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CENTRAL BASIN WATER GM HUNT TRUMPING UP ETHICS VIOLATIONS AGAINST DIRECTOR

'Charges' are a result of a critical HMG-CN article about Hunt, and a innocuous quote from the director.

Staff Report



Kevin Hunt

In December of last year, a California State audit slammed Commerce-based Central Basin Municipal Water District (CB), citing, among other things, poor leadership and hiring unqualified staff.

Later that day, CB General Manager Kevin Hunt responded to the audit saying, "We are committed to continuing to move Central Basin toward a more transparent and effective District."

The State Audit Report provided over 35 recommendations, but one of the first attempts by Hunt to implement one of the recommendations came under fire.

That recommendation directed CB to establish a "fully independent" Ethics Policy that included a hotline where confidential calls went directly to an independent investigative law firm.

CB's current law firm, Nossaman and Associates chose, through a selection process, three firms to interview as the "independent investigative law firm."

Three firms were chosen: Harris and

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La Mirada High Students Sign Letters of Intent to Play College Ball



La Mirada High football Division III-AA State Championship teammates celebrate after signing official letters of intent. From [l-r] Curtis Dixon, Micah Croom, Keanu Saleapaga, Tevaka Tuioti, Jared Enrico and Ty Faatoalia.

Lamplighter Staff Report

Nine of La Mirada High School's top student-athletes signed letters of intent on Wednesday, Feb. 3, spreading Royal Blue and Gold spirit from the mesas of the Southwest to the Ivy League and capping an extraordinary year that saw the school win two state titles and come close to a third.

Scores of family members, La Mirada students, teammates, coaches and media converged on the campus quad as the signees, sitting at a long table decorated with university pennants, took pen to paper for their colleges of choice on what is known as National Signing Day for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

"I am extremely proud of our student-

athletes," La Mirada High principal Darryl Brown said, noting that the signings had as much to do with success in the classroom as on the field of play. "La Mirada places a high priority on maintaining rigorous academic standards. Our kids are students first and athletes second."

Micah Croom (Dartmouth), Titus Dixon (Minot State), Jared Enrico (New Mexico), Ty Faatoalia (Western New Mexico), Keanu Saleapaga (Brigham Young University), and Tevaka Tuioti (New Mexico) represented the Division III-AA State Championship football team, whose motto is Heart Pride Trust.

"Heart is the sacrifice and decisions you make, pride is wearing your school colors and trust is your coaches and teammates," Saleapaga, a 6-foot, 6-inch, 265-

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Hawaiian Gardens Trying to Establish El Niño Shelter in City

By Tammye McDuff

The Hawaiian Gardens City Council once again debated the request by the Community Development Department to approve the lease agreement between the City of Hawaiian Garden, the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation, and the Hawaiian Gardens Day Care Facility at this past Tuesday's regular meeting.

In 2001, the Hawaiian Gardens Redevelopment Agency approved a lease agreement authorizing the Foundation to develop a childcare center at 22325 Norwalk Boulevard. In August 2012 the original lease expired and the City Council denied a request from the Foundation to renew the lease.

Since that time the facility has operat-

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Artesia Population Increase Nets \$447,000 in 2016 Tax Appropriation

By Tammye McDuff

An increase in Artesia's population has brought much-needed cash to the city.

Each year the City is required to calculate the Appropriations Limit which creates a restriction on the amount of tax revenue that can be appropriated within a fiscal year. This limit is based on inflation and population and is prepared by the State Department of Finance. The fiscal year of

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Assistant Superintendent Martin Plourde to Lead as Whittier Union's Next Superintendent



New Whittier Union Superintendent Martin Plourde.

WHITTIER – The Whittier Union High School District Board of Trustees on Feb. 9 selected Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Martin Plourde, who has served the District in various leadership capacities for 15 years, as its next Superintendent.

The selection follows extensive discussions by the Board of Trustees and widespread outreach to solicit input on the qualities, skills and abilities most valued in a superintendent, which included being collaborative and student-centered – tenets Whittier Union has long embraced.

“Throughout his 15 years of service to Whittier Union, Martin has consistently demonstrated the character and qualities that stakeholders stated were most important to them,” Board of Trustees President Leighton Anderson said. “Martin has proven himself to be the perfect person

to lead our District, providing the experience, consistency and stability that are vital to continuing the successes we have achieved together. We know that he will do an incredible job.”

Plourde will succeed Superintendent Sandra Thorstenson, who will retire in June after 39 years as an educator and administrative leader in the District, including 14 years as superintendent.

“I am extremely humbled to be considered for this position, where I will continue to be driven by the collaboration of a deeply committed staff in making student-centered decisions and proving that demographics do not determine destiny,” Plourde said. “I want to thank the Board of Trustees for having confidence in me. I am committed to working every day to live up to the high expectations of our school community and carrying on the Whittier Union legacy.”

Before making its decision, the Board of Trustees held four sessions to discuss the process and selection of a successor to Thorstenson, including a Jan. 9 board study session, a Jan. 12 closed-session meeting, a Feb. 2 special board closed-session meeting and a Feb. 9 closed-session meeting.

The Board hired consultant Leadership Associates to advise and facilitate the process. The Board also solicited input through an online survey, which garnered 557 responses that overwhelmingly supported a leader who would continue Whittier Union's deeply rooted positive culture. A Feb. 2 stakeholder input session gathered additional feedback from 20 participants.

“Our exemplary Board approached this process with the determination to make an informed decision and listen to those who would be impacted by the change, and their leadership on this matter has been impeccable,” Thorstenson said.

“The quality and dedicated staff across Whittier Union embraces and values our healthy organizational culture and has clearly expressed that they yearn to continue cultivating this precious culture,” Thorstenson said. “Martin Plourde, whom I have worked with side by side for 15 years, has been steeped in and fully embraces the inclusive environment that Whittier Union treasures. I know that Martin will ensure our thriving District is well cared for.”

Plourde's 34-year career in education began at Junipero Serra High School,

where he was a basketball coach and English teacher. He was then a teacher and counselor at Paramount High School before beginning his tenure at Whittier Union in 1991, when he was hired as assistant principal of guidance at Santa Fe High School. He was subsequently appointed Santa Fe's assistant principal of curriculum, serving under Thorstenson, who was principal at the time.

He was then principal of Arcadia High School for 10 years before returning to Whittier Union in 2005 as principal of La Serna High School, where he served for four years. Plourde was then appointed assistant superintendent of personnel services, a post he held for five years. He has been assistant superintendent of business services since 2014.

“In every position he has held, Plourde has been highly successful, demonstrating a student-centered, customer service approach,” Anderson said. “As assistant superintendent, Plourde has developed technical expertise in critically vital areas, has been immersed in the instructional focus of the District, and has earned the confidence of staff, students, parents and community members.”

Plourde has a master's degree in counseling and guidance from Loyola Marymount University and Professional Administrative Services Credential from University of California, Riverside. He is a member of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) and the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO).

SOROPTIMIST MONTE CARLO NIGHT FUNDRAISER FEB 27

Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos will hold their annual Monte Carlos Night fundraiser on February 27 at 7 pm.

The year's theme, Ship Of Dreams, will take attendees on a fantasy world cruise. Casino games (black jack, craps & poker), a delicious buffet dinner and prizes totaling over \$25,000 will highlight the event. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Event Chairs, Sandy Fikse at 562-618-8731 or Susan Green at 562-716-6995. Tickets are \$65. The event will be held at the Centre at Sycamore Plaza, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood.

The proceeds of the event will fund the Club's charitable donations, scholarships to women, career training for high school girls, donations to community organizations (Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence, Community Family Guidance Center, Needy Family project, etc.) and Soroptimist education. Soroptimist's 2014-2015 donations were over \$22,000 to local organizations. To learn about becoming a Soroptimist member, contact President Pat Law at 562-537-9117.



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Planet Fitness Opens in Cerritos, Donates \$1,000 to Cerritos 1st CEB

By Tammye McDuff

Planet Fitness, one of the largest and fastest-growing franchisors in the United States, opened the doors of their newest location at 12831 Towne Center Drive in Cerritos.

The new Cerritos club is approximately 17,000 sq. ft. and offers state-of-the-art cardio machines and strength equipment, fully equipped locker rooms with day lockers and showers, numerous flat screen televisions, hydro massage beds, massage chairs, tanning and a Total Body Enhancement booth. "We're excited to bring our Judgment Free Zone to Cerritos and provide people with a high-quality, non-intimidating experience at affordable cost," said Planet Fitness Director of Marketing Ryan Perez, "we are also honored to celebrate our grand opening with the Friends of the

1st CEB. We are fortunate to help people every day, and we are thrilled to partner with an organization that is supporting the U.S. Marine Corps."

Owner and operator Joe Bernatowicz began his career right out of college, "I was lucky enough to be hired on in Pennsylvania, was promoted to General Manager and then moved up the ranks." Bernatowicz was awarded the sought after Los Angeles market, opening ten gyms in the last four years. In 2011 he moved from Pennsylvania to California with his young family, "We wanted to live in the city, so decided to move to West Hollywood. It was a culture shock!"

Each club also features the brand's iconic "Lunk Alarm" – a purple and yellow siren on the wall used as a light-hearted, gentle reminder that grunting, dropping weights or judging others is not allowed.

Planet Fitness also provides members an opportunity to connect and support each other through 'Planet of Triumphs,' an online community that celebrates all accomplishments and inspirational stories of Planet Fitness members. 'Planet of Triumphs' is an online platform for members to recognize their triumphs, share their sto-



Chamber staff along with Cerritos Councilman Jim Edwards and Naresh Solanki with the \$1,000 check donated to 1st CEB by Planet Fitness. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

ries and encourage others, reinforcing the Company's belief that everyone belongs.

The gym made a \$1,000 donation to the 1st CEB Adoption Committee. The mission statement of Friends of the 1st CEB is "To enhance the morale and well-being of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion and to express Cerritos' appreciation for their ser-

vice to our country." The 1st CEB Adoption Committee supports the U.S. Marine Corps 1st Combat Engineer Battalion at Camp Pendleton and the troops currently serving overseas. The 1st CEB Adoption Committee encourages volunteers to write letters, send care packages, plan events and donate money.

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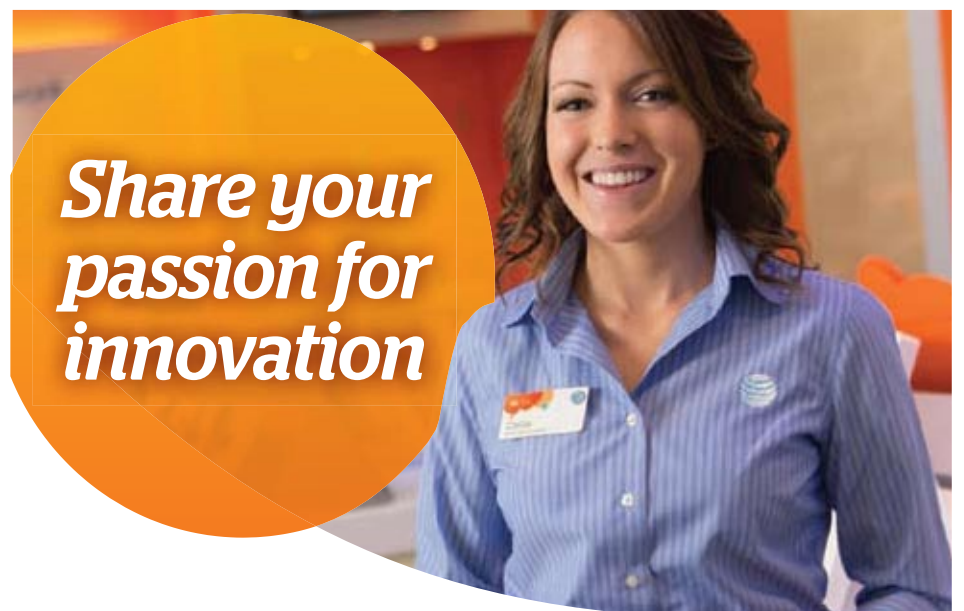
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LA MIRADA REMAINS ONE OF THE REGION'S SAFEST CITIES

Staff Report

During the past year, the City of La Mirada experienced one of the region's lowest crime rates and remained one of the safest cities in Los Angeles County. The City's low crime rate is attributable to a strong partnership between residents, businesses, and the Public Safety Team.

According to a recent crime analysis of surrounding communities in southeast Los Angeles County and northern Orange County, La Mirada experienced the lowest number of Part 1 crimes last year.

Overall, there were 923 Part 1 crimes reported in La Mirada in 2015. Part 1 crimes include murder, larceny, burglary, automobile theft, robbery, assault, and arson. Though this was an overall increase from 2014, violent crimes dropped by nearly 14 percent.

"The increase in Part 1 crimes is attributed property related crimes including burglaries, larcenies, and vehicle thefts," says Captain Curtis Jensen from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. "Many of these cases were crimes of opportunity, where valuables were left in plain view, often in a parked vehicle."

While crime in general increased throughout the state, La Mirada continues to have one of the lowest crime rates with fewer than 190 crimes per 10,000 residents. The national benchmark is 300 crimes per 10,000 residents and La Mirada far exceeds this standard.

Community outreach efforts to educate residents on crime prevention and awareness continue to be a priority. The Public Safety Team has strengthened its outreach

strategy to engage residents about how to take a more active role in preventing property crimes. Throughout 2016, the Public Safety Team will conduct a series of monthly neighborhood events where Sheriff's deputies, Public Safety Officers, and volunteers will canvass neighborhoods to inform and educate residents of potential crimes of opportunity.

The City encourages all residents and businesses to participate in the Neighborhood Watch Program, and to report suspicious activity to law enforcement.

"Crime in the community remains low and residents are reminded to protect themselves from falling victim to crimes of opportunity," adds Jensen. "The La Mirada Public Safety Team will continue to implement creative solutions to keep criminals off the streets."

For more information about the Neighborhood Watch Program, or to report suspicious activity, call the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2960.

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La Mirada Council Adopts Massage Regulations

In 2009, the State of California passed a law significantly reducing the City's authority over massage businesses. Since then, many cities, experienced major increases in the number of massage establishments.

A new law was approved restoring some of the land use powers previously used in regulating massage parlors. The new law recognizes the authority of local governments to regulate businesses, including businesses providing massage services, through land use, local licensing, and health and safety requirements.

The La Mirada City Council recently approved new laws for massage therapists and massage establishments. Existing massage establishments must now obtain a City permit in order to operate. New establishments must also apply for and obtain a conditional use permit. The hours of operation for these businesses have also been set from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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CERRITOS LIBRARY WELCOMES ACCLAIMED AUTHOR LISA SEE

City News Services

Best-selling author Lisa See discusses her book "On Gold Mountain: The One-

Hundred-Year Odyssey of My Chinese-American Family" at 2 p.m. in the Cerritos Library Skyline Room on Saturday, February 20.

The free event is offered in conjunction with the Smithsonian exhibition currently on display at the library, "I Want the Wide American Earth: An Asian Pacific American Story." Copies of See's books will be available for purchase.

"On Gold Mountain," published in 1995, was a national bestseller and "The

New York Times" Notable Book. The tome traces the journey of See's great-grandfather, Fong See, who overcame countless obstacles to become the 100-year-old godfather of Los Angeles' Chinatown and the patriarch of a sprawling family.

See will discuss how she researched her family's history and offer suggestions for people interested in researching their families' histories.

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NFL Honors Bellflower High Greats Ron Yary & Ed Dickson with Golden Footballs

BELLFLOWER – Bellflower High School is celebrating two Golden Footballs received from the National Football League in honor of alumni Ron Yary and Ed Dickson, players who between them appeared in six Super Bowls, stretching from the contest's early days to this year's Super Bowl 50.

The Golden Footballs are symbols of the NFL's High School Honor Roll initiative, launched as part of its Super Bowl 50 outreach program. The initiative links the past 49 Super Bowls to this year's game and honors the high schools and communities that have benefitted the game of football.

More than 2,000 high schools across the country and nearly 3,000 Super Bowl players and head coaches will receive commemorative Golden Footballs.

"We have them proudly displayed in our trophy case," Bellflower Principal Mike Lundgren said. "They are a great reminder to our students about how far dedication to your goals can take you."

Yary's career is legendary. At Bellflower, he starred on football, baseball and basketball teams, graduating in 1964. He attended USC, helping the college to secure a national football championship in 1967. Named America's best interior lineman in his senior year, he graduated in 1968 with a degree in finance.

That same year, he was recruited as the No. 1 choice in the draft by the Minnesota Vikings. A towering 6 feet, 5 inches tall and 255 pounds, Yary played 14 years as a

tackle for the Vikings, making appearances in Super Bowls IV, VIII, IX and XI. He played his final year with the Los Angeles Rams. In 2001, Bellflower High named its football stadium in his honor.

Dickson, a tight end, led Bellflower in receiving yards and quarterback sacks as a senior, and was named Southeast-South Coast Lineman of the Year. He graduated from the school exactly 40 years after Yary, and attended the University of Oregon. He was recognized as national player of the week in 2009 and was on the watch list for the nation's best tight end.

He graduated in 2010, earning a degree in family and human services. He was drafted in the third round (70th overall selection) that year by the Baltimore Ravens. Stretching 6 feet, 4 inches and 255 pounds, Dickson helped the team to its Super Bowl XLVII victory over the San Francisco 49ers. He joined the Carolina Panthers in 2014 and played in this year's loss to the Denver Broncos.

"These extraordinary men are part of Bellflower's rich athletic history," Superintendent Dr. Brian Jacobs said. "They serve as inspiration not only for their skill on the football field, but as students who also vigorously pursued their educational goals at some of the country's top universities."

As part of the NFL's High School Honor Roll initiative, high schools honored will also receive a new character education curriculum and the opportunity to apply for grants of up to \$5,000 to support their football programs.



Bellflower High School is displaying two Golden Footballs in honor of NFL greats Ron Yary and Ed Dickson, who graduated from the high school in 1964 and 2004, respectively.

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La Mirada Kiwanis Donate \$5,000 to Local Schools

La Mirada Kiwanis, a Community Service Organization, allocated \$5,000 for its Community Outreach Program designed to benefit students in the Middle Schools in La Mirada. Its purpose is to provide funding up to \$1,000 for a project to be used by the whole school, a classroom or a grade level. Ten teachers from Benton, Los Coyotes and Hutchinson Middle Schools sent requests, and judging took place on Saturday, February 6, 2016. Results were as follows:

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LISSA VALDEZ, SCIENCE TEACHER. Need: Microscopes for science classes. Award amount: \$1,000

LOS COYOTES MIDDLE SCHOOL - DANIEL MEYERS, TEACHER. Need: Projector for Language Arts and Drama classes. Award amount: \$500

LOS COYOTES MIDDLE SCHOOL - DANIELLE CARLISLE, SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER. Need: LCD projector and a 1TB passport. Award amount: \$650

HUTCHINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL - OLIVIA ORTIZ, TEACHER. Need: to service the STEM program which takes the students from grades 6 through 8 for the study of scientific information about polar powered cars through building prosthetic limbs to robotics. Award amount \$1,000.

Scholarship Chair, Pat Ruiz, said, "This project is an exciting addition to our awarding of \$5000 in college scholarships to our High School Seniors. We congratulate the teachers who are providing new and stimulating methods that involve our students on their path to success." Benjamin Franklin said, "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

DOWNEY WILL HOLD 'RIDE AND STRIDE' EVENT

The City of Downey will hold its first ever "Ride & Stride" event on May 1.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be a 5.5 mile route with stops featuring entertainment stages, food, and much more.

The route will be closed to traffic allowing the public free access to explore the area on anything not motorized.

The event is funded through Metro's Open Streets Grant Program, which seeks to increase resident's walking, biking, and public transit to help create a more mobile transportation system in the L.A. region.

"It will be a day where we'll all have the opportunity to explore our city in a safe, car-free zone, and view many of the things our city has to offer such as our Columbia Memorial Space Center, The Promenade, Downtown Downey, Civic Center, and much more," said Mayor Alex Saab."

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The new Vallarta Market in Downey at the former Beaches Market site in Bakers Square on Imperial Hwy. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

Vallarta Market Opens In Downey

By Tammye McDuff

Vallarta Market in Downey officially opened its doors last week, with the Grand Opening boasting lots of goodies for the first 400 customers including free gift baskets, raffle prizes and a mariachi band.

This family started from humble beginnings, the Downey store marks their 48th.

The company has over \$1 billion in sales and employ over 9,000 associates. The Gonzalez family is very involved in the community, as a testimony to that donated \$2,000 to Warren High School.

Former Mayor Mario Guerra noted "I'm proud of the economic plan that helped make this revitalization happen and I'm thrilled for the new life at this location. Welcome Vallarta."

The festivities actually began with a

VIP reception the night before. Guerra recalled "I remember meeting with them years ago when they wanted to come into this location and their excitement. We also met Ron Beach from the old Beaches Market and reminisced about the added 10,000 additional square footage."

The Market has invested large sums of money on renovations. Everything had to be completely redone, only the roof and the outer walls were left at the beginning.

For several years the Downey City Council has been working on replacing the old Beaches Market and former Bakers Square on Imperial Hwy.

Last year they announced that Vallarta Market, along with a Starbucks, would be taking over the property.

"It really looks good over here, I am very happy about this development," said Guerra.

LOCAL ROTARY CLUB RECEIVES SPECIAL HONOR

By Larry Caballero

The Rotary Club of Cerritos-Artesia was presented with a special banner at its regular meeting Feb 8 for having all of its members contribute at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation in 2014~2015. President Sug Kitahara accepts the honor from the Assistant Governor Lauren Pittman on behalf of the club.

The Rotary Foundation transforms gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, it taps into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace.



Sug Kitahara with Rotary Assistant Governor Lauren Pittman.

"Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact," said Kitahara.

MOD Pizza Opens at Downey Promenade

By Tammye McDuff

Another new restaurant has opened their doors at the Downey Promenade, MOD Pizza. Their slogan 'MOD is what I make it' is certainly a true enough statement for this innovative new way of choosing a pizza.

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16, 2016, reflecting on the history of the facility.

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The event starts at 10 a. m. with museum viewing and media tour beginning at 9:30 a. m. at 11401 South Bloomfield Ave., Norwalk, CA.

Speakers at the event will include: Vice Mayor Mike Mendez of Norwalk DSH Director Pam Ahlin Dr. Michael Barsom, executive director of DSH-Metropolitan Rebecca McClary hospital

employee and centennial committee chair

The hospital admitted its first patients on February 15, 1916, treating a population for substance addictions and mental illnesses. The museum is the second to be launched at a state hospital in California. The first museum opened at DSH-Patton in April 2015.

Activities will include singers and dancers and a tour of the museum containing artifacts and documents from the 100-year history of the facility.

The formal ribbon cutting will be at 1 p. m. with public tours starting at 1:30 p. m.

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2015-2016 reported a population increase for the City between January 2014 and January 2015 of 0.41 percent. With the increase and cost-of-living factor, the change in population the City can appropriate \$447,302 more than it did in the prior fiscal year.

In other news, the Artesia City Council awarded the Artesia Sunrise Masonic Lodge a Certificate of Recognition for their efforts as part of Team Artesia during the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority count, on January 26, 2016. Mayor Victor Manalo stated, "The dedication of the Lodge to community involvement and spirit of volunteerism is exactly what Team Artesia Volunteer Corp stands for." The Council also recognized the Gahr

High School Band for their California State Band Championship for the second year. "From all of us who teach at Gahr, we are very proud!" noted Manalo. Gahr has received recognitions from Cerritos City Council and the ABC USD Board.

Ordinance 15-827, is the code amendment prohibiting marijuana cultivation sites, mobile marijuana dispensaries and marijuana deliveries in all zones within Artesia. As discussed 'in detail' at the December 15, 2015 meeting, it was recommended due to an increased risk to public safety, based on the value of marijuana plants and the possible threat of robbery or theft; the strong skunk-like malodorous fumes emitted by a mature plant and the additional risk of electrical fire hazards caused by medical marijuana cultivation. The motion was passed unanimously.

In the community news category, the Artesia Library Book club will have Tatjana Soli, author of The Lotus Eaters, join

the conversation by Skype. The Lotus Eaters is a debut novel of an American female combat photographer in the Vietnam War, as she captures the wrenching chaos and finds herself torn between the loves of two men.

The library, on Saturday, February 13th, is inviting all ages to come to the library to construct a special wreath for your Valentine. February 20th, the library will be making a lot of noise as they host an African Drum Circle with Chaz Ross.

The Artesia Chamber of Commerce gave its monthly update saying it currently has over 100 active members, with 1100 business within the City. The Chamber said that the first order for 2016 is to increase the value offered to its members. Each month, they will host a luncheon with special speakers and new activities have been added such as morning coffee klatch; evening mixers and business seminars.

ST. IRENAEUS VALENTINE'S OUTREACH

Pictured in the patio area of St. Irenaeus Church on Sunday, February 7, 2016, are parishioners (l-r) Henie Directo, Helen Kuo Daubert and her daughters Julianna and Angelina holding valentines they will be delivering to residents of Care Centers in La Palma and Buena Park. Junior High Peacemakers and students the St. Irenaeus Religious Education classes made about 100 cards for the residents as part of St. Irenaeus Health Ministry's Outreach to Parishioners in the Care Centers. Parishioners were invited to help deliver the cards and visit with residents during the month of February.



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LA PALMA KIWANIS GOING STRONG

By Edna Ethington

The Kiwanis Club of La Palma is one of the most active service clubs in the city of La Palma. The Kiwanis Club of La Palma was founded in 1965.

Some of the many Service Projects that the La Palma Kiwanis Club does each year include donating over 100 Back to School Back Packs filled with school supplies for students in all the schools in the city, and also for other students outside the city if there is need. Additionally, with the help of students from Walker Jr. High, Kennedy High School, local businesses as well as residents of La Palma, Kiwanians collected loads of canned goods and donated

holiday food baskets and canned goods for the needy for the past ten years.

They also donated canned goods for H.O.P.E., the area Food Bank at St. Irenaeus Church in Cypress at Christmas time. At the same time, they provided a free breakfast for over 300 registered clients at the Food Bank.

Kiwanis President, Keith Nelson says there are currently 32 members of the club consisting of men and women who are residents of La Palma including past La Palma Mayors and Council members, past and current City of La Palma employees.

The Kiwanis Club of La Palma meets from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. every Thursday morning at the Community Room of the La Palma Intercommunity Hospital at 7901 Walker Street in La Palma.

For more information about the Kiwanis Club of La Palma, contact Keith Nelson by e-mail at kan26@sbeglobal.net or call 714-349-1227.



Pictured at the December 19, 2015, H. O. P. E. Food Bank at St. Irenaeus Parish Church in Cypress are members of the La Palma Kiwanis Club preparing a free breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice, fruit and coffee for over 300 people. In front, left to right, are Lauree and Joe Aragona, George Stark, John Alvis, Ismile Noorbaksh, LP Councilman Gevard Goedhart, and Larry Herman. Back row, John Theilen, Jan Jansen and Stephanie Ortega. Photo by Edna Ethington

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CERRITOS' LEAGUE TITLE HOPES WASHED AWAY BY MAYFAIR IN CLOSING MINUTES

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

LAKEWOOD-The sequence of events that took place over the final 9.6 seconds of the Cerritos High girls basketball game with Mayfair High last Friday night will forever be etched in the heads of the players. First, the scoreboard went out following a Cerritos timeout, then a controversial travelling call prevented the Lady Dons from potentially clinching a share of the Suburban league title.

Instead, the host Monsoons barely escaped with a 51-50 victory, thus clinching the league crown with one more game to go. Cerritos dropped to 14-10 overall and 8-2 in the league following the contest with both losses coming to Mayfair by a

combined six points.

Cerritos was down 51-49 after a basket from Mayfair's Briana Thompson with 31.1 seconds left to play. As senior Tatiana Fominyam was inbounding the ball to junior Cailey Vitug after a Cerritos timeout, the scoreboard went completely black. Cerritos still drove down the court but the referees failed to notice the scoreboard and the Lady Dons eventually turned the ball over as they were attempting a tying score. But junior Ifeoma Okoli quickly stole the ball and was fouled. All of a sudden, the lights came back on and three seconds remained. Okoli missed the first free throw but made the second.

Then the Monsoons turned the ball over as they were trying to get the ball in with Fominyam getting possession. However, she was called for a controversial travelling call with 0.6 seconds left as she was going up for the potential game-winner.

"It was kind of crazy," said Cerritos head coach Marcus Chinen. "You figure that the referees...the first thing they do is as soon as they hand the ball [to the player], they're supposed to look at the clock. You have one referee looking one way, another referee looking the other and they should have actually seen that. Unfortunately they didn't."

The first half was everything one could expect in a game of this magnitude with so much at stake. There were seven lead changes and five ties in the first half with no lead greater than four points, a Cerritos 13-9 lead with 5:54 left before halftime. The score was tied at 19-19 at the break but the Lady Dons were being outrebounded 19-11 and had turned the ball over 11 times while the Monsoons had 14 turnovers.

"We told them at halftime you have to leave everything on the court," Chinen said.

"So, they had to come out with everything they had. Basically they had to feel like they ran a marathon. I think they did."

The score would change hands six more times within the first 5:12 of the third quarter and when Thompson scored her only field goal of the stanza, she gave Mayfair a 31-29 lead. The Monsoons would then score the next eight points to hold what they thought was a commanding 10-point lead heading into the fourth quarter.

But the defending league champions refused to relinquish that title just yet. Fominyam had a steal and scored off of that to make it a 39-35 contest with 6:20 remaining. Shortly after that, Okoli scored off of an offensive rebound from sophomore Tracy Nakamura to cut the Mayfair lead to two points. But after both teams called consecutive timeouts inside the final minute, Mayfair took the lead for good on the Thompson basket with 13.1 seconds left.

"A couple of calls weren't made at the end," Chinen said. "I'm not one to blame the referees. We didn't get the calls that we wanted. That last one when Tati went up and...I thought she took two steps and got bumped. It should have been an and-one. But [the referee] wasn't going to call it. Late in the game, some refs won't to call it. It was just a hard fought game on both sides. What can you ask for?"

Although the Lady Dons scored 20 points in the fourth quarter, the turning point of the game was the third quarter when Cerritos turned the ball over 14 times. It would finish the game with 31 turnovers and was also on the south end of the rebounding department (40-22) with Thompson grabbing 18 boards.

"That was one of the things I talked about earlier in the week; was that we

needed to rebound hard," Chinen said. "If we don't box-out hard and rebound hard, sometimes the outcome is like that; you lose on the boards. As far as the turnovers goes, I know our girls were saying there were a lot of bumps and what not. But that's what is going to happen when you get to [the playoffs]. They have to play through it."

Fominyam led all scorers with 20 points and had nine steals and seven rebounds. Junior Teresa Torres added eight points while Nakamura came off the bench to score seven points, the only bench points Cerritos would get. Although they would have shared it with Mayfair, the Lady Dons were attempting to win the league for the third time since 2008 and fourth since 2000. Cerritos would breeze past Artesia High 57-24 this past Tuesday to improve to 15-10 overall and 9-2 in the circuit. Seniors Flora Arbas (eight points), Narissa Hantragoon (seven points) and Kate Kato (six points) all posted career-high scoring totals against Artesia on senior night.

"Mayfair is a good team; they're a very scrappy team," Chinen said. "I think this year it was their year. Last year I think we came off of a high and maybe it was one of those things [where] we thought we were going to come in here and pull one off and tie for league. But unfortunately it didn't come out that way for our seniors. I hope that our juniors and the younger ones know this feeling."

Following the game, the Cerritos boys were hoping to sweep the Monsoons and thus stay alive for the league title themselves. But Mayfair went on 15-2 run over the first 4:27 of the fourth quarter, then staved off a late rally to defeat the

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Dons 76-71. The loss dropped Cerritos to third place and allowed the Monsoons to stay a half game behind La Mirada for first place entering the final week of the regular season.

"There were a few turnovers that we gave up that led to easy baskets," said Cerritos co-head coach Kevin Enomoto of the fourth quarter. "They kind of made their run there. We kind of held our own, stayed in there and after [senior] Evan [Leonard] fouled out, we didn't give up."

Leonard, the team's leading scorer all season, was limited to 14 points, his third lowest output of the season, and fouled out with 1:53 left in the game. When he fouled out, which coincided with a technical foul against him, Mayfair's Isaiah Jackson hit four free throws to make the score 64-53.

But Cerritos came back thanks to the stellar play of sophomore Destin Flucas, who scored 12 of his career-high 19 points in the fourth quarter and had a pair of offensive rebounds during that time. The second of his two three-pointers in the stanza made it a 74-71 affair with less than 10 seconds remaining.

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By Loren Kopff
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One point separated the Artesia High and Cerritos High girls soccer teams for fourth place and the last automatic playoff spot coming out of the Suburban League with two games remaining in the regular season. A win by Artesia would wrap everything up while Cerritos needed a win and at least a tie in the Feb. 11 finale at league champion La Mirada High.

With a game-time temperature of 92 degrees, the Artesia defense heated up even more and shutout the host Lady Dons 2-0 this past Tuesday to advance to the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section playoffs for the eighth straight season.

"It's nice," said Artesia head coach Octavio Marquez. "We struggled the last five or six games to score goals and I think there could have been two or three games earlier on that we should have won. But defensively, that's what has been carrying us this year and last year."

"It's disappointing because we tried so hard throughout the year to grow as a team

and to find some success," said Cerritos first-year head coach Robert Adams. "We had a good season and I think when we get a little more time to think about it, it will be okay. But for today, it's a very difficult loss."

The Pioneers (12-7-2 overall, 5-5-1 in league) went through a stretch from Jan. 20-Feb. 3 in which they had not scored a goal. But the team posted a 1-0 win over Norwalk on Feb. 5.

Not only was the Artesia defense hot like the air temperature, but the Cerritos defense wasn't that bad either besides the two goals it allowed. Both teams combined for five shots on goal in the first half with the first chance coming in the seventh minute when Cerritos sophomore forward Amadi Maatafale's shot off of a corner kick went too high. Six minutes later, Artesia sophomore midfielder Brittany Llanes took a shot that was blocked by Cerritos senior goalkeeper Yvette Galicia.

"I wasn't worried or nervous," Marquez said of the game. "It was just a little bit frustrating because we had played well. The last four or five games we played well. But we weren't able to score goals.

We knew we had to win the Norwalk and Cerritos games and I think the girls were ready."

But in the 16th minute, the Pioneers, who had blanked Cerritos 1-0 on Jan. 13, got on the board when senior defender Terri Avila scored off a Llanes corner kick, one of nine that the Pioneers would take. It was Avila's second goal of the season with the other coming back on Dec. 8.

The second shot from Cerritos came in the 24th minute when sophomore midfielder Kavitha George's free kick went off to the left of the net. In the second half, the Pioneers managed only two shots with the first coming in the 54th minute; a Llanes shot that was deflected up and over the net by Galicia. But she redeemed herself 14 minutes later when she took a corner kick and managed to curve the shot past Galicia for the insurance tally. Llanes, who scored the lone goal in the first meeting, leads the team with 13 goals.

"Terri is a three-year varsity player and probably one of our hardest working players on the field," Marquez said. "If you tell her to run through a wall, she'll probably

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ACADEMY LEAGUE BASKETBALL:

LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE AGAINST WHITNEY SQUADS, GIRLS TO FINISH IN THIRD PLACE

By Loren Kopff
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Throughout most of the season, if not the entire season, the Whitney High girls basketball team has either lived by the three-pointer, or died with the three. Against Sage Hill High, with second place in the Academy League on the line, Whitney's shooting was in a state of flux.

The Lady Wildcats took 70 shots from the field, shooting a deplorable 19 percent, and was seven of 45 from three-point territory in a 44-38 loss to the Lightning last Saturday. Whitney dropped to 11-10 overall, 7-4 in the league and was swept by Sage Hill this season. The Lady 'Cats will enter the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division IV-A playoffs as the third place representative from the league.

"That's the easiest loss I've been able to take all year," said Whitney head coach Jeff Day. "We lost that game because we did not make baskets. Seventy shots in a high school game is ridiculous. Two or three times they hurt us in transition. We fought through it and we always battled back and kept it close. But we didn't make shots."



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Whitney took a 5-4 in the first quarter on consecutive baskets from freshman Kiana Sanchez and a three-pointer from junior Nicole Lee. After that, the Lightning scored the next 12 points before sophomore LiMea Vera drained a three-pointer with 6:34 remaining in the half. The hosts cut into Sage Hill's lead by scoring the final eight points of the half to trail 22-18 at the break. Vera scored 11 of her team-high 14 points in the second quarter.

One area that was keeping Whitney in the game was the rebounding, where it grabbed 32 boards but of those, 19 came on the offensive end. Senior Annika Brandes had a team-high 10 rebounds with six offensive boards in the first half. Sanchez had four of her seven rebounds come under the Whitney net in the fourth quarter alone while senior Heather Cook and freshman Christine Hamakawa each added five re-

bounds.

"A lot of that comes from the shots we took," Day said. "They're going to be long rebounds and they send their girls. They want to run. Even though they had the inside position, when you're 20-22 feet away from the basket, with your back to the basket, we have the advantage with the rebound because we're facing the basket. So I'm not surprised with the 19 offensive rebounds."

A three-pointer from Lee nearly midway through the third quarter brought the Lady 'Cats to within two points at 26-24. But that was as close as Whitney would get. Sage Hill would extend the lead to

13 points again 40 seconds into the fourth quarter and Whitney failed on all 12 of its perimeter shots in the fourth quarter.

Despite the loss, Whitney's defense

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Associates, Nohemi Gutierrez, & Ferguson, and Nixon/Peabody.

HMG-CN exclusively reported that two of the three law firms had, in direct violation of the selection criteria, connections to CB board members: John Harris of Harris and Associates knew CB Director Leticia Vasquez and her husband Ron Wilson and Ferguson's executive assistant has known Director James Roybal for over 30 years.

The selection process indicated that no connections should exist between any CB director or employee, yet somehow two out of the three choices by Nossaman

were connected to board members.

Hunt and Nossman's attorney Alfred E. Smith II had "no idea" about the connections.

Vasquez and Roybal, knowing they were interviewing the two law firms prior to the board meeting, said nothing about their relationships until asked by Director Chacon during the meeting.

At the next meeting, Nixon/Peabody was chosen as the agency's law firm.

Now, with the first opportunity to demonstrate to State lawmakers that CB is serious about cleaning up the infighting and "poor leadership" at the embattled agency, Hunt is lashing out at CB Director Art Chacon in a malicious attempt to launch a bogus investigation and discredit the long-time director.

The investigation centers around a Dec. 2015 HMG-CN article entitled Dirty Water: Payback Politics Put Central Basin's Recycled Water Sales in the Toilet.

HMG-CN learned from high-level CB sources that certain members on CB's Board of Directors were, for the sake of political retribution, blocking the implementation of large revenue generating recycled water projects for the cash-strapped agency.

Hunt recently told the Whittier Daily News and reporter Mike Sprague that the high-level source in the article was Chacon.

HMG-CN never indicated in the December article whether the sources came from inside or outside CB, or from former CB employees.

But Hunt said in the WDN article, "... Chacon was quoted making the charges (of political payback)."

Chacon's actual quote was, "(CB Director) Phil (Hawkins) and I have approached CB General Manager Kevin Hunt several times talking about recycled water and getting out there and approaching these customers and signing them up. But since (Tony) Perez and (former employee John) Tat have left, nothing has been done."

Hawkins actual quote was, "Director Chacon and I are pushing for the closure of these projects, we have been doing that for months because they will bring in much needed revenue to CB. But they are being held up for political and personal reasons, and that's just wrong."

Hunt's interpretation of the quotes was that Chacon was the source telling HMG-CN that certain directors were holding up water sales and is initiating the investigation singling Chacon out while not investigating Hawkins.

When asked why he was not going after Hawkins Hunt told HMG-CN in an email, "In reference to Director Chacon, I did not single him out. When I asked Director Hawkins what he was referring to in the article he said he got his information from Director Chacon."

In a phone conversation with HMG-CN, an angry Hawkins said, "We never even talked about that, I never told Hunt that I got my information from Director Chacon."

HMG-CN Publisher Brian Hews said, "Hunt implicated that I gave up my sources. I never reveal my sources, that is the poison pill for a journalist. Hunt is assuming Chacon told me. Fact is, I had more than one person, both inside and outside CB, tell me that sales are being held up for political payback, isn't it obvious? There are over 250 customers waiting to be hooked into CB's recycled water system."

Given Hunt's effort to investigate who leaked the information, and that CB Directors are involved, referring the matter

to the independent law firm of Nixon/Peabody for a fully transparent investigation would be judicious.

But Hunt is keeping the investigation in house, with the Ethics Committee and CB's counsel Nossaman, instead of showing complete transparency and referring the matter to Nixon/Peabody telling the WDN that "Nossaman will determine whether CB directors prevented any potential recycled water customers from getting recycled water or if they influenced the development of a project for political payback purposes."

An indignant Hunt told HMG-CN, "I requested the investigation because it affects my reputation and the District's."

But the seedy reputation of some CB Directors does not seem to affect Hunt.

Two of CB's Ethics Committee appointees are Robert "Bob" Apodaca and James Roybal. CB recently settled a \$670,000 sexual harassment claim against Apodaca, and Roybal was in LAUSD's infamous Teacher Jail, earning money as a teacher while taking money from CB, a violation of LAUSD policy.

Both have publicly expressed their disdain for Chacon and in 2013 both tried to eliminate the Ethics Committee so they would not be investigated.

Still, Hunt wants to remain in control of the investigation using the Ethics Committee and Nossaman. "Nossaman is the Ethics Committee's law firm, the investigation will stay with them."

And with good reason.

Hunt backed himself into a corner with his quote to the WDN, "If (the investigation) comes back and our record is clean, they can talk to the director," Hunt said. "If you find something happened, you'll have my resignation in a day."

Passings Gerald Wagner

Cerritos resident Gerald Wagner passed away on February 9th, 2016 after a short battle with prostate cancer. Surviving is his wife Sumiko Wagner and daughter Tiffany. Jerry was born and raised in the Dakotas, during high school joined the Navy, and retired as a Navy person after serving the country for 25 yrs. Following this, he was employed at the Mobil refineries in Santa Fe Springs. He moved to Cerritos in 1975, after leaving the city of East Lakewood.

Jerry enjoyed doing home improvement projects around his home, his entire 40 yrs while living in Cerritos. He had a small white companion dog called BJ, which accompanied him in the garden and pool side patio. Concordia Lutheran Church, phone: (562) 926-2491 Forest Lawn Memorial-Parks & Mortuarie, phone: (714) 828-3131

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HELEN DOMINGUEZ
 CASE NO. BP170013
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of HELEN DOMINGUEZ
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Robert Dominguez in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Robert Dominguez 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 actions.) 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.
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 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 formal 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 PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ALFONSO DOMINGUEZ
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**CITY OF CERRITOS
 STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF THE
 LIBERTY PARK, JACOB PARK AND BETTENCOURT PARK
 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS
 PROJECT NO. 10073, BID NO. 1239-16**

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

Project Identification: LIBERTY PARK, JACOB PARK AND BETTENCOURT PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. 10073, BID NO. 1239-16

Project Description: The work or improvement to be performed generally consists of:
 • Resurfacing Liberty Park main playground;
 • Installing new play equipment at Jacob Park west;
 • Installing new play equipment and surfacing at Liberty Park south playground;
 • Installing new play equipment and surfacing at Bettencourt Park;
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Bids will be opened on: Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 11:00 a.m.

Place of bid receipt: Office of the City Clerk, City Hall
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Bids must be marked: "LIBERTY PARK, JACOB PARK AND BETTENCOURT PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. 10073, BID NO. 1239-16"

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

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

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

By order of the City of Cerritos.

Dated/posted/published: February 12, 2016

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cerritos City Council will conduct a public hearing at a Regular meeting on **Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following matter:

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN DRAFT

This public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers of the Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Civic Center, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703. The meeting will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website at www.cerritos.us. A copy of the related staff report will be available for download from the website by 6:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

If you challenge the above mentioned item and related actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the **Cerritos City Council** at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Any person interested in this matter may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248 for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard.

Dated: February 12, 2016

/s/Vida Barone
 Vida Barone, City Clerk

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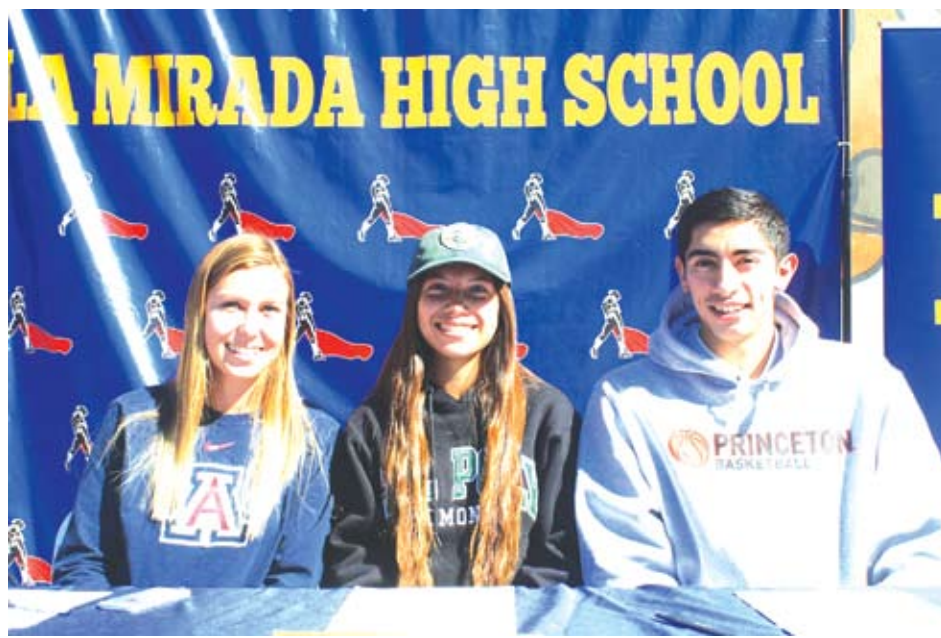
T.S. No.: 9551-4604 TSG Order No.: 8572813 A.P.N.: 8044-010-013 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/26/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 11/02/2004 as Document No.: 04 2832278, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: JESUS ZUNO, JR., A SINGLE MAN, AND GUILLERMO ZUNO, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 03/07/2016 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13006 EL MORO AVENUE, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 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 in an "AS IS" condition, 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, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$323,865.94 (Estimated) as of 02/19/2016. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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. 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Ocean Blvd. Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: 916-939-0772. NBS Default Services, LLC, Nicole Rodriguez, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0272057 To: LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER 02/12/2016, 02/19/2016, 02/26/2016

SIGNING DAY*Continued from page 1*

pound defensive end, said.

Asked to rate his excitement level on a scale of one to 10, Saleapaga added, "It's 20! I'm ready!" Vittorio Reynoso-Avila, star point guard for the Division 2 State Championship boys basketball team, committed to Princeton, in part because of his 4.6 grade point average. "I chose Princeton because they have both a great academic and a great athletic program," said Reynoso-Avila, whose La Mirada spirit will follow him to the East Coast. "Once a Matadore, always a Matadore!" -more- Not to be outdone, the CIF Southern Section champion and state regional semi-finalist girls soccer team had much to celebrate, with two players continuing on to college level athletics. Maddie Bennett is on her way to the University of Arizona, while Amanda Duran will stay close to home and attend Cal Poly Pomona. "This

means a lot to me, playing for La Mirada and being with these special people," said Bennett, who in 2015 was named Suburban League MVP and Division 4 Player of the Year. "It's heartwarming. Everyone gives so much support." "We couldn't be more proud of our student athletes," said NLMUSD Board of Education President Karen Morrison. "Their commitment to their passion and to their academic work is what we want to see in all of our students." Though Feb. 3 is the NCAA's official day for announcing athletic recruits, several La Mirada football players are still undecided and plan to announce their intentions when they have made their decisions. "We are delighted La Mirada has seen so much success in its athletic program," NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said. "It's a tribute to the hard-working coaches and teachers, who have provided exceptional guidance and leadership. Good luck to all of our wonderful student-athletes. We will be watching."



[l-r] La Mirada High girls soccer stars Maddie Bennett, Amanda Duran and boys basketball star Vittorio Reynoso-Avila are all smiles while sporting their new university sweatshirts on National Signing Day.

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ed on a month-to-month tenancy. In January 2016, the City gave a 30-day notice to vacate so they could begin building a new temporary homeless shelter at the location. Joe Colombo Community Development Director, stated that the new facility will have to be licensed before any children can move in, "We do not see any issues with this transition," said Colombo.

But the daycare facility cannot move until the state approves the operation.

Councilwoman Myra Maravilla wanted to reassure residents that the daycare facility is not shutting down, rather mov-

ing to a more secure location, which is no longer on a main street.

Martin Castro, Executive Director, President and CEO of MAOF, commented they now have 80 children enrolled. Castro was concerned about state licensing, saying that it takes time to license new facilities, "There are many improvements that need to be made, however Social Services can take as long as 90 days for the licensing process. I would hope that we do not have to displace those students during the transition."

Council then took up a review of available space for the Foundation at the Helen Rosas Center building. This new building would consist of three classrooms, restrooms, storage area and an outdoor play area.

The Council has approved funding and requested options to the temporary homeless shelter during the current winter season. The City has explored numerous options for this shelter, but has been unable to identify a proper space for it during the El Nino time frame.

The County of Los Angeles operates a winter shelter program from November to March. Many shelters are at maximum capacity, and any transportation must be approved – walk-ins are not allowed. Bell however, will approve a City form of transportation from Hawaiian Gardens.

Councilman Hank Trimble notes that although there are many resources available, "I am glad that we gave it one heck of an effort, but it seems there is nowhere to go for the homeless citizens of Hawai-

ian Gardens."

Mayor Barry Bruce noted that the old city hall was available as a resource center, referring to a staff report "a new option that was presented to staff was to establish a Hawaiian Gardens Help Hub. The purpose of the Hub would be to provide Social Services to people who need assistance and act as a 'pick up' spot for those seeking shelter. Staff could work out agreements with neighboring cities." Bruce went on to say, "We need to have someplace where people can go to find the help they need, whether homelessness or a rehab facility."

Until a location has been decided on for a Hub, links will be placed on the cities website for those agencies that can assist those in need.

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The Dons led throughout most of the first half as Leonard and senior Brandon Yoon were the key forces, each scoring 11 points before halftime. Leonard also had all eight of his rebounds in the half. But Cerritos would squander a 10-point lead with 1:09 left in the half and Mayfair took its largest lead of the game to this point (three points) 77 seconds into the third quarter.

There would be 10 lead changes in the third quarter, the last when Yoon drained a trifecta with 7.1 seconds left in the stanza to give Cerritos a 47-45 lead. Yoon would post a game-high and career-high 24 points with four points and four assists. The performances from Flucas and Yoon proved that Cerritos can still be a force even without the services of Leonard, who will be attending the University of California, Irvine in the fall.

"That's how we've been all season, especially when he was out for three weeks," Enomoto said. "All of our guys are ready to play, even when he's not in the game."

The Dons (16-10, 8-3) bounced back to knock off Artesia 67-59 this past Tuesday behind 29 points, seven rebounds and three steals from Leonard and 16 points from senior Jaylen Jones. Both Cerritos teams, who travelled to La Mirada on Feb. 11, will open the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division II-A playoffs next week.

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run through a wall. With Brittany, we had a little more expectations of her, but she's coming around. She's coming up clutch for

us when we need her to."

The only shot on goal the Lady Dons (10-8-2, 4-7-0) would get in the second half came in the 72nd minute when junior forward Jessica Chen's shot on a breakaway was stopped by sophomore goalkeeper Destinee Montenegro.

"That's been our problem all year... that we're playing as a team and we never developed a way to create offense." Adams said of the lack of offense. "So we shifted players around and as I guessed might happen with a new coach, we never got them in the right spots to be productive enough to be able to be successful against teams like Artesia and Bellflower and the other top teams in the league."

Knocking off Cerritos to get into the playoffs was a mirrored image for the Pioneers from the late 1990s and early 2000s when the two would battle for third place and, at the time, the last automatic playoff spot. Cerritos was a consistent third place team while the Pioneers finished in fourth place in 1998, 1999 and 2001 and tied Cerritos for third place in 2000.

"We knew it was going to be tough," Marquez said. "I told my girls that we needed to win this game. I didn't tell them anything about a [potential] tie or whatever. We were just looking after ourselves and playing the style that we play and going out and playing hard. I thought in the first half we did well controlling the game."

Both teams began the regular season on a roll with the Pioneers winning seven of 10 games played in December while Cerritos went 6-1-2 before league action began and won all four games it played in the Bellflower Tournament. In fact, the Lady Dons outscored their December opponents 35-4 but allowed 15 goals in league action.

In addition, both teams are still young with Artesia graduating four players off a team of 17 and Cerritos just losing Galicia to graduation. The experience of both teams should provide another exciting

2016-2017 campaign.

"As a coaching staff, we never want to talk about projecting the next year," Adams said. "I would expect that we will develop as a unit. Our talent will get better, our teamwork will get better and as that happens, I think we'll mature as a group. We do look forward to every opportunity to get better and to try to find some success. As I was talking to the coaching staff today, I'm always a lot more pleased in April than I am the day after we lose, when the season comes to an end like that. When you look at it, [this season] was a very successful season and there a lot of positives to grow by. I'm very optimistic moving ahead."

Artesia ended the regular season at John Glenn High on Feb. 11 while Cerritos travelled to La Mirada on the same day. There is a slight chance the Lady Dons could get in the playoffs as an at-large representative.

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held an opponent to under 50 points for the seventh straight game and 11th in the past 12 games. In fact, Whitney has allowed over 50 points three times with one of those coming to Sage Hill on Jan. 16, a 52-20 loss.

"Our defense speaks for itself all year," Day said. "Look at our defensive scoring average. We keyed every game in league on the other team's best player. I was like, 'let somebody else's second leading scorer or third leading scorer...step up. [Heather] Park for them, in the second round of league, is averaging 26 points a game. She scored seven [tonight]."

Lee scored 13 points but the other four Whitney starters combined for 11 points and Vera, whose point total was a season-high, was the only bench player to score. Whitney will still finish in the top three in the league for the 14th time in the past 15

seasons but will most likely face a league champion and/or a top eight team on the road when the playoffs begin next week.

"We put a lot of expectations on our shoulders," Day said. "We really thought, after seeing everyone in December in our league, we could contend for a league title. With the exception of Sage the first time, we've had a chance to win every game in our league, regardless of injuries or any of that."

Following the game, the Whitney boys were hoping for a signature league victory and were close to achieving that feat. But the Wildcats were true on two of 11 shots from the field in overtime and lost to Sage Hill 73-64. Coupled with a 30-point loss to Crean Lutheran High this past Tuesday, Whitney concluded the regular season at 8-12 overall and 3-9 in league action.

Whitney trailed by nine points in the first quarter but quickly responded with a 10-0 run that lasted into the first minute of the second quarter. Senior K.J. Hardrict began and ended that run with scores and would finish the game with a career-high 26 points on 11 of 14 shooting from the field. He also led the 'Cats with seven rebounds.

Whitney would lead by as many as six points after sophomore Heaven Flores (17 points, six rebounds) began the second half with a three-pointer. But with 6:19 left in regulation, Chance Kuehnle put the Lightning in front and the visitors from Newport Beach would not trail until sophomore Daniel Sou (career-high 14 points) connected from downtown with 12.1 seconds left. After Dominic Sadeghi put Sage Hill back on top, a free throw from Flores with one second remaining sent the game into overtime.

From there, the Lightning scored the first eight points of the extra session and Whitney didn't score until Hardrict ended the drought with less than a minute remaining in the contest.

TSG No.: 8597015 TS No.: CA1500271569 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN: 7056-006-036 Property Address: 19915 CHRISTINA CIRCLE CERRITOS, CA 90703 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/13/2004. 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. On 02/25/2016 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/21/2004, as Instrument No. 04 3296474, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California. Executed by: ROMEO A. SALANGO AND JANE L. SALANGO, TRUSTEES OF THE SALANGO FAMILY TRUST DATED 6/26/04, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 7056-006-036 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 19915 CHRISTINA CIRCLE, CERRITOS, CA 90703 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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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. 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**CITY OF LA MIRADA
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2016-04
LA MIRADA LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for the La Mirada Library Renovation Project. Plans and specifications and the Instructions to Bidders are on file in the office of the City Clerk, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, California 90638.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting for prospective bidders on February 23, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the City of La Mirada Resource Center located at 13710 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California 90638. Bids will not be accepted from bidders who do not attend the meeting. Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on March 9, 2016. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk
City of La Mirada

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Cerritos City Council** will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting on **February 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following matter:

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY OF CERRITOS (SELLER) TO SELL CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED AT 13043 166TH STREET, CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA, 90703, TO FABRIC TOWN (BUYER), PURSUANT TO TERMS OF A LETTER OF INTENT (LOI). THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS ZONED DEVELOPMENT AREA ONE (ADP-1) AND IS LOCATED WITHIN THE CERRITOS INDUSTRIAL PARK (APN 7005-006-062).

This public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers of the Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Civic Center, Bloomfield Avenue and 183rd Street in Cerritos, California 90703. The meeting will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website at www.cerritos.us. A copy of the related staff report will be available for download from the website by 6:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

If you challenge the above mentioned item and related actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the **Cerritos City Council** at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Any person interested in this matter may contact the Department of Community Development at (562) 916-1201 for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard.

Dated: February 12, 2016

/s/Vida Barone
Vida Barone, City Clerk

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2015-23
ACTIVITY CENTER AND RESOURCE CENTER CARPET REPLACEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for the carpet replacement project. Plans and specifications and the Instructions to Bidders are on file in the office of the City Clerk, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, California 90638.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting for prospective bidders on March 24, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the City of La Mirada Resource Center located at 13710 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California 90638. Bids will not be accepted from bidders who do not attend the meeting. Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on March 10, 2016. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 9, 2016, the City Council adopted the following ordinances:

Ordinance No. 681 Revising Regulations Applicable to Massage Services and Businesses and Amending Chapter 4.10 of Title 4 of the La Mirada Municipal Code.

Ordinance No. 682 Amending Sections of Title 21 of the La Mirada Municipal Code Pertaining to the Zoning Districts in which Massage Establishments may Locate and the Permit Requirements for Massage Establishments.

Summary of Ordinance No. 681

Ordinance No. 681 amended Chapter 4.10 of Title 4 of the La Mirada Municipal Code to provide for the orderly regulation of massage therapists and establishments, in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare.

Summary of Ordinance No. 682

Ordinance No. 682 amended Title 21 of the La Mirada Municipal Code and amended the zoning district and permit requirements for massage establishments.

The names of those Councilmembers voting for or against Ordinances No. 681 and 682 are as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Eng, Mowles, Sarega, Mayor Pro Tem De Ruse, Mayor Deal
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk

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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2016-03
SPLASH! AQUATICS CENTER POOL PLASTERING**

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for the Splash! Aquatics Center Pool Plastering Project. Plans and specifications and the Instructions to Bidders are on file in the office of the City Clerk, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, California 90638.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting for prospective bidders on February 22, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center located at 13806 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California 90638. Bids will not be accepted from bidders who do not attend the meeting. Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before 11 a.m. on March 3, 2016. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

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**CITY OF LA MIRADA
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CIP No. 2014-17, Imperial Highway and Telegraph Road Intersection Improvement Plans

Notice is hereby given that the City of La Mirada, California invites sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services for the above mentioned street improvement project. Plans and specifications and the Instructions to Bidders are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting for prospective bidders on February 25, 2016 at 10 a.m. at City of La Mirada Resource Center, 13710 La Mirada Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638. Bids will not be accepted from bidders who do not attend the meeting. Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk of the City of La Mirada at or before 11 a.m. on March 10, 2016. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Plans and Specifications. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

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