



HMG-CN EXCLUSIVE EXPOSÉ PART 2:

MUSD'S CHIEF ROJAS, A GOVERNOR BROWN APPOINTEE, DEFRAUDED STATE & OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES

By Brian Hews

And I'm off to Ireland, I'm off for a bit of the crack, I am awfully shifty, for a man of fifty, Catch Me If You Can, me name is Dan, sure, I'm your man! - Irish folk song

By Brian Hews

Catch Me If You Can is a 2002 American biographical crime film, based on the life of Frank

Abagnale, who, before his 19th birthday, successfully performed several cons worth millions of dollars; his primary crime was fraud.

You can call Ruben Rojas, current Chief Business Officer at Montebello Unified School District (MUSD), and former Deputy Executive Director of California's Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank



(I-Bank) - a Governor Brown appointed position - a newer version of Abagnale.

An ongoing Hews Media Group-Community News investigation has found that Rojas defrauded public entities he has worked for since 2011 weaving a complex web of deceit, using bogus information on his employment applications,

even working for two or more entities and collecting multiple paychecks at the same time.

The duplicitous behavior showed that Rojas, who does not possess a Bachelor's Degree and boasts of a law degree from online-only Abraham Lincoln University, calling it Lincoln University on his applications, jumped from job-to-job between 2011 and 2015.

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Kennedy High School Coach Arrested on Suspicion of Sexual Assault

La Palma resident Joshua Owens was arrested on Monday.

Staff Report



Joshua Owens

A man who works as a water polo and swim coach at Kennedy High School in La Palma since 2014 has been arrested on suspicion of sexually assaulting minors, and police are seeking additional victims, authorities said

Tuesday.

Joshua Christopher Owens, 23 and a La Palma resident, was arrested on Monday.

Owens was charged with various misdemeanor and felony offenses and was released from the Buena Park Police Department after posting \$75,000 bail, officials said in a news release.

Officials are saying the crimes occurred at Kennedy but could have occurred at Buena Park High too.

Police believe Owens used his positions to meet his victims.

He also worked as a seasonal lifeguard with the Long Beach Fire Department.

The allegations were first reported to Kennedy high school staff, which notified the police department, authorities said.

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LAKWOOD HOSTS AWARD OF VALOR EVENT



Mayor Ron Piazza and Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby present Fire Captain Joseph Woyjeck [center] with the Distinguished Service Award. This year marks the 35th Award of Valor tradition. More than 350 community leaders, civic leaders, businesses and residents attended the event. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

By Tammye McDuff

Every November the City of Lakewood pays homage to recognize Sheriff's deputies, firefighters, paramedics and residents who have demonstrated heroism and outstanding service to the community.

Lakewood City Mayor Ron Piazza began the afternoon commenting, "With the change of leadership comes the responsibility to do whatever is necessary to keep our community safe. And that is who we are here today to recognize."

This year will mark the 35th Award of Valor tradition. More than 350 community leaders, civic leaders, businesses and residents attended the luncheon held

Wednesday, November 16th at The Centre at Sycamore Plaza.

Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby and Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell were the special speakers showing support and appreciation for public safety personnel and local heroes. Retired longtime KOCE-TV news anchor Ed Arnold served as Master of Ceremonies.

McDonnell celebrated nominees, "We are here today to recognize those who went above and beyond on the job, looking out for the community and in so doing chose to get involved by helping keep our community safe," he went on to say, "you look at all the videos of

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QUARTET OF AREA TEAMS AIM TO STAY NEAR THE TOP OF RESPECTIVE LEAGUES

By Loren Kopff

Unless there is a sudden turn of events from new players to their respective varsity basketball teams, the 2016-2017 girls season figures to be status quo from last season as far as who should again do well and who is still searching for some success. Cerritos High, Gahr High, Valley Christian High and Whitney High all advanced to the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section playoffs last season and are primed to contend for league titles. On the other hand, it might be another long season for Artesia High while John Glenn High and Norwalk High might flirt with a .500 overall mark, which could assure those teams of at least an at-large postseason bid.

After getting married last August, head coach Shontya Pouncey took virtually the entire season off and handed the coaching duties to Dan Galvan. The Pioneers struggled once again, especially in league where they went winless for the second time in four seasons and third in the last seven. But Artesia will have a big team in terms of numbers with 16 on varsity, 11 of which

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Memorial Dedication for Fallen Officer Ricardo 'Ricky' Galvez

By Tammye McDuff

“On November 18, 2015, Officer Ricardo Galvez parked his vehicle in the department’s west parking lot as he returned from training as a canine agitator. Sitting in his vehicle, “Ricky” was approached by two men one of whom opened fire, mortally wounding Galvez.”

These are the words that have been memorialized on the Fallen Officer Memorial, just outside the Downey Police Department building that was dedicated this past week.

Officer Galvez was a 29 year-old United States Marine reservist, who proudly served his country.

On November 16, 2016, just two days shy of the one year anniversary of a senseless act, the City of Downey and the Downey Police Department held a commemorative service outside of the Downey PD and City Hall at the Fallen Officers Memorial.

In the history of the Downey PD, there have only been two officers struck down in the line of duty. Wayne Presley was the first and only officer that had ever been killed in the line of duty in the history of the DPD. Presley was a motorcycle officer and was hit by a drunk driver in 1981.

HMG spoke with Kevin Mc Caster, Sergeant, Detective Division, “We are very fortunate up until a year ago that we only had one plaque on the statue,” Mc Caster commented, “Galvez only lived a

short 29 years, but in that time he affected many people. When you look at the two tours overseas and Operation Freedom, Galvez stands out as the type of person, others want to emulate.”

There are many stories that told of Galvez good heart, one in particular is of a woman that he stopped for a traffic violation only to find out that she had recently lost her husband. Galvez still issued her a citation, but met her later on to help her take care of it, paying the ticket out his own pocket. “These are the types of stories about this young man and if you had the opportunity to be in his life just a brief moment, you were truly blessed,” added Mc Caster, “and he always had a huge smile for everyone he met.”

Mayor Alex Saab called the service “A very fitting service for a dedicated community role model.”

Chief Carl Charles and Captain Stephen Garza spoke. A flag was folded in his honor and given to his mother. Senator Tony Mendoza presented the family with a replica of the sign that will go up on the I5 near the north end of Downey located at Paramount Boulevard.

Dn. Mario Guerra called the service, “a beautiful tribute unveiling the plaque dedicated to our loved fallen Officer Ricky Galvez. As Chaplain for DPD it was an honor to be able to pray for Ricky and his family. He was a son, a brother, a friend, a Downey officer and a decorated Marine.”

McCaster said he was deeply moved by the overwhelming outpouring of love and support from residents as well as fellow law enforcement officers and told of an incident the day before the memorial ceremony:

“I was practicing with the Honor Guard the day before the ceremony. A five year old girl named Melanie came up



Fallen officer memorial at Downey City Hall. The inscription for Galvez reads, "On November 18, 2015, Officer Ricardo Galvez parked his vehicle in the department’s west parking lot as he returned from training as a canine agitator. Sitting in his vehicle, “Ricky” was approached by two men one of whom opened fire, mortally wounding Galvez.”

and handed me a small card. The card was a St. Benedict card with a black and blue ribbon on it and a little medallion. She said, “I just wanted to say thank you.” Then gave each of us a hug.”

It is for reasons like this that we do this job. Both old and small, weather you are weak or strong – that is why we do what we do. I posted the story on FB saying – today was a good day.

Saint Irenaeus Catholic Church's Annual Noel Night Concert Friday Dec. 2

Saint Irenaeus Catholic Church is having their annual Noel Night Concert on Friday, December 2nd. This free concert will feature many Christmas favorites performed by the Youth, Teen, and Adult choirs as well as several soloist

performances - all accompanied by talented instrumentalists. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to this festive and spiritual event being held inside the church at 5201 Evergreen Avenue in Cypress.

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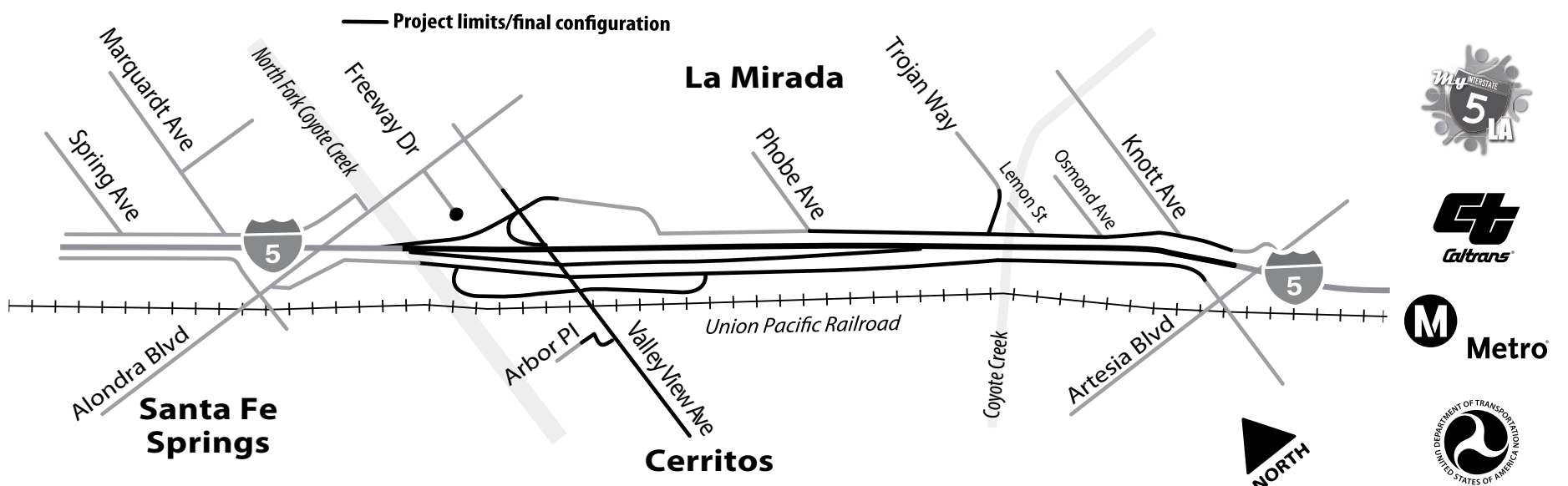
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Students, Trustees, and Staff Declare Cerritos College a Sanctuary Campus

By Tammye McDuff

An impromptu candlelight vigil was held at Cerritos College Tuesday evening, November 22nd. The vigil was to declare the college as a sanctuary campus and was supported and attended by students, Trustees and staff.

Dr. Jose Fierro, President said, "We are here as a sign of unity and assurance that our campus is safe zone for our students. Whenever students come together like this, I like to support their initiatives. A large portion of what we do here is to make sure the students feel safe, respected and welcome."

A sanctuary campus is a designation for a college or university in the United States that adopts policies to protect students who are undocumented immigrants. The term is modeled after 'sanctuary city', a status that has been adopted by over 30 municipalities. Proposed policies on sanctuary campuses would not allow Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE] officers onto campus without a warrant. There is a refusal of campus police to enforce immigration law. Student's immigration status or the gathering of information on citizenship would not be shared. Tuition support would be provided, including in-state tuition rates at public universities to students with DACA status. Distance-learning options for departed students to complete their degrees would be provided and as well as confidential legal support for to students with immigration law questions and issues.

College Trustee Sandra Salazar brought her two children along with her to stand in solidarity with the schools' AB 540 students. Currently the College has

over one thousand undocumented students enrolled.

Salazar states, "And those are the ones that we have record of. There are others that may pay in cash and in full, so the numbers could be larger than that." Salazar wants the campus to be a safe learning environment not only for the AB 540 students, but for all their students, "I encourage all of our students to stay focused on their studies and not worry about any type of intimidation, racism or deportation."

Cerritos College has one of the largest populations of undocumented students in the State.

Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540) is a California state law that allows students who meet certain requirements to pay in-state tuition fees at any UC, CSU, or California community college.

On June 15, 2012, President Obama created a new policy calling for deferred action for certain undocumented young people who came to the U.S. as children. Applications under the program are referred to as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals [DACA]. The Secretary of Homeland Security announced that certain people who came to the United States as children and meet several guidelines may request consideration of deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal. They are also eligible for work authorization. Deferred action is a use of prosecutorial discretion to defer removal action against an individual for a certain period of time. Deferred action does not provide lawful status.



A candlelight vigil was held at Cerritos College Tuesday evening, the vigil was to declare the college as a sanctuary campus and was supported and attended by students, Trustees and staff. Cerritos College has one of the largest populations of undocumented students in the State. Currently the College has over one thousand undocumented students enrolled. Photo by Tammye McDuff

City of Cerritos December 8 Public Hearing on Possible Sales Tax Ballot Initiative



The Cerritos City Council meeting on **Thursday, December 8** will include the following public hearing item:

- Review and consideration of a resolution submitting to the electorate of the City of Cerritos at the General Municipal Election to be held on April 11, 2017, a proposal to adopt an initiative ordinance establishing a transaction and use (sales) tax of up to one percent (1%) for general purposes, directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis of the tax measure, and authorizing and setting deadlines for the filing of arguments and rebuttals for or against the measure.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Community members are encouraged to attend the meeting and share their comments on the reports.

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Jim Branchick (far left), Senior Vice President Kaiser, with (l-r) Susan Garcia, Marjorie Di Puglia, Hong Vo, Jeremy Castillo and Allison Venida-Luc.

KAISER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO CERRITOS STUDENTS

By Tammye McDuff

Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center awarded five Cerritos College students with scholarships, which included two nursing scholarships, two pharmacy technician scholarships, and one mental health professional scholarship. The ceremony took place Thursday, November 17th in the Cheryl A. Epple Board Room at Cerritos College.

"This cause means a lot to me because I know how much a scholarship means to someone getting through school," said Jim Branchick, Senior Vice President and Area Manager of Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center. "Kaiser Permanente is proud to partner with Cerritos College to build the healthcare workforce that will help all our communities thrive. Even a small scholarship can make it or break it for many of these deserving students and to give these scholarships to students who are poised to make an impact in health care is icing on the cake."

Kaiser Permanente Mental Health Worker Scholarship went to Susan Garcia,

a compassionate re-entry student enrolled in the Mental Health Worker certificate program with plans to earn her bachelor's degree in psychology.

Two Kaiser Permanente Nursing Scholarships were awarded to Marjorie Di Puglia who is already enrolled in her first semester of the Cerritos College Nursing program. Her own experiences in battling and beating Thyroid Cancer led her to pursue this career. Hong Vo is currently enrolled in her second year of the nursing program. Vo has excelled in her studies plans on transferring to Cal State LA or Cal State Fullerton to earn her BSN.

Kaiser Permanente Pharmacy Technology Scholarships were awarded to Jeremy Castillo who is following in the footsteps of his father and is pursuing his degree to become a pharmacy technician and Allison Venida-Luc who is determined to be the first in her family to graduate college and is on track to become a certified pharmacy technician by the end of this semester. Luc plans on continuing her education and enrolling in UC San Francisco's School of Pharmacy next fall.

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people who consider their involvement as limited, by recording an incident rather than putting down the recording device and actually lending a helping hand." He also noted that the men and women who were honored at the luncheon held strong values and believed in keeping the community of Lakewood safe.

The Lakewood Award of Valor reflects six categories of exceptional service to the community, Award of Valor, distinguished Service Award, Mayor's Award, Community Service Award, Dave Powell Policing Award and the newly created BOLO Award.

For skillfully defusing a very dangerous situation with a mentally impaired person that could have resulted in a violent tragedy, Sergeant Sean O'Donoghue and Deputy Torre Williams received the Award of Valor. On a regular basis, firefighters are faced with life or death decisions that do not allow for lengthy contemplation, for their decisive and life saving action in the middle of an accident scene Los Angeles County Firefighter Michael Dussinger and Firefighter Paramedic Edward Brehm also received an Award of Valor.

In recognition of the aggressive and sustained firefighting tactics employed by the fire crews at a major two story residence and their ability to reduce

the amount of damage sustained to the home Firefighters Captain Brain Jones, Specialist Michael Depew, paramedic Michael Neilsen and Specialist Cary Windles of Quint 45 were honored with Awards of Valor.

For his enthusiasm, professionalism and commitment to the community oriented policing concept, Deputy Cesar Hinojosa received the 2016 Dave Powell Community Policing Award.

Firefighter Paramedic Pete Martinez received a Distinguished Service Award for his 30 years with the Los Angeles County Fire Department, as an instructor testing over 4,000 uniformed personnel. Over the years Sheriff Detective Theo Gekas has served for Lakewood's Special Assignment Team investigating crimes and consistently performing at an outstanding level. His dedication to public safety and service has awarded him a Distinguished Service Award.

The Mayors Award is given to residents of Lakewood who assisted deputies, firefighters or paramedics in the performance of their duties or who stepped forward in an emergency to aid a neighbor. The 2016 recipients' were Evalie Napohaku, Eric Moren, Chad Swanson and Teron Mays. For volunteers whose time and energy have been directed toward improving public safety Terry Benas, Tony Ruiz and Ahmed Rafi were the three awardees of the Community Service Award.

In 2013, the BOLO [Be On The Lookout] award category was created in response to a conscientious citizen's movement. If you see something, say something awards were given to Laura Havlik, Marylou Van Pelt, Joe Perez, Steve Turner, Brian Cahill and Jessica Stout Ryder.

To a rousing standing ovation, Fire Captain Joseph Woyjeck received a Distinguished Service Award. Woyjeck has received numerous awards and accolades but was honored for the Kevin Woyjeck Explorers for Life Association. The organization raises scholarship funds for young men and women who participate in Fire Explorer programs nationwide.

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are seniors. Will it be enough for a program, which has had some issues on the defensive side, to get back to the playoffs?

“Coach Galvan and I have super, much respect and admiration for [coaching at Artesia],” Pouncey said. “He went through a lot with people missing practice and girls coming in and out. Fundraising was a travesty. He had to deal with so many more things that weren’t just basketball that I think a lot of those issues came to play into the season. It made it a lot harder for him and the girls who were here all the time.”

Artesia will have to find a new identity in the scoring department after the graduation of Zharia Simmons. While no returning player averaged more than 3.1 points per game last season, Pouncey sees senior Samantha Cruz as probably one of the team’s better shooters while senior Denise Fuentes has gotten so much stronger and her will to win is bigger than anybody’s on the team, according to the coach.

“Sam is a great overall player, period,” Pouncey said. “I think Sam is one of the kids at this school who actually wants to play at the next level. She came from the

ARTESIA PIONEERS
 4-23 overall last season, 0-12 in the Suburban League, seventh place
 Head coach: Shontya Pouncey (second full season in second stint, 8-44)
 Team’s record previous five seasons: 25-105
 Last time made the playoffs: 2012
STARTERS LOST: Zharia Simmons (9.7 points per game overall last season), Kennedy Williams (2.3 ppg.), JR Riley Woolf (3.5 ppg.)
STARTERS RETURNING: SR Samantha Cruz (3.1 ppg.), SR Denise Fuentes
OTHERS RETURNING: SR Cynthia Calderas (2.0 ppg.), SR Marisa Gracian, SR Valeria Lopez JR Cesilia Cabrera
TOP VARSITY NEWCOMER: JR Cassidy Valle-Marinas

Philippines where they practice outside most of the time, and it was never in great conditions. I think she is a kid who battles and she’ll be good for us as far as bringing the ball up.”

Senior Marisa Gracian is probably the most improved returning player and will be a big part of how the Pioneers play defense while senior Valeria Lopez figures to be the best shooter of the big players on the team. Pouncey says that the scoring will have to be a ‘whole-hearted team effort’.

Since advancing to the quarterfinals in 2005, the Pioneers have played in the postseason four times and the 13 combined wins over the past four seasons are one more than what the team accumulated during the program’s last trip to the playoffs. For Artesia to get back to the playoffs, it will need to have at least a .500 overall record because cracking the top four in the Suburban League will be close to impossible.

“I don’t know how it’s going to work in basketball because obviously there’s 16 more spots [in each division than football],” Pouncey said. “You still have to be .500 and then it doesn’t matter if you’re fourth or fifth in your league so much. I think that’s somewhere we might be. We plan on winning a few league games. Hopefully we can win at least half of them, or a little under half of them. I think the way we may defend will help us.”

It was another good season for Cerritos and head coach Marcus Chinen as the Lady Dons lost twice in Suburban League action, both to Mayfair High and by a combined six points. Cerritos has won at least 12 games five straight seasons and returns a good chunk of its team from a year ago.

“I think it was a good season; a growing season, especially for our juniors and seniors this year,” Chinen said. “It’s going to be tough to beat Mayfair. Size-wise, we

don’t have the biggest post players on our team. We do the best that we can with what we get every year. I think this year, too, will

CERRITOS LADY DONS
 17-11 overall last season, 10-2 in the Suburban League, second place, lost to Agoura 52-50 in the Division II-A second round playoffs
Head coach: Marcus Chinen (third season, 37-19)
Team’s record previous five seasons: 84-51
Last time missed the playoffs: 2011
STARTERS LOST: Flora Arbas, Tatiana Fominyam (10.4 points/game last season)
STARTERS RETURNING: SR Ifeoma Okoli (12.3 ppg.), SR Teresa Torres (5.4 ppg.), SR Cailey Vitug (8.0 ppg. in 20 gms)
OTHERS RETURNING: SR Bea Castrance, SR Bethany Huang, JR Tracy Nakamura, JR Kalea Trias, SO Hannah Carrol
TOP VARSITY NEWCOMERS: JR Allyson Hayakawa, SO Lindsay Fujihiro, SO Lexi Tamaki

be the same situation.”

The problem last season came in the month of December when injuries caused some key players to be sidelined, one of whom was senior Cailey Vitug. Now she’s healthy and with her and fellow seniors Ifeoma Okoli and Teresa Torres, plus junior Kalea Trias as solid starters, the Lady Dons are primed to be even better. Okoli and Trias will be the two bigs with sophomore Hannah Carrol as a possible backup. The one negative coming into this season is that Chinen didn’t have a chance to have a full fall team because of several players playing fall sports

“That was huge, not having her at the beginning of the season,” Chinen said of Vitug. “And I did think it affected the team in a way that I think we relied on her to bring the ball up [the court]. We relied on her to shoot and score when she can and look for the open person. She’s our primary

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Cerritos Regional Chamber's Annual Turkey Bowl

By Tammye McDuff

The Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce held their 14th annual Turkey Bowl and Networking Mixer at AMF Cerritos Lanes, Thursday November 17th.

The yearly mixer is a great way to mix with fellow chamber members, have fun and enjoy an afternoon of bowling, great food, networking, team building, and staff development.

Everyone had a great time bowling

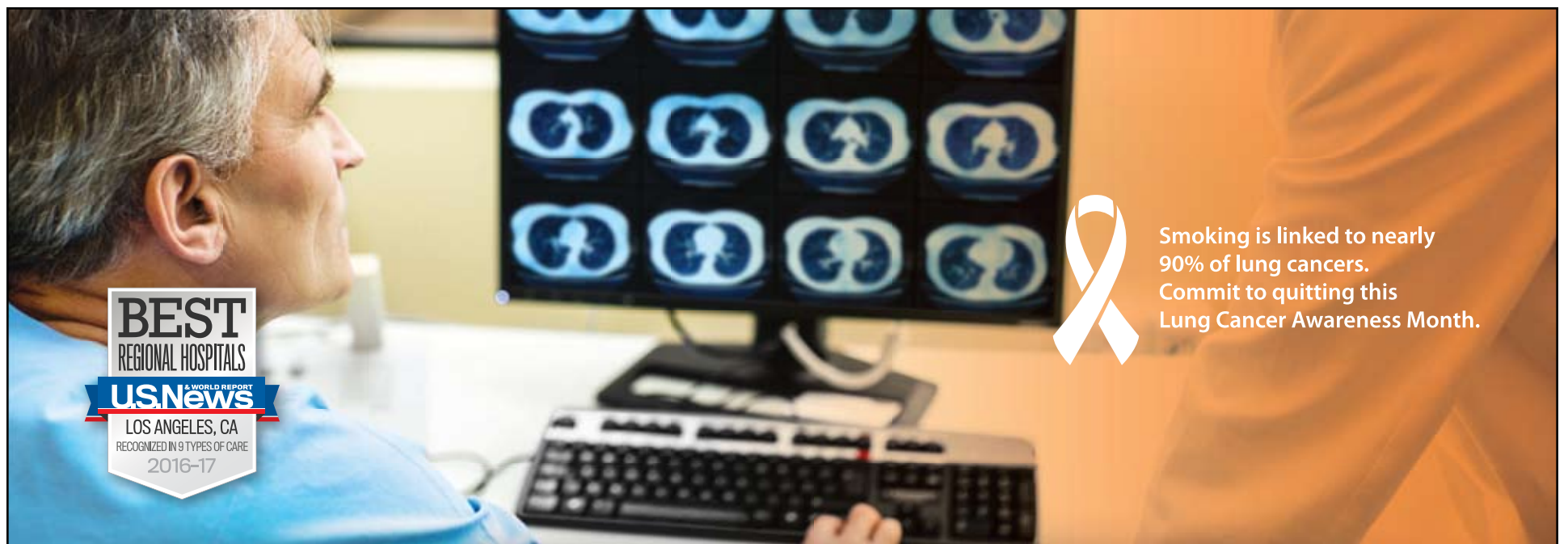
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Top left-the team from the Office of Supervisor Knabe; bottom left- Wattle Award "runner up" was Team DigiCal with their Oompa Loompa outfits; top right-team AMF Cerritos Lanes took home the Strikeology Award for best overall team score; above-Chamber CEO Scott Smith with the team from the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel, this year's Wattle Award for best dressed team.



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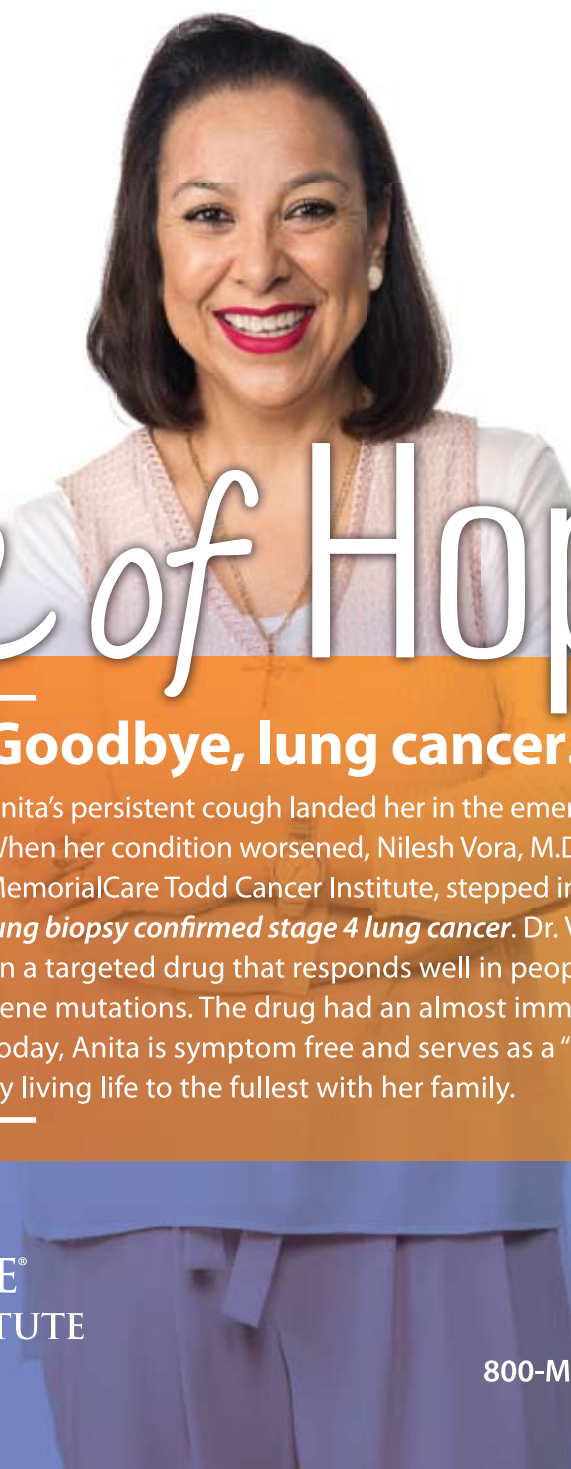
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And the shifty Rojas spread himself between positions smoothly, always keeping one foot in the job he was leaving and one foot in the job he was taking, following the money.

The pattern indicated that Rojas, who was recently given a vote of no confidence by the California Schools Employee Association after a little more than a year at MUSD, was eventually found to be completely incompetent by his superiors after a few months at his position, and would either resign and take another job or be placed on administrative leave, collecting money along the way.

It is Rojas' aura and muffled confidence that complements his fraudulent scheme.

Rojas was so convincing he even fooled Governor Brown's Office of Appointment staff when he was appointed as Deputy Executive Director of the I-Bank in July 2013.

But, as with Abagnale in *Catch Me If You Can*, Rojas finally got caught.

And his scheme could land him in legal hot water and possible prison time for submitting an application to a state agency with fraudulent information.

The applicable Code states, "any person who knowingly and willfully makes or uses any false document knowing the document contain fictitious or fraudulent statement shall be fined and/or imprisoned for not more than five years."

And the Governor's Appointment Office officials and I-Bank officials could also liable for any loans that Rojas authorized during his tenure at the I-Bank.

Dansure Inc. - Sham Company?

Catch Me If You Can, my name is Dan, sure... I'm your man....

Rojas had two application and resume packages, depending on which public entity he was applying to.

There was the "school district" application package, with Rojas working for, in chronological order, the LAUSD, the LACCD, tiny Elk Hills School District, and the La Canada USD.

He submitted the "school district" package to the MUSD.

Then there was the "polished" application package, with Rojas working for LAUSD, the LACCD; Senior Associate with AECOM that had revenues in excess of \$ 6 billion; and finally Dansure, Inc., which billed it self as "a \$45 billion company."

Rojas submitted that package to the

Governor's office for appointment to the I-Bank.

On the surface Rojas' application package to the I-Bank was extremely impressive. His list of accomplishments were legendary – just ask "his good friend," current California Governor Jerry Brown.

But a closer examination of the of both application packages revealed major discrepancies.

Polished Application Package

One of the top companies Rojas lists, Dansure (the same word in the Irish song) Inc., has a very questionable history; even finding a mail drop is impossible.

Dansure claims "a \$45 billion track record of delivering high-performance services in collaboration with its clients."

But information on Dansure is extremely difficult to find.

\$45 billion would indicate at least a robust social media presence and marketing campaign via Facebook, Twitter and other platforms.

But no such marketing exists.

The last post on Dansure's Facebook was January 3, 2015, the post prior to that was November 2014. The page has only 59 likes.

The Twitter account was slightly more active, but the last "tweet" was April of this year, the second to the last tweet was July 2015.

Finally a search on the California Secretary of State's website shows Dabsure, Inc. was dissolved 4/2/10, one year prior to Rojas's claimed employment at the company.

Impressive Job Title

Rojas was "Executive Vice President of Sustainability" at Dansure starting in 2011.

A review of Dansure's corporate history as shown on Los Angeles Community College District bond documents indicates the company was established as Ed Aschoff and Associates in May 2008, then renamed Dansure in 2010.

An internet search of Dansure reveals an address of 515 S. Flower St. in Los Angeles with a phone number of 800-757-1247.

Dialing the 800 number directs the caller to Home Theater Kings based out of South Florida.

Searching the internet under the company's URL Dansure.com reveals an unavailable website.

In 2013, Dansure filed with the state and changed its address to 27422 Portola Parkway, Suite 345, in Foothill Ranch.

An internet search reveals the address belonging to EHS, Inc. and the

phone number belonging to a private party.

HMG-CN called the number and the party indicated that, "I just got this number one week ago, around Nov. 1."

Rojas Fraudulent School District Claims-

Rojas claimed on his "school district" application package submitted to the MUSD that he worked at the I-Bank and several other school districts, "amassing over twelve years of experience at the cabinet level in the public education sector."

But an examination of his employment history shows once again, as he did with his I-Bank application, Rojas knowingly and willfully made false statements.

First and foremost, Rojas did not include his employment with the \$45 billion company called Dansure, adding more questions about the existence of the mysterious company.

Rojas started by claiming he worked at the tiny 200 student Elk Hills School District as the "Director of Finance and Administration Services" from July 2011 to July 2013, earning \$10,000 per month.

In truth, Rojas worked for the Kern County Superintendent of Schools as a Division Administrator from July 2011 to April 30, 2012.

Rojas did work for Elk Hills from May 9, 2012 to January 31, 2013, but he was a Consultant with California School Advisors and his own company, Shared Intellectual Property Group.

He was not the Director of Finance and Administration Services for Elk Hills, as fraudulently claimed on his MUSD application.

Rojas also claimed he made \$10,000 per month at Elk Hills when he earned only \$5,000 per month.

Catch Me if You Can-

Through the next few years Rojas became more adept at fooling employers.

Documents show that while a Consultant for Elk Hills, Rojas became simultaneously employed in September 2012 at the Victor Valley Union High School District (VVUHSD) as Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, a full time position.

Rojas did not list VVUHSD on his application with MUSD or with the I-Bank, with good reason.

Rojas was pulling two paychecks from two different public agencies for five months, one from Elk Hills and the other from VVUHSD.

VVUHSD administrators discovered Rojas' scheme and he was placed on administrative leave on January 11, 2013, only four months after he was hired.

Rojas listed his next position as Chief Business Officer with the La Canada Unified School District working from July 2013 - coinciding with his "departure" from Elk Hills - to Oct. 2013, earning a hefty \$12,000 per month.

At the same time, July 2013, he accepted the appointment to the I-Bank.

Rojas subsequently resigned from La Canada Nov. 30, 2013.

The next day, Dec. 1, 2013, Rojas received his first paycheck in the amount of \$11,033 from the I-Bank.

Once again Rojas was simultaneously pulling two paychecks for one month, one from La Canada and one from the I-Bank.

Back to the Polished Application Package, Rojas Defrauds I-Bank

HMG-CN was finally able to obtain

Rojas' resume - submitted to the I-Bank - via a public records request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Just like he did with MUSD, Rojas blatantly lied to the Governor's office on his resume.

Rojas excluded all school districts he worked for - including Kern County Superintendent of Schools, Elk Hills, VVUHSD, and La Canada Unified - from his employment history.

What was included in his application was the suspicious \$45 billion company that is Dansure and three other companies. Rojas was appointed to the I-Bank July 2013.

Rojas Leaves I-Bank for MUSD

The Deputy Executive Director of the Governor's I-Bank is a very prestigious position. Appointed by the Governor and paid over \$11,000 per month, it is a highly treasured appointment in Sacramento, and a position of overwhelming public trust.

Yet in February 2015, Rojas submitted his fraudulent application, filled with the previously outlined falsified employment history from Kern, Elk Hills, VVUHSD, and La Canada, to the Montebello Unified School District.

Sources inside MUSD told HMG-CN that Rojas said he left the I-Bank because "a family member was ill" and he needed to move back to the area.

With the application, his Statement of Qualifications, several letters of recommendation, and his polished interview skills, the MUSD hired Rojas June 1, 2015.

Once again, Rojas was collecting paychecks from two public agencies from June 1, 2015 to Sept 11, 2015.

In that time frame, the I-Bank checks totaled approximately \$37,000, the MUSD checks totaled approximately \$36,000, a hefty \$24,333 per month for jobs that were both full time positions.

Rojas' Statement of Qualification submitted to MUSD contained several misrepresentations of his employment; Rojas also left off his employment of VVUHSD and his employment at Dansure, Inc.

MUSD Board Allies

By the time the public officials at the MUSD became suspicious, Rojas had forged an alliance with select MUSD Board Members emboldened by the prospects of accessing Measure GS funds, the \$300 million construction and modernization bond passed in June.

Inside sources are telling HMG-CN that Board President Ben Cardenas was instrumental and fought extremely hard for the hiring of Rojas. The sources also said Cardenas was the leader of the alliance.

The alliance has already started the process of accessing bond funds by approving the first \$100 million at the Nov. 3 meeting; a meeting marked by the discovery, as exclusively reported by HMG-CN, that Lalo Trujillo, MUSD's financial advisor who is helping to direct spending of the \$300 million bond proceeds, lied to the Board about his employment history.

Sources have told HMG-CN that MUSD officials suspected Rojas was a fraud but were frustrated by the Board alliance.

But finally, in September 2016, Rojas, similar to two previous jobs, was placed on administrative leave by the MUSD.

All supporting documents can be found online at loscerritosnews.net.

Coming next: The alliance strengthens and Rojas get his job back.

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CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 9 FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

VALLEY CHRISTIAN'S DEFENSE ONCE AGAIN SETS TONE EARLY IN ANOTHER ROUT

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

PICO RIVERA-Valley Christian High's defense was able to do something against El Rancho High that Norwalk High couldn't do the previous week. The Crusaders stopped Gabriel Huerta from having another fantastic performance and the defense picked off Adam Chandler twice in a 37-12 victory in a California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division 9 quarterfinal game.

Top ranked V.C. advances to tonight's home semifinal game against fourth ranked Notre Dame (Riverside). It's the first trip to the semifinals for the Crusaders since 2007 and fourth time since 2001. Despite the wide margin of victory, V.C. junior quarterback Isaac Joseph was probably smiling inside, but he definitely wasn't showing it outside. He said of his team's execution on offense that it 'just didn't feel right in this game' and that he didn't feel like the team was in its zone as in the other games. He added that he felt like the team 'took a day off' in this game.

"It's really nothing to celebrate," Joseph said. "We just have to keep our heads up, keep looking forward and we just have to keep executing every single game. We have to play better than this for sure."

But on the defensive side, it was completely different. A week after catching eight passes for 260 yards and four touchdowns, Huerta was held to seven catches for 70 yards and no touchdowns. Chandler, who passed for 348 yards and five touchdowns in his team's 42-26 win over Norwalk, was 19 of 38 for 144 yards and no touchdowns.

"I think that was a big part of the game for us," said V.C. head coach Woodie Grayson. "You watch film and you watch [Huerta] and he makes plays week in and week out. He's running by people and behind people and you kind of wonder what do you have to do to stop him? Can

you stop him? So our defense came out and took it as a challenge and that kid was not going to beat us."

V.C.'s defense, under the tutelage of defensive coordinator Kirk Diego, forced a trio of three and outs in the opening quarter plus the fifth interception this season by senior defensive back R.J. Van Kampen. Meanwhile, the offense was making sure it wouldn't waste any opportunity to score early as junior running back Dominic Paul scored from four yards out four minutes in and Joseph tossed a 51-yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Quory Smith two and a half minutes after the Van Kampen interception.

The lead would increase to 21-0 on the first play of the second quarter when Joseph found senior wide receiver Clay D'Amico for a 33-yard connection.

"We just had to do what we had to do to keep them from getting back in the game," Joseph said. "We just had to stop them from getting any points on the board to keep it a close game. We had to score as soon as possible."

After El Rancho got on the board with 8:03 left in the half on a nine-yard run from Marcos Weeks, the Crusaders responded by adding a D'Amico 47-yard field goal with 4:08 left before the break. V.C.'s offense was well-balanced in the first half with Joseph passing for 135 yards and junior running back Gianni Hurd rushing for 85 yards of the 113 the team would get in the first 24 minutes. On the other side of the field, the Dons punted on six first half possessions and did not have a drive last more than 2:08.

"Our defense is playing great," Joseph said. "I think they're really saving us a lot because we played a poor offensive game. Since the season started, the defense has really stepped it up and I think they're really a big tool for our entire team."

"The way we were set up, [Chandler] forced the ball to other people," Grayson said of his defense. "So, they really didn't



Valley Christian High junior running back Gianni Hurd looks to escape El Rancho High's Jordan Jimenez (#44) and Andrew Ortiz in last Friday night's California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division 9 quarterfinal game. Hurd ran for 99 yards on 17 carries and scored once in V.C.'s 37-12 victory. PHOTO BY ARMANDO VARGAS, Contributing photographer.

have a choice in it. They made some adjustments to try to get him some shots deep. But our kids run well."

On the fourth play of the second half, Hurd scored from a yard out to make it 30-6. The play came after a 66-yard reception from Smith, who had a banner night. He led the Crusaders with 150 yards on five receptions.

"He just came out ready," Joseph said. "He got himself open and coach called the right plays for Q. It was his night tonight. He executed every play doing what he had to do."

"The way their defense was set, they were stacking the box," Grayson said. "And even they were leaving our receivers three on two at times and we were able to see that. For Quory to suddenly step up and be the guy tonight, that was the difference maker. It's a credit to him to always be ready and when his number was called, he answered."

El Rancho still couldn't generate much on offense in the third quarter, going three and out after the Hurd touchdown and being held on downs later in the stanza. V.C.'s final touchdown came with 3:58 left in the third when Joseph connected with Van Kampen for 44 yards.

Joseph completed 10 of 20 passes for 254 yards while picking up another 27 yards on seven carries. Hurd had a rough

night but managed to gain 99 yards on 17 rushes. And that vaunted V.C. defense allowed 32 yards on 21 carries.

The Crusaders (10-2 overall) will face a tougher opponent in Notre Dame (Riverside), last season's Northwest Division champions. The Titans are 9-3 but two of their losses were forfeit setbacks with the other one a one-point loss to Ontario Christian. Notre Dame (Riverside), which has won four straight, outscoring its opponents 196-85 in that time, is led by quarterback Niles Harrell. He has completed 64 percent of his passes for 1,573 yards and 11 touchdowns. His two favorite targets are Jared Baytosh (45 receptions, 640 yards, five touchdowns) and Ian Zamudio (20 catches, 513 yards, four touchdowns). On the ground, Zamudio has rushed for 795 yards on 68 carries and found the end zone eight times while Tyzjon Calhoun-Fuller has added 478 yards on 43 touches with five touchdowns.

V.C., winners of eight straight games, is enjoying the program's best season since 2005 when that team finished at 10-2. The Crusaders also went 11-2 the year before and 12-2 in 2002, the last time they played for a divisional championship. And, everyone knows that the farther you get in the playoffs, the chances of practicing on Thanksgiving morning increases.

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ball handler when it comes down to later in the games. Just not having her out there, I think the chemistry was thrown off a little bit."

Chinen added that the team learned to play without her and still was somewhat successful. But with her would have been a different story. Junior Tracy Nakamura is the most improved, according to Chinen. She figures to be in the starting lineup as she and Trias will pick up big minutes left behind by the graduated Flora Arbas and Tatiana Fominyam. Cerritos fell three points short of advancing to the quarterfinals and Chinen believes this season's team can get farther.

"It's in the past right now," Chinen said of last season's playoff loss. "It does sting. It's always the 'what if's'. Again, it was the second year in a row that the team that passed us went to the finals. As coaches, we talk about it and for about a week, it was hard. I think we've moved and I think the girls are hungry right now because they want to go out and try to get another [league] championship."

Gahr's overall record last season is a bit misleading because the Lady Gladiators were dealt a major blow when leading scorer Angelica Soltis went down with an injury seven games into the season. That meant new head coach Rob Godwin was forced to revamp his lineup, which included three sophomores and a freshman most of the time.

"Coaching-wise, I believe it was everything I thought it was going to be," Godwin said. "Our finish, I think we could

have done a little better. But once we lost one of our major seniors, I think as a young group, we had no leadership. Going into this year, I definitely think we're more prepared.

"It really threw us off big time because she was basically our captain on the floor," Godwin added on the absence of Angelica Soltis. "We had no captain once we lost her and it showed that we were young. We started bickering about things we shouldn't have been bickering about because there was no leader on the court."

With Angelica Soltis sidelined, seniors Lauren Magno and Alana Soltis tried to pick up the slack along with the fast emergence of young players like juniors Naomi Ellis, Dezirae Smith, Nori Smith

GAHR LADY GLADIATORS
12-14 overall last season, 5-5 in the San Gabriel Valley League, third place, lost to Sonora 61-15 in the Division III-AA first round playoffs

Head coach: Rob Godwin (second season, 12-14)

Team's record previous five seasons: 78-62

Last time missed the playoffs: 2014
STARTERS LOST: None
STARTERS RETURNING: SR Lauren Magno, SR Alana Soltis (6.6 points per game last season), JR Naomi Ellis (6.6 ppg.), JR Nori Smith (2.8 ppg.), SO Hannah Kumiyama (5.8 ppg.)

OTHERS: SR Vaesala Lesatele, SR Marceya Vernardo, JR Angelina Jacobe, JR Dezirae Smith

TOP VARSITY NEWCOMERS: JR Kimya Oliver, FR Clarissa Heredia

and sophomore Hannah Kumiyama. Any of those six players could possibly be among the starting five in any game this season, thus giving Gahr a much better opportunity to improve on its overall mark as well as its San Gabriel Valley League placing.

While Ellis and Kumiyama brought a big smile to Godwin's face because of their performance given their youth, the one player who he sees as improving a lot is Alana Soltis. She, as Godwin put it, 'fell off a little last year' because she didn't have her sister on the court for the majority of the season. He believes this will be a comeback year for her.

But keep an eye on junior Kimya Oliver, who brings a big, physical presence with her under the glass that Gahr lacked last season. Godwin says that Oliver will definitely be a starter with Magno as the first person off the bench. Of freshman Clarissa Heredia, who is a lefty, Godwin says she is the future of Gahr basketball.

After finishing in fourth place in each of the two seasons before Godwin took over, the Lady Gladiators moved up a spot. With such an experienced squad coming back, they could go as high as second place this season.

"I'm not going to make any predictions early," Godwin said. "I made predictions last year and we had multiple injuries. But I'm looking for big things out of this team."

Head coach Christina Hernandez just couldn't get a break last season. Three of her experienced players all missed a good chunk of December, in which the Lady Eagles played 14 games.

Add to that the young lineup she had to put on the court, which consisted of four sophomores, and it's easy to see why Glenn won only four games. The concern Hernandez had was if the team could be more competitive in league. Her goal this year is to pick up more wins and to be competitive in league as, in her words, Glenn is always rebuilding. Last season was the second time the program has finished 4-22 in the past three seasons.

JOHN GLENN LADY EAGLES
4-22 overall last season, 3-9 in the Suburban League, sixth place
Head coach: Christina Hernandez (third season, 10-43)

Team's record previous five seasons: 30-102

Last time made the playoffs: 2011
STARTERS LOST: Savanna Aguilar (4.0 points per game last season in 15 games), Natalie Cardenas

STARTERS RETURNING: SR Saurianna Harrison (4.2 points per game last season), JR Karina Gomez (1.1 ppg.), JR Savannah Madrid (6.7 ppg.), JR Dalilah Mendoza (7.9 ppg.), OTHERS RETURNING: SR Vanessa Rouse, JR Gloria Hernandez (2.4 ppg.), JR Kaylin Meno

TOP VARSITY NEWCOMERS: SR Chardonee Keith (transfer from Norwalk), SR Katherine Tanedo, SO Paola Ramirez, SO Berenice Santana, SO Jessica Valdez, FR Dominique Harrison

"The first thing that would come to mind is I set separate goals for the team

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and the program I wanted to accomplish," Hernandez said. "So the first year, my goal was [improve] overall wins. We got six and I wanted to be around six or eight that year and we met that goal. Last season, I was going to have a young team and I really wanted to give them a tougher preseason."

So now, the Lady Eagles figure to be healthier now than at this point last season and will be paced by seniors Saurianna Harrison and Vanessa Rouse. Glenn could definitely use the height of Rouse under the glass. But the pleasant surprise, which could say a lot about the near future, came from juniors Gloria Hernandez, Savannah Madrid and Dalilah Mendoza. All three of them picked up the scoring that was left behind when Rouse and the graduated Natalie Cardenas were injured. The aforementioned returning players, plus juniors Karina Gomez and Kaylin Meno give the Lady Eagles a shot of moving up from the bottom of the Suburban League standings.

"We focus a lot on them individually on the court as far as skill set goes," Hernandez said. "I'm really excited for them. This offseason, we really put more on them as far as what we expect from them, not just on the court but the responsibility of leadership. We had a young group [last season] and we didn't have the leadership to pull them all together at the end of the day."

Hernandez has set a personal goal is not to finish in sixth place and she hopes to get tough wins in the month of December. Glenn has been stuck in sixth place every season since the last time it was in the playoffs, which was 2011.

"I definitely have seen a change," Hernandez said. "And it's a lot of the same kids in the program. But I've seen the change through the offseason and the summer. The intensity has changed, the work ethic has changed. I can say they're more competitive with each other in a good way. There's a big difference."

Longtime assistant coach Ashley Baclaan gets her first head coaching job, and at a place where she played and graduated in 2005. Baclaan replaces Emily Osongco, who had coached the Lady Lancers for the past three seasons. Baclaan began coaching in 2006 and has coached at both of the lower levels while being an assistant for three different head coaches at Norwalk.

"It was good, it was fun, it was a learning experience," Baclaan said of being an assistant. "Everything I think I'm going to bring as a head coach is everything that I've learned, even from me playing under [former Norwalk head coach] Babita [Singh]."

Last season was Norwalk's worst campaign since going 7-19 in 2005-2006

NORWALK LADY LANCERS
8-19 overall last season, 4-8 in the Suburban League, fifth place
Head coach: Ashley Baclaan (1st season)
Record previous five seasons: 73-62
Last time made the playoffs: 2015
STARTERS LOST: Danielle Tate (13.3 p.p.g. last season), Mele Valele (2.4 ppg.)
STARTERS RETURNING: SR Melanie Arias (2.4 ppg.), SR Destiny Hurtado (4.1 ppg.), SR Crystal Lambey (7.0 ppg.)
OTHERS RETURNING: JR, Angie Aldana, JR Alyssandra Lopez, JR Lizbeth Ruiz (1.7 ppg.), JR Bianca Torres, SO Annie Valele
TOP VARSITY NEWCOMERS: SR Brenda Venegas, JR Fatima Gomez, JR Blanca Ortiz, SO Destiny Goodloe

and it ended a streak of eight straight seasons in which Norwalk had double digit victories. In each of those eight seasons, the Lady Lancers advanced to the postseason

and included back to back 20-win seasons in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

"I wouldn't say it was fully disappointing," Baclaan said of last season. "I think it was just really a lot of learning. With the bodies that we had and just learning how to make the girls mesh together. It was just new and different. But there was still some good out of it."

For Norwalk to get back to the playoffs, someone has to fill the shoes of the graduated Danielle Tate as far as scoring goes. That could be senior Crystal Lambey, who averaged seven points a game. Outside of that, there wasn't much to choose from on the offensive side last season. If anything, the Lady Lancers return seven seniors and juniors, plus sophomore Annie Valele.

"I don't necessarily care of being on one person," Baclaan said. "I encourage the girls to all be leaders to each other in their own way, because I want all of them to be able to produce something."

Baclaan added that all of the returning starters have improved in a certain area of their own game and that the other returning players are improving as well and learning their roles and learning how to play together. Baclaan says she likes coaching defense in the sense of strategy, but also likes offense in the sense of creativity. As far as where Norwalk will finish in the league, it's still up in the air.

"Honestly, I don't know," Baclaan said. "I just look at it game by game; just go in and play and whatever happens in the end happens."

Another team that was built around more freshmen and sophomores was Valley Christian, where head coach Dominic Freeman started a trio of freshmen. The Lady Crusaders, who had nine players, turned a lot of heads when they started 14-6 overall, then 16-7 with a

VALLEY CHRISTIAN LADY CRUSADERS
16-12 overall last season, 4-4 in the Olympic League, third place, lost to Westridge 32-29 in the Division IV-A first round playoffs
Head coach: Dominic Freeman (third season, 28-26)
Record previous five seasons: 47-86
Last time missed the playoffs: 2015
STARTERS LOST: Katy Feller (8.8 points per game last season), SO Lauren Crawford (5.0 ppg.),
STARTERS RETURNING: SR Cheyenne McKinnie (13.2 ppg.), SO Calla Anderson (4.1 ppg.), SO Ariel Gordon (7.5 ppg.),
OTHERS RETURNING: SR Sahana Oglesby, JR Jai'Lynn Parham
TOP VARSITY NEWCOMERS: FR McKenna Bushong, FR Kira Smith

4-1 mark in Olympic League action. But a late season tailspin ended any chance of a possible 20-win campaign. Still, it was V.C.'s best season since 2011 when that team finished 19-11, won the league and advanced to the semifinals.

"Last season felt like not too long ago," Freeman said. "I still have a bad taste in my mouth on how we finished. But we did have a good start and it was just a really nice way to have a better season with trying to hopefully end on a better note for Katy [Feller] and [Elexis Carr], who were our seniors. Now we have two new seniors this year with Sahana [Oglesby] and Cheyenne [McKinnie] who hopefully can give them a better finish."

The heart and soul of the Lady Crusaders will come from McKinnie, who has become the toughest player and the hardest worker on the team as opposed to when she first came to V.C., according to Freeman. She's also become more vocal. But the emergence of sophomores Calla Anderson and Ariel Gordon give the Lady Crusaders a triple threat in the scoring department. Oglesby and junior Jai'Lynn Parham are the other returning players.

"We have other players who are going to contribute, but Cheyenne is definitely one of our main focal points that we feel

like if she's doing well, then we're having a good game," Freeman said.

Look for freshman Kira Smith to be a starting point guard and someone who will help the team a lot because, as Freeman says, it gets McKinnie off the ball so she can come off a lot of different screens and different actions.

"They came in and did a really nice job," Freeman said of his young players last season. "We had to take their learning lickings and their growth and their ups and downs. I was optimistic that they would be able to come in and contribute. We're excited that they're going to come back and help us out this year."

Freeman believes this season's team can do a lot of damage, especially in league action. Don't expect another late season slide, but instead a possible league title, which would be the program's fifth since 2000.

"I think we can [do better]," Freeman said. "Our young pups are a year older. I felt like the run we had [in the first round], I think some of our girls felt entitled and didn't realize the second go-around in league we had a bulls-eye on our back. Our expectations are higher and we've definitely been practicing with a chip on our shoulders and understand what we have here in this program. I feel very confident that we'll improve in our league standings."

Just like Gahr and Valley Christian, Whitney began for the future with several freshmen in its starting lineup. But injuries early last December cost the Lady Wildcats a few more wins. Still, head coach Jeff Day was impressed with the freshmen because they never doubted themselves and they never gave up, even in the playoff game, which was a 66-25 loss to St. Anthony High.

"We were young too," Day said. "Forty percent of the team were freshmen; never played high school basketball before. They're going to learn and they're going to make mistakes. We didn't play a super crazy schedule bit we didn't play a small school schedule either. Half of our schedule was against schools [with enrollment of] 2,500 or more. We played up."

This has the makings of a very interesting

WHITNEY LADY WILDCATS
12-11 overall last season, 8-4 in the Academy League, third place, lost to St. Anthony 66-25 in the Div. IV-A 1st rnd.
Head coach: Jeff Day (5th season, 69-33)
Record previous five seasons: 93-37
Last time missed the playoffs: 2010
STARTERS LOST: Heather Cook
STARTERS RETURNING: SR Nicole Lee (13.3 points per game in 19 games), SO Christine Hamakawa (9.2 ppg.), SO Kiana Sanchez (3.2 ppg.), SO Justine Wu (7.6 ppg.)
OTHERS RETURNING: JR Caitlin Cheung, JR Deja Forest, SO Valaree Villegas
TOP VARSITY NEWCOMER: FR Janelle Ho

team because the Lady Wildcats will have only eight players on varsity. Day said there's a big drop-off from eight to nine, but still feels confident his varsity members can get the job done. Senior Nicole Lee, who has been a superb heir apparent to former star Rachel Nagel, has the potential to score more than 15 points a game. But then there's junior Caitlin Cheung, who played in the first four games before an injury cost her the rest of the season, and sophomores Christine Hamakawa, Kiana Sanchez and Justine Wu. Those five players could easily combine for at least 50 points a game.

"They know they have 80 more games together," Day said of his sophomore class. "They want to be around. Since I've been here, I've never had enough girls around in the off time here to want to do extra stuff. It's still a challenge with everything we have going on here. But we're able to a little bit without overwhelming them. That's kind of nice."

Day says that Lee knows that she is the one, and will play the one. But she can also play the two or three. He added that all of the players have multiple positions that they know they have to play and because of that, Sanchez doesn't have to worry as much. Junior Deja Forest will be counted on to be the leading rebounder. But she'll have some company with the addition of freshman Janelle Ho. Cheung will play the five and will take Heather Cook's spot and play roughly five minutes a quarter with Forest playing the other two or three minutes a quarter

The Academy League is in store for another interesting season as Whitney will battle with Oxford Academy and Sage Hill High for the top spot. All three teams are still young, which will make for some great games in the next few years. Whitney lost to Oxford Academy and Sage Hill by 10 and six points respectively in the second round of action last season. The Lady Wildcats also lost to Oxford Academy by three points in the first round on homecoming night.

"We can move up," Day said. "Oxford is going to be tough. They went to state tournament. They're the undefeated league champs. But the girls know they can play with Oxford because the first time [last season], we almost had them. We're good with situational things, preparing for one game and getting ready for a team. Oxford is going to be a challenge."

OWENS

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Anyone with information about Owens or believe they were a victim can call Detective Todd Franssen at 714-562-3963. "Our biggest concern is that there are victims out there who have not been identified and they may be reluctant to come forward and speak with authorities," Sgt. Michael Lovchik said.

AUHSD REACTS FOLLOWING ARREST OF FORMER KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL COACH

LA PALMA—The Anaheim Union High School District has been shaken by the arrest of former Kennedy High School coach Joshua Owens.

We understand that these allegations are very troubling. We understand how important it is that students who are entrusted to us are safe on campus. A potential violation of that trust impacts all of us. Our students are like our family, and this is very personal for the Anaheim Union High School District Board of Trustees and all of our employees. We stand ready to respond to the emotional needs of the Kennedy High School community through counseling or referrals.

We appreciate the Buena Park Police Department acting as quickly and thoroughly as they did. We have cooperated fully in their investigation. Since we don't want to interfere with the investigative process, the District will not be able to release any additional information, other than what law enforcement authorities have already reported.

This is a very real tragedy for our educational community.

While the information we can share with you is limited, we will be scheduling a parent meeting in the near future with District leaders and law enforcement personnel.

SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)
Case # 30-2016-00871692-CU-BC-CJC
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO)
Next Wave Int'l., a California corporation dba Cube Global;
Jeonghee Lee, an individual; and DOES 1-10

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):
Olen Commercial Realty Corp., a Nevada coporation

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp). Your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

AVISO La han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en forma to legal correcto si desea que process en su caso en la corte. Es posible que hay a un formulario que usted pueda usar para sure spuesta. Puede en contrar estos formularios de la Corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.suorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que leque de mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.suorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda deseechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is (El nombre y direccion de la corte es):
Orange County Superior Court
Central Justice Center (CJC),
700 Civic Center Drive, 92701
The name, address, and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
Julie A. Ault, Leslie F. Vandale
7 Corporate Plaza, Newport Beach, Ca. 92660
Date: Aug. 26, 2016
/s/ALAN CARLSON
Deputy Clerk

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**CITY OF CERRITOS
NOTICE OF HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos will conduct a hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on **Thursday, December 8, 2016** on the following matter:

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 11, 2017, A PROPOSAL TO ADOPT AN INITIATIVE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TRANSACTION AND USE (SALES) TAX OF UP TO ONE PERCENT (1%) FOR GENERAL PURPOSES, DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TAX MEASURE, AND AUTHORIZING AND SETTING DEADLINES FOR THE FILING OF ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTALS FOR OR AGAINST THE TAX MEASURE.

This 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. 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 **City Council** at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Any person interested in this matter may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248, for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard.

Publication Date: November 25, 2016 /s/ Vida Barone, City Clerk

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**CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a public hearing in accordance with Government Code Section 50022.3 on December 14, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California to consider:

Adoption of Ordinance No. 16-838, an Ordinance of the City of Artesia, California, adopting by reference Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, incorporating and amending the 2016 California Building Code; Title 27 of the Los Angeles County Code, incorporating and amending the 2016 California Electrical Code; Title 28 of the Los Angeles County Code, incorporating and amending the 2016 California Plumbing Code; Title 29 of the Los Angeles County Code, incorporating and amending the 2016 Mechanical Code; Title 30 of the Los Angeles County Code, incorporating and amending the 2016 California Residential Code; Title 31 of the Los Angeles County Code, incorporating and amending the 2016 California Green Building Standards Code; and the 2016 California Fire Code; together with certain amendments, deletions and additions, including findings, fees and penalties; and amending the Artesia Municipal Code.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments and to attend the hearing and give testimony.

A copy of Title 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 of the Los Angeles County Code and the 2016 California Fire Code are on file with the City Clerk and available for public inspection during normal business hours. For further inquiries, please contact the Okina Dor, Community Development Director, at 562-865-6262 or via e-mail at Odor@cityofartesia.us.

Please note that if you challenge the Council's action in regard to this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City, either at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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T.S. No. 046083-CA APN: 8064-040-019 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 5/1/2004. 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 12/13/2016 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 7/9/2004, as Instrument No. 04 1758105, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: PAUL H NESHEIWAT A SINGLE PERSON, AND, ALA H NESHEIWAT, A SINGLE PERSON 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: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: Lot 19 of Tract 20943, as per map recorded in Book 621, Pages 63 through 67 inclusive of Miscellaneous Maps, in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15733 PESCADOS DR LA MIRADA, CA 906384932 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: \$95,918.59 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 (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 046083-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: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200 San Diego, California 92117

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 15-01150-QL-CA Title No. 150209277-CA-VOI A.P.N. 8034-014-029 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/26/2007. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), 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; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The 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 the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Stephanie D. Elmore-Hopson, a widow Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 12/07/2007 as Instrument No. 20072688591 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 12/09/2016 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$160,075.23 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 11830 Courser Avenue, La Mirada, CA 90638 A.P.N.: 8034-014-029 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of 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. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. 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 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 15-01150-QL-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. Date: 11/11/2016 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 680 San Diego, CA 92101 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com/sales Zahara Joyner, Trustee Sales Representative A-FN4598348 11/18/2016, 11/25/2016, 12/02/2016

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
DEANNA LEE LESAGE
CASE NO. 16STPB06209
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DEANNA LEE LESAGE.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BELINDA LESAGE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BELINDA LESAGE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 12/19/16 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
L. A. HABERMAN, ESQ.
HABERMAN LAW FIRM
16600 WOODRUFF AVENUE
BELLFLOWER CA 90706
11/25, 12/2, 12/9/16
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
EDDIE V. BELTRAN AKA EDDIE BELTRAN
CASE NO. 16STPB06059
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of EDDIE V. BELTRAN AKA EDDIE BELTRAN.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KATHARINE STIEGELMEIER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KATHARINE STIEGELMEIER f/k/a KATHY BELTRAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 12/13/16 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
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