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# CERRITOS LOSES ICONIC FICUS TREE AT CITY HALL

**CERRITOS LOST** a well-known icon in the early morning hours of December 17. The huge ficus tree that had been gracing the corner of Bloomfield and 183rd streets since 1974 split in half and fell to the street. The ficus tree met its demise at 5:30 am, fortunately it did not fall on any pedestrians or vehicles. Photo courtesy Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido. **Story page 8**.

# LA MIRADA ANNOUNCES 2018 HOLIDAY HOME CONTEST WINNERS

# **BY BRIAN HEWS**

The City of La Mirada held its annual Holiday Home Decorating Program and encouraged the community to spread holiday cheer. Over 30 La Mirada residents and a business member of the community were recognized for their festive holiday displays. Volunteer judges viewed every block in La Mirada from December 1 through December 12 to judge all the decorated homes. Winners were announced in the following categories: North La Mirada

Most Original:
15280 Weeks Drive
Best Use of Lights:
15022 Weeks Drive
Best Holiday Scene:
12115 Nashville Avenue
Gardenhill
Most Original
14424 Plantana Drive
Best Use of Lights:
14520 Plantana Drive
Best Holiday Scene:
12909 Biola Avenue

See **LA MIRADA** page 8

# **EXHIBIT HONORS AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPACE PIONEER**



**ACHIEVING THE IMPOSSIBLE:** Apollo engineer Shelby Jacobs (center) with CMSC Executive Director Ben Dickow (right) and Apollo engineer Bill Freeman.

# BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The Columbia Memorial Space Center opened its newest exhibit, Achieving the Impossible: The Life and Dreams of Shelby Jacobs this past Saturday, celebrating the life and achievements of Shelby Jacobs, one of seven African-Americans that were instrumental in the creation and of the Apollo Space Program.

Jacobs served as the project manager of the Apollo-Soyuz orbiter. He also designed the propulsion systems and hydraulics instrumentation, which included a camera ejection system.

Arguably, his most notable work was designing, installing, and testing the camera system that flew on Apollo 6 in 1968. The footage from the camera system is one of the most repeated images in space his-

See **SHELBY JACOBS** page 2

# CERRITOS RESIDENTS ATTEMPT TO INCITE VIOLENCE USING OFFENSIVE ONLINE POSTS TARGETING HMG-LCCN PUBLISHER

STAFF REPORT

In a report released Tuesday, the group Reporters Without Borders (RWB) reported on the violence and killings perpetrated on journalists in 2018.

RWB said at least 63 journalists were killed around the world in 2018, a 15% increase over the previous year.

Eighty more were assaulted, an all-time high in violent actions.

"Violence against journalists has reached unprecedented levels this year, and the situation is now critical," RWB wrote.

The report put the blame squarely on both public and private citizens criticizing journalist's stories and how the role of social media intensified people's anger.

And residents are seeing that intensity and manipulation of anger on social media here in Cerritos.

A small group of vocal residents, hiding behind fake Facebook pages, are using an offensive and extremely reckless hashtag - along with the #fakenews moniker and fabricated posts - in an attempt to intensify reader's anger against HMG-LCCN.

Several in the group have brazenly

See **VIOLENCE** page 10

# Cerritos Mayor's Column: Cerritos Auto Square

Revenue from the Square helps the City provide valuable services to the community, including public safety, recreation, library programs and more **PAGE 9** 

# Virgin Mary appears on Artesia sidewalk

An unusual discoloration bears resemblance to the well known image of the Virgin Mary at Holy Family Church. **PAGE 14** 

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THE SHELBY JACOBS exhibit at the CMSC in Downey.

# **SHELBY JACOBS**

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tory as it captures the separation between the first and second stages of the shuttle.

"Success is a solo trip," says Jacobs, "the way I characterize my career is that I went from the back of the bus to the front of the bus."

Jacobs grew up the son of a preacher in the tiny black community of Val Verde, just north of Santa Clarita. To help his family he picked watermelons, cantaloupes, and potatoes and bussed restaurant tables as a teen.

Blacks made up just one percent of his class at William S. Hart High School in Newhall, but he stood out in many other ways. Jacobs was a three-sport varsity athlete and senior class president.

When Jacobs took an aptitude test, he showed a high proficiency for math and science, so his Father encouraged him to try for a scholarship to UCLA, where he planned to study mechanical engineering.

His high school principal took him aside

to warn Jacobs that it would be a wasted effort. "He told me there are no black engineers so you should take a trade."

"But that didn't cause even a ripple with me. What that principal taught me wasn't about racism but about succeeding against the odds," Jacobs said.

"His contribution to space exploration is truly remarkable," said Ben Dickow, Executive Director of the Space Center," and we are honored to display his life achievements revolving around his work and personal life as an African-American aerospace engineer working in the 1960s."

2019 will be an exciting time at the Columbia Memorial Space Center. Achieving the Impossible: The Life and Dreams of Shelby Jacobs is the first of several temporary exhibits the Space Center will have on display honoring the Apollo program.

The Columbia Memorial Space Center is located at 12400 Columbia Way, in Downey. For more information about The Columbia Memorial Space Center, please call (562) 231-1200 or visit www.columbiaspacescience.org.



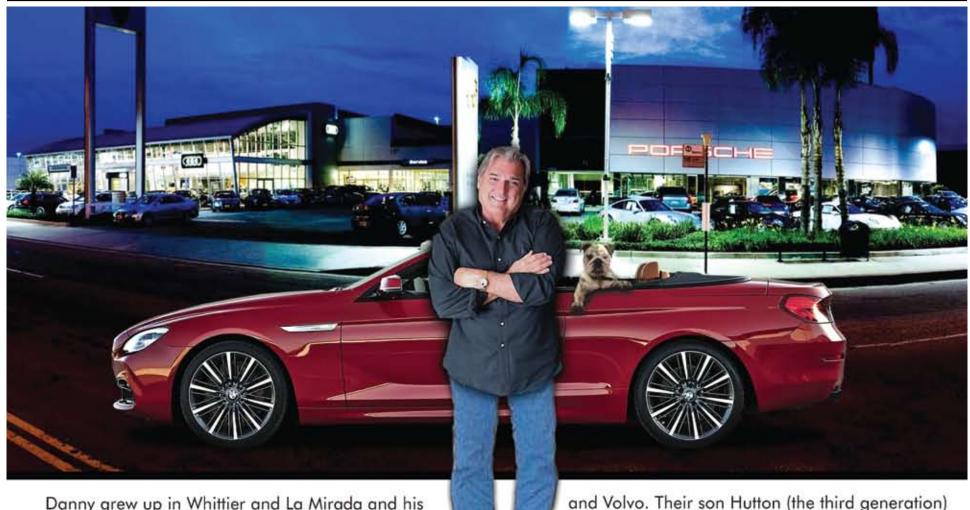




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Danny grew up in Whittier and La Mirada and his wife Jeri grew up in Norwalk and Downey. They lived in the area in the 50's and 60's; it's ironic that 15 years later they would manage their automotive business just a few miles from where they rode their bikes to school.

While Danny, Jeri and their bulldog Hazel work at the Volkswagen, BMW, Porsche and Audi stores, they have grown the business to 9 dealerships in Southern California adding Subaru, Mini is now working at McKenna Porsche. Danny and his family have developed close personal relationships with their customers and like to be on a first name basis. He gives out his cell phone number so he can resolve issues or answer questions as quickly as possible.

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# **COUNCIL HONORS CERRITOS RESIDENTS' 50TH ANNIVERSARY**



The Cerritos City Council congratulated Janice and John Dawson, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 28. Married in South Pasadena in 1968, the Dawsons have been residents of Cerritos since 1973. The couple share two sons, one daughter and six grandchildren. John was a marine biologist at the University of Southern California for 26 years. Janice was an elementary school teacher for the Los Angeles Unified School District for 31 years. They are both active in the Cerritos community. Janice has served as president of the Friends of the Cerritos Library since 2004. Currently a member of the City of Cerritos' Property Preservation Commission, John served eight years on the City's Let Freedom Ring Committee.



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# **MESSAGE FROM THE ABC SUPERINTENDENT**

As the 2018 year comes to a close, it's difficult not to reflect on the extraordinary year that ABC Unified School

> District has experienced.



A comprehensive Board Ad Hoc **Advisory Committee** on Facilities convened in 2016 representing parents, employees, and community members. The Committee was chaired by community member

Brad Beach. Last year, members of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Facilities were divided into teams to visit all the school sites and assess the needs with school level committees. At the

beginning of this year, the Committee reviewed the long range planning tool called the Facilities Master Plan that was used in improving and upgrading the schools facility needs. The Facilities Master Plan was updated and presented to the Board in February, 2018. By July, our Board of Education placed the Bond Measure for the voters to decide. We're very grateful to all the voters for supporting Measure BB. We will be entering 2019 with much work ahead of us in improving our school facilities.

On January 15, 2019 the Board of Education will need to adopt a Resolution entering into the minutes the Certification of the Election Results. During that meeting, we will also adopt the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee Bylaws. Our Bond Counsel, Rob Anslow from AALRR will be with us during that meeting to go over the Bylaws of the Citizens Oversight Committee. The purpose of the Committee shall be to inform the public concerning the expenditure of the bond proceeds.

The California State Board of Education approved a new accountability and continuous improvement system for all public schools two years ago. The new system includes the eight state priorities that define quality education from a broader perspective than a single test score. The accountability system provides multiple measures of student performance and provides a more complete picture of students' educational experience. The Dashboard results were recently released in December. The link to the information from the Dashboard is available at http://www.cde.ca.ga.gov/ dashboard/.

Our schools will be closed December 24, 2018-January 4, 2019. We will resume on January 7, 2019. Thank you to all our school communities for supporting the importance of education!

We wish you all a safe, joyous holiday season and a wonderful new year!

Twitter: @abcsupt

The city's Budget Advisory Group held its second monthly meeting on December 4, hearing presentations and asking questions about Lakewood's \$50 million annual municipal budget. The 15-member group includes Lakewood residents and members of local community and business groups.

Lakewood is beginning to feel fiscal pressure from several factors that have impacted many other California cities in recent years, including:

- The state government's ongoing takeaway of local redevelopment funding (which now costs Lakewood over \$2 million a year);
- The rising cost to California cities of contributions to the state-run employee retirement system as that system takes steps

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staff positions. Unfilled positions include a recreation coordinator, planning technician and several maintenance workers. In addition, several positions previously held by full-time staff are now being filled by

to become more fiscally sound after the

local government as more shoppers go on-

line for purchases instead of shopping with

2018 fiscal year with a small surplus, but

with a structural deficit forming in the fu-

ture for the city budget. In order to main-

tain a balanced budget, the Lakewood City

Council has approved a series of deficit re-

The budget-reduction steps taken by

· Freezing hiring for nine vacant city

duction measures for 2018-2020.

the City Council so far include:

• The flattening of sales tax revenue to

The City of Lakewood ended the 2017-

2008 recession; and

local merchants.

part-time staff.

• Reducing janitorial maintenance at

City Hall and other locations.

- Tightening the scope of and spending on special events in Lakewood.
- Reducing new tree plantings for residents and city land by 50%, but maintaining a priority for residential needs.
- Maximizing the use of outside grant funds for capital improvements. For example, the construction project underway at Mayfair Park is being fully paid with state funds secured by the city.

The Budget Advisory Group will meet again in early 2019, and the City Council will continue with its budget analysis and deliberations leading up to July 2019 adjustments to the FY18-20 two-year city budget. The Budget Advisory Group was created by the City Council to inform community leaders and solicit input about the issues related to the city's deficit and maintain community understanding, trust and

# NLMUSD WINS GOLDEN BELL AWARD FOR COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS PARTNERSHIP



AWARD: from (l-r) Darryl Adams- NLMUSD Board member; Dr. Patricio Vargas-Asst. Supt.; Jude Cazeres-Board member; Ernesto Centeno- Staff; Jesse Urquidi-Board Member; Chris Pflanzer- Board President; Jorge Tirado- Board Member; Dr. Hasmik Danielian- NLMUSD Superintendent; Karen Morrison- Board Member; Tim Scholefield- Staff; John Lopez- Asst. Supt.; Kelly Baker-Staff; Jim Speth-Staff; and Lauren Goodner-Staff.

The Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District announced last week that it has won a prestigious 2017 Golden Bell Award for the Norwalk Education Alliance, a career and college readiness initiative to enhance local economic development.

Conceived in 2015, the Alliance is a multi-agency effort to provide a formal and sustained joint commitment to guide residents of all ages into greater futures via higher education, career technical training and entrepreneurship. The Alliance's various accomplishments, through resources provided by NLMUSD, have included creating a list of "soft skill" standards for young jobseekers, conducting mock job interviews for hundreds of high schoolers and holding a career expo for area residents.

"It's a great honor for our district to earn this Golden Bell Award," said NL-MUSD Board of Education President Sean M. Reagan. "As a partnership, the Norwalk Education Alliance has done wonderful work on behalf of education and the community."

In addition to NLMUSD and the City of Norwalk, the Alliance partners are the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, Cerritos College, Little Lake City School District, Santa Fe High School, Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board and the Long Beach Small Business Development Center.

Golden Bell Awards are sponsored by the California School Boards Association to promote excellence in public education and school board governance by recognizing outstanding programs and governance practices of school boards in school districts.

Awards are given out for a variety of categories. The rigorous judging process includes site validation visits. The NL-MUSD, along with all other Golden Bell winners, will be formally recognized by the CSBA at an evening ceremony Nov. 30 in San Diego.

The NLMUSD entry for the Alliance was submitted in the program category of Community Schools Through Partnerships and Collaboration. "We care very much about the academic and economic success of our community and our Alliance is proof of that," said district Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian. "It has been a great group effort and we are happy to share this award with all of our partners."

Joanne Jung, director of NLMUSD's College and Career Pathways program, believes that educating and preparing the next generation's workforce should always be a shared responsibility. "It has been an amazing experience working with our partners," she said about the Alliance. "Together, our civic leaders, local businesses, surrounding school systems and community organizations, are all contributing to a better future."

For more information about the Alliance and its purpose, visit the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District's special webpage at: http://www.nlmusd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC ID=342083&type=d&pREC ID=914365

The webpage has a City of Norwalk "Now You Know" video about the Alliance program in 2016. To see it directly on You-Tube, click here. There is also a city video about the program for this year, click here

# INDEPENDENT BOND AUDIT **SHOWS CERRITOS COLLEGE AS 'GOOD STEWARD'**

### STAFF REPORT

Cerritos College earned a clean audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 for its voter-approved bond construction program. The official reports were presented to the Board of Trustees during its December 12 Board meeting. Audits conducted by independent accounting firm CliftonLarsenAllen, LLP for Measure CC and Measure G concluded the District, in all significant respects, properly accounted for the financial costs associated with both bond measures. "There were no findings related to performance," according to au-

In 2004, voters approved Measure CC by 57.71 percent and authorized the District to use \$210 million in general obligation bonds to upgrade the 60-year-old campus with new state-of-the-art facilities and resources. Subsequently, in 2012, voters overwhelming approved Measure G by 70.33 percent for \$350 million in bonds to accommodate the growing demand for modern facilities and infrastructure upgrades.

To date, the District has completed eight major projects funded through Measures CC and G. Finished projects include a Math and Computer Information Science Building, Liberal Arts/Disabled Student Programs and Services Building, Physical Science and Technology Building, Automotive Partners Building, and a Fine Arts Complex, among others. A new Performing Arts Center and a Health and Wellness Complex are currently under construction. In addition, to maximize cost savings, during its last bond sale in 2017, the District secured a reduced interest rate that will ultimately save taxpayers about \$22.4 mil-

"We are extremely proud of the audit report results," said Dr. Jose L. Fierro, president/superintendent, Cerritos College. "We are grateful to the taxpayers for their overwhelming support and trust in Cerritos College as we use bond funds to improve our campus environment for student success. We diligently strive to be good stewards and hold ourselves accountable for every dollar spent to rebuild the College."

Since the passage of Measures CC and G, the District has consistently maintained a long-standing record of excellent audit reports that show strong fiscal management and compliance with local, state, and federal laws.

For more information about the 2018 audit report, visit www.cerritos.edu

# LA MIRADA CRIME **SUMMARY**

### **Notable Arrests**

The La Mirada Special Assignment Team arrested a suspect for assault with a deadly weapon that was previously reported on the 15900 block of Jalon Rd.

Three suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.

### Robbery

An armed suspect stole cash during a late night robbery on the 14900 block of Rosecrans Ave. No injuries were reported during the incident.

### **Aggravated Assault**

A male victim was pistol whipped

See LA MIRADA page 13



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# **ROTARY'S 'CLOTHES FOR KIDS' PROJECT HELPS** LA MIRADA CHILDREN IN NEED



ROTARY'S Clothes for Kids project provided some \$125 in warm clothing for the winter months for each of the 37 participating children.

### STAFF REPORT

Dozens of La Mirada children and scores of volunteers came together during the annual Clothes for Kids event sponsored by the Rotary Club of La Mirada on

Rotary works with local schools and other institutions each year to identify children in need of assistance. Community volunteers, including Sheriff and Fire Department personnel, assist the children with shopping for new clothing on their lists at Marshalls department store.

Following the shopping portion of the morning, the children are taken to the La Mirada Activity Center for a holiday party and a gift from Santa Claus.

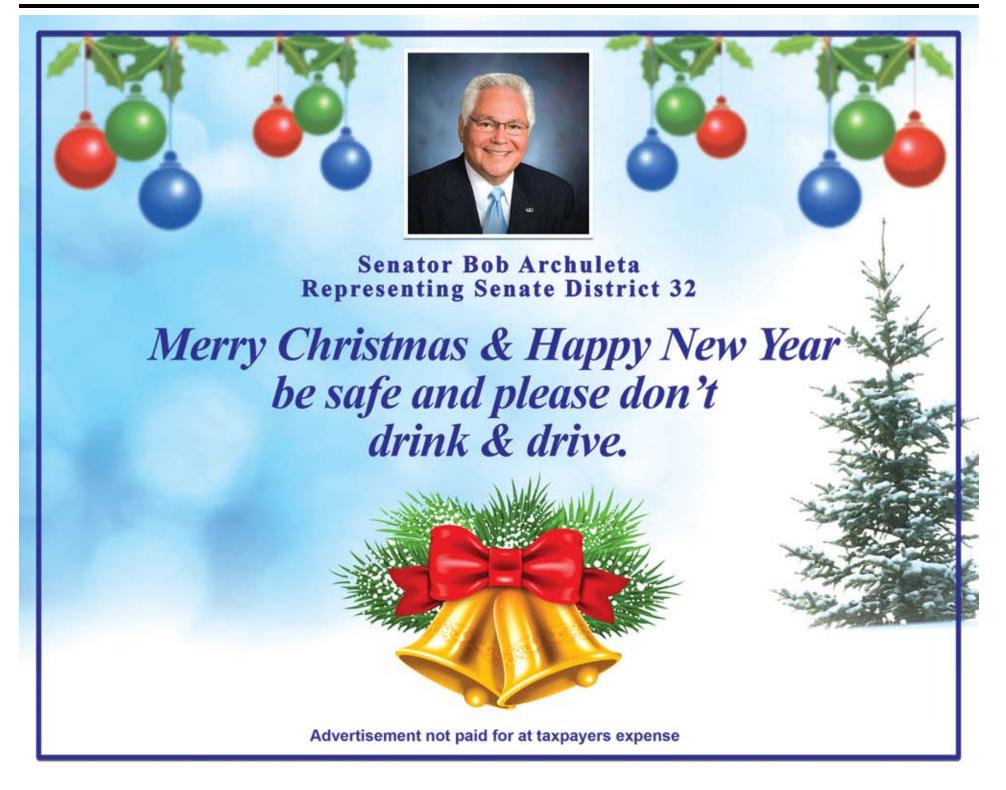
"The Clothes for Kids project pays a special tribute to the memory of Eileen Wade, a longtime member of the Rotary

Club of La Mirada, who championed the project for many years," says Dr. Wayne Wong, a La Mirada dentist who worked with Wade for years on the project.

"Clothes for Kids shows Rotary's unique ability to bring people in the community together to have fun while assisting others in need," says La Mirada Rotary President Tom Robinson. "We appreciate the generous support the community has provided to this project for many years."

Donations to can be made by local businesses and residents throughout the year. Donations may be sent to Rotary Club of La Mirada at P.O. Box 248, La Mirada, CA

Information on the Rotary Club of La Mirada is available at www.rotarycluboflamirada.com and on Facebook at www. facebook.com/rotarycluboflamirada.



# ST. IRENAEUS MINISTRY BRINGS CHRISTMAS TO CARE CENTERS

### BY ROSEMARY LEWALLEN

St. Irenaeus Health Ministry gave residents of five long-term care facilities and homebound parishioners early Christmas gifts. Residents of Harvest Retirement, Sunrise La Palma, Karlton Residential Center, Health Care Center Orange County and Anaheim Terrace (Genesis) Care Center were treated with Giving Tree Parties complete with Santa and a gift donated by a St. Irenaeus parishioner. There were 475 bags of gifts given out. Each bag had been hand decorated by St. Irenaeus students. Traditional holiday carols were led by members of the St. Irenaeus Adult Choir. On December 11th, the 6th grade class of St. Irenaeus School assisted in the singing and gift giving at Sunrise La Palma, with the guidance of teachers, Mrs. Jennifer Razo and Miss Carmen Castaneda. There were lots of smiles on the faces of both seniors and youngsters as all got in the holiday spirit of love.

The Giving Tree parties are an annual outreach by St. Irenaeus Health Ministry that requires the time, energy and talent of many volunteers plus generous contributions of gifts by St. Irenaeus parishioners. Residents at long-term care facilities may not have visitors or family members nearby to show that they care. The Giving Tree Parties are a tangible way to let long term care residents know that they have not been forgotten. Kudos are in order for the many staff members, and thanks go to Edna Ethington for taking photos, playing the ukulele and singing.



ST. IRENAEUS 6th grade at Sunrise La Palma 12/11/18: with teachers Mrs. Jennifer Razo (far left) and Miss Carmen Casteneda (far right, second row)

# KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR AT LA MIRADA'S SPLASH!

Be among the first in 2019 to take the plunge into the chilly waters of Buccaneer Bay at Splash! The Polar Bear Plunge will take place on New Year's Day from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Adventurers will receive a photo commemorating the event. This trilling plunge is available for just \$5 and is free for 2019 Splash! season pass holders. Start 2019 with a fun adventure!

# CITY OF LA MIRADA ENCOURAGES **SAFETY FOR NEW YEAR'S**

As the New Year's Eve festivities draw near, La Mirada's Public Safety Team reminds the community that a "zero tolerance" approach will be in place to ensure the safety of residents.

"New year's Eve is a night to celebrate

and ring in 2019 with friends and loved ones," says Los Angeles County Sheriff's Lieutenant Jeff Dusky. "We encourage La Mirada residents to celebrate the holiday responsibly." To enjoy a safe holiday, keep the following in mind:

- Gunfire is prohibited.
- · Fireworks, including "safe and sane" fireworks, may not be discharged.
- Public drinking of alcoholic beverages and public intoxication is prohibited.
- Following a warning by La Mirada's Public Safety Team, individuals who host large parties that disturb the peace and quiet of a neighborhood will be billed for the cost of breaking up the party.
- · Streets may not be blocked to accommodate large parties.
- If you drink, don't drive!

Incidents can be reported by calling the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2960.



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### **LA MIRADA**

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### Biola

Most Original: 13015 Gabbett Drive Best Use of Lights: 14732 Gagely Drive Best Holiday Scene: 14833 Turlock Road

### Creek Park

Most Original: 15122 Valeda Drive Best Use of Lights: 15850 Olive Branch Drive Best Holiday Scene: 13353 Fonseca Avenue

### La Pluma

Most Original: 14523 Aranza Drive Best use of Lights: 15131 Manzanares Road Best Holiday Scene: 15139 Manzanares Road

### Escalona

Most Original: 15461 Alondra Boulevard Best Use of Lights: 15610 Ocaso Avenue Best Holiday Scene: 15126 Hayford Avenue

### Green Hills/Hillsborough

Most Original: 12606 Mayhill Avenue Best Use of Lights: 13714 Avenida Espana Best Holiday Scene: 15802 Greenworth Drive



THE HOME GLOWING from thousands of Christmas lights made famous in the Christmas comedy classic "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" has been recreated in La Mirada. A fan of the 1989 movie, Jeff Norton's recreation of the Griswold family home started when he purchased an RV – the exact same make and model as one used in the film. Courtesy CBS.

### **Los Covotes**

Most Original: 15912 Golva Drive Best Use of Lights: 15619 Hesse Drive Best Holiday Scene: 15011 Stanton Avenue

### Foster Road

Most Original:

13214 Bona Vista Lane Best Use of Lights: 13709 Ramsey Drive Best Holiday Scene: 13828 Foster Road

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Most Original: 14384 San Feliciano Drive Best Use of Lights:

14814 Figueras Road Best Holiday Scene: 14818 Crestoak Drive

### **Business**

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The City of La Mirada recognized this year's winners with a holiday ornament and thanked all who participated.



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# ICONIC FICUS TREE AT CERRITOS CITY HALL FALLS

# BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

On the morning of December 17, 2018 Cerritos lost a well known icon. The beautiful ficus tree that has been gracing the north-west corner of Bloomfield and 183rd Street since 1974, split in half and fell to the street.

The ficus tree met its demise approximately 5:30 am and fortunately did not to fall on pedestrians or vehicles, even the numerous traffic signal poles and light poles which are located in close proximity to this tree were spared.

The City arborist determined that the ficus tree had a natural condition known 'co-dominant' trunks. According to Arborist Now/ Urban Forestry this is one of the most common problems arborists encounter while assessing trees with twin

Well-formed tree trunks feature several layers of overlapping wood at their junction point. The trunk produces some of this wood, while the branch produces the rest; the result is a very strong point of attachment. Because co-dominant trunks have overlapping layers, they do not possess the strength of proper branch junctions. Co-Dominant trees lack branch protection zones. This zone is rich in protective chemicals that help to prevent pathogens from spreading to the trunk from the branch.

Because co-dominant trees lack these zones, diseases can travel down the stem and infect the rest of the tree.

Essentially the Cerritos Ficus tree had developed two primary trunks when it first started to grow. The two trunks exerted

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pressure against each other as the tree matured. In some instances this internal pressure gets reduced when one or the other main trunk stops growing or withers away. On rare occasions the two trunks continue to develop in a healthy manner until the internal pressures cause the tree to split in half.

City staff immediately engaged the City's tree contractor, GSCo to respond promptly and remove the debris so the west bound 183rd street could be re-opened. As of Monday evening the clearing work was almost complete allowing the free flow of traffic once again. The actual tree stump and larger trunk segments will be removed in the next day or two.

Mayor Mark Pulido said, "tonight, I am sad. The tree stood proud and strong, keeping a watchful eye over the Civic Center at the heart of our hometown for many, many years...until early this morning. Many memories were made here; Memorial Day ceremonies, Veterans Day ceremonies, and Let Freedom Ring celebrations under the fireworks spectacular on the Fourth of July."

One of his favorite memories of family time under the tree was in March of 2011. That evening, after he was elected to City Council, his family gathered at that northwest corner of Bloomfield Avenue and 183rd Street, to wave and give thanks to Cerritos residents on their drive home, "Under the beautiful canopy of the tree, our hearts filled with gratitude, I felt so fortunate for the opportunity to give back to my hometown for all of my blessings."

**CERRITOS AUTO SQUARE DEFIES** 

**CONVENTIONAL WISDOM** 

By Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido

he Cerritos Auto Square is by far one of the most valuable commodities in the City. Throughout the past five years, sales have consistently topped billions of dollars, with a penny on every dollar spent on vehicle purchases going to the City as sales tax revenue. This revenue helps the City provide valuable services to the community, including public safety, recreation, library programs and more. Since the early 1980s, the Cerritos Auto Square has thrived, offering consumers a wealth of options to meet their car shopping needs.

In the late 1970s, plans were in the works for an innovative concept that would become known across the region as the Cerritos Auto Square. The one-stop car shopping concept defied the conventional wisdom that competing retailers should not locate next door to one another. The City's original General Plan had called for an auto mall and, by 1977, the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency remained convinced of its potential success. Early marketing brochures read, "We knew that Cerritos offered a unique blend of available land, a large market threshold, excellent location in relation to a large regional shopping center and freeway access."

City leaders zeroed in on a plot of approximately 90 acres along the San Gabriel River that offered outstanding visibility and easy access from the 605 freeway. In 1979, the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency purchased land from Jake Knevelbaard Dairy and seven other property owners for the new auto mall. Improvements were made to what would be the auto mall's main stretch of Studebaker Road between 183rd Street and South Street. At the same time, the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency pursued potential tenants.

By October, five major auto dealers

joined local officials for a groundbreaking ceremony marking the start of construction of the \$23 million project. Guests enjoyed Dixieland music, an antique car show and refreshments. During Phase I, S&J Chevrolet, Moon Datsun, Cerritos Dodge and Browning Oldsmobile joined Jim Snow Ford, which had established a shop a few years earlier on South Street. Other ten-

ants quickly followed. The original buildings of the Cerritos Auto Square followed a New Orleans theme, with cobble-

stone intersections, decorative wrought iron details and an ornate gazebo with a large clock. Many of the dealerships also featured waterfalls, meandering sidewalks and manicured landscaping.

After its official dedication on August 23, 1980, the Cerritos Auto Square quickly became a popular regional destination. Early brochures read that the Auto Square was to be

"the business location for the 1980s and beyond!" Vacancies filled quickly.

In the late 1980s, the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency worked to expand what was now a thriving Cerritos Auto Square. An 8.5-acre site on the northwest corner of Studebaker Road and 183rd Street was purchased that had once served as a turkey ranch and, later, a General Telephone Company service yard. The Cerritos Redevelopment Agency invested \$1.2 million in improvements, including road enhancements, landscaped medians and parkways,

rocky waterfalls and decorative streetlights, laying the foundation for new Moothart Chrysler-Plymouth and Victory Pontiac-GMC dealerships. A Saturn dealership was added a few years later, bringing the grand total of dealer franchises to 22.

Today, the Cerritos Auto Square continues to grow and expand. Several dealership remodels have been completed and

are currently taking place. A renovation of Cerritos Acura was completed in January. The dealership now sports

an expanded showroom, parts, service and office space. The renovation also included the addition of a conference room, locker room, storage and office space.

Penske Jaguar/Land Rover of Cerritos is undergoing a remodel of its existing dealership. Plans call for a minor addition and a remodel to the interior and exterior of the offices and service canopy. The showroom will

be expanded and the remodel will adopt a contemporary design. Work is scheduled to be completed by early 2019.

Construction is also taking place at the Cerritos Mazda dealership, which will soon feature a new contemporary architectural design, landscaping and upgraded parking lot. All of these dealership remodels will contribute to an increase in property values in the City of Cerritos.

The Cerritos Auto Square continues to experience strong sales, selling 59,322 vehicles in 2017. The average vehicle sales

price at the Cerritos Auto Square is approximately \$35,000, bringing the total vehicle sales to more than \$2 billion and generating an estimated \$20 million in sales tax revenue for the City. Sales in 2018 through the beginning of December are approximately 50,274 vehicles.

In addition to funds acquired through vehicle sales, the Cerritos Auto Square also generates millions of non-taxed dollars that flow through the economy as a result of maintenance and repair work. The Auto Square also employs thousands of people.

President of the Cerritos Auto Square Dealers Association Mike Gilligan remarked, "The dealers are appreciative of the role that our local community played in helping the Auto Square achieve near record level sales for 2017. We are proud to represent the City of Cerritos and look forward to another successful year of this great partnership."

Dave Conant of The CAR Group commented, "Cerritos continues to be a business-friendly city that takes pride in the success of the Cerritos Auto Square. Having this support allows the Auto Square dealers to focus on delivering a great buying and ownership experience to their guests. The Cerritos Auto Square's unique location and large, diverse selection of vehicles, parts and services continues to make it the volume destination for all buyers in the Southland."

Today, the Cerritos Auto Square features 16 dealerships and more than 20 brands, including Acura, Buick, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Dodge, Ford, GMC, Honda, Hyundai, Infiniti, Jaguar, Jeep, Kia, Land Rover, Lexus, Mazda, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Toyota and Volkswagen. Its continuing success is a testament to the Auto Square's unequaled location, reputation and selection.





# ARTESIA LADY PIONEERS WINTER CLASSIC TOURNAMENT:

# EXHAUSTED ARTESIA SQUAD FALLS IN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OF OWN TOURNAMENT

### BY LOREN KOPFF **@LORENKOPFF ON TWITTER**

The Artesia High girls basketball team is off to its best start in over 10 years but the price for accumulating double digit victories before league play begins is starting to catch up to the Lady Pioneers. Including a blowout victory against Desert Hot Springs High last Saturday, Artesia had played nine games in 13 days.

The Lady Pioneers had won nine straight games before back to back losses to Bolsa Grande High in a span of 48 hours, the second a 40-37 setback last Friday night in the championship game of the Red Division of the Lady Pioneers Winter Classic Tournament. Artesia is now 11-3 and has three more victories than all last season, but head coach Shonyta Pouncey is beginning to see his team worn out with four more games to go before the end of 2018.

"Very tough; it's hard to beat any team twice," Pouncey said. "And we kind of knew that we might had to do that this year. It's never easy to beat the same team twice because everyone kind of knows everything and what's going on."

The Lady Pioneers reeled off seven straight points in the first quarter and led 13-11 after the stanza. Junior Seira Roberts was the main force in the opening eight minutes, scoring eight points and grabbing five of the team's 14 rebounds. Artesia would keep the pressure on in the second quarter, outscoring the Matadores 11-6 and collecting 13 more rebounds.

But the third quarter would be the telling story as the Lady Pioneers, who had missed their first six shots from the field to begin the game, missed their first nine field goals to begin the second half. At the same time, Bolsa Grande took advantage and went on an 8-0 lead in the first 3:50 of the second half. A three-pointer

off the glass from Jennifer Troung game the Matadores their first lead at 25-24.

Artesia wouldn't score for another minute when senior Janet Briseno's basket allowed the hosts to regain the lead. But the third quarter ended at 28-28 and Bolsa Grande would go on a 10-4 run for the first 4:55 of the fourth quarter.

"Coming out and not getting any points right away all the way until the middle of the third quarter hurt us," Pouncey said. "Not being able to get after it right away...obviously the starters and the two's have played a lot of minutes over the last two weeks. They are super darn tired."

Still, Artesia would have a chance to steal the win away from Bolsa Grande. Down by six points, freshman sensation Sydnee McKee scored the last of her nine points with 2:26 remaining in the game. Then, a three-pointer from sophomore Mariah Jarnet four feet from the top of the key made it 38-37 with 75 seconds left in regulation. However, Mimi Nguyen's basket with 34.5 ticks left proved to be the dagger in the hearts of the Lady

"I was thinking we had a pretty good chance," Pouncey said after Jarnet's big shot. "That kid just hit a Steph Curry-type three. I knew it would jazz up everybody on the court and bench. As far as the play calls, those are our play calls, so I just don't want to put them out there. But, we wanted to go with our people who we knew could score some points."

Roberts led Artesia with 11 points and 12 rebounds while freshman Dayzhia Young grabbed 11 boards. In all, Artesia crashed the glass to the tune of 52 rebounds. However, the team turned the ball over 23 times, something that didn't set too well with Pouncey.

"We have to take care of the ball better," Pouncey said. "We're young and they're hungry. But as far as the game goes and stopping their players and doing



THE ARTESIA HIGH girls basketball team poses after finishing second in the Red Division of the Lady Pioneers Winter Classic Tournament. Artesia lost to Bolsa Grande High 40-37 last Friday night.

whatever, they really followed a game plan. We lost by seven to a Division 3 team and now, we just lost by three to a Division 3 team. Obviously, the room for improvement is there, but it tells me that my kids are way tougher this year."

Even though she was held to single digits for the second straight game and sixth time this season, McKee has been more than a pleasant surprise and if she continues to stay at Artesia the next three years, she could become one of the best players the program has ever seen. Through the first 13 games, McKee is leading the team with an 11.5 points per game average, 57 assists and 54 steals.

"She's a godsend," Pouncey said. "She went to Fedde Middle School, but her parents were going to move to Washington to get jobs or change jobs and she ended up coming [here]. We didn't know that she was coming, but she has been a godsend."

The last time Artesia had double digit victories came in the 2011-2012 season when that team finished 12-17. And, the last time any Artesia team had more than 10 non-league victories came during the 2001-2002 season when the Lady Pioneers capped off a 26-6 campaign with a trip to the CIF-Southern Section Division III-AA championship game. The previous season, Artesia went 31-3. By the way, the program has not won a league contest since 2015.

"We had a game plan going in," Pouncey said. "We know we have struggled in league and we haven't won a league game in [three] years. I told the See **ARTESIA** page 13

# **VIOLENCE** Continued from page 1

used the hashtag in all the articles posted, with the administrators of certain Cerritos oriented Facebook pages allowing the offensive hashtag to be used.

Resident Sambev Desai, a frequent critic of the City Council, started the hashtag, with Jane Yim (who has a fake Facebook

page) and others "liking" and using the



hashtag in other posts, which exposes the hashtag to many other people.

Their "anger" is a result of stories that are completely true and factual, just not what they want to hear, about the Cerritos City Council's 4-1 vote to give Bellflower Unified students free library cards.

So instead of debating the issue, they lie and attack HMG-LCCN using social media and use offensive, irresponsible, and some would say dangerous hashtags to gin up anger against the newspaper.

The group has never disputed the facts in the stories, only attacking thHMG-LCCN for exercising its First Amendment rights in arguing that it is the right thing to do giving the Bellflower students free library access.

And for those factual stories and their disagreements therein, the cowards started a disgusting and threatening hashtag using my last name, which is unique.

They are coupling the use of my last name with the now infamous #fakenews, the hashtag responsible for pushing Jarrod Ramos to kill five people at the Capital Gazzette.

#Fakenews prompted a guy to take a loaded shotgun to a pizza parlor after reading that Hillary Clinton had a child sex ring in the basement of the parlor.

Nobody knew that a simple hashtag would cause such violence and death, but it did.

It is beyond irresponsible; these Cer-

ritos residents, feigning anger against the Cerritos Council for giving free library cards to non-residents.

They are either oblivious to the unintended consequences, which is negligence, or they intend to stir up anger against HMG-LCCN and my last name, which is a crime.

The offensive hashtags with my last name are classified as threatening electronic communications which is a violation of California Criminal Code section

I have a wife, two grown kids, and several relatives with the same last name who have nothing to do with my articles.

Yet these angry residents, with their reckless hashtag, the #fakenews moniker, and their blatant lies, have now exposed my family members to possible retribution and violence..

Even more disgusting, the lone yes vote to block children from obtaining free library cards, Cerritos Councilman Jim Edwards, has not denounced the group's hashtag, his silence becoming a rallying cry for the angry residents.

Edwards has never hidden his disgust for me, loudly complaining that my appointment to the Economic Development Commission was a conflict of interest given I own this newspaper, which he has a right to do, even though it ruled by the City Attorney as permissable.

Edwards showed his hypocrisy in his

complaint; his own appointee at the time was Janet Beach, a Fine Arts and Historical Commissioner, who helped publish a now seldom-seen newsletter in the City.

Edwards disgust apparently prevents him from complaining against the resident's dangerous hashtag combinations using my name coupled with #fakenews.

I have been attacked for my articles before, that is part of the job, but the attacks are letters to the editor expressing alternate views, which I always publish.

Civil discourse is good for a democratic society.

Yet these cowards, who hide behind their keyboards, prefer to start a hashtag campaign -certainly aimed at inflicting damage on my company - while possibly inciting violence against me and my family - for simply publishing articles they don't agree with.

Articles that are correct and backed up with facts.

The CEO of RWB said "the hatred of journalists proclaimed by unscrupulous people using social media has been reflected in the disturbing increase in violence against journalists."

It is certainly evident here in Cerritos; over free library card access to kids.

Against all this violence, Time Magazine this month named journalists as their Person of the Year for 2018, calling them "The Guardians."

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# LACK OF SECOND HALF SHOOTING LEAVES CERRITOS SHORT AGAINST NORTH TORRANCE

### BY LOREN KOPFF **@LORENKOPFF ON TWITTER**

The Cerritos High girls basketball team had not played in over a week when it welcomed North Torrance High last Saturday night. The Lady Dons had gone 3-1 in their first two tournaments to begin the season and were looking for a non-league win against the Saxons, who are coached by former Cerritos standout Lauren Kami-

But the Lady Dons were unable to attempt many shots in the second half, which didn't give them more chances to score. The low number in attempts showed in a 56-50 loss that sent Cerritos to a 6-3 mark. Cerritos attempted 43 shots in the game but was eight of 19 in the second half.

"We want to get more shots off and I think what we did stress to them was a quality shot," said Cerritos head coach Marcus Chinen. "So, I don't know if the players got confused as far as, 'I want to make sure I get a good look' versus 'hey, if I can try to shoot over somebody'. I

don't think we shot over anyone. Most of our shots were wide open."

Cerritos led for most of the first quarter until the Saxons closed out the final 3:38 on an 8-2 run. North Torrance would increase its lead to five points in the opening minutes of the second quarter and had a 24-20 advantage before the Lady Dons made a surge towards halftime. With 2:36 remaining in the half, senior Alyxe Tamaki tied the game with her second basket in less than two minutes. Then with 26.4 seconds remaining in the half, freshman Amara Hizon tied the game at 28-28. That would mark the last time North Torrance would not trail in the game as it got a three-pointer from Kacie Takata just before the buzzer sounded, then opened the third quarter on a 13-6 run to pull away.

Throughout most of the game, Cerritos struggled with converting on its attempts right under the basket. Although the Lady Dons ended the night shooting 40 percent from the field, that number easily could have higher.

"I think we turned the ball over immediately and that kind of set something where it wasn't on a positive note," Chinen said of the third quarter. "They went hot in the third quarter and we didn't convert on some of our stuff."

No one scored in the fourth quarter until the 5:25 mark when freshman Halyne Buycks scored her lone basket of the half to make it 47-42. A three-pointer from Siera Mitsumi 10 seconds later gave the Saxons that extra cushion. But with just under four minutes remaining in the game, senior Iris Lee took a pass from Tamaki and drilled a three-pointer from the left wing. Then with 2:17 remaining, Tamaki hit a downtown shot off a pass from Hizon to make it a four-point contest. But the Lady Dons were held scoreless over the final 1:30.

"What we told them was they needed to get on the ground for everything," Chinen said of Lee's three-pointer. "We needed to match their intensity and match their scrappiness versus just being very passive, which I think in the few games prior to this, we were a little passive."

Buycks and Tamaki each scored 10 points while junior Kamsi Okere added

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eight points off the bench. Buycks also had nine rebounds while Okere added eight boards. Cerritos has begun the season on a solid start despite not having the services of junior Minh-Thy Vo, last season's Suburban League Player of the Year. Vo, who is also a high jumper and hurdler for the track and field team in the spring season, tore her right ACL last spring, but has had previous damage to her knee. Chinen said she is on track to return for the summer season and eventually next winter.

"I think 6-3 is somewhere good to start," Chinen said. "We told the girls from the very beginning no team is going to go out there and just be perfect. We're going win some, we're going to lose some. And if we lose some, we have to learn from them. This game, in particular, I think we learned a lot."

Cerritos will face Oak Hills High on Wednesday in pool play action of the Best of the West Tournament at Ayala High. The next day, the Lady Dons will meet with Hillcrest High.

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# **NORWALK BOYS SOCCER CRUSHES GAHR WITH ANOTHER DEFENSIVE GEM**

BY LOREN KOPFF **@LORENKOPFF ON TWITTER** 

Vinson Pluma is in his 16th season as head coach of the Norwalk High boys soccer team, but has never had the start that the Lancers are having so far. When Norwalk shutout Gahr High 6-0 last Thursday, it propelled the Lancers to an 8-0-1 start, the best the program has seen since beginning the 2006-2007 campaign at 11-2-0.

"As you know, team chemistry changes with the loss of one or more players and over time," Pluma said. "So, preseason is needed to evaluate the kind of team we have. With four tough preseason games left on the schedule, we should be prepared for an interesting [league] season. Our young players are talented and have experience, so we are enjoying the experience and hope for the best."

Norwalk, ranked third in the CIF-Southern Section Division 4 poll, jumped on board in the 14th minute when senior forward Benjamin Gonzalez converted a penalty kick that skipped through the left side. Four minutes later, senior forward Daniel Felix made it 2-0 and with 11 minutes remaining in the half, the Lancers tacked on their third tally on a header from senior midfielder Devin Carcano.

With little offense being generated from Gahr (1-2-1), Pluma decided to switch his formations for the second half and was able to sub in and out more players. In the 47th minute, Carcano fed a pass to freshman forward Juan Carbajal, making it 4-0. Five minutes later, junior forward Abel Marin got into the action with his team's fifth goal and junior midfielder Emiliano Segura closed out the scoring later in the half.

"During the game, we switch formations a few times depending on the players who are on the field or if we see an opportunity," Pluma said. "At Gahr, they sat back, so we could pull out a defender and add another forward, which allowed us to give other players more field time."

Not only has Norwalk not lost a game, it has posted six shutouts, four in a row, and only four goals have gotten past senior goalkeeper Leonardo Mondragon. The Lancers will visit La Serna High today, then travel to former Suburban League rival Artesia High on Dec. 28 before league play begins. Artesia is the second ranked team in Division 3.

"Our defense has been solid," Pluma said. "All players have been promoted from last year's junior varsity team except for [senior] Eric Lopez. All of our defenders are converted midfielders who can pass, control the tempo, play more than one formation and communicate well. Also, we have taller players who are good in the air on set plays. Height is a rare asset for us."

The Gladiators, who dropped a 4-1 decision to Cerritos High on Dec. 18, will host Artesia on Thursday.

In other boys soccer action, Artesia (6-1-0) is home to Santa Fe High today before its meeting with Gahr while Cerritos (3-4) hosted Samueli Academy on Dec. 20. Cerritos will also face Marina High and Dominguez High on Wednesday in the Marina Tournament. On Thursday, the Dons will meet with Savanna High.



Valley Christian High (5-1-1) blanked John Glenn High 5-0 last Friday and will host St. Margaret's High tonight before facing Crean Lutheran High and Ontario Christian High on Saturday in a tournament at Crean Lutheran.

### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Artesia (6-6) will host Garey High tonight before opening action in the Rancho Alamitos Tournament on Wednesday against Garden Grove High while Cerritos (4-8) fell to Cypress High 68-52 this past Tuesday and faced Downey High on Dec. 20 at Staples Center. The Dons will compete in the Orange Tournament beginning on Wednesday.

Gahr (7-6) lost to La Mirada High 68-64 in overtime last Saturday to wrap up its co-hosted tournament with St. John Bosco High. The Gladiators will face Jefferson High on Saturday in the Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary Tournament.

Glenn (2-11) travelled to Norwalk on Dec. 20 and will face Irvine High on Wednesday in the Rancho Alamitos Tournament. Also, in that same tournament is Norwalk (7-7), which opened that event against Anaheim High.

Valley Christian (4-6) lost to Whittier High 55-46 last Friday and will face Larchmont Charter High on Wednesday while Whitney High (3-9), which faced Pacifica High on Dec. 20, will face Jordan High on Wednesday in the first game of the Orange Holiday Classic.

### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Gahr (3-6) has not played since Dec. 8 but will host Glenn on Saturday, then face Claremont High on Wednesday to begin the Savanna Rebel Classic while Glenn (5-7) visits Edison High on Wednesday in the opening game of the Edison/Marina Tournament.

Norwalk (6-5) will face Roosevelt High on Wednesday to begin the Whittier Tournament and Pioneer High on Thursday while Valley Christian, which hosted Lakewood on Dec. 20, will also participate in the Edison/Marina Tournament.

Whitney (9-4) will play Marshall High before visiting Savanna High on Saturday.

### **GIRLS SOCCER**

Artesia (3-3-4) split a pair of Best in the West Tournament games last Saturday, then edged St. Joseph High 2-1 this past Tuesday. The Lady Pioneers will entertain Norwalk today. The only other area team that will be in action the rest of the month will be Valley Christian (4-3-0), which will entertain St. Margaret's today, then face Crean Lutheran and Ontario Christian on Saturday in a tournament at St. Margaret's. The Lady Defenders will then face Rowland High on Wednesday in the first round of the Ontario Christian Tournament.

# **ARTESIA** Continued from page 10

kids that the games we play in, we can compete. We want to play teams in our division or around our division or area, and we have to win every game. We didn't expect to be 10-3 at this point. We wanted to be 12-1 or 11-2. But realistically speaking, they're in Division 3 for a reason and we're in Division 5 for a reason. So, it shows that we're tough kids."

Artesia hosted Calvary Chapel Downey High on Dec. 20 and will compete in the 19th Annual West Coast Jamboree where it will face Petaluma-based Casa Grande High at Alhambra High in Martinez on Thursday.

# **LA MIRADA**

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and a female victim was accidentally shot during an argument on the 14900 block of Gagely Dr. The suspect was arrested at the scene. The victims were treated for non-life threatening injuries.

During an argument the suspect slashed at the victim's hands then fled out of view on the 15900 block of Jalon Rd. The victim was treated for his

### **Other Structure Burglary**

Cleaning equipment was reported stolen from an unlocked garage on the 16500 block of Greystone Dr.

### Vehicle Burglary

An early morning window smash burglary was reported on the 13500 block of Bona Vista Ln. The vehicle was ransacked, but no items were reported missing.

### **Grand Theft**

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# FAITHFUL FLOCK TO PAY TRIBUTE TO EFFIGY IN ARTESIA



THE VIRGIN MARY image that appeared in front of Holy Family Church in Artesia.

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### BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Our Lady of Guadalupe Day is celebrated each year on December 12th to honor the belief that Jesus' mother Mary, who is Mexico's patron saint, appeared on the apron or tilma of Juan Diego in Mexico City twice in 1531.

As a family was walking to attend mass at Artesia Holy Family Catholic Church in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, they noticed something different. In front of the life size crèche on the sidewalk was an unusual discoloration that had not been there in previous days.

The stain bears a resemblance to the well known image of the Virgin Mary.

Father John Cordero, Pastor of Holy family told reporters, "I was able to see it myself about four hours later, then it took a life of its own. People started to come over, put candles around it and began to pray the rosary. It has been a place of great interest

in the past few days."

On the first day, the image was contained within a puddle that never fully evaporated despite sunny weather. The puddle remained until Thursday and on Friday the water disappeared and the likeness became more pronounced, according to Cordero. HMG was able to visit the site on Saturday, and was told that the moisture had reappeared accentuating the effigy.

Many have gathered while on their way to school or to city hall. This is the first time anything like this has happened at Holy Family. "It's incredible," said one parishioner, "I can't believe I can see it. It's incredible."

Father Cordero said, the faithful don't necessarily need such an effigy to feel God's light in their lives, "We all can be signs; you don't have to look at the pattern in the ground," he said, "We too can be signs of kindness and goodness, of God's presence in our lives."



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JASMIN LEANNE REYES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: JASMIN LEANNE REYES to JASMINE LEANNE REYES . THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant a petition without a hearing. Court date 1/30/18, 1:30 pm, Dept C, RM 312 by Yvonne T. Sanchez. Published at Los Cerritos Community Newspaper 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21/18

### CITY OF LA MIRADA

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the proposed Fiscal Year 2019-20 Community Development Block Grant projects are available for public inspection during regular office hours at the La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. City Council of the City of La Mirada will consider approval of the projects on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. Anyone having concerns or questions or wishing to review or comment on the proposed projects is welcome to contact the City Clerk at (562) 943-0131 or visit the office located at 13700 La Mirada

All persons wishing to comment, object, or otherwise be heard at the public hearing will be given an opportunity to appear and be heard at the time, date and place of the public hearing. In addition, interested persons may submit written comments to the City Clerk at City Hall prior to the public

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the City Clerk's office at (562) 943-0131. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or time when services are needed will assist City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting or service.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LOGAN WILLIAM RURU aka LOGAN W RURU aka LOGAN RURU Case No. 17STPB10576

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LOGAN WILLIAM RURU aka LOGAN W RURU aka LOGAN RURU

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by IRENE P TERAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGE-LES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that IRENE P TERAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate

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 8, 2019 at 8:30AM in Dept. No. 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 object

tions 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 onal 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 knowl-

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 Proba Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

ROBERT L COHEN ESQ SBN 150913 LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT L. COHEN INC 8081 ORANGETHORPE AVE BUENA PARK CA 90621 CN956045 RURU Dec 14,21,28, 2018

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

GLORIA LEE RODRIGUEZ AKA GLORIA RODRIGUEZ AKA GLORIA SPICER AKA GLORIA SPICHER

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GLORIA LEE RODRIGUEZ AKA GLORIA RODRIGUEZ AKA GLORIA SPICER AKA GLORIA SPICHER.

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RUBEN RODRIGUEZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the

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A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/11/19 at 8:30AM in Dept. 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 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 repre-

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Attorney for Petitioner JOHN J. URIBE, ESQ. - SBN 196720 LAW OFFICES OF JOHN L LIRIBE PO BOX 69276 LOS ANGELES CA 90069 12/21, 12/28/18, 1/4/19 CNS-3203294# LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER

# Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Commerce - Olympic located at 5415 E. Olympic Blvd. Commerce CA 90022 intends to hold an auction of the goods stored in the following units in default for non-payment of rent. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storageauctions.net on 1/17/2019 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Nidia Portugal (2 units); Jorge Granado; Antonio Dominguez; Pearl Rangel; Robert Hastings; Jose De Jesus Sanchez; Raul Centeno; Miguel Angel Cruz; Lizette Alvarez; Elizabeth Mary Martin; Manuel Alfredo Lopez-Lopez; Jason D. Williams; Daniel Diego; Socorro Graciel; A Saenz; Lupe Haro; Lucyla Garcia; Sergio Gasca Diaz; Jocelyn Salas Rosales. All property is being stored at the abov self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice US Storage Centers - Cerritos located at 16015 Piuma Ave. Cerritos, CA 90703 intends to hold an auction of the goods stored in the following units in default for non-payment of rent. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.usstoragecen ters.com/auctions on 1/17/2019 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings Reynold S. Chua: Catalina S. Villanueva/CENTER FOR CLINICAL TRIALS LL: Deodatus Benedict Temba: Blanca Estella Valdivia; Juana Angelica Lugo Mujica. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 00000007277437 Title Order No.: TSG1801-CA-3356965 FHA/VA/PMI No.: ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUS-TOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED, YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/23/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 03/02/2007 as Instrument No. 20070457687 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: FRANK A DI CRISI JR, AND JUDITH M DI CRISI, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AND JUDITH DI CRISI, A SINGLE PERSON, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 01/23/2019 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14826 EXCELSIOR DR, LA MIRADA, CALIFORNIA 90638 APN#: 8087-020-021 LOT 258 OF TRACT 20738. IN THE CITY OF LA MIRADA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 570 PAGES 31 TO 33 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. EXCEPT THEREFROM AN UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST IN AND TO ALL OIL, GAS, CASINGHEAD GASOLINE, ASPHALT, AND HYDROCARBONS OF EVERY NATURE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, IN, OR UNDER, WHICH MAY BE PRODUCED FROM SAID LAND, AS GRANTED IN THE DEED FROM LA MIRADA INVESTMENT COMPANY, A CO-PARTNERSHIP TO ANDREW MCNALLY, ET AL., RECORDED FEBRUARY 4, 1953 IN BOOK 40889 PAGE 92, OFFICIAL RECORDS, WITHOUT RIGHT OF ENTRY ON THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND. ALSO EXCEPT AN UNDIVIDED 50 PERCENT INTEREST IN AND TO ALL OIL, GAS AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES AND MINERALS SITU-ATED 500 FEET OR MORE BELOW THE PRESENT NATURAL SURFACE OF SAID LAND, WITHOUT RIGHT OF SURFACE ENTRY AS TO SAID LAND AS GRANTED TO THEODORE K. STERLING AND TIDE WATER ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY, A CORPORATION, BY DEED RECORDED JUNE 10, 1950 IN BOOK 44817 PAGE 86 AND BOOK 44817 PAGE 120, OFFICIAL RECORDS, RESPECTIVELY. 14826 Excelsior Drive, La Mirada, California 90638 The Assessor's Parcel Number, as determined from the latest County Assessor's Roll is: 8087-020-021 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$399,797.57. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkASAP.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000007277437. 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. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES and POST-ING 714-730-2727 www.servicelinkASAP.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 12/11/2018 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE A-4678739 12/21/2018, 12/28/2018, 01/04/2019

### CITY OF ARTESIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission of the City of Artesia will hold a Special Planning Commission Meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Artesia City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 6:30 p.m. on January 2, 2019, to conduct a Public Hearing to consider the following item:

Case No. 2018-20

Variance 11513 187th Street

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

A request for approval of a Variance from the requirements of Artesia Municipal Code Section 9-2.1401(b)(1) to exceed the maximum allowed height limit for a fence or wall within the required front yard of an existing single-family home located at 11513 187th Street in the Agriculture-Single-Family Residential (A-1) Zone, and making a determination of categorical exemption under CEQA. Resolution No. 2018-13P

Case No. 2018-21

**Design Review** 18329 Alburtis Avenue

Royal Crest, 17510 Pioneer Blvd, Suite 224, Artesia, CA 90701

A request for approval of a Design Review application for the construction of a four-unit two-story residential apartment complex on an 8,433 square-foot lot located at 18329 Alburtis Street in the Multi-Family Residential (M-R) Zone, and making a determination of categorical Class 3 exemption under CEQA.

Resolution No. 2018-22P

Case No. 2018-22

**Conditional Use Permit** 18300 Pioneer Boulevard

Venkatesh Koka, 18760 Pioneer Blvd, Artesia, CA 90701

A request for approval of an application for a blanket Conditional Use Permit to allow service professional uses up to a maximum of thirty-three percent (33%) on the ground floor and onehundred percent (100%) on the second floor within an existing commercial center located at 18300 Pioneer Boulevard in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone, and making a determination of categorical Class 1 exemption under CEQA.

Resolution No. 2018-21P

Case No. 2018-25

Variance and Design Review

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

A request for approval of an application for a Variance from the requirements of Artesia Municipal Code Section 9-2.1202(a)(3)(D) to exceed the maximum text height permitted for a wall sign and a Design Review application to allow six proposed wall signs on the building exterior of the proposed Jollibee restaurant located at 11632 South Street within the Commercial Planned Development (CPD) Zone, and making a determination of categorical Class 11 exemption under CEOA

Resolution No. 2018-18P

Case No. 2018-29

**Design Review** 17726 Pioneer Boulevard

Mr. Alex Gray, 619 Ohio Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90814

A request for approval of a Design Review application for interior remodel and exterior façade improvements at a vacant commercial building located at 17726 Pioneer Boulevard in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone, and making a determination of categorical Class 1 exemption under CEQA. Resolution No. 2018-23P

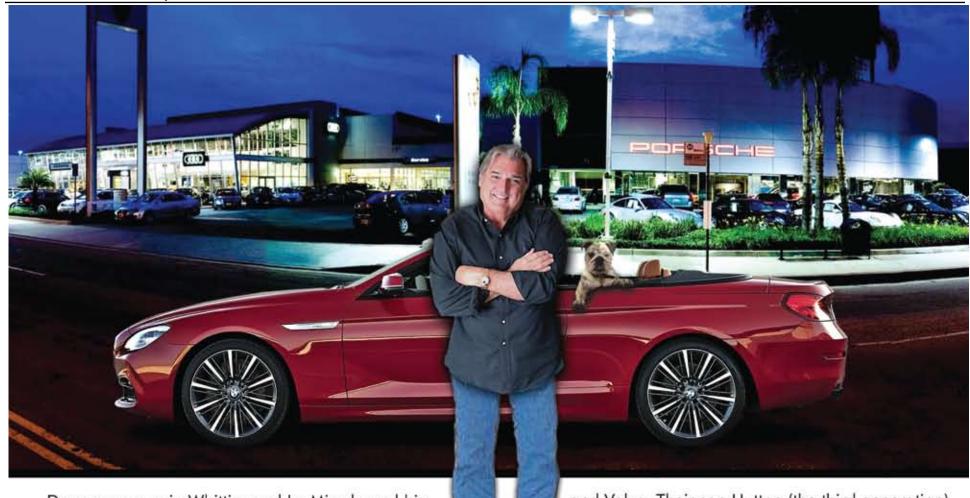
If you challenge any of these proposals in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Artesia Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing.

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

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Interim Planning Manager

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Danny grew up in Whittier and La Mirada and his wife Jeri grew up in Norwalk and Downey. They lived in the area in the 50's and 60's; it's ironic that 15 years later they would manage their automotive business just a few miles from where they rode their bikes to school.

While Danny, Jeri and their bulldog Hazel work at the Volkswagen, BMW, Porsche and Audi stores, they have grown the business to 9 dealerships in Southern California adding Subaru, Mini and Volvo. Their son Hutton (the third generation) is now working at McKenna Porsche. Danny and his family have developed close personal relationships with their customers and like to be on a first name basis. He gives out his cell phone number so he can resolve issues or answer questions as quickly as possible.

Please stop in, meet the entire McKenna family, and experience the "neighborly" customer service they've become famous for.

# New 2018 BMW i3 BEV

\$268\*



# New 2018 BMW 330i Sedan

Lease for \$338\*\*



# McKenna BMW 605 Freeway @ Firestone Exit, Norwalk 866-979-6932 mckennabmw.com

# New 2018 Audi A3 2.0T

Lease for \$ 200 \*\*\*



# New 2018 Audi A4 2.0T Sedan

Lease for



McKenna Audi 605 Freeway @ Firestone Exit, Norwal 888-689-9373 mckennaaudi.com

# New 2019 VW Jetta 1.4T S

Lease for \$159<sup>†</sup>



ZERO Due at Signing, 7,500 miler per year

# New 2019 VW Tiguan S

Lease for \$259<sup>tt</sup>



ZERO Due at Signing, 7,500 miler per year

McKenna VW

In The Cerritos Auto Mall, Cerritos 855-996-3820 mckennavwcerritos.com



\*\*2018 BMW i3 BEV closed end lease for \$268/mo. + tax for 36 mos. on approved fier 1+ credit with BMW Financial Services. \$2,777 due at lease signing (after the application of \$7,500 Lease Credit and \$2,000 BMW Loyalty Credit\*\*), which includes \$0 cap cost reduction, first month payment, tax, license and fees. No security deposit required. 10k mi/yr with \$0.25/mi thereafter. 5 at this ofter. Photo for illustration only. Offer expires 12/31/2018. \*\*Available to current or former BMW owners or lessees only. Must shay proof of ownership or BMW Financial Services account number. See dealer for full details. \*\*7018 BMW 330 Sean closed end lease for \$338/mo. + tax for 36 mos. on approved tier 1+ credit with BMW Financial Services and the sees application of \$4,000 Lease Credit and \$1,000 BMW Loyalty Credit\*\*), which includes \$0 cap cost reduction, first month payment, tax, license and fees, No security deposit required. 10k mi/yr with \$0.25/mi thereafter. Set at his offer. Photo for illustration only. Offer expires 12/31/2018. \*\*Available to current or former BMW owners or lessees only. Must show proof of ownership on BMW Financial Services account number. See dealer for full details. \*\*Color Season of Audi and \$1,000 Audi Loyalty \*\*7, plus tax, license and fees, 80 security deposits. 10,000 mi/yr with \$0.25/mi thereafter. See dealer for full details. \*\*Color Season of Audi and \$1,000 Audi Loyalty \*\*7, plus tax, license and fees, \$0 security deposits. 10,000 mi/yr with \$0.25/mi thereafter. See dealer for full details. \*\*Available to the sease of the sease of