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## ARTESIA COUNCILMAN MANALO CLAIMS RECALL PROPONENTS DEFAMED HIM

Most Proponents and Supporters in the Recall Have Questionable and Criminal Pasts

#### By Brian Hews

Artesia Councilman Victor Manalo has taken the lead in fighting the questionable recall against him, Mayor Ali Taj and Councilman Miguel Canales, sending out a letter to both the City and residents describing the recall as a sham while making a strong case that the proponents defamed him in their petition statements.

Residents Rene Trevino and Dorothy

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## **CERRITOS COLLEGE 'REQUESTS' TO PARK AUTO SQUARE CARS AT STRAWBERRY FIELDS**

College arranges town hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 23 at the Teleconference Center on campus.

By Brian Hews, Julia Bok, and Tammye McDuff

Cerritos City Council convened for another meeting on August 10 but this meeting had a little different feel to it.

During public comments, Cerritos residents Sri Ramanathan and Mel Cortez both expressed confusion with the work being done to the area where the original Manassero Farms had been. The strawberry field had been located at 166th and Studebaker for many years, but recently closed and was being graded.

Councilman Naresh Solanki asked staff about the strawberry fields area. Community Development Director Torrey Contreras answered that the construction began without the city manager's knowledge or consent.

Contreras and City Manager Art Gallucci only found out after being notified by residents and then went to inspect the site. "We did not know on thing about it"

"We did not know anything about it,"



Norm Reeves Honda Cerritos cars parked at the former Manassero strawberry fields. Many Cerritos residents were irate, Cerritos College apologized for its "lack of communication to Cerritos officials related to the use of the property."

Contreras told HMG-CN, "many residents called irate about the project."

The City immediately issued a stop work notice after learning that Cerritos College was creating parking for faculty and students and for the storage of automobiles for the Cerritos Auto Square.

The City argued wrongful use of the

property by the College using California Government Code Section 53094 which states, "The governing board of the school district may not take action when the proposed use of the property by the school district is for non-classroom facilities, in-

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## LAKEWOOD REPLACING WATER METERS, OFFERS INNOVATIVE ONLINE SYSTEM FOR CUSTOMERS

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#### By Brian Hews

Lakewood is set to employ Fathom, a complete suite of water system software for Lakewood water customers.

The upgrade will include the installation of "Advanced Metering Infrastructure" (AMI).

The system "will reduce non-revenue water loss through existing Lakewood distribution systems and enhance customer services with advanced technology."

"Fathom offers many benefits to local residents and to Lakewood's water system," said Dr. Jason Wen, Lakewood's Director of Water Resources.

"Residents will enjoy new tools through the U2You portal, which provides a breakdown of real-time personal water usage and has customizable alerts that allow residents to optimize and reduce their consumption."

"Furthermore, the new system will make the city better equipped for emergency events. The power of big data will provide valuable real-time information as a planning and operational tool for a more efficient water system operation across Lakewood."

Lakewood selected FATHOM in an effort to provide an enhanced customer experience through a new Customer Information System (CIS) offering and the FATHOM U2You customer portal.

The system comes complete with an online utility billing platform, advanced analytics and 24/7 customer care with call center support for both English and Spanish-speaking residents.

The system will update Lakewood's bi-monthly paper billing system to monthly, modernized and secure through an online payment platform.

Along with the CIS tools, Lakewood will also deploy FATHOM's Meter Data Management (MDM) solutions and upgrade more than 20,000 aging water meters with new smart meters that allow the water utility to more accurately track and bill for water usage and reduce overall non-revenue water loss.

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## HAWAIIAN GARDENS RESIDENT VARGAS FEATURED ON 'NIGHTLINE'

By Tammye McDuff



ian Gardens City Council began their regular scheduled meeting on August 8, 2017 with a special video presentation from reporter Martin Bashir of Nightline. "In California

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Christian Rodriquez is one of Ernie Vargas' success stories. Hin Cantornia the Department of Education has just revealed a shocking statistic. For

the year 2006 – 2007 almost one in four public high school students dropped out. That is over 120,000 young people. It has been described as a silent epidemic. This is not only a waste of talent, but a waste to the tax payer because many of these young people wind up on welfare or See VARGAS page 7



These tools will also improve the city's ability to accurately target pipeline maintenance, reduce water loss throughout distribution systems, create efficient backend utility operations, and overall, See LAKEWOOD page 7



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## LOCAL DEMOCRATS SLAM TRUMP ADMINISTRATION AT CLUB PICNIC

#### By Larry Caballero Social Editor

The Democratic Women's Study Club of Long Beach (DWSCLB) held its first All-American picnic in 1933--and has continued the tradition ever since--by inviting numerous state and local officials to share legislative updates and to thank its members for their political activism. This year was no different.

Former Chair of South Los Angeles County Labor, Ray Cordova, celebrated his 35th year as MC of the Aug. 12 event at Wardlow Park in Long Beach. "Forget about Trump," he said. California is doing just fine without him. If Trump wants a wall, then let's build a wall to keep Trump out of California."

CordovawelcomedDWSCLBPresident Herlinda Chico who thanked about 100 members and guests for supporting the club. "We are now under attack from the Trump Administration on women's rights, LGBT and civil rights, education, labor and the disabled," said Chico.

"The situation is dire so long as we have an uncontrollable, unpredictable and unstable man as our President."

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn thanked the members "for being the activists on the ground who have your finger on the pulse of what's happening in your neighborhoods and communities.

Washington may be crazy right now, but always remember how great it is to live here."

She shared her pleasure that Measure H passed that allowed a sales tax increase



Presenting a Proclamation to DWSCLB President Herlinda Chico (right) and club officers for their long-time political activism was Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn

to be used solely on homelessness services "and the less fortunate among us."

Hahn concluded, "Sometimes it's like we are living in an alternate universe, but we should never stop fighting for what is right."

Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon reminded the guests "that much has changed in Washington since last year's picnic, but this organization has not changed. I congratulate you for your dedication for progressive values."

Rendon shared his pride in several pieces of legislation that were passed in Sacramento, including five of the most restrictive gun laws and tobacco bills, and the minimum wage increasing to \$15 per hour.

State Treasurer and gubernatorial candidate John Chiang told everyone "that California will always do its best to lift

everybody up, regardless of who they are, to climb the economic ladder to success. California will always lead, so don't you worry. Washington won't hold us back."

Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia agreed. "I am bothered every day by what I read and see on the news channels coming from Washington." He was also troubled by the white supremacists protesting in Charlottesville, Virginia. "They're marching with torches and with Nazi symbols," said Garcia. "The fight for human justice and equality is not over. Let us join together to condemn this kind of behavior. Diversity can be beautiful."

Founded in 1932, the Democratic Women's Study Club of Long Beach is the oldest continually meeting chartered Democratic Club in the Western United States.

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The La Mirada Quilters meet at the Activity Center each Thursday and Friday to exchange quilting ideas and fellowship. Participants can assist one another while working on individual and group projects.

The La Mirada Activity Center offers a wide variety of programs and classes for seniors that provide opportunities for community involvement, socialization, information, hot lunches, health and wellness, and much more.

The La Mirada Quilters is one of the many groups that meet at the Activity Center. The quilters are a group who meet twice a week to exchange quilting ideas and fellowship. Their quilting activities are not just limited to personal items, as several times a year their efforts are directed to giving back to the community. They provide place mats for Meals On Wheels, lap quilts for hospice patients, and Christmas stockings for military personnel.

"Ask the Nurse" Wednesdays is conducted by Biola Nursing students and is a time where the students provide information on medications, diet, exercise and overall health and wellness. This program begins August 30 and runs through December 13 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. There is no charge for these informational sessions and no need to make an appointment.

"The La Mirada Quilters and "Ask the Nurse" Wednesdays are just two of the many programs offered for seniors," says Community Services Supervisor Oliver Osuna. "We encourage all seniors in the community to visit the Activity Center and find a class that interests them."

For more information on classes and programs for seniors, contact the La Mirada Activity Center at (562) 902-3160 or visit cityoflamirada.org.

## **CERRITOS REVITALIZES NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS**



Over 50 residents and concerned citizens gathered to listen and learn how the Cerritos Sheriff's Station is reinvigorating the Watch program. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

#### By Tammye McDuff

HMG was invited to attend a new Neighborhood Watch [Watch] group on Squaw Valley Way in Cerritos this past week. This new Watch group encompassed several blocks, and invited others within the city to join and renew their Watch groups.

Held in a cul-de-sac on Squaw Valley Way, over 50 residents and concerned citizens gathered to listen to the Deputy, learn how the Cerritos Sheriff's Station is reinvigorating the Watch program and signed up to participate.

A Deputy from the Cerritos Sheriff's Station was assigned the task of addressing the group and has asked that his name be kept anonymous. He is, however assigned to a special team that investigates residential burglaries.

The Deputy covered many points at the Watch meeting discussing the laws that now make it possible for criminals to be handed a fine and a slap on the wrist for stealing property under \$950. He also discussed the numerous ways that criminals are stalking neighborhoods, saying "Many of these burglary rings are sophisticated. They have people who will come into a neighborhood driving a very non-threatening car, will sit, watch and notate the comings and goings of residents. They take down addresses, and times when the house seems vacant."

The Deputy went on to tell of one local street where three young kids [13 to 15 years of age] were walking the street, knocking on doors and asking if this was the house where the puppies were for sale. One vigilant neighbor was suspicious and watched as these three approached a neighboring home, when no one answered the door, they proceeded to break in. A 911 call was made, the Sheriffs responded and arrests were made. When going through the backpack of these three, items were found from two previous burglaries and upon investigation it was found that 20 residents had the three young people knock on their doors.

HMG covers and it has become a harsh reality and concern for residents and businesses. On Tuesday, HMG received the following Business-to-Business alert from the Bellflower Chamber of Commerce:

Chamber Member Subway (Bellflower location) has been burglarized four (4) times in the past month. They seem to be hitting the businesses around 4:00 in the morning. Subway has been nice enough to contact the Chamber of Commerce office, to get the word out to all businesses to be on the look-out. Businesses please, keep your employees safe [as well as yourselves] and make sure all your security equipment is in working order.

After sending out this mass email, the Chamber heard from the SoCal Gas Company. Their [now closed] office on the corner of Bellflower Blvd and Maple Street had been broken into and an email from Ena Alcaraz of State Farm stated that her business had been burglarized, located on Woodruff Ave, Bellflower. This is just the tip of the problem. The Bellflower Chamber received overwhelming positive feedback stating, "Businesses sticking together and making one another aware, along with keeping vigilant, ensures the safety of our community."

Neighborhood Watch has proven to be instrumental in the prevention and control of residential related crimes within the community. As a member of Neighborhood Watch, you will join with others in protecting your neighborhood and developing an important crime-prevention partnership with the Sheriff's Department.

If there is not an active Watch group in your neighborhood, the Cerritos Community Safety Division will work with you and your neighbors to start one. Starting a group is simple. Ideal Neighborhood Watch groups are typically small, usually 15 to 20 households, to simplify communi-

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cation among participants.

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Enjoy delicious summer inspired food from the regions most talented chefs, wines from the best winemakers, hand crafted cocktails and live culinary entertainment by local celebrity chefs on the Fisher & Paykel / DCS Culinary Stage hosted by Food Network Star, Simon Majumdar.

This elevated wine and food event invites guests to experience over 100 stations with plenty of room to spread out and enjoy the incredible culinary experience in comfort.

Event will run Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20, 2017 from 2–5 p.m.,

VIP admission at 1 p.m. at the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort 1131 Back Bay Drive Newport Beach, California 92660

Single-day tickets are \$150 for generla admission and\$200 for VIP. Two-day tickets: \$250 GA, \$350 VIP.Purchase of VIP ticket grants 1-hour early admission, access to the Champagne Bubble Lounge and the Grassy VIP lounge overlooking the bay that will serve special bites and cocktails. VIP tickets are very limited. For more information on the Pacific Wine and Food Classic and to purchase tickets, please visit pacificwineandfood.com.



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Hoksbergen was part of the Space Camp program, which is designed for trainees

who have an interest in space exploration. Hoksbergen spent the week training with a team that flew a simulated space mission to Mars. The crew participated in experiments and successfully completed an extra-vehicular activity (EVA), or spacewalk, and returned to Earth in time to graduate with honors.

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## Cerritos Regional Chamber State of Nation Luncheon CONGRESSWOMAN LINDA SANCHEZ: WE'RE IN UNCHARTERED WATERS IN D.C.

By Larry Caballero Social Editor

It didn't take long for Congresswoman Linda Sanchez to share her concerns with about 80 business and community leaders at the 2017 State of the Nation Luncheon Aug. 10 at the Cerritos Sheraton Hotel.

"I'm happy to be back home in Southern California and to be out of Washington, D.C.," said Sanchez. "It's been a challenging year."

Sanchez was willing to accept that there is always some upheaval when there is a change in administrations, "but we're in unchartered waters now."

The Congresswoman reported that the uncertainty in Washington is bad for the economy and for the American people, "and reform is less likely."

She said the President's tweets and leadership shakeups are partly responsible, as well as the majority party refusing to allow the Democrats an opportunity to work together.

"The Republican leadership is going alone," said Sanchez, "and it isn't working. We've been shut out of the process."

She shared that no major reforms to the tax code have occurred since 1986, and there are too many interests out there to please without working together with the Democrats. Sanchez says any changes need to be fair, simplified and "move the economy and the American people forward to greater prosperity."

So far the Republican ideas "have been lean on specifics." Sanchez thinks that any serious tax reform will be difficult to achieve before the end of the year.

She's not a big fan of a flat tax because it's regressive and not fair to low income earners and the working poor.

She also has concerns about lowering the corporate tax rate to 15 per cent since corporations hire high priced attorneys who find tax loopholes in the tax code. "It's like telling us to look at the shiny new dime as corporations stash hundred dollar bills in their pockets."



Thanking Congresswoman Linda Sanchez for attending the State of the Nation Luncheon at the Cerritos Sheraton. From (I-r) ABC School Board member Maynard Law, Dr. Rhonda Buss, Board VP Soo Yoo, Sanchez, Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu, Board member Olympia Chen and Board President Chris Apodaca.

"Corporations know how to game the care, lowers cost and allows access to a system in their favor," said Sanchez.

"That is the same trickle down economics that Republicans have been espousing for decades. We would be giving tax breaks to those who least need them at the expense of job and economic growth for middle class families and small businesses."

Sanchez said when the corporate tax rate is cut too low, essential programs and services will be severely cut.

Infrastructure reform is one area where she is hopeful that changes can be made since both parties agree that there is a need. "Today, more than 1,000 bridges in America 'qualify for Medicare,' and we cannot have a 21st economy with a 20th century infrastructure."

She believes that investing in the nation's infrastructure will provide many highly skilled jobs that will help the economy grow.

Healthcare is another issue that Sanchez cares deeply about, but won't support any legislation unless "it provides quality of

maximum number of people."

The Republicans have tried to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) more than sixty times in more than seven years, but they apparently have no credible plan to replace it. "It works for about 90 per cent of the American people, so let's fix it so it works for everyone," said Sanchez.

There were a few achievements so far this year, including the restoration of Pell Grants that give subsidies to low-income students so they can continue to stay in college, but

"in order to get more legislation passed,' said Sanchez, "voters can demand that their legislators work together, and they need to be more active."

Sanchez is the ranking member of the House Ethics Committee; she also serves on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, Judiciary Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means. She is also a co-founder of the Labor and Working Families Caucus.

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disease," said Milward. "We are so close

to eliminating polio throughout the world,

and we need to continue Rotary's push to

miles each year to stay in shape for this type

of distance ride. Training has been harder

this year due to an injury to his knee. In

addition, he had to overcome the theft of

his trusty bicycle, a Trek Madrone 6.5 he

had ridden for many years. He purchased

a new Trek Domane SLR6 in order to

his ride short of completing the entire 100

mile Tucson course, but he was still proud

of his part in raising more than \$12 million

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for 45 non-profit organizations.

Rotarians from around the world.

Last year, a bad case of bronchitis cut

Milward typically rides some 4,000

reach this important goal."

Milward takes Rotary's quest to end

the key to that success in past years.

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#### LA MIRADA ROTARIAN ENTERS 100 MILE BIKE RACE TO FIGHT POLIO ledicine La Mirada Rotarians are seeking donations to help in the battle to end polio throughout the world as part of Rotary's World Polio Day on October 24. **PHARMACY & MEDICAL SUPPLIES** As part of the observance, Rotarian Paul Milward is again gearing up for the Local Delivery Available third year in a row for the grueling, 100- We Are A Compounding Pharmacy mile El Tour de Tucson ride held annually Ask About Our Weight Loss Program in Tucson, Arizona on November 18. Some 9,000 riders are expected to raise millions



polio throughout the world very personally. He dedicates the ride to the memory of his RIDING TO END POLIO – La Mirada Rotarian Paul Milward will join some 9,000 riders in the El Tour father, Charles Milward, who was afflicted de Tucson to raise money to end polio throughout the world starting November 18. Last year the event raised more than \$12 million for 45 non-profit organizations. El Tour de Tucson is one of the "I saw how my father suffered with top cycling events in the U.S., attracting Rotarians from around the world. the impacts of polio for many years, and

> the Fun Ride of 11 or 5 miles or a 1/4 mile activity course. Main event routes feature beautiful vistas of Tucson's four surrounding mountain ranges - three rise over 9,000 feet - against the backdrop of the majestic Saguaro cactus, icon of the Sonoran Desert. Course profiles range from flat to rolling or moderately hilly. The 28-mile route is mostly flat and is great for families and perfect for a first-time event. Two often dry but sandy river crossings will greet 106-mile riders, while 76-milers experience just one. All routes offer aid stations with water and snacks about 7-12 miles apart, police support at intersections and plenty of morale-boosting volunteers and spectators.

Contributions to support Milward's 100 mile ride to end polio can be sent to the Rotary Club of La Mirada at P.O. Box 248, La Mirada, CA 90637-0248. Checks should be made payable to the Rotary Club of La Mirada.



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## **SEAL BEACH LIONS' 40TH ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIRE AT THE PIER**

#### Staff Report

"The sun will be shinning to welcome the day, Heigh-Ho come to the faire! All the stalls on the green will be fine as can be, with trinkets and treasures for you and for me, so it's come then, young folks and old, to the Faire in the pride of the morning!"

The lyrics of this old Irish folk tune set the mood to gather kith, kin and friends and come to the 40th Annual Seal Beach Arts & Crafts Faire, sponsored by the Seal Bach Lion's Club, Saturday, September 9th, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 10th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eisenhower Park at the Pier. Arts and Crafts vendors, over 100 in total, will be there to display their wares of infinite variety.

Would you like a handmade leather bag? Visit the Bohemian Rags booth. Does your fancy tend to colorful glass birdbaths, flowers and tabletop items? Carol's Creations in Glass booth is there for you to behold. And if you covet a truly beautiful, uniquely fashioned art printed fabric tote bag, the OC High School of the Arts Oshop booth is for you! But don't stop there. You've 100 or more booths to explore, plus enjoying food, music and entertainment.

The creative arts abound and Seal Beach's own Gino Dominic Nardo, has been creating artwork in a variety of mediums since 1974 and is celebrating his 25th year displaying his works at the Arts and Crafts Faire. He crafts a unique and detailed creative vision in a variety of ways, including paintings, drawings,

three-dimensional pieces, multi-mediums, woodworking, glass and ceramics, vases, plates, bowls and artistic photography. "Recently," Gino comments, "I have been developing my latest venture, successfully focusing on making custom ordered wood items that include tables, mirrors, shelves, benches, mantels, incense burners, candle holders, coat and key chair holders, frames with custom photos, wedding and garden arches and plant troughs. Most importantly, all these items are crafted with 25 plus yearold Seal Beach Pier wood decking. I've found my customers really love having a piece of Seal Beach history in their homes."

Not only is his a "must see" booth, but also stop by the Women's Club of Seal Beach's plant sale booth and pick up a beautiful and healthy plant or two to beautify your home or garden. The Women's Club, celebrating 94 years in the Seal Beach community, (in 2016, 81-members strong), continues to be committed to supporting and promoting educational and civic and charitable advancement through volunteer service. It's a "win-win" at their booth!

Dare it be said that it is not too early for Holiday shopping? The Seal Beach Arts & Crafts Faire can fulfill your every gift wish list. Heigh-Ho, come to the Faire!



## **GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE, CURRENT CALIFORNIA TREASURER JOHN CHIANG VISITS ARTESIA**



Welcoming California State Treasurer John Chiang to Artesia were (I-r) Councilmember Victor Manalo, Chiang, and Mayor Ali Taj.

By Larry Caballero Social Editor

California Treasurer and gubernatorial candidate John Chiang has more than a year to go before the 2018 elections, but he is wasting no time visiting as many cities as possible throughout the state.

Chiang has visited Artesia many times before, but when Artesia Mayor Ali Taj asked him to return yet again to attend a Meet & Greet and an Indian Independence Day event scheduled for Aug. 12, Chiang said yes.

At the Meet & Greet event at Julio's Pizza, Taj said that Chiang is always accessible to everyone, "and he will continue to be once he is elected as our next Governor."

Artesia councilmember Victor Manalo agreed and joked, "Once you vote for him as Governor, don't forget to go all the way down the ballot for my name for the city council."

Chiang said he has known Taj and Manalo for a long time and praised them "for being serious and responsible public officials who care about their city."

He told more than 50 guests that he is ready to continue transforming California into a global economy by partnering with other nations while searching for more ways to provide more affordable housing here at home.

"I'm pushing for these issues today, and I'm not waiting until I'm sitting in the Governor's chair," said Chiang.

As most Americans he also was shocked at the recent events in Charlottesville, and he stressed that cultural diversity is good for the state.

"I have hope for not only California, but for the entire nation, and I plan to bring all of the people together to move us forward. I'm not interested in supporting the same interests of the past that have only advocated for the few."

Recognizing Californians deserve better when they plan and prepare for retirement, Chiang was one of the architects of Secure Choice, a state sponsored retirement plan that will help 7.5 million Californians, with almost no cost to the state.

## **CONCORDIA LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

Concordia Lutheran is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year for children 24 months through transitional kindergarten. Concordia is a Christian school with an academic program taught in a developmental way. The organization has been serving the community for over 35 years.

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cordia's annual "Meet the Teacher Day" on August 24 anytime between 4 and 7 p.m. Concordia is located directly across from Cerritos Elementary at 13633 183rd Street, Cerritos, 90703. For more information please call their school office at (562) 926-2491 and visit our website at www.concordia.org. to schedule a tour.

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## La Palma Closes Escrow on Property

At the City Council meeting on August 15, 2017, City Manager Laurie Murray announced that the City had closed escrow on the property located at 5062 La Palma Avenue. The City made the decision to purchase the property after a proposed 11-unit apartment building project on the site triggered significant community opposition over concerns related to the scope of the project relative to the size of the parcel, lack of open space, and on-site parking and access issues. The City does not currently have any plans to develop the property.

A joint meeting of the La Palma City Council and the City's Development and Circulation Committee, is scheduled for September 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the La Palma Community Center (7821 Walker Street) to commence discussion on the City's zoning of residential areas and methods to meeting State housing requirements. In addition, the City has begun planning a series of public meetings to get community input on how the City should address public health, safety and welfare concerns associated with residential developments.

## La Mirada Offers Computer Courses for Seniors

Older adults interested in learning how to use a computer or improve computer skills are invited to join La Mirada SeniorNet for its upcoming fall classes held from Monday, September 11 through Friday, November 3 at the La Mirada Activity Center. SeniorNet computer classes are specifically designed for adults 50 and older with little or no computer knowledge.

SeniorNet classes include Introduction to Computers Part 1 and 2, Creative Design, Word Processing, Navigating the Internet, Digital Photography, and Typing Tutor. Each course ranges from \$10.50 to \$23 and annual memberships, workshops, and seminars are also available.

Registration will be held on Friday, August 25 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the second floor of the La Mirada Activity Center. Since registration is on a first come first serve basis, it is advisable to arrive prior to 9:30 a.m. as some classes fill quickly.

For more information, call (562) 902-3177.

to procure funds for this implementation. The project broke ground last month and will be complete during the first half of 2018.

## COLLEGE

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cluding, but not limited to, warehouses, administrative buildings, and automotive storage and repair buildings."

Contreras said, "Any use of that area that goes beyond the day-to-day operations of the College that is for non-educational purposes, such as supporting the Auto Square for monetary profit, would fall under the city's jurisdiction to regulate, they need to file a temporary use permit which needs to be approved by the City Council."

Indeed, it would be learned earlier this week after inquiries by HMG-CN that the College had executed a four-year rental agreement with Norm Reeves Honda Cerritos that would pay the district \$35,500 per month, \$426,000 annually, for use of the property.

And they did not tell anyone in Cerritos.

In an interview with HMG-CN, Felipe Lopez, Cerritos College's Vice President of Fiscal Services, stated that there was a misunderstanding, "We could've done a better job on communicating but we are now focused on working with the city to meet their expectations."

Cerritos officials and HMG-CN were hearing different stories about the use of the strawberry fields, some saying that the College would designate the fields as student/teacher parking, thereby circumventing Code Section 53094, and park Norm Reeves cars in the main parking lot at the College.

HMG-CN contacted Norwlak Mayor Luigi Vernola who said, "if they park Norm Reeves cars in the front parking lot, which is on Norwalk City property, we certainly will look at that."

When questioned, Lopez said, "the lot would be used for 'multiple purposes.' We have a lot of construction going on, we would expand the Facilities Department which is adjacent to the lot and use it as a student and staff parking lot. With the resurfacing of our current parking lots, we have to close them and the space could be used for temporary parking."

HMG-CN contacted Cerritos College President Jose Fierro who agreed to a conference call, joined by Miya Walker, Director, College Relations, Public Affairs & Governmental Relations, to get clarification.

"We will not be parking Norm Reeves cars in other college lots, the permanent lot, once completely surfaced, will not be used for students and teachers. There was an initial miscommunication in the original meeting. We are working with the city to obtain a permit to allow Norm Reeves to use the parking lot."

Cerritos Councilman Frank Yokoyama told HMG-CN, "when I heard about this I met with Gallucci on Saturday (Aug. 12) to discuss the problem, my main concern is for the Cerritos residents who live in the area and how they will be affected. I heard that Mayor Grace Hu and Mayor pro tem Mark Pulido have also voiced their concerns with Gallucci too, they are equally as concerned."

Lopez conveyed that Cerritos College would be cooperative with the City and willing to listen to residents' concerns. After a meeting between the City and the college, Cerritos College sent a letter to Gallucci describing its ideas for the lot. The college ensured that all new lighting would be the same color as the existing lights on that street and that some type of dust mitigation would be implemented. Cerritos College also offered to trim the surrounding trees and make sidewalk repairs, cleaning up the lot's appearance.

Lopez confirmed that Cerritos College is working on a temporary use permit application to submit in time for the next city council meeting. Residents can attend the September 18 meeting to hear the more detailed plans for the lot and make comments.

## VARGAS

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involved in serious crime. But now, one man in one city is making a real difference in the lives of some middle and high school students in the city of Hawaiian Gardens."

The video was talking about Hawaiian Gardens resident Ernie Vargas.

Vargas not only oversees the rugby program for the city, but heads the intervention program in the elementary and middle schools as well as works in the after school programs for the high school.

The rugby program has a boys U10 and boys U12 and then the junior high girls team and the boys UA team. They accomplished, two years in a row, being league champs and this summer participated in five tournaments. Out of three tournaments they placed second, one tournament each placing third and fourth.

"But it is not all about winning," says Vargas," it is about active participation, Our kids at the beginning didn't really know the game of rugby, but are now considered one of the top competitive leagues in Southern California, That is quite an accomplishment for our kids."

The rugby program is designed to keep kids occupied and out of trouble, while directing them toward a college education. Vargas presented a slideshow of the Hawaiian Gardens Youth Rugby / Boys Eagle U18 in game action photos.

"This next video clip is of Christian Rodriguez, who played six years for Hawaiian Gardens Youth Rugby," noted Vargas," He is now attending Lindenwood University / Missouri on a rugby scholarship, beginning his third year this fall."

"It has been said that Hawaiian Gardens is a dark place," Vargas added, "however, Christian Rodriquez is a treasure out of darkness." Rodriquez is a Collegiate All American being chosen for several All American teams.

Rodriquez is 20 years old and joined the Hawaiian Gardens Youth Rugby in seventh grade, but has known Vargas since second grade. His most recent accomplishment was to receive an invitation to join the Olympic Training Center and try out for the Olympic Men's Rugby Team, Rodriquez being the youngest to try out, "That is my goal," says Rodriguez.

There are two types of teams in rugby, the 15's [15 players on the field] and the 7's [seven players on the field]. At the end of the year, colleges across the United States compile a list of the best players in these two categories, Rodriguez made both lists. He was also chosen for the under 20 All American Team.

Rodriguez plans to graduate with a degree in Recreation Administration with a minor in Sports Fitness Management and return to Hawaiian Gardens to help other young people. A presentation of a certificate of achievement was presented to Rodriguez for being selected as a member of the United States Team to play in the 2020 Olympics.

Vargas went on to state that there are often negative comments made about Hawaiian Gardens and the residents therein, "but there are a lot of good things that come out of our city. Starting in 1965, I grew up here and was a high school student. Our city has changed for the better"



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## **CERRITOS RESIDENT HEADS SOUTH FOR WOODIE EVENT**



Members of the So. Cal. Woodie Club & San Diego Woodie Club, including resident Mickey Christianson who organized the event for Woodie owners, participated in the 3rd Amphibious Assault Battalion Beach Party in Del Mar. Seen here is Mickey's prized Woodie on left.





**HAWAIIAN GARDENS PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER REOPENS** 

The Hawaiian Gardens Public Safety Center held its grand re-opening this past Wednesday, August 16. Photo courtesy Hawaiian Gardens.

#### By Tammye McDuff

The Hawaiian Gardens Public Safety Center held it grand re-opening Wednesday, August 16, 2017. The Public Safety Center provides residents of Hawaiian Gardens with a safe place to report crimes or suspicious activity, meet and interact with patrol deputies and host neighborhood and business watch meetings. The Center also handles bulky item pickups and illegal dumping, animal control and adoption information as well as parking enforcement.

The re-opening celebration featured the Fire Departments Earthquake Simulator, business and community resource booths and hosted a free luncheon for all in attendance.

Currently, the Public Safety Center is staffed by a Special Assignment Sergeant, three deputies from the Hawaiian Gardens SAO Team, and a Community Service Assistant (CSA). The Public Safety Center is also utilized by Hawaiian Gardens patrol

deputies to contact citizens for report calls, write reports, and conduct interviews with citizens.

The Hawaiian Gardens SAO Team consists of three highly trained and experienced deputies. The deputies are trained in all aspects of Community Based Policing techniques. They are responsible for longterm investigations and addressing quality of life issues. The SAO deputies are well versed in implementing long term solutions for combating gang and drug activity.

The Community Service Assistant has been trained to take both non-workable criminal and non-criminal reports. The Safety Center desk is equipped with a CAD terminal, which enables the Community Service Assistant to enter calls for service, which are forwarded to Lakewood Station for dispatching to Hawaiian Gardens patrol units. The Community Service Assistant is also trained in crime prevention techniques.



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## **DOWNEY UNIFIED APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR, TWO NEW ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS**

#### Staff Report

The Downey Unified Board of Education would like to proudly announce the appointment of two new elementary school principals as well as a new Director of Special Education. Officially approved in May, Dr. Kathy Estevez and Mr. David Cid will embark on their respective journeys as principals for the upcoming 2017-18 school year. Currently members of the Downey Unified family, Dr. Estevez will be at Gallatin Elementary School and Mr. Cid will be at Rio San Gabriel Elementary School. In addition, Downey Unified has also welcomed the new Director of Special Education, Dr. Patricia Sandoval.

As a product of Downey Unified, attending Gallatin Elementary School and Doty (then East) Middle School, Dr. Estevez has children who are enrolled in Downey Unified schools. Estevez joined the district in 2014 as an assistant principal at Downey High School (DHS). In her tenure at DHS, Estevez oversaw the budget, AVID, Special Education, Cheer and Dance, and the School Site Plan. Prior to joining Downey Unified, she served in several other secondary education positions including being an assistant principal at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall, a Special Education Teacher Specialist, and a Math, Science and Health teacher in a Continuation High School setting in Redondo Beach.

Although Estevez has been at the secondary level the past few years, she began her educational career at the elementary school level for nine years; teaching fourth grade for six years and second grade for three years for the Redondo Beach Unified School District. During this time, Estevez was named District Teacher of the Year for Redondo Beach Unified. She also served as an elementary school summer school principal in Redondo Beach.

Mr. Cid has been a part of the Downey Unified family for the past 20 years, beginning his career for the district working as a substitute teacher from 1998 to 2004. From 2004 until 2014, he worked as a Resource Specialist Program teacher at Carpenter and Rio San Gabriel elementary schools. During this time, Cid also served on the Instructional Leadership Team, was the Coordinator of CHARACTER COUNTS! and 504 plans. He moved into the Categorical Resource Teacher position at Rio San Gabriel Elementary School in 2014, and in 2015 through 2016 he worked as an administrator for summer school. Last year, Cid was hired as the vice principal split between Rio San Gabriel and Imperial elementary schools.

In addition to his experiences in Downey Unified, David also has past experience as a Coach/Manager for DJAA and the YMCA, served as the Director of Summer Programs for the Southern Baptist Association, acted as a Group Home Counselor and Manager, and was a church Youth Director.

Lastly, beginning her career in Downey Unified in July, Dr. Patricia Sandoval is not new to the city of Downey. Growing up in Bell and currently residing in Downey, she comes to the district from the Anaheim Elementary School District where she served as principal for the past seven years.

Sandoval was highly regarded within Anaheim Elementary School District known as an expert at building positive organizational culture. In the last year, she was handpicked to lead the efforts



Downey Unified appointments two new elementary school principals as well as a new Director of Special Education. Currently members of the Downey Unified family, Dr. Kathy Estevez (left) will be the new principal of Gallatin Elementary School and Mr. David Cid (middle) will the new principal at Rio San Gabriel Elementary School. Dr. Estevez and Mr. Cid. In addition, Downey Unified has also welcomed a new Director of Special Education, Dr. Patricia Sandoval (right).

to transform a campus, a true tribute of her abilities as a leader. Prior to her experience in Anaheim, Sandoval was a bilingual psychologist for five years and a bilingual teacher for eight years in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

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Sandoval earned a Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies from the University of California, Berkley, a Master of Arts in Education from UCLA, a Master of Arts in Counseling from CSULA, and a Doctor in Education (Ed.D.) in K-12 Leadership from USC. She has been an adjunct professor at California State University, Fullerton, and has presented at numerous educational conferences on topics such as "College Knowledge in the Classroom" and "Sheridan's Student Success Teams." Sandoval was a protégée in the California Association of Latino Superintendents and Administrators Mentoring Program from 2010 to 2012.



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## *2017 FOOTBALL PREVIEW*

## GAHR STILL LOADED ON OFFENSE, EYES A DEEPER PLAYOFF RUN

By Loren Kopff @LorenKopff on Twitter

#### GAHR GLADIATORS

8-3 overall last season, 3-2 in the San Gabriel Valley League, third place, lost to St. Anthony 24-21 in the Division 10 first round playoffs

22-29 overall last five seasons

Head coach: Greg Marshall (15th season, 75-70)

Lost 16 seniors out of 46 players from 2016 opening day roster

Last time m	nissed the playoffs: 2015		
2017 SCHEDULE			
Aug. 25	Valley Christian (12		

Aug. 25	Valley Christian (12-3		
	overall last season)		
Sept. 1	@ Millikan (1-9)		
Sept. 8	Cerritos (2-7)		
Sept. 15	@ Artesia (6-4)		
Sept. 22	St. Anthony (13-3)		
Sept. 29	BYE		
Oct. 6	(a) Dominguez (1-9)		
Oct. 13	@ Lynwood (4-6)		
Oct. 20	Warren (2-7-1)		
Oct. 27	@ Paramount (8-4)		
Nov. 2	Downey (10-2)		
Head coach	Greg Marshall said he		

Head coach Greg Marshall said he wasn't surprised of the fast start the Gladiators got off to last season, winning their first seven games with relative ease in the first five. A lot of the seniors were starters as sophomores and took their lumps as Gahr High endured three consecutive 3-7 seasons. But Marshall said that, in the mindsets of the players, last season was their time.

"I thought we were ready to go," Marshall said. "After some years of playing really down, we had a lot of seniors, we had a lot of juniors, we were like a regular football team as far as grades [went]. So, you hope that you should go first out of the gate and be able to play a football game."

Marshall added that with the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section's new divisional realignment to make it more balanced based on competitive equity, he knew his team wouldn't have to face the likes of St. Francis High, but instead a team that was like Gahr. **OFFENSE** 

Having skilled players really hasn't been the problem for the Gladiators in the past. Last season, the high-flying Gladiators scored 384 points and were held to under 20 points twice. But this season, the key concern will be at the quarterback position where they'll have to replace the graduated Robert Frutos. The two signal callers that Gahr will put on the field have never played varsity football-senior Efrain Gonzalez and junior Nathan Rhodes. Because of that, Marshall stresses that it will be important that his team is able to run the ball early in the season to protect the quarterbacks, and to play defense. Marshall also said that Gonzalez has the edge to be the starting quarterback.

"I think that's what Frutos did best, was get the ball out and get to our skilled guys in their hands and let them go and run fast," Marshall said. "If [Gonzalez] and Nathan Rhodes can figure out how to get these guys the football, I think we can do some real damage again early."

The backfield will be very experienced and solid with seniors Marquise Alexander, who will be a fullback, Miles Johnson, Ugonna Olumba and juniors Micah Bernard and LaJuan Miller, the latter moving up from the frosh/soph squad. The receiving department will consist of senior Jake Frechette, Bernard and junior Michael Childress, all of whom will work out of the slot, and senior Justan Lucas, who will be a wideout. Rhodes will be another wideout when he's not under center. Also in the mix for wideout will be senior Erik Jones when Rhodes is the signal caller. Marshall says he will have six or seven guys who are comfortable being a receiver.

"Once again, we have plenty of skilled guys," Marshall said. "It's always the same thing. We have enough linemen to compete."

The offensive line will be occupied by senior left tackle Mason Hernandez, senior left guard Kyle Alsberry, senior center Nicholas Morales, senior right guard Roman Niumata and junior right tackle Nathan Grande. Morales will be at center for the first time as will Grande at his position. Marshall says if the linemen can block and execute, then the skilled guys will do the same things they've done in the past.

#### DEFENSE

It's been several seasons since Gahr had the defense that it did in 2016. Traditionally known for giving up a ton of points, the Gladiators yielded 178 and allowed more than 30 points just once. On the other hand, the team gave up single digits five times and less than 20 another three times.

"Once again, those guys [on defense] started as sophomores and some as freshmen," Marshall said. "This will be the third or second year having the same defense. We're not like some schools where you run a defense and find a kid to plug in. Usually at Gahr, we have to change the defense because of the personnel. But we've been running the same defense and the kids have been playing it. So, I think that's been a big improvement and this year is going to be the same because all those guys are back."

The best nose tackle that Gahr has ever had, according to Marshall, is senior Ikenna Ahumibe. He will be joined on the line with Hernandez and senior Calvin Jones. All three are returning with Hernandez and Jones playing on varsity for three seasons.

The linebackers will be Alexander, who is in fourth season on varsity, Jones, Olumba, a three-year starter, and senior Renso Sandoval, another three-year starter who could have played on varsity as a freshman.

In the secondary, senior Aaron Hawk will start at free safety while Bernard, Johnson, and senior Jeremy Mathews vying for the corner positions and have started at some time. Marshall said the only question mark in the secondary will come at the other safety position where senior Brad Harbin is the only newcomer on defense.

"If we go out in the first couple of games and give up a lot of points, we're going to be very disappointed," Marshall said. "And I think our defense will be too. [The defense] fits them; it's designed for them. As long as we don't give up the deep ball, we'll be pretty tough."

SCHEDULE

The only change to the schedule, except for trading venues from last season, will come in the fifth game where Gahr

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### GAHR

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trades Fullerton High with St. Anthony High in a rematch of last season's first round playoff game. Gahr led the Saints 21-7 at the half and was driving late for a potential game-winning touchdown before that drive stalled with a turnover. St. Anthony would then drive down the field and kick the game-winning field goal at the end.

The first game of the season with Valley Christian High, the defending Division 9 champions, will say a lot about both teams early on. Gahr stunned the Crusaders last season, not so much with the win, but the 41 points it scored on the road. The game was put away in the third quarter when the Gladiators scored 21 points.

"It's good because we go out of the chute with Valley Christian," Marshall said. "It kind of shows who you really are. There's no hiding behind that one.

"I didn't think we were going to beat Valley Christian like that," Marshall added. "No one thought that. I'm not thinking that this year either. They're really legit, and I thought we were too. But you know how high school games are. Every opportunity worked out for us and there were some things that didn't work out for them."

If Gahr can get past its first two opponents, then the next two should be easier, on paper, against a pair of ABC School District rivals that the Gladiators have heavily dominated over the past 19 seasons, going a combined 25-12 against Artesia High and Cerritos High. That includes a 12-game winning streak against the latter with half of those wins being shutouts.

Once the Gladiators get into San Gabriel Valley League action, which comes after their customary middle of the season bye, they hit the road against Dominguez High and Lynwood High. Gahr posted a rare shutout against Dominguez last season, just the third win over the Dons in the past 15 meetings. In Gahr's 13-9 victory over Lynwood last season, the team trailed 6-0 at the half and didn't score a touchdown until the fourth quarter.

"St. Anthony will look a lot like our league schools," Marshall said. "If we go out and play St. Anthony and lay an egg, then we're going to have a hard time in league"

#### HOMECOMING

Gahr has historically struggled with Warren High, especially on the road. The last time the Gladiators hosted the Bears, it was homecoming night and Gahr was on the wrong end of a 42-21 decision. Gahr's last homecoming victory was in 2012, a 42-35 triumph over Lynwood. It marked just the third homecoming win against a league opponent in the past 19 seasons.

## VALLEY CHRISTIAN HOPES TO DEFEND ITS 2016 CHAMPIONSHIP IN A NEW DIVISION

2017 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

By Loren Kopff @LorenKopff on Twitter

#### VALLEY CHRISTIAN CRUSADERS

12-3 overall last season, 4-0 in the Olympic League, first place, defeated Silverado 59-13 in the Division 9 championship game

36-24 overall last five seasons Head coach: Woodie Grayson (fifth season, 33-17)

Lost 13 seniors out of 42 players on 2016 opening day roster

Last time mis	ssed the playoffs: 2012	
2017 SCHEI	DULE	
Aug. 25	@ Gahr (8-3 overall	
	last season)	
Sept. 1	Bellflower (2-8)	
Sept. 8	@ St. Margaret's (9-3)	
Sept. 15	<b>Rancho Christian</b>	
	(14-2)	
Sept. 22	<b>Ontario Christian</b>	
	(6-4)	
Sept. 29	@ St. Anthony (13-3)	
Oct. 6	Maranatha	
	(3-6-1)	
Oct.13	BYE	
Oct. 20	Monrovia (6-5)	
Oct. 27	@ Whittier Christian	
	(6-4)	
Nov. 3	@ Heritage Christian	
	(6-5)	

The 2016 Valley Christian High football season can be summed up in word, according to head coach Woodie Graysonfulfillment. The Crusaders steamrolled through the season after a rocky start, and picked up even more steam once the playoffs began, especially their defense which yielded 32 points in the four divisional playoff contests. Willing the Division 9 title earned V.C. its first berth in the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Regional Championship.

The goals of V.C.'s football program remain the same every season. The first goal is to have a successful non-league schedule, followed by getting to the playoffs, then winning the Olympic League and finally practicing on Thanksgiving, which means you have advanced to the quarterfinals. One new goal that Grayson is adding this season is winning the last game of the season, which escaped the Crusaders when they fell to The Bishop's School 28-9.

"A lot has gone in in trying to get this program back to where it used to be," Grayson said. "It didn't just start with last year. It started four years ago. A lot has gone in in changing the culture and the expectations. A lot has gone in to try to get these kids to be at their best as opposed to just always thinking and trying to figure out what they're supposed to be. To have that all come together last year and have most of the team stay healthy, stay focused, stay driven...to accomplish that goal definitely was fulfilling."

Senior Gianni Hurd has been nothing short of spectacular in his one and a half seasons as a Crusader and was close to the 2,000-yard mark last season, falling 60 yards short. He found the end zone 29 times on the ground and averaged nearly 140 yards a game. This season, Grayson says Hurd is focusing on an individual thing as he is chomping at the bits to play defense, which could take away a bit from his offensive performance. Hurd, who had two touchdown runs of over 90 yards and another four of more than 50 yards, has been getting some looks from Fresno State University, the University of Illinois and the University of Washington

Hurd will be joined in the backfield by seniors Darian Green and Samuel Talavera while the receiving corps will be stacked with seniors Quory Smith (30 receptions, 402 yards, four touchdowns), Bailey Torres (15 receptions, 277 yards, three touchdowns) and Garret Williams. Senior Josh Akrofi, who didn't play last season but has a lot of speed, will also be added to the mix of receivers.

"Athletically, at the skilled spots, we're just as good as we were last year and probably better because those guys are all a year older," Grayson said.

The left side of the offensive line will be handled by senior left tackle Tevita Makaafi, who started at right tackle last season before moving to the left side for the final 10 games and senior left guard Robert Chapman III, whose best trait is his athleticism and runs well for an offensive lineman, according to Grayson. Junior Sam Range moves from right guard to center and gives the Crusaders a little bit more mobility there. Senior Jake Leue, who played mostly defense last season and was a backup guard, will find a starting spot at right guard while senior Corbin Ziemke, a backup last season, will start at right tackle.

Grayson says finding cohesiveness and gelling and having the same explosiveness as last season will be the challenges for V.C.'s offense in 2017.

"On paper, it has a chance to be better," Grayson said. "But there are a couple of guys that we're asking to make plays and didn't have to make plays last year. There are some question marks on what those guys are going to be able to give us. We had better depth up front last year than we do this year. So, to say that we're going to be better, I don't know."

#### DEFENSE

R.J. Van Kampen, the captain of the defense (147 tackles, six interceptions) and the school's career interception leader and Jalen Hines (129 tackles), who anchored the middle of the linebacking position and kept the box solid, will be hard to replace as they both graduated. The Crusaders will also have to replace Zach Krosschell, Aus-

Grayson says this season's team will definitely have to flip some roles as last season, the defense took pressure off the offense. This season, it will have to be the opposite.

"Finding that right, magical combination may take a few games," Grayson said. "But that's what us coaches are here for; to try to figure that out."

#### SCHEDULE

Even though it's the first game of the season, Grayson is excited to get to Gahr again and said his team learned a lesson last season by looking too far ahead, both coaches and players. He said the team needs to focus on what is right in front of them, which will be the Week Zero rematch against the Gladiators. Last season, V.C. was crushed at home 41-14.

"The Gahr game for us last year really, without taking anything away from Gahr, was a shocker," Grayson said. "We really expected to win that game. And yet, give [Gahr head coach Greg] Marshall and his guys a lot of credit. I know they have some guys coming in from different places and it's going to be a challenge for us numberswise to compete with them."

Despite the loss to Gahr, Grayson said that wasn't a wake-up call was not the Gahr. Instead, the 30-27 loss to St. Margaret's High two weeks later served as a wake-up call. In that contest, the Crusaders built a 21-10 halftime lead.

Rancho Christian High is a new opponent as the Crusaders don't face Mayfair High in that week. The biggest change on the schedule comes in Olympic League action where Village Christian High has dropped its program for this season. Valley Christian has gone 10-3 against Village Christian since 2004 including 6-0 at home.

"It makes it tough to really only have a four-team league," Grayson said. "Filling that hole in the schedule this late in the year is tough. For us, it fell on the one end of a bye. We were able to fill it with Monrovia and trying to figure out how we fit against those guys and what their records are and what the matchups will be a little tough. We kind of knew what to expect from Village. But it's unfortunate that they're not going to have a program this year." **HOMECOMING** 

It would have been against Village Christian, which was Valley Christian's opponent two seasons ago. Instead, it will be Monrovia High. Since 1998, Valley Christian has lost just once on Homecoming night, a 46-7 setback to Francis Parker High in 2013.

#### **DIVISION 8**

Partly because of its divisional championship, the Crusaders move up to Division 8 where it will be grouped with 25 teams, making their chances of at least an at-large playoff berth pretty good. Only nine teams in Division 8 will not make the playoffs. Monrovia and St. Margaret's are the only opponents that are in a higher division. "I've been coaching for a long time and I remember the good old days when you can win a division and try to defend that title in the same division," Grayson said. "But it doesn't work that way anymore. For us, our focus is going to be on our unknown schedule. We're going to focus on Week Zero through Week 10, and then we'll figure out Week 11 when we get there. There are too many unknowns [in the division]; there are some good names in the division. "Obviously, San Dimas has been around for a long time and has been very successful," he continued. "Brea Olinda is a good program. Silverado came up with us, Notre Dame came up. So, we know there are some good teams out there. But all of that is meaningless if we don't take care of business and have ourselves hitting on all cylinders by the time we get to Week 11."

#### **DIVISION 10**

Gahr is one of 37 schools in Division 10 this season and only two opponents are in divisions lower than Division 10, which means Gahr will be challenged in 2017. Three of the five league schools are in Division 4 or 5, including the last game of the season when the Gladiators host Downey High, a Division 4 school which won 10 games last season.

"The good thing this year, and I'm on the football advisory committee, is that they're going to actually take in consideration your CalPreps.com ratings," Marshall said. "Last year, we had a very high rating for our division in the state. If we can get [to the playoffs], I think we'll have a high ranking in our division, because we're not going to play any teams lower than sixth once we get to league."

OFFENSE

V.C. will benefit greatly this season by having virtually all of its key components coming back for their senior seasons. Leading the way is senior quarterback Isaac Joseph, who threw for 1,850 yards and 22 touchdowns opposite just five interceptions. He also completed over 60 percent of his passes. He attempted all but seven of V.C.'s passes last season and for added measure, picked up 462 yards on the ground and scored six times. Junior Hayden Ericks would be the backup to Joseph.

"The one thing that I'm starting to notice out of Isaac is more of an assertive, vocal role," Grayson said. "You can tell that he's driven to have another successful year. He doesn't want to take a step back as a team. So, his leadership role has really improved, and he's a year older. Last year was his first full season and we asked him to do some pretty complex things and he seems to be more comfortable with those things this year." tin Minnema (six sacks), Eric Schoonover (four sacks) on the line, which will be challenges for the younger players.

"I think we've been pretty good defensively since I've been here," Grayson said. "Last year was our most consistent year. Coach [Kirk] Diego does a great job of keeping it simple; getting guys to be in the right place to make plays and last year they made those plays week in and week out."

Leue and Makaafi will be at defensive ends while Chatman III and Ziemke are the defensive tackles. Green, who will have more on his plate and will be asked to fill in the shoes of Hines,

and Talavera will be the top linebackers with junior Camden Stahl in the rotation and even a little of Hurd. Smith and Torres are the cornerbacks with Williams moving from the outside safety spot back to the deep safety position. Senior Jaylon Tucker will be at one of the outside spots while senior Adam Meza will play the other outside safety spot.

## RECALL

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Cane are leading proponents of the recall, as is Cerritos resident Gurpal Sood. Cerritos resident Melinda Kimsey has questionably joined the effort.

Kimsey's goal is to replace the three so she can assure herself City advertising.

Curiously, the proponents are not recalling Mayor pro tem Sally Flowers or Councilman Tony Lima, both of whom have voted for most of the same projects as Taj, Manalo, and Canales.

Trevino became emboldened when Kimsey, who owns a small newsletter, eschewed journalistic ethics and became Trevino's ally in the recall, an action which was not out of character for Kimsey.

In 2010, after a two year bogus battle in court, Kimsey shockingly admitted in a court of law to committing perjury, falsely accusing a 4th grade teacher of sexual harassment and pedophilia, recanting her entire story, finally paying a \$20,000 fine.

Cerritos Resident Melinda Kimsey Fined \$20,000 for Falsely Accusing Teacher of Pedophilia

Kimsey's friend and confidant, Jerry Bernstien, a long-time journalist, also eschewed ethics and joined Trevino and Kimsey in the recall effort.

Bernstien has constantly criticized Taj, Canales, and Manalo, blasting the three popular elected officials in Kimsey's newsletter while hiding behind a "Staff Report" byline to avoid the appearance of impropriety.

Finally, Kimsey's chief newsletter designer, who has some editorial leeway in the newsletter, is Cerritos' resident Janet Beach, a Fine Arts Commissioner in Cerritos appointed by current Councilman Jim Edwards.

Beach, like Kimsey, has a questionable history, with Beach and her fellow commissioners spending thousands of Cerritos taxpayer dollars on lavish "art" trips.

Prior to her current 2017 appointment, Beach had been appointed by Edwards in 2005, '07, '09, '11. Former Cerritos Mayor George Ray appointed Beach in 2013 and '15.

In August 2010, then-Councilmembers Carol Chen, Bruce Barrows, and Edwards took a trip with Beach and four other commissioners. Records showed that during that trip, the group dined at a high-end restaurants spending over \$375, including \$40 steaks, and \$38 crab cakes. On another night they spent over \$260 for dinner, eating wild salmon and prime rib. Six other meals averaged \$100 involved in the recall, has a very questionable past.

And Kimsey, Beach and Bernstien have yet to report on Robles' questionable past which was first documented by HMG-CN.

HMG-CN attempted to contact Robles, who owns Vantage Campaigns and the website vantagecampaigns.com placing several phone calls to numbers listed on his website, (323) 546-8683 and (909) 259-9489, beginning July 20.

By August 5, the (323) 546-8683 was disconnected and the (909) 259-9489 is a Vonage phone with a message "the caller is not receiving calls at this time."

In addition, HMG-CN researched Robles company address at 4195 Chino Hills Parkway, Suite 587, Chino Hills, CA., 91709 and found that it is a rented PO Box at Parkway Postal.

#### Manalo Makes His Case

Manalo's initial email to the City accused Trevino, Cane, and Sood of knowingly misleading residents related to the content of the recall petition, citing California Elections Code Section 18600.

Under 18600 it is a misdemeanor to circulate and obtain signatures while misrepresenting or intentionally making any false statement concerning its contents.

It is also a misdemeanor when proponents (Trevino, Cane and Sood) knowingly circulate or publish any false statement or misrepresentation concerning the contents for the purpose of obtaining any signatures.

Manalo stated, "Based on evidence corroborated by Mayor Taj and myself from the first Notice of Intent to Recall, filed in May 2017 and further evidence obtained by Mayor Taj from the Notice filed on July 6, the circulators of these petitions knowingly mislead people regarding the contents of the petition in order to persuade them to sign the petition."

The circulators were Rene Trevino and Gurpal Sood.

HMG-CN exclusively reported on the recall in May where the same charges were being alleged against Trevino and Sood.

Only a few days later the controversial recall campaign against Taj, Manalo, and Canales was invalidated due to questionable signatures.

Trevino, Sood, and now Cane, tried once again, with stronger assistance of Kimsey and Bernstien, to recall the three, using the same alleged defamatory statements and signatures that were gathered in May.

HMG-CN asked Artesia City Attorney Serita Young of the law firm of Richards, Watson, and Gershon if using two-month-old signatures was legal.

Her response was less than enthusias tic for Taj, Manalo, and Canales, "I don't know if it is illegal to use the signatures. It is a moot point right now, it looks like they got the signatures, the proponents now have to get over 1,700 signatures for the actual recall election." Taj, Canales, and Manalo were not happy that signatures gathered prior to May, signatures obtained using false statements, were allowed to be used in a new recall effort. In the first recall, 60% of the signatures were invalidated; the signatures were 10% of the total collected (300) by Trevino and company from the May signature drive where it was proven they fabricated their statements about the contents of the recall. In statistical terms, sampling 10% of any set of numbers would give a very good indication of the entire set and is similar to a political poll. Given that,



**SUSPECT RELATIONSHIP:** Cerritos resident Melinda Kimsey seen here with Rene Trevino, the outspoken leader and proponent of the Artesia recall movement, at this week's Artesia City Council meeting. Kimsey and Trevino sat together the entire meeting. Kimsey was also seen with Trevino posting petition notices around Artesia. Councilman Manalo accused Trevino of defamation with Trevino lying about financial circumstances surrounding the Artesia trash contract on the Intent to Recall Petition.

approximately 60% of the "new" signatures turned in by Trevino and company in July would be invalidated, thus invalidating the recall.

Manalo's own work proved the statistical numbers, "Many signers were misled into signing the petition, and six of them filed official letters with the City Clerk to remove their names from the petition."

Manalo's letter to the City went on, "Additionally, as noted in my attached letter, the grounds for recall as stated in the recall ballot are blatantly false, and they include a slanderous accusation that I violated California law and that the council is embezzling funds from the trash contract. The City should act with caution as it decides to move forward to publish this document without consideration of its injury to me, my family, and my reputation."

The email included a letter that Manalo sent out to residents who signed the petition blasting the proponents for "printing false and misleading information on the Petition."

Manalo asked residents to complete his letter and send into the City Clerk.

"If you believe you were misled or misinformed about this petition and you want to remove your name from the petition, please complete the attached letter."

Manalo proceeded to outline the alleged lies in Trevino and company's petition in his letter to the residents.

Trevino and company: Manalo promised to improve Artesia but instead he misspends our tax dollars, ruins our business district, ignores resident's concerns, and is in the pocket of special interests.

Manalo: "Since I have been in office,

to other cities, costing the city revenue

Manalo: "The lack of diverse shopping and dining options in our downtown has driven all Artesians to shop and dine in Cerritos, Norwalk, Lakewood and other surrounding cities. This is the biggest source of lost revenue. The vast majority of the businesses downtown do NOT pay their fair share of sales taxes—this is our second largest source of lost revenue. "

Trevino and company: Manalo refuses to hold a town hall meeting to answer resident's questions or to seek their input on major issues in Artesia. No transparency.

Manalo: "As Mayor, I held 5 town hall meetings, and we just convened a town hall meeting in June 2017 to discuss public safety with LA County Sherriff Jim McDonnell."

**Defamatory Statements** 

Manalo then slammed the proponents for defaming him and threatened a law-suit.

Trevino and company: Manalo is in the pocket of powerful developers. He took a trip to China without disclosing who paid, in violation of California Law

Manalo: "Truth, the trip to China was approved by the Artesia City Council in a publicly agendized city council meeting in February 2017 and IS NOT in violation of California law. Defamatory."

Trevino and company: Manalo is deceiving residents by making us overpay for trash service. The council negotiated a lower trash contract but is pocketing the overcharges instead of passing the savings on to us.

Manalo once again slammed the proponents for defaming him and threatened a lawsuit and rightfully so; CR&R could also have an action against Trevino and

each.

In 2014, HMG-CN exclusively reported that Beach and her commission went on a lavish trip to Miami on the taxpayer's dime to "choose artwork." Records show the group spent over \$8,000 on the four day trip.

#### Kimsey and Supporters Have Not Questioned Alleged Defamatory Statements by Trevino and Sood

Kimsey and her newsletter crew are solidly behind the questionable recall, with Kimsey seen with Trevino at local events, even sitting with Trevino during an entire Artesia Council meeting that sometimes last up to three hours. Kimsey has not denied her support for the false statements in Trevino's Intent to Recall Petition.

In addition, Trevino and Sood have reportedly enlisted Chris Robles as a "consultant" to help them with the recall. Robles, similar to everyone else Artesia has gone from a fiscal emergency, layoffs, furloughs, and ZERO savings for emergencies in 2008 to hiring new staff to serve the city's residents and a "rainy day" or emergency savings of over \$9 million. "

Trevino and company: Increased the public safety threat, Manalo's Pioneer Blvd project impedes emergency vehicles, leading to delayed response times that will cause property damage and loss of life.

Manalo: "The Los Angeles County Fire Department and Sheriffs signed off on our plan and the downtown has not had a negative impact on public safety response times."

Trevino and company: Manalo damaged [the] local economy, Manalo ruined Pioneer Blvd with his wasteful multi-million dollar project. Increased traffic and metered parking are driving consumers company.

Artesia residents are paying the same rate for trash services as they did before contracting with CR&R.

Further, CR&R is billing the residents; before, the payments were included in the resident's property taxes.

Payments now go directly to CR&R with CR& R making a check out to the City thus making it impossible for anyone to "pocket" money or secretly receive overcharges.

Manalo on the trash accusation: "We all continue to pay the same trash rate as we have for over three years. With our previous trash service, we all paid for our trash service as part of our Property Tax bill. With our new trash provider, we are billed directly for the service and the monthly fee for trash service remains the same and will continue to remain the same for the next two years. Defamatory."



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#### CITY OF CERRITOS STATE OF CALIFORNIA NOTICE TO BIDDERS

#### PRINTING OF THE 2018 CERRITOS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### BID NO. 1312-17

Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703, until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, for the printing of the 2018 Cerritos Community Calendar.

Bids will be publicly opened at Cerritos City Hall at **11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 5, 2017.** Bids must be made on the form provided for this purpose, addressed to the City Clerk, City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703, marked **"Bid for Printing of the 2018 Cerritos Community Calendar, Bid No. 1312-17"**.

Please contact the City of Cerritos Communications Division at (562) 916-1320 to obtain specifications and contract documents. **Bids from print brokers will not be accepted.** 

No bid will be accepted unless it is made on a proposal form furnished by the City and has the bid number and project name clearly identified on the outside label.

The City of Cerritos reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions of any and all bids or waive the informality in a bid not affected by law.

Bid specifications are available online at www.cerritos.us/BUSINESSES/bid\_and\_contract\_opportunities/bid\_listings.php

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#### CITY OF CERRITOS STATE OF CALIFORNIA NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR CERRITOS PARKWAY TREE MAINTENANCE RFB NO. 1310-17

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

Project Identification:	CERRITOS PARKWAY TREE MAINTENANCE, RFB NO. 1310-17
Project Description:	The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of providing all labor, services, tools, equipment, material and incidentals necessary for performing routine parkway tree maintenance.
Mandatory, Pre-Bid	
Conference:	Friday, August 25, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m. Cerritos City Hall, 2nd Floor, Public Works Department 18125 Bloomfield Avenue
Bids must be received	
on or before:	Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 11:00 a.m.
Bids will be opened on:	Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 11:00 a.m.
Place of bid receipt:	Office of the City Clerk, City Hall 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor Cerritos, California 90703 Bids must be marked: <b>"CERRITOS PARKWAY TREE</b> <b>MAINTENANCE, RFB NO. 1310-17"</b>

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

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

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

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

T.S. No.: 9987-5016 TSG Order No.: 730-1704051-70 A.P.N.: 7027-023-099 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/20/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT APUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEBD DAN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU. YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER NBS Default services, LLC, as the du'u aponinetel Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 04/30/2007 as Document No.: 20071030835, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, excented by 'YOUNG INK IM, AN INMARRED MAN, as Trustor, WILL SELLAT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal avrings and loan association, savings association, or savings association, savings association, dow held by it under said Doed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 090/52017 at 10:00 AM Sale Location. Behind the fountian located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, A00 Civic Carter Plaza, Pomona CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 17615 LEAL AVE, CERRITOS, CA 90703-8614 The undersigned Trusts edicalians any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or enumbrances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, elsimated as of 08/18/2017. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the tali indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POVENTIAL BIDDERS. If you are considerin

will be faken against the property only. NPP0312977 To: LOS CERRITOŚ COMMUNITY NEWS 08/11/2017, 08/18/2017, 08/25/2017 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 132323 Title No. 3226972 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATEO 01/9/2007. 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 AL AWYER. On 09/01/2017 at 11:00 AM. The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 02/07/2007, as Instrument No. 20070264932, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Alvin Paringao Gomez, a Married Man, as His Sole and Separate Property, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH. CASHIERS CHECK/CASH EQUIXA-LENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful move) of the United States), By the fountain located at 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: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 8033-012-004. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14930 Weeks Drive, La Mirda, CA 90638. The undersigned Truste disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said asle will be made is: S353, 252. 21. Fithe Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, the cola amount of the unpait 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 rotus estimated as the site sis 353, 252. 21. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for

Initiation to other method web site. The Dest way to vertry posponenenet minimation is to attend the schedured sate. A=027100 08/11/2017, 08/18/2017, 08/25/2017 T.S. No.: 9550-4369 TSG Order No.: 160372181-CA-VOI A.P.N.: 8042-018-002 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED D608/2007. 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 NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 05/17/2007 as Document No.: 20071201066, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, escented by: REBECA F RAMIREZ, AN UNMARIED WOMAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal asvings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to be usinses in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time 08/28/2017 at 10:00 AM Sain Jushibili for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warraty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, twite secured by said Deed of Trust, towite S55/272.94 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S ALE Trustee Sale No.: 0000006705933 Title Order No.: 730-1703306-70 FHA/VA/PM No.: ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUS-TOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/15/005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROFECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ANG IN DIFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/15/005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROFECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEED-ING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFINF RAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 08/24/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2032773 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: SANG HYUN LEE, MARRIED MAR NAD HYE MIN LEF, A SINGLE WOMAN, WILL SELLAT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIERS CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924(h), (payable at time of sale in lawfind money of the United States).DATE OF SALE: 09/06/2017. TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM. PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant ow arranty, expressed or implied, regaring title, Dosession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, therestand and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total annount of the unpuid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be odd and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the intial publication of the Notice of Sale is S441.224.04. The beneficiary under s

No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): **"D49."** The bidder's attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") to bid on public works contracts in California shall be permitted to submit a bid. Furthermore, only subcontractors registered with the DIR to bid on public works contract in California shall be permitted to perform work or labor or render service under subcontract to the subject contractor.

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

By order of the City of Cerritos.

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as CENTURY 21 DIAMOND 11835 SOUTH ST, CERRI-TOS, CA., 90703 The following business is conducted as A CORPORATION registrant's name and location is OHANA AMERICANA CORPORATION CERRITOS, 11835 SOUTH ST, CERRITOS, CA., 90703 has not began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein N/A. /S/ BUDDY CABALU

The statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 7/5/17

NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see section 14400et seq. Business and Profession Code), Published at LCCN on 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11/17

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CITY OF CERRITOS STATE OF CALIFORNIA NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR ANNUAL PAINTING MAINTENANCE FOR THE CITY OF CERRITOS RFB NO. 1311-17			
Project identification:	ANNUAL PAINTING MAINTENANCE FOR THE CITY OF CERRITOS, RFB NO. 1311-17		
Project description:	The City of Cerritos is seeking a qualified contractor to provide all labor, services, tools, equipment, materials, appurtenances and incidentals necessary for performing miscellaneous annual painting maintenance for the City of Cerritos. These services include response to requests for repairs on an as-needed basis. The selected contractor shall work closely with the Public Works Department, who will administer the contract to ensure that costs are minimized while maintaining quality, ensuring that schedules and deadlines are met, and pricing is competitive.		
Mandatory, Pre-Bid			
Conference:	<b>10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 23, 2017</b> City Hall, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California		
Bids must be received on or before:	11:00 a.m., Friday, September 1, 2017		
Place of Bid receipt:	Office of the City Clerk, City Hall 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor Cerritos, California 90703		
Bids must be marked:	"BID – ANNUAL PAINTING MAINTENANCE FOR THE CITY OF CERRITOS RFB NO. 1311-17 – DO NOT OPEN"		
Request for Bid details are available in the Department of Public Works located on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703.			
<ul> <li>The City's final selection criteria will be based on, but not limited to, the following analysis:</li> <li>Completeness of bid.</li> <li>Contractor's demonstrated understanding of the scope of work.</li> <li>Feedback received from references listed on Reference Sheet.</li> <li>The total annual fee for painting maintenance for all City facilities.</li> </ul>			
The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions thereof, or to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid to the extent allowed by law.			
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(Division 6 of the Commercial Code) Escrow No. 35486-LS

(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: VMTK FLAMES III CORPORATION, 1117A N. HARBOR BLVD., FULLERTON, CA **92832** 

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 12955 LUCAS LANE, CERRITOS, CA 90703

(a) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 12955 LUCAS LANE, CERRITOS, CA 90703
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: MARK ASAMI AND MONA SALAH, 139 HOLLOW TREE, IRVINE, CA 92618
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 1117A N. HARBOR BLVD., FULLERTON, CA 92832
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: FLAME BROILER #00167
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 at the office of: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 35486-LS, Escrow Officer: LAURIE J. SHORB
(8) Claims may be filed with: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 35486-LS, Escrow Officer: LAURIE J. SHORB
(9) The last day for filing claims is: SEPTEMBER 5, 2017.
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to California uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.

Dated: AUGUST 9, 2017

SELLER: VMTK FLAMES III CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION BUYER: MARK ASAMI AND MONA SALAH

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BUYEE: MARK ASAMI AND MUAA SALAH LAIA62321-CLOS CORMUNITY NEWS 8/18/17 NOTICE OF TRUSTER'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. CA-WFZ-17017378 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/04/2012. 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. NOTICE TO PROP-ERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the morgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 29/24 of the Califormia Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtey to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if ap-plicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwide-posting com, using the file number assigned to this case, CA-WFZ-17017378. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur civic Center Plaza, and Oxivic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Cent

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USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4628197 08/04/2017, 08/11/2017, 08/18/2017 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 00000004998936 Title Order No.: 8516672 FHA/VA/PM No.: ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/10/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROP-ERTY, 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. BARETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 10/14/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2479805 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: SOON AE PARK, A MARRIED WOMAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 09/06/2017. TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM. PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be:17503 LA BONITA WAY, CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA 90703. APN#: 7022-020-022. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, treated 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 \$645,955.66. 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 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site. Never clinkASA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

NOTICE TO CREDITIORS OF BULK SALE (Division 6 of the Commercial Code) Escrow No. 35476-LS (1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described (2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: SIBSUB INC, 4836 PARAMOUNT BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712 (3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 15051 LEFFIGWELL RD #201, WHITTIER, CA 90604 (4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: VARINDER KUMAR AND RANBIR RAI, 16242 SANTA BARBARA LN, HUNTING-TON BEACH, CA 92649 (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND FOULPMENT of that certain business

TON BEACH, CA 92649 (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 4836 PARAMOUNT BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712 (6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: SUBWAY #37529 (7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 at the office of: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 35476-LS, Escrow Officer: LAURE J, SHORB

(8) Claims may be filed with: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 35476

(8) Claims may be filed with: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 1 LS, Escrow Officer: LAURIE J. SHORB
(9) The last day for filing claims is: SEPTEMBER 5, 2017.
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.
Dated: JULY 28, 2017
SELLER: SIBSUB INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION BUYER: VARINDER KUMAR AND RANBIR RAI LA1863662 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 8/18/17

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resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold on when may share you are to fur us information. In you consure that of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SALE INFORMATION LINE: 916-939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com Dated: 07/20/2017 PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., AS TRUSTEE 5900 Canoga Avenue, suite 220 Woodland Hills, CA 91367 By Shelley Chase, Foreclosure Administrator NPP0312908 To: LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER AVENUE. 08/04/2017, 08/11/2017, 08/18/2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(UCC Sec. 6105)

Escrow No. 13775-JP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: CSH, INC., 141 LOS CERRITOS CENTER, #A, CERRITOS, CA 90703

Doing Business as: ROBEKS JUICE

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: The name(s) and address of the Buver(s) is/are: RENG TENG, OR ASSIGNEE 141 LOS CERRITOS CENTER #A, CERRITOS, CA 90703

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND COVENANT NOT TO COM-PETE and are located at: 141 LOS CERRITOS CENTER #A, CERRITOS, CA 90703

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: ACT ONE ESCROW, 17918 PIONEER BLVD, STE 202, ARTESIA, CA 90701 and the anticipated sale date is SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: ACT ONE ESCROW, 17918 PIONEER BLVD, STE 202, ARTESIA, CA 90701 and the last date for filing claims shall be SEPTEMBER 5, 2017, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

BUYER: RENG TENG

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Emerson 8 bottle wine cooler, model FR24SL, still boxed, purchase price 89.99, asking 40.00. 714-271-7400.

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