team scored the first 10 points of the game and was never challenged in a 64-34 victory. Artesia snapped a brief three-game losing streak and improved to 8-9 overall, 1-3 in league action. However, the Pioneers had lost to Mayfair High by 10 points and Bellflower High by 12 points in their first two league games.

"We knew it was going to be tough," Walker said. "We actually played well in the first two games in league. We didn't come out with wins, but we competed and played pretty hard. We're young; it's expected to have some ups and downs. It's been hard. Our league is going to be tough for us but we keep fighting."

Artesia freshman Heder Gladden set the tone early with his 10 points on just four attempts from the field. Already

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with a pair of three-pointers to his name, Gladden ended the quarter with another long shot, and was fouled in the process in which he converted the subsequent free throw. After the opening quarter, the Pioneers were off and running with a 19-6 lead.

Gladden would add another three-pointer in the third quarter to finish the game with a game-high 14 points. It's his third straight game of at least 13 points and already he is proving that he could be a force in Artesia's offense for the next three years. Gladden has scored in double figures in 10 games and has been held without a point just once.

"He plays football, so we didn't see a lot of him until football season ended," Walker said. "He's really picked up things right away. And he's been really talented, so he's going to be very good [in the future]. He's very coachable and works his tail off and well respected by our players."

If Glenn (0-16, 0-4) had any thoughts of putting a dent in Artesia's lead, it was immediately dismissed because Artesia began the second quarter scoring the first 16 points with the long shots continuing to fall, this time coming from seniors Isaiah Harris and Martin Villeses and junior Alex Linao.

Glenn would not score its third field goal of the game until 3:39 remained in the half. That was a result of a steal from junior Lucas Aguirre who fed the ball to senior Nathan Lopez. The Eagles were three of 22 from the field in the half while Artesia was 12 of 29 and already had grabbed 28 rebounds.

"We emphasize to come out strong and be ready to play and do a good job from the beginning," Walker said. "No one wants a bad start. We got everyone in there and they all really contributed."

We had some issues sometimes with sharing the basketball and we wanted to make sure we [shared] today."

Villeses added 11 points while junior Devion Smith pulled down 11 rebounds and junior Rian Hughing another nine boards, all coming before halftime. Junior Cruz Gomez paced the Eagles with eight points and four steals while Lopez added seven points. Glenn shot a dismal 20 percent from the field and had 19 rebounds.

Both Artesia teams will visit Norwalk High today and host Bellflower on Wednesday to begin the second round of league play while both Glenn teams visit La Mirada High today.

OLYMPIC LEAGUE BOYS SOCCER
VALLEY CHRISTIAN'S DEFENSE HANDLES VILLAGE CHRISTIAN
TO REMAIN ON TOP OF LEAGUE

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

For the third straight Olympic League contest this season, Valley Christian High is showing why it has won three straight league titles and looking for a fourth. The Valley Christian offense kept constant pressure on Village Christian and the defense put together another stellar performance in a 4-0 victory this past Tuesday evening at Crusader Field.

It was the third shutout in as many league games for Valley Christian, and in the process, extended Village Christian's league losing streak to 19 games. First-year head coach Andy Anderson, who had been coaching the freshman/sophomore team at Los Alamitos High for the past four seasons before replacing Sean Toth, saw his offense pepper Jake Byrd for 23 shots on goal.

Valley Christian's first legitimate chance to score came just eight minutes into the contest when junior midfielder Clay D'Amico's one on one shot was

blocked by Byrd. But in the 21st minute, a shot taken from junior forward Noah Silverman hit the right post, bounced back out and through the chaos in front of the net, was tapped in by a Village Christian defender for an own goal.

Valley Christian (6-5-3 overall, 3-0-0 in league) went up 2-0 in the 29th minute on a beautiful display of tic-tac-toe as senior midfielder Lam Pham fed a pass to Silverman who then knocked the ball over to senior forward Roger Ramos who notched his fourth goal of the season.

"The most important time after a goal is those first couple of minutes," Anderson said. "And if you can jump on them right away, that's when a team gets demoralized, especially after an own goal. They happened to really fight back and tried to get going but we used our possession again and our opportunity to get them behind. It was probably the nicest finish of the night."

Then with two minutes left in the half, D'Amico made it 3-0 with the assist going to junior forward Jarrod Chacko. Valley Christian would take 11 shots on goal

in the half while junior goalkeeper Misha Marson was challenged only once.

"In the first 20 minutes, we were on their half [of the field] and getting at them," Anderson said. "The possession was there, everything was there and our looks were there. We couldn't finish and that's been our problem the last couple of games. We had a talk with the boys before the game [and said] if we can finish early, we can put these guys away nice and early."

Valley Christian was looking for more early in the second half and in the 48th minute, senior forward Trent Berkenkamp got loose on a breakaway, only to see his shot sail high. But five minutes later, Silverman closed out the scoring when he spun through the Village Christian defense as he entered the penalty box and knocked in his fourth goal, all coming in league action.

Valley Christian missed a golden opportunity to add at least two more goals when a free kick from Chacko in the 71st minute hit the crossbar as it was curling towards the upper right corner of the net.

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ARTESIA GIRLS SOCCER SHOWS VERY LITTLE AGAINST LA MIRADA

By Loren Kopff
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If the Artesia High girls soccer team wanted to use its home game against La Mirada High as a measuring stick to see if they have what it takes to win the program's first Suburban League title, it picked the wrong day to have its worst performance of the season. The Pioneers were dominated both offensively and defensively by the defending league and California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division IV champions in a 6-0 loss this past Wednesday.

It was Artesia's worst loss to La Mirada since a 6-0 setback on Jan. 11, 2010 and the 24th time since 1998 it has been blanked by the Matadores in a loss. The teams did play to scoreless ties in 2008 and 2013.

"I would have never thought the score would end up this way," said Artesia head coach Octavio Marquez. "I thought we came out flat. Even last year, we had a lot of close wins and shutouts and our defense has been our strength. Today, we just had a bad day."

The Pioneers could have used some of the 12 goals they scored last Friday against John Glenn High, the second highest single game total in school history. Instead, Artesia (10-4-1 overall, 3-2-0 in league) registered only one shot on goal, which came in



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the 44th minute when a shot from senior defender Guadalupe Trejo went above the crossbar.

La Mirada, which entered the contest in third place and behind Bellflower High and Artesia, struck in the sixth minute when Maddie Bennett scored the first of her three goals. Nearly midway through the half, she converted on a penalty kick and completed her hat trick three minutes before halftime.

The Matadores also got a first half goal from Amanda Duran and second half tallies from Amberly Mentz and Marilyn Prieto. In

all, La Mirada took 16 shots on goal and never allowed Artesia's offense, which has scored 40 goals this season, to get anything going.

"After that second goal, that kind of took the air out of us and we struggled the rest of the game to try to get back and we

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WALMART

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two months severance.

The retailer said that more than 95% of the stores are within 10 miles of another store, and that employees will receive priority in transfer opportunities.

"The decision to close doors is difficult and we care about the associates who will be impacted," Wal-Mart Chief Executive Doug McMillan said in a statement. "We invested considerable time assessing our stores and clubs and don't take this lightly."



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VALLEY CHRISTIAN

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With three minutes remaining in the game, a long shot from freshman midfielder Grigorios Papachristos ricocheted off the top of the crossbar. This was the second 4-0 win over Village Christian this season. The first time came on Dec. 5 in a Temple City Tournament game.

Valley Christian began the season at 3-1, but went through a one-week stretch in which it lost four straight games where it scored one goal. But now, Valley Christian has gone 3-0-2 since a 3-0 loss to St. Margaret's High on Dec. 18.

"Our possession wasn't there, the physicality wasn't there and mentally it was not there," Anderson said of last month. "We had a good, long talk after the [St. Margaret's] game and used that as our turning point. We saw two directions we could take—we can continue downhill or we turn things and start fighting back uphill, and that's what we did."

Valley Christian visits Maranatha High today to wrap up the first round of league action and will host Heritage Christian High on Jan. 29 and Maranatha on Feb. 5 in what is probably the toughest stretch of the team's schedule.

"Maranatha, in the past, has given Valley some trouble," Anderson said. "Heritage as well, and thus far, being 3-0 is a great start. But I do think the middle of our [league] schedule is the toughest for us. If they can go 6-0 to start, they'll put themselves in a fantastic situation to win league."

NEWS AND NOTES

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never regrouped," Marquez said.

Artesia visits Norwalk High today to end the first round of league play, then hosts Bellflower on Wednesday, hoping to avenge a 2-1 loss at Bellflower on Jan. 11. Still, this is the eighth straight season the Pioneers have won at least 10 games

"It's a tough loss but it's eventually something we need to move on from," Marquez said. "We have Norwalk on Friday at Norwalk, so we need to bounce back and try to get that win. It's far from over; the league has been close. Yeah, we have La Mirada again at their place [on Feb. 3] and we always know how tough it is to play at their place."

In other girls soccer action, Gahr High was shutout for the fourth straight game, this time to Paramount High 2-0 this past Tuesday. The Gladiators, who haven't scored since Dec. 19 against Eastside High, dropped to 4-9-1 overall and 0-3 in the San Gabriel Valley League. Gahr visited Downey High on Jan. 21 and will host Dominguez High on Tuesday before traveling to Lynwood High on Thursday.

John Glenn was blasted by Bellflower 11-1 this past Wednesday to drop to 4-9-0 overall and 0-5 in the Suburban League. The Lady Eagles have scored four goals over the past 10 games as they travel to La Mirada today.

Valley Christian High blanked Village Christian High 1-0 this past Tuesday to improve to 6-8-2 overall and 1-1-1 in the Olympic League. The Lady Crusaders, who have scored four goals in their past four games, will host Maranatha High tonight.

BOYS SOCCER

Artesia continues to keep its bounce back season going following a 1-0 win at La Mirada this past Wednesday, its eighth straight win and 10th in the past 11 games.

The Pioneers, who missed the playoffs last season, improved to 13-2-2 overall, 5-0-0 in the Suburban League and will host Norwalk High today in a pivotal tilt to end the first half of league play. Norwalk posted a 1-0 win over Mayfair High this past Wednesday to improve to 6-6-1 overall, 2-3 in the circuit. The Lancers are tied for fourth place with Glenn and will host Cerritos High on Wednesday. Gahr was blanked by Paramount 3-0 this past Tuesday to fall to 4-5-4 overall and 1-2-0 in the SGVL. The Gladiators hosted Downey on Jan. 21 and will travel to Dominguez on Tuesday before coming back home to face Lynwood on Thursday.

Glenn, which has scored only four goals all season, fell to Bellflower 3-0 this past Wednesday. It was the eighth time in 12 games that the Eagles (3-9-0, 2-3-0) failed to score. Glenn will host La Mirada today.

CENTRAL BASIN

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each billing \$350 per hour.

In addition, TG investigators who arrived at 9 a. m., logged 15 hours per day working at CB, often working past midnight. Interestingly, all CB employees leave at 5 p. m.

Shockingly, at a Perez worker's compensation hearing weeks later, the Commissioner-judge soundly rebuked TG and essentially their \$100,000 investigation.

The judge told TG that their investigation was 'after the fact,' that they could be 'manufacturing information,' and that the judge would only speak to the CB representative that was at the hearing.

In the months following, Apodaca, Royal, and Vasquez voted to tender the Perez termination lawsuit to CB's insurance company in an attempt to settle, which it did for \$700,000.

Total Perez price tag, \$825,000.
Whistleblower Lawsuit-\$300,000 and counting

Director Vasquez, who was recalled for the Lynwood City Council in 2007, is a "party plaintiff" to a whistleblower lawsuit that could net Vasquez over \$2 million, suing the agency she was elected to represent.

The attorney fees related to defending the lawsuit are said to be well over \$300,000 and counting.

Apodaca's Sexual Harassment and Questionable Payments-\$680,000 and counting

HMG-CN exclusively obtained the settlement documents related to a sexual harassment lawsuit filed by a former female employee with CB against Apodaca that resulted in a massive \$670,000 payout for the victim.

Sigrid Lopez, who worked as a public outreach director with CB filed the sexual battery lawsuit against Apodaca in 2012 alleging, among other things, that her contract was not renewed because she refused

Apodaca's sexual advances.

In documents obtained via a public records request, HMG-CN found files detailing over \$10,000 in District payments to Director Bob Apodaca's widely acknowledged common-law wife and Whittier City Commissioner Caroline Medrano, as well as to another Whittier area firm that District sources claim Medrano utilized to conceal a bulk of her fees.

Source are telling HMG-CN there is another sexual harassment lawsuit that could be filed against Apodaca.

Pacifica Services-\$1,170,000

Vasquez, Roybal and Apodaca agreed to pay out \$870,000 in a settlement with Pacifica Services, owned by Ernie Camacho, and a firm that had contributed thousands of dollars in campaign donations to the three.

Pacifica's long association with Central Basin began in 2007 with a presentation by then agency Consultant Tom Calderon strongly recommending Directors to retain the services of the minority-owned Pasadena engineering firm.

Subsequently, Pacifica bid and won a \$600,000 contract in 2007. HMG-CN exclusively published documents that showed eight no-bid contract extensions over the next five years resulting in Pacifica billing in excess of \$5 million.

Calderon and his brother State Senator Ronald Calderon eventually were arrested and charged in one of the biggest political corruption scandals to ever rock California, and are currently out on bail. If convicted on all of their charges, the Calderon brothers could spend the rest of their lives behind bars.

Chuck Fuentes and Ron Beilke-\$325,000 and counting

Immediately after their 2012 election, Vasquez, Roybal, and Apodaca joined forces and fired Charles P. Fuentes as Interim Chief Executive Officer during a heated special meeting.

Directors Art Chacon and Phil Hawkins opposed the firing of Fuentes.

Fuentes told HMG-CN that he was advised by General Counsel Arnold Alvarez-Gasman that the "three members of the Board of Directors had voted to release me of my duties."

Immediately after that they fired former Pico Rivera Mayor Ron Beilke from his position at CB.

Fuentes filed a wrongful termination lawsuit and eventually settled for \$75,000, costing the agency over \$50,000 in legal fees.

Beilke filed a wrongful termination lawsuit and attempted to settle for \$300,000, which was rejected by Vasquez, Roybal, and Apodaca.

The lawsuit is ongoing and according to sources, has cost CB over \$200,000 in legal fees.

Priscilla Segura, Public Information Officer at CB told HMG-CN, "we spoke to the General Manager and Directors, at this time we will be providing no comment."



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(Meeting to be held at Cerritos Park East in the Newport Room B from 2 - 4 P.M.)

Joelle Li (GHS) and Alessandra Rivera (WHS) - our current Cerritos-Artesia's 2016 Distinguished Young Women were awarded \$1800 each at our local program and participated in the State Program!

For more information, please contact:
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FEBRUARY COMMUNITY CLASSES PRESENTED BY PIH HEALTH

Free Community Workshop

What is Diabetes? Know the Basics & Risks

WHAT: Join us to explore the risk factors and how to prevent the onset of diabetes.
 Reservations required, call (562) 698-0811, Ext. 81085
 WHEN: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 from 10 - 11 am
 WHERE: PIH Health - Whittwood Medical Office Building 15725 E. Whittier Blvd., Whittier, 90603

Free Community Workshop

What is Diabetes? Know the Basics & Risks

WHAT: Join us to explore the risk factors and how to prevent the onset of diabetes.
 Reservations required, call (562) 698-0811, Ext. 81085
 WHEN: Thursday, February 4, 2016 from 6 - 7 pm
 WHERE: PIH Health Hospital - Downey
 11500 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241

AARP Smart Driver Courses

WHAT: In partnership with AARP, participants will learn safe driving techniques. Program graduates may qualify for automobile insurance discounts. This class takes place over the span of two days, 4 hours each day. Reservations required, call (562) 698-0811, Ext. 81085
 WHEN: Monday, February 8, 2016 from 9 am to 1 pm
 Wednesday, February 10, 2016 from 9 am to 1 pm *participants must attend both days*
 FEE: AARP members: \$15/person
 Non-members: \$20/person
 WHERE: PIH Health Hospital - Whittier
 12401 Washington Blvd.
 Whittier, CA

Heartsaver First Aid, CPR, and AED

WHAT: Become certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED), or First Aid-CPR-AED.
 Reservations required, call (562) 698-0811, Ext. 81085
 This class is for: First Aid CPR and AED Fee: \$70.00
 WHEN: Saturday, February 6, 2016 9 am to 4 pm
 WHERE: PIH Health Hospital - Whittier
 12401 Washington Blvd. Whittier, CA

Free Community Workshop

Eating Healthy Never Tasted so Good

WHAT: Small changes in what you eat can help prevent diabetes. Join us for an interactive discussion and food demonstration as we explore ways to increase healthier eating at home and on the go.
 Reservations required, call (562) 698-0811, Ext. 81085
 WHEN: Tuesday, February 09, 2016 6 to 7 pm
 WHERE: Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center 9255 S. Pioneer Blvd., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

Free Community Workshop

Eating Healthy Never Tasted so Good

WHAT: Small changes in what you eat can help prevent diabetes. Join us for an interactive discussion and food demonstration as we explore ways to increase healthier eating at home and on the go.
 Reservations required, call (562) 698-0811, Ext. 81085
 WHEN: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 10 - 11 am
 WHERE: PIH Health - Whittwood Medical Office Building 15725 E. Whittier Blvd., Whittier, 90603

Free Community Workshop

Eating Healthy Never Tasted so Good

WHAT: Small changes in what you eat can help prevent diabetes. Join us for an interactive discussion and food demonstration as we explore ways to increase healthier eating at home and on the go.
 Reservations required, call (562) 698-0811, Ext. 81085
 WHEN: Thursday, February 11, 2016 from 6 to 7 pm
 WHERE: PIH Health Hospital - Downey 11500 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241

Free Community Workshop

What is Diabetes? Know the Basics & Risks (Class in Spanish)

WHAT: Join us to explore the risk factors and how to prevent the onset of diabetes. This class will be facilitated in Spanish.
 Reservations required, call (562) 698-0811, Ext. 81085
 WHEN: Friday, February 12, 2016 from 10 to 11 am
 WHERE: Pico Rivera Senior Center
 9200 Mines Ave., Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Free Community Workshop

Families in it Together (FIT) for Health

WHAT: In this program, parents/guardians and their kids (ages 6 to 15) will explore ways increase physical activity and make healthier food choices together. This class meets once a week for three weeks.
 Reservations required, call (562) 698-0811, Ext. 81085
 WHEN: Starting Saturday, February 13, 2016 10 to 11:30 am
 WHERE: PIH Health - Whittwood Medical Office Building
 15725 E. Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90603

Free Community Workshop

Mind Over Matter: One Step at a Time

WHAT: Join us to explore ways to increase movement, reduce stress, and find how long term game planning can help you live your best life.
 Reservations required, call (562) 698-0811, Ext. 81085
 WHEN: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 from 6 - 7 pm
 WHERE: Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center
 9255 S. Pioneer Blvd., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

Free Community Workshop

Mind Over Matter: One Step at a Time

WHAT: Join us to explore ways to increase movement, reduce stress, and find how long term game planning can help you live your best life.
 Reservations required, call (562) 698-0811, Ext. 81085
 WHEN: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 10 - 11 am
 WHERE: PIH Health - Whittwood Medical Office Building
 15725 E. Whittier Blvd., Whittier, 90603

Free Community Workshop

Mind Over Matter: One Step at a Time

WHAT: Join us to explore ways to increase movement, reduce stress, and find how long term game planning can help you live your best life.
 Reservations required, call (562) 698-0811, Ext. 81085
 WHEN: Thursday, February 18, 2016 to 6 - 7pm
 WHERE: PIH Health Hospital - Downey
 11500 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241

Free Community Workshop

Eating Healthy Never Tasted so Good (Spanish)

WHAT: Small changes in what you eat can help prevent diabetes. Join us for an interactive discussion and food demonstration as we explore ways to increase healthier eating at home and on the go. This class will be facilitated in Spanish.
 Reservations required, call (562) 698-0811, Ext. 81085
 WHEN: Friday, February 19, 2016 10 to 11 am
 WHERE: Pico Rivera Senior Center
 9200 Mines Ave., Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Free Community Workshop

What is Diabetes? Know the Basics & Risks (Class in Spanish)

WHAT: Join us to explore the risk factors and how to prevent the onset of diabetes. This class will be facilitated in Spanish.
 Reservations required, call (562) 698-0811, Ext. 81085
 WHEN: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 from 6 - 7 pm
 WHERE: Community Resource Center

Free Community Workshop

Better Choices-Better Health

WHAT: Join us as we explore practical skills to manage chronic health conditions (ex. Diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and others) and ways to create your own self-management action plan to improve quality of life.
 Reservations required, call (562) 698-0811, Ext. 81085
 WHEN: 6 consecutive Wednesdays starting February 24 - March 30
 5:45 to 8:15 pm
 WHERE: PIH Health - Whittwood Medical Office Building
 15725 E. Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90603
 *This event is sponsored by PIH Health. No YMCA membership required.

Free Community Workshop

Mind Over Matter: One Step at a Time (Spanish)

WHAT: Join us to explore ways to increase movement, reduce stress, and find how long term game planning can help you live your best life. This class will be facilitated in Spanish.
 Reservations required, call (562) 698-0811, Ext. 81085
 WHEN: Friday, February 26, 2016 from 10 - 11 am
 WHERE: Pico Rivera Senior Center
 9200 Mines Ave., Pico Rivera, CA 90660

101 FREEWAY
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Secondary Detour: W/B 10 to N/B 110

When traveling W/B 60 from the Pomona area approaching 5/10/101 Interchange:

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- Exit to W/B 10 open
- Exit to N/B 5 open

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Secondary Detour: W/B 10 to N/B 110

When traveling S/B 101 from the San Fernando Valley area approaching the 10/101 Split:

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- E/B 10 open

Primary Detour: S/B 110 to E/B 10
Secondary Detour: E/B 10 to S/B 710

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Cherry Carson RV Storage 4160 Cherry Ave. Long Beach CA, 90807, will sell by competitive bidding by Climer’s Auctions (Bond #5181494), on or after **February 12th, 2016 @ 10:30 a.m.**, property belonging to those listed below. Auction is to be held at the above address. Property to be sold as follows: household goods, furniture, personal items, clothing, electronics, DJ equipment, papers, tools, auto parts and miscellaneous boxes, belonging to the following.

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John C Sweredoski	C32
John C Sweredoski	C34

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.
 Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS

ORDINANCE NO. 563

SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.25 OF TITLE 5 OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXPRESSLY BAN MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES, CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, AND DELIVERY.

On January 19, 2016, the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens adopted Ordinance No. 563 amending Chapter 5.25 of Title 5 of the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code to update and revise regulations pertaining to marijuana dispensaries and other commercial marijuana activity.

A copy of Ordinance No. 563 is on file with the City Clerk and available for public review at City Hall, 21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716, and is attached to the Staff report for the Council meeting at which it was introduced on January 5, 2016, and adopted on January 19, 2016, which are posted at the City's website at http://www.hgcity.org.

For additional information, contact the City at (562) 420-2641.

Suzanne Underwood
City Clerk

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS)

I, Suzanne Underwood, City Clerk of the City of Hawaiian Gardens, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 563, was duly and regularly introduced and placed upon its first reading at a Regular meeting of the City Council on JANUARY 5, 2016, and that thereafter, said Ordinance was duly adopted and passed at a Regular meeting of the City Council on this 19TH day of JANUARY 2016 by the following votes as the same appears on file and of record in the Office of the City Clerk.

AYES: BRUCE, RODRIGUEZ, MARAVILLA, TRIMBLE, RIOS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

SUZANNE UNDERWOOD
CITY CLERK/RECORDS MANAGER

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code, 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 will sell by competitive bidding by Climer's Auctions (Bond # 5181494), on or after February 12, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m., property belonging to those listed below.

Table with 2 columns: NAME and UNIT #. Lists names like Dianna Figueroa, Jeffrey Satterwhite, Lauren Silva, etc.

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California. Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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RESOLUTION NO. 16-2590

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA DETERMINING AND ADOPTING AN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 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 2015-16 fiscal year shall be \$10,022,791.00, 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 16-2590.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of February 2016.

ATTEST:

VICTOR MANALO, MAYOR

GLORIA CONSIDINE, CITY CLERK

I, Gloria Considine, City Clerk 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 8th day of February 2016, by the following vote:

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

Gloria Considine, City Clerk

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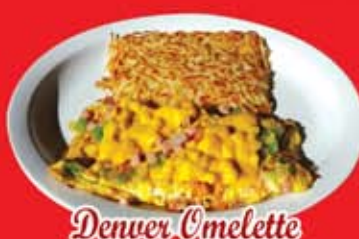
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Denver Omelette



French Toast Combo



Country Fried Steak



Fish Fillet



Avocado Bacon Cheese Omelette



Strawberry Crepes



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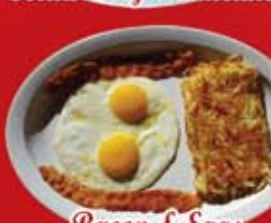
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