



## KNABE REMINISCES AT LAST STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS

By Tammye McDuff



Supervisor Don Knabe gave his last State of the County address to Cerritos residents and businesses this past February 11 hosted by the Cerritos Regional Chamber.

Taking the podium, Knabe recognized visiting City Councils from Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens and Lakewood along with the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Being ever conscious and grateful to his staff Knabe jokingly said, "They always make me look good. If I am tweeting you right now, as I speak ... its Andrew. If you're a friend of mine on Facebook ... it's Andrew. If you

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## Three Woman Found Dead in Hawaiian Gardens Home

By Brian Hews

Three women were found dead in a home and garage in Hawaiian Gardens last Monday, with the circumstances surrounding their deaths still under investigation.

LA County Sheriff's responded to the 11800 block of 223rd Street just after 7:30 a.m. on Monday after a female rela-

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## Legacy of African-Americans Who Served in the Civil War Visits Whitney High



Colonel Franklin Henderson, (3rd from right), member of the original Buffalo Soldiers' 9th and 10th Cavalry Association, stands with, from left to right, Ray Wong, Community Outreach Liaison from Senator Mendoza's office, and veterans Dennis Knight, Alfred Areyan, Henderson, Mike Felix, and Ernesto Garcia at the Whitney High event. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

By Tammye McDuff

After serving in the French and Indian War, the American Revolution, the War of 1812, and the American Civil War as volunteers, for the first time in American military history, African Americans were allowed to enlist in the Regular Army during peacetime. These soldiers were sent to the most remote forts, got the least training, received the worst supplies, condemned equipment and broken down mounts [horses]. The "Buffalo Soldiers" nevertheless, made lasting marks to the settlement of the American West.

Authorized in 1866, the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry Regiments and the 38th, 39th, 40th, and 41st Infantry Regiments were officially organized. The men, who joined these new units, came from the infantry and cavalry ranks of the United States Colored Troops (USTC). They were former slaves and freed men who made up the 140th Infantry, 7th Cavalry, 13th Artillery regiments that helped the Union win the Civil War. The ranks of the new cavalry units were filled with ex-slaves but they now had a new perspective "freedom and equality".

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## Covered California Awarded \$178 Million in Sole-Source Contracts

By Brian Hews

In a scathing report issued Tuesday, reported online that same day by HMG-CN, the California State Auditor slammed the State's health insurance exchange, Covered California, for handing out sole source contracts saying the agency "needs to improve its contracting practices to ensure the integrity of the process it uses in awarding sole-source contracts," while finding the justifications for awarding nine of forty sole-source contracts "were insufficient."

The report cited two instances of questionable of sole-source contract awards amounting to over \$178 million dollars.

A contract with the advertising firm of Weber Shandwick was first submitted at \$98.6 million, ended up costing the agency \$134 million.

Another, with a subcontractor of the advertising firm Ogilvy, started at \$813,000 and ended up at a staggering \$44 million.

Covered California's policy, which was approved by its board of directors, permitted the use of sole-source contracts when "timeliness or unique expertise may be required."

But the auditors found that two of the contracts were missing justifications, and the remaining seven failed to assert either timeliness or unique expertise as the basis for sole-sourcing the contracts.

"In some instances the justifications asserted reasons that the board had not approved for using a noncompetitive procurement process. In other instances the justifications failed to explain why Cov-

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## 22nd Annual Bellflower BRAVO Awards Honors Area Residents

By Tammye MCDuff

Bellflower held their annual 22nd BRAVO Awards in William and Jane Bristol Civic Auditorium on February 4.

BRAVO Awards stands for Bellflower Recognizes Acts of Valor and Outstanding Service. This year ten residents were honored due to the impact on the lives of Bellflower citizens and businesses. This year some of the recipients were members of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department, the L.A. County Fire Department, rescue personnel, as well as members of the United States military. Also being recognized were two Bellflower Student Essay winners, Eleazar Singh from Bellflower High School and Kaila Douglass of Mayfair High School.

Acting as program host and Master of Ceremonies was Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe. Knabe states that public safety is important not only to ourselves but the entire community, "Public safety is not just about fighting fires or safe guarding society, it is also about protecting the lives of our most vulnerable."

The invocation was given by Pastor Troy Campbell of The Secret Place Church in Bellflower. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Mitch Wybenga, a

California native, Vietnam veteran and retired Redondo Beach Firefighter. Student singers Miguel Chavez, Colin Flaherty, Berto Gonzalez and Brian Del Rosario sang a rousing a Capella quartet rendition of the National Anthem.

The Los Angeles Air Force Base Honor guard presented the posting of colors. Located in El Segundo, the honor guard is comprised of volunteers from active duty members assigned to the base. Speakers Fire Chief Daryl Osby and Sheriff Jim McDonnell were featured recognizing the heroic efforts of Southern California's finest.

Keynote speaker was the renown and most sought after veteran actor in the film and television industry, Lou Gossett, Jr. "There are no accidents in this life," says Gossett, "there are only two strong emotions in life, Fear and Faith. Fear is the absence of faith, fear of the unknown. Faith is the absolute belief that everything will work out." Gossett applauded those being recognized and added that it is because of the outstanding faith of the awardees that Bellflower citizens do not have to live in fear.

Gossett has received an NABOB Pioneer in Entertainment Award, a Community Advocates Award and the American



2016 BRAVO Award recipients, L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe, L.A. County Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby, L.A. County Sheriff Jim McDonnell, and Keynote Speaker Louis Gossett, Jr.

Legacy Men of Honor and Distinction Award, and two Lifetime Achievement Awards. He is one of the most charismatic and charming actors in Hollywood, winning an Oscar, an Emmy and a Golden Globe.

The BRAVO awards recognize indi-

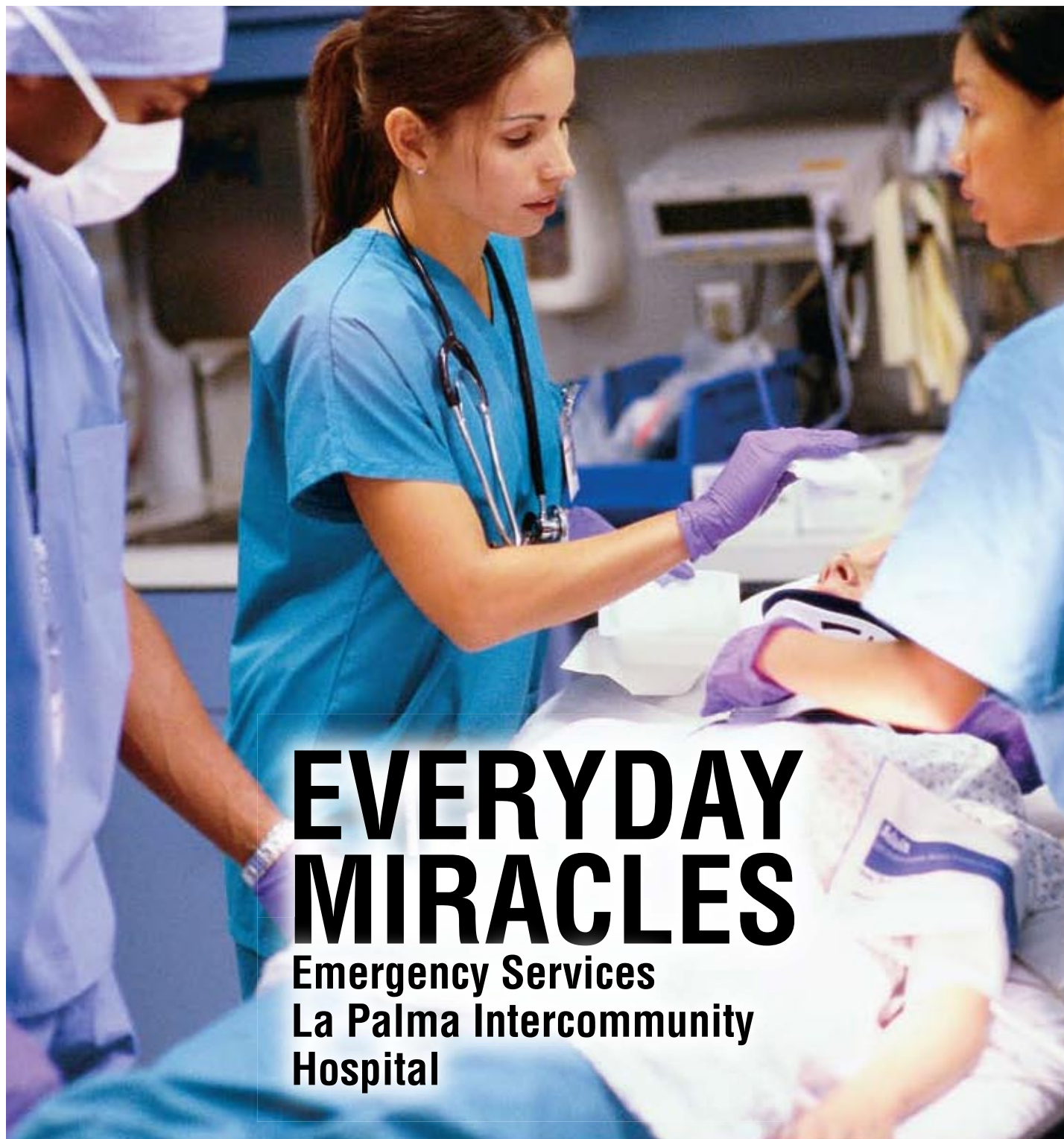
viduals and groups for acts of valor, heroism and outstanding service in support of public safety and one of the city's highest honors.

This year's winners are Neighborhood Watch Captain of the Year, Kimberly Garcia. Under Garcia's dedication to neighborhood safety the Watch program continues to evolve and grow in a positive direction. Marco Velasco received Outstanding Service for his rescue of a potential kidnap victim.

Award of Valor was presented to Bobby Dietz and Jesse Perez. In April of 2015 Dietz and Perez kept Bellflower little league players safe and out of harm's way from an armed gunman. This same award was presented to Jerry Cleveland and Steven Pappas. In October 2015, they witnessed a young man running in fear and being attacked. Cleveland and Pappas intervened, administer first aid and saved the young man's life.

Deputy Brian Bank received BRAVO Outstanding Service for his nine years of service. McDonnell noted "There are too many incidents to speak of where Bank went above and beyond the call of duty." It is because of Banks exemplary police work he was selected to the elite Sheriff's Department Unit, Special Enforcement Bureau [SWAT] as a k-9 handler. Also receiving this award was Deputy Sergio Santoyo. He was responsible for the apprehension and arrest of a suspect who had committed numerous robberies in the Southern California.

For Distinguished Service, the award was given to Ted Borges, Fire Fighter Specialist. Borges has been a Bellflower resident for 20 years and spent 27 years with the Fire Department. He has been deployed to assist in the LA Riots of 1992, Whittier and Northridge earthquakes and fires in Malibu, Sand Diego and Humboldt County. Sensei Gilliland of the 360 Martial Arts Academy was also awarded Distinguished Service for his dedication as a karate instructor. He has coached over 2,000 youth participants in self defense techniques, while stressing self discipline and respect for others.



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## Dolland Elementary Parent Workshop Highlights Safe Online Communications

La Mirada – Vigilance and strong communication are the keys to maintaining a safe and rewarding online experience for school-age children, concerned parents learned at a Cyber Safety workshop at Dolland Elementary School on Feb. 5.

The workshop, presented by the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified Instructional Technology Department, centered on common sense practices that parent and child can agree on, as well as an overview of popular mobile phone apps and the proliferation of cyber threats such as bullying, predators, ID theft and online addiction.

“Cyber safety is a paramount concern for our community,” NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said, “We are committed to providing education and resources for parents who have had difficulty keeping pace with rapidly evolving modern technology.”

Cathy De Alba, a District Technology Integration Coach, led the discussion with a PowerPoint presentation outlining numerous strategies for being a good digital citizen. De Alba urged Dolland parents to sit down with their children to discuss and sign an Internet Agreement detailing family rules and safe habits regarding online activity.

De Alba stressed that although parents cannot monitor their children’s online activity 24 hours a day, they can take steps to ensure children keep themselves safe, think first and keep a healthy balance between their online and physical activities. She advised parents that building trust with their children and paying close attention to their moods were invaluable tools in helping children develop safe online habits.

“If your child is on the computer, make sure they are where you can see them,” De Alba said. “Make them understand you have the right to look at what is on their phone and delete anything that may be inappropriate. However, you cannot be too strict. Communication is the key.”

Graciela Romero, who has two children that attend Dolland, signed the Internet Agreement after attending a Coffee with the Superintendent monthly meeting. The Cyber Safety workshop was organized as a direct result of parent consultations with Dr. Danielian.

“It’s a matter of safety. Your child is online and you don’t know who is on the other side,” Romero said. “I worry about bullying, but also, in many cases, it is the parents trying to catch up with their children. There is always something new to learn.”

In addition to the Cyber workshop, a 10-week computer class for adults has begun at Waite Middle School. Parents who have never had an email address or touched a computer keyboard before are meeting twice weekly for ten weeks. They are learning the Microsoft Office suite of programs with curriculum centered on how to protect their children on the Internet by monitoring their use and adding filters to their computers. They are also learning how to use the Internet to support their students in other ways, including the college and financial aid application process – much of which is now accomplished online.

“I congratulate our parents for participating in the workshop and in the comput-



Kathy DeAlba and Dolland Principal Lorena Sierra meet with concerned parents to discuss tips on how to maintain a safe and rewarding Internet experience for their children after Cyber Safety workshop.

er classes,” NLMUSD Board of Education President Karen Morrison said. “As a District, we want to do everything we can to help parents understand the importance of cyber-safety. These parents are taking the time to learn about the importance of Internet safety and stepping out of their comfort zones to learn new skills.”

NLMUSD has also built a comprehensive Digital Citizen and Online Safety Resource Library for parents, students and teachers on its website with a series of links, including suggestions for setting rules for mobile phone use and “myths and truths about internet safety” supporting the concepts of digital citizenship.

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**BAD APPLE**



Brian Hews  
Publisher

A huge battle is brewing between the federal government and what people are calling the "flag bearer of the technological world," Apple Incorporated.

Apple's chief executive said Wednesday that the company would fight a federal court order demanding they help unlock the iPhone 5 of Syed Rizwan Farook, the San Bernardino terrorist who killed 14 people in cold-blood last year.

Apple CEO Tim Cook said, "it would set a dangerous precedent and could compromise security for billions of customers."

What Cook is saying is that Apple doesn't want you to know what they already know. Worse, they don't want federal investigators to know what Apple already knows; that is, that they know everything you do on your phone.

The case will likely be fast-tracked to the United States Supreme Court and be a seminal moment in privacy and civil liberty against data access.

Regardless, federal investigators should be allowed access to the phone.

What is the difference between investigators obtaining a search warrant to search your house and investigators accessing your iPhone?

Apple and Cook are trying to hide behind the veil of "privacy to protect consumers." More like covering up what they already know.

Just one year ago anyone could access iPhone data encryption, in 2014 Apple put in the Edward Snowden inspired passcode lock system to prevent that.

That system is blocking federal investigators from gaining access to Farook's iPhone. It has a built in erase mechanism if the pass code is entered incorrectly 10 times, wham, data gone.

Investigators are being denied access to the iPhone's location system that tells Apple, and its affiliates, everywhere you go. Farook's iPhone likely has these location points, which could be valuable in the investigation.

But Apple does not want investigators to know what they already know, or con-

sumers for that matter.

iPhones also have their own individual identification numbers with abbreviations IMEI and MEID.

IMEI is the International Mobile Station Equipment Identity used by a network to identify valid devices. MEID stands for Mobile Equipment Identifier and is a unique identifier for a mobile device.

Information is tagged with those identifications and can easily be retrieved from servers. The numbers could be used to access information on Farook's phone and provide investigators valuable information about the attack. The government has asked Apple to write a program to unlock the phone so it would not be erased after 10 tries, the phone must be in their possession, so any idea of the government hacking a phone *without possession* is ridiculous.

But Cook says no to a simple request calling it a dangerous precedent.

And, belying how his own company gathers data on customers, Cook said, "The government may argue that its use would



be limited, but there's no way to guarantee such control."

There is legislation in California that will demand any phone sold here will be able to be unlocked if a search warrant is granted. Good for state lawmakers, but we all know the tech companies and security firms will lobby against that, so the only way to get a law passed would be through the Supreme Court.

Meanwhile Cook spews his rhetoric about privacy and would probably lead the fight to defeat the legislation.

To Mr. Cook I have a hypothetical situation for you to consider.

Let us imagine (God forbid) another attack in California and over 100 people were killed, but this time the terrorist did not lock his iPhone.

Federal investigators hack into the phone and discover that the terrorist knew San Bernardino terrorist Farook and that if investigators were able to hack into Farook's phone, they would have prevented these killings.

I wonder how Cook would react to that hypothetical.

Cook is also ignoring a number of people with his duplicitous privacy argument. The relatives of the 14 people who were murdered in cold blood in San Bernardino would certainly want Farook's phone unlocked.

**GUEST OPINION**

**Safe and Convenient  
Medicine Collection  
is Good Medicine**

By Heidi Sanborn

Preventing prescription drug abuse and protecting water quality are two issues on the minds of Los Angeles County residents, but there may be only one policy approach that can address both at the same time: ensuring safe medicine collection opportunities are available, free and convenient throughout the county.

When people cannot find a convenient place to bring unwanted medications for disposal, they often flush them. Currently,

it is estimated that 40 percent of leftover medications go unused and some being flushed, which contributes to pharmaceuticals in the water. A few decades ago, the government told people to flush medications. But lately, sanitation agencies including Los Angeles County say that medications are a "Contaminant of Emerging Concern" and the water treatment processes cannot remove all the medications so they advise "No Drugs Down the Drain."

However, there is a real disconnect between the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other federal agencies about the proper way of disposing unused medications, which led to more than 100 environmental and health organizations, agencies, activists and even state legislators sending a letter to FDA Commissioner Stephen Ostroff urging the FDA to end its "flush list." The group, which included Los Angeles area supporters such as Paul Koretz, LA City Councilmember, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr, resident and member of the Waterkeeper Alliance, the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee and Save Our Shores, among many others, suggested creating and promoting a single disposal guidance system such as a secure medicine take-back program. The coalition also encouraged the FDA to work more closely with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Drug Enforcement Agency, and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy to develop clear and consistent guidelines for consumers regarding the

safe disposal of leftover household medications.

Concurrently, a movement that started in California is spreading to the rest of the nation to ensure unused medications are properly disposed of in an effort to keep them out of the hands of children and out of our waterways.

In July of 2012, Alameda County adopted the first ordinance in the nation to hold pharmaceutical companies responsible for the safe collection and disposal of unused medications from the public. This is not unusual as drug companies design and pay for the medicine collection programs in Mexico, Canada and most of Europe. The U.S. pharmaceutical industry fought the disposal ordinance all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. The U.S. Supreme Court decided not to hear the case in May 2015, which paved the way for other counties such as San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Marin, and Santa Cruz to adopt similar ordinances.

And now, Los Angeles County is tackling this issue. The County has drafted an ordinance that will allow residents to safely dispose medications and needles for free. This new program will help prevent unused medications from entering the environment, reduce their availability for drug abuse and misuse, and reduce injuries associated with sharps. The County is set to hear this ordinance on March 29, 2016 and has a website for more information. The public also is encouraged to share their stories about any problems they've encountered disposing medicines or needles.

I am confident that by working together in public/private partnership we can put a stop to unused medications being flushed into our waterways and greatly reduce access to those who would abuse these medications. A safe medication and needle take back program is a proven solution. In fact, Walgreens just announced they would be the first national pharmacy retail chain in the U.S. to put safe medicine collection bins in 500 of their stores starting in California.

Walgreens recent actions are a great first step and I am hopeful more retailers will follow suit. I also hope that the public will participate in this important policy discussion to determine whether we will soon have free and convenient medicine and needle disposal throughout the County. Safe medicine disposal is good medicine for LA County!



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# Angeles Institute Hosts Grand Opening at New Offices in Artesia

By Tammye McDuff

The Angeles Institute of Vocational Nursing held a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting at their new location at 17100 Pioneer Boulevard in Artesia this past Tuesday, February 16.

Chamber of Commerce members and City Council members from the cities of Artesia and Cerritos gathered together to present plaques, certificates and well wishes for the beautiful new learning facility and corporate offices..

The Institute was founded in 2005 with the purpose of providing affordable Nursing education to Southern Californians. Seeing students as extended family members, the school prides themselves on offering the latest research and technology necessary to become licensed vocational nurses. With a top notch placement and human resources department, they work



Scott Coward, owner of Angeles Institute (center), with students at the new facility.

diligently to ensure students secure employment within the healthcare industry.

Angeles Institute offers full time programs that prepare students for careers as vocational nurses in just ten months. Instructors offer training in their state-of-the-art simulator lab. The lab has eight "patients," two adults, one child and five babies. Each simulator mannequin can

be programmed to exhibit various illnesses as well as digital voice response. Today, over 1,300 students have graduated from the LVN program. President and CEO Scott Coward said, "It is our vision to shape our students into successful, compassionate career nurses by building a partnership that carries on well after graduation."

## Message from the Superintendent



As we entered 2016, we were faced with a raft of new state laws that have gone into effect. The Governor signed 159 education related bills. Here is a quick overview of some of the new bills:

### Vaccinations:

Last summer, Governor Brown signed a new vaccine law, Senate Bill 277, which states that parents of students who attend public or private schools can no longer refuse to vaccinate their children based on a personal belief exemption. Current vaccine laws that went into effect in 2014 are still in place for the 2015-16 school year. The first real impact of the new SB277 law will be seen with students who are entering school in fall 2016. For more information, please go to the District's website and find the Fact Sheet from the California School Boards Association regarding this new vaccine law.

### California High School Exit Exam:

The California High School Exit Exam

has been suspended through the 2017-18 school year. The passage of this legislation (Senate Bill 172) calls for school districts to grant diplomas to students who did not pass the test but met all other graduation requirements, dating back to the 2003-04 school year. Eligible students are advised to contact the school districts, county offices or charter schools where they completed grade 12. The law took effect Jan. 1, 2016. The law includes students in adult education programs in the 2003-04 school year, or in a subsequent school year, who have met all other graduation requirements. They will be eligible to receive a diploma under this law.

### Health Education:

Assembly Bill 329 makes comprehensive sexual health mandatory in middle or high school unless parents specifically opt out. It also updates the curriculum to include HIV and AIDS prevention information. A separate law, Senate Bill 695 makes it a graduation requirement for students to complete a course in health education that includes instruction in sexual harassment and violence.

### Cheerleading:

Assembly Bill 949 signed by Governor Brown last October reclassified cheerleading as a competitive CIF sport, starting in 2017-18. In the meantime, CIF officials will be creating new rules, guidelines and

safety protocols.

These are just several of the new education laws for 2016. As with all new legislation, our District's response is to review the guidance from the California Department of Education as well as work with the California School Boards Association for updates in our District's policies and regulations.

Please refer to the District's website at: [www.abcusd.us](http://www.abcusd.us) for updates in the future. Translation is available on the website by clicking the "globe" icon at the top of the page. Translation is available in 90 different languages.

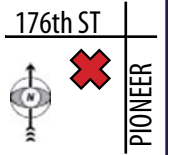
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The RAB is an advisory committee made up of citizens from the Norwalk area and representatives of Defense Logistics Agency - Energy (DLA Energy), Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. (KMEP), state regulators, and the City of Norwalk. The RAB reviews and comments on documents related to the environmental cleanup of the former Tank Farm.

The meeting's agenda tentatively includes updates on remediation system, semiannual monitoring results, site activities, and the ongoing remediation of shallow soil by DLA Energy. Documents relating to the cleanup are available for public review at the information repository located in the Norwalk Public Library reference section.

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Savannah, a 22 month-old patient at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, holds her 'Beads of Courage,' a patient program started by From Maddi's Closet.

## From Maddi's Closet Provides Patient Support Program at CHLA

Neil and Donna Holmes' 3 year-old daughter Madison was diagnosed with a rare, inoperable and untreatable brain tumor and given only two to three months to live in 2003. Despite her own challenges, Maddi showed compassion for the other children she saw during her eleven months of treatment.

Maddi quietly reached out to children who were frightened or alone by sharing her own toys that she tucked in her stroller as she readied for her journey to the hospital.

After she passed Neil and Donna established From Maddi's Closet, an organization dedicated to building public awareness of childhood cancer.


The organization has had outstanding success with one of the patient support programs they provide at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

Through the Beads of Courage program, each patient enrolled is given a different color bead, along with a Maddi Bead of Encouragement each time they reach certain milestones or face a challenge. It is a visual way for them to tell their story, and has proven to help boost morale. The program encourages the patients to focus on their successes and gives them courage to face their next hurdle. It has been very successful and now impacts the lives of 400 children.

One of the children enrolled in the program is Savannah, a 22 month-old patient at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. She has completed a number of procedures, earning so many beads that she cannot manage the weight of all of them. Her mother said, "She loves to play with her colorful string of beads so we made them into two strands so she could play with them."

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## 1ST CEB MERITORIOUS MARINE



Sgt Huynh and his wife Lilly at the Sheraton Hotel Fountain Court.

The City of Cerritos "Adopted" the Marines and Sailors of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, stationed in Camp Pendleton on November 11, 2007. Sergeant Corey H. Huynh, a member of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, was honored in the City of Cerritos on this past Saturday, February 13 at the Sheraton Hotel Fountain Court.

Sgt Huynh and his wife Lilly will spend the weekend in Cerritos with lodging and meals complements of our sponsors: Sheraton Hotel and restaurants Grille 91, Mimi's, TGI Friday, Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill, STACKED, and the Macaroni Grill. The city of Cerritos is providing ticket to the evening performance, The Producers, at the Cerritos Center.

Korey H. Huynh enlisted in the Marine Corps in June 2009, graduating in September, at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. He attended Marine Combat Training (MCT) at Camp Pendleton, graduating in October, followed by Basic Logistics Embarkation Specialty Course (BLESC) at Camp Johnson, North Carolina, graduating in December.

Upon graduation, he received orders

to his first duty assignment, the Third Marine Aircraft Wing stationed in Yuma, Arizona and eventually promoted to Lance Corporal in March, 2010. L/Cpl Huynh deployed to Camp Leatherneck, Helmand Province, Afghanistan in September, 2010 as part of the Air Wing's logistics team. He was promoted to Corporal in November 2010. Upon his return to Yuma in March, 2011, he held the billet of embarkation and logistics non-commissioned officer (NCO) responsible for coordinating all logistical movements within the squadron. In December, 2011, Cpl Huynh was transferred to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1stMAW), stationed at Camp Futenma, Okinawa where he served as the S-4 (Logistics) NCO, responsible for all logistical matters as well as facility maintenance. During his time with 1stMAW, Cpl Huynh was awarded three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, one Certificate of Commendation, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. In November 2014, Sergeant Huynh was transferred to his current unit, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, where he currently serves as the Logistics Chief.

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Students from the ABC Adult School performed with the classical Chinese instrument, the ErHu.

### Cerritos College Hosts 'Year of the Fire Monkey' Celebration

By Tammye McDuff

Cerritos College ushered in the Year of the Fire Monkey with a new tradition celebrating the Lunar New Year. President and Superintendent Dr. Jose Fierro welcomed students and special guests to the first annual celebration held in the Student Center, Wednesday, February 17.

The entertainment program began with traditional dance of the New Year dragons followed by a presentation of Chinese martial arts and Kung Fu Fan Dance performed by Southern California Yuan Ji Dance Association and Ling's Dance Academy. Students from the ABC Adult School performed classical ErHu music and a Chinese Folk routine, Mongolia Dance and Xinjiang Dance.

A special presentation of The Drunken Beauty was sung by the Chinese Opera Association and a Taiwanese Fold Dance was the final routine by Cerritos folk Dancers.

Panda Express Chinese Kitchen donated all the food and drinks to each one in attendance. There were many free giveaways such as Chinese New Year Couplets, Specialty Drink Coupons, Eggless Cakes and a luck pair of style erasers.

The first 300 guests received free raffle tickets for the chance to win a \$25 gift certificate, Chinese style handbags, sports headbands, sportswear and traditional tea cups.

Added bonuses were the three beautiful workshops for Chinese calligraphy and brush painting demonstrations.

### CERRITOS SHERIFF'S CAR SHOW AT CITY HALL



ABOVE: [l-r] Deputy Jake Boersma and Cerritos Sheriff's Captain Joseph B. Nunez. BELOW: Deputy Zuniga and his partner in front of the w Recruitment tent.



### La Palma's Police Interaction With Youth Program

This past week, the La Palma Police Department gathered at Steve Luther Elementary School in La Palma to officially recognize 65 sixth grade students who graduated from the Police Department's "Police Interaction with Youth" (PIY) Program.

It was also an occasion to celebrate the Tenth anniversary of the PIY Program which 2,500 sixth grade students in La Palma have completed since the program began in 2006.

Sixth Grade Teacher Mrs. Margi Sanchez announced the winners of the Essay contest on what students learned from the Police Interaction with Youth Program.

Pictured above are PIY Essay Winners who read their essays at the Awards Assembly.

From left to right, Michelle Waldman, Noah Harper, and Kaitlyn Benda.

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**CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION IV-AA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS**

**Artesia's third quarter rally overshadowed by fourth quarter mistakes, edged by Workman**

By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on Twitter

CITY OF INDUSTRY-The Artesia High boys basketball team found itself down by six points just 10 seconds into the second half. But the passing of junior Rian Hughing and the sharp shooting of freshman sensation Heder Gladden in the third quarter gave the Pioneers a good shot of escaping Workman High with a California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division IV-AA first round victory.

However, a costly turnover with four seconds left in the game cost the Pioneers a chance of attempting a game-winning shot and the Lobos held on for a 50-48 victory this past Wednesday night. Artesia, an at-large representative from the Suburban League, concludes its season at 10-17.

"We came out and played well and executed," said Artesia head coach Ray Walker of the third quarter. "We didn't at the end of the game; the fourth quarter was ugly. But it was a good third quarter."

Both teams traded the lead six times in the first quarter until the Lobos went on a 6-2 run over the final 1:58 to take a 14-11 lead heading into the second quarter. Artesia regained the lead, 18-17, with 1:48 remaining in the half on a Hughing steal and basket and still had a one-point lead at 21-20 after junior Zak Jannane drained his third perimeter shot of the half. But Workman scored five quick points in the final 28 seconds and the first basket of the second half to hold its biggest advantage of the contest.

That's when Gladden, the team's leading scorer in the regular season, took over. He hit back to back three-pointers in a span of 75 seconds to tie the game at 27-27. Later in the stanza, he hit two more three-pointers, the last giving Artesia a 35-32 lead with 2:11 left in the third

quarter. Gladden scored 12 of his game-high 19 points in the third quarter while Hughing had four points and four assists in the quarter as well.

"Zak played well early and Heder played well later," Walker said. "Heder has been almost a consistent player. So even though he's a freshman, he played really well."

After scoring 21 points in the first half, the Pioneers got that exact total in the third quarter alone and had a seven-point lead going into the fourth quarter.

But the Lobos got a basket from Andres Yanez and consecutive two-pointers from Leonardo Castro early in the final stanza to cut Artesia's lead to a point. After Walker called a timeout, Gladden drained yet another downtown shot to make it a 45-41 contest with 5:07 left to play.

But the Pioneers would miss on their next four shots from the field and wouldn't score until junior Kody Pitts hit the team's 10th three-pointer of the game with 49.5 seconds left, making it 49-48 in favor of Workman. Artesia would get the ball with 19.5 seconds left and after a timeout, ran what it hoped would be a game-winning play. But the team's fourth turnover of the quarter ended any hopes of that final shot. After Oliver Lopez hit one of two free throws for the final point with two-tenths of a second left to play, a desperation shot from senior Martin Villeses went for

naught.

"We went through different options depending on what they were going to run defensively because they've switched things up," Walker said. "So we wanted to a clear out for Heder but...we just turned it over. We didn't execute. He was supposed to get the ball back and we never got the ball back."

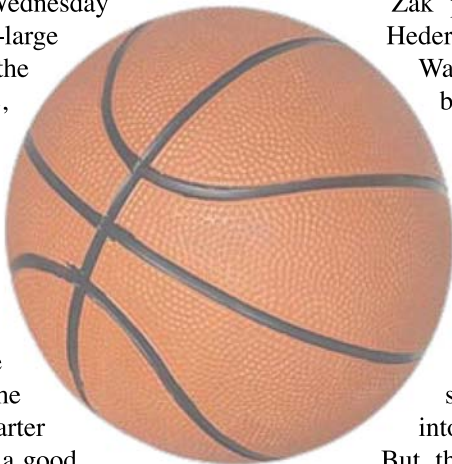
Jannane had a dozen points while Hughing came off the bench to score all eight points from non-starters. Pitts chipped in with seven points and eight rebounds as the Pioneers had 11 turnovers, seven coming in the first half and the other four in the fourth quarter.

"We turned the ball over," Walker said. "We're pretty inexperienced and we turned the ball over. They pressured a little more and we couldn't handle the pressure."

"We played better in the third quarter," he continued. "We were tougher with the ball and we got lackadaisical a little bit and we got the lead. We've had issued this year when we get a lead. We normally don't play as well after that."

The immediate future looks good for the Pioneers, who graduate three seniors and had five juniors on this season's team, plus Gladden.

"It was a long year; a tough year," Walker said. "We're young and inexperienced. But we have most of our players coming back. Everybody who started today; the first six or seven players are returning. So we're looking forward to the future. This was very disappointing though. We thought we could have won this game."



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**CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION VI GIRLS SOCCER PLAYOFFS**

**LATE GOAL BY GARRIS EXTENDS VALLEY CHRISTIAN'S SEASON**

By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on Twitter

The last thing that Kim Looney, the 15-year veteran head coach of Valley Christian High's girls soccer team, wanted was for her California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division VI wild card game to be decided by penalty kicks. It happened last season in a wild card loss to Lakeside High and from the way things were going against Arroyo High this past Tuesday evening, the thoughts of another overtime game and potentially penalty kicks were on the minds of many.

But senior midfielder Chloe Garris had other thoughts in this contest where shots were at a premium. The leading scorer for the Lady Crusaders last season scored in the 72nd minute and it held up in a 1-0 victory. V.C. advanced to the first round where it faced Heritage League champion Santa Clarita Christian High on Feb. 18. For Garris, it was just her third goal of the season but first since Dec. 18.

"Last year I played more up top and this year, playing outside mid, I've definitely seen fewer goals than what I've

scored," Garris said. "Every opportunity I'm trying to take advantage of. Being a senior this year, every single moment counts."

"I knew that their keeper, if we had to go to PK's...she was stronger in the goal than what ours was," Looney said. "So I knew we couldn't go to PK's today. It was up to my offense to take care of business within the minutes played."

V.C. took just five shots on goal in the game with Garris having a hand in three of them. In the 14th minute, her shot off a pass from senior defender Sarah Petrus was saved by Arroyo goalkeeper Jessica Mendoza. In the 25th minute, sophomore defender Marysa Garner took a free kick behind and off to the right side of the penalty box which curved to Garris where her shot was too high.

But on the goal, she wasn't even supposed to be in the picture. Garner took a corner kick which went to junior forward Kelly McKittrick. Her header was knocked back to Garris who happened to be in the right place at the right time and simply knocked it in.

"It was suppose to be a dummy," Gar-

ris said. "[Sophomore midfielder] Lauren Castillo was supposed to dummy it to me. Right as soon as Marysa put her hand up to go in, they yelled three. I just kind of backed up and was like, 'well, I'm garbage so let's see what happens'. It hit off of Kelly's face and came out and I was scared [my shot] was going to go over. But I kept it down and our players just stepped out of the way."

Looney said that she wanted to run one play but switched to another play at the last second after seeing how Arroyo's defense was set up.

"Chloe wants the ball all the time," Looney said. "If my kids have learned anything from Chloe, it's that she wants the ball constantly. Chloe is going to make sure she touches the ball at all times. I knew tonight if we were going to score, it was more than likely going to be Chloe."

The Lady Crusaders, who have been in an offensive funk over the past 10 games, had two other chances to put the ball past Mendoza. With five minutes remaining in the first half, sophomore forward Julie Sainz sent a beautiful cross to the center of the goal box, only to see Mendoza

punch the ball out. Then in the 53rd minute, Sainz sent another cross through the middle of the box, but no one was there to take a shot on goal. In the last 10 games, V.C. has scored just a goal in eight of those games and was held to none in the other two. During that time, the Lady Crusaders went 4-3-3 including the win over Arroyo.

"One of our Achilles Heel this season has been scoring," Looney said. "That's on our minds constantly. So when you keep pushing and keep doing what you're supposed to do and we keep pushing the ball forward and my defense keeps picking up the ball, it's tough. These kids know how to keep fighting."

Even though the offense has been struggling (28 goals in 22 games), the defense has been holding its own for the most part. Senior goalkeeper Isabel Applequist has posted eight shutouts and allowed one goal three other times.

"The defense has been amazing this year," Garris said. "Carli [Domino] is only a sophomore and I just watch her every time and I know that no one is going to

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**ARTESIA, VALLEY CHRISTIAN BOYS SOCCER BEGIN PLAYOFFS WITH HOME GAMES**

By Loren Kopff

From missing the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section boys soccer playoffs for the first time in his coaching career to nearly winning the Suburban League, Artesia High head coach Rudy Magallon is back in the postseason. Three other area boys soccer teams will begin the playoffs today while a trio of boys basketball teams, who all won this past Wednesday, will host second round games tonight.

The Artesia boys soccer team, which finished in second place in the Suburban League, a point behind Bellflower High, will entertain Carpinteria High today in a Division IV tilt. The Pioneers ended the regular season at 17-4-3 overall and yielded nine goals through their first 18 games. The Warriors finished in second place in the Tri Valley League and bring with them an 8-10-1 mark. The winner of this game will face the winner of the Chaparral High/Serrano High game on Wednesday.

Also in Division IV action, Norwalk High got an early start to the playoffs and knocked off Torrance High 1-0 this past Wednesday in a wild card game. The Lancers, who improved to 11-8-2, will face top



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ranked Godinez High today. The lone goal came from sophomore forward Andrew Vasquez in the second half. Should the Lancers pull off the upset, they will meet the winner of the Western High/Yorba Linda High game on Wednesday.

In Division VI action, Olympic League co-champion Valley Christian High will travel to the California Academy of Mathematics and Science in Carson. The Crusaders won their fourth straight league crown and enter the contest with a 10-6-3 record while CAMS, the second place representative out of the Coastal League, has an 8-2-2 record. The winner will face the victor of the St. Margaret's High/San Marino High game on Wednesday. V.C. lost to St. Margaret's 3-0 on Dec. 18.

Also in the division, Whitney High (6-7-3) will travel to fourth ranked Covina High, the Valley Vista League champions

who ended the regular season at 12-3-4. A Whitney upset will put the Wildcats in the second round against either Linfield Christian High or Moreno Valley High on Wednesday.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Cerritos High had no problems with Norte Vista High in a Division II-A first round game, posting a 96-51 road victory this past Tuesday night. The Dons (17-11) will host Northwood High tonight. The Timberwolves, who won the Pacific Coast League and have a 22-5 record, are the sixth ranked team in the division. The Dons are four spots below Northwood. A Cerritos win will mean a trip to the quarter-

finals against the winner of the Hart High/Silverado High game on Tuesday.

Gahr High edged El Dorado High 52-51 this past Tuesday in a Division III-AA

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get past her. She's incredible. I play with Marysa mostly on the outside and working with her...she doesn't even play club and coming out here every day, she's dominating. Sarah Petrus is dominating too and [sophomore] Caitlyn [Ward] is always our stopper. This year she's one of our main players."

After coaching her team to six straight Olympic League championships, Looney has seen V.C. finish in third place the past two seasons with sub .500 records. Last season was the first time in over 22 years that V.C. had a losing season. Part of that could be attributed to the youth that the Lady Crusaders have had recently. This season's team has nine sophomores, three freshmen, three seniors and two juniors. Sainz leads the team with nine goals with freshman midfielder Kennedy Wesley adding eight goals. Three of the four defenders who started against Arroyo are sophomores.

"Come back and watch them in two years," Looney said. "They'll be amazing. That's what it is. They're youthful, they're hustlers, they want to work but they just don't have the strength and maturity yet. Give them next year; we're going to make a little bit more noise in league. And give them two years, we're going to be back on top where Valley Christian is supposed to be.

"We've been working hard to get to .500; it just wasn't working our way," Looney later added. "But this team...this record does not reflect who they are. So I knew if we could get out of this game and get to the main bracket, we could make some noise, and we can. We're just going to be that team that's going to slowly

come through and is going to go game by game."

A Lady Crusaders win over Santa Clarita Christian will send them into the second round where they will play either Grand Terrace High or Rancho Christian High on Tuesday.

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first round game. The Gladiators, who finished in third place in the San Gabriel Valley League and improved to 16-11, will host San Marcos High tonight. The Royals are the second place team out of the Channel League and boast a 21-7 record. The winner will face either second ranked Calabasas High or La Sierra High on Tuesday.

Also in the division, Norwalk High saw its season come to an end following a 59-42 loss to Colony High this past Tuesday night. The fourth place representatives from the Suburban League conclude the season at 14-13.

Valley Christian High, a fourth place team from the very touch Olympic League, knocked off Riverside Prep 60-47 this past Tuesday night in Division IV-A action to advance to tonight's home game against Oaks Christian High. The Crusaders (14-14) are ranked eighth in the division while the Lions, the ninth ranked team who finished in second place in the Marmonte League, come in with a 14-11 record. The winner of this game will face the survivor of the St. Paul High/Viewpoint High game on Tuesday.

**March AAUW Meeting to Focus on International Women's Issues In Rwanda and Vietnam**



*Pictured at the February Board meeting of the La Palma-Cerritos AAUW at the La Palma Learning Center Campus of the University of Phoenix are Board members planning for the March 17, 2016 meeting are, left to right, Nancy Kawamura, Barbara Sparks, Mary Ann Quinn, Jackie Shahzadi, Barbara Dunstan, Sue Solomon, Sue Carruthers and Linda Hernandez. Shahzadi has a Ph. D. in Education from U. S.C. and will be the guest speaker at the AAUW's March 17 meeting at the Skyline Room of the Cerritos Library. Shahzadi is pictured fourth from the left. Photo by Edna Ethington*

By Edna Ethington

The public is invited to attend the March 17, 2016 meeting of La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women (AAUW), from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m. at the Skyline Room of the Cerritos Library, 18025 Bloomfield Avenue in Cerritos.

Nominations for officers for 2016-2017 will be accepted during the business meeting. Following the business meeting, guest speaker Jackie Shahzadi will be discussing "International Women's Issues in Rwanda and Vietnam."

Shahzadi participated in brief study tours of both countries and will have a video presentation featuring the ways

women's entrepreneurial and self-help efforts in developing countries are being aided by VGIF, an international charitable organization.

Shahzadi is a 30 year member of the La Palma-Cerritos AAUW and is the AAUW's representative to Women Graduates-U. S.A. (WG-USA).

She has been a past member of the Board of Directors of VGIF (Virginia Gildersleeve International Foundation). Currently, she is a faculty member of Southern California La Palma Campus of the University of Phoenix as Chair of the College of Humanities and Sciences.

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The Authority bonds are being issued to effect a refunding of all of the Authority's remaining outstanding 2006 Lease Revenue Bonds (La Mirada Aquatics Center). Under the refinancing documents, the City will covenant to include the necessary appropriations in its annual budget to make certain lease payments, which are calculated to be sufficient to pay debt service on the bonds.

Any person who wishes to be heard regarding the proposed refinancing may appear at the public hearing or may send written comments to the undersigned at 13700 La Mirada Blvd., La Mirada, California 90638.

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# CERRITOS

February 8 - 14, 2016

# CRIME SCENE - DO NOT CROSS

There were 16 Part I felony crimes reported in Cerritos this past reporting period, resulting in a decrease of ten from the previous week.

The following is a breakdown of crimes by category; one robbery, one aggravated assault, one residential burglary, one commercial/other structure burglary, seven vehicle burglaries and five vehicle thefts.

Cerritos Station deputies made six felony arrests, 21 misdemeanor arrests, ten warrant arrests, and issued 99 citations.

The Sheriff's dispatch center also received a total of 374 calls for service.

### Robbery:

**10900 of block Alondra Boulevard (02/13 - Afternoon):** The suspect entered a hardware store while it was open for business and attempted to exit without paying for merchandise. A store employee asked the suspect for a receipt and the suspect lifted up his shirt, revealing the butt of a gun. The suspect then exited the store, entered into an awaiting vehicle, and fled threw the parking lot.

### Aggravated Assault:

**19700 block of Fagan Way (02/08 - Early Morning):** The suspect punched the victim in the face at a party. The victim refused to provide details of the

incident or cooperate with law enforcement.

### Residential Burglary:

**12400 block of Pine Creek Road (02/09 - Evening):** The suspect(s) attempted to enter the home via a rear window. The window screen was found bent in half. No entry was made into the home.

### Commercial/Other Structure Burglary:

**11800 block of South Street (02/14 - Overnight):** The suspect(s) entered the location by shattering the front door. Stolen from the location was U.S. currency and a safe.

### Vehicle Burglary:

**10800 block of Alondra Boulevard (02/09 - Evening):** The suspect(s) entered a 2002 Chevrolet Suburban by punching in the door lock. Stolen was a wallet and cellphone.

**12400 block of Creekwood Avenue (02/09-10 - Overnight):** The suspect(s) entered a 2013 Chevrolet Equinox and stole a laptop bag and projector. It is unknown how entry was made.

**11100 block of 183rd Street (02/10 - Evening):** The suspect(s) entered a 2008 Chevrolet Suburban by punching the rear lock. Stolen was the third row seat.

**11100 block of 183rd Street (02/10 - Evening):** The suspect(s) entered a 2007 GMC Yukon by prying the rear lock. Stolen was the third row seat.

**12900 block of Park Plaza Drive (02/11 - Afternoon):** The suspect(s) entered a 2009 Chevrolet 2500 by punching in the door lock. Nothing was stolen.

**17900 block of Studebaker Road (02/12 - Morning):** The suspect(s) entered a 2011 Jeep Cherokee by shattering a window. Stolen was a purse.

**13800 block of Cerritos Corporate Drive (02/12-14 - Unknown):** The suspect(s) entered a 2013 Ford F-150 by smashing the driver's side rear window. Stolen were electronic equipment and protective carrying cases.

### Grand Theft Auto:

**12700 block Towne Center Drive (02/08 - Evening):** The suspect(s) stole a 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe from the parking lot.

**12400 block of Reva Street (02/09-10 - Unknown):** The suspect(s) stole a 1997 Honda Civic parked near the residence.

**11800 block of Eberle Street (02/10 - Evening):** The suspect(s) stole a 1991 Toyota pickup parked near the residence.

**12800 block of Towne Center Drive (02/12 - Evening):** The suspect(s) stole a

1998 Honda Civic from the parking lot. 239 Los Cerritos Center (02/14 - Evening): The suspect(s) stole a 1996 Nissan pickup from the parking lot. Robbery

# LA MIRADA

A strong-arm robbery was reported in a parking lot on the 14200 block of Firestone Blvd. The victim was treated for irritation to eyes and face from being pepper sprayed.

### Vehicle Burglary

A window-smash burglary was reported on the 13300 block of Beach Blvd. Two purses were stolen from vehicle.

Power tools and keys were stolen from a vehicle on the 14700 block of Northam St.

### Grand Theft

A sink and drain pipe stolen in January was reported this week on the 16700 block of San Martin Ave.

A generator was stolen from a vehicle on the 15900 block of Alicante Rd. Three suspects were taken into custody.

Three rings were stolen from a residence on the 15300 block of Placid Dr.

### Grand Theft Vehicle

A sedan was reported stolen from the 15100 block of Badlona Dr. The vehicle remains outstanding.

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tive who hadn't heard from the women in a while went by the house to check on them.

Cerritos resident Jim McMahon emailed HMG-CN reporting that "two or three helicopters were in the area at the time."

The deputies arrived and found three women dead, one outside the house and the two others in the detached garage.

The woman in the house was identified as 87-year-old Misayo Margaret Yoshijima, believed to have possibly died of natural causes.

The two women found in the garage were 58-year-old twin sisters Arlene Akiyo and Marlene Kazuyo; Yoshijima. Yoshijima was their mother, their cause of death was reported as suicide.

Autopsies were still pending for all three women.

The twins were reportedly found inside a car that was still running when deputies arrived. Three deputies were taken to a nearby hospital after being overcome by possible carbon monoxide fumes at the scene, the sheriff's department said.

In addition, according to the LASD, crime lab officials "removed some containers of unidentified substances from

the garage."

The LASD is urging anyone in the area who might have seen something to call the Lakewood Sheriff's Department at (562) 623-3500.

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ered California was using a sole-source contract at all.”

The review found that from the nine contracts two were missing award justifications altogether—one for an original contract and another for an amendment; the remaining seven justifications—five for original contracts and two for amendments—failed to assert either timeliness or unique expertise as the basis for sole-sourcing these contracts.

Covered California was given broad statutory authority to establish its own procurement and contracting policy using methods such as leveraged procurement agreements, (which allow departments to buy directly from suppliers through existing competitively bid contracts and agreements) or to use its own competitive contracting methods.

However, Covered California’s board-adopted policy also included a non-competitive process that allowed Covered California to use sole-sourced contracts when timeliness or unique expertise may be required.

Covered California’s board consists of two members appointed by the Governor; one by Senate Rules Committee; and one by Speaker of the Assembly. The Secretary of the Health and Human Services Agency or another designee serves as an ex-officio voting member of the Board. Appointed members serve four-year terms.

The members are: Art Torres, appointed by the Senate Rules Committee; Genoveva Islas; Diana S. Dooley, a Gov. Brown appointee; Paul Fearer, appointed by Speaker John Perez; and Marty Morgenstern, a Gov. Brown appointee.

The report went on to state, “ During fiscal years 2012–13 through 2014–15 Covered California did not consistently follow the part of its board-adopted policy that addressed noncompetitive procurements.”

The audit questioned the use of a sole-source contract for their \$134 million marketing and outreach program with Weber Shandwick, a large multi-national firm based out of New York.

The original bid was \$96 million, \$38 million lower than what was awarded as a non-competitive contract.

Three other award justifications were slammed by the audit saying that the available documentation suggests that either the vendor was not unique or that Covered California had sufficient time to use a competitive procurement method.

The contracts in question were with Ogilvy to provide marketing and outreach services.

Richard Heath and Associates, Inc. (Richard Heath) became a subcontractor to Ogilvy for one contract. In late September 2013 Covered California executed a sole-source contract with Richard Heath for more than \$813,000 for the purpose of supporting, training, and managing the Outreach and Education Grant.

18 days after awarding Richard Heath’s original contract, Covered California amended the contract with Richard Heath to increase the contract total to a staggering \$44 million without using the competitive process.

Covered California justified the original Richard Heath contract and the subsequent first amendment on the basis that the sole-source contract was necessary because of the severe time constraints it was facing.

But the auditors questioned that justification and said that Covered California had the time and capacity to seek competitive bids for these services.

Covered California’s assistant general counsel stated, “conducting a competitive procurement process for the outreach services that Richard Heath had already performed for over a year under the Ogilvy contract would have been more costly than awarding the contract to Richard Heath, as a new contractor would have had to expend additional time and resources to get up to speed on the program.”

**BUFFALO SOLDIERS**

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“I always remember the people who came before me,” retired Colonel Franklin Henderson, member of the original Buffalo Soldiers Ninth and Tenth Cavalry Association, said as he greeted Whittier High School history students this past Wednesday, February 17. The colonel served as a paratrooper in the Korean War and rose through the ranks during his 30 years of Army service.

As to why they were named Buffalo Soldiers, “We don’t know the entire story,” said Henderson, “but I got the story from an Apache who told me that his parents told him about the black soldiers who reminded them of buffalos, when they fought they would lower their heads like buffalos.”

In the early 1900’s, they would remove their saber and hold their heads down and charge – like a buffalo. “That animal weighs a thousand pounds and could not be stopped. So were the soldiers of the Cavalry,” added Henderson.

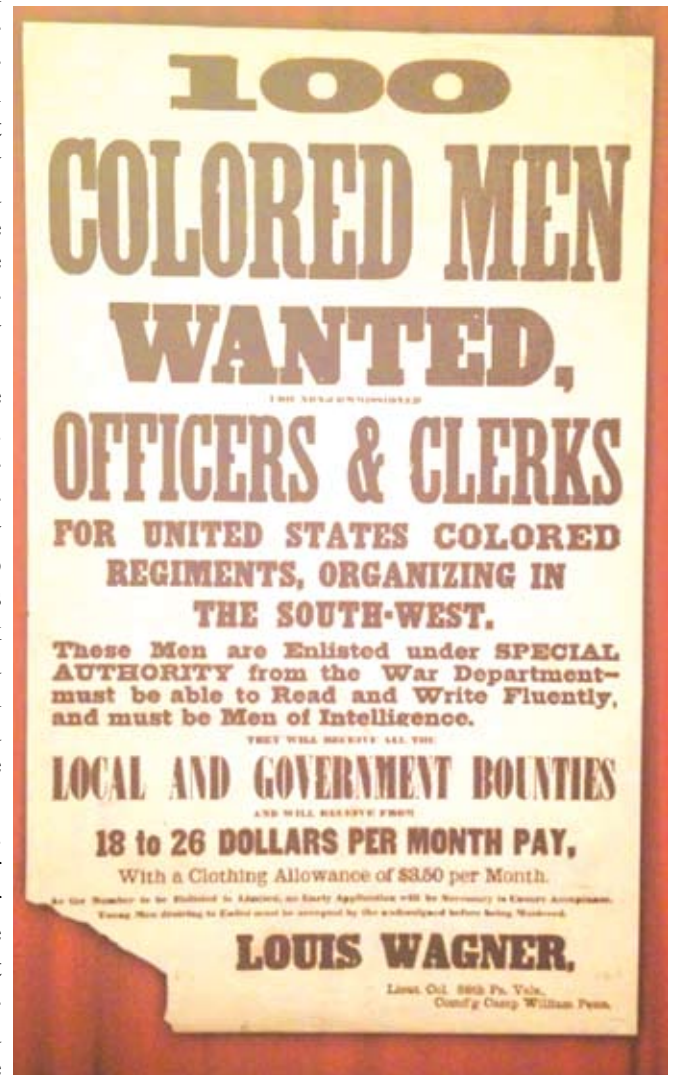
Henderson gave a brief history of the men who began the Buffalo Soldiers, one story in particular of 2nd Lt Henry O. Flipper who was the first black graduate of West Point, excelled in engineering, law, French and Spanish, and ranked 50th in his class at graduation in 1877.

As the official story goes Flipper was relieved of his commissary duties when funds went missing. Flipper was court-martialed, charged with embezzlement and conduct unbecoming an officer. The court found him guilty and he was dishonorably discharged.

“The real story,” said Henderson, “has a bit more intrigue, a romantic triangle and unfortunately a Commander who was jealous.” In 1976 the Army reviewed his case and posthumously awarded Flipper an honorable discharge

but he was not pardoned until 1999 by President Bill Clinton.

As the National Park Service prepares for its 100th anniversary this year and the Buffalo Soldiers celebrate their 150th anniversary, there is a move in Congress to formally recognize the role of these Buffalo Soldiers, who set aside



*A poster from the Buffalo Soldiers museum in Washington D.C.*

their guns to build the first trail to the top of Mt. Whitney and the first wagon road into the Giant Forest.

“This relates to a bigger goal,” said Ron Sundergill, Senior Regional Director for the National Parks Conservation Association, “we must celebrate the centennial by diversifying our national parks so that they reflect all of our cultural heritages and push for the Buffalo Soldiers to be honored.”

Anyone who thinks they might be a descendant of one of the African-American servicemen from the Civil War can research their heritage through the African American Civil War Memorial and Museum in Washington, DC.

T.S. No. 022056-CA APN: 7025-004-023 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to CA Civil Code 2923.3 IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/24/2009. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 3/17/2016 at 9:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/31/2009, as Instrument No. 20091993136, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: RAMON P. VALINO AND MARIA V. VALINO, AND SUCCESSORS, AS TRUSTEES OF THE VALINO FAMILY TRUST, DATED MAY 5, 2001 WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES - NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 17308 JANELL AVENUE CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA 90703 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$331,274.52 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice 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 (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.AUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 022056-CA. 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 SALES INFORMATION: (800) 280-2832 CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200 San Diego, California 92117

TSG No.: 8597015 TS No.: CA1500271569 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN: 7056-006-036 Property Address: 19915 CHRISTINA CIRCLE CERRITOS, CA 90703 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/13/2004. 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 02/25/2016 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/21/2004, as Instrument No. 04 3296474, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California. Executed by: ROMEO A. SALANGO AND JANE L. SALANGO, TRUSTEES OF THE SALANGO FAMILY TRUST DATED 6/26/04, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 7056-006-036 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 19915 CHRISTINA CIRCLE, CERRITOS, CA 90703 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be 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 \$508,856.92. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. 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 or visit this Internet Web http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case CA1500271569 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 6 Campus Cir, Bldg 6, 1st Floor Westlake, TX 76262 First American Title Insurance Company MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916)939-0772-NPP0271044 To: LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 02/05/2016, 02/12/2016, 02/19/2016

**CITY OF LA MIRADA  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2016-01  
LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE  
NORTHEAST CORNER OF ROSECRANS AVENUE AND LA MIRADA BOULEVARD, AND  
MEDIANS AT THE INTERSECTION OF LA MIRADA BOULEVARD  
AND IMPERIAL HIGHWAY**

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for the landscaping improvement project. Plans and specifications and the Instructions to Bidders are on file in the office of the City Clerk, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, California 90638.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting for prospective bidders on March 2, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the City of La Mirada Resource Center located at 13710 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California 90638. Bids will not be accepted from bidders who do not attend the meeting. Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on March 16, 2016. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk  
City of La Mirada

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## NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos at its regular meeting of February 11, 2016, adopted **Ordinance No. 1002, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS AMENDING CHAPTER 9.100 AND SECTION 22.40.300 OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CULTIVATION AND DELIVERY OF MARIJUANA AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA, HEREIN REFERENCED AS DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT 2016-1.\***

**\*Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is categorically exempt from CEQA Review.**

A summary of **Ordinance No. 1002** is listed below:

City Attorney Summary:

**In late 2015, the State Legislature enacted the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act, which, among others, will establish a dual state and local licensing structure for medical marijuana uses and regulate the cultivation of medical marijuana. In response, the City has initiated Development Code Amendment 2016-1 that would prohibit all cultivation and commercial delivery of medical marijuana in every zone of the City. Development Code Amendment 2016-1 would substantially reduce potential secondary adverse effects of medical marijuana cultivation and delivery, such as increases in criminal activity and environmental damage.**

**\*Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is categorically exempt from CEQA Review.**

**On January 6, 2016, the Planning Commission reviewed Development Code Amendment 2016-1 and recommended by a 4-1 vote that the City Council approve Development Code Amendment 2016-1, as proposed.**

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

/s/Vida Barone

Vida Barone, City Clerk

PUBLISHED/POSTED: **February 19, 2016**

State of California )  
County of Los Angeles ) ss.  
City of Cerritos )

I, Vida Barone, City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing **Ordinance No. 1002** was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Cerritos at a Regular Meeting held on the **11th day of February, 2016**, and that it was so adopted as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS – Edwards, Pulido, Solanki, Ray, Chen  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS – None  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS – None  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS – None

Dated: February 11, 2016

/s/Vida Barone

Vida Barone, City Clerk

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Cerritos Planning Commission** will conduct a public hearing at a **regular meeting** on **March 2, 2016** at **7:00 p.m.** on the following matter:

**Review and consideration to waive full reading of and adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CERRITOS PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL APPROVE DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT 2016-2, A REQUEST TO AMEND SECTION 20.30.470 AND SECTION 22.22.700 OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF SYNTHETIC TURF.\***

**\*Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is categorically exempt from CEQA Review.**

This public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers of the Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Civic Center, Bloomfield Avenue and 183rd Street in Cerritos, California 90703. The meeting will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website at [www.cerritos.us](http://www.cerritos.us). A copy of the related staff report will be available for download from the website by 6:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

If you challenge the above mentioned item and related actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the **Cerritos Planning Commission** at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Any person interested in this matter may contact the Department of Community Development at (562) 916-1201 for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard.

Dated: February 19, 2016

/s/Torrey N. Contreras

Torrey N. Contreras  
Director of Community Development

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CITY OF LA MIRADA  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
NOTICE INVITING BIDSCAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2015-04  
SPLASH! AQUATICS CENTER ENTRY LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT AND IRRIGATION BOOSTER PUMP REPLACEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for the landscaping and irrigation project. Plans and specifications and the Instructions to Bidders are on file in the office of the City Clerk, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, California 90638.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting for prospective bidders on March 2, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the City of La Mirada Resource Center located at 13710 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California 90638. Bids will not be accepted from bidders who do not attend the meeting. Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on March 16, 2016. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk  
City of La Mirada

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CITY OF CERRITOS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE  
183RD STREET BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS  
BID NO. 1237-16

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed bids for the following project:

**Project Identification: 183RD STREET BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS  
BID NO. 1237-16**

**Project Description:** The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of removing, salvaging, & returning existing trash receptacles and benches and replacing them with bus stop transit shelters throughout the City.

**Pre-Bid Meeting:** A non-mandatory, pre-bid meeting will be held at Cerritos City Hall at **10:00 a.m. on February 26, 2016**, in the Public Works Department, City of Cerritos, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California 90703

**Bids must be received on or before: 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2016**

**Bids will be opened on: Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 11:00 a.m.**

**Place of bid receipt:** Office of the City Clerk, City Hall  
18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor  
Cerritos, California 90703  
Bids must be marked: **"183RD STREET BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS, BID NO. 1237-16"**

All bids shall be made on the form furnished by the City and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, City Hall.

**Obtaining Contract Documents:** A set of Contract Documents, including the plans and specifications, may be purchased at the Engineering Division of the City of Cerritos for \$10.00 (\$15.00 if mailing is requested). There will be no refund for return of the Contract Documents. Return of such documents is not required.

Each bid shall be accompanied by bid security referred to in the Contract Documents and by a list of proposed subcontractors. Evidence of insurance, a performance bond, and a labor and materials bond as specified in the Contract Documents will be required prior to execution of the contract. In accordance with Public Contract Code section 22300, the bidder who is awarded the contract may substitute securities for retention moneys withheld by a public agency to ensure performance under the contract. The procedure and requirements for substituting said securities is set forth in Public Contract Code section 22300, which is incorporated by this reference as set forth herein.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law.

No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project):

**"A" or "C8."** The bidder's attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") to bid on public works contracts in California shall be permitted to submit a bid. Furthermore, only subcontractors registered with the DIR to bid on public works contracts in California shall be permitted to perform work or labor or render service under subcontract to the subject contractor.

This contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs. The contractor shall ensure that all required DBE information is submitted with the bid and that DBEs have the opportunity to participate in the performance of this contract. Refer to section 30 of the attached FTA Requirements for required DBE documentation that is required to be submitted with the bid. The City has determined an 8% DBE commitment.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1770, et seq., of the California Labor Code, the DIR has determined the general prevailing rate of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, vacations, pensions and similar purposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be the minimum rates for this project. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file at City Hall, located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703, and shall be available to any interested party upon request. In addition, rates may be obtained by visiting <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRI/pwd/>, calling the DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research's Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774, faxing the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4771, or writing to: DIR, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Prevailing Wage Unit, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA, 94142. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and the subcontractors under him, must pay not less than these rates for this area to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

This is a federally assisted project and the provisions of the federal standards, rules, regulations and requirements, including Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates will be enforced. The higher of the two, state prevailing wage or Davis Bacon, shall apply.

By order of the City of Cerritos.

Dated/posted/published: February 19, 2016

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T.S. No.: 9551-4604 TSG Order No.: 8572813 A.P.N.: 8044-010-013 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/26/2004. 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. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 11/02/2004 as Document No.: 04 2832278, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: JESUS ZUNO, JR., A SINGLE MAN, AND GUILLERMO ZUNO, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 03/07/2016 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13006 EL MORO AVENUE, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 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 in an "AS IS" condition, 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, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$323,865.94 (Estimated) as of 02/19/2016. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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. 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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](http://www.nationwideposting.com), for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 9551-4604. 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. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NBS Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd. Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) or Call: 916-939-0772. NBS Default Services, LLC, Nicole Rodriguez, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0272057 To: LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER 02/12/2016, 02/19/2016, 02/26/2016



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**KNABE**

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like my speech, it's me, if you don't like the speech it's Cheryl," adding "all praises, no raises!"

"As many of you know," stated Knabe, "I have less than a year left in office. Leaving office is going to leave me a lot of free time. I've thought about becoming a gadfly and signing up for public comment every week at the Board of Supervisors. But I've decided to shoot slightly higher than that... and announce my candidacy for President of the United States!" With a slightly mischievous grin, he added, "No not really, Los Cerritos Community News, don't print that."

With a change in tone and bit more seriousness, Knabe noted that it is a sad state of affairs that politicians have become a joke turning what should be one of the noblest positions a person can hold into prime material for the nightly media. "One of the reasons I have never been interested in national politics, preferring the local level, is that we can't get involved in playing games, we can't threaten to shut the government down or filibuster for hours."

The point he was attempting to make

is that headline-grabbing and sound-bite seeking is easier than addressing the real problems. Solving problems requires compromise. Solving problems requires an authentic look at facts that we might not like. Solving problems is just plain hard work. "Nowhere is that more important than at the local level here at the County, as the ultimate safety net, people depend on us because they have reached the end of their rope - financially, physically or mentally."

One of the first subjects Knabe addressed was the homeless population. Ten years ago there were a small number of people on the streets. Today there are over 150,000 homeless individuals in Los Angeles County, 40,000 homeless veterans, only 7,000 of whom have been able to find housing.

Much like the deadbeat dads of a few years ago, Knabe also has vowed to publicize the names and faces of those convicted of buying young girls for sex adding, "These are little girls, there is no such thing as a child prostitute." With tested protocols last year, if a girl was detained, 75% of the time they would run back to their pimp.

Thanks to immediate and intense engagement with wrap-around services, only one in 38 juveniles ran after being rescued. "I am proud of the work we have

done to provide services to the victims and to increase the penalties for the pimps," commented Knabe, "the one piece that has been missing is the demand side. We should not call those who buy young girls for sex anonymous 'johns,' let's call them what they really are, child rapists."

"As you may be aware we are focusing on the addition of more parks." The Puente Hills landfill, formerly the nation's largest and deepest, is going to be upcycled and recreated into a new park. The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, with Withers & Sandgren Landscape Architecture, are leading an eighteen month master plan to bring new life for the 500 foot-tall mountain built over sixty years with 130 million tons of collective waste.

He went on, "I am thrilled to announce that 2016 has been the most successful since we launched Safe Surrender in 2001." Earlier this year, the 125th Safe Surrender Celebration was held at Grand Park in downtown Los Angeles. All the families were invited to join in the planting of a Garden of Life, recognizing all the children who have been saved by the program.

His 'Bucket List' update included the Junior Golf Tournament, holding 31 Knabe

Cups for local boys and girls high school teams. An agreement has been reached with the City of Norwalk to lease their 9-hole course, breaking ground in February and opening in July 2016. Since beginning his TV show, Dialed-In with Don Knabe, they have filmed over 30 episodes and has some great interviews lined up for the rest of the year including Governor Jerry Brown.

The last construction project on his Bucket List is Operation Libraries. Investing \$45 million in libraries within the district, "While I know some people think libraries are a thing of the past, they have evolved into learning centers for people of all ages. The investments we are making go beyond brick and mortar, and focus on digital upgrades to make our facilities relevant for people of all ages."

Knabe is endorsing Senior Deputy Steve Napolitano for Supervisor of the Fourth District. Knabe notes he will continue fiscal responsibility, non-partisan problem solving and protecting the most vulnerable.

"Politics, my proud profession, is the art of compromise," said Knabe in closing, "as Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Complaining about a problem without proposing a solution ... is called whining .... and it most certainly isn't leadership."

# Spring Events



**SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 20 • 10 am – 2 pm • ARTESIA PARK**



## PUBLIC SAFETY EXPO

Get an up-close look at the jaws of life, the search and rescue trucks, and the SWAT vehicles used by the LA County Sheriffs and Fire departments. Be amazed by the K-9 search demonstrations.

## & YOUTH SAFETY

Thrilling freestyle BMX bike acrobatics by Team Soil. Learn safe bicycle riding rules. Practice pedestrian safety in the mock city! Children who complete both courses will earn a safety passport, making them eligible to win prizes, including bicycles and safety helmets! Child ID Kits available featuring fingerprint cards and laminated ID cards.



## & PET ADOPTIONS

Find your new best friend at the pet adoption fair being held in conjunction with **World Spay Day**.

## & PET VACCINATIONS

**Low-cost pet vaccinations** will also be available: rabies \$10; DHLPP \$14, and more. Please call for more details.



**OPENING DAY**  
**BASEBALL**  
**& SOFTBALL**  
**SATURDAY • MARCH 12**  
**10 am – 2 pm**  
**ARTESIA PARK**  
**8-10 am Pancake Breakfast**



**EASTER**  
**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
**SATURDAY • MARCH 26**  
**12 – 3 pm • ARTESIA PARK**  
Magic show, carnival games,  
Easter egg hunt  
and more!

**ALL EVENTS**  
**Free!**



**CESAR CHAVEZ**  
**CELEBRATION**  
**WEDNESDAY • MARCH 30**  
**5 pm • ARTESIA PARK**  
Guest speaker and refreshments



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