

DEMS SLAM PARTY CHAIR CHRIS ROBLES FOR HELPING ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL RECALL

Robles, who was exposed by HMG-CN, is the Chair of the San Bernardino County Democratic Party.

By Brian Hews

Hews Media Group-Community News exclusively reported last year on the fraudulent recall attempt in Artesia that targeted then-Mayor Ali Taj and Councilmen Miguel Canales and Victor Manalo.

The attempt was led by residents Rene Trevino, Dorothy Kane, Gurpal Sood, and controversial neophyte newsletter writer Melinda Kimsey.

Kimsey threw all journalistic ethics aside and joined the fraudulent recall in attempt to take over the City Council with Trevino.

Also throwing ethics out the window and causing anger between Artesia and Cerritos officials was Kimseys' newsletter copy editor and noted Cerritos Republican Janet Beach.

Beach is an appointed Commissioner on the Cerritos Fine Arts and Historical Commission and helped to approve articles related to the bogus recall.

Disgruntled former HMG-CN reporter Jerry Bernstein, who colluded with Kimsey during their employment stint with HMG-CN to try and put the paper out of business, also participated.

The group came to be known as the "Keystone Kimseys" in certain Artesia circles, known for their bumbling recall efforts and failures.

The first recall petitions submitted to the city showed strong evidence of questionable activity, with many residents crying foul about the subject of the recall and their actual signatures.

The recall was eventually invalidated due to questionable signatures.

So the Keystone Kimseys tried again, recruiting Chris Robles, a "recall expert," known trash hauler operative, and current Chair of the San Bernardino County Democratic Party to assist the campaign

and recall the three Democratic City Councilman.

There is no public record of Robles ever having managed a winning campaign. Several of the campaigns he worked on have been investigated and fined by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) because of his repeated violations, which included paying himself out of a client's campaign funds.

But that did not bother the Keystone Kimseys.

Another recall was questionably approved, without a fight from the City's law firm, and Robles began his campaign, hanging out in the City with signature gathering employees at a local Flame Broiler on Pioneer Blvd. that is reportedly owned by Sood.

But the Keystone Kimseys failed at their second attempt, further damaging the image of Artesia and hurting future vital economic projects.

In addition, a campaign committee



FOR RECALL: San Bernardino County Dem. Party Chair Chris Robles (top) worked with Cerritos resident Melinda Kimsey and Artesia resident Rene Trevino (bottom) to recall three popular Dem. elected officials in Artesia. Robles was admonished for working with Republicans to unseat Ontario Democrats and for working with recall supporters to unseat the Mayor Ali Taj and Councilmen Victor Manalo and Miguel Canales.

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HAWAIIAN GARDENS COUNCIL APPROVES MAJOR RENOVATIONS TO CLARKDALE PARK

By Tammye McDuff

The Hawaiian Gardens City Council awarded a construction contract to Line Tech Contractors, Inc., in the amount \$479,900 for the Clarkdale Skate Park surfacing improvements.

Two additional parks, Lee Ware Park and Pioneer Park will also receive major upgrades.

On December 20, 2017, Hawaiian Gardens received four sealed bids for the reconstruction of the skate park. Line Tech Contractors of Los Alamitos submitted the lowest responsible bid.

The contract involves the installation of rubberized surfaces at all three parks, as well as improvements at Clarkdale, which will enhance the park significantly.

The design was previously adopted by City Council, who also requested input from skateboarders.

Improvements for Clarkdale will include new concrete obstacles, enhanced lighting, additional fencing, and the all ready installed security cameras.

The timeline for completion for Clarkdale and the rubberized surfaces has been slated to take no more than 90 days.

Line Tech will subcontract to a company who specializes in skate parks and equipment.



Artist's rendering of renovations include a renovated skate park, new rubber surfaces, and a brand new water park. Total investment by the city is \$479,900.

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HMG-CN Exclusive:

CENTRAL BASIN LEAKED CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS TO L.A. TIMES VIOLATING FEDERAL LAWS

By Brian Hews

Hews Media Group-Community News has learned that a Central Basin Municipal Water District (CB) employee or Director leaked federally protected and confidential personnel and health records of a former employee to the Los Angeles Times violating the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) which is a federal offense.

According to sources, the records were illegally obtained by the offender prior to Feb. 2017, when three new directors were appointed, narrowing the list to a handful of people who could have acquired and eventually leaked the records.

Those same sources have told HMG-CN that CB's law firm Nossaman, for unknown reasons, is not involved in the investigation and that CB General

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ROSE PARADE: KENNEDY HS WELCOMED KYOTO TACHIBANA HIGH SCHOOL GREEN BAND

By Edna Ethington

The Kyoto Tachibana High School Green Band is one of the oldest marching bands in Japan and is known for their continuous dance-style marching technique that was pioneered at Kyoto Tachibana. This year's Kyoto Tachibana Green Band came with 191 students and graduates, including 10 boys and 181 women and girls. They came to perform in a Disneyland Parade in Anaheim on December 29, 2017, a Band Festival in Pasadena on December 30, the Rose Parade in Pasadena on January 1, and a Benefit Concert at the Anaheim Union High School District Performing Arts Center at John F. Kennedy High School in La Palma on January 2, 2018. This was the second time that the Kyoto Tachibana Green Band came to perform at the Rose Parade and the Benefit Concert at Kennedy High School with their first time being in 2012.

According to Henri Soucy, a John F. Kennedy High School Band Booster Alumni parent since 1995, this was the largest group of Green Band members to come to perform because graduates also came to honor their Director, Hiroyuki Tanaka, who is retiring as Band Director at Kyoto Tachibana High School after 22 years as Band Director. Mr. Hisashi Hiramatsu, who is 83 years old, was the first Band Director at Kyoto Tachibana in 1963. He also came with the Green Band and planned to be a guest conductor at the concert at Kennedy High School. He also walked the entire length of the Rose Parade of 5.5 miles with the Kyoto Tachibana Green Band.

Since there were so many students and graduates coming to perform, Henri Soucy asked for the help of many host families to



Pictured are members of the Kyoto Tachibana High School Green Band in a photo at the Rose Parade that was embroidered on a blanket and presented to the band's directors and flutist Hitomi Kanamuru. Pictured in the center of the photo in a red jacket is Lance Tibbit, Rose Parade President. Photo courtesy Henri Soucy.



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house them for parts of three days and two nights from December 30 to January 2nd. Henri was grateful for the 82 families who volunteered to take two, three or four students and provide food and lodging.

The culmination of the Tachibana High School Green Band's visit occurred on January 2nd with awards being presented to thank and honor their directors, current Director Hiroyuki Tanaka, and founding Director, Hisashi Hiramatsu. Both directors received John F. Kennedy High School lettermen's jackets embroidered with their names and the Kennedy "K."

After all the presentations were made, all the students and dignitaries went outside the Band Room area to participate in the planting of a Friendship Tree to commemorate the friendship of the Kyoto Tachibana High School Green Band and John F. Kennedy High School. Henri prepared a Cypress Juniper Blue Point tree for planting, and the two Japanese directors and selected students helped to finish the job.

The final event of the day was the Green Band Festival in the evening of January 2nd. The Performing Arts Center was filled with over 700 people as they came to enjoy the band's concert. The Tachibana Green Band members were spectacular as they performed a "Stage Marching Show" led by Drum Major Yui Nagao. Director Tanaka conducted five different Medleys and melodies, and guest Director Hiramatsu conducted the band playing the music for "Prayer." Former Kennedy Band Director Robert Anthony conducted the finale, "Stars and Stripes Forever" after the students had come out into the audience to say their emotional farewells to their hosts. The audience applauded the band's

outstanding performance, and everyone stood up from their seats hoping for an encore performance. The band responded by playing its signature Tachibana Green Band number to even more applause from the audience.

We were pleased to learn from Henri Soucy that donations received at this year's Green Band Festival at Kennedy raised \$3,000. The donations will be given to the family of Corey Iverson, the firefighter who died while battling the Thomas Fire last year.

This was the fourth time that my husband, David, and I have hosted Green Band students from Japan. We always have enjoyed hosting the students who are always very polite and appreciative of being able to come and learn more about life in the United States. We also learn from the students about Japan and are always impressed by the Green Band's musical performance in the Rose Parade and at the Benefit Concert at the Performing Arts Center at Kennedy High School. Host families are the first people to receive tickets for the next Benefit Concert, so we do encourage people to volunteer as host families.

For those who want to see this year's Kyoto Tachibana High School Green Band performances, use Youtube links at <https://www.youtube.com> and search for Disneyland Parade-December 29, 2017, Band Festival-December 30, 2017, Rose Parade-January 1, 2018, and Benefit Concert-January 2, 2018.

If anyone would like to host the next Green Band students from the All-Izumo Honor Green Band from four high schools in Izumo City, Shimane Prefecture, please contact Henri Soucy at henrisoucy@gmail.com.



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LA MIRADA CHAMBER NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Start the New Year on the right foot by attending the La Mirada Chamber of Commerce's monthly Chat It Up Networking Breakfast on Tuesday, February 6 from 8 to 9 a.m. at Polly's Pies.

Members, community leaders, and guests are all welcome to attend. Guests have an opportunity for self-introductions, to exchange business cards with others, win prizes, and enjoy breakfast. Polly's Pies in La Mirada is located at 14840 Beach Boulevard.

"The Chat It Up Networking Breakfast is a great opportunity to network

with other businesses and have a delicious breakfast provided by Polly's Pies," says President of La Mirada Chamber of Commerce Richard Trujillo.

The La Mirada Chamber of Commerce is a voice for businesses in the City of La Mirada. Its mission is to create and promote a business-friendly environment, while keeping members up-to-date on laws that could affect their businesses.

For additional information about the La Mirada Chamber of Commerce, call (562) 758-0883 or visit www.lamirada-chamber.org.

SU CASA – ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BENEFITS FROM BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISER



Pictured (l-r) Anna Conti executive director thanks Suzanne Aguirre for her Birthday Fundraiser contribution to Su Casa – Ending Domestic Violence.

Staff Report

Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence was the recipient of a special donation from Suzanne Aguirre of \$525.00 in celebration of her birthday.

Ms Aguirre took to Facebook and challenged her friends to make contributions to her charity of choice in honor of her birthday. “This year, I wanted to do something that would make an impact in the community,” stated Aguirre. “I looked up Su Casa’s website and did some research and determined that I wanted to get behind this organization.”

Ms Aguirre set up her birthday fundraiser to start late in December and for two weeks her Facebook friends donated money in honor of her birthday and on January 10, 2018, she notified Su Casa that soon they would receive the \$525.00 donation the her Facebook friends pledge to Su Casa to benefit their programs and services for victims of domestic violence and their families.

“This is such a wonderful contribution and it is exciting to see someone take such initiative to make positive changes in our community,” stated Anna Conti, Su Casa Executive Director.

NEW BUSINESSES INVESTING IN LA MIRADA

Several establishments have recently opened or are in the process of development in La Mirada.

Ross Dress For Less at 15745 Imperial Highway, located within the Green Hills Plaza Shopping Center, opened in early October. The company focuses on bringing customers high quality department and specialty store brands at great savings. Ross Dress For Less is open daily.

Tenant Improvements have been submitted for Grocery Outlet at 15747 Imperial Highway, located within the Green Hills Plaza Shopping Center.

The market is 15,150 square feet and includes interior and exterior improvements.

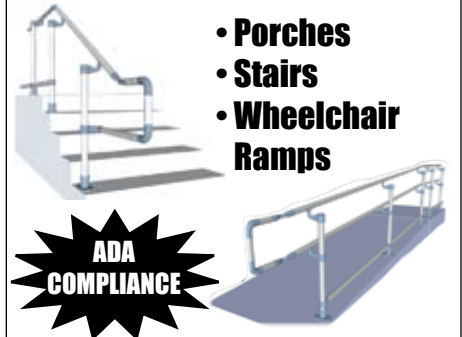
The City’s Planning Commission has approved entitlements for Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen restaurant at 15809 Imperial Highway.

This new 2,260 square foot restaurant will include a drive-through aisle, a dining area with booth and counter seating to accommodate up to 46 patrons, onsite parking, and landscape improvements. The façade of the building will incorporate architecture elements consistent with City requirements.

“New food and retail establishments provide residents local dining and additional shopping opportunities. Having new businesses invest in La Mirada helps boost our local economy while generating jobs,” says Economic Development Manager Alison Moore.

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The Bowen family, who reside in La Habra, welcomed Malachi Bowen, 8 pounds 7.9 ounces.

Whittier, Calif. (January 1, 2018) – PIH Health Hospital - Whittier welcomed its first baby of the New Year on Sunday, January 1, 2018 at 12:26 a.m. Baby boy Malachi Bowen, weighed in at 8 pounds, 7.9 ounces and was 21 inches.

Labor and Delivery staff from PIH Health presented parents Jody Bowen and Josh Bowen with a PIH Health welcome

baby basket. The Bowen family resides in La Habra. This is their second child. Congratulations to the happy family!

Individuals, who plan to have a baby or have one on the way, can call 1.877.815.2211 for a referral to a doctor affiliated with PIH Health Hospital - Whittier or visit www.PIHHealth.org to find a doctor.

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LOCAL ASSEMBLYWOMAN HOSTS COFFEE FOR RESIDENTS

By Larry Caballero
On Politics

Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, who represents cities in north Orange County, hosted a coffee for her supporters Jan. 13 at La Palma Central Park where she and City officials shared the progress being made in the City and in the County.

Mayor Gerard Goedhart said, "Planning for the future has not always been a pleasant task when La Palma was cutting back on personnel and services, but last year was the first time in a long time that we could be happy about planning for the future."

He announced that he and Mayor Pro-Tem Marshall Goodman will be holding office hours for residents every Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Goodman ran unopposed in November and promises to get to know the City better. "I want to bring more businesses to the City," said Goodman. "We need them to continue to grow and recover from the financial difficulties of the past."

Newly appointed city councilwoman Kathy Flachmeier won her seat by a unanimous vote Jan. 3, and she promises to work hard. "As a new retiree, I finally have the time and opportunity to give back to my community," said Flachmeier.

"My only desire is to see the City maintain its financial integrity and to continue to be the great City that it is."

Quirk-Silva congratulated the officials



Photo by Lou Delgado

Greeting more than fifty La Palma residents and supporters Jan. 13 at a Coffee hosted by Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva were (l-r): Mayor Gerard Goedhart, Quirk-Silva, Councilwoman Kathy Flachmeier and Mayor Pro-Tem Marshall Goodman.

for their dedication and professionalism as she answered numerous questions from residents on job creation, regulations, health care and education.

"We need more career tech jobs," said Silva. "If we don't, then the work force skill gap will continue to grow." She also supports fully funding K-12 education and programs that will train residents for the

21st century.

Silva plans to host several coffees in 2018 because she believes in open access and transparency.

"My office is always willing to assist residents with any problems or issues that impact their lives. If we can't help you, we can refer you to an agency that can," said Silva.

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HAND & STONE SPA OPENS IN CERRITOS

By Tammye McDuff

After a year of preparation, the long awaited Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa is now open.

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CERRITOS CELEBRATES MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

By Tammye McDuff

For the 13th year the City of Cerritos has celebrated the lifetime accomplishments of Martin Luther King Jr. This celebration seemed even more fitting because it was 13 years that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led the modern American Civil Rights Movement, from December, 1955 until April 4, 1968. African Americans achieved more genuine progress toward racial equality in America in those few short years, than the previous 350 years had produced. King is widely regarded as America's pre-eminent advocate of diplomacy and one of the greatest nonviolent leaders in world history.

The standing room only event was held on Monday, January 15, 2018 in the Sierra Room at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. The entire Cerritos City Council, along with numerous Cerritos Commissioners, Senator Tony Mendoza and community leaders were in attendance. The morning began with an invocation from the Reverend Lester Barry, followed by a community sing-along of 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' by James Weldon Johnson with the national anthem being performed by Cerritos own Kaitlin Hunter.

Delta Gems, Pi Sigma Omega Cerritos chapter paid tribute to King with their rendition of 'Oh, Freedom' a post-Civil War African-American freedom song, often associated with the American Civil Rights Movement and their recitation of the poem 'To Be Young gifted, and Black' by Weldon J. Irvine, Jr. Cerritos sisters Akasha Greenish, three years old and Iona Greenish, eight years old recited poems 'I Love The Sea' and 'I Dream Of A World' to resounding applause.

Mayor Grace Hu welcomed all in at-

The Delta Gems, Pi Sigma Omega, Cerritos chapter paid tribute to King with their rendition of 'Oh, Freedom' a post-Civil War African-American freedom song. The Los Angeles chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha held a food drive for local charities



tendance reminding us that King believed in love and forgiveness, having a tough mind but a tender heart, saying "We use the power of words to achieve our goals. Those goals can lift up a community or tear them down."

The keynote speaker of the morning, Ethan Robinson Sr., stirred the crowd as he spoke. "We need to move forward as a people ... Not just one race ... Not just one state ... But as a country united. In my fifty plus years on this Earth I have never seen racial tension as high as it is today. Our city of Cerritos is a melting pot of ethnic background, culture, and of all ages. We need to be a shining example to the rest of our State and to the World that love and forgiveness cannot grow in a vacuum."

Robinson went on to encourage each person there to ask 'how you can be a maker of change'. "At the end of our life's journey," said Robinson, "Our epitaph begins with the date we were born and ends with the date that we die. The rest of life is all placed in that small hyphen between the two. The totality of your life is that hyphen between birth and death, make it mean something."

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ED ROYCE WILL NOT SEEK REELECTION IN 2018

By Brian Hews

Uber-conservative House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce (R-Fullerton) said this past Monday he will not seek reelection, adding his name to a growing list of senior Republican lawmakers who have chosen to retire in what is shaping up as a "Bluewave" for 2018.

Royce is one of eight House Republicans who have announced they will not run for reelection ahead of the midterm elections.

Others who have announced their retirements are Reps. Bob Goodlatte (Va.), Jeb Hensarling (Tex), Bill Shuster (Pa.),



Lamar Smith (Tex.), Diane Black (Tenn.), Jason Chaffetz (Utah), and Gregg Harper (Miss.).

In a statement, Royce said he wanted to focus on that committee work during his final months in office.

"In this final year of my Foreign Affairs Committee chairmanship, I want to focus fully on the urgent threats facing our nation, including: the brutal, corrupt and dangerous regimes in Pyongyang and Tehran, Vladimir Putin's continued efforts to weaponize information to fracture western democracies, and growing terrorist threats in Africa and Central Asia," he said. "With this in mind, and with the support of my wife Marie, I have decided not to seek reelection in November."

Even before his retirement, Democrats were eyeing his Orange County district. Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton won his 39th Congressional District by nine points over Donald Trump in 2016, and several Democratic candidates have launched campaigns for the seat.

The district includes voters in Chino, Chino Hills, City of Industry, Diamond Bar, Fullerton, Hacienda Heights, La Habra, La Habra Heights, Placentia, Rowland Heights, Walnut, & Yorba Linda.

MAN FATALLY SHOT IN NORWALK IDENTIFIED AS DANIEL JESSIE LARA III

Staff Report

The Los Angeles county coroner identified a man who was fatally shot in Norwalk Wednesday.

Daniel Jessie Lara III, 20, of Norwalk, died at the scene spokesman Ed Winter told HMG-CN.

The shooting occurred in the 11000 block of Ferina Street. Two other men were wounded all shot in the upper torso.

The shooter and the other men involved in the fight fled the scene before deputies got there.

Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call the Sheriff's Homicide Bureau at 323-890-5500.

POLICE ASKING HELP IN LOCATING MISSING 10 YEAR-OLD

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children along with the Los Angeles Police Department are asking for the publics assistance to locate a missing 10 year-old.

Cynthia Wheeler-Villanueva was last seen on January 9, 2018. The child is 5 feet 1 inches tall and weighs 105 pounds. She has brown hair and brown eyes. Cynthia normally wears her hair in a bun.

Law enforcement believes the child may be in the Temple City, Gardena, San Pedro or Norwalk areas.

If anyone has seen Cynthia or has information about her possible location please contact the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) or the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office at 626-285-7171.

SEVEN OFFICES HIT IN LA MIRADA

Seven offices were broken into on the 14200 block of Firestone Blvd. Surveillance footage captured the suspects in action. The case is still under investigation.

Also in La Mirada, a suspect attempted to strike two deputies with a vehicle while fleeing from a traffic stop near the intersection of Ratliffe St. and Edwards Rd. No injuries were sustained during the incident. The suspect was later arrested.

In other crime reports, two suspects were arrested for driving vehicle without owner's consent, and five suspects were arrested throughout the City for various warrants and narcotics violations.

Two structure burglaries occurred on the 14800 block of Beach Blvd. where cash was stolen during an early morning window smash burglary.

Also an attempted burglary was reported on the 15200 block of Rosecrans Ave.

Deputies caution everyone to be on the look-out and if you see something, say something.

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ROBLES

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was never opened to finance the recall attempt.

If any member of the Keystone Kimseys spent over \$1,000 on the campaign, they violated several Fair Political Practices Commission laws by failing to open a campaign committee.

Sources are telling HMG-CN that complaints filed last year alleging violations during the recall campaign are now under investigation by the Los Angeles County District Attorney.

Now in a what might be a fitting end to his checkered career, and a testimony to the Keystone Kimseys questionable motives, Robles was recently slammed by the Democratic party for "working professionally for Republican candidates in a campaign to defeat Democratic candidates."

Eric Bauman, Chair of the California Democratic Party wrote, "Robles was admonished for having campaigned for a Republican candidate against party-endorsed Democrats in the Ontario City Council election of November, 2016.

Specifically citing HMG-CN articles on Robles, "He also led a campaign to recall three popular Artesia City Councilmen, all Democrats, during the summer and fall of 2017 – a fact which has yet to be considered by the state party officers."

Robles could be expelled from the state party, not just admonished, for campaigning against state-endorsed candidates. Once expelled from the state party he would have also been expelled from the county party, leaving the office of chair vacant.

Robles is the "owner and president" of the Chino-based political consulting

company Vantage Campaigns, formerly of Hacienda Heights, and the Montebello-based Pericles Group.

During its research, HMG-CN found that the Vantage Campaigns website contained no identities or biographies of personnel, and calls to its listed phone numbers for comment from Robles were never returned.

The Bauman letter went on, "the position of chair is a voluntary one but Robles used it to enrich himself by promoting his consulting business over the county party and its candidates for office. Candidates who have been endorsed by the county party reported that Robles offered them his business card and told them he could help them only if they would hire his company and pay him.

"He has manipulated the county party into contracting with his consulting company for professional services, without approval of the membership, apparently an illegal conflict of interest."

The letter finished, "Although a large number of Democrats have been trying to remove Robles for almost a year, he has been more successful at obstructing their attempts than in any other action he has taken as chair. It remains to be seen how much longer he can cling to his untenable position."

Bauman signed the letter of admonition to Robles on behalf of the other statewide CDP officers Vice-Chairs Alex Gallardo-Rooker and Daraka Larimore-Hall, Secretary Jenny Bach, and Controller Dan Weitzman.

Bauman was Chair of the Los Angeles County Party from 2001 to 2017, and Vice-Chair of the state party since 2009, before being elected state party chair last May.

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ABCUSD WINS 2017 GOLDEN BELL AWARD FOR 'BUILDING BRIDGES' INITIATIVE



The ABC Board of Education honors Bragg ES Principal Annette Janeway for winning a Golden Bell Award by the California School Boards Association.

By Tammye McDuff

Now in its 38th year, the CSBA Golden Bell Awards promote excellence in education and school board governance by recognizing outstanding programs and practices of school boards in school districts and county offices of education throughout California. Golden Bell Awards reflect the depth and breadth of education programs and the decisions supporting these programs that are necessary to address students' changing needs.

Surrounded by 16 Golden Bell Awards superintendent, Dr Mary Sieu stated "This is the highest honor any school district can receive. Since 2002 ABC USD has received this award almost every year."

Bragg Elementary School, Annette Janeway, Principal won the 'Building Bridges' category in the 2017 Golden Bell Awards.

Building Bridges is a school wide initiative designed to create a positive, safe learning climate at Bragg School by providing a complete system of support. There are four distinct pillars that build a foundation to create positive, systemic change. Each pillar stands alone and supports the whole. They include: restructuring of playgrounds, including Playworks; school-wide implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports; hiring of key staff (Playworks Coach and Wellness Coordinator) and providing trainings and professional development.

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ADULT DAY CARE CENTER IN LA PALMA

By Tammye McDuff

The La Palma City Council at its meeting Tuesday, January 16, 2018 will, among other items consider a conditional use permit to operate an adult day care facility at 4941 La Palma Avenue in the Hannam Shopping Center. The application was submitted to the City by Mr. Chang Min Han of Two Wings Health Services, Inc.

City officials have recommended that the Council open a public hearing on the item and continue it until a February meeting to give time to prepare staff reports and get input from the public.

This center has a large vacant pad from

a large retail store which vacated the center over a decade ago. The center currently holds a Korean Grocery Store, which is extremely busy, but the vacant retail is to the west side.

Two Wings Health Services is currently located in Anaheim, California. This organization primarily operates in the Health and Allied Services.

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NAACP OFFICER KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT HHDC MEETING



Local NAACP officer Paulette Gipson was the keynote speaker Jan. 15 at the Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club's celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Gipson shared inspirational words from several of King's speeches and some grim realities of what it is like to be Black in America. She said that race relations have certainly improved from the days of slavery and Jim Crow, "but we still have a long way to go." Gipson informed members that there are still hangings taking place, and the President's rhetoric is not helping to bring people of all races together to share the same ideals and values. Several club members also shared their experiences dealing with discrimination in the South and in other parts of the country.

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ACADEMY LEAGUE GIRLS BASKETBALL

WHITNEY GIRLS LOST IN NEVERLAND ON HOMECOMING NIGHT, CAN'T KEEP UP WITH OXFORD ACADEMY

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

From the 2010-2011 to 2013-2014 seasons, six Academy League schools were chasing the Whitney High girls basketball program, which did not lose a league game during that time. For the past two seasons though, everyone in the circuit has been looking up at the Oxford Academy.

Those two met last Friday night on Whitney's homecoming, with the theme being "The Battle for Neverland". It was a battle early on until the Patriots went on a 17-3 run from the last half of the first quarter to the first couple of minutes of the second quarter. That was more than enough for Oxford to run away with a 52-37. It was the fifth straight loss to the Patriots, who had defeated Whitney by an average of 7.3 points the previous four times.

The Lady Wildcats led 6-2 following junior Justine Wu's three-point play two and a half minutes into the game. It would be Whitney's largest lead of the game. Wu would score with 3:37 remaining in the first quarter to make it 8-7. But that would be the last time the hosts would score until Wu completed another three-point play 15 seconds into the second quarter.

"I think we were ready for their press," said Whitney head coach Jeff Day. "We knew they weren't going to bother us on the front of it. I told them when they press us, we want to attack the press because we were going to get lay-up opportunities. We did not finish enough against their press. I thought that was a big thing."

It was no surprise to either team that Oxford held a considerable height advantage, considering they have been each other's rivals for many years. At 5' 6", Wu is Whitney's tallest player in the starting lineup and the Lady Wildcats don't have a player taller than 5' 9". In contrast, Oxford's pride and joy for the past two and a half seasons has been, and continues to be 6'2" junior Austyn Masuno. Three other starters are at least 5' 7", but despite the height factor, Whitney's defense contained Masuno most of the time, limiting her to three field goals and a team-high 11 points. In fact, in five meetings, Whitney has held Masuno, clearly the best player in the league, to 72 points but 18 field goals. She has helped her team beat Whitney by going a combined 36 for 43 at the free throw line.

While Whitney was doing its thing with Masuno, the Patriots were letting someone other than senior Christine Hamakawa beat them. Hamakawa, the sharp-shooting perimeter player that can do it all for the Lady Wildcats scored just a pair of three-pointers, one in the first quarter and the other in the fourth quarter. She attempted 11 shots in the game.

"With Austyn, we just told her to play within yourself, keep moving across the lane," said Oxford Academy head coach David Clifton. "I'll take two points from the foul line as much as I'll take two points from a field goal. It was frustrating when she was getting double and triple-teamed. But we had to just tell her to keep moving, keep moving, keep moving because when they triple-team you, somebody else



The smallest player on the court, 4'11" junior Christine Hamakawa of Whitney High, guards Oxford Academy's Austyn Masuno, the tallest player on the court who stands at 6'2" in last Friday night's Academy League girls basketball game. Oxford Academy came away with a 52-37 victory with Masuno scoring a team-high 11 points while Hamakawa was limited to only a pair of three-pointers. PHOTO BY ARMANDO VARGAS, Contributing photographer.

largest advantage of the contest. "They didn't hurt us on the strong side shooting, really," Day said. "In the first quarter they did. They only made two threes in the game and I'll take that. I told my team we're [zero] for five with this defensive scheme. I think our defense has given us a chance to be in every one of those games. I asked them if we wanted to

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ACADEMY LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL

WHITNEY BOYS HOLD ON FOR FIFTH VICTORY DESPITE BLOWING ANOTHER FIRST QUARTER LEAD

By Loren Kopff
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The Whitney High boys basketball team has played three home games in less than two weeks and each time, the Wildcats had built a first quarter lead. The first two times, against Sage Hill High on Jan. 3 and last Friday against Oxford Academy, the 'Cats lost those contests.

But, first-year head coach Glenn Gates, who cited mental fatigue for the breakdown after gaining those double-digit leads, can breathe a sigh of relief as Whitney had a 6-0 lead within the first minute of the game, lost the lead, then regained it in the fourth quarter to edge Calvary Chapel Downey 44-42 this past Tuesday evening. Whitney improved to 5-15 overall and 2-3 in the Academy League.

"It's tough," Gates said. "It's a developmental process and the kids are learning game by game, practice by practice. This is like the new way of playing. So, we have to change some things around. But the kids responded today, and I have to commend them for responding today."

A bucket from senior Heaven Flores with 2:42 remaining in the first quarter gave the hosts a 10-5 lead. But they wouldn't score for the next 4:30, missing seven straight shots and seeing the Grizzlies storm back to take a 13-10 lead almost two minutes into the second quarter. Whitney would finish off the half on a 10-4 run thanks to Flores, who scored a pair of baskets, and freshman Jeffrey Fernandez, who was perfect on all three attempts from the field.

But the erratic play continued for Whitney, which had scoreless streaks of close

to four minutes in the second quarter and nearly three minutes in the third quarter. The latter came after the Wildcats had built a 29-23 lead only to see it dwindle to a two-point deficit.

"What I thought we did well today was we played protecting defense," Gates said. "I thought we did a really good job defensively. To be truly honest, this week was about getting our defense better. And what I thought today was making good shots, bringing the shot clock down and playing solid defense."

However, the Wildcats ended the third quarter with a basket from junior Joshua Chung to tie the contest. Then 30 seconds into the final stanza, an offensive rebound and basket from junior Jonan Baladjay gave the hosts a lead they would not relinquish. Those two baskets were followed by two more and with 4:59 remaining in the game, Whitney was up 39-33.

Flores sealed the victory with 1:55 left when he drained a three-pointer off a pass from Baladjay. Aaron Jovel answered back with a downtown shot with 42.9 seconds left. But an inbound violation gave the ball to Whitney and the Grizzlies were unable to get another good shot off. Flores scored a game-high 15 points and had six rebound and two steals while Fernandez added 10 points on five of seven shooting. Baladjay chipped in with nine points, three rebounds and three assists and junior Adi Jahic pitched in with nine points, seven rebounds, four assists and four steals.

"Since we brought him up from the j.v. squad at the beginning of the year, I knew we had something," Gates said of Fernan-

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

JOHN GLENN GIRLS BASKETBALL STAY IN PLAYOFF HUNT, HOLDS OFF ARTESIA

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

The Artesia High and John Glenn High girls basketball programs have been struggling for quite some time with the former missing the playoffs for five straight seasons and the latter the past six seasons. In addition, Artesia has had a losing mark for 10 straight seasons while the Lady Eagles have been under the .500 mark for the past six straight seasons.

However, both entered their meeting this past Wednesday right at .500 and ranked in the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division 5AAA poll. The game was what one would expect, which was low scoring and unpredictable. In the end, the visiting Lady Eagles held off Artesia 38-33 to improve to 11-10 overall and 2-3 in the Suburban League.

Glenn didn't take its first lead until sophomore Mercedes Rubi scored off the first of her three offensive rebounds with 33.2 seconds left in the first half to give her team a 14-12 lead at the break. From that point on, the Lady Eagles built on that lead, which grew to nine points near the conclusion of the third quarter.

"I basically told them at halftime that they were basically pressuring themselves," said Glenn first-year head coach Ruben Guerrero. "They were overthinking their game instead of trying to keep it simple."

Artesia (8-9, 0-5) opened the fourth quarter on a 6-0 run and when junior Odalis Ramirez sank a pair of free throws



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with 3:33 remaining in the game, Glenn was clinging to a 27-26 lead. But in a span of 25 seconds, Glenn senior Kaylin Meno had a basket, followed by a steal and basket from senior Dalilah Mendoza and a free throw from Mendoza to basically seal the game.

The Lady Pioneers made one last push as senior Jessica Tibayan sank four straight free throws in a nine-second span. But the Lady Eagles were four of six from the line inside the final minute.

The Lady Pioneers were without the services of two of their best players, including senior Cassidy Valle-Marinias, who is their leading scorer, and suited up seven against Glenn. A week prior to the Artesia game, the Lady Eagles edged La Mirada High 35-34 before losing to Bellflower High 48-47 two days later.

"Our biggest problem that we're having right now is that we play down," Guerrero said. "Every time we come into the game...the Bellflower game, the La Mirada game, we just play down instead of trying to play to our ability."

Mendoza led everyone with 15 points, six rebounds and five steals while senior

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do something different next time and they said no.”

“Well, we let them back in it,” Clifton said. “Settling down, it changed our defense. We changed our defense midway through the third quarter. We went from our zone to our man and we played shut-down defense on their three-point shooter Hamakawa.

“She was the one that we keyed on because of the three,” he added. “But [Wu] is the one who scares me more than anything else. We had to stop her penetration because she is the key. When she penetrates, she looks. We had some defensive lapses at times, but I think our girls did a pretty good job.”

Wu led the Lady ‘Cats with 12 points and three steals while sophomore Janelle Ho came off the bench to add half a dozen points and five rebounds, two assists and two steals. Junior Kiana Sanchez grabbed eight boards. The Patriots also got stellar play from Angie Choi and Brianna Rodriguez, each of whom scored 10 points. Masuno also pulled down 19 rebounds.

“They were up on [Hamakawa], so we put the ball in Justine’s hands more,” Day said. “Justine did a good job. She kind of looked like she did towards the end of last year; catch and squaring up and attack the basket.”

Whitney would bounce back to knock off Shalhevet High 53-41 this past Monday behind Hamakawa (18 points, three rebounds, three steals, two assists), senior Deja Forest (10 points, three rebounds) and Lee (nine points, four rebounds. The next night, Whitney defeated Calvary Chapel Downey 59-10 as Wu continued to have a breakout season, scoring 16 points, grabbing five rebounds and having five steals. Hamakawa drained four three-pointers for all of her 12 points and had nine steals while Ho came off the bench to add 11 points. Whitney held the Lady Grizzlies to no points in the final 18:56 of the contest.

Whitney (12-8 overall, 3-2 in league)

will visit St. Margaret’s High tonight to conclude the first round of league play, then travel to Sage Hill High on Tuesday. The rematch with Oxford is Feb. 2.

“We are not afraid of Oxford at all,” Day said. “Absolutely not. We played soft against them. The freshmen might have been a little intimidated. At halftime I told said we have to go at them. We can’t flinch, stop, jump and fade away from them.”

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dez. “He’s been working really, really hard and I thought this was one of those games where he was like, ‘I need to get more minutes, coach’. And he did a good job of showing that he can handle the pressure.”

Whitney will visit St. Margaret’s High tonight to end the first round of league play before travelling to Sage Hill Tuesday for a rematch that is a winnable game for the Wildcats. In the Jan. 3 affair, Whitney had a 28-14 lead with 5:33 left in the second quarter and were up by three with 5.6 seconds remaining in regulation. Against Oxford Academy, the Wildcats scored the first 10 points of the game and still led midway through the third quarter before the Patriots went on a 29-8 run to end the game. Gates know that his record is misleading, and that Whitney could have easily been 7-13 overall and 4-1 in the circuit. Still, he believes his team can finish in the upper half of the league.

“Very, and the kids know that,” Gates said. “I just think that the mindset, and I’m hoping they’ll get past that, is that 4-1 mindset. We’re not at that mindset yet where we’re a 4-1 team. We’re still at the 1-4 team. We’re trying to jump that and... I’m actually glad we got a win today. We have a really tough game [tonight], then we get a chance to see everybody over again.”

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Karina Gomez added nine points, five rebounds and four steals. Meno also had seven rebounds and four steals. Tibayan led

Artesia with 10 points and eight rebounds.

Following the game, Artesia used a huge 20-0 run to turn a tight contest early into a 71-54 victory. Back to back buckets from Glenn seniors Juan Jimenez and Chris Murray to make it a 9-7 affair in favor of Artesia with 3:35 left in the first quarter. But Glenn would be limited to four attempts from the field over the next 5:54. The Eagles (5-12, 1-4) would trail by 20 at the half and as many as 22 points late in the third quarter.

Murray led all scorers with 22 points while seniors William Keith and Peter Punsalan each added 10 points. Artesia (13-6, 3-2) received 21 points from junior Heder Gladden, 11 points from junior Leroy Gladden and 10 more from sophomore Princeton Hoang. Sophomore Carlos Patino De Anda led the Pioneers with eight rebounds and four assists.

Artesia will visit Mayfair High before hosting Bellflower on Monday and Norwalk High on Wednesday while Glenn is home to Cerritos High tonight before travelling to Mayfair and La Mirada on Monday and Wednesday respectively.

Entering today’s action, Cerritos and Mayfair are the frontrunners on the girls side with a log jam from third to sixth place in the league, thus the possibility of a playoff berth for the Glenn girls remains good.

“Definitely, the girls have a little bit more of a cushion than the boys program,” Guerrero said. “But still, it’s too close for comfort. And I’d rather go in there comfortably than hoping and wishing, as I say.”

In other basketball action, Cerritos continued to stay at the top of the league after sweeping Norwalk this past Wednesday. The boys (14-5, 4-1) won 80-40 while the girls (15-4, 5-0) earned a 64-44 decision. Both will also host Bellflower on Wednesday.

The losing skid reached for the Gahr High boys reached five after the Gladiators fell to Warren High 56-46 this past Wednesday. Gahr (7-11, 0-3 in the San Gabriel Valley League) has not won since Dec. 30. The Lady Gladiators also fell to Warren, 62-51, and are 7-9, 1-2. Both Gahr

teams will visit Paramount High tonight and before hosting Downey High on Wednesday. In addition, the Gahr girls will visit Long Beach Jordan High on Saturday.

Norwalk will host Bellflower tonight and La Mirada on Monday. The boys are 5-14, 0-5 while the girls are 9-8, 3-2 while Valley Christian High lost its contests to Whittier Christian High this past Tuesday. The boys (13-6, 1-1 in the Olympic League) fell 63-53 while the Lady Crusaders (5-13, 0-2) were on the short end of a 45-36 decision. V.C. will be home to Maranatha High tonight before travelling to Heritage Christian High on Tuesday. In addition, the V.C. boys will visit Pilibos High on Saturday.

BOYS SOCCER

Artesia (12-5-1, 4-1) blanked Glenn 5-0 this past Wednesday to stay at the top of the Suburban League with La Mirada and Mayfair, who each have one league loss. The Pioneers will host Mayfair today before going to Bellflower on Monday and Norwalk on Wednesday. Glenn (4-8-1, 0-5) visits Cerritos today before hosting Mayfair on Monday and La Mirada on Wednesday.

The long season for Cerritos continues as the Dons dropped their fourth straight game after a 6-1 setback to Norwalk this past Wednesday. Cerritos is 2-14 overall and winless in five league games. The Dons will travel to Bellflower on Wednesday.

Gahr was blanked by Warren 6-0 this past Tuesday to fall to 0-4, 0-3. The team visited Paramount on Jan. 18 and will host Downey on Tuesday and Dominguez High on Thursday.

Norwalk ended a three-game losing streak by crushing Cerritos 6-1 this past Wednesday to improve to 8-5, 3-2. The Lancers will travel to Bellflower today and La Mirada on Monday.

Valley Christian blanked Whittier Christian 3-0 this past Tuesday to up its mark to 5-6-2 overall and 1-0-1 in the Olympic League. The Crusaders will visit Maranatha today before entertaining Heritage Christian on Tuesday.

Whitney High won its third game, all coming in Academy League action following a 7-0 contest against Calvary Chapel High this past Tuesday. The Wildcats travel to St. Margaret’s High today and Sage Hill High on Tuesday.

GIRLS SOCCER

Artesia blasted Glenn 8-1 this past Wednesday to snap a five-game losing streak and improve to 4-10-1, 1-4. The Lady Pioneers will visit Mayfair today and host Bellflower and Norwalk on Monday and Wednesday respectively. Glenn (0-10-1, 0-5) hosts Cerritos today and visits Mayfair on Monday and La Mirada on Wednesday.

Cerritos blanked Norwalk 2-0 this past Wednesday to move to 7-7-1, 3-2. The Lady Dons will host Bellflower on Wednesday.

Gahr was blasted by Warren 10-0 this past Tuesday to fall to 5-8-2, 1-2. The Lady Gladiators hosted Paramount on Jan. 18 and will visit Downey and Dominguez on Tuesday and Thursday respectively.

Norwalk dropped to 5-10, 2-3 after its loss to Cerritos and will be home to Bellflower and La Mirada today and Monday respectively.

V.C. won its seventh straight contest following a 7-1 drubbing at Whittier Christian this past Tuesday. The Lady Crusaders (14-3-1, 1-0 in the Olympic League) will host Maranatha today and travel to Heritage Christian on Tuesday.

Whitney slammed Calvary Chapel Downey 10-1 this past Tuesday on the road and will be home to St. Margaret’s today and Sage Hill on Tuesday.

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CENTRAL BASIN

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Manager Kevin Hunt and the Administration and Ethics Committee (AEC) are "handling the investigation internally."

Further clouding the process, the investigation is being conducted by Hunt even though CB pays \$15,000 per year to manage the "Ethics Hotline" and investigate any accusations that are anonymously left on the phone-based Hotline.

The illegal leak could expose CB to yet another costly self-inflicted settlement or lawsuit similar to the massive \$670,000 payout to Sigrid Lopez to settle accusations that Director Bob Apodaca sexually harassed her.

The records leak to the L.A. Times occurred within the last few months, sometime in October 2017.

But the actual records are at least four years old and contained not only HIPAA protected records, but also a CB investigation into the employee who is the subject of the records.

At the time CB's Board consisted of only five elected officials: Bob Apodaca, James Roybal, Leticia Vasquez, Art Chacon, and Phil Hawkins.

When contacted by HMG-CN, Tony Perez, who was GM at the time said, "I can say unequivocally that I did not release the report nor do I know who leaked the report. I left the District over 3-years ago, but my recollection is that only the Board members had access to the report through the HR [Human Resources] Department."

Current CB Directors Art Chacon and Phil Hawkins went on the record saying they did not leak the report.

Chacon told HMG-CN, "I have an idea who leaked the report to the L.A.

Times but I will let the investigation run its' course."

Given Perez' statement that "only Board members had access to the report," that would leave current President Bob Apodaca, former Director James Roybal, or current Director Leticia Vasquez as the only Board members who had access to the confidential records.

HMG-CN sent in a request for to all three, as of time of publication, none had responded, Roybal now resides in Florida.

Cover-up?

The records were leaked to the L.A. Times sometime around Oct. 2017, yet the explosive issue has only been recently addressed by Hunt and the Administration and Ethics Committee (AEC).

The Chair of the AEC is CB Vice President Pedro Aceituno, with members listed as Directors Mark Grajeda and Leticia Vasquez; Director Phil Hawkins is the alternate.

Recent CB online documents showed that the January AEC meeting listed a closed session agenda item as "Significant Exposure to Litigation."

Just days later, CB pulled the agenda off the website and cancelled the AEC meeting for "lack of quorum." Two days later the cancellation notice was altered for "lack of committee items," even though the pulled agenda showed discussing "significant exposure to litigation."

HMG-CN has recently learned that GM Hunt is "in the final stages of completing the investigation."

Hunt also indicated CB's attorneys are "in contact with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office regarding this matter."

HMG-CN sent an email to the L.A. Time reporter who received the leaked documents, as well as his boss, for com-

ment, as of time of publication, neither had answered.

HAWAIIAN GARDENS

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Mayor Reynaldo Rodriquez brought up the construction needed for the water park located at Clarkdale, stating that this should be a priority before summer.

The plans for the water park are set to be received later this month, and then the contract for splash pads will go to bid, after receiving approval from the Health Department.

Ernie Hernandez, City Manager, reminded Council that the skate park has been in discussion for two years and needs to be finalized.

The motion to award Line Tech Contractors with the bid was unanimously approved.

La Mirada Offers AARP Tax Assistance Program

The City of La Mirada offers residents the opportunity to receive free tax assistance with the AARP Tax Assistance Program at the La Mirada Activity Center. With this program, free federal and state income tax assistance is offered to seniors and low-income community members.

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Appointments are highly encouraged. Walk-ins are taken on a first-come, first served basis. Space is limited. The Activity Center is located at 13810 La Mirada Boulevard.

For additional information, call the La Mirada Activity Center at (562) 902-3160.

I-5 Widening Valley View Segment Update

Construction of the I-5 widening project within La Mirada continues.

Construction crews have closed the southbound Valley View Avenue left-turn lane to South Firestone Boulevard.

The left-turn lane will remain closed for approximately 18 months.

Motorists are being detoured south on Valley View Avenue to east (left) Artesia Boulevard to access the southbound I-5 freeway on-ramp.

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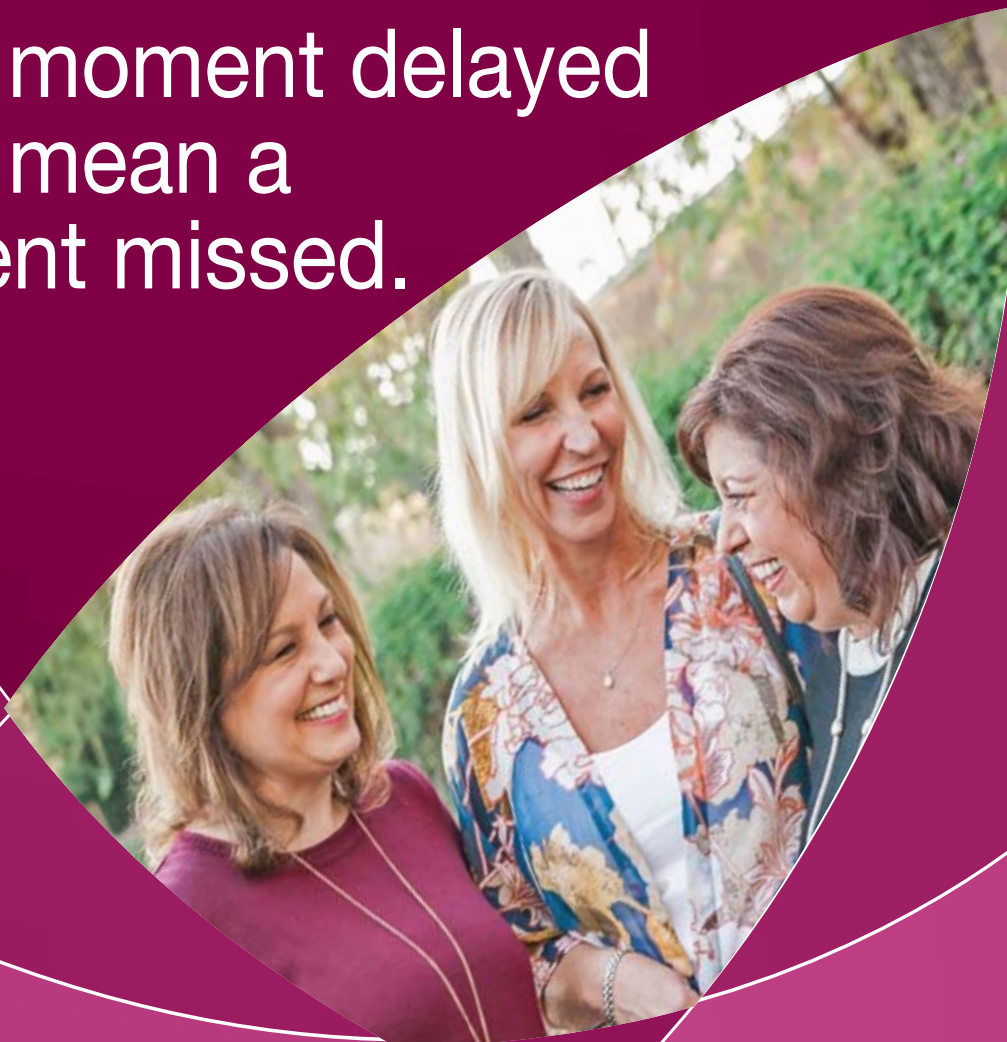
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**NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE
CITY OF CERRITOS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos adopted **Ordinance No. 1019, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA, MOVING THE DATE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FROM THE SECOND TUESDAY OF APRIL IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS TO THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS COMMENCING NO EARLIER THAN MARCH 3, 2020**

WHEREAS, the City's General Municipal Election is currently scheduled for the second Tuesday in April of odd-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1994, the electors of the City of Cerritos approved a Charter amendment authorizing the City Council to establish by ordinance, the date for general municipal elections; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Cerritos and California Elections Code Section 1301 and 10403.5 authorize the City to reschedule its General Municipal Election as necessary;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the Charter of the City of Cerritos and California Elections Code Section 1301 and 10403.5, the date of the General Municipal Election of the City of Cerritos is moved from the second Tuesday in April of each odd-numbered year to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each even-numbered year commencing with the March 3, 2020 California statewide primary.

SECTION 2. In accordance with the change of election date, the terms of office of those members of the City Council presently serving shall be extended for a period of approximately eleven (11) months until the certification of election results are declared by the City Council.

SECTION 3. Section 2.40.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2.40.010 Date of General Municipal Elections

General municipal elections shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each even-numbered year commencing in March 2020.

SECTION 4. The next general municipal election to be held in the City of Cerritos shall be scheduled for March 3, 2020.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and cause same to be posted as required.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of January, 2018.

/s/Grace Hu
Grace Hu, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Vida Barone
Vida Barone, City Clerk

State of California)
County of Los Angeles) ss.
City of Cerritos)

I, Vida Barone, City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing **Ordinance No. 1019** was introduced for first reading on December 14, 2017. Thereafter, said Ordinance was duly approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on January 11, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Edwards, Solanki, Yokoyama, Pulido, Hu
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None.

Dated: January 11, 2018

/s/Vida Barone
Vida Barone, City Clerk

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**CITY OF CERRITOS
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

**PRINTING OF THE CERRITOS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
2018-2019 SEASON BROCHURE**

BID NO. 1333-18

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 Thursday, February 1, 2018**, for the printing of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts 2018-2019 Season Brochure, Bid No. 1333-18.

Bids will be publicly opened at Cerritos City Hall at **11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 1, 2018**. Bids must be made on the form provided for this purpose, addressed to the City Clerk, City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703, marked **"Bid for the Printing of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts 2018-2019 Season Brochure, Bid No. 1333-18."**

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by GLORIA MICHELLE MURGAS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that GLORIA MICHELLE MURGAS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 02/09/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 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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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-17-782585-BF Order No.: 8716426 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/26/2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): JENNY RIVAS AND TONY RIVAS, WIFE AND HUSBAND Recorded: 9/9/2003 as Instrument No. 03-2630052 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 2/15/2018 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in the Vineyard Ballroom Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$286,559.06 The purported property address is: 20028 MAPES AVENUE, CERRITOS, CA 90703 Assessor's Parcel No.: 7050-007-014 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-17-782585-BF. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. 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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN F. LYNCH, JR. aka JOHN FRANCIS LYNCH, JR.
Case No. 17STPB11180

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOHN F. LYNCH, JR. aka JOHN FRANCIS LYNCH, JR.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by John Lynch in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that John Lynch 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 17, 2018 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.
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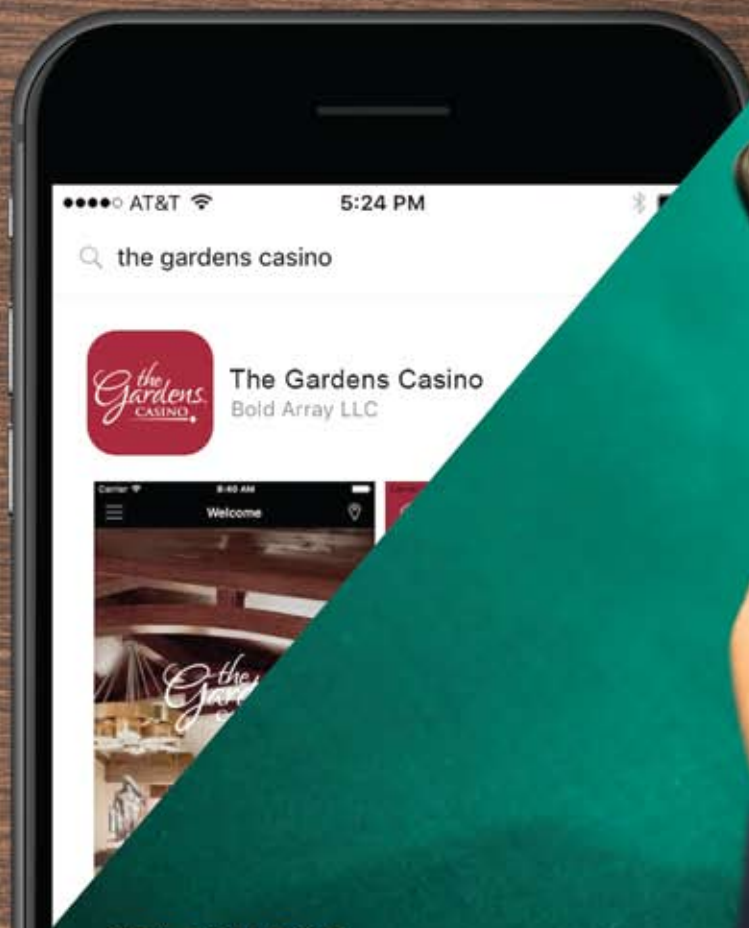


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