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ALLEGING COVER-UP, MOTHER DEMANDS ABC PRESIDENT YOO AND SUP. SIEU RESIGN

She blasts Yoo & Sieu for lying, also calls out HR Director Gina Zietlow & Artesia High Principal Sergio Garcia

BY BRIAN HEWS

At last night's ABC school board meeting, the mother of a 13-year-old that accused a teacher of molestation, lashed out at Board President Soo Yoo and Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu, accusing them of a cover-up and not reporting the incident to officials in a timely manner.

The alleged molester, Arthur Caliz, was later arrested by the Special Victims Unit, and released on bail one day later.

Sources told HMG-LCCN that the SVU officials were shocked they were not immediately notified after the daughter gave a statement to officials.

The emotional testimony oc-

curred during public comment; when her testimony began accusing Yoo and Sieu of the cover-up Yoo repeatedly tried to cut her off saying "your time is up."

At the end, when the mom had left the Dias but was still talking, Board member Maynard Law waived and callously yelled out "bye" to the mom.

The mother started off by saying "I am the mother of the daughter that your employee molested and I'm here to make a statement about exactly what happened."

Sources are telling HMG-CN that the mother has contacted and met with a very high-powered attorney from Orange County.

"I'm here to tell you tonight

about exactly what happened and exactly what you did not do," the mother squarely looking at Yoo.

Cover-up?

"I was met by Director of Human Resources Gina Zietlow who promptly asked me to leave because they had already been called and knew I was on my way there with my daughter."

The mother indicated Zietlow told them to go to Artesia High where they met Principal Sergio Garcia. An interview and ensued, at which time another employee took the daughter out and questioned her further.

"That's when more evidence came out which is the criminal evidence you held onto," the

mother stated.

The employee, Rosie Gomez, wrote a report and sent it to ABC officials but, according to the mom the officials did nothing about it.

The mother heard nothing that Friday, so on Monday she went down to the courthouse to try to get a temporary restraining order but was unable to do so because her daughter was over 12 years old and had to file herself.

The mom indicated that Garcia called her back that Monday and asked her to bring the proof that was being published on social media.

She gave the information to

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ABCUSD President Yoo (top) and Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu.

91 FREEWAY WIDENING WILL CLOSE GRIDLEY BRIDGE FOR NINE MONTHS

BY BRIAN HEWS

At last night's meeting the Cerritos City Council considered the 91 freeway Caltrans project that will run from Shoemaker to the 605 freeway and the northbound 605 freeway to Alondra.

Since Fall 2016, Metro and Caltrans have studied options for improving traffic on the four-mile stretch of Southern California's most heavily travelled freeways.

The project is currently in the environmental evaluation phase with proposed improvements to include adding one lane in the westbound direction, modifying freeway entrance and exit ramps, and additional improvements on the arterial streets in the vicinity.

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HMG-LCCN INVESTIGATION:

DARK MONEY: 3,600 SQ. FT. HOME 'PURCHASED' BY ASM. CRISTINA GARCIA FOR \$170,000 IN 2012 IS NOW WORTH OVER \$1 MILLION

BY BRIAN HEWS

The block of twenty-two homes located in northeast Bell Gardens bounded by Pham Dr., Foster Bridge Blvd., Hannon St., and Emil Ave. have done quite well in the current real estate market, with five valued at well over \$1 million, and ten more valued at over \$800,000, according to the website Zillow.

One home, 6544 Emil Ave., was assessed at \$623,000 in 2012, it is now worth over \$992,000 according to the same website.

The house is a 3,629 sq. ft. apartment building that was built in 1948 and is an investors dream having 7 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms; and it is owned by current embattled California State Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia.

Garcia purchased the house in 2012 for \$170,000, a transaction that is not only extremely suspicious but could be under investigation by the Fair Politi-



The 3,600 sq. ft. home in Bell Gardens is a multi-occupancy, seven bedroom, five-bath structure with rental income. It was recently given a substantial remodel. It was "sold" to Garcia for a extremely questionable price of \$170,000 in 2012.

cal Practices Commission.

FPPC Complaint

In April of this year a complaint was filed with the FPPC, first reported by POLITICO, by RagePath and Geoffrey Andersen that included 6544 Emil.

It was a multi-violation complaint alleging Garcia violated campaign disclosure provisions, economic interest disclosure

provisions, and gift limit provisions.

Only one month later, unheard of speed for an FPPC investigation, the complaint was dismissed.

But did they dismiss the entire complaint?

\$453,000 Campaign Violation or Equity Strip?

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2018 ELECTION RESULTS: ABC BOND APPROVED, HAWAIIAN GARDENS GAINS THREE NEW CANDIDATES; MANALO OUT IN ARTESIA

BY BRIAN HEWS

It was an interesting night for local politics, with 100% of the vote in the ABC Unified School District was finally able to pass a badly needed infrastructure bond, the first since the 1990's.

The bitter battle between mostly Cerritos residents who opposed the measure, and proponents of the bond got very dirty, with opponents once again outright lying on social media and in their campaign materials.

One person established three fake facebook pages to battle the bond, and he does not own a house in Cerritos.

In other election results, Hawaiian Gardens gained three new young candidates, and with the vitriolic "Pastor" Barry Bruce

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ANNE FRANK: Part of the display at Stay Gallery, the exhibition is tailored to 11-18 year old children, the docents are also trained Downey students.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The international exhibition "Anne Frank: A History For Today," now at the Stay Gallery in Downey, tells the story of Anne Frank against the background of the Holocaust and the World War II.

The exhibit is simple in design and scale but none the less riveting and tells a captivating story about a young girl, Annelies Marie Frank whose diary gained fame posthumously. "The Diary Of A Young Girl" is one of the most discussed Jewish victims of the Holocaust, in which Frank documents her life in hiding from 1942 to 1944, during the German occupation of the Netherlands.

The Anne Frank presentation is primarily aimed at young people from 11 to 18 years old. Downey students have been trained as guides to the exhibition. They are prepared for this task with special instruction, where they learn about the background but also how they can communicate its content to people of their own age and how they can introduce more general themes such as tolerance and discrimination.

Gallery Board Member Kirk Cartozian welcomed visitors to the opening night and thanked "the resident Dutchman" Sacha vander Most van Spijk, Founder & CEO of The Hup, Humans Unlocking Potential, Inc. for bringing the exhibit to Downey.

Van Spijk's company helps to sponsor such events, ever since my wife and I visited the Anne Frank house in Amsterdam, we were struck by the importance

of continuing this story for the next generations."

Aaron Peterer, International Representative of the Anne Frank house says the story is still relevant "because children and teens go through the same thinking process that she did. They can relate. She was not political, she was honest. She had dreams, she had doubts, she wasn't perfect but through her inspiring diary, Anne remains an inspiration to people worldwide."

Peterer began working as a volunteer at The House, being from Austria, he wanted to be part of remembrances to the Holocaust.

"Training students has become more than a job," adds Peterer, "many times adults don't give children the opportunity to voice their opinions. The reality is that our kids are so bright if we can only give them the chance to speak up. Involving students in the interactive exhibit, is a way of connecting all ages in a lively conversation."

Honorary Consul for the Kingdom of the Netherlands Johannes Van Tilburg accepted the Recognition Proclamation, "It is amazing to me how enduring she is after more than 70 years. People from all works of life are moved by her story. She was real. It is the story of trials of being a young girl in a tragic time."

The exhibit can be seen at Stay Gallery on Downey Avenue November 8th to the 13th with guided tours available. For more information contact the Gallery at (562) 774-2056.

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CHINESE SCIENCE-FICTION AUTHOR VISITS CERRITOS LIBRARY




The Cerritos Library welcomes international literary sensation Cixin Liu, who will discuss his latest book, "Ball Lightning," at 4 p.m. in the Skyline Room on Saturday, November 10. Liu will be speaking with the help of a translator. The event is free, but seats are limited.

Representing the new generation of Chinese science-fiction authors, Liu was awarded the China Galaxy Science Fiction Award for eight consecutive years – from 1999 to 2006 – and 2010. His work "The

Three-Body Problem," which won the Hugo Award for "Best Novel," was called "wildly imaginative" by President Barack Obama. "Ball Lightning" is the story of what happens when the beauty of scientific inquiry runs up against the drive to harness new discoveries with no consideration of possible consequences.

Copies of Liu's books will be available for purchase. The Cerritos Library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

LA MIRADA SALUTES VETERANS

La Mirada's annual Salute to Veterans event is scheduled for Monday, November 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. Join us in honoring our local veterans who have served or are currently serving in our nation's military. The event will include displays of military memorabilia from local military families, guest speakers, information on resources for veterans, and a military banner retirement ceremony to honor the service men and women of La Mirada. For additional information, contact the Community Services Department at (562) 943-7277.

NORWALK TRANSIT FOOD DRIVE: HELP FEED LOCAL FAMILIES

Norwalk Transit System (NTS) seeks to make a difference in the communities it serves with its annual Canned Food Drive on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 13 and 14. NTS passengers are invited to donate one food item when boarding a bus in exchange for a free ride (transfers are extra). Last year, over 400 canned food and non-perishable items were collected. All collected food items will be donated to the Social Services Center's Emergency Food Cupboard to help feed local families this holiday season. For more info, please call Norwalk Transit at 562-929-5550.

HHDC Meet and Greet and Get Out the Vote Rally



HUBERT H. HUMPHREY Democratic Club of Cerritos members Meet and Greet with State Senate Candidate (at the time) Bob Archuleta and his family at November 4 "Get Out the Vote" rally. Archuleta went on to beat Rita Topalian to win the district this past Tuesday. Submitted by Linda J.Hernandez.

Cerritos hosts students from Kakamigahara, Japan



THE CITY OF CERRITOS hosted 30 students from the city of Kakamigahara, Japan, on Thursday, November 1. The students toured Whitney High School and then visited the Cerritos City Council Chambers for a presentation by Councilmember Frank Aurelio Yokoyama. The students also received a tour of the Cerritos Library. The visit was arranged through the ABC Unified School District. Courtesy city of Cerritos.

La Palma Intercommunity Hospital holds flu shot event



GET YOUR SHOT! That was the theme at this year's annual flu shot and health check event at La Palma Intercommunity Hospital held Oct. 24. With Cristal Gonzalez, Regional Business Development & Marketing Coordinator for LPIH (fourth from right, standing) is the nurses and staff who assisted with flu shots. Photo Brian Hews.

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BAN ASSAULT WEAPONS AND HIGH CAPACITY CLIPS

Before all you NRA members dismiss this column, I grew up shooting guns; youngest of three brothers who all hunted. I was shooting at ten years old; my trustee "4-10" shotgun. Handguns, rifles, you name it. So I can speak from experience as a gun owner.

Our gun control laws are broken and need to be fixed. Access to guns is too easy.

All you NRA members who say guns don't kill people, I would agree, you are right.

It's the NRA lobby, lining the pockets of Congress so they vote to more easily put guns in the hands of deranged people who then go out and kill people.

And the President and NRA has the brass to say we should put armed guards at every school in the nation. Great idea! Why not at shopping malls, churches, libraries, and other high traffic areas while we are at it?

What are we a third-world country now?

The money lobby is blinding the NRA's Wayne Le Pierre. Instead of solving the problem the NRA endorses putting more guns in the hands of non-police trained guards; sure, nothing will go wrong.

The myopic NRA is ignoring the real problem. When something is broken to the point it is causing deaths, either directly or indirectly, it must be fixed, no matter the cost, be it in financial or in freedom terms.

When a car is found to have a defective accident system, the car company will spend money to fix it, they have to or people will die and the company will go out of business.

When an airplane is found to have a defective system, every plane is pulled out of service and the company is ordered to fix it.

After 9/11 the whole concept of airport security changed to the point we now have no problem taking our shoes off and getting dosed with radiation to feel safe.

Yet instead of taking their shoes off, the

NRA says give people more guns.

We have defective gun laws that need to be fixed. As a gun owner, I know the only thing assault rifles and handguns are good for is shooting targets, cans..... and people. You don't go out dear hunting with an assault rifle.

So here's an idea: ban the sale of all guns (toy guns too, sorry kids) , with the exception of sales to police agencies, etc., that shoot more than six bullets, no more assault rifles or high capacity clips.

If you can't hit something using six bullets you don't deserve to own a gun anyway.

You can only own three guns. The government implements a bullet registry system so a person can only buy a certain amount of bullets per month/year. If you go to a shooting range that does not count against your bullet ration, you use their bullets. Same goes with shells used for shooting clay pigeons.

Ban the sale of all guns and ammunition on the Internet unless you register and follow strict guidelines and background checks.

(Did you know the Mormon Church owns the largest gun sale site on the Internet? It is KSL.com, look under their classified section.)

What is your problem with that NRA?

Every year you have to register your car, pay taxes, renew your insurance, and so forth. Why not your guns and bullets?

Sure this will hurt the gun industry. Given what Wall Street and CalPERS/STERS are doing they have to react anyway, their stock is getting dumped.

The unregulated sale of guns is a problem that needs to be fixed, exactly like we fixed airport security. Something has to give; arming more people is not the solution.

Lastly and most important, Congress and the Senate must act.

They must always be reminded of those who were killed, and just say no to the NRA lobby. It's the right thing to do.

GUEST OPINION

MENTAL HEALTH AND GUNS

BY SCOTT SMITH

Now, he's dead, along with 12 others.

In a mere matter of minutes, 13 were dead. They were sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, friends, and colleagues. They were all gunned down as they were enjoying a night out. In a brief moment, lives were changed forever. There have been 307 deaths this year in what are categorized as mass shootings. A figure that is equivalent to a passenger plane crashing.

What usually happens after a shooting happened this time too. Our elected officials and leaders told us all to keep those impacted in our "thoughts and prayers." Those on the left immediately called for gun control, while those on the right bristled at the thought of losing the right to bear arms. It's in the immediate aftermath that we focus on the "how." The shooter used a Glock with a large capacity magazine. That's the "how."

We almost always forget the "why." We know this man was troubled, and the police were aware of him. So, why was he troubled, and why didn't he receive treatment? Mental health professionals were called to help, at least once, but this man was released. Was he suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder? Possibly. This diagnosis would explain a great deal, but why did it get to this point? Certainly, the man needed help and was able to get past an evaluation.

We can outlaw certain types of weapons, magazines, or event ammunition, but I believe the troubled will still find ways to inflict violence and pain. Maybe guns is a good first step, but it's a symptom of a greater disease. Mental illness continues to have stigmas attached to it, especially in men. It's time that changes. Maybe if this man was forced into care, there would still be 13 lives with us today.

What we need now is courage. Courage to move past "thoughts and prayers." Courage to face the "why." We need to demand better mental health. I'm not a gun control advocate, but we need to look at how we can keep weapons away from those who seek to harm with them. I hope and pray that something happens before the next time because there will be a next time, unfortunately. Thoughts and prayers won't stop it, but we can.

Scott Smith is the President/CEO of the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce. His hometown is Thousand Oaks, California, where most of his family still resides. He attended California Lutheran University, where many victims of this shooting went to college and where his daughter goes to school today. His brother, sister-in-law, and five-month-old niece live a few blocks away from the site of the Thousand Oaks shooting.



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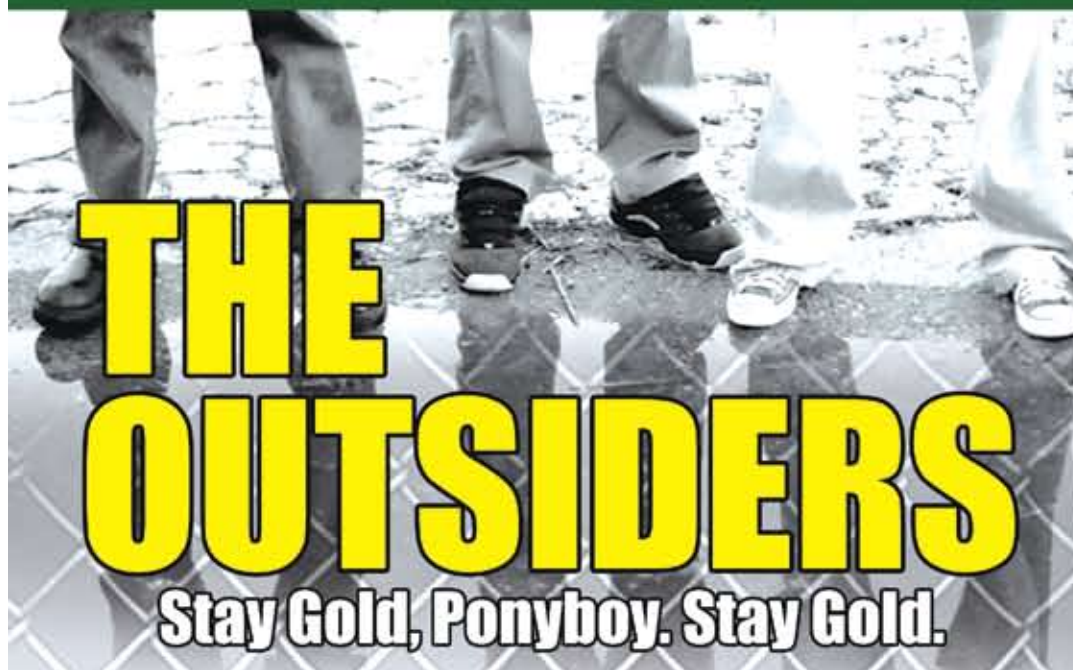
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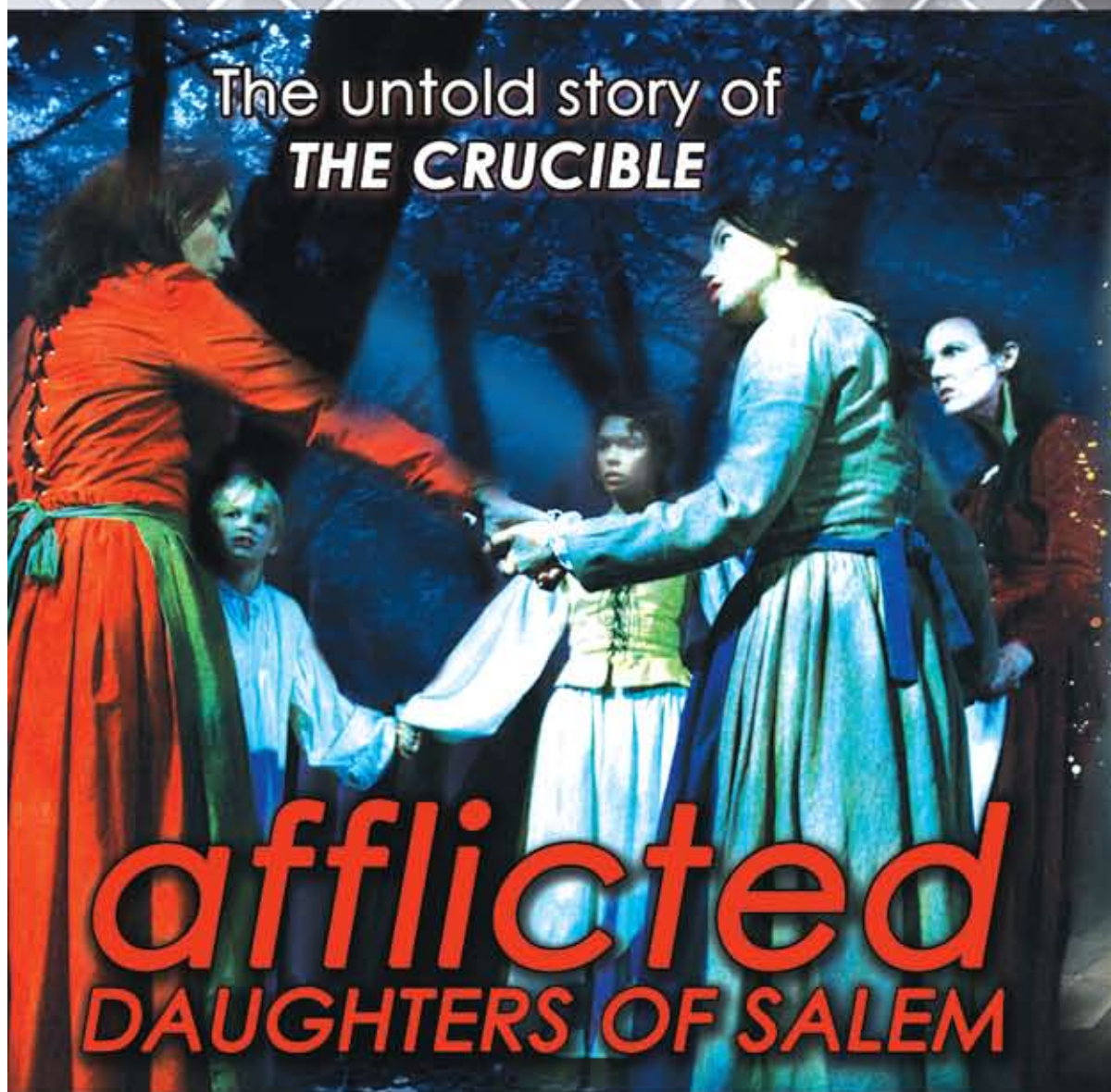


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About the YSEALI Fellows

Nattawut Kasem (Thailand) is a campaign assistant at the Environmental Justice Foundation, which works to secure a world where natural habitats and environments can sustain, and be sustained by, the

communities that depend upon them for their basic needs and livelihoods.

Stephanie Lim (Singapore) is the founder and lead coordinator of a nonprofit called Food Action and Research Alliance where she helps build policy frameworks to prevent obesity, non-communicable diseases, and cancers related to food.

Julia Iksarana (Indonesia) is a researcher with a non-governmental organization called Cakra Wikara Indonesia, which enables researchers to pursue socio-political studies with a gender perspective to produce shared knowledge and encourage community empowerment.

Van Cung Lian (Myanmar) is the executive director of Chinbridge Institute, which aims to build a brighter future through promoting education and research. Van leads an annual anti-corruption research council in the Chin State in Myanmar.

SAFE INJECTION SITES BILL PASSES, THREE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM IN SAN FRANCISCO WILL BEGIN



SAFE SITE: the bill authorized the City and County of San Francisco to approve entities to operate overdose prevention programs for adults and offer a hygienic space supervised by health care professionals, where people who use drugs can consume pre-obtained drugs. Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein said that “cities and counties should expect the Department of Justice to meet the opening of any injection site with swift and aggressive action”

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The California Legislature passed Assembly Bill 186, which would give the green light for safe injection sites in San Francisco under a three-year pilot program.

Authored and introduced by Assembly Member Susan Eggman and co-authored by State Senators Scott Wiener & Ricardo Lara, and Assembly member Laura Friedman AB 186 authorized the City and County of San Francisco to approve entities to operate overdose prevention programs for adults and offer a hygienic space supervised by health care professionals, where people who use drugs can consume pre-obtained drugs, sterile consumption supplies, and access to referrals to substance use disorder treatment.

Current laws make it a crime to possess specified controlled substances or paraphernalia; use or be under the influence of specified controlled substances, to visit or be in any room where specified controlled substances are being used unlawfully, or to open or maintain a place for the purpose of giving away or using specified controlled substances.

Existing law makes it a crime for a person to rent, lease, or make available for use any building or room for the purpose of storing or distributing any controlled substance or authorizes forfeiture of property used for specified crimes involving controlled substances.

In an op-ed piece for The New York Times, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein said that “cities and counties should expect the Department of Justice to meet the opening of any injection site with swift and aggressive action” and warns that launching such a site “for the purpose of facilitating illicit drug use” would lead to criminal prosecution, lengthy prison sentences, fines and property seizure.

San Francisco Mayor London Breed, whose younger sister died from a drug overdose, said she was willing to take on the DOJ over the issue.

“With this final vote, AB 186 is one step away from being law,” Breed said in a statement. “Safe injection sites save lives. We are in a public health crisis and this bill will help us by preventing

overdoses while connecting people to medical care that can help treat their addiction.”

A mock safe injection site opened to the public for four days in the Tenderloin District, where many of the city’s homeless and addicted residents live.

The space was assembled by community groups and nonprofits, including the Tenderloin Health Improvement Partnership, GLIDE, Drug User’s Union and San Francisco’s AIDS Foundation. The space was designed by Capitol One Design Pro Bono.

The CityLab site was said to, “help ease the anxieties of community members about what supervised injection facilities are like and what they do. The result: an almost Instagrammable space, with a consciously welcoming vibe, built like a high-end private medical clinic. One room had metal stools to sit on while injecting; another “chill room” with bright blue walls had plush seats for relaxing afterwards. On some surfaces, syringes were neatly arranged in boxes. On others, there were headphones for visitors, through which one could hear stories of San Francisco’s addicts.”

In Canada and Europe, safe injection sites have been shown to prevent overdose deaths, reduce the spread of diseases such as hepatitis C and HIV, and help get users into services such as drug treatment programs.

Philadelphia officials announced in January 2018 their intention to permit the opening of a safe injection site, calling it an important aspect of their response to the opioid epidemic, which took 1,217 lives last year.

In an interview with television station WHYY, Rosenstein expressed strong opposition to a site where people in addiction can use drugs under medical supervision, calling it a violation of federal law.

“I’m not aware of any valid basis of the argument that you can engage in criminal activity as long as you do it in the presence of someone with a medical license,” he said, “City leaders should expect legal action if they permit a facility to open.”

ABCUSD 2018 GOLDEN BELL AWARDS



CONGRATULATIONS: Dr. Colin Sprigg and Irene Orozco (center) accept award for leading the Yellow Bus Tech Tour and being selected a 2018 Golden Bell Award by the CA School Boards Association.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

'Dads of Great Students' otherwise known as 'Watch D.O.G.S.' of Nixon Academy and Yellow Bus Technology Tour Information & Technology Department were recipients of the Golden Bell Award.

"I was notified by the California School Boards Association that ABCUSD has been selected for two Golden Bell Awards for 2018," said Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu, "The Yellow Bus Tech Tour and Nixon Academy's Watch D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students) are two of the 51 recipients who will be receiving this top statewide educational honor."

The CSBA Golden Bell Awards promotes excellence in education and school board governance by recognizing outstanding programs and governance practices of school boards in school districts and county offices of education throughout California. Golden Bell Awards reflect the depth and breadth of education programs and governance decisions supporting these programs that are necessary to address students' changing needs. The Golden Bell Awards seek

out and recognize sustainable, innovative or exemplary programs which have been developed and successfully implemented.

Called the 'Heroes of the Hallways' Nixon Academy's Watch D.O.G.S. [Dads of Great Students] are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer for at least one day each year to be on campus. During the day, Watchdogs may be involved in various activities where they actively engage not only with their own kids, but with other students as well. "This is a great opportunity for dads to be actively involved in school and have a positive impact on the lives of our children," said Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu. "Just by being on campus, dads offer additional security at the school during the day"

These programs will be honored at the CSBA Annual Education Conference held in San Francisco on Nov. 29 at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel. We look forward to celebrating with our Board of Education and representatives of these two programs at the Awards Ceremony.



AWARD WINNING: Dr. Tom Tracy (holding certificate), Nixon ES Principal with Melinda Ortiz (second from left), Director of School Services and the WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students) were selected a 2018 Golden Bell Award by the CA School Boards Association.

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(BPT) - 'Tis the season for getting together with friends and family to celebrate. Food is at the heart of the holidays, so whether you're hosting an event or attending as a guest, you'll want to whip up something to impress a wide variety of taste buds. The perfect solution: A holiday cheeseboard.

Creating a cheeseboard like the ones you see in food magazines might seem intimidating, but it's actually surprisingly simple. With a little planning and a few flairs, you'll put together a cheeseboard that guests will nosh on until every last crumb is devoured. Just follow these five steps to a delicious holiday cheeseboard that's guaranteed to get rave reviews.

1. Select a serving tray: A wood cutting board is timeless, but feel free to get creative with your serving vessel. You can choose your grandmother's crystal plat-

ter, that festive holiday tray or repurpose a favorite cake plate. The only rule is the tray must be large enough to hold all your cheese plus accompaniments without being overcrowded.

2. Choose cheese wisely: Select three to five varieties of cheese for your board. This provides nice variation without overwhelming guests with too many options. When in doubt, remember this rhyme when shopping: Something old, something new, something stinky and something blue. Consider an Italian cheese theme and choose from a variety of Stella cheeses. From fresh mozzarella and tart feta to aged Asiago and buttery Fontina, you'll have nice variety for everyone.

3. Get the right amounts: You want enough cheese to satisfy everyone but you don't want loads of leftovers. Typically 4-6 ounces of cheese per person is

Assemble a holiday cheeseboard guaranteed to impress



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a good estimate, but increase or decrease that amount based on time of day and other foods being served (for example, a bountiful luncheon versus a light cocktail hour). The Stella Cheese online cheese calculator can help you determine appropriate amounts considering these variables if you need assistance.

4. Add accompaniments and garnishes: For a well-rounded cheeseboard, extras are essential. Crackers, crostini and bread as well as nuts, dried fruit, olives and meats can be customized to your tastes. For a festive take on your cheeseboard, add quintessential holiday-themed foods such as cranberry jam, roasted chestnuts, fresh figs and even pumpkin butter. For pops of color, add in fresh berries and sprigs of rosemary. These extras not only add a plethora of flavors, but they beautify your presentation.

5. Consider proper preparation: One of the best parts of a cheeseboard is it can be prepared ahead of time. This means less work and more time to spend with loved ones during holiday events. To get started, organize your cheeseboard in an eye-appealing manner with cheeses from mildest to strongest flavor as that's the best way to sample them. Keep in mind you can set cheese out about an hour before serving as this time allows cheese to adjust to room temperature which maximizes flavors. Then add extras to fill in the spaces on the board, placing garnishes like jams and honey in the middle.

Whether you're hosting a casual neighborhood gathering, a festive celebration with family or a formal get-together with business partners, a delectable cheeseboard is ideal for guests to nosh on. For more inspiration visit www.stellacheese.com.

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BELLFOWER SELLS PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN VACANT SINCE 2005, BUYER WILL DEVELOP HOTELS

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

For over thirteen years, the City owned property located at the corner of Artesia Boulevard and Palm Street, the northwest quadrant of the Lakewood Boulevard and Artesia Boulevard intersection has been vacant.

Over the past several months, the City has been negotiating with Kevin Barry of Irish Commercial Brokerage regarding the three and half acre property.

Irish intends to develop the site with two hotels totaling just under 200 rooms to produce a project that will create huge economic opportunity for the City.

Gold Coast Properties, LLC is proposing to purchase the property for the negotiated price of \$2.5 million for the development of two Choice brand hotels, a 122-room Woodspring Suites extended stay hotel and a 67-room Sleep Inn.

The sale is dependent on the consider-

ation of an amendment to the West Artesia Specific Plan to allow for the development contemplated by Gold Coast and its approval by the City Council.

The project, which represents private investment of approximately \$18 million, is estimated to generate transient occupancy tax in the amount of \$440,000 annually and will generate over twenty jobs.

At the City Council meeting held October 22, 2018 the recommendation was made to re-open the public hearing which was re-opened without objection.

Aaron Packard Gold Coast Representative added that amenities that for Sleep Inn will include an indoor pool and continental breakfast, while Woodsprings Extended Stay will include a fitness center, kitchenettes and laundry facilities.

Resident Priscilla Brown expressed concern over illegal activity. Brown lives down the street from one motel, "I know there have been stabbings, prostitution, drugs and car theft at several of the motels in the city. Many of the people staying at them are there on government vouchers. We are not a destination city, we have five motels, why do we need 189 more rooms?"

City council also had the same concerns however City Manager Jeff Stewart



TWO HOTELS will be built on the property; just under 200 rooms will be built, generating \$440,000 in annual tax revenue and over twenty jobs.

responded that the new hotels would not have these types of activities, adding that there are corporate standards and security components that will be addressed.

Packard did address residents saying, "We are not a motel, we have a different type of clientele. We are bringing in the business traveler, and if there is easy access to a freeway, customers can get to their destination easier. Safety is a large part of our concern, you cannot walk into any place other than the lobby without key

card access. Although shopping access is limited, we understand that it is in the process."

The motion was made by Santa-Ines to approve and execute the purchase for the purpose of adding two hotels, the motion was seconded by Councilman Juan Garza, and approved 4-0.

The project will take approximately twelve months to complete.

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BY LOREN KOPFF
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It took Artesia High 19 days short of the 10-year anniversary of its last playoff game to once again play an 11th game in a season. And when the Pioneers kicked off to Ramona High, you could see that maybe the jitters would take some time to go away.

Less than eight minutes into the contest, Artesia was trailing the Rams 21-7 and had not run a single play of offense. But the hosts bounced back in typical fashion, scoring on five straight possessions and eight of nine as they outlasted Ramona 59-42 last Friday night in this CIF-Southern Section Division 12 first-round playoff game at Atkins Stadium. It was the school's first playoff victory since 1994 when that squad knocked off Monrovia High 42-21 in a Division VIII first round game. Since then, the program had lost six straight playoff contests. In addition, the game marked the first time this season that everyone was healthy and eligible to play at beginning of the game.

The Rams parlayed an 11-play, 4:37 drive into a three-yard rushing touchdown from Brian Alvarenga and a 7-0 lead. But senior Travys Davis had a very quick response to that, going 95 yards to the house on the ensuing kickoff. After that, the third place representatives from the River Valley League scored twice in less than three minutes, recovering an onside kick following the second score.

"They just played good at the beginning and we didn't play great at the beginning," said Artesia head coach Don Olmstead. "That's ultimately what happened. It's hard to simulate the speed in practice. It's the same thing every week. That's why I try to stay positive in the first half because I know that we can't simulate the speed that they play at."

But once the Pioneers (8-3), winners of four straight games, settled down, they went with what has been working so well all season. On their third offensive play of the game, Davis scored from 49 yards out to make it 21-13. Then three and a half minutes into the second quarter, he scored on a sweep from four yards out. And finally, with 5:34 left in the first half, Davis put the inaugural 605 League champions in front with a 17-yard run.

"They had momentum in the first quarter and if we could just weather the storm and get through it, then I knew our kids would play," Olmstead said. "It was just a matter of time before they actually took over the game."

Alvarenga's second touchdown, this one a four-yard run with 2:41 left in the half, put the Rams back on top at 29-26. But the Pioneers went 60 yards on seven plays that took nearly the remainder of the half to regain the lead for good. A 38-yard pass from senior quarterback Heder Gladden to senior wide receiver De'Jon Major helped set up a two-yard score from Gladden. Then Major returned the second half kickoff 89 yards, setting up a three-yard run from Gladden and just like that, Artesia was up 40-29.

After both teams punted, the Rams got closer when Donte Roby Jr. scored from five yards out nearly midway through the third quarter. But Gladden quickly responded and added his third touchdown of the game, this one of 35 yards, and the hosts went up by 10 points.

But probably the play that saved the game came with 1:09 left in the third quarter when the Rams were driving for a potential touchdown. But senior safety Demarco Burton picked off Brandon Osayande in the end zone and returned it

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CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 4 BOYS WATER POLO PLAYOFFS CERRITOS PUTS SONORA AWAY EARLY, ADVANCES TO SEMIFINALS AGAINST DIVISION'S TOP TEAM

BY LOREN KOPFF

It was only four years ago that the Cerritos High boys water polo team advanced to the CIF-Southern Section divisional finals. Since then, the Dons have had three straight losing seasons, advancing to the second round of the playoffs twice and losing in the first round once.

But Cerritos turned it around this season and following its 16-9 victory over Sonora High this past Saturday afternoon, the fourth-ranked Dons (18-11) are now in the Division 4 semifinals against top-ranked Capistrano Valley High, where they eventually lost 12-9.

"It's been a good season," said Cerritos head coach Paul Park. "We started off with a little bit of a roller coaster, but we settled in and the kids have been playing well. I'm good with the effort they've been giving."

The Dons were trailing the Raiders 2-1 when junior Ethan Osario scored the first of five straight goals with 5:10 remaining in the first period. In the final 4:43 of the period, sophomore Brian Huynh scored twice off turnovers around a goal from senior Michael Reyes.

Within the first 30 seconds of the second period, senior Joey Hurtado scored off another turnover to make it a 6-2 contest. He would score twice more before halftime and finished the game with half a dozen goals.

Although Sonora outshot the Dons 17-12 in the first half with senior goalie Ethan Gutierrez picking up seven saves, Cerritos forced 10 turnovers and ended the first half up 10-4.

In just one half of action, the game was already different from the Sept. 14 meeting between the two when Cerritos edged the Raiders 10-9 in overtime in the Hank Vellekamp Tournament hosted by Servite High.

"They were leading us the entire game and we tied it in the fourth quarter, then we beat them in overtime," Park said. "Joey Hurtado, our two-meter man, really stepped up today. He only had two goals in the game before and today he had six. That was the difference [today]."

Reyes began the second half with his second goal and after the Raiders make it 11-5 with 5:10 left in the third period, Cerritos put the game out of reach with three straight tallies, two by Hurtado and one by Huynh. Hurtado and Reyes would cap off the Cerritos scoring in the fourth as the Dons finished the contest with 25 shots while the Raiders had 31. But again, it was the Cerritos defense that stepped up, forcing 19 turnovers.

"We just counter-balled today," Park said. "That is our identity as a team, is defense and counter. If we can do that, we're going to do well. That's our identity."

INAUGURAL 605 LEAGUE CROSS COUNTRY FINALS GO THE SAME AS PREVIOUS TWO CLUSTER MEETS

BY LOREN KOPFF

It was status quo for the 605 League cross country championships last Thursday afternoon at Knabe Park as the Cerritos High girls team took home the top spot, just as it did the previous two cluster meets. For the boys, Pioneer High made it a season sweep of first place finishes, followed by Whitney High and Cerritos.

Cerritos sophomore Sofia Vasquez (20:01), senior Jaide Lin (20:08) and sophomore Samantha Chang (20:48) claimed the top three spots as the Lady Dons easily defeated Whitney 21-43. Senior Lauren Park finished in sixth place with a time of 21:05 and senior Isha Pema claimed the ninth spot at 22:15 to round out the 21 points earned.

Whitney had a trio of runners finish in the top 10, led by sophomore Christine David, who was fourth with a time of 20:51 and senior Christine Hamakawa, who was right behind her with a time of 21:03. Sophomore Kritika Pantha finished in eighth place with a time of 22:06 while senior Emma Centeno was 11th at 22:30.

Artesia High, which did not field a team in either of the regular season cluster meets, finished in fourth place with 119 points. The Lady Pioneers had all seven runners finish anywhere from 21st place through 29th place, led by sophomores Alexa Fernandez (25:30) and Alejandra Padilla (25:39).

John Glenn High claimed 152 team points with its top runner, sophomore Monserat Juarez, crossing the finish line with a time of 27:07.

Following the race, the Pioneer boys



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clearly dominated that race, picking up 19 points with five runners finishing in the top seven. Whitney came in second place with 71 points, edging out Cerritos by one point.

Whitney junior Rishi Golani and freshman Lorenzo Rodriguez finished in ninth and 10th with times of 17:44 and 17:48 respectively. Coming in 16th place was Whitney sophomore Jeffrey Fernandez and right behind him was junior Eric Kim at 18:28. Two places later was senior Timothy Nguyen at 18:34.

The top runner for Cerritos was sophomore Michael Giordano, who came in fifth place with a time of 17:38. After him, the next Cerritos runner was senior Everett Woolley, an 11th place finisher at 17:50. Rounding out the top five Dons harriers were senior Luc Skube (13th, 18:09), junior Paul Dinh (20th, 18:36) and sophomore Jayson Malhi (23rd, 18:56).

Artesia and Glenn finished in fifth and sixth places with 115 and 161 points respectively. The top Artesia runner was senior Daniel Alonzo, who had the fourth best time at 17:26, and the leader of Glenn was senior Michael Angelo David, who came in 26th place with a time of 19:21.

During the post-race awards ceremonies, Lin and Vasquez were named

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GARCIA

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Records show that the former owner of the 6544 Emil house was Daryl Warren Halpert, who now resides in a tiny home in the remote desert county of Dayton, 23 miles east of Carson City, Nevada.

Halpert bought 6544 Emil in 2000, living there for twelve years while watching the value grow each year, hitting the \$623,000 assessed value mark in 2012.

In 2012, for reasons unknown, he decided to "sell" his home.

Normally a person interested in selling their home would hire a real estate agent, fix up the house, get an appraisal, market and then list the home.

Records show that Halpert did nothing of the sort, he did not even hire an agent.

But somehow Assemblywoman Garcia found out about the sale.

Halpert "sold" his \$623,000 home to Assemblywoman Garcia, whom some say he did not know, for a mere \$170,000.

That was \$453,000 below the assessed value, not the market value which is always higher.

\$85,000 of the purchase price was seller (Halpert) financed, the remaining \$85,000 was paid by Garcia.

The timing of the transaction was very suspicious, taking place immediately after the primary Garcia won in June 2012.

Even more suspicious, Garcia identified and signed her name on all documents as Maria Cristina Garcia.

Three years after the sale, Garcia cashed in on the equity that Halpert suspiciously gave up, re-financing the home and taking out a \$438,000 loan.

HMG-LCCN recently went out to Bell Gardens to take a picture of the house and found it had undergone a substantial remodel, the home now likely valued at well over \$1 million.

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The home prior to remodel, it is now two-story (see front page). Photo courtesy Mike Smith.

appreciation in just over six years, and the property has rental income.

Mike Simpfederfer, who ran against Garcia in last Tuesday's election, did not mince words telling HMG-LCCN, "It is unbelievable an elected official stole hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of dollars in equity from someone elderly. Cristina Garcia got rich stealing equity.

It is imperative the Los Angeles County District Attorney investigate the apparent elder abuse and not be afraid to prosecute. We've witnessed the tampering and intimidation and extortion by Cristina Garcia against Danny Fierro. Let us hope the District Attorney will be strong enough to hold her accountable."

ELECTIONS

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gone, the Council meetings should be less of a sexual harassment misogynistic affair.

Gone too is the Bruce crony, incumbent Marianna Rios.

Jesse Alvarado got 916 votes, Monica Rodriguez garnered 890 votes, and Luis Roa got 841.

Mariana Rios came in next and got a strong rebuke from residents garnering only 650 as an incumbent.

Hawaiian Gardens, locally born and raised A. Veronica Saucedo won her Judge bench. Saucedo went to elementary and middle schools in HG and graduated from Artesia High.

Long-time Councilman Victor Manalo was ousted in Artesia with newby Rene Trevino taking the second spot.

Can you say 4-1?

Trevino will likely be an outsider, to win his seat, he bashed the City (which has a huge budget surplus) and lied about the Sheriff's station crime statistics (down 30% this year); and someone might file a complaint with the FPPC for Trevino coordinating with an independent expenditure committee as reported online by HMG-LCCN.

Incumbent Ali S. Taj got 1,338 votes, Trevino got 1,307 and Melissa Ramoso garnered 1,206 votes. Manalo got 1,084 votes.

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District voted for four board members. Ana M. Valencia got 10,194 votes; Jude M. Cázares; 8,831; Darryl Rodney Adams; 8,628; and Jorge A. Tirado, 7,916.

Both incumbents won their seat for the Water Relenishment District, Division 1 incumbent got 46,858 votes while Division 4 incumbent Sergio Joseph Calderon garnered 44,660 votes.

Central Basin Division incumbent Art Chacon won getting 15,260 votes and Division 5 incumbent Bob Apodaca got 22,496 votes.

Passings:

**Bellflower Council Member
Ron Schnablegger**

City Council Member Joseph Ronald "Ron" Schnablegger peacefully passed on October 30, 2018. Mr. Schnablegger was 62 years old.

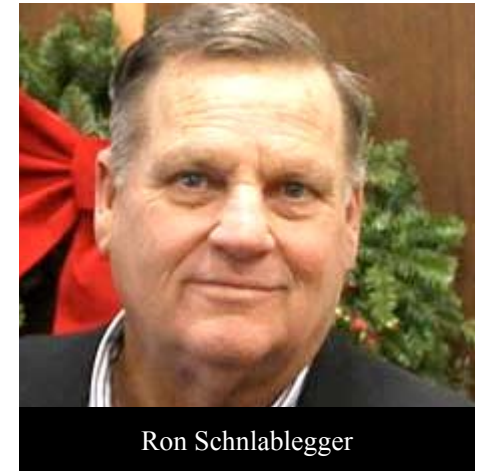
Mr. Schnablegger grew up in the City of Bellflower, graduated from Bellflower High School and worked as a local real estate appraiser.

His commitment to public service began when he was appointed to the Public Safety

Commission in 1992. Mr. Schnablegger was a member of the Bellflower Unified School District (BUSD) Citizens Task Force and a founding member of Bellflower Against Gangs. Mr. Schnablegger was a member of the Bellflower Kiwanis Club more than 30 years and actively served on Bellflower's Neighborhood Watch program.

Mr. Schnablegger was elected to the Bellflower City Council in a special election in March 2013 and served as Mayor Pro Tem from 2016 – 2017 and as Mayor from 2017 – 2018. Mr. Schnablegger was again appointed to serve four more years after being the only person from his District who filed papers to run in 2018. Mr. Schnablegger's unexpired term would

have run until November 2022. The Council will meet soon to discuss how to best fill the seat he leaves behind.



Ron Schnablegger

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**Concertmaster Roger Wilkie to solo
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On November 10 at 8:00 PM in the Terrace Theater of the Long Beach Performing Arts Center, the Long Beach Symphony will present a dramatic, weighty concert of music by Brahms and Dvořák, as well as a rare work by female composer Lillian Elkington. To facilitate attendance by those who have served our country, the Symphony is offering free tickets to veterans and their immediate family members through Vet Tix (www.vettix.com).

"This concert is in stark contrast to our Opening Night," says Long Beach Symphony Music Director Eckart Preu. "In this one, we're going to dig a lot deeper."

This reflective and emotional program of works from the Romantic period features Concertmaster Roger Wilkie playing Brahms' Violin Concerto, the only concerto Brahms wrote for the instrument. Highly virtuosic, it stands among the four great German violin concerti.

Tickets to the concert start at \$28 with student tickets available for \$10. Veterans and current military may reserve their tickets in advance through Vet Tix (www.vettix.com). For more information or to purchase tickets and subscriptions visit www.LongBeachSymphony.org or call 562-436-3203 ext. 1. Tickets are also available on Ticketmaster.



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ARTESIA

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a mere two yards. Seven plays later and 41 seconds into the final stanza, Gladden scored on a 30-yard run.

After Roby added a two-yard run with 6:27 left to play, the Pioneers chewed up a lot of time and scored the game's final touchdown, an 18-yard run from Gladden with 1:51 remaining. The Pioneers were able to score in the 50s for the second straight game and fifth time this season despite Ramona owning the time of possession. But when push came to shove, the defense came up with more stops, forcing two punts and intercepting Osayande twice.

"I think a lot of it is our defense is on the field too much because we score so fast," Olmstead said. "We're kind of changing defense a little bit."

Both teams combined for nearly 1,000 yards of offense. Roby Jr. led everyone with 204 rushing yards on 26 carries and Alvarenga added another 137 yards on 17 touches. Osayande completed 13 of 26 passes for 190 yards. But the Pioneers countered with their two go-getters as Gladden rushed for 193 yards on 25 carries with his season-best five touchdowns while Davis pitched in with 110 yards on 13 rushes. Gladden also passed for 118 yards and completed seven of 11 passes.

"You get to the playoffs and everybody has guys," Olmstead said. "It's not one guy or another guy. You have to play defense and hope that you stop what they do. And we had enough stops tonight."

"That's what competitors do, and that's why they're the guys that they are because they compete," Olmstead later added.

Artesia, which last had eight victories in 2005, will visit Rio Hondo Prep tonight at Kare Park in Irwindale. The Pioneers are ranked third in the division while the Kares enter tonight's contest at 7-3 and were tri-champions of the Prep League. Evan Foor has passed for 1,421 yards and 21 touchdowns while Bryant Flores just surpassed the 1,000-yard mark in rushing yardage and has found the end zone 13 times. Defensively, Rio Hondo Prep has intercepted opposing quarterbacks nine times while sacking signal callers 23 times.

For Artesia to advance to the quarterfinals for the first time in school history, its defense needs to be even better. The Pioneers have allowed over 25 points in 10 games and over 30 points five times. Meanwhile, the Kares have averaged close to 41 points while yielding just over 16 points. Rio Hondo Prep defeated Hawthorne High 52-35 last Friday.

"At this point, everybody is good and so, we have to play good to beat good teams," Olmstead said. "If we play bad, we can lose to anybody [and] if we play good, we can beat anybody. I don't really know what they do; I haven't really looked a whole lot of them. But, we know we have to play well to win. We have to take care of the ball, we have to get a couple of stops and I think our defense will get better and better as we keep going."

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co-league most valuable players and were named to the first team along with Change, Park and Pema. David, Hamakawa and Pantha were also named to the first team from Whitney while for the boys, Alonzo and sophomore Joel Martinez were first team representatives from Artesia while Giordano from Cerritos and Golani and Rodriguez from Whitney were also named to the first team.

FOOTBALL

A late rally by Glenn came up short as the fourth ranked Eagles were edged by host Nogales 24-21 in a CIF-Southern Section Division 12 first round game. Glenn finishes the season at 6-5.

After a scoreless first quarter, Nogales grabbed a 3-0 lead before senior quarterback David Sanchez scored from two yards out. Late in the first half, senior running back Edwin Udengwu made it 14-3 with a 23-yard touchdown run.

But the Nobles added a touchdown just before halftime, then took a 17-14 lead with the lone tally in the third quarter. Glenn regained the lead early in the fourth as Udengwu scored from seven yards out. Glenn thought it would get a clinching score late in the game as Udengwu scored from 65 yards out. But the play was called back because of a holding penalty and Nogales would get the game-winner with less than a minute to play.

Udengwu would pick up a game-high 258 yards on 30 carries while Sanchez was 14 of 22 for 107 yards. Senior Tim Stevenson caught nine of those passes for 70 yards. For the season, Udengwu had 1,964 yards on 239 rushes and scored 26 touchdowns while Sanchez passed for

1,655 yards and 16 touchdowns.

BASKETBALL

The winter season begins on Monday but most of the area teams will start their basketball and soccer seasons at the end of next week. The Glenn and Norwalk High boys basketball teams will compete in the first annual Rumble for Rosecrans Ave. Tournament all next week, co-hosted by Norwalk and Sunny Hills High. Glenn will face University High on Monday and Troy High on Tuesday in pool play action while Norwalk will face Santa Fe High on Tuesday and West Torrance High on Wednesday.

Also next week, Valley Christian High will host Whitney High on Wednesday while in girls basketball action, Glenn will host Arcadia High on Wednesday, Norwalk will visit Santa Fe High on Wednesday and Whitney will entertain St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy on Wednesday.

SOCCER

The Glenn boys team visits Arroyo High on Tuesday before hosting Lynwood High on Thursday while the Lady Eagles host Arroyo on Tuesday.

The Norwalk boys team goes to Garden Grove High on Tuesday before hosting Chino High on Thursday while the Lady Lancers face Santa Fe and Paramount High on the road on Tuesday and Thursday respectively.

The Valley Christian boys squad host the California Military Academy on Monday and Crean Lutheran High on Tuesday while the Lady Defenders are home to Gahr High on Thursday.

Finally, the Whitney boys team faces Whittier Christian High on Tuesday while the Lady Wildcats visit Samuelli Academy on the same day.



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ABCUSD

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Garcia which was then sent over to officials at ABC.

"I guess that is where your investigation started," the mother stated trying to hold back tears.

The next day she went down to Lakewood Sheriff's station and was told that there is no such report and nothing had been turned in.

She then spent another week and a half waiting finally going to an ABC Board meeting to vent her frustrations.

HMG-LCCN exclusively reported on that meeting.

"I came to the open board meeting as you have not returned my calls, and I was getting the runaround and nobody was answering my questions; specifically, Superintendent Mary Sieu would not return my calls."

The mom said a conference call with set up for 2:30 the next day between the mother and Superintendent Sieu, with the mother looking up at Dr. Sieu saying, "you were very cold and callous on the phone, very cold and callous."

Dr. Sieu told the mom they were going to give her daughter's statement to the her. "Thank you for giving it to me over two weeks after the incident occurred, you should have turned it over to Lakewood Sheriffs from the very beginning since you were holding onto criminal evidence," she stated.

The case was now in the hands of the SVU, "where it said have been from the very beginning," she stated.

At that point Clerk of the Board Olga Rios tried to cut her off saying her time was up, the mom snapped back saying, "no it isn't."

Meanwhile, arraignment of Caliz will occur on November 16.

"If the district would've called the police when they received a statement from my daughter, they're would never have been a mix up or a lost report."

The mom then alleged that the district told her that they called DCFS Child Protective Services, but when she called them, they did not have a report.

Alleging a cover-up she said, "I would like to know who you spoke to at the Lakewood Sheriff's department and the DCFS as neither has a report from you."

The mom then slammed Superintendent Sieu and President Yoo and presented evidence of a cover-up.

"If you go back to the last meeting he will see Yoo and Dr. Sieu lie to the people saying they had no knowledge of the incident and they will follow up. That was a lie."

At that point Yoo tried to cut her off, "can you please wrap it up, your time has passed."

Board member Chris Apodaca and VP Letty Mendoza were yelling out to let her speak but Yoo would have nothing to do with it and kept yelling.

Undaunted, the mom continued to speak, while Yoo kept trying to stop her from talking.

The mom then looked up and said "I am asking for your resignation," looking squarely at President Yoo and Dr. Sieu.

"You have been elected to protect the children and you have failed at your job."

"I'm sorry you're done," snapped Yoo.

A yelling contest ensued at which point Maynard waved at the mom yelling "bye."

Video can be see online at loscerritosnews.net

CERRITOS REGIONAL CHAMBER ANNOUNCES 7TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY DRIVE

The Chamber Partners with the Cerritos Optimist Club to help families in need

The Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Cerritos Optimist Club, supporting the club's Needy Families Project. This program routinely serves hundreds of children and their parents from across the local community.

"The Chamber is so proud to partner with the Cerritos Optimist Club for this year's Holiday Drive," said Scott Smith, President/CEO of the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce. "We know how giving this community is, and each year this program grows to meet the needs of local families."

The Chamber is requesting donations of the following:

- **New Books, Puzzles, and Toys – For children of all ages**
- **Retail, Grocery, and Gas Gift Cards – From retailers like Walmart, Target, Ralphs, and Stater Brothers**
- **Non-Perishable Food and Sundry Items – Canned food, pasta, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.**

Donations can be dropped off at the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce office located at 13259 E. South Street in Cerritos. The Chamber will also have donation sites in businesses spread across the community. All donated items will be presented to the Cerritos Optimist Club at the Chamber's Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 6th. Donations may also be brought to this event, held at 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel.

The Chamber has been helping the communities during the holiday season for seven years and has partnered with many local nonprofit organizations in the past, including Su Casa, Community Family Guidance Center, 1st CEB Adoption Committee, Tracy High School Teen Parent Program, ABCUSD Head Start Program, and BEE Smart Scholars.

The Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce has been serving the region's business community since 1963. With a mission to promote and enhance business within the Cerritos area, the Chamber offers a variety of programs and events to help Chamber members grow their businesses. Find out more about the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce by visiting their website at www.cerritos.org.

HOLIDAY TOY AND FOOD FOR LA MIRADA FAMILIES

The community is encouraged to spread holiday cheer to those in need during the holiday season by participating in La Mirada's annual Holiday Toy and Food Drive. Donations are now being accepted through Friday, December 14 at various City facilities. Donations of new unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items will be collected and distributed to local organizations.

Donations can be dropped off at the following locations: Activity Center 13810 La Mirada Boulevard; City Hall 13700 La Mirawda Boulevard; Community Sheriff's Station 13716 La Mirada Boulevard; Gymnasium 15105 Alicante Road; La Mirada Library 13800 La Mirada Boulevard; Resource Center 13710 La Mirada Boulevard; Splash! La Mira-

da Regional Aquatics Center 13806 La Mirada Boulevard

Donated items will be distributed to the following organizations: La Mirada Volunteer Center, Interfaith Food Center, Grace Evangelical Free Church, St. Paul of the Cross Church, and Beatitudes of Our Lord Church. For additional information on La Mirada's Holiday Toy and Food Drive, call (562) 943-7277.

FREEWAY

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The arterial improvements are going to cause quite a mess in that part of the City.

As part of the improvements, the Bloomfield Ave. and Gridley Road bridges will be replaced to accommodate the widened freeway.

The Bloomfield Ave. bridge will be replaced in two phases, however, the bridge will not be closed during construction; Gridley is another story.

The supports for the Gridley Road overpass are located in an area that would be part of the newly widened 91 freeway prompting its replacement.

Caltrans proposes to remove and replace the bridge with a slightly wider two-lane road with ADA-compliant sidewalks on both sides.

The bridge would be closed for an estimated nine months for the construction so anyone going to or coming from northern Cerritos and Norwalk will have to use Pioneer or Studebaker to get around the closure of Gridley.

The freeway improvements would result in the "incorporation" of part of Ecology Park, .63 acre, to accommodate construction along Gridley Road.

The permanent use of 0.15 acre of land would be required to construct a retaining wall at the top of the slope.

Ecology Park, encompasses 1.5 acres in one continuous parcel. Pedestrian access to the park is provided via Gridley Road, where the sidewalk ends at the park entrance.

Ecology Park does not maintain parking facilities, however on-street parking is provided in the residential neighborhood adjacent to the park.

There is no access to the park via the north or west because the parcel is bounded by SR-91 in the north and single-family homes in the west.

The park contains several amenities for public use, including a multipurpose field, basketball court (1/4), picnic tables, barbecues, a water fountain and a variety of playground equipment.

The Caltrans "incorporation" of the park will encompass the slope that has vegetation, so no developed recreational facilities will be affected.

Caltrans was asking Cerritos to sign-off on a letter essentially

Caltrans recently completed a "De Minimis Impact Finding" as it relates to the park. In order for the Gridley Road bridge design to continue, the City's Public Works Director must sign the Impact Finding, which documents the minimal impacts to the park.

Staff recommended that City Council the signing of the letter.



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Case No. 2018-18 **Conditional Use Permit**
18432 Gridley Road

Clontare Manor Inc., 18432 Gridley Road, Artesia, CA 90701

A request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow additional beds at an existing residential care facility for the property located at 18432 Gridley Road located in the Service and Professional (C-S-P) Zone, and making a determination of categorical exemption under CEQA.

Resolution No. 2018-12P

If you challenge any of these proposals in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Artesia Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing.

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Case No. 2018-24 **Design Review**
18511 Pioneer Blvd

Bhindi Brothers, LLC., 18508 Pioneer Boulevard, Artesia, CA 90701

A request for approval of a design review application to allow façade improvements to an existing commercial building located at 18511 Pioneer Boulevard in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone and making a determination of categorical exemption under CEQA.

Resolution No. 2018-17P

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Case No. 2018-20 **Variance**
11513 187th Street

Mr. Venkatesh Koka, 18760 Pioneer Blvd, Artesia, CA 90701

A request for approval of a Variance Application for a fence greater than forty-two (42) inches in height at a property located at 11513 187th Street in the Agriculture – Single Family Residential (A-1) zone, and making a determination of categorical exemption under CEQA.

Resolution No. 2018-13P

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Case No. 2018-25 **Design Review**
11632 South Street

KTW Properties P.O. Box 24966 Los Angeles, CA 90024

A request for a design review approval for the proposed wall signs for the Jolliebee restaurant in a vacant property located at 11632 South Street within the in the Commercial Planned Development (C-P-D) Zone and making a determination of categorical exemption under CEQA.

Resolution No. 2018-18P

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Case No. 2018-23 **Design Review**
18624 & 18626 Pioneer Boulevard

Mr. Venkatesh Koka, 18760 Pioneer Boulevard, Artesia, CA 90701

A request for approval of a design review application to allow façade improvements to an existing commercial center located at 18624 and 18626 Pioneer Boulevard in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone and making a determination of categorical exemption under CEQA.

Resolution No. 2018-16P

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Case No. 2018-26 **Design Review**
11879 Artesia Boulevard

Del Taco, LLC., 25521 Commercentre Drive, Lake Forest, CA 92630

A request for approval of a Design Review application for façade improvements and corporate signage upgrade for the existing Del Taco Restaurant located at 11879 Artesia Boulevard in the Commercial Planned Development (C-P-D) Zone, and making a determination of categorical exemption under CEQA.

Resolution No. 2018-19P

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CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Artesia will hold a public hearing in accordance with Government Code Section 65854 on **November 20, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.** (or soon thereafter), in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California to consider:

Case No. 2018-27 **Zoning Code Amendment (Secondary Dwelling Units)**

A proposed Ordinance amending Section 9-2.2803(f) (“Second Dwelling Units”) of Article 28 (“Single-Family Residential Zone (R-1)”) of Chapter 2 (“Zoning”) of Title 9 (“Planning and Zoning”) of Artesia Municipal Code, amending regulations imposed on second dwelling units located in residential zoning districts

Staff has determined that the project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the City’s CEQA Guidelines pursuant to Section 21080.17 of CEQA, and categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15282(h) of the CEQA Guidelines.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments and to attend the hearing and give testimony. If you challenge the City’s actions in regard to this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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Interim Planning Manager

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