



Vice Mayor Cheri Kelley Pulls Out of Norwalk Council Election

Sources cite massive loss of support due to city gridlock and questionable campaign finances.

By Brian Hews

Hews Media Group-Community News exclusively confirmed last Tuesday that long-time controversial Norwalk politician Cheri Kelley will not be running for City Council in March 2017.

The same sources told HMG-CN that Vice-Mayor Kelley is pulling out because "she would have probably been embarrassed by coming in fourth or fifth place in March."

Kelley was elected to Norwalk City

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Norwalk Chamber Director Vivian Hansen 'Suddenly Retires'

By Brian Hews

On the heels of Cheri Kelley announcing her exit from the Norwalk city council election, Norwalk chamber executive director Vivian Hansen has retired.

One high-ranking Norwalk official told HMG, "Like rats leaving a sinking ship, first it was Cheri Kelley, now Hanson, I will bet money the chamber is in trouble."

It was widely known that Kelley

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FIRE GUTS APARTMENT COMPLEX IN ARTESIA



A fast moving fire ran through an apartment located at 186th and Jersey in Artesia last Saturday. 6 different stations responded to the fire, and the firefighters managed to confine the blaze to one unit. One resident was taken to hospital due to smoke inhalation. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

Bellflower's UUT Set to Expire, City Will Lose Over \$1.5 Million Unless Placed on 2017 Ballot

By Tammye McDuff

In November 2012 Bellflower approved an ordinance to offset State financial cuts and help the City maintain services which included neighborhood Sheriff's patrols; local sheriff's substation; drug, bullying and gang prevention enforcement; graffiti removal; school safety programs and road repairs

Measure P increased the UUT from 5% to 7% from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2018. It increased the General Funds revenue by \$1.5 million per year. It was meant to be a temporary measure to

protect local services and keep Bellflower less dependent on State funds for public safety, graffiti control and your programs. Measure P was approved by voters with a 62% to 38%.

Since 1993 Bellflower residents and businesses paid the UUT in telecommunications, electricity and gas services. The City deposits UUT revenues into the General Fund and expends them through an annual budget.

By law the State of California cannot seize Measure P funds. Bellflower funds

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Lewis Elected First Cuban-American Board President in Cerritos College History

By Brian Hews

For the first time in Cerritos College history, the Cerritos College Board elected



Zurich Lewis

Zurich Lewis as the new board president making the 23 year-old Lewis the first Cuban-American board president in the College history.

Former Mayor of Downey Mario

Guerra, who is also a Cuban-American, told Hews Media Group, "He is an amazing tribute to what can be accomplished at a young age. As the first Cuban American mayor in Downey I'm proud to see Latinos and more specifically other Cubans excel. We knew Zurich was special when he ran

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LA PALMA APPOINTS NEW POLICE CHIEF

Staff Report

After a long vetting process, La Palma announced the appointment of Terry Kim as La Palma's next Police Chief, effective December 23.

Captain Kim was born in South Korea and moved to Anaheim when he was teenager where he attended Magnolia High School.

He attended Cal State Long Beach for

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OPTIMIST AND SOROPTIMIST NEEDY FAMILY PROJECT A GREAT SUCCESS



From left to right: Pat Law, Soroptmist President; Ray and Kathy Lovell, Optimist Needy Family Co-Chairs; and Terry Matz, Optimist President.

By Diana Needham

On December 17, the Cerritos Optimist Club and Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos completed their annual Needy Family delivery to 33 local families. Over 8,000 pounds of food and 56 large sundries boxes were provided to the families. At least three toys each were provided to 103 children plus a stocking filled with goodies was provided to each child age 12 year and under. Co-chairs, Ray and Kathy Lovell lead this successful effort with the help of over 80 Optimist and Soroptimist Club Members. They

were assisted by friends, family members, Octagon students, and other volunteers.

“This was a gigantic effort that took over 600 hours to complete with over 125 volunteers and resulted in many needy families helped”, said Kathy Lovell. “I have no doubt that we have touched many families with children in making their Christmas a bit more joyful”, said Ray Lovell.

For information on joining either one of the local service clubs, call Terry Matz, Optimist President at 714-473-5742 or Pat Law, Soroptimist President at 562-924-6222.

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS HELP OUT OVER 240 BELLFLOWER FAMILIES



Volunteers huddled up trying to get warm before delivering packages to families in need.

By Tammye McDuff

The Noon Lions Club, Boy Scout Troop 134 of Lakewood and Bellflower volunteers gathered in the 48 degree weather Saturday, December 17th to deliver groceries, goods and Christmas joy to over 240 Bellflower families.

As in past years the Bellflower Volunteer Center works closely with residents, community groups, schools, service clubs and organizations to provide Christmas food boxes and gift certificates for those in need.

Cindy Van Meeveren and her staff took over the Holiday Food & Toy Drive five years ago, and have turned it into a well streamed event. This year the Noon Lions Club donated 270 hams and 135 turkeys along with countless hours volunteering and organizing the event. Each family

receives about \$100 in groceries, not only for the holiday but everyday staples as well. Toys have been specifically chosen for each child in the home. Dozens of volunteers drive their vehicles up to the Volunteer Center to receive food, toys and maps.

HMG was fortunate enough to ride with Troup 134. They had 12 members delivering that morning. When asked if the Boy Scout was doing this for a specific badge, he answered, “No not really. We get point for community service and stuff, but I would do this even if it weren’t for my badge. It makes me feel good to the smiles on the faces of the little kids and the Moms.”

The Volunteer Center collects donations all year long. If you would like to participate or donate please call (562) 925-9003.

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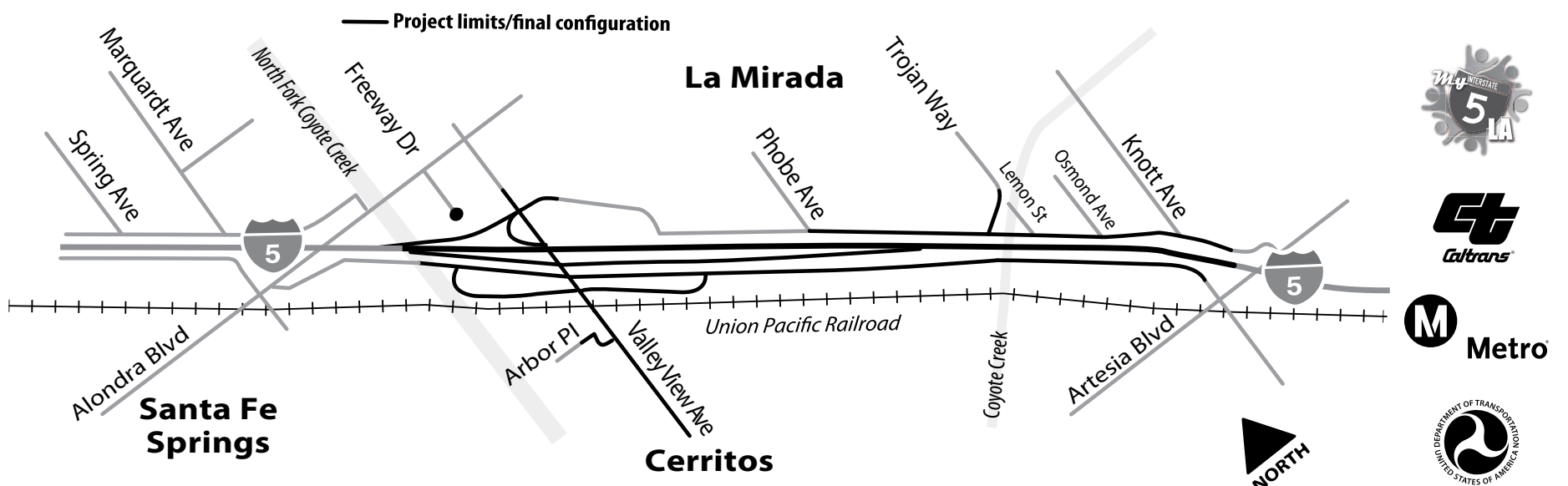
What: The Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) Valley View Avenue Interchange Project will widen I-5 to add one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) or carpool lane, and one general purpose lane in each direction. The project extends from the Artesia Boulevard undercrossing to North Fork Coyote Creek approximately a mile and a half through the cities of Buena Park, La Mirada, Cerritos, and Santa Fe Springs.

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ATTENTION BURGER LOVERS: ISLANDS OPENING IN CERRITOS TOWNE CENTER



Cerritos and the Cerritos Towne Center will welcome a new tenant across the parking lot from Mimi's Café that is sure to please burger lovers in and around the city.

Work has begun to build Islands fine burgers (and drinks) restaurant scheduled to be finished sometime next year.

The location of the upscale burger restaurant is quite unusual and will be occupy the space between Starbucks and Yasai, taking three open spaces previously occupied by two smaller fast food restaurants.

The front of the restaurant will face Mimi's Cafe and have a large facade with

Island signage.

No neon will be allowed.

The back of the restaurant, which will face Edward's theaters, will feature planters with metal trellises and an outdoor eating area.

Cerritos Mayor George Ray told Hews Media Group-Community News, "The

City looks forward to the opening of Islands restaurant in the Cerritos Towne Center this coming spring. "Islands and its specialty burgers will be a wonderful addition to the mix of dining options in our community, and the restaurant will create new jobs and help stimulate the local economy."

News and Notes from Press Row

NORWALK HIGH ALUM PENNY HELPS SAN DIEGO STATE CAP OFF HISTORIC FOOTBALL SEASON

By Loren Kopff
 @LorenKopff on Twitter

LAS VEGAS-It was a season of historic milestones and record breakers for the San Diego State University football team and former Norwalk High standout Rashaad Penny was in the middle of it. The junior rushed for

Long. "I think our coaches do a nice job of evaluating. I think our coaches do a nice job of coaching. But guess what? Coaches don't make plays, coaches do not win games. Coaches can lose games, but coaches do not win games. Players win games and having great players like [senior linebacker Calvin Munson and Pumphrey], and now there are several



Norwalk High standout Rashaad Penny rushed for a total of 1,027 yards for the season. Photo courtesy GoAztecs.com.

NORWALK ALUM
 RASHAAD PENNY
 HELPS SAN DIEGO
 STATE CAP OFF

32 hard yards on 10 carries against the University of Houston last Saturday afternoon in the 25th Las Vegas Bowl to give him 1,027 yards for the season.

What's significant about that is the Aztecs became the first team in NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision history to have a 1,000-yard and 2,000-yard rusher in the same season. Donnel Pumphrey, who was the Mountain West Conference's Player of the Year, entered the game with 2,018 yards.

"It was a great win," Penny said. "We executed. Things started slow, but there's something with this team that we just pick up. We just pick ourselves up and we come out and play well."

"That's a credit to our players, number one," said SDSU head coach Rocky

others in that locker room too that can really play. All we have to do is make sure they're in great shape, they have the right attitude and give them an honest chance to win, and then they go out and win."

In addition, Pumphrey became the NCAA's all-time leading rusher with 6,405 career yards, passing former University of Wisconsin's Ron Dayne, who rushed for 6,397 yards. But early on, it wasn't easy for Penny in SDSU's come from behind 34-10 victory over the Cougars. Even though the MWC's Special Teams Player of the Year would have a pair of kickoff returns in the first quarter totaling 49 yards, he wouldn't have his first carry until the third play

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WEB SUBMISSIONS/LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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READERS SOUND OFF ON LACK OF SALES TAX VOTE

Editor's note: HMG-CN received over 70 calls from irate residents about the Council preventing the sales tax vote. One call is transcribed below:

Dear Editor:

This is in regards to the city of Cerritos and the lack of the City Council to vote to put the sales tax measure on the ballot for the citizens of Cerritos to vote. Frankly I am absolutely stunned that this did not

pass. The horrible part of this is that it is the citizens right to vote, it is one of the most cherished and wonderful perks we have in this country and they have prevented that. Solanki and Chen, I've called them both, and both are absolutely not interested in discussing why they would not allow the citizens to vote on this very, very important measure. Since they are very hell-bent on leather to get that sheriffs department taken down, this is going to leave us at risk for response time from the police and all the things that we now enjoy. The criminal element is going to figure it out. Preventing the citizens from voting is absolutely ludicrous, I cannot comprehend it. If the citizens voted no and voted down the measure that would've been fine that is the citizens wishes, but because the two of them have prevented the right to vote we are just sitting here not being able to have a voice and this is what is so very sad. All my neighbors are really, really upset and are calling. When I did call Chen and Solanki the feedback I got was absolutely negative and they were very, very irascible and not at all interested. They have their agenda, Chen I had really thought better of her unfortunately now I know the true insides of these two people.

Voice mail message

Dear Editor:

As a resident of Cerritos of 45 years, I feel that the Sheriff Station should continue to better the community and the city as a whole. Two Cerritos council members

decided to veto an idea off the ballot that could save the Sheriff's Station. Many find that disappointing. If the Citizens had the opportunity, to Vote they would vote YES to raise the taxes until enough funds are raised for the protection of the city.

It is ridiculous that this woman, Mrs. Chen, whom is about to be out of office, voted for the community's future. This future she voted for does not look like it is headed in the right direction. It speaks a lot when other council members such as, Jim Edwards, are "angry" with her decision not to put the proposed tax increase on the ballot. Edwards is not the only one who is livid with the idea. We the people of Cerritos, California would love to share our response and show our opinions by having the right to vote on this matter. I hope you will take this idea into consideration as well as the safety of the people in this community.

*Norma Astengo
Cerritos*

Dear Editor:

I am very disappointed that Mayor Pro Tem Solanki and Councilwoman Chen did not give the voters an opportunity to determine the future of Cerritos by allowing them to vote for or against a sale tax increase. Future City Council Members will have to make very difficult decisions in an effort to reach a balanced budget for Cerritos without making drastic cuts to vital programs that the residents of Cerritos demonstrated in the survey that they do not want cut. I believe this decision not to approve a ballot measure on the April 11, 2017 election will come back to haunt us in the future as the money in reserves is depleted if future councilmembers don't make the cuts necessary to balance the budget or on the other hand they do make the cuts

to the public safety programs, city street and tree maintenance and social programs in the Library, Parks and Programs and the city starts going down hill as a "High Quality of Life City." This is a no win for the residents of Cerritos.

*George Ray
Cerritos Mayor*

Dear Editor:

While I don't agree with everything the City Manager has done-- I challenge anyone to balance a budget when faced with the loss of Redevelopment funds comprising almost 1/3 of the budget- and maintain the same level of services.

The "easy" cuts are gone. We shouldn't be surprised if we feel the new cuts (which may be OK- just sayin' that I like our library and I have attended our CCPA this year.)

Yes, it would've been good to commit portions of the tax to various specific items- but if we don't like how they spend or who they hire-- our best remedy is to kick them out of office and field a different person.

*Ernie Nishi
Cerritos*

Dear Editor:

Living in Cerritos for over 41 years has given me and my family an unmatched quality of life. A sales tax increase will help Cerritos get out of the red and give us needed reserves for years to come. This is a decision that will effect the future of our city. I feel this is of such importance that it must be made by the registered voters of Cerritos. To place this on the ballot requires a 4/5 vote of the city council. This is not a decision that 5 elected officials should make. Unfortunately, only 3 council members voted last week to put it on the April ballot. To deny the residents the opportunity to vote for or against this measure is unconscionable. With the passage of a 3/4% tax increase, it would cost the residents an additional. 75 cents on every \$100 they spend. This would be paid by all individuals shopping in Cerritos. This increase would bring approximately \$11 million to Cerritos every year. Now, in order to reach a balanced budget, without the sales tax increase, major cuts must be made. There will have to be cuts in our Sheriff's services, public safety, street and tree maintenance, library services, parks and recreation services, senior citizen services and many city programs. The residents of Cerritos were not given the opportunity to choose their future quality of life in Cerritos. Democracy was denied.

*Jim Edwards
Cerritos Councilman*

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LA PALMA-CERRITOS AAUW DONATES GIFTS FOR SU CASA



From (l-r) are Christina Kreachbaum, director of Community Outreach at Su Casa and La Palma-Cerritos AAUW member Carol Marsh. They both are holding some of the toys for children that were donated by the AAUW's members for families at Su Casa's Support Center. Christina filled her car with all the gifts that were brought for Su Casa families.

By Edna Ethington

The La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) gathered at the La Palma home of Carol and Robert Marsh on Saturday, December 10, 2016, to celebrate the Holiday season with their spouses or significant others. In keeping with the holiday spirit of helping others in need at this time, members also brought toys, toiletries and other gifts to donate for families being helped by Su Casa. Su Casa is a non-profit, community based organization dedicated to "Ending Domestic Violence" by offering families in crisis a "Sanctuary and a Support Center" in the Long Beach area in California.

Christina Kreachbaum, Director of Community Outreach at Su Casa, accepted all the gifts that the AAUW members donated for the families at Su Casa. She said that she was grateful for their generosity and all the help that the La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the AAUW has given to Su Casa for many years. AJoan Autry, the AAUW's current liaison to Su Casa, said that members of the AAUW help to shop for groceries at Food for Less

for the families of Su Casa on a weekly basis. They learn of different needs at Su Casa as they fill Su Casa's grocery lists. Persons interested in donating items for the families at Su Casa can contact Christina Kreachbaum at 562-421-3297 or cell 562-505-9479, and may deposit items at the Su Casa office at 3840 Woodruff Avenue, Suite 203, Long Beach, California.

The La Palma-Cerritos AAUW will be starting 2017 New Year with their first General Meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at Cerritos Park East at 13234 166th Street in Cerritos, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Guest Speaker for the evening will be Jill Swaim, Road Scholar Ambassador, on the topic of "An Introduction to the Road Scholar Program and Educational Travel Opportunities for Adults."

Persons who have an Associate or higher degree from an accredited college or university are eligible to join the AAUW and are welcome to come and meet members of the AAUW. The public is also invited to come to this meeting to learn about the Road Scholar Program. For more information about the AAUW's programs contact Program VP Nancy Kawamura at 714-901-7688.

VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST SENIORS, THE BEST WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR

Staff Report

The New Year is here and it's time to think about how you want to spend your time in 2017! Pathways, a non-profit organization in Lakewood, is currently looking for volunteers to help seniors in our area stay independent and in their own homes by providing volunteers to: ensure their safety, provide companionship, and keep them active. Volunteers are fully trained and only required to work a minimum of 2-4 hours per week.

One of their current clients, Ruby, stated, "I couldn't imagine not having my volunteer...she takes me to the doctor, out to lunch, to the store and gets things that are too high for me to reach. She is no longer a volunteer, she has become my friend." Many of our seniors simply don't drive anymore so having access to their communities is difficult but with the help of our volunteers they can remain active and involved.

There are many other areas to volunteer like event planning, clerical and grief support. See their website at www.pathwayshospice.org for more details. The next Volunteer Training is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2016. If you or someone you know is interested in helping out in this way, please give them a call at the Pathways Office at 562/531-3031.

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ROTARY CLUB BRINGS HOLIDAY CHEER TO TRACY HS



It would not be Christmas without Santa, so he agreed to show up and to pass out gifts to the children at the Rotary Club of Artesia-Cerritos annual holiday lunch.

By Larry Caballero

The Rotary Club of Artesia-Cerritos presented a holiday lunch and a visit from Santa Dec. 19 on the Tracy High School campus for about 20 pregnant or parenting teens who are enrolled in the Teen Parent / Cal-SAFE Program classes.

"We look forward to coming every year," said Rotary President Sug Kitahara. "The children and parents are always so excited to see Santa, and he never disappoints them."

Tracy High provides special services and classes such as Prepared Childbirth, Prenatal Health & Parenting, as well as an Infant Center on campus care for babies 2 months to 2 1/2 years old.

Also on site are a nurse practitioner, individual consultations, health lessons, and a Group and Individual Counseling Case Manager.

There is also a Maternity Leave Independent Study Cal-SAFE Teen Parent Outreach, resource loans, transportation and job training.



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SIMMS PARK FITNESS CENTER AND TRAIL BOASTS STATE OF THE ART EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

By Tammye McDuff

The City of Bellflower celebrated the grand opening Simms Park Fitness Center and Walking Trail Tuesday, December 13th.

The Fitness Center offers top of the line outdoor gym equipment that is available at no cost to the surrounding community. Comprised of 30 different exercise units and accommodating nearly 60 simultaneous users, the Simms Park Fitness Center is the largest outdoor gym in the United States. Built by Orange County based manufacturer Greenfields Outdoor Fitness, the Center currently occupies a

previously abandoned structure. The idea was to create an appealing atmosphere which would accommodate people of all fitness abilities from seniors to teen aged residents, as well as being wheelchair compliant.

“Our challenge of repurposing an unused area brought back to life, is one of the most exciting projects Greenfields has undertaken – an outdoor gym unparalleled in either the scope of exercises offered or the wide range of ability levels served,” said Greenfields President and CEO Sam Mendelsohn.

A hallmark of Greenfields’ gyms is the 3-Signature Accessible fitness units that are patented dual access machines for both the able bodied and those who propel wheelchairs. In the same cluster, other Greenfields units such as the 4-Person Lower Body Combo and 2-Person Ski will offer body weight resistance exercises with a strong interactive factor. These rugged, weather tested apparatuses have grown in popularity throughout the United States and are gaining an international reputation. The gym equipment improves a range of motion and helps to regain lost agility.

A second area, which will house Greenfields’ Professional Series units with adjustable resistance, emulate a typical indoor gym experience, offering a cardio section with four steppers and a training circuit of 12 additional units targeting upper body, core and lower body.

Rounding out the large variety of exercise units in the Fitness Center is Greenfields’ new 13-Person Cross Fitness Rig, with functional fitness stations for dips, sit-ups, leg raises, knee raises,



From (l-r) Bellflower Councilmember Juan Garza, Mayor Dan Koops, Mayor Pro Tem Ron Schnablegger, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, Councilmember Sonny Santa Ines and Councilmember Ray Dunton enjoy a laugh at the park opening. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

standard and assisted push-ups. There are also stations for standard and parallel pull-ups/chin-ups; an agility ladder; and targets for wall ball squats.

The Cross Fitness Rig provides full-body workout for advanced users, focusing on strength training for upper body, lower body, and core muscles. This multifunctional unit allows stretching opportunities for warm-ups and cool-down.

“We feel that there is a unique attraction and appeal to this new and unique outdoor gym, which will bring families and communities together like few park amenities can,” said Mendelsohn. “Along with a similar ‘ultimate’ gym in Costa Rica, the Simms Park Fitness Center represents one of Greenfields’ best and largest examples of that ideal to date.”

The trail portion of the project consists of a new walking path that connects to existing pathways and completes a half mile loop around the park. Additional amenities include fencing to protect walkers, trail signage, park benches and trash receptacles.

The Simms Park Fitness Center and Trail will provide individuals with an opportunity to engage in self-directed

physical fitness activities using state of the art equipment at no cost. Similar fitness equipment was recently installed at Caruthers Park and Zinn Community Park and Trail.

“Bellflower is committed to developing projects that promote an active and healthy lifestyle. In providing recreational opportunities it is our hope that the community will be more physically active, thereby improving their health and quality of life. The completion of the Simms Park Fitness Center and Trail project reinforces Bellflower’s commitment to making Bellflower a better place to live, work and play,” said Mayor Dan Koops.

Approximately \$300,000 in grant funding for this project was provided through Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe’s Proposition A Park Bond funds, which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and non-profit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and development of facilities or open space for public recreation. Grant funds are administered through the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

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Flocked trees will also be accepted. Residents living in multi-family

communities without curbside refuse service may drop their tree off at the La Mirada Community Gymnasium, 15105 Alicante Road.

The Christmas tree recycling program ends January 14.

For more information, contact La Mirada Public Works Department at (562) 902-2385.

BELLFLOWER

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youth programs for over 2,000 children and Measure P maintains these programs. It also helps to fund Sheriff’s Substation and, given the fact that the State has released numerous parolees into the area and the California Marijuana Legalization Initiative passed in November, keeping the deputies in the City is paramount to the safety of residents.

Hews Media talked to residents, many of whom agreed that it needs to be kept at the 7% level.

At the last City Council meeting, Public Safety Supervisor Brian McNerney stated that a significant decrease in criminal activity has been reported since

the increase of the UUT.

Measure P dollars also go to Economic Development. The City receives \$600,000 out of Measure P dollars to attract businesses into the City.

Many of the newer businesses have opened in Bellflower due to Measure P.

Bellflower Mayor Dan Koops told Hews Media that if the residents feel that the city needs to continue collecting the extra 2% there must be a new measure placed on the March 2017 ballot.

The City Council cannot vote to continue the tax; it must come from the community.

In order to get Measure P back on the ballot, signatures need to be collected. A committee would need to be formed going door-to-door and visiting neighborhood shopping areas to gather signatures.

BELFLOWER UNIFIED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMPETES TO REDUCE TRASH



Esther Lindstrom Elementary students hear a presentation on the power of reducing, reusing and recycling from Grades of Green, an environmental education nonprofit that runs a contest for schools to reduce lunchtime trash. The November assembly helped excite students about Lindstrom's participation in a two-year contest for a \$1,000 grant.

Staff Report

LAKESWOOD – Bellflower Unified's Esther Lindstrom Elementary is competing for a \$1,000 science grant that will go to the school that is most effective at reducing waste to landfills and boosts recycling, called the Trash Free Lunch Challenge.

The two-year contest is run by Grades of Green, an environmental education nonprofit that shows students how to recycle, reuse and reduce lunchtime waste. The contest has a high bar for success, with a middle school winner in 2016 reducing trash by 75 percent.

"Grades of Green showed the students how damaging some forms of waste can be and how these pollutants end up in our rivers and oceans," Principal Lisa Luna said. "The students are all very excited about the contest."

Before Esther Lindstrom began its effort in mid-November, the 868-student school was producing 18 to 20 bags of

trash a day from its six lunch periods, including items that could be recycled or reused.

Now, led by student council members, students sort through the waste to glean such recyclables as milk cartons, water bottles and food packaging. The result: The school now produces just eight bags of trash each day and fills a recyclables Dumpster in just three days.

Mrs. Luna said the school is also looking at how to reduce waste by encouraging the use of reusable lunch bags and water bottles. It may also begin composting food waste in the second year of the program.

"Our students gain multiple benefits from contests like the Trash Free Lunch Challenge," Bellflower Unified Superintendent Dr. Brian Jacobs said. "The effort helps teach an important civic lesson as well as provide an understanding of environmental issues, leadership and the importance of working collectively to achieve a goal."

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING OFFERED IN CERRITOS

Residents in single-family homes can recycle their Christmas trees beginning Monday, December 26 through Friday, January 13 by placing them at the curb for pick-up by 7 a.m. on their trash collection days. The trees will be composted or used for the Los Angeles County Sanitation District's daily landfill cover.

Trees to be recycled should not contain any lights, tinsel, nails, metal

stands or decorations, and should not be placed in bags. Trees more than 4 feet tall should be cut in half. Flocked trees will be accepted.

Businesses in Cerritos or residents living in apartments or condominiums can place trees next to their trash bin for collection. For more information, call the City's Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220.



Corporal Edgar Iturralde and his wife, Cynthia.

CERRITOS HONORS CAMP PENDLETON MARINE

Staff Report

Corporal Edgar Iturralde, a member of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (1st CEB), was hosted and honored in the City of Cerritos this past Saturday, December 10th at the Sheraton Hotel's Fountain Court. The Mayor and City Council presented him with a proclamation to honor him for his exemplary military service.

Cpl Edgar Iturralde and his wife, Cynthia, were the guests of the City of Cerritos and Friends of the 1st CEB sponsors. Lodging and meals were 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 provided tickets to attend the Colors of Christmas performance at the Cerritos Center. AMF Cerritos Lanes offered free bowling during his visit.

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Winter 2017

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Wednesday, January 11, 2017
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, February 7, 2017
1:00-2:00 p.m.
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Presented By: Dr. Shyam Dahiya,
General Surgeon



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Wednesday, February 8, 2017
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Lakewood Regional Medical Center
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Tuesday, March 7, 2017
1:00-2:00 p.m.
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Employees of The Gardens Casino Bring Over 2,000 Gifts to Local Elementary Schools in Hawaiian Gardens

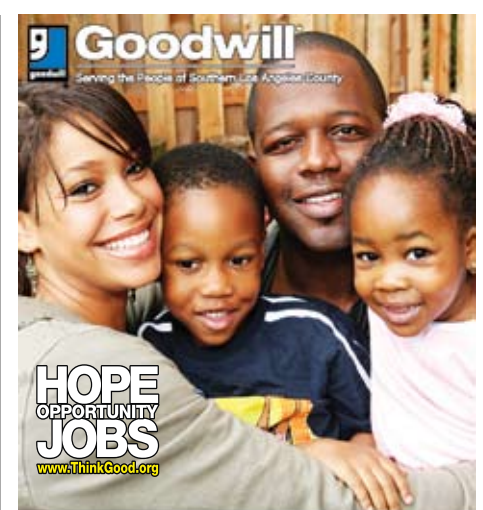


Last week, employees from The Gardens Casino went to Hawaiian Elementary and Ferguson Elementary schools, two local schools in Hawaiian Gardens, and passed out over 2,000 toys to the students. They even brought Santa along so the children could tell him what they wanted for Christmas. "I want to thank the Gardens Casino for their generous donations," said ABCUSD Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu, "the kids really enjoyed Santa too!"

HAWAIIAN GARDENS HOSTS HOLIDAY XMAS PROGRAM



The city of Hawaiian Gardens held its annual Christmas Program with the City Council attending from (l-r) Mayor pro tem Barry Bruce, Councilpersons Mariana Rios and Rey Rodriguez, Mayor Hank Trimble, Councilperson Myra Maravilla, and Princess Cyndie Trejo. The event took place between 5 pm and 8 pm and over 5,000 people attended. Upwards of 2,200 toys and churros were handed out to children in attendance. The event's entertainment included carolers, the Artesia High School Marching Band, performers from Fedde International Academy, event fireworks and a confetti cannon when the tree was lit... and of course Santa.



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2016 HEWS MEDIA GROUP-COMMUNITY NEWS FALL ALL-AREA TEAMS

VALLEY CHRISTIAN FOOTBALL TOP HIGHLIGHT OF FALL SEASON FOR AREA TEAMS

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

It was a championship fall season for the Valley Christian High football and girls volleyball team. On the gridiron, the Crusaders won their second straight Olympic League crown, then took home the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division 9 title. It was the school's third CIF-SS football championship. On the court, the Lady Crusaders won their first league championship since 2001 and had their seventh straight non-losing season. Cerritos, Gahr and Norwalk high schools also had strong seasons indoors.

Here are the recipients of the 2016 HMG-Community News Fall All-Area Teams.



FOOTBALL

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB-Isaac Joseph (Valley Christian)
RB-Jordan Benoit (Artesia)
RB-Gianni Hurd (Valley Christian)
RB-Latrell Stearns (Gahr)
WR-Alonzo Davis (Gahr)
WR-Quory Smith (Valley Christian)
LT-Tevita Makaafi (Valley Christian)
LG-Robert Chatman (Valley Christian)
C-Zach Krossschell (Valley Christian)
RG-Sam Range (Valley Christian)
RT-Eric Schoonover (Valley Christian)

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL-Austin Minnema (Valley Christian)
DL-Eric Schoonover (Valley Christian)
DL-Jordan Thomas (Norwalk)
DB-Ryder Eddy (Cerritos)
DB-Josh Martinez (Norwalk)
DB-Isaiah Mays (Gahr)
DB-R.J. Van Kampen (Valley Christian)
LB-Josh Cruz (Cerritos)
LB-Darian Green (Valley Christian)
LB-Jalen Hines (Valley Christian)

LB-Xavier Yoakum (Artesia)

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB-Robert Frutos (Gahr)
RB-Raylind Butler (Norwalk)
RB-Kaliq Hatcher (Cerritos)
RB-Chris Shakir-Ricks (Gahr)
WR-Carlos Manriquez (John Glenn)
WR-Erik Spurlin Renfroe (Gahr)
LT-Brandon Logan (Artesia)
LG-Walter Burgueno (Artesia)
C-Joshua Paul (Gahr)
RG-Jaden Alejo (Artesia)
RT-Jymel Johnson (Cerritos)

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL-Robert Chatman (Valley Christian)
DL-Stanley Monis (Artesia)
DL-Robert Rodriguez (Norwalk)
DB-Travys Davis (Artesia)
DB-Brandon Gibbs (Gahr)
DB-Andrew Navarro (Norwalk)
DB-Dominic Paul (Valley Christian)
LB-Marquise Alexander (Gahr)
LB-Jake Leue (Valley Christian)
LB-Austin Perez (Norwalk)
LB-Samuel Talavera (Valley Christian)

HONORABLE TEAM OFFENSE

QB-Heder Gladden (Artesia)
RB-Travys Davis (Artesia)
RB-Dominic Paul (Valley Christian)
RB-Jordan Thomas (Norwalk)
WR-Micah Bernard (Gahr)
WR-Keith Shanklin (John Glenn)
LT-Mason Hernandez (Gahr)
LG-Ivan Camacho (Norwalk)
C-Alex Tovares (Artesia)
RG-Matthew Robles (Norwalk)
RT-Patrick Juico (Artesia)

HONORABLE TEAM DEFENSE

DL-James Jackson (Artesia)
DL-Tevita Makaafi (Valley Christian)
DL-William Suarez (Artesia)
DB-Ignacio Cobian (Cerritos)
DB-Clay D'Amico (Valley Christian)
DB-Armando Pacheco (Artesia)
DB-Randall Wiley (Valley Christian)
LB-Brandon Barrett (Norwalk)
LB-Daniel Faamatau (Norwalk)
LB-Sterling Thompson (Cerritos)
LB-John Trinidad (Cerritos)

Offensive Player of the Year

Despite not playing in the CIF Southern

California Division 3-AA regional playoffs against The Bishop's School, Valley Christian junior Gianni Hurd had another remarkable season. Hurd rushed for 1,940 yards and found the end zone 29 times. Of his scores, he had a 96-yard run at Bellflower High, a 93-yard run against St. Anthony High and five other touchdown runs of at least 50 yards. In 20 games played at V.C., Hurd has rushed for nearly 3,000 yards and 46 touchdowns.

Defensive Player of the Year

The anchor of the Valley Christian defense once again was senior R.J. Van Kampen, who will graduate in June as one of the best defensive backs in school history. Van Kampen led V.C.'s vaunted defense with 147 tackles and six interceptions. He leaves V.C. with a school record 19 interceptions.

Coach of the Year

For the second straight season, Woodie Grayson of Valley Christian takes home this honor. After losing two of its first three games, V.C. reeled off 11 straight victories and in his four seasons with the Crusaders, Grayson now sports a 33-17 mark overall and 14-2 in the Olympic League.



GIRLS

VOLLEYBALL

FIRST TEAM

S-Lorelei Saleapaga (Gahr)
OH-Madison Holmes (Valley Christian)
OH-Ashley Whittall (Norwalk)
MB-Shantele Marshall (Gahr)
MB-Ifeoma Okoli (Cerritos)
OPP-Chloe DeVries (Valley Christian)
DS-Mercedes Orozco (Norwalk)
L-Kaylee Westra (Valley Christian)

SECOND TEAM

S-Annissa Uncapher (Norwalk)
OH-Jazmin Parrish (Gahr)

OH-Aubrey Schwieger (Valley Christian)
MB-Nayeli Gonzalez (Norwalk)
MB-Zanache Stanton (Gahr)
OPP-Ann Vande Vegte (Valley Christian)
DS-Sidney Pasion (Cerritos)
L-Allison Oh (Whitney)

THIRD TEAM

S-Emily Pasion (Cerritos)
OH-Julian Chou (Whitney)
OH-Samantha Oh (Cerritos)
MB-Kelly Amalu (Cerritos)
MB-Taylor Genera (Whitney)
OPP-Mika Gebers (Artesia)
DS-Kea Minami (Cerritos)
L-Paola Nava (Norwalk)

HONORABLE MENTION

S-Megan Lim (Valley Christian)
OH-Paola Ramirez (John Glenn)
OH-Monica Soklim (Artesia)
MB-Jackie Kan (Cerritos)
MB-Michaela Rotondo (Artesia)
OPP-Kara Green (Gahr)
DS-Hannah Buckley (Valley Christian)
L-Kayllah Taylor (Gahr)

Co-Players of the Year

One of the reasons why Valley Christian won a rare Olympic League title was because of Madison Holmes. The junior middle blocker fell four kills shy of 300 and led the Lady Crusaders with a hitting percentage of .210. Holmes also had 13 blocks, tied for second on the team and was second on the team in digs with 264.

Without senior outside hitter Ashley Whittall patrolling the court, Norwalk probably wouldn't contend for a Suburban League championship. Whittall, at times, was a one-person machine and helped guide the Lady Lancers to a 14-12 overall mark and 9-3 in the Suburban League, tied with Cerritos.

Coach of the Year

It took her five seasons to do it, but Gahr head coach Iris Najera can finally call herself a San Gabriel Valley League champion. Najera coached the Lady Gladiators to a 17-8 overall mark and 9-1 in league. Both of those records are the best since 1998 when Gahr went 17-5, 10-0. Gahr also advanced to the second round in the playoffs for the first time since 2005.

BOYS SOCCER

ARTESIA DOMINATES SECOND HALF TO ROUT GAHR FOR THIRD WIN OF SEASON

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

Octavio Marquez had been the longtime girls soccer head coach at Artesia High, building what was once a floundering program into a competitive program that has advanced to the postseason the past seven seasons. Now, Marquez has replaced Rudy Magallon, who had been at the helm of the boys program for over 20 seasons.

And through the first nine games of the 2016-2017 season, Marquez hasn't had much success with his new team. But when the Pioneers visited Gahr High this past Tuesday afternoon, they won consecutive games for the first time this season. Backed by a four-goal second half performance, Artesia blasted the Gladiators 5-1 to improve to 3-7.

"It's been rough," Marquez said. "After spending so many years on the girls side...with guys, it's different. You have to deal with some egos and talent-wise, there's a lot more talent with the guys. I think that's the challenge with being the coach; getting these guys to actually go out there and perform and use that talent."

"It's been a tough start but seven of our

opponents have been Division I teams," he added. "Even though we haven't received the results in those games that we wanted, the thing that I would hope for is that it prepares us for league."

The first half was played pretty much as tight as one could get between a pair of ABC Unified School District rivals. In the seventh minute, Artesia senior midfielder Francisco Sierra's free kick just went to the left of the net. But it would be another free kick that landed Artesia's first goal.

In the 25th minute, a hand ball by a Gahr player a yard outside the penalty box allowed Artesia senior forward Jorge Pantoja to take a free kick. His shot would initially hit the left post before deflecting in for a 1-0 lead. Gahr would tie the game five minutes later when sophomore midfielder Alexis Salto scored off a rebound when sophomore forward Obi Leonard's shot hit the crossbar and bounced back to Salto.

Both teams combined for seven shots in the first half but it would be a completely different story in the second half. In the 55th minute, junior midfielder Sergio Flores took a corner kick and found freshman midfielder Jose Aguilar who deposited a goal inside the left post.

A minute later, and what turned out to be the turning point of the game, Gahr senior forward Alexander Gonzalez got loose on a breakaway, but his shot hit the crossbar.

What could have been a 2-2 game quickly turned into a 3-1 lead for the Pioneers because a minute later, Sierra scored off a pass from senior forward Jose Ortiz.

"If Gahr puts that away, it's a whole different ballgame [and] they have momentum on their side," Marquez said. "We were able to come back and put that away and I think after them being so close to possibly tying it and we come back and score, I think that kind of caught them off guard."

The Pioneers continued that momentum the remainder of the game and in the 64th minute, went up 4-1 when Ortiz scored off an Aguilar pass. The play was set up after Artesia junior goalkeeper Osbaldo Hernandez had a punch save off a Gahr corner kick. Sierra would then cap off the scoring with 10 minutes remaining in the game with a long shot that found the right side of the net. Artesia would outshoot the Gladiators (3-2-1) 9-2 in the second half.

"We told them at the half that our

energy level wasn't there," Marquez said. "I think [Gahr] had a little more energy than us and after halftime, we let them know that our energy wasn't where it should be. I think we picked it up in the second half."

Artesia, which shutout Long Beach Poly High 4-0 last Friday, has now scored two fewer goals in the back to back wins than in the first eight games combined. The Pioneers faced St. John Bosco High on Dec. 22 and will host the California Military Institute on Wednesday. Gahr does not have any scheduled games until Jan. 10 when it hosts Lynwood High in the San Gabriel Valley League opener.

"For us, preseason doesn't really matter for us," Marquez said. "Yes, we want to win. But I think the ultimate goal is we want to be ready for league. The league [play] is going to decide whether we go to the playoffs and for us, we're really looking for league to make that next step to [the playoffs]. I think we're on the right path. Our record doesn't show it, but like I said, we've played some tough teams and hopefully we've gained some experience from those games."

PENNY

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of the second quarter, which went for a four-yard loss.

After two more carries, he finally eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark with an 11-yard run with 1:39 left in the first half. Penny wouldn't touch the ball in the third quarter as the Aztecs had rallied from a 10-0 hole to lead 20-10 entering the final stanza. But in the fourth quarter, he carried six times for 17 yards as the Aztecs would tack on two more touchdowns.

"The five dues up front, plus two more; the tight end and fullback, they played a heck of a job," Penny said. "They blocked their butts off for me and [freshman running back] Juwan Washington]. The receivers do a great job of making their blocks and doing what's told. But it's just all about the execution part. We just did a great job tonight and I feel like that's going to go a long way."

SDSU wrapped up the season with an 11-3 record and won the MWC for a second straight season. The Aztecs began the season with a three-game winning streak before falling to the University of South Alabama on Oct. 1. But the Aztecs reeled off six straight wins before suffering back to back losses to the University of Wyoming and Colorado State University.

"It was a rocky one," Penny said. "We started off strong, in the middle it got hectic and at the end, it got a little crazy. But this team just kept its composure and we came out and we played. We never changed our game plan for any team. We just came out and told you what we were

going to do and we did it. This was an excellent win and we're definitely setting it up for next year. We can't wait."

SDSU will be young next season, especially on the offensive line as the Aztecs graduate four of the five linemen, plus Pumphrey and wide receiver Curtis Anderson. But Penny will be back for his final season and a chance to add more to what is already a superb career, both as a kickoff returner and as a running back.

"We're going to ride off of this win and just continue to grow," Penny said. "We're still young up front and I can't wait to see what we have going. I love this group of guys and I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world."

BOYS BASKETBALL

The last week of December, and sometimes the second to the last week of the month, signifies the last of the preseason tournaments for most of the teams. Artesia High split its four games in the Pioneer Tournament last week, then defeated Bell Gardens High 74-55 this past Tuesday to improve to 8-5. The Pioneers visited Ganesha High on Dec. 22 for their last non league game before Suburban League action begins on Jan. 6.

Cerritos High has struggled thus far, winning twice in its 10 games. The Dons, who edged La Habra High 73-71 last Saturday in the last game of the North Orange County Championships, will square off against Downey High today at Staples Center. Cerritos will then face Mira Mesa High on Tuesday in the first game of the Mt. Carmel Tournament.

Gahr High has lost three in a row, all in the North Orange County Championships, including a 61-53 setback to Orange Lutheran High last Saturday. The Gladiators (6-5) will face

Wasilla (Alaska) High on Tuesday in the first round of the prestigious Torrey Pines Holiday Classic.

John Glenn High has lost four consecutive games after picking up its only victory back on Dec. 2. The Eagles (1-8) will face Pacifica High on Monday in the first round of the Estancia Tournament.

Norwalk High began the season with three straight wins before losing four of the next six games, will begin pool play action of the Whittier Christian Tournament against Ontario High on Monday. The Lancers will also face Hawai'i Baptist Academy and Whittier Christian High on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively.

After going 2-2 in the Pioneer Tournament, Valley Christian High will open up action in the Orange Holiday Classic against Rubidoux High on Monday. The Crusaders, who had lost in the championship game of its own tournament the previous week, are 6-4.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

After winning four games last season, Artesia is already having a better season. The Pioneers are 5-5 after losing to Buena Park High 44-38 this past Wednesday. The Pioneers will visit Newport Harbor High on Thursday.

Cerritos dropped to 3-6 after a 50-36 loss to Santa Margarita High last Saturday and will face Warren High on Monday in the first round of the Marina/Edison Tournament.

Gahr had been out of action since Dec. 10 but the Lady Gladiators went back to the court this past Tuesday and fell to Victor Valley High 53-51 in its first pool play game of the Gahr Christmas Classic. The Lady Gladiators (5-4) played Bolsa Grande High on Dec.

22 in their last pool play game.

Glenn has gone winless in all six of its games this season and will go up against JSerra High on Monday in its first pool play game of the Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary Classic on Monday. The Lady Eagles will also play Academia Tijuana on Wednesday, Franklin High on Thursday and Palisades High on Friday to wrap up pool play action.

Norwalk evened its mark to 4-4 after a 47-41 victory at Western High this past Tuesday and will participate in the Garden Grove Tournament next week. While Valley Christian won its third straight game following a 52-49 win against Ocean View High in pool play action of the Villa Park Tournament. The Lady Crusaders (9-3) faced Mission Viejo High on Dec. 22 and will finish the tournament today.



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KELLEY

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Council in March 1997 and re-elected in March 2001, 2005, 2009 and 2013.

It was the 2013 election and her actions after the election that likely caused Kelley's downward spiral and massive loss of popularity among her supporters.

HMG-CN exclusively reported that Kelley received a \$17,000 from two real estate political action committees (PAC) just days before the election.

The PAC money was used for a direct mail postcard, with documents showing that the postcard and mailing house was based out of Virginia.

Even with the questionable huge contribution Kelley only won by 33 votes.

After her election win, Kelley proceeded to cast very controversial votes on simple funding projects.

Sources told HMG-CN at the time that it was political payback by Kelley, something she was very well-known for, against those that did not support her.

She voted against the massive and popular Front Street improvement, voted against helping a Norwalk little league organization run by Cecil Fielder, and cut funding to Little Lake Park.

And in what many saw as ignorance and bad leadership, during her tenure, Norwalk saw one of the highest murder rates in its history.

The final nail in her political coffin was likely hammered in after Kelley, along with her ally Councilman Leonard Shryock, voted against filling the vacant Council seat left by Marcel Rodarte's departure. That was August of this year.

Current Mayor Mike Mendez and Councilman Luigi Vernola were incensed

at the political maneuver designed by Kelley to hinder votes on certain projects.

The move has placed the City in gridlock ever since.

Vernola told HMG-CN, "It does not make any sense they (Kelley and Shryock) are not making an effort. We either have to appoint or hold a special election, or wait until March 2017. What do they want to do cost the city thousands of dollars? It would cost nothing to appoint a candidate and take the City out of gridlock."

One resident who did not want to be identified told HMG-CN, "I am very happy Kelley is not running. She never did anything for the city, and you only saw her when election time rolled around. Her major support was the seniors, but they saw what she did after her slim win in 2013 and the major players have pulled their support. Good riddance, let's get some new blood on the Council."

HANSEN

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virtually ran the chamber, with the help of Hanson, to the eventual detriment of its members.

Hanson's secretary is now apparently running the chamber, which receives \$3000 a month from the city.

Hanson, who is also a Paramount school board member, has guided the chamber for over 10 years; in that time the chamber has remained stagnant in membership.

HMG examined the chamber financials from 2010 to 2014 and found that 75% of expenses went to payroll for the chamber, which was comprised of Hanson and her assistant.

After a series of hard-hitting articles

by HMG, Kelley and Hanson schemed to help publisher Jennifer Givens start another paper in Norwalk.

The chamber covertly "sold" the masthead (name of paper) to Givens for \$1,500.

Hanson and Kelly were so intent on the paper's support that Hansen gave the upstart newspaper an office at the chamber rent free.

Questions swirled around that decision since the city gives the chamber \$3000 a month stipend, it was arguably an illegal gift public funds.

The paper is still in existence, but frequently is only six pages with very little advertising.

The high-ranking Norwalk official told HMG, "Kelley told Hansen she was not running, and Hanson could see the writing on the wall, so she retired. Now we can get someone in there with experience and bring the chamber back to prominence as it once was before Hansen got there."

LEWIS

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and won his race and now continues to take his political career to new heights. He has a loving heart with serving hands and he will continue to do great things. We are very proud of him."

Other new officers for 2017 were Carmen Avalos elected as vice president, and Dr. Shin Liu as clerk.

Returning to the board were Avalos representing Area 2, Marisa Perez representing Area #4 and Dr. Sandra Salazar representing Area 6 all serving four-year terms.

The Board also welcomed newly elected Trustee Martha Camacho-Rodriguez, representing Area #1.

"I am truly honored to have the full faith and confidence of my colleagues to lead this board," said Lewis. "I pledge to ensure our meetings are laser focused on student success by fostering healthy debate on the issues key to our college. I will work to create unity on our board so our college may best serve the communities we represent."

LA PALMA

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3 years majoring in electrical engineering, but began to have a strong interest in a law enforcement career. In 1994 he joined the Fullerton College police academy, and was hired by the La Palma Police Department during the academy. Captain Kim has risen through the ranks in the La Palma Police Department during his 22-year career, and has held various assignments including Field Training Officer, K-9 Officer, Detective, field supervisor, and detective supervisor. He served 10 years as a Sergeant and was promoted to the rank of Captain in 2014. He is a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute and holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Management.

Additionally, with Captain Kim's promotion to Police Chief, La Palma also announced the promotion of Sergeant Ron Wilkerson to Captain.

Sergeant Ron Wilkerson is a 20 year veteran of the La Palma Police Department and is currently assigned to the patrol division as a Watch Commander.

Sergeant Wilkerson has received several commendations including the police department's highest honor, the Medal of Valor, and was named City of La Palma Supervisory Employee of the Year for 2015.

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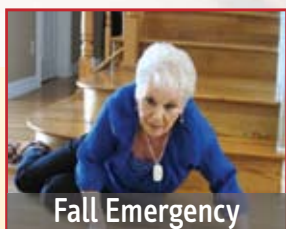
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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE
CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
ORDINANCE NO. 570**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 13th, 2016, the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens introduced, Ordinance No. 570 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 15 BY REPEALING FROM TITLE 15 SECTIONS 15.04.020, 15.04.030, 15.06.020, 15.06.030, 15.08.020, 15.08.030, 15.10.020, 15.12.020, 15.12.030, AND CHAPTER 15.14 AND ADDING IN LIEU THEREOF NEW SECTIONS 15.04.020, 15.04.030, 15.06.020, 15.06.030, 15.08.020, 15.08.030, 15.10.020, 15.12.020, 15.12.030, 15.20.020, 15.20.03 AND A NEW CHAPTER 15.14 TO TITLE 15 OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE AND AMEND THE 2017 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING CODE, ELECTRICAL CODE, PLUMBING CODE, MECHANICAL CODE RESIDENTIAL CODE, ND EXISTING BUILDING CODE

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code by reference the amended ordinances of the County of Los Angeles which adopted by reference California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 10, - 2016 California Building, Residential, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing and Existing Building Code and which made amendments, additions, and deletions thereto. Therefore, Ordinance No. 570 amends the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code Title 15. A public hearing will be held on January 10, 2017 at 21815 Pioneer Blvd. Hawaiian Gardens, CA, 90716 in the Council Chambers at 6:00 P.M., for the second reading and adoption. A certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 570 is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Hawaiian Gardens, California.

/s/ _____
Suzanne Underwood, City Clerk

PUBLISH: December 23, 2016
ORDINANCE NO. 570

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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 **Wednesday, January 4, 2017 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 APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2003-1(D)(2017) AMENDMENT, A REQUEST BY PROPERTY OWNER VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TO PERMIT ONE (1) HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM AND THREE (3) ACCESSORY BUILDINGS UNDER PHASE III OF THE MASTER PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CAMPUS LOCATED AT 10818 ARTESIA BOULEVARD AND 17601 DUMONT AVENUE, CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA, 90703. THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES ARE ZONED OPEN SPACE (OS) (APNS 7034-017-035, 7034-017-036 AND 7034-018-115).*

Review and consideration to waive full reading of and adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CERRITOS PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF PRECISE PLAN 2003-1(D)(2017) AMENDMENT, A PROPOSAL BY PROPERTY OWNER VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TO CONSTRUCT ONE (1) HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM AND THREE (3) ACCESSORY BUILDINGS UNDER PHASE III OF THE CAMPUS MASTER PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT. THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES NEW LANDSCAPING AND HARDSCAPE ADJACENT TO THE FOUR (4) BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 10818 ARTESIA BOULEVARD AND 17601 DUMONT AVENUE, CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA, 90703. THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES ARE ZONED OPEN SPACE (OS) (APNS 7034-017-035, 7034-017-036 AND 7034-018-115).*

***One Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and was previously approved on February 27, 2003, for Conditional Use Permit 2003-1 and Precise Plan 2003-1.**

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 2017-1, A REQUEST TO AMEND CHAPTER 22.30 OF THE CERRITOS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SETBACK REQUIREMENTS WITHIN OPEN SPACE (OS) ZONED AREAS.*

***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. 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.

December 22, 2016

/s/ Torrey N. Contreras
Torrey N. Contreras
Director of Community Development

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of public hearings to be held by the City Council of the City of La Mirada on Tuesday, **January 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California to consider the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 690: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17, "BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION," OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING, BY REFERENCE, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, RESIDENTIAL, GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS, AND EXISTING BUILDING CODES WHICH INCORPORATE THE 2016 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODES (24 C.C.R. PARTS 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 10 AND 11), TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS THERETO, INCLUDING FINDINGS, FEES AND PENALTIES

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2016-01, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT NO. 56, CERTIFICATE OF COMPATIBILITY NO. 57 AND THE ASSOCIATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION: THE CITY OF LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THE LISTED APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 28- RESIDENTIAL UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF LA MIRADA BOULEVARD SOUTH OF LEFFINGWELL ROAD (ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 8040-006-046). THE PROPOSED ACTIONS WILL AMEND THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COMMERCIAL TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL; REZONE THE SITE FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (C-1) ZONING DISTRICT TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; AND APPROVE THE DESIGN, LOCATION, MASSING, AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED APARTMENT BUILDING.

At the hearings, the City Council will consider the environmental assessments, staff's reports, recommendations, all testimony and public input prior to making final decisions. The documents being considered are available for review at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of La Mirada located at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

If you wish to be heard concerning the items identified in this Notice, you may appear in person at the public hearing or you may submit your comments in writing to the City prior to or at the public hearing. Mailed comments should be addressed to the City Clerk, City of La Mirada P.O. Box 828, La Mirada, California 90637-0828.

Please notify the City Clerk at (562) 943-0131 at least four days prior to this hearing should you require a disability-related accommodation (e.g. sign language interpreter).

IF YOU CHALLENGE ANY OF THE FOREGOING ACTIONS IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL ACTION DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE CITY COUNCIL AT OR PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Anne Haraksin
City Clerk

Dated: December 23, 2016

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AN URGENCY ORDINANCE
CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
ORDINANCE NO. 569 U**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 13th, 2017, the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens adopted, Ordinance No. 569 U entitled:

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 15 BY REPEALING FROM TITLE 15 SECTIONS 15.04.020, 15.04.030, 15.06.020, 15.06.030, 15.08.020, 15.08.030, 15.10.020, 15.12.020, 15.12.030, AND CHAPTER 15.14 AND ADDING IN LIEU THEREOF NEW SECTIONS 15.04.020, 15.04.030, 15.06.020, 15.06.030, 15.08.020, 15.08.030, 15.10.020, 15.12.020, 15.12.030, 15.20.020, 15.20.03 AND A NEW CHAPTER 15.14 TO TITLE 15 OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE AND AMEND THE 2017 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING CODE, , ELECTRICAL CODE, PLUMBING CODE, MECHANICAL CODE RESIDENTIAL CODE, AND EXISTING BUILDING CODE

The purpose of this urgency ordinance is to adopt by reference and amend that certain ordinances of the County of Los Angeles which adopted by reference California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 10, - 2016 California Building, Residential, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing and Existing Building Code and which made amendments, additions, and deletions thereto. Therefore, Ordinance No. 569 U amends the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code Title 15. A certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 569 U is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Hawaiian Gardens, California.

/s/ _____
Suzanne Underwood, City Clerk

PUBLISH: 12/23/2016
ORDINANCE NO. 569 U

**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
CERTIFICATION**

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

I, Suzanne Underwood, City Clerk of the City of Hawaiian Gardens, do hereby certify that **Ordinance No. 569U**, was duly adopted and passed at a Regular meeting of the City Council on this **13TH day of DECEMBER 2016** by the following votes as the same appears on file and of record in the Office of the City Clerk.

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

/s/ _____
SUZANNE UNDERWOOD
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