



NORWALK CHAMBER DIRECTOR VIVIAN HANSEN & DOWNEY PATRIOT PUBLISHER COLLUDED TO OBTAIN NORWALK CITY ADJUDICATION

By Brian Hews

Hews Media Group-Community News has learned that in August of this year, Downey Patriot Publisher Jennifer DeKay, with the assistance of the Norwalk Chamber Executive Director Vivian Hansen, once again attempted to illegitimately obtain the lucrative Norwalk legal advertising adjudication for DeKay's newspaper.

By law, cities must place their legal notices, often running \$40,000-\$50,000 per year, in the

city adjudicated paper.

And Hansen could be guilty of gifting Norwalk taxpayer funds in their attempt to obtain that adjudication.

HMG-CN contacted DeKay's law firm and its lawyer Michael L. Kirby of Kirby Noonan Lance & Hoge and informed them that this was DeKay's second attempt for her illegitimate adjudication.

Kirby was very surprised to learn that DeKay attempted to obtain the adjudication three years ago.

First Attempt to Adjudicate

Back in March of 2012, DeKay "purchased" the Chamber's newspaper, The Norwalk Business Call, for \$1,500.

Hansen was Executive Director and Joe Derthick was Chamber President at the time. An HMG-CN investigation also found that then Mayor Cheri Kelly and Councilman Mike Mendez were in on the purchase process.

The Call had basically ceased publication, which made it ineligible for adjudication.

Despite that fact, DeKay, one week after she bought the Call, published a notice in her paper stating her company was applying for the Norwalk adjudication using the Call's name.

DeKay claimed in the notice that she had published the newspaper for three years, her office was in Norwalk-listed as the Chamber's address- and that that the paper had a "verifiable" list of paid subscribers.

For a city the size of Norwalk, DeKay needed the list to contain
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Vivian Hansen, top and Jennifer DeKay, middle, have colluded since 2012 to obtain the Norwalk city adjudication. Then-Norwalk Mayor Cheri Kelly, bottom, was in on the process & purchase of the newspaper to obtain the adjudication.

California State Auditor Slams Central Basin's Leadership

By Brian Hews



The California Auditor has released a scathing report slamming Central Basin Municipal Water District's Board (CB), which has been led by President Bob Apodaca, Vice President James Roybal and Director Leticia Vasquez for the past three years.



The report cited several factors related to the poor leadership including the handling of the infamous slush fund, handing out no-bid contracts,



CB's hiring policy, turnover at the General Manager position, loss of insurance coverage, and its debt coverage ratio.

The report concluded by setting out guidelines to correct the inefficiencies and proposed the governance structure of CB be changed from at-large voting to Directors appointed by "CB's customers."

The Auditor stated that CB, "generally agreed with our recommendations and indicated that it plans to take various actions to implement them. However, the district disagreed with our recommendation to the Legislature that it should modify the district's governance structure."

The first paragraph set the tone of the report, "The district's board of directors' poor leadership has impeded the district's ability to effectively meet its responsibilities."

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Barry Bruce Selected as Mayor of Hawaiian Gardens, Rodriguez Mayor Pro Tem

Staff Report

The Hawaiian Gardens City Council last night re-selected Mayor Barry Bruce to a second consecutive year as Mayor on

a majority vote as part of the Council's annual reorganization selection process. Councilmember Reynaldo Rodriguez was selected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

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[l-r] Mike Gomez, Victor Farfan, Supervisor Don Knabe's Filed Deputy Erin Stibal, Mayor Barry Bruce, Councilperson Rios and Mayor pro tem Reynaldo Rodriguez. Photo City of Hawaiian Gardens.



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Cerritos Optimists & Soroptimists of Artesia-Cerritos' Needy Family Project Dec 12 & 13 at Cerritos' Ralphs



Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos members help with food and presents for needy families. Under the clubs' leadership, the Needy Family Project has become a sophisticated operation of love and giving that has now reached its twenty-sixth year of operation. Look for club members collecting non-perishable food items outside local Ralph's Grocery Markets on December 12 and 13.

The Cerritos Optimist Club will once again be partnering with Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos for their annual Needy Family Project supporting over 30 families in our community. Each of the families, which are

identified by local agencies, receives at least half dozen boxes of food along with Christmas presents for every child tailored to their age and gender.

Under the clubs' leadership, the Needy Family Project has become a

sophisticated operation of love and giving that has now reached its twenty-sixth year of operation.

This community effort involves the City of Cerritos and local companies such as LeFiell Manufacturing and the Crown Carton Company Inc. as well as dozens of volunteers from both Optimist and Soroptimists organizations.

Please look for club members collecting non-perishable food items outside local Ralph's Grocery Markets on December 12 and 13.

Drop a can of food on the table as you leave the market and we will see it gets to a family in need.

Without your efforts, many children who live within a few miles of our homes will not have any Christmas presents, let alone a supply of food, clothing and toiletries over the holidays.

Our greatest need at this time is obtaining sufficient toys to meet the needs of 75 children.

If you would like to donate to this project or have any questions, please contact Ray Lovell at 562-921-2984 or rrllovel@hotmai.com.

Hawaiian Gardens & the Gardens Casino Host City's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration

Staff Report

The City of Hawaiian Gardens and The Gardens Casino will celebrate the Annual Hawaiian Gardens Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the community is invited.

The fun and festive family event, set to take place on Friday, December 4 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., will feature a special appearance by Santa Claus, and will include live holiday musical entertainment.

The event will take place at the C. Robert Lee Activity Center, 21815 Pioneer Blvd. in Hawaiian Gardens.

Pre-school and elementary age children will receive a holiday gift from Santa, and attendance is free for everyone.

Open House-Victorian Christmas Heritage House at Fullerton Arboretum

Staff Report

December 6th, 13th, and 20th

The Fullerton Arboretum presents an Open House, Victorian Christmas Heritage House Walk Through.

Walk-through tours of the period-decorated Heritage House from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Costumed docents on hand in each room to explain how Christmas was celebrated "in the old days".

Father Christmas will stroll the area around Heritage House for photo opportunities with children and families. Candy canes provided for good little boys and girls.

Ginger cookies and cider/punch to toast the season along with seasonal vocal and instrumental performances on the porch of Heritage House from 2:30 – 3:00 pm – singing along is encouraged!

This is a free event with a suggested donation of \$5.00

Visits from Santa Returns to La Mirada

The City of La Mirada is inviting residents to sign up for a "Visit from Santa." The visits will begin the weekend of December 11, and will continue every weekend thereafter until Christmas Eve.

Santa visits taking place on Christmas Eve are \$45 and \$35 on all other days. Due to Santa's busy schedule, visits will last 10 minutes. If you have more than six children you must sign up for two visits.

Registration is open to La Mirada residents only and will take place at the La Mirada Community Gymnasium on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 5 to 9 p.m. Registration is ongoing and space is limited, so be good for goodness sake and sign up today!

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CLOTHES CLOSET 'COATS 4 KIDS' PROGRAM IN BELLFLOWER

Program operated by The Lord's Church in Bellflower

By Tammye McDuff

Orvella Phillips is the Compassion Pastor at The Lord's Church in the city of Bellflower. She has been helping those in need for 25 years. Wednesday morning, the church opened their doors for the annual Clothes Closet Coats 4 Kids program.

The Bellflower Unified School District [BUSD] has joined with Caring Connections and The Lord's Church to ensure that every child has a warm winter coat. Renett Banagas, Community Services Coordinator for BUSD stated, "The program originally began as an outreach of BUSD to the children in their schools, however we found the need was so great we opened it up to the families and now we serve the entire community."

For more than ten years Coats 4 Kids has been donating to those in need. This year more than 650 coats were collected to warm over 100 people in the community. Held once a year during the first week of December, anyone can come to the Clothes Closet located at 9701 Flower St. Bellflower, one of the first churches ever built in the city, and choose up to six coats for free. As a special bonus the Los Angeles Quilting Guild donates newly made quilts, pillow cases, scarfs and hand knitted caps for the program.

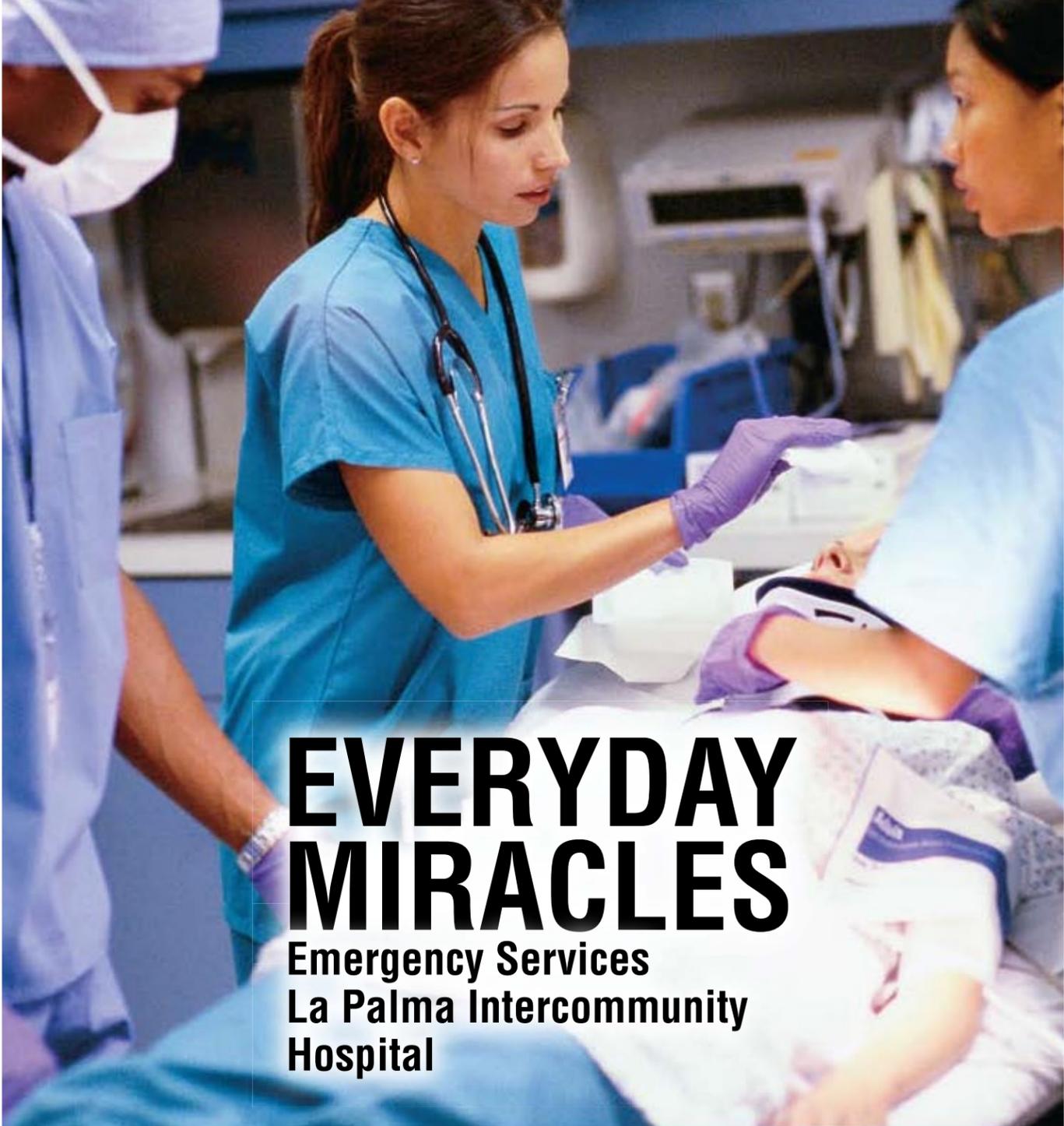
Phillips told HMG-CN the Clothes Closet actually began 15 years ago as a small outreach. A church member wanted to help children in need. The BUSD was contacted to find families that may not have the funds to supply winter clothing. Soon after Caring Connections contacted the church and Coats 4 Kids went in to full swing

Lord's Church LA was established in 1950 in Southern California and it moved in 1966 to the city of Bellflower, CA. Pastors Orvel and Carolyn Phillips strive to reach the area with a pioneering spirit to support each and every resident. Lord's Church LA reaches out with numerous citywide outreach programs, most recently the Bellflower Thanksgiving Dinner which began over 20 years ago, a Christmas & Easter Drama production which began in the early 1970's, and many more.

To donate gently used items contact the Bellflower Unified School District at 562.866.9011 or Caring Connections at (562) 866-9011.



Bellflower Unified School District employees that work with Caring Connections are [l-r] Cesar Rengal, Myra Rodriguez, and Socorro Melgarejo. The BUSD has joined with Caring Connections and The Lord's Church to ensure that every child has a warm winter coat.



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A Holiday Message from La Mirada Mayor Pauline Deal



La Mirada is excited to celebrate the holiday season. The holidays offer some of the City's best programs and events to bring our community together. You and your loved ones won't want to miss taking part in these festive holiday activities.

The Holiday Home Decorating program is officially underway! Many

homes are already beautifully decorated, and there's still time to decorate your home before the December 13 deadline. Top decorated homes in La Mirada will be recognized. We look forward to seeing your creative holiday displays.

Join friends and family at the annual Chili Holiday Celebration on Saturday, December 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Splash!. This event features live entertainment, a tree lighting ceremony, holiday craft making, children's games and train rides. Be sure to arrive hungry as chili, hot dogs, cookies, hot cider, and cocoa will be served.

While at the Chili Holiday Celebration be sure to participate in the Festival of Trees Silent Auction. The holiday trees are uniquely themed and fully-decorated by local non-profit organizations and businesses. Proceeds from the auction support community programs and events.

Now through December 14, all are encouraged to donate new, unwrapped toys and nonperishable food items in support of the Holiday Toy and Food Drive. You may drop off your holiday donations at the Activity Center, Resource Center, Community Gymnasium, Community Sheriff's Station, Splash!, City Hall, and at participating local businesses. This worthwhile program provides gifts and meals to La Mirada families in need this holiday season.

Special mailboxes are placed at City Hall, Splash!, and the Resource Center, for children of all ages to drop off their letters to Santa Claus. Be sure to include a return address on your letter so your child can receive a personalized reply. Letters must be received by December 16 in order to receive a reply.

Celebrate the New Year at Splash! on Friday, January 1 from 2 to 4 p.m.

with the Polar Bear Plunge. Bring family and friends to join as you slide down the waterslides in Buccaneer Bay. The heated 25-yard pool will be open and hot chocolate will be served.

Visit the award-winning La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts! "The Magic of Christmas" starring The Young Americans is playing December 11-20. These performers come together to turn the theatre into a winter wonderland and bring holiday cheer to audiences of all ages.

La Mirada has festive fun for everyone this holiday season. On behalf of the City of La Mirada, I wish everyone a joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,
Pauline Deal
La Mirada Mayor



[l-r] Clerk Soo Yoo, Board members, Sophia Tse, Lynda Johnson, Maynard Law, Letty Mendoza, Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu, newly elected President Olympia Chen and Vice President Chris Apodaca. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

ABCUSD Administers Oath to New Board Members, Officer Vote Signals Changing of the Guard

By Tammye McDuff

The ABC Unified School District welcomed in two new board members, Letty Mendoza and Chris Apodaca, at its regular meeting this past Tuesday night.

Mendoza is the first Latina on the ABC USD school board and is the first member from the city of Artesia. Mendoza was sworn in by her husband Senator Tony Mendoza.

Apodaca also made history as the youngest Latino to serve on the board and was also sworn in by the Senator Mendoza.

Board Member Mendoza, who represents Area 1, thanked her friends and family for all their efforts and support. Mendoza sent a special thanks to Artesia councilman Ali Taj, who walked the entire district with her. Mendoza stated her message throughout the campaign would remain consistent during her term in office, "To recruit and retain the highest qualified teachers for the district, to improve and modernize classrooms and facilities and keep ABC the best it can be."

Apodaca, who represents ABC Area 7 said, "We are one community and as one community we face triumphs together, challenges together, and we laugh and morn together." He stated that he will not only represent his area, but the district as a whole making it a priority that students have access to social and emotional health, that students are prepared for college and the rigors of life in a digital complex world,

Returning school board members are Maynard Law and Sophia Tse. Law served as President of the Board, was elected to the ABC Board in 2007, re-elected in 2011

and in 2015. Law has been a Cerritos resident for 38 years. T

se was elected to the ABC Board in 2007, re-elected in 2011 and again in 2015. Tse is a Director of Post Partum, Nursery and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Chairwoman and Board Member of the Southern California Chinese Culture, and a resident of Cerritos for 27 years.

Law is known to keep the board laughing and as Dr. Mary Sieu administered his oath of office, Law purposely stumbled when he swore, ".... That I take this obligation freely, without mental reservation ..." which drew laughter from the audience and board members.

Law thanked his wife and Chief of Staff for keeping him fed with more than just fast food. "I love doing this and working with kids, we have a world class system, which I am proud to be part of," said Law.

It was the first time for Tse to have her entire family present for her oath of office. Tse stated that all of her children work for the government, one son is a doctor, the other an engineer and her daughter works for Caltrans, and all three are ABC graduates. "I am honored and humbled to have reelected for the next four years," she said.

The 2016 restructured board voted unanimously for Olympia Chen as President. In unprecedented vote and a sign of changing times on the Board, new board member Apodaca was voted in as Vice President. Soo Yoo, Lynda Johnson and Sophia Tse voted against him. Tse stated that she did not feel Apodaca had the experience needed. Later Tse told HMG-CN that she had to vote her conscience and what she felt was right for the school board. The 2016 Board Clerk will be Soo Yoo and Secretary is Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu.

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Citing the firing of GM Tony Perez and the cascade of events that occurred after that, the report stated, "The board has not maintained stability in the district's key executive management position. It has not established essential policies to safeguard the district's long-term financial viability. The board's actions caused the district to lose its liability insurance coverage, resulting in higher costs for less coverage."

After a number of unsuccessful attempts which caused irreparable turmoil within the CB, Apodaca, Roybal, and Vasquez inexplicably fired GM Tony Perez in September 2014.

Sources told HMG-CN that Pacifica Services CEO Ernie Camacho "ordered" the firing because Perez was investigating the billing practices of Pacifica.

"The district consistently engaged in questionable contracting practices by avoiding competitive bidding and inappropriately using amendments to extend and expand contracts."

The report went on, "In recent years, the district's actions have called into question the efficiency and effectiveness of its operations. News reports have focused public attention on a number of issues at the district, some of which we explore in detail in this report. Our audit found that the board's poor leadership has impeded the district's ability to effectively meet its responsibilities."

Again the report cited the insurance fiasco of 2014 that then-GM Tony Perez warned the Board about, "The board's actions caused the district to lose its insurance coverage. Specifically, in 2014 the board did not respond to the conditions required by its then-insurer in a timely manner, and consequently the insurer canceled the district's insurance coverage, including its general liability and employment practices liability coverage."

Later, on a 3-2 vote, Vasquez, Roybal, and Apodaca fired GM Perez. The report slammed the three stating, "Subsequently, in September 2014, after the district had obtained new insurance coverage from private insurance companies, the district's insurance broker warned the district that any changes to senior staff could adversely impact the district's employment practices liability insurance coverage. Despite this warning, the board subsequently fired the district's then-general manager (Perez), and the insurance company did not renew the district's insurance coverage in 2015."

In reference to Apodaca, Roybal

and Vasquez' vote the Auditor said, "As a result, the district had to obtain new coverage yet again and currently pays thousands more for \$1 million less general liability and employment practices liability insurance coverage than previously."

The report once again referred to many of the no-bid contracts first handed out by CB, as first revealed by HMG-CN articles.

They presumably included Pacifica Services, a contract give to Jasmyn Canick, a friend of Leticia Vasquez, a contract awarded to Tafoya and Garcia to investigate the firing of Perez, and many others.

All contracts were voted on a 3-2 line with Apodaca, Roybal and Vasquez voting yes, while Directors Chacon and Hawkins voted no.

The report stated, "Additionally, the district often inappropriately avoided its competitive bidding processes when it awarded contracts to vendors during the period we audited. 13 of the 20 contracts we reviewed the district did not use its competitive bidding process and did not adequately justify why it failed to competitively bid for 11 of these contracts."

Citing former GM Art Aguilar's lavish golf outings mostly with Pacifica's Camacho, as first reported by HMG-CN, the lack of a competitive bidding process opened the district up to favoritism in awarding contracts.

"In early 2015 the Fair Political Practices Commission fined a former general manager and a former board member for accepting gifts in excess of applicable limits from a contractor doing business with the district."

The Auditor then proposed a change in the governance structure of CB saying, "the magnitude of the problems we found suggests that the district could benefit from a different governance structure. Specifically, because the board is publicly elected, it is not directly accountable to its customers, which are the various entities that sell water throughout the district. Other water agencies in the region, including Metropolitan and the San Diego County Water Authority, have boards composed of members appointed by their customers. If the Legislature chose to change the district's governance structure, modifying the structure to increase the board members' accountability to the entities they serve would help to ensure that the board makes decisions that reflect the district's best interest."

The report then cited recommendations for improving CB operations including establishing a formal policy for hiring a general manager, completing a long term financial plan no later than December 2016, completing its planned

water rate study no later than the spring of 2017, creating a formal debt management policy, negotiating for more cost-effective and appropriate insurance, disclosing to the public the true nature and purpose of all of its expenditures, and amending its administrative code by June 2016 to limit its sole-source contracts to emergency situations only.

The report went on to recommend additional steps to ensure its' expenditures do not constitute gifts of public funds including immediately eliminating its allocation of funds to individual board members for community outreach, revising its administrative code by June 2016 to include more specific guidance as to what constitutes a reasonable and necessary use of public funds

CB sent out a statement saying, "In a spirit of collaboration and with a commitment to improved governance, transparency and financial stability, the Central Basin Municipal Water District (District) is reviewing and addressing the recommendations in the State Audit Report released today. The State Audit Report provides valuable insight on steps the District can take to enhance its operations, while recognizing key improvements that have taken place."

"We commend the State Auditor for their high level of professionalism and for identifying areas where Central Basin can be a more effective public agency," said Central Basin General Manager Kevin Hunt. "We are committed to continuing to move Central Basin toward a more transparent, financially stable and effective District."

HMG-CN contacted CB Director Art Chacon who said, "I believe the State Audit is an unfortunate yet realistic portrayal of the District as it is has been governed by its three member majority for the past three years. I take responsibility for missteps made before that time, but I also acted to bring in top management who were familiar with our past problems to make necessary corrections only to have this same majority fire them for doing their job. The irony is that this audit uncovered what those same individuals were investigating three years ago. The only difference is that now those responsible for fleecing the District are long gone and those fired for investigating them have valid lawsuits pending against the District."

One former high-ranking District employee who did not want to be identified said, "The Audit does not take into consideration that an earnest effort was made by the former Board in 2012 to promptly investigate the \$2.75 million trust fund as well as the District's questionable and dubious contracting practices. Once longtime former General Manager Art

Aguilar was pushed out it was like the Board had seen daylight for the first time. They immediately brought in new management familiar with the events that had taken place only to see the new Board majority of Leticia Vasquez, James Roybal and Bob Apodaca dismantle that team. Anyone familiar with Central Basin knows that Roybal, Apodaca and Vasquez displayed total disregard for the financial well-being of the District. The numerous lawsuits make that very clear. Roybal and Vasquez are forever beholden to those that financed their election campaigns. They are collectively unfit to govern. The Audit concludes correctly that the existing Board is not qualified to continue in a decision making capacity"

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State Senator Tony Mendoza's Operation Gobble Event



[l-r] Cerritos College President Dr. Fierro with Felio Lopez and Arthur Miranda from Disabled Veterans of America, Amalia Galindo and State Senator Mendoza.

By Tammye McDuff

As part of 'Operation Gobble' Senator Tony Mendoza once again collected turkeys for charity organizations that assist local families in need.

"Operation Gobble", began in 1988, as a statewide program that provides turkeys and food to families in need. During the holidays, legislators from across the state partner with local charitable organizations who receive turkeys and trimmings for distribution to local families. This year, turkeys will be donated by Cal Water Services, San Gabriel Valley Water Company, Golden State Water Company, Suburban Water Systems and Superior Grocers of Bellflower.

The turkey collection and distribution took place at Cerritos College on Tuesday, November 24th. Over 250 turkeys were collected for the program; Team Mendoza

also works with the Southern California LEAD Foundation, assisting nonprofit organizations with their involvement in donations and collections.

"The holidays are a time to reflect, give thanks, and remember families who are less fortunate," said Senator Mendoza. "I think it is important to assist those who are struggling and let them know that the community cares. This is one way to do that."

Local organizations that will be receiving the turkeys are Barbara J. Riley Community Center-Senior Program, Boys and Girls Club of Whittier, EBAM Education Bodies & Mind, Hawaiian Gardens Food Bank, LA-CADA, Los Nietos Service Center-Food Pantry, Montebello Lions Club

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The holiday POPS! party, a new endeavor for the Symphony, is a great place to host an office holiday party or a special gathering of neighbors, friends or co-workers. To foster such merry-making, the Symphony is offering a group discount for tables of ten. For those seeking a more intimate holiday celebration, Bistro-style seating with 4-top tables, a complimentary drink and private bartender service is available, as well as Loge seating. Regardless of seating preference, patrons are invited to bring their own picnics and libations or to purchase dinner from a list of preferred local caterers. Doors open at 6:30 pm to allow time for dining and mingling with friends; the concert begins at 8:00 p. m. Just bring your dancing shoes and get ready to jingle! The POPS! Series is sponsored, in part, by Farmers & Merchants Bank with additional support for this concert from Valero Energy. Concert tickets start at \$20. For more information, or to purchase tickets or tables, please visit the Symphony's website at www.longbeachsymphony.org or call 562-436-3203.

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NORWALK CHAMBER

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several hundred subscribers, which the Call did not have.

The notice was signed by DeKay.

In reality, DeKay had only published the Call once, a fact that Hansen, Derthick, Kelly, and some of the Chamber Board members also knew.

HMG-CN learned of the false adjudication attempt, filed a Motion to Vacate in Los Angeles Superior Court, and won the case.

DeKay's paper was subsequently declared ineligible and its adjudication was vacated.

But that did not deter DeKay and Hansen, both were determined to adjudicate the newspaper.

The Chamber, according to the purchase agreement, would receive an additional \$1,500 from DeKay once the paper was adjudicated.

Using Chamber Address to Obtain Adjudication

When DeKay first bought the Call, Hansen had allowed DeKay to use the Chamber's address as her own business address. Having an address in the city is one of the requirements to become adjudicated.

After DeKay lost her first attempt to become adjudicated, Hansen, with the knowledge of high-ranking members on the Norwalk Chamber Board, allowed DeKay and her reporter Eric Pierce, to use the office and list the Chamber's address (12040 Foster) as DeKay's business address so she could continue her attempt to obtain the legal adjudication.

Yet an examination of the Chamber's Jan 2013 to March of 2015 financial statements, obtained via a public records request, does not show rental income from DeKay.

In fact, there are no entries related to rental income on any of the statements.

2012 Notice in DeKay's newspaper petitioning court for adjudication.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CENTRAL DISTRICT
IN RE THE PETITION OF THE DOWNEY PATRIOT INC. TO ESTABLISH THE NORWALK BUSINESS CALL AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION,
Notice of Motion and Motion for Order to Establish a Newspaper of General Circulation
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 30, 2012, at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the

Dated April 30, 2012. It usually takes 6 months to get a court date.

2. The Norwalk Business Call is published for the dissemination of local or telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character in the City of Norwalk, California.
3. The business address of the newspaper is 12040 Foster Road, Norwalk, CA 90650. The paper's business address also is the location of its principal office of publication.

Business address is 12040 Foster, which is the Chamber's address.

5. During the three-year period preceding the filing of this petition, the newspaper has maintained a minimum coverage of local news and intelligence of a general character of not less than twenty-five percent of its total inches. WHEREFORE, the petitioner prays that the

Petition states the Chamber's paper had published for 3 years prior to 2012.

VERIFICATION
I, Jennifer DeKay-Givens, declare as follows: I am president of The Downey Patriot, Inc., publisher of the Norwalk Business Call. I have read the foregoing Petition and know the contents of it, and attest to its accuracy in all respects. I state the foregoing as a matter of personal knowledge, and if called upon to testify as to these matters, I could and would do so competently.
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and this declaration was executed at Downey, California, on March 13, 2012.
Jennifer DeKay-Givens

Signed by DeKay dated Mar. 13, 2012, the paper was purchased Mar. 7, 2012

Possible Misuse of Public Funds

More egregious, the office arrangement is being granted even though the Chamber does not own the building and pays rent monthly from its' only bank account.

And that is where Hansen could be gifting public funds, allowing DeKay - and her for-profit company - usage of the office address inside a non-profit company, while not charging DeKay rent.

The Chamber receives a \$3,150 monthly subsidy check, funded by Norwalk taxpayers, from the City of Norwalk, which is co-mingled with other monies in the Chamber's bank account.

When Hansen issues a check for the Chamber's rent from the bank account, the funds are co-mingled, making it impossible to separate City money from other money.

Given that the Norwalk Chamber receives a \$3,150 monthly check from the City of Norwalk, that the Chamber pays rent for the building using that money, and that the Chamber does not charge DeKay rent, Hansen could be guilty of misusing and gifting public funds in an attempt to help DeKay obtain the adjudication.

Yet Another Adjudication Attempt

Now DeKay and her attorney have set a new court date in Jan. 2016 in yet another questionable attempt to obtain adjudication; an attempt that could land DeKay, Hansen, and the Chamber in legal hot water.

When DeKay's attorneys appear in court, they will have to follow through with the claim that DeKay has an office inside the Norwalk Chamber; she cannot obtain the adjudication without the office address.

But, as proven by the Chamber financials obtained by HMG-CN via a public records request, DeKay is using the office rent-free.

That would indicate Hansen could be misusing and gifting public funds: not charging DeKay rent while paying the

entire monthly rent using a portion of the City's money.

A less likely scenario would be for DeKay to deny she has an office in Norwalk, but that would indicate she is not being entirely truthful in her sworn statement to the court filed March 2015.

A third scenario is that DeKays' attorneys do not attend the adjudication hearing, and the judge throws out the application for adjudication.

One thing is for certain, the presiding judge will be very interested in evidence presented at the hearing.

Emails into DeKay, Hansen, and Pierce went unreturned.



Norwalk Chamber front door taken this past weekend, with no indication the Norwalk Patriot has an office inside. The name is not found on any windows at the Chamber. The Chamber has allowed DeKay to use their address for three years to obtain adjudication. An Internet search of the Norwalk Patriot will show the Chamber's address.

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Rio Hondo College Science Club Inspires STEM Learning During School Coding Camps



Rio Hondo College computer science professor Shin Liu (2nd from right), Computer Science Club members and club adviser Sam Stokes guided students in creating a winter wonderland during a coding camp held recently at Scott Avenue Elementary School in East Whittier.

By Larry Caballero

Rio Hondo College's Computer Science Club guided 210 students at Scott Avenue Elementary School in East Whittier in creating the magic of a "Frozen" Wonderland during a recent coding camp held for seven fourth- and fifth-grade classes.

The camp is part of an ongoing outreach effort led by Rio Hondo College computer science professor Dr. Shin Liu. It included eight students from the 30-

member club as well as club adviser, Microsoft's Sam Stokes.

Dr. Liu had recently completed a similar camp last year at Gahr High in the ABC Unified School District.

Team members worked with groups of two and three students, using code.org to help them design snowflakes and patterns for a winter scene based on the Disney movie Frozen. "The game-based approach and familiar movie setting helped to encourage students to tackle what might otherwise appear to be tough tasks," Liu said.

Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss said, "Professor Liu and her team are helping to communicate the joy of creation through their coding camps while teaching students critical skills. It's a great example of the support Rio Hondo College provides throughout the community."

Liu has also held camps at schools in Montebello and Artesia, showcasing science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subjects that are increasingly critical to preparation for college and careers.

"Rio Hondo College works hard to encourage students in our community to envision the possibilities for their careers – a process best started well before they begin their higher-education journeys," said Board of Trustees President Madeline Shapiro.

La Mirada Resident Completes Ride to End Polio

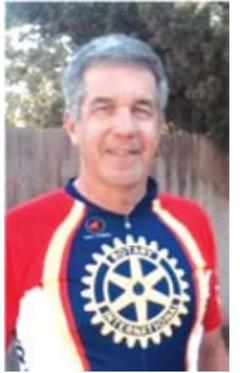
La Mirada cyclist Paul Milward recently rode 100 miles to help raise millions of dollars for the fight to end polio.

Milward travelled to Arizona to ride with some 9,000 other cyclists in El Tour de Tucson.

Riding as a representative of the Rotary Club of La Mirada, Milward dedicated the ride to the memory of his father, Charles Milward, a Santa Fe Springs businessman who suffered from the effects of polio.

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The 2016 Cerritos Community Calendar will be delivered to Cerritos residents and businesses in December. The 2016 calendar features a cover photo of the "Infinity" sculpture in the Cerritos Sculpture Garden. Inside the calendar are photos of City parks, facilities, events, residents and businesses.

The calendar also includes a directory of community clubs and organizations, a roster of elected and appointed officials, performance dates for the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts and dates for various City meetings and events.

The calendars will be delivered door-to-door by a delivery service. Calendars are limited to one copy per home or business in Cerritos. Those who have not received a calendar by Wednesday, December 30 can visit the City's Communications Division in City Hall to request one.

BUENA PARK'S CANDY CANELAND & CRAFT FAIRE

Bring the whole family to the 45th Annual Candy Caneland and Craft Faire this Saturday, Dec. 5, at Ehlers Event Center, 8150 Knott Ave. from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Center will be transformed into a winter wonderland with spectacular decorations and activities for the whole family!

Free activities include children's snow hills with a small slide for the little ones, and two large slides for the bigger kids and parents. There will also be a petting zoo, jump houses, a craft area for kids, stage entertainment, and visits with Santa Claus.

Event parking will be very limited at Ehlers Event Center. Visitors are encouraged to use the free shuttle bus which will run continuously to and from Peak Park, 7225 El Dorado Dr., from 9 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The shuttle ride is less than five minutes from the event and all shuttles are operated by our friendly Community Services staff. Look for the shuttles marked Ehlers Express!

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The Tree People Visit Lakewood Center

By Tammye McDuff

Got dirt? The Lakewood Center did last month as Dr. Dirt visited the popular shopping mall, sponsored by National Geographic Kids Club.

In 1970, as a 15-year old, Andy Lipkis wanted to help with the smog-damaged mountains of Los Angeles. Lipkis and a group of other teenagers planted trees three years prior at summer camp in the San Bernardino Mountains and found that smog from Los Angeles was drifting up to the mountains and killing the forest. He rallied his fellow campers, tore up a parking lot, planted smog-tolerant trees ... and Tree People was born.

Three years later [1973] Lipkis founded Tree People. A practical visionary, Lipkis has dedicated his life to his passion to heal the environment and improve lives of individuals and communities. Recognized as a global social entrepreneur, he speaks to people around the world about how to make cities healthier by investing in trees and forest-inspired technologies making cities safe, and resilient while mitigating floods, drought, pollution, and climate change.

Since then, Tree People staff has gone on to plant more than two million trees in the Los Angeles area and have developed one of the nation's largest environmental education programs.

Tree People wants to instill the vision for a more environmentally friendly sustainable world.

With the creation of Dr. Dirt, children learn about the differences of types

of dirt, how to make mulch medicine [the making and use of compost], how to plant, nurture, and grow seedlings into living plants. As part of the rocks and minerals theme, children also learn how mulch medicine helps to conserve water.

Children are able to interact with Dr. Dirt, take a tree planting home and learn about sustaining trees during droughts to maintain an ample canopy and a clean reliable local water supply. Kids learn how trees clean the air and provide oxygen, how trees conserve energy by keeping streets and cities cooler, and interact with a hands on demonstration on how trees save water children learn that trees help prevent water pollution.

When not busy traveling the globe speaking, or working here in LA, Lipkis loves to cook and dig in his garden. "I love growing what I eat and going to as many farmers' markets as I can. It is one of my favorite ways to connect to the earth and community."



Tree People reps. (l-r) Virdiana Auger-Velez, Community Education Manager; Zoe Dubs, Educator; Areti Athanasopoulos, Educator; Amanda Begley, Educator.

BELOW: Dr. Dirt, ak.a. Andy Lipkis talks to children about the different types of dirt, how to make mulch medicine-the making and use of compost.

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CERRITOS, GAHR, VALLEY CHRISTIAN EXPECTED TO HAVE BETTER SEASONS

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

If last season was any indication of what is in store for the Cerritos High, Gahr High and Valley Christian High boys basketball teams this season, then it's quite possible that all three teams could be playing for a California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section divisional championship in early March. All three teams combined to finish 36 games above .500 and that number could be greater this season. John Glenn High, already with a new attitude, welcomes in a new coach while Norwalk High looks to move higher in the Suburban League standings.

ARTESIA PIONEERS

12-15 overall last season, 4-8 in the Suburban League, tied for fourth place, lost to Leuzinger 51-44 in the Division III-A first round playoffs
Head coach: Ray Walker (fourth season, 38-45)

Team's record previous five seasons: 60-77

Last time missed the playoffs: 1981
STARTERS LOST: Dontae Smith (12.5 points per game last season), Chris Pendley (7.9 ppg.), Akil Williams (7.4 ppg.), SR Semaje Chatman (5.4 ppg.), SO Gary Williams (6.7 ppg.)
STARTERS RETURNING: None
OTHERS RETURNING: SR Martin Villeses, JR Rian Hughing, JR Alex Linao, JR Devion Smith

Artesia High head coach Ray Walker thought he would have a team that can stay close to the Suburban League frontrunners. But the losses of two starters, plus a potential key player who was brought up from the junior varsity team at the end of last season curtailed those thoughts.

"I was a little disappointed," Walker said of last season. "And then in our playoff game, we had a lead and lost in the first round. We thought that was a winnable game for us. We didn't play as well as we needed to. But overall, it was a good year. There were more positives than negatives."

Not returning will be seniors Semaje Chatman and Kobe Tupu as well as sophomore Gary Williams, who transferred to Gahr. Now, the Pioneers return only four players from last season's team and according to Walker, all have improved and will play a lot and will possibly be starters. Of the returning players, senior Martin Villeses scored 69 points while juniors Rian Hughing and Devion Smith scored 81 and 120 points respectively.

The key newcomers will be seniors Lorenzo DeLeon and Isaiah Harris,

juniors Zachary Jannane, Kody Pitts and freshman Heder Gladden. Walker says it is frustrating with the lack of returning players, but he still feels confident of the team he has in front of him.

"Yes [it is frustrating], but we're working hard,"

Walker said. "And we had four of them play football. So we haven't seen them for a couple of months. We're excited to get going and having everybody now."

Artesia has moved from Division III-A, which according to Walker was a good fit for the school, to Division IV-AA, which is a much tougher division. In any event, he says he is looking forward to the challenge. As far as a high placing in league, that figures to be a taller task.

"I think the league is very strong," Walker said. "There are quite a few games that can go either way throughout other than the top teams the last couple of years. I know La Mirada and Mayfair have been dominant, and then all the rest of us have been fighting for the next spots. Now, Cerritos has been playing really well."

CERRITOS DONS

17-12 overall last season, 10-2 in the Suburban League, second place in the Suburban League, lost to Hart 68-47 in the Division II-A second round playoffs
Co-head coaches: Kevin Enomoto (first season) and Jonathan Watanabe (15th season overall, 203-189)

Team's record previous five seasons: 71-69

Last time missed the playoffs: 2007
STARTERS LOST: Andrew Bui (4.2 points per game), Henry Buycks (9.3 ppg.), J.J. Rivera (4.9 ppg.), Jimmy Tsang

STARTERS RETURNING: SR Evan Leonard (21.8 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Trenton Abundo (5.0 ppg.), SR Jaylen Jones, SR Uchenna Nnoli, SR Brandon Yoon

Cerritos has not won a Suburban League title since 1997 and all of the early indications point to the Dons to be celebrating a long-awaited league crown this season. The Dons will be co-coached by longtime head coach Jonathan Watanabe and Kevin Enomoto. Those two have been coaching together for 15 years and are looking to build off of last season's success. The 10 league wins were

the most since Cerritos left the Mission Valley League and joined the Suburban League for the 1998-1999 season. Cerritos was also the only league school to defeat state champion La Mirada High and Mayfair High last season.

"It was a good year," Watanabe said. "We were one shy of what we wanted to accomplish. But I thought we accomplished a lot last year. We took some big steps forward. To lose out to the state champion is tough. But to also say that we beat the state champion is also nice as well. But again it's not where we want to be. It's close but you don't get anything for being close."

The heart and soul of this season's team is senior Evan Leonard, who recently signed a letter of intent to play at the University of California, Irvine. Leonard scored at least 10 points in 27 of 29 games last season including a career-high 42 points against Mayfair on Feb. 2. He also had two 40-point games and scored at least 30 points five other times. With Leonard leading the charge, it's possible that he could be the league's most valuable player, especially if the Dons win the league title.

"Those are things that I think will go hand in hand," Watanabe said. "At least from our league standpoint, it seems that the league M.V.P. typically comes from the league championship team. In order for him to win M.V.P., our team has to win the league championship. It's not just Evan; our surrounding pieces are very good. We have a really good team this year and I think the unselfishness of the entire team is what's going to help us to pursue that championship and maybe get over the hump this year."

But there's more to Cerritos than Leonard. Watanabe says the other four returning seniors-Trenton Abundo, Jaylen Jones, Uchenna Nnoli, and Brandon Yoon-will join Leonard in the starting rotation and all five will play different roles. Among the newcomers, juniors Timothy En and Jason Fernandez will help the team, according to Watanabe. But he says all six sophomores are a 'super talented group', especially sophomore Jyvonnte Moore, who will help the Dons on the board and is a 'rebound machine'. The other sophomores are Nathan Amanuel, Jason Anigbo, Vincent Briscoe, Destin Flucas and Bryan Sur.

"We love our five returning seniors," Watanabe said. "All of them have a lot of experience. Then we have a lot of young talent. So we're trying to blend the two together and use both of them with the experience of the older guys and the talent of the younger guys."

"Up until now, I've been helping him throughout his years as an underclassman," Enomoto said of Leonard. "I guess my goal this year is to make sure he doesn't let down. He just continues to get better. It's not over for him yet, even though he has the scholarship coming. I want him to make sure that he's on the right path."

Watanabe added that the 2010 and 2011 teams also had good chances to win the league, just as much of a chance as Cerritos has this season. The Dons came in second place in both of those seasons and advanced to the quarterfinals in 2011. In any event, this season looks to be even better, especially with Enomoto, recently the junior varsity coach, as a co-head coach.

"I'm pretty excited too," Enomoto said. "That's why we're doing this for the first time. This is probably the year that might be the best time to start coaching together. For me, it will be a different tune because it's the first time on the varsity team on a daily basis. It will be fun."

"I've always asked him if he wanted to come up and coach and he's always wanted to have his own team," Watanabe said. "This year I think we both feel that we have a good opportunity to win it all. What he brings is best for this group...and he'll make a huge impact for us."

GAHR GLADIATORS

26-8 overall last season, 9-1 in the San Gabriel Valley League, league champions, lost to Sonora 66-54 in the Division III-AA championship game, lost to Cathedral 84-72 in Division III second round state playoffs
Head coach: Ricky Roper (sixth season, 98-53)

Team's record previous five seasons: 98-53

Last time missed the playoffs: 1997
STARTERS LOST: Gregory Carlyle (15.3 points per game), Jeremy Carlyle (17.6 ppg.), Darrell Harris (6.7 ppg.),
STARTERS RETURNING: SR Justin Smith (6.6 ppg.), JR Marvin Bragg (11.0 ppg.)
OTHERS RETURNING: SR Evan Anderson, JR Tony Crosby

For the third time in the past seven seasons, and second under head coach Ricky Roper, the Gladiators advanced to a divisional championship game.

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ARTESIA GIRLS' SOCCER DOMINATE GAHR IN SEASON OPENER

By Loren Kopff
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The Artesia High girls soccer team christened the 2015-2016 season with a complete dominating performance against ABC Unified School District rival Gahr High this past Tuesday afternoon. Four different players scored and a fifth had a chance to notch a pair of goals in a 4-0 victory at Atkins Stadium.

"It was the first preseason game and I think we were a little nervous in the beginning," said Artesia head coach Octavio Marquez. "In the first half I thought we played well. We moved the ball well, we dominated [but] we were able to just get one. But the girls kept working and even though it took us a little longer than we wanted, we were able to put in three more in the second half."

In the 15th minute, senior defender Guadalupe Trejo fed a pass to senior forward Alondra Acosta for the first goal of the season. Seven minutes later, Trejo took a free kick from the left side of the penalty



HMG-CN Sports Editor Loren Kopff

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arc but her shot hit the crossbar. Then with four minutes left in the first half, Trejo missed another opportunity with a second shot that hit the crossbar.

"Lupe brings a lot; she's my captain," Marquez said. "She's a four-year varsity player and she has that experience. She knows what it takes to play at the varsity level. She's just going to be big this season."

The Pioneers took seven shots on goal and kept the pressure on in the second half with eight more shots. But this time, three of those found the back of the net. In the 65th minute freshman midfielder Michelle Albarca made it 2-0. Three minutes later, sophomore forward Brittany Llanes

converted on a penalty kick. Then three minutes after that, junior defender Alexis Gonzalez completed the scoring.

Artesia hosted Lakewood High on Dec. 3 and will visit Lynwood High on Saturday before entertaining Santa Fe High on Tuesday and Paramount High on Thursday. The Gladiators hosted Norwalk High on Dec. 3 and will be home to St. Paul High on Tuesday and El Rancho High on Thursday.

In other girls soccer action, freshman Kennedy Wesley scored a pair of goals to lead Valley Christian High past St. Anthony High 2-1 this past Wednesday. The Lady Crusaders hosted California High on Dec. 3 and will compete in the South Torrance High Tournament on Saturday before returning home to face Ontario Christian High on Tuesday. V.C. travels to Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High on Thursday.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Cerritos High and Gahr will wrap up their co-hosted tournament on Saturday and could face each other in the finals for the second year in a row. Artesia hosts its tournament beginning on Tuesday while

Norwalk High faced Valley Christian on Dec. 3. Those two teams will participate in the 55th annual V.C. Tournament beginning on Monday. John Glenn High travels to Whitney High on Wednesday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Former Norwalk standout running back Rashaad Penny is one of the key reasons why San Diego State University will be hosting the Air Force Academy in the Mountain West Conference championship game on Saturday. Penny was named the MWC's Special Teams Player of the Year this past Tuesday.

Penny became the first SDSU special teams player in school history to garner the award. He was third with 1,060 all-purpose yards for the 9-3 Aztecs, winners of eight straight games, and had 617 kickoff yards on 19 returns. Two of those returns went for touchdowns of 97 and 100 yards. The two kickoff returns for scores ties a school record with Colin Lockett, who accomplished the feat in 2012.

HOLIDAY DONATION PROGRAMS OFFERED

Staff Report

This holiday season, residents are invited to donate to local community programs.

The annual "Toys for Tots" program sponsored by the United States Marine Corps in cooperation with the City of Cerritos provides gifts to local underprivileged children. Clubs, families and individuals are encouraged to donate dolls, crafts, toy cars, building blocks, books and other items for infants and

children. Possible gifts for teens include notebooks, games, curling irons, blow dryers, books or CDs. New, unwrapped items are requested to help make sorting and delivery more efficient.

Toys for Tots donations can be dropped off through Wednesday, December 16 in one of the Toys for Tots bins at Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Library, Heritage Park, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, Liberty Park, Cerritos Park East, Cerritos Olympic Swim Center and Cerritos Sheriff's Station. Marines stationed in Seal Beach will deliver the toys to several agencies serving local children. For more information, call (562) 865-8101.

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ing Tree Program brightens Christmas for needy children. Pick up tags before Friday, December 11 from the Angel Tree located in the Cerritos Senior Center. Each tag (for infants through 12-year-olds) lists the child's age, gender, clothing size and toy request. Bring the donations - with the original tags - to the Cerritos Senior Center on or before Wednesday, December 16.

Monetary donations and grocery store gift cards are being sought for the annual Artesia-Cerritos Community Christmas Program (ACCCP), benefiting hundreds of local disadvantaged families. Donations will be accepted through Tuesday, December 8 at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park and Holy Family

Catholic Church in Artesia (18708 S. Clarkdale Avenue). Checks or money orders can be mailed to the Artesia-Cerritos Community Christmas Program (ACCCP), P.O. Box 4803, Cerritos, CA 90703. For more information on volunteering and the ACCCP, call (562) 860-1582.

A 1st CEB Adoption Committee Toy Drive will collect new, unwrapped toys and gift cards (valued at \$15) for the children of 1st CEB Marines and sailors. Donations will be accepted from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, December 12 at the Cerritos Civic Center in front of the Sheriff's Station. For more information, contact Mickey Christianson at (562) 924-2159 or nomadmic@aol.com.

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And now, Gahr is hungry for more and looks to surpass last season's 26-8 mark, something it has done twice in the last five seasons.

"It's a new journey," Roper said. "We have a lot of talent and we're pretty young. We had a successful summer and a successful fall. But right now, just like every year at this time, we're just focused on getting better."

For the Gladiators to be as good as or even better than last season, they'll have to do it without Gregory and Jeremy Carlyle, both of whom combined to average close to 33 points a game. Those two are now showcasing their talents at Trinity International University, a NAIA institution in Deerfield, IL.

"Those guys are special of anyone I have coached at Gahr or at Nogales," Roper said. "I'm pretty fortunate to have coached a CIF championship team at Gahr. But those two are up there with anybody I've coached."

Now, the torch has been passed on to seniors Evan Anderson and Justin Smith and juniors Marvin Bragg and Tony Crosby, the lone returning players from last season. Roper says Anderson, Bragg and Smith have showed a lot of leadership during the offseason.

Seniors Justin Garrett and De'Jah Pickett, who were on varsity two seasons ago but didn't play last season due to football injuries, are back this season. Gahr will also get big contributions from a pair of sophomores- Christopher "Scooter" Smith, who is a transfer from Bellflower High, and Gary Williams, who played for Artesia last season.

"Our guys competed really hard in the offseason," Roper said. "The last three or four years we really challenged ourselves in the summer leagues and fall leagues that we compete in. We've played a lot of Open Division-type teams and competed with those types of teams."

Last season's San Gabriel Valley League championship was Gahr's first since 2010 when the Gladiators fell in the

semifinals. And just two seasons ago, the Gladiators finished tied for third place with a 5-5 mark. Obviously, the league will be tough again but repeating as league champs and returning to the Honda Center are not out of the question.

"It sounds corny but last year, we knew we could win the CIF championship," Roper said.

"Obviously we didn't but we came pretty close. But it's not something we really talked about. The group we have [this season] is pretty talented. They just don't have the reps together.

"I love our group; I'm real excited about this group," he later said. "I think we have the potential to do some great things. I don't know how we'll do coming out of the gate, but this is a group that could potentially be playing really well in February."

JOHN GLENN EAGLES
2-14 overall last season, 1-11 in the Suburban League, seventh place
Head coach: Alfred Sterling (first season)

Team's record previous five seasons: 18-110

Last time made the playoffs: 2014
STARTERS LOST: Javier Avalos (3.0 points per game), Daniel Morales (7.5 ppg.), Alan Solorzano (3.2 ppg.)
STARTERS RETURNING: SR Nathan Lopez (3.9 ppg.), JR Hugo Anguiano (6.1 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Uriel Trejo, JR Sean Espinoza, JR Cruz Gomez (8.7 ppg.)

It was once again another disappointing season for John Glenn and as a result, the Eagles will have a new head coach, their fourth in the past six seasons. Alfred Sterling, who previously coached at Lakewood High as a junior varsity coach and was the assistant varsity coach for the past four seasons, becomes a head varsity coach for the first time. Sterling says he will bring accountability to Glenn, holding each player accountable for actions on and off the court. He adds that he doesn't believe in transfers but instead believes in working with what he

has and doing things the old fashioned way

"It has always been a lifelong dream of mine to be a head varsity coach," Sterling said. "And learning from [Valley Christian High girls varsity head coach] Dominic Freeman the ins and outs of doing it, it's something that has always been a passion of mine. I'm really appreciative of Glenn of giving me an opportunity to lead this program back to where it needs to be."

Sterling says the biggest thing is trying to get the kids to buy in with another challenge by just teaching them basketball. He continues by saying a lot of these kids haven't learned the proper way of playing basketball and the proper way of being a part of a team.

The Eagles will return five players from last season's seventh place team, the seventh straight season that the program has finished in last place in the Suburban League. Junior Hugo Anguiano will be the most experienced and dynamic player while senior Nathan Lopez will have a great role on the team. Sterling says that Lopez will be a great defender and that junior Cruz Gomez will be the anchor on defense and primary option on offense. Junior Sean Espinoza is considered to be the team's best shooter and will be the backup point guard.

As far as the new players to varsity, Sterling says senior Miguel Chavez will be a main contributor and is a good rebounder. Junior Lucas Aguirre will be the starting point guard and junior Armando Mendoza can be the player who will do it all.

"I kind of wanted a fresh, clean slate when I got here," Sterling said. "A lot of the players played on the lower levels that have moved up to varsity. It's not really discouraging; it's more of a welcoming challenge."

Glenn has not had a winning record in over 17 seasons and has not finished above fourth place since 2000 when the team won nine games and fell in the first round of the playoffs. The last time Glenn won 10 games was during the 2006-2007 season but lost all 12 league games.

"I think we have enough talent to get

to the playoffs," Sterling said. "I put a lot of pressure on myself and I challenge them every day to win the day in practice. If they continue to do that, I think the sky's the limit for our team. I think we have a great opportunity to shock some people."

NORWALK LANCERS
9-18 overall last season, 4-8 in the Suburban League, tied for fourth place, lost to Northwood 57-35 in the Division III-AA first round playoffs
Head coach: Jim Webster (14th season, 130-218)

Team's record previous five seasons: 56-82

Last time missed the playoffs: 2012
STARTERS LOST: None
STARTERS RETURNING: SR Greg Deed, SR David Suarez (8.3 points per game), SR Omar Tinoco (3.0 ppg.), SR Keno Valdenor (7.4 ppg.), JR Jordan Volpei (10.9 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Manuel Baiza, SR Emmanuel Lateju, SR Rudy Tellez, JR Brendan Schultheis

If it seems like Norwalk has been all over the place in the Suburban League standings over time, it's because it has. Since the 2007-2008 season, the Lancers have finished everywhere at least once except for first place. Norwalk finished in a tie for fourth place last season, but head coach Jim Webster felt his team could have done better.

"There were about three of four games I think we could have won if we would have had a little bit more experience," Webster said. "We really didn't have any seniors that had experience. So that void didn't help us. But overall, we played a lot of good games."

If there was a time for the Lancers to make a strong push for one of the top spots that is predicted to be occupied by Cerritos, La Mirada and Mayfair, that time is now. Norwalk returns all five starters and has a solid bench that makes the team a good candidate to win 15-20 games.

All of the returning starters are solid and senior Keno Valdenor has

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This project is funded with Federal Community Development Block Grant funds. Davis-Bacon and Section 3 requirements will apply.

BY ORDER OF THE NORWALK CITY COUNCIL of the City of Norwalk, California this 17th day of November 2015.
/s/ Theresa Devoy, CMC
 City Clerk Of The City Of Norwalk

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CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission of the City of La Mirada on **Thursday, December 17, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California to consider the following:

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: THE CITY OF LA MIRADA PLANNING COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF TITLE 21 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE ZONING DISTRICTS IN WHICH MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS MAY LOCATE AND THE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS.

At the hearing, the Planning Commission will consider the environmental assessment, staff's report and recommendation as well as all testimony and public input prior to making a final decision. The documents being considered are available for review at the City's Community Development Department office located at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. Final action by the City Council will occur at a subsequent public hearing that will be duly noticed.

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

Please notify the City Clerk at (562) 943-0131, extension 2302, at least four days prior to this hearing should you require a disability-related accommodation (e.g. sign language interpreter).

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

Gabriel Bautista
 City Planner

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improved his shooting since last month and is starting to gain some confidence, according to Webster. He added that the team has been focusing a lot on defense the last month. But the big player will be junior Jordan Volpei, who shined as a sophomore. Volpei came on strong towards the end of last season, scoring at least 25 points in three straight games from Jan. 30-Feb. 6.

"I think we knew he could score," Webster said. "That second round of league he showed he could finish the shots that we were getting him. He can definitely score, so hopefully he can continue to do that for the whole season this year."

Webster says that the other returning players are putting pressure on the starters to stay sharp. New to the varsity squad will be seniors Jose Cruz, Enrique Juarez and Lee Santos and juniors David Balderas and Jacob Molina.

"We're slowly trying to figure it out, if there are any new guys who are going to bust that [starting] lineup," Webster said. "But we do have a lot of experience back. I'm hoping that that does pay dividends this year; that they do start seeing it and it clicks and our starters are solid."

"It will definitely be tough this year," Webster later said. "Even though there are still some really good teams, it seems more balanced. We'll see. There's hope that we can contribute and compete against every team. And whether or not that comes out as a win...really, we can be anywhere from top to bottom if we're not focused on every game. If we're not sharp, we could lose to everyone."

VALLEY CHRISTIAN CRUSADERS
23-10 overall last season, 4-4 in the Olympic League, third place, lost to Maranatha 67-55 in the Division IV-A semifinals, lost to Crespi 68-48 in the Division IV second round state playoffs

Head coach: Bryan Branderhorst (10th season, 141-116)

Team's record previous five seasons: 67-75

Last time missed the playoffs: 2011

STARTERS LOST: Kyle Westra

STARTERS RETURNING: SR Ronald Massey (7.7 ppg.), SR Jordan Mitchell (6.3 ppg.), SR Vaj Rice (12.3 ppg.), JR Johnny Johnson (7.7 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Stedmon Bryant (9.7 ppg., 21 games), SR Robert Downs (5.3 ppg.), SR Jordan Lam, JR Jalen Hines, JR Aaron Purnell

Nothing says experience like the team head coach Bryan Branderhorst will coach this season. The Crusaders are stacked in all areas and if they fell one game short of advancing to the divisional finals last season, it's quite possible they could go one step farther. Branderhorst said it's hard to compare the 2008 Division IV-A championship team to last season's team. He says athleticism and talent does not equal success all the time and it's hard to project 27 wins, which was accomplished in that 2007-2008 season. But, the current team is deeper and most talented team Branderhorst has ever had.

"I think we just try to take one more step," Branderhorst said. "Those are the things that I think motivated our entire team in the offseason. I try not to worry about product as much as process right now at this time of the year. There are so many factors that go into whether or not you advance deep in the CIF or state tournament. Of course we have those sorts of goals in mind."

Even though seniors Ronald Massey, Jordan Mitchell and Vaj Rice and junior Johnny Johnson were consistent starters

last season, look for seniors Stedmon Bryant and/or Robert Downs to be starters this season. Johnson and Massey were second team all-Olympic League members last season. Branderhorst says Mitchell has been, in a lot of ways, the backbone of the team for the past three years and is an incredible leader who is selfless and maybe doesn't fill up the box score but is a coach's dream in terms of just doing all the little stuff and making other players look good. Junior Aaron Purnell is in the mix to be a starter and is 'incredibly versatile' who can play the wing, go inside against smaller guys, one of the best perimeter defenders.

"I think you have to start with our first team, all-CIF guys of last year, both Stedman and Vaj," Branderhorst said when talking about his team. "Stedmon certainly was not healthy all year last year. He got hurt just before Thanksgiving and he limped his way back into competition a little bit after Christmas. He was never quite right. I think his injuries of last year caused him to be a smarter player; to not rely on quickness and athleticism, but more on his imagination, his creativity and his mind and his skills. Vaj is incredible with his amount of versatility with his ability to step out and shoot the three-point shot, to push the break and lead that, to bang around the rim and get easy buckets and to take care of the glass."

Senior Robert Downs and junior Jalen Hines played significant minutes and finished games last season while senior Jordan Lam is a gritty defender. As for the newcomers to varsity, Branderhorst says sophomore Jacob Green will play significant minutes and sophomore Trevor Laparl, who transferred from Lakewood High and won't play until January, will also battle for minutes.

The schedule that Branderhorst has in front of him is by far the most difficult he has ever had. In addition to hosting its own tournament, V.C. will compete in the North Orange County Tournament and the Orange Holiday Classic. The Crusaders will also face a tough Paramount High team from the San Gabriel Valley League before getting into a highly contested Olympic League.

"I wouldn't be surprised if we won our league," Branderhorst said. "I don't think anyone would be surprised if Village [Christian] won our league or if Maranatha won our league. It's hard to say. There are so many unknowns. These

teams have guys I haven't seen before. They bring guys in from the four corners of the world; from Australia and the Sudan and wherever they can find them. There's not going to be one easy league win on our schedule."

WHITNEY WILDCATS

10-15 overall last season, 5-7 in the Academy League, fourth place, lost to Trinity Classical Academy 52-38 in the Division IV-A first round playoffs

Head coach: Ruben Guerrero (ninth season, 97-104)

Team's record previous five seasons: 64-61

Last time missed the playoffs: 2014

STARTERS LOST: David Lu, Tim Han (6.2 points per game), Antony Thomas (7.3 ppg.)

STARTERS RETURNING: SR Michael Hamakawa (4.6 ppg.), SO Heaven Flores (7.3 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Luigi Gonzales, SR K.J. Hardrict (4.9 ppg.), JR Ben Barnett, JR Peter Kang

When reflecting back on last season, head coach Ruben Guerrero thought his team made some costly errors that could have resulted in victories instead of losses, especially early in the season. Looking back, he thought the Wildcats should have been 12-13 or even 13-12. Still, the Wildcats advanced to the postseason for the sixth time in Guerrero's time at Whitney.

"I think last year overall was more of a, 'let's see where we're at' season," Guerrero said. "We underachieved, I think. We could have done a little bit better. Maybe not leaps and bounds but we could have done a little bit better. But I think overall it was actually a pretty good season."

Whitney returns a pair of starters in

senior Michael Hamakawa and sophomore Heaven Flores, the latter turning out to be a rare oddity. Flores scored in all but one regular season game and reached double figures five times. Look for Flores to be the anchor in Whitney's offense.

"The addition of Heaven was a pleasant surprise," Guerrero said. "We don't get too many athletes like him here at Whitney. He actually proved himself early in the season and actually took a starting position from a senior and maintained it, which is rare here."

Senior Luigi Gonzales returns after sitting out last season due to medical reasons but the other three returning players are average and will need to step up their game to complement Flores and Hamakawa. Guerrero said that senior K.J. Hardrict took the initiative during the offseason to do whatever he could to get better, including being a member of the track and field team as well as playing for a club team.

The top rookies to the varsity squad will be sophomores Adi Jahic, who was actually a late call-up to varsity last season and scored four points at Crean Lutheran High on Feb. 7 and Daniel Sou, whom Guerrero says is an excellent shooter.

The Wildcats will once again face an uphill battle in the Academy League and should compete for a playoff spot, even if it's not one of the top three spots. It will be tough to reach Crean Lutheran and St. Margaret's High, who were co-league champs and combined to go 40-10 in the regular season.

"We have a good group," Guerrero said. "We're a small group, so we're just looking to push the ball and get a lot of shots off, similar to what the Golden State Warriors are doing or what the Showtime [Los Angeles] Lakers did. We're just trying to get the score up and see if the other team can keep up with us."

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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 Regular Planning Commission Meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Artesia City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday December 15, 2015 to conduct a Public Hearing to consider the following item(s):

Case No. 2015-27 Conditional Use Permit and Design Review

A request for approval of an application for Design Review to allow the construction of a new 4,029 square foot two unit commercial retail building on real property located at 12154 Artesia Boulevard in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone, a concurrent request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow a drive through restaurant in one of the units in the proposed commercial retail building, a request for approval of an application for a Development Agreement in Case No. 2015-27 was filed by 7 Leaves Cafe, Inc. (the "Applicant") pursuant to Government Code Sections 65865 through 65869.5, and making a determination of categorical exemption under CEQA. Resolution No. 2015-21P and 2015-22P

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 this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Artesia Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and express their opinion on the matters listed above.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a public hearing in the City Council Chambers of the Artesia City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, and Artesia at 7:00 p.m. on, Tuesday, December 15, 2015 to consider the following items:

Case No. 2015-23 Code Amendment
An ordinance of the City of Artesia, California, adopting updated water efficient landscaping standards, amending Article 15.5 ("Water Efficient Landscape") of Chapter 2, ("Zoning") of Title 9 ("Planning and Zoning") of the Artesia Municipal Code, and making a determination under CEQA

Case No. 2015-24 Code Amendment
An ordinance of the City of Artesia, California, recommending the city council to approve a zoning code amendment to prohibit marijuana cultivation, and making a determination of exemption under CEQA.

If you challenge this action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and express opinion on the matter listed above.

For additional information, please contact the City Clerk's office at Artesia City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia (562) 865-6262.

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CITY OF CERRITOS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF THREE (3) ROTARY GAS METERS AND RELATED HARDWARE FOR THREE (3) ENGINES LOCATED AT 16540 MARQUARDT AVENUE, CERRITOS, CA

BID NO. 1232-16

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 Wednesday, December 16, 2015, for the supply and installation of three (3) rotary gas meters and related hardware for three (3) engines located at 16540 Marquardt Avenue.

Bids will be publicly opened at Cerritos City Hall at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. 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, and marked "Bid for Supply and Installation of three (3) rotary gas meters and related hardware for three (3) engines located at 16540 Marquardt Avenue, Cerritos, CA Bid No. 1232-16".

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.

Please contact Support Services Division (562) 916-1318 to obtain specifications and contract documents.

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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than 11:00 AM on the 4th day of January Bids for:

- ABC Bid # 1451 Local Phone Service
ABC Bid # 1452 Optical Ethernet Service

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bid Form shall be available on the ABC Unified School District Website (www.ABCUSD.k12.ca.us) starting December 7, 2015. Hard copies of the bid response shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. No electronic submission shall be accepted.

All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, and possession of valid California License Class B or Class 10. Public Works contractors and subcontractors must be DIR Certified. MBE, WBE companies are encouraged to bid. Bidders shall adhere to Davis-Bacon Act. Any providers/contractors who are listed on the Federal Debarment List are disqualified from bidding.

In compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45 - Public Welfare, Subtitle A - Department of health and Human Services Part 92 - Uniform Administrative Requirement for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, the District endeavors to solicit bids from small and minority firms, women's business enterprise and labor surplus area firms General Contractors are encouraged to do the same for subcontractors.

SPIN number is required at the time of bid opening and shall be listed on the bid documents.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 676 APPROVING PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT NO. 55 TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 33 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM UNITS AT 12000 LA MIRADA BOULEVARD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 8, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, the City Council of the City of La Mirada will consider adopting its Ordinance No. 676 entitled "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Mirada Approving Planned Unit Development No. 55 to Allow for the Construction of 33 Single-Family Residential Condominium Units at 12000 La Mirada Boulevard".

Summary of Ordinance No. 676

Ordinance No. 676 of the City Council of the City of La Mirada would approve Planned Unit Development No. 55, and amend the zoning map of the City of La Mirada to be consistent with the provisions of the Planned Unit Development (PUD). The proposed PUD would consist of two-story, attached and detached single family condominiums, with perimeter landscaping, decorative exterior block walls, private street network and vehicle access from La Mirada Boulevard. Provisions have been made for public and private open space at least equivalent to that required in the existing High Density Residential (R-4) Zoning District in which the Project would be located.

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 676 is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk

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CITY OF CERRITOS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE
MAINTENANCE OF CERRITOS ARTERIAL, CENTER MEDIAN & ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LANDSCAPED AREAS
BID NO. 1231-16

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

Project Identification: MAINTENANCE OF CERRITOS ARTERIAL, CENTER MEDIAN AND ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LANDSCAPED AREAS, BID NO. 1231-16

Project Description: The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of the proper maintenance of the landscape material and irrigation systems in the areas specified in the contract documents.

Mandatory, Pre-Bid Conference: Friday, December 11, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. Cerritos City Hall, 18125 Bloomfield Ave., Cerritos, CA 90703

Bids must be received on or before: Tuesday, December 22, 2015, 11:00 a.m.

Bids will be opened on: Tuesday, December 22, 2015, 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: "MAINTENANCE OF CERRITOS ARTERIAL, CENTER MEDIAN AND ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LANDSCAPED AREAS, BID NO. 1231-16"

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

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

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

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

No bid will be accepted from a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. The contractor must possess a license of the following classification at the time the contract is awarded (and must maintain this license classification through completion of the project): "C27." The bidder's attention is also directed to Section 7028.15 of the Business and Professions Code for further reference. Only a contractor registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") to bid on public works contracts in California shall be permitted to submit a bid. Furthermore, only subcontractors registered with the DIR to bid on public works contracts in California shall be permitted to perform work or labor or render service under subcontract to the subject contractor.

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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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICIA M. HOSIER
Case No. BP166939

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PATRICIA M. HOSIER

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Beverly Bickel in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Beverly Bickel be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Oct. 28, 2015 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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16400 PACIFIC COAST HWY
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HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 92649

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF TODD YOSHINOBU SAKATA
Case No. BP168780

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of TODD YOSHINOBU SAKATA

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Naomi T. Sakata in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Naomi T. Sakata be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 4, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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Attorney for petitioner:
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1095 NORTH ALLEN AVENUE
PASADENA CA 91104

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
Escrow No. 107-035817

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Bulk Sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the Seller(s) are: LGV CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION AND BINOY KOTHARI, 27315 JEFFERSON AVE, STE C, TEMECULA, CA 92590. Doing Business as: SUBWAY #30066. All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: NONE. The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 12955 LUCAS LN, CERRITOS, CA 90703.

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: ROHIT BHALLA AND RAHUL BHALLA AND RN SUBS, L.L.C, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 5001 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621

The assets to be sold are described in general as: THE BUSINESS, TRADE NAME, LEASEHOLD INTEREST, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, SUBLEASE, GOODWILL, INVENTORY OF STOCK, FRANCHISE RIGHTS, FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT and are located at: 27315 JEFFERSON AVE, STE C, TEMECULA, CA 92590

The Bulk Sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: THE HERITAGE ESCROW COMPANY, 2550 FIFTH AVE, STE 910, SAN DIEGO, CA 92103 and the anticipated date of sale/transfer is DECEMBER 22, 2015, pursuant to Division 6 of the California Code. This Bulk Sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2

The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: THE HERITAGE ESCROW COMPANY, 2550 FIFTH AVE, STE 910, SAN DIEGO, CA 92103. Escrow #: 107-035817. Escrow Officer: BARBARA CURRY & DEBBIE HOWE and the last date for filing claims shall be DECEMBER 21, 2015 which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: OCTOBER 15, 2015
ROHIT BHALLA AND RAHUL BHALLA AND RN SUBS, L.L.C, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DOROTHY JEAN BERRY aka DOROTHY BERRY PETERS
Case No. BP168996

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DOROTHY JEAN BERRY aka DOROTHY BERRY PETERS

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by David Berry in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that David Berry be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 17, 2015 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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SBN 188072
LAW OFFICE OF PHUNPHILAS VIRAVAN
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STE 207
BREA CA 92821

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