



La Mirada City Council Candidate Serega Has Criminal Past

By Brian Hews

Hews Media Group-Community News has learned that La Mirada candidate Ion "John" Serega was convicted of two felonies and petty theft in 2005 and 2006.

Serega was convicted under the Comprehensive Computer Data Access and Fraud Act Penal Code section 502c and the California Motor Vehicles Section 4463 a(2).

Penal Code 502c states, "It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this section to expand the degree of protection afforded to individuals, businesses, and governmental agencies from tampering, interference, damage, and unauthorized access to lawfully created computer data and computer systems."

Part c states, "...Knowingly accesses

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NLMUSD PRIORITIZING SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Edited by HMG-CN

The Board of Education will meet during a study session on March 9 to continue discussing the prioritization of the first round of construction projects to be completed under the \$375 million Measure G facilities bond.

The meeting is the third focused on creating a comprehensive plan that outlines construction project schedules and funding priorities.

During the second study session on Feb. 23, board members were presented with a list of projects from the District's Facilities Master Plan in the form of an interactive spreadsheet to understand how completing all or part of each project impacts overall spending. The Board is focused on setting priorities for the first phase of projects ("Series A") with a projected budget of \$52 million.

For planning purposes, the proposals package projects according to the assump-

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La Mirada Council Approves Public Library Renovations



UPGRADE: Built in 1969, the La Mirada Library will receive upgrades as part of a project between the City of La Mirada and Los Angeles County.

The La Mirada City Council recently approved agreements with the County of Los Angeles to enhance the La Mirada Library.

As part of Supervisor Don Knabe's "Operation Libraries" project, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is investing \$45 million into the restoration of County libraries in the Fourth Super-

visorial District. About \$4 million has been allocated to renovate the La Mirada Library.

The library, located at 13800 La Mirada Boulevard, has been owned and operated by the County since it was built in 1969. The City has been working with County

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Hawaiian Gardens Holds Student Government Day



Fedde National Academy brought 17 girls from their ASB program to participate in Student Government Day last month. The aim was to shadow employees and politicians who work for the government in Hawaiian Gardens. The students first met with City Clerk Sue Underwood. The longtime resident gave the students the background on the local government and on the history of the city. Councilman Reynaldo "Rey" Rodriguez said, "we try to teach the kids how the government is run and hopefully we can get them excited and they'll become councilman or woman in the future." The city held a mock City Council meeting with students taking the seats of Council Members and Mayor and actually running the meeting. After the meeting, the students adjourned to the decorated meeting room and were treated to lunch by the city. During the lunch Miss Hawaiian Gardens spoke to the children. Photo courtesy City of Hawaiian Gardens.

Election 2015:

New Councilmembers in Cerritos, La Mirada, and Commerce

By Brian Hews

With canvassing left to be done by the Cerritos City Clerk, unofficial results show incumbent Councilman Mark Pulido, former Mayor Jim Edwards and newcomer Naresh Solanki winners in this past Tuesday's election.

In La Mirada, unofficial results show newcomer Ed Eng, along with incumbents Stephen DeRuse and Larry Mowles winners.

With two seats open in Commerce, newcomers Oralia Rebollo and Hugo Argumedo won. Argumedo was the top vote-getter. Incumbent Denise Robles lost her seat.

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State Committee Orders Audit of Central Basin Municipal Water District

By Brian Hews

The California State Legislature's Joint Audit Committee ordered a financial audit today of Commerce based Central Basin Municipal Water District (CB).

Assembly members Cristina Garcia, D-Bell, Anthony Rendon, D-South Gate, State Senators Ed Hernandez, D-West Covina, and Ricardo Lara, D-Long Beach, asked for the audit in a letter to the com-

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A YEAR OF POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS FOR CERRITOS

By Mayor Mark E. Pulido

As my term as Mayor of the City of Cerritos comes to an end this month, I would like to say how honored I am to have served this wonderful community during the past year. I have thoroughly enjoyed and am extremely proud of how residents, the City Council and staff have worked together to achieve numerous positive developments in Cerritos. This past year has seen the City continue to offer an exceptional level of services while focusing on bringing new projects and businesses to the community and supporting the expansion and improvement of existing local businesses.

My City Council colleagues and I attended several ribbon cuttings for playground resurfacing and improvement projects throughout the City, including at Gonsalves Park, the Cerritos Sports Complex and Heritage Park. Moving forward, the City plans to continue upgrading playgrounds throughout Cerritos. In October of last year, my fellow Councilmembers and I awarded a contract for the trimming of 1,200 large trees along arterial street landscape parkway areas and arterial street center medians.

Progress was made on three new major residential developments coming to Cerritos. Work continued on Aria, a 198-unit luxury apartment complex to be located at the northeast corner of Artesia Boulevard and Bloomfield Avenue. The City Council approved upscale apartment complexes to be built at the current Sam Ash Music site. In addition, The Olson Company completed the first of five buildings of the new

Plaza Walk townhome condominium development at Pioneer Boulevard and South Street.

Construction began on an extensive remodeling project at the Los Cerritos Center, which when finished will include a Dick's Sporting Goods, a 16-screen Harkins Theatres luxury megaplex and The Cheesecake Factory restaurant. Renovations also began at the Cerritos Plaza shopping center, which now includes a new Orchard Supply Hardware store.

I was thrilled to help welcome several exciting new businesses to the City during the past year, including Leelin Bakery and Café, Kaiser Permanente's Cerritos Medical Offices, Domino's Pizza, a Microsoft Store, Which Wich and Creamistry.

The City was named a Playful City USA for the seventh consecutive year in recognition of its outstanding parks and recreation programs. The Cerritos Library was named a Four-Star Library by the "Library Journal" in the 2014 America's Star Libraries program.

Other notable projects that I am proud to have been a part of in the past year include the addition of the "Infinity 2" art piece to the Cerritos Sculpture Garden, the remodeling and expansion of several dealerships in the Cerritos Auto Square and, for the first time in its history, the City's celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Finally, I would like to especially thank Cerritos residents for their support during my term as Mayor. Serving the community is an honor I take seriously and I look forward to continuing to work with my City Council colleagues to provide the best possible City services moving forward. As always, I encourage residents to call me at City Hall at (562) 860-0311 or to send me an e-mail through the City's website at cerritos.us and share their suggestions, concerns and questions.

In Our Backyard- Local California History

Rancho Los Cerritos and the Rancho Los Nietos Land Grant

By Rick Foster
Special to HMG-CN

In a continued effort to search and introduce my family and friends to California's rich and dramatic history, today we visited a very prominent adobe home and museum right in our backyard, Rancho Los Cerritos. Located in Long Beach, we found ourselves in the luxurious surroundings of the Virginia Country Club and the historically unique and restored two-story adobe home that was built and occupied by the John Temple family in 1844. The property had once belonged to the first owner Maria Manuela Nieto-Cota and her family, who had built two smaller adobe structures on the property that no longer exist. The property was a part of the Nieto and Cota family from 1784-1844. Besides being one of the nicer restored adobe homes, Los Cerritos also houses an extensive archival book collection available to the public by appointment only, covering this historical time period.

While at Rancho Los Cerritos we decided to learn more about Manuela Nieto-Cota and how she came to own a rancho. During our search for this information, we were surprised to learn that not only was California a Spanish speaking territory ruled by Spain, but California almost became part of Russia only to be saved by the California Mission System. We continued to follow the Nieto family story

and how they fit into our local California history. We discovered that Maria Manuela Nieto had inherited the land from her father, Manuel Nieto, as part of a larger rancho known as Rancho Los Nietos. Rancho Los Nietos was a vast 167,000 acre rancho and Rancho Los Cerritos was just a small portion of 27,000 acres that includes Cerritos and Long Beach.

A Spanish land grant was made in 1784 called Rancho Los Nietos. From this point, the story took on a life of its own with many twists and turns, as we uncovered more about the rancho and land grants of Spain and Mexico. We were intrigued by the size of this land grant. It had encompassed all the land that is now Anaheim, Artesia, Buena Park, Bolsa Chica, Cerritos, Cypress, Downey, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Lakewood, Long Beach, Los Alamitos, Naples, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, Seal Beach, Sunset Beach and Whittier. From 1542-1769 Alta California, New Spain was virtually uninhabited by the non-natives. In the North, there were small groups of French and Russian fur hunters while in the South, only native Indians inhabited the area. Although rumors had been swirling for years that Tsarist Russia wanting to occupy parts of Alta California to enhance its fur trade operations, but it wasn't until 1769 that Spain was prompted to implement a viable plan to settle the Alta

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Fedde Honored as School to Watch in Sacramento



Fedde MS received the 2015 Schools to Watch Award at the California League of Schools Annual Conference in Sacramento, Feb. 27, 2015. In the photo are: (l-r) President of the ABC Board Maynard Law; Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu; Principal-Fedde MS Ricardo Lois, Teacher Daren Ham; Teacher Ken Denman and Teacher Daniel Ramirez. Fedde MS was one of seven California middle schools to be designated as model middle schools in the 2015 Schools to Watch Program. The Schools to Watch Program is sponsored by the California League of Middle Schools and the Department of Education, in partnership with the California Middle Grades Alliance.

Bellflower Unified Finalizes Sweeping Classroom Technology Upgrade



Washington Elementary teacher Roger Hollenbeck tracks a lesson on his teach pad as he moves through his classroom. Bellflower Unified teachers say the tablets allow them greater mobility in the classroom while controlling technology that encourages student collaboration.

BELLFLOWER – Bellflower Unified has spent \$3 million this school year to create a system of tablets, laptops, document cameras and projectors that allows teachers to seamlessly integrate the latest technology into classroom lessons emphasizing critical thinking, hands-on learning and student collaboration.

The effort combines hardware and software purchases, installation and professional development, as well as im-

provements in internet access, system upkeep and maintenance.

The system will be completed by April 1, a testament to District planning that identified specific needs and system options as early as 2013, new funding provided through the Local Control Funding Formula and priorities set in the District's first Local Control and Accountability

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New Playground at Neff Park in La Mirada



The new Neff Park playground equipment and walkways are being constructed. This project is expected to be completed in about two weeks.

HMG-CN Community Wire

Improvements to the Neff Park playground equipment and walkways in La Mirada are nearing completion.

The new playground will include swings, slides, climbers, ladders and other play features. Musical themed equipment, such as chimes and drums, were also added.

The play area consists of two separate structures; one for children ages 2-5 and the other for children ages 6-12. Additional improvements include resilient rubberized accessible playground surfacing, new benches and a drinking fountain.

A cement path connecting the playground to the restroom and parking lot was also added for improved accessibility.

"The new playground equipment will be enjoyed by the many children

who visit Neff Park," says Mayor Larry Mowles. "This project is one of many capital improvements presently being completed to update our infrastructure and maintain our quality of life."

The work is expected to be finished in about two weeks.

Other playgrounds are set to be upgraded this year at Frontier Park, the Community Gymnasium, and Anna J Martin Park.

"Neff Park is where we provide our summer day camp programs," says Community Services Director Lori Thompson. "We are excited that the day camp participants will have a new playground to explore this summer."

For more information on Neff Park or the City of La Mirada's Summer Day Camp programs, call (562) 943-7277.

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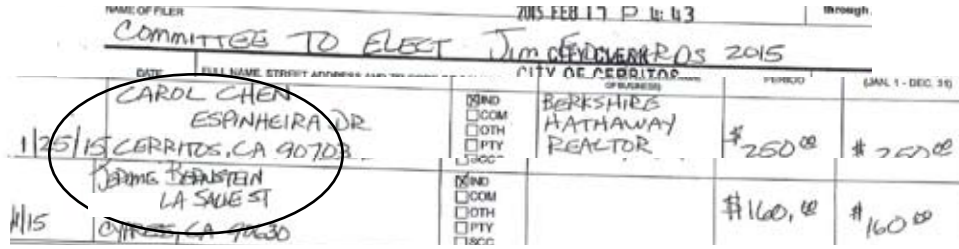


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OP/ED-Dirty Campaign Season in Cerritos Targets Candidates's Mother

Ethics Alert: Editor Jerry Bernstein donated money to Jim Edward's Cerritos City Council campaign.

It's a good bet we won't be seeing any investigative city council articles from Bernstein in the near future.....see below.



You have to wonder what Bernstein will get for his donation. *Dirty Campaign.*

With only four days before the Cerritos City Council election, anonymous and illegal political flyers were mailed to Cerritos residents slamming Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido, the consensus front-runner in the race, candidate Frank Yokoyama, and candidate and former mayor Grace Hu.

Friends of the candidates told HMG-CN that all three were devastated by the content.

In addition, two days after that flyer hit, HMG-CN was informed that Mark Pulido's mother received a letter that "shook her up" in the mail signed by an "anonymous Cerritos voter."

Pulido's mother? Really?

I can hear those No on AA people thanking God again.

A statement sent out by Pulido via email said, "We are very sad about what is going on in our community in this election. A hurtful, anonymous letter was sent to our home. The target this time was our mother

47th district to Pulido and Yokoyama attributing Lowenthal's vote to end redevelopment to the loss of the Cerritos Questa Villa project.

Sources told HMG-CN that the flyer was the work of long-time Cerritos resident and "campaign advisor" Matt Kauble. One candidate told HMG-CN, "Kauble has always disliked Pulido and Yokoyama, and

dislikes Lowenthal even more, the flyer has Kauble written all over it."

The "hit pieces," as they are called in political circles, had an address of 11432 South St Cerritos, CA, which is the Cerritos Mail Boxes and More near the corner of South St. and Gridley.

The flyer only had the address of the store with no P.O. Box or campaign ID number, both violations of the Political Reform Act, which is enforced by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).

On the mailing indicia were the letters FMP; absent was a USPS permit number.

Cerritos resident Ernie Nishi, who came by HMG-CN offices to voice his opinion said angrily, "if they go this far they are unfit for office and those they support should not be elected, and the others should be recalled."

Sources tell HMG-CN, and simple logic dictates, that it can only be a handful of people who would spend the money to send an expensive hit piece out against Pulido, Yokoyama, and Hu.

Cerritos City Council seat.

But, as Vo found out, he was used by Chen to pull votes away from other candidates, mainly Grace Hu and Frank Yokoyama.

Now Chen will throw Vo away much like she did to Hu in this election cycle, a woman who helped Chen get elected a few years ago.

Solanki had the money too, and was asked by HMG-CN if he had anything to do with the flyer via text message. Solanki quickly answered, "I am focusing on my campaign and getting my message out to [the] community, so I don't have time for [a] negative campaign."

The fact remained, Chen and Vo stood to gain the most by tying Yokoyama to Pulido.

But, as predicted, Pulido attracted the most votes in Tuesday's election.

During that time two seats were up-for-grabs for candidates Hu, Yokoyama, Sultan Sam Ahmad, Sophie Tse, former Mayor Jim Edwards and the Chen/Barrows supported Naresh Solanki and Chuong Vo.

A combined two-seat win by Yokoyama, Ahmad, or Hu would have tilted the City Council away from Carol Chen and her base, the very year she is to be sworn in as Mayor.

And, given the Pulido/Yokoyama hit piece, it looks like the power hungry Chen would have nothing to do with that.

While discussing the BIZFED flyer that was mailed last week with the FPPC, and the finding that BIZFED PAC is also in violation of FPPC regulations, HMG-CN discussed the Pulido/Yokoyama flyer with the enforcement officer.

The officer gave strong indications they would investigate the flyer given the absence of a campaign name or ID number.

HMG-CN will file a complaint today against those who sent out the mailer and BIZFED PAC.

"It will be too late," said Nishii, "by the time they find out who it was, the election will be over."

Indeed, Edwards and Solanki were both on the flyer; Edwards is a shoe-in right now while Solanki leads Yokoyama by 61 votes and Hu by 96.

HMG-CN will also call on tighter regulation of these types of flyers sent out in the mail. You cannot place an advertisement in a newspaper or magazine without proper listing of the campaign name or ID number, HMG-CN advocates that the same standard should be applied to campaign flyers sent via USPS.

A lot of vitriol has been spewed about this newspaper and political campaigns, but at least everyone knows who I am and where my office is located.

The cowards who did these pieces hide their identity, sent out illegitimate flyers, and launder money, but to their followers "that is ok."

That is dirty campaigning.

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For the first time, ABC Unified School District has been selected to receive the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) Magna Awards 2015 Grand Prize for our program, the Parent Leadership Academy and Conference.

It is one of the most highly honored awards in this year's competition in the country.

In addition to being recognized at the NSBA Annual Conference in the Magna Awards Best Practices for School Leaders Luncheon in Nashville on March 21, ABCUSD will receive \$5,000 from the program's sponsor, Sodexo School Services.

This is equivalent to earning an Oscar for the school board in the education industry!

The Parent Leadership Academy and Conference is only one example of the power of partnerships in ABC Unified School District.

For almost twenty years, the District has embarked on increasing parent/family engagement and parent leadership capacity in the schools.

The Parent Leadership Conference began in 1997 when a small group of parents worked with me in creating a network for parents to learn how to navigate the educational system in ABC.

The first Parent Leadership Conference was convened in 1997 with over 100 parents.

Today, over 5000 parents have participated representing all 30 schools in the District.

Each year, the Conference held in the spring, provides free workshops for 400 parents and family members and the opportunity to network with other parents from throughout the District.

The workshops are conducted by District staff, parent leaders and local community organizations.

The partnership with PTA, Adult School and local community organizations helped to strengthen the Conference goals to increase parent engagement and connection.

Each year, the Parent Leadership Academy coordinated by Adult School provides a yearlong calendar of workshops organized around the needs identified by the parents in the District.

In recent years, with many changes in education, the topics have included the "Common Core State Standards", the "Smarter Balanced Assessment", "Technology for Parents" and "Prevention of Bullying". Translation services are always available for the parents.

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Ester Pulido, who is a retired grandmother of three and a widow. Our late father Rudy Pulido passed away on December 2, 2009.

Negative campaigning like this MUST stop.

We have been told that in politics you need to develop a thick skin about these things, but we strongly believe that our families, especially our mothers and children should be off limits.

The other hit-piece also inexplicably tied Congressman Alan Lowenthal of the

The leading candidates are Cerritos mayor pro tem Carol Chen with help from termed-out Councilman Bruce Barrows.

Losing candidate and Chen puppet Chuong Vo certainly had the money, as he recently received \$5,000 from the Police Officer's Association in Monterrey Park.

And why do people in Monterrey Park care if Vo was elected in Cerritos?

And as proven in-print and online by HMG-CN a few weeks ago, Vo went so far as to lie in public to just win his coveted

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Sheriff's Crime Summary

February 23-29, 2015

Cerritos

There were 22 Part I felony crimes reported in Cerritos this past reporting period, a decrease of three from the previous week. The following is a breakdown of crimes by category: one aggravated assault; four residential burglaries (a big decrease from the 18 the previous week); seven vehicle burglaries; three grand thefts; and seven auto thefts. Deputies made seven misdemeanor arrests, two warrant arrests, and issued 99 traffic citations. The Sheriff's dispatch center also received a total of 201 calls, a decrease from the 2015 weekly average of about 228.

Aggravated Assault:

Del Amo Blvd at Mapes Ave (2/23): Unknown suspect driving a pickup truck westbound on Del Amo Boulevard fired three rounds from an unknown weapon at a motorist also driving westbound on Del Amo Boulevard. The motive for the shooting is undetermined at this time.

Residential Burglary:

16200 block Canyon Creek Rd (2/25): Suspects shattered a rear sliding glass door and stole a jewelry box from the master bedroom. Two suspects were seen running away from the location by neighbors.

11300 block Sharon St (2/25): Suspect entered residence through an unlocked rear sliding door, ransacked several bedrooms, and stole jewelry and coins.

11200 block Felson St (2/24-25): Suspect pried open a rear window, ransacked bedrooms, but the loss is undetermined at this time.

12400 block Patricia Dr (2/28-3/1): Suspect pried open a rear sliding door, ransacked several rooms, but the loss is unknown at this time.

Vehicle Burglary:

10800 block College Pl (2/23): Rear window shattered on a '08 VW Jetta and a purse stolen from the rear floorboard.

Claretta Ave and Miles St (2/25): Suspect shattered a window on a '13 Honda Civic but no property was taken.

19100 block Pioneer Blvd (2/27-28): Suspect shattered the driver's window on a '05 Toyota Sienna and stole a debit card from the center console.

19100 block Pioneer Blvd (2/26-28):

Suspect pried the driver's window on a '96 Honda Accord and stole tools from the vehicle's trunk.

20100 block Cabrillo Ln (2/28): Suspect shattered a window on a '13 Honda Civic and stole an envelope containing cash from the glove compartment.

12725 Center Court Dr (2/28-3/1): Suspect pried open the rear cargo door window on a '13 Chevy Suburban and stole the 3rd row seat.

12725 Center Court Dr (2/28-3/1): Suspect pried open the rear cargo door window on a '07 Cadillac Escalade and stole the 3rd row seat.

Grand Theft:

20200 block Bloomfield Ave (2/22-23): Suspect stole eight batteries from up-lifts parked at construction site.

300 Los Cerritos Center (2/25): Suspect walked out of Nordstrom's with five purses valued at over \$1,000.

12700 block Towne Center Dr (2/24): Two suspects placed cosmetics valued at over \$3,000 in their clothing and walked out of the store.

Grand Theft Auto:

15900 block Piuma Ave (2/22-23): Suspect stole a commercial trailer from the business parking lot.

19100 block Pioneer Blvd (2/26): Suspect stole a '90 Toyota Camry from parking lot. The vehicle was found intact on 3/2 in Lakewood.

17200 block Cortner Ave (2/26): Suspect stole a '03 Subaru parked in the street in front of the victim's residence.

100 Los Cerritos Ctr (2/26, attempt): Suspect forced down the driver's window on a '96 Honda Accord but was unable to start the vehicle.

12400 block Rancho Vista Dr (2/27): Suspect stole a '89 BMW parked outside of the victim's condominium.

18100 block Stowers Ave (2/28-3/1): Suspect stole a '10 Ford E450 truck parked in front of the victim's residence.

18100 block Stowers Ave (2/28-3/1): Suspect stole a U-Haul trailer attached to the Ford E450 truck.

La Mirada

Aggravated Assault

An incident was reported on the 15000 block of Manecita Dr. A male adult suspect was arrested in connection with the incident.

Residential Burglary

A burglary was reported on the 14300 block of Bluefield Ave. Various electronics were stolen from the residence.

Other Structure Burglary

Two separate burglaries were reported to the same vacant building on the 16400 block of Phoebe Ave. Copper wiring was taken in the first incident, and it's unknown if any loss occurred in the second incident.

Grand Theft

Catalytic converters were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in a residential driveway on the 14900 block of Hutchins Dr.

Grand Theft Vehicle

An older model Nissan truck was reported stolen from the 13900 block of Salada Rd. The vehicle was recovered the following day on the 14600 block of Mansa Dr.

A vehicle reported stolen from Buena Park was recovered on the 14800 block of Desman Rd.

A suspect was arrested in connection with the recovery of a stolen vehicle from Huntington Beach on the 13800 block of Ratliffe St.

La Mirada Deputy Recognized by NLMUSD Board of Education

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Silvia Moreno was recognized by the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District (NLMUSD) Board of Education at its meeting on February 23. Deputy Moreno is assigned as a School Resource Deputy for La Mirada schools.

"Deputy Moreno is an integral part of our schools' daily operations," says NLMUSD Board of Education President Jesse Urquidi. "She provides a tremendous amount of support to students, parents, and school staff, and goes above and beyond to ensure that our schools are safe."

The City of La Mirada and the Public Safety Team are proud to have Deputy Moreno as part of the Team and value the her dedication to ensuring local schools remain safe and crime free.

NORWALK SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Good Sleep For Emotional Well Being Seminar

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Are you having a good night's sleep? Do you wake up cranky? As we age sleep is something that can be affected by the aging process. Want to find out more? Then come to our "Good Sleep for Emotional Well-Being" seminar and learn about useful tips on how you can maintain healthy sleeping habits. This lecture will be presented by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health at the Norwalk Senior Center on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Come with your questions and bring a friend along as well! This event is open to seniors age 50 and older. The Norwalk Senior Center is located at 14040 San Antonio Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650. For additional information please contact the Norwalk Senior Center at (562) 929-5580

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Come learn about the "Norwalk - Now You Know" program at our Neighborhood Watch meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2015 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. This Neighborhood Watch topic will be focusing on the "Now You Know" program broadcast on the City of Norwalk's cable access station. Seniors

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Lakewood High swimmer Daniel McArthur was recently honored as the 2014 Lakewood Youth Hall of Fame 'Athlete of the Year' along with 51 other athletes and 10 teams during ceremonies held at The Centre, Sycamore Plaza. From left: Lakewood Vice Mayor Jeff Wood, Council Members Steve Croft and Diane DuBois, and Mayor Todd Rogers join McArthur and his proud parents Scott and Rebecca. (Photo from Lakewood E-Connect.)

PULIDO ELECTION PARTY AT LEELIN BAKERY AND CAFE



Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido won by an overwhelming 3,417 votes along the other two winners Jim Edwards - 3,053, and Naresh Solanki - 2,533 as per the semi-official results of the municipal elections last March 3 in the city of Cerritos. Pulido held his party with running mate Frank Yokohama who was short by about 60 votes behind Solanki, at the Leelin Bakery and Café on South St. after the close of elections on Tuesday evening. Photo shows Pulido with Mayors Marcel Rodarte of Norwalk (left) and Miguel Canales of Artesia. (Photo by Rico Dizon)

SENIOR CENTER

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will be able to learn about this program and how it helps inform residents about all that is happening in the Norwalk community. This event is open to all seniors 50 years of age and older. The Norwalk Senior Center is located at 14040 San Antonio Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650. For additional information please contact the Senior Center at: (562) 929-5580.

CalFresh Assistance

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

CalFresh is the new name for Food Stamps. Under new eligibility criteria, those who are age 65 and older can now qualify to receive CalFresh services. If you would like to apply, and have questions about who qualifies or how to qualify, a CalFresh Representative will be at the Norwalk Senior Center on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to assist you. This is a free service and there are no appointments required. Our CalFresh Representative is provided to us from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. This event is open to seniors age 50 and older. The Norwalk Senior Center is located at 14040 San Antonio Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650. For additional information please contact the Senior Center at (562) 929-5580.

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Tuesday, March 31, 2015

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The day is spent as a community with games, classic car exhibit, festivities and food trucks, something for all ages.

At 9:00 PM the mood turns somber when Luminarias are placed around the track of those being honored for surviving,

those who are currently fighting cancer, and those who are being memorialized.

There are movies and entertainment throughout the night, with teams camping out at the facility.

The event closes with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Kiwanis Club followed by a "Fight Back Ceremony" where the community and individuals pledge to work to eradicate cancer.

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California territory. In an effort to thwart Russia's plan of invasion, Spain teamed up with the Roman Catholic Church and used the Franciscan friars to help settle the territory and push back the Russian settlers that were arriving from Alaska. The plan was to set up a chain of mission churches from San Diego to the Northern Territory. The mission systems would not only be for a place of worship, but doubled as fortresses and self-sustaining communities. The priests would convert the native population into Christians, as well as cultivate the land for the new colonies, thus growing a population of loyal Spanish subjects. As part of this scheme, Spanish soldiers joined the expedition to provide protection while the missions were being built.

Armed with this historical background of what a desolate place California must have been and how important it was for Spain to populate the territory, we uncovered a story of a man named Sergeant Jose Manuel Perez-Nieto. Manuel Nieto was a Spanish soldier sent to San Diego to the newly built Presidio to help protect California from pirates, Indians and foreign invaders and to provide protection for the mission builders. In 1769, Junipero Serra, a Franciscan friar, set out to build a string of missions and forts from Baja to the North of the state. The effort was successful in that the Russian colonies never made it past present day Sonoma. To further the colonization of Alta California, many Spanish soldiers were enlisted to patrol and protect the mission settlements from invasions and hostile Indians. They were also encouraged to settle in the area of the missions with their families to help populate the territory. During this time, Spain

was becoming increasingly strapped for cash. In order to offset the low to nonexistent salaries for these soldiers, they were granted permission to raise cattle for food, as well as, supplement their income. One such soldier in this trade was Sergeant Jose Manuel Perez-Nieto. As Nieto's cattle numbers grew, so did the need for pastures for his cows to graze. In 1784, Nieto sent a request for land to the acting governor of Alta California for his cattle to graze. Spain had only issued 30 land grants during its occupation of California and Manuel Nieto and three other soldiers were offered one of these land grants. Rancho Los Nietos was born out of this land grant.

Rancho Los Nieto was one of the first and largest of the California land grants; the initial grant consisted of 300,000 acres, but after some protest from priests at the Mission San Gabriel, the grant was cut to 167,000 acres. Those 167,000 acres stretched from the hills north of Whittier to the sea and from today's Los Angeles River to the Santa Ana River. Manuel Nieto retired to his Rancho along with his wife, mother and four children. He would later become the wealthiest man in California based on land and cattle, only to be out done by Pio Pico in the 1850's. Thinking that cattle would bring profits to Nieto from the sale of beef, we were surprised to learn that most of the profits were derived from hides and tallow used for candles and soap. It was even more surprising to learn that much of the meat from the cattle was wasted as there wasn't the population to demand and consume it. It is believed that the original adobe that Manuel Nieto built was a typical, single story adobe about twenty feet by twenty located in the West Whittier-Nieto area, has since been destroyed by floods from the unpredictable San Gabriel River.

Jose Manuel Perez-Nieto died at age 70 in 1804, leaving his rancho to his wife and children. After Mexico Independence



from Spain, the Nieto family petitioned the government to subdivide Rancho Los Nieto so that it could be divided amongst the Nieto children. In 1834, that request was granted and Rancho Los Nieto was divided into smaller ranchos. The new land grants were established and given out as follows: Rancho Los Alamitos to Juan Jose Nieto; Rancho Las Bolsas to Catarina Ruiz the widow of Jose Antonio Nieto; Rancho Los Cerritos to Manuela Nieto de Cota and her husband Guillermo Cota; Rancho Los Coyotes to Josefa Cota widow of Antonio Maria Nieto and much smaller Rancho Palo Alto to Juan Jose Nieto (most likely Coyote Hills and Arroyo de los Coyotes). In 1844 and after the death of Manuela in 1832 and Guillermo in 1844, it was decided amongst their twelve children to sell the Rancho Los Cerritos rather than further divide the land. In 1843, Rancho Los Cerritos and its 27,000 acres was sold to a family member, John Temple. In 1844, John Temple began building a modern day, two story adobe, outfitted with the finest amenities and garden money could buy. The local indigenes Tongva Indians were hired to help with the construction. The rancho had more than 15,000 head of cattle and was prosperous

in shipping hides and tallow and the production of dairy products. All that changed after several years of drought in the 1860's killed off much of the cattle. In a depressed real estate market, John Temple made plans to retire with his wife to Paris, France and sold Rancho Los Cerritos and all of its 27,000 acres to Flint, Bixby and Company in 1866 for \$20,000. John Temple died in San Francisco a few months after the sale never making it to Paris.

The Flint, Bixby and company raised sheep on the vast land as they required less pastured lands than cattle. The Flint, Bixby and Company made a huge success in the wool trade until 1870 when the business tapered off with less demand. From 1870-1927 the land was subdivided and sold off to meet the demands of the booming Southern California population. New cities began popping up from the acquired land that was once Rancho Los Cerritos. Today we are fortunate to have this landmark and treasure in our backyard to remind us of our not so distant past from Spanish rule to our present day metropolis. If you stop by the Rancho Los Cerritos, tell them Rick Foster sent you.

BELLFLOWER

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Plan.

"It's all about how to integrate the technology into a teacher's lesson," said Bellflower Superintendent Dr. Brian Jacobs. "The tools help meet the emphasis on technological know-how that is both a part of our California Common Core Standards and a requirement for succeeding on the state's new computer-based standardized tests this spring."

For example, teachers can use document cameras to capture images of living plants to project onto whiteboards, where students can work together to label parts and functions. Or teachers can alternatively project work from up to nine student collaboration groups onto the board so students can review and compare their

work.

By number alone, the system ensures a 5-1 ratio of students to computing tools, with a 1-1 ratios when laptop or tablet carts are brought in for specific exercises. But Bellflower's goal wasn't solely based on achieving a specific ratio – it was focused on providing the right combination of tools and training to ensure classrooms become interactive tech havens.

Part of the key to that success is ongoing professional development, including time for teachers to share their successful efforts with peers during regular grade-level planning conversations, said Lisa Azevedo, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Accountability & Curriculum Improvement.

"It's not just about what teachers have available," Azevedo said. "It's what they do with it."

Teachers, meanwhile, are responding in droves. A recent training session offered in using Google classrooms was so overbooked, at least three new training sessions will need to be offered to accommodate the numbers.

Ruth Lopez, teacher at Washington Elementary for nearly 20 years, said she's not as adept with new technology as some of her peers. A sixth-grade math teacher, she started using the document camera to bring individual items to the screen at the front of the room, but quickly realized the system had much more potential.

With the help of two technically proficient fellow teachers, she devised some techniques that are helping her to connect more directly with all of her sixth-grade math students. Now, she loads lessons into her projector, using the screen in front of the room for class-wide elements, such as questions and guides. Her students use learn pads that are easy for students to master.

"I love how I can fade in or block in-

formation they don't immediately need, so they keep a tight focus on the lesson," said Lopez. "And I love the teach pad – it allows me to teach from anywhere in the room. That mobility really helps me to see if students are on task and engaged."

Daniel Fong, a tech-savvy teacher who has taught social science at Mayfair High School for eight years, said the higher level of student engagement and elimination of the need to constantly check progress student by student means class times can focus on student-driven discussions.

For example, when students analyze the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution in groups, Fong can showcase the work of each team simultaneously. He can also see instantly who needs additional help and who might be taking a novel approach. And he can shift the class focus from one group to the other with the click of a button. Fong's students are equipped with sophisticated teach pads that allow them to stretch their computer skills.

"This creates much more of a free-flowing conversation," Fong said. "It means as a teacher I have to be ready for all sorts of situations. The energy is terrific and the students are engaged at levels never before possible."

BY THE NUMBERS

The following hardware tools were purchased by BUSD for installation during this year's technology upgrade. The data does not include infrastructure and software upgrades and purchases.

504: BUSD classrooms

384: New laptops

504: Projectors

504: Document cameras

504: Teach pads for teacher use

1,980 Teach pads for use by secondary students

10 Carts of learn pads for use by elementary students

LIBRARY from page 1

staff to finalize a Lease Agreement and an Agreement for Architectural and Engineering Services. These agreements were approved by the City Council at its February 24 meeting. The Lease Agreement allows the County to lease the library to the City in order for the City to manage the design and construction of the project.

In February 2013, the City's Youth in Government participants conducted a survey and recommended the library be renovated. In the survey responses patrons expressed interest in library renovations in order to make the library more inviting and user friendly. The library project will address a number of key items raised by the Youth in Government students.

Interior renovations under consideration include the reconfiguration of the library interior space; modifications to the lighting, ceiling and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system; new carpet, paint, and service desks; improvements to electrical, mechanical, and telecommunications infrastructure; new furniture, fixtures, equipment, and signage; and required ADA upgrades.

Other proposed interior renovations include adult, teen, and children's reading areas, a family early childhood area, self-check-out machines, customer service desk, Friends Book Sale area, staff work area and offices, group study rooms, public access computers, Wi-Fi, library collection, displays, restrooms, and a community meeting room with an enhanced audio-visual system.

Exterior renovations will include building entry modifications, a civic art component, cleaning of the exterior, and associated ADA upgrades.

Throughout the renovation of the library, a temporary "Express Library" will be established in one of the City's facilities. Design work will begin this spring. Project construction is expected to be completed by December 2016.

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AUDIT

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mittee.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe released a statement to HMG-CN saying, "I am pleased to hear that the California State Auditor will audit the Central Basin Municipal Water District's operations and use of public funds. Years of mismanagement and dysfunction have threatened the agency's ability to fulfill their capacity as a water distributor to the region. The two million residents, 24 cities, and numerous unincorporated communities that depend on the Central Basin Municipal Water District for their water needs deserve an agency that operates in the public's trust, transparently and effectively. I am confident that this audit will help us sift through the allegations of unethical practices and misappropriations of public funds, and help us determine if the agency can carry out its responsibilities."

The announcement will most certainly cause anxiety to the likely targets of the audit, President Bob Apodaca, and Directors Leticia Vasquez and James Roybal.

The three have maintained control of voting since 2012, and voted on questionable financial items several times with Directors Phil Hawkins and Art Chacon voicing their disapproval and sometimes walking out of the boardroom during a vote.

The latest vote gave Los Angeles based law firm of Tafoya and Garcia (TG) \$100,000 to investigate ex-General Manager Tony Perez who was fired in October and who has recently filed an \$8,000,000 wrongful termination lawsuit.

As first reported by HMG-CN, the billings submitted by TG, along with their

partner investigation firm, were questionable at best, fraudulent at worst.

Partner David A Garcia and another lawyer billed almost \$92,000 in less than 35 days.

Another item the auditor's will likely look at is the cost of the Qui Tam Whistleblower lawsuit against CB of which Director Leticia Vasquez is a "party plaintiff" to the lawsuit.

Fees for that lawsuit, filed by a Vasquez who was elected to represent CB, has cost a reported \$200,000, with more work to be done.

And finally, light might be shed on the infamous \$2.7 million "slush fund." The Trust Fund which was formed to finance the development of an Environmental Impact Report, was "managed" by the District's General Counsel Doug Wance.

Wance allowed the distribution of the funds shielded from public scrutiny.

Approximately \$2.7-million was spent without public review or Board approval, and distributed to numerous consultants and contractors. The largest beneficiaries were reportedly engineering firm, HDR (approximately \$1.5-million) and Pacifica Services (approximately \$750,000).

Doug Wance's partner is HDR Vice-President David Cobb.

Assemblyman Rendon said in an emailed statement, "... audit ensures Central Basin is operating and spending public funds in a manner that fulfills its mission of serving Southeast Los Angeles County residents with quality drinking water."

The audit has an estimated completion time of seven months.

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Various photo packages and pricing specials are available. The Easter Bunny Garden is open daily from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Sundays.

March 14 welcomes the Easter Bunny Rainforest Party as part of the monthly National Geographic Kids Club series. Learn about life in the rainforest and participate in a fun Easter Bunny craft with live entertainment, bunny snacks and a visit with the real Easter Bunny.

The event is best suited for children 3-12, free while supplies last and will take place in front of Forever 21 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Easter Bunny will host special Pet Photo Nights on March 17, 24 and 31 from 6 – 8 p.m. Take a memorable photo with the Easter Bunny and your furry loved ones. \$3 of every Pet Photo package will be donated to spcaLA, an independent non-profit animal welfare organization. spcaLA will be on-site March 31 with animals available for adoption.

Get into the Easter spirit with your family at Los Cerritos Center. For more information visit <http://shoploscerritos.com>.

La Mirada Symphony Ensemble Visits Sanchez Elementary in Norwalk



On Friday, February 13, over 150 students in Sanchez Elementary School in Norwalk were treated to a visit from a string quartet ensemble from the La Mirada Symphony Orchestra. The students were introduced to the sounds of the various string instruments, to Classical music and to songs from musicals such as Wizard of Oz. The Symphony Orchestra offers such visits to schools as part of their Enrichment Programs for Youth. These visits provide enhancement of the music curriculum, inspiration to study music, knowledge of the classical genre and entertainment. Schools interested in ensemble visits may contact the project manager at roseshamilton@aol.com.

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THIRD TIME WAS NOT THE CHARM AS VALLEY CHRISTIAN STILL CAN'T SOLVE MARANATHA

By Loren Kopff

It was the type of atmosphere you want in a California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section semifinal boys basketball playoff game. Inside a standing room only small gym that seats approximately

720 on the Valley Christian High campus with a small overflow watching on television inside the school's chapel via the internet, the Crusaders faced Olympic League champion Maranatha for the right to play for a divisional championship.

But in the end, it was too much Tyler Dorsey, too much Sean Romero and too much Tey Williams as the Minutemen knocked out the Crusaders 67-55 last Friday night. The aforementioned players, who combined to score 15 points in the two league games this season, went for 46 points in the third meeting. The Crusaders have now lost 11 straight to Maranatha.

"It's hard to trade baskets with Maranatha because they have a lot of basket makers," said V.C. head coach Bryan Branderhorst. "They have a lot of guys who can really shoot it and it stretches you out. Obviously they have their guys who can really fill it up. But I thought a lot of the difference for tonight was their role guys."

Both teams indeed traded baskets for the first half of the opening quarter until a dunk from Odera Nwobi started what would be a 13-1 run. The Crusaders would get to within six points after junior Stedmon Bryant began the second quarter with the last basket of a brief 6-0 Crusaders run. But that's as close as V.C. would get the remainder of the game.

While Dorsey scored a game-high 22 points, it was Trevor Stanback that provided some additional help. He didn't play in the first two games against V.C. but scored six first half points as Maranatha built a 39-28 halftime lead. Stanback also finished with four rebounds and three assists.

"The addition of him...he's a stud," Branderhorst said. "He's a very nice player. He changes the game on both ends of



Valley Christian junior forward Ronald Massey goes up for a shot in the first half against Maranatha in last Friday night's California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division IV-A semifinal game. Massey led the Crusaders with 13 points and 10 rebounds. PHOTO BY ARMANDO VARGAS

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the floor, defensively with his length and his athleticism finishing around the rim. He's impressive and it's tough to guard that many guys."

V.C. was down 53-33 late in the third quarter but chipped away at its deficit, something it was familiar with as the Crusaders rallied against St. Bonaventure and Paraclete in their previous two playoff games. Junior Robert Downs converted on a three-point play, then assisted on a Ronald Massey dunk as the stanza expired. After Dorsey hit a pair of free throws to begin the fourth quarter, the Crusaders scored the seven points to make it a 55-45 contest with 6:37 left to play.

"You want your team to have a never-give-up mentality and we certainly didn't," Branderhorst said. "I was proud of my guys for having that. They kept battling and kept playing and did some good things."

Massey, one of eight juniors for the Crusaders, led the team with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Bryant added 11 points while senior Kyle Westra and junior Jordan Mitchell each chipped in with nine points.

"Ron was a stud," Branderhorst said. "He's struggled the past couple of nights out but we just emphasized to him about being aggressive and taking a fight to them. From the opening tip, you could see he was in attack mode and he did a really good job."

V.C. wraps up the season at 22-9, its best mark since going 27-4 in the 2007-2008 season in which it captured the IV-A championship. Now, the Crusaders will have to wait to see if they received an at-large berth to the Southern California state regionals.

the field. Within the first 3:08 of the final stanza, V.C. went on a 10-2 run to lead by 10 and virtually put the game away.

Bryant, who missed the first 11 games of the season, led everyone with a season-high 18 points, 11 in just the second quarter alone, while Rice added 15 points, 12 rebounds and four steals. All but four of his rebounds came in the first half with seven coming in the first quarter.

"Of all of the things you can emphasize for us that's always top priority, it's defensive rebounding [and] trying to hold teams to one shot," Branderhorst said. "We did a pretty good job of that overall tonight. In the first half, I thought Stedmon kept us in the game. He kept us afloat. When we were ready to sink, and we were playing some below par basketball, he kept us in the game."

Mitchell added six points and four rebounds but scored 10 points at Paraclete, as did Bryant and sophomore forward Aaron Purnell. Rice poured in 16 points as the Crusaders, with their balanced lineup, advance to the semifinals for the first time since 2008 when they brought home the Division IV-A championship. V.C. lost to Maranatha 67-61 on Jan. 22 on the road and 82-70 at home on Feb. 6.

"That's what we pride ourselves in," Branderhorst said of his balanced attack. "We feel like we have a lot of depth and a lot of guys who can make plays. That's big for us."

In other boys basketball action, Gahr is also advancing to a semifinal game tonight after cruising past Los Altos 69-42 this past Tuesday night in a Division III-AA quarter-final game. The second-seeded Gladiators (23-6) will visit third-seeded Bonita.

2015 SOFTBALL PREVIEW

Cerritos, Gahr expected to make deep runs in the playoffs with stacked squads

By Loren Kopff

This is it. There's no sugarcoating the expectations laid upon the Cerritos and Gahr softball teams for 2015.

Not only are the two predicted to win their respective leagues, they have more than enough talent to reach the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division III championship game. Norwalk welcomes back a very familiar face to the dugout while John Glenn might be the sleeper team in the Suburban League. Artesia and Whitney field very young teams while Valley Christian hopes for a better non-league season.

Returning players in *italics*

ARTESIA PIONEERS

5-14 overall last season, 0-12 in the Suburban League, seventh place
Head coach: Dayna Feenstra (second season, 5-14)

Team's record previous five seasons: 30-78

Last time made the playoffs: 1992

Key losses: Patricia Calderon (SO), Erika Chavez (SO), Sarah Guerrero (SO), Alondra Hernandez, Sabrina Manzano, Damaris Rodriguez (SO)

Projected lineup:

P-Destinee Alvarez (SO)/Michaela Benzor-Smith (SO)/Alyssa Rios (SO)
C-Chantal Fregoso (FR)/Jessica Hernandez (FR)/Alyssa Medina (SO)/*Briana Perez (SR)*
1B-Benzor-Smith/*Perez (FR)*
2B-*Destiny Briseno (SR)*/Skye Jimenez (FR)
3B-Hernandez/Darlene Hurtado (FR)
SS-Alvarez/Jimenez/Rios
OF-*Crystal Briseno (SR)*/Melina Hernandez (SO)/Medina
OF-*Ali Vega (JR)*
OF-*Isabel Matamoros (JR)*

Dayna Feenstra's debut season as a varsity high school coach didn't go the way she wanted. The Pioneers were a very young team and more of the same might be the motto for this season. The former Artesia and Michigan State University standout said she used to get frustrated early on but just learning to deal with the culture, while not accepting it, and just finding different ways to change it was what she wanted to focus on last season.

"I think it was a learning process, not only for me, but a learning process for them and them learning my style, technique and my expectation," Feenstra said. "Even though our record didn't show how much we improved, I think...we've

already improved in different aspects from last year."

The biggest blow to the team came when sophomore pitcher Sarah Guerrero was injured last season against John Glenn. Her experience in the circle will definitely be missed. So, the Pioneers will go with a brand new pitching staff. Senior catcher Briana Perez, senior second baseman Destiny Briseno, senior left fielder Crystal Briseno and junior center fielder Ali Vega and junior right fielder Isabel Matamoros are the only returning players. Look for everyone to play more than one position this season, especially with the high number of freshmen and sophomores.

"Our goal this year was for them to learn multiple positions," Feenstra said. "I don't know if I would like to use the word depth. But they're definitely a little bit more experienced than other positions."

Artesia's problem, for what seems like an eternity, has been its production in league play. Since 1998, the Pioneers have gone 13-189 in the league. Last season, they managed to score only five runs off of league pitching after scoring 52 in the first seven games of the regular season.

"The pitching we faced in preseason did not prepare us at all for league," Feenstra said. "I wasn't in control of the schedule, and so a lot of the pitching was not near to the quality of what the Suburban League was at. We were not prepared at all."

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"I think we were capable of getting maybe one or two [wins] out there," Feenstra later added as far as league victories. "I know we were young and inexperienced and it's always been that way for this school. And that's why I'm here; trying to change that because even being a former player of this school, we didn't win many games while I was here either."

CERRITOS LADY DONS

20-4 overall last season, 11-1 in the Suburban League, league champions, lost to Westlake 2-0 (eight innings) in Division II first round playoffs

Head coach: Mike Freeman (second season, 20-4)

Team's record previous five seasons: 74-44

Last time missed the playoffs: 2008

Key losses: Kaitlyn Bales (SR), Lilianna Herrera, Melanie Okazaki (SR)

Projected lineup:

P-*Jennifer Iseri (SR)*/Jennifer Morinishi (FR)

C-*Celeste Borza (SO)*/Heather Cameron (SR)

1B-*Iseri/Madison Lee (SR)*/Kiarra Pope (FR)

2B-*Leeann Tran (SR)*

3B-*Amanda Lejano (SR)*

SS-*Lailoni Mayfield (SO)*

OF-*Alyssa Flores (JR)*

OF-*Megan Darling (SR)*

OF-*Cameron/Morinishi*

Cerritos had almost a complete season as one could get under first-year head coach Mike Freeman. The well experienced Lady Dons won 20 games for the first time since 2000 and won a Suburban League title for the first time since 2011, but outright for the first time since 2000. But Cerritos was upset, and shutout, in the first round of the playoffs. Look for even bigger things from this team with even a more experienced and balanced squad.

"They definitely have it in their heads and they don't want that to happen again," said Cerritos assistant coach John Zamora on last season's one and done playoff performance. "So there's definitely a goal that's in mind that they want to not repeat what happened last year and achieve what they're capable of."

The pitching staff will be anchored down by senior Jennifer Iseri but look for freshman Jennifer Morinishi to get enough playing time under her belt. All of the players are pretty much interchangeable as to where they play, as was the case last season. Sophomore Destiny Lucero can play any of the infield positions

while sophomore varsity rookies Evelyn and Katelynn Hernandez will be utility players. Although she is just a freshman, Kiarra Pope has the potential to be a big slugger sooner than later. If anything, this team will not lose a step beyond 2015 despite the graduation of seven seniors.

Last season, Cerritos batted .364 and had eight everyday players hit at least .300 with another one, senior outfielder Leeann Tran, bat .291. Cerritos, as well as the rest of the Suburban League, also dropped from Division II to Division III. In addition, the Lady Dons beefed up their schedule and will participate in the Best of the West Tournament, hosted by Pacifica High school, travel to Cypress, Gahr for a doubleheader, Mater Dei and Redlands East Valley. The league title could be won as early as Apr. 2 because Cerritos opens up its league slate with a home and home series with Mayfair (Mar. 25 and 27) followed by La Mirada (Mar. 31, Apr. 2)

"I think this year's team is more experienced than last year," Zamora said. "I think they're better in that they're upside is a lot bigger. They know the program and they know what's expected of them."

GAHR GLADIATORS

17-10 overall last season, 9-1 in the San Gabriel Valley League, co-champions, lost to Righetti 4-1 in the Division III second round playoffs

Head coach: Shawn Quarles (third season, 28-25)

Team's record previous five seasons: 49-78

Last time missed the playoffs: 2013

Key loss: Erica Balboa, Erica Espinoza (JR-transferred to John Glenn), Vanessa Montanez (SR)

Projected lineup:

P-*Naomi Dickerson (SO)*/Deidra Genera (SR)/Dani Martinez (FR)/Destiny Vasquez (SR)

C-*Brianna Besenty (SR)*/Madison Huskey (FR)/Alyssa Kumiyama (SO)

1B-*Jessi Alvarado (FR)*/Celeste Gonzalez (SR)

2B-*Besenty/Dejanae Davis (FR)*/Vasquez

SS-*Deja Portillo (SR)*

3B-*Malia Quarles (SO)*/Jade Wittman (FR)

OF-*Sabrina Quarles (SR)*

OF-*Huskey*

OF-*Alyssa Cuffia (JR)*/Alyssa Rodriguez (JR)

Another team that has high aspirations of doing more damage this season is Gahr. The addition of three freshmen last season plus the stability of its returning players brought a smile to the face of head coach Shawn Quarles. But if you think last season was what Gahr was looking for, which included the school's first San Gabriel Valley League title since 2008, it's only going to get better this season.

"I guess you always expect more but I definitely saw that we progressed last year," Quarles said. "Sometimes it takes a while to turn things around and get everyone on the same page. Our goal at the beginning of last year was to try to win a league title. I know we shared it but maybe this year we can do something on our own."

Where does one begin to talk about the 2015 version of Gahr softball? It could be the pitching staff of returning seniors Deidra Genera and Destiny Vasquez and sophomore Naomi Dickerson, who combined to allow almost one fewer run than that of 2013. In fact, the team's 3.39 earned run average was the lowest since 2008 (2.99) and its 173 strikeouts were the most since 2007 (221). With Genera and Vasquez, there is no number one and number two pitcher, according to Quarles. With the addition of freshman Dani Martinez, opponents should take notice.

"That's always going to be my idea; to split up the pitching," Quarles said. "At a certain point at the end of the year you

kind of have to go with what you think your best foot forward is. I don't think all of our pitchers were operating at their best when it was time to operate at their best. So I think we were doing that out of necessity. I'd love to have a rotation where with Deidra and [Destiny]...when they're both on, I don't think there's a No. 1."

If you don't want to start with the pitching, then go with the offense, which batted .404 last season, the highest in over 15 years. Sophomore catcher Alyssa Kumiyama led the way with a .522 average and 11 home runs. Senior first baseman Celeste Gonzalez batted .500 while sophomore third baseman Malia Quarles also belted 11 home runs. The team's 33 home runs were the most in over 15 years as well.

The outfield, which was strong with junior Alyssa Cuffia patrolling center field and having a cannon of an arm, and senior left fielder Sabrina Quarles, just got stronger with freshman Madison Huskey, who has verbally committed to the University of Washington.

"I think this game is hard to play as a freshman no matter how good you are," Quarles said. "I think there's a transition period your freshman year. I've got some great freshmen on the team right now."

Gahr loaded its schedule again and it includes a trip to Bullhead City for the prestigious 20th Annual Dave Kops Tournament of Champions. Also on the docket is another home doubleheader with Cerritos, a return road game at Los Alamitos and participation in the La Mirada Tournament later in the season.

One thing that should change is Gahr's ability to beat a team with a winning record, something it did only twice last season before the playoffs began. The combined regular season record of the Gladiators' nine regular season losses was 148-56 and all but one opponent finished below second place in its respective league.

"We're just excited," Quarles said. "We have a lot of good freshmen in and we have a good, strong senior class. So if everybody gets on the same page, I think it can be another fun year."

JOHN GLENN LADY EAGLES

9-14 overall last season, 4-8 in the Suburban League, fifth place)

Head coach: Albert Enriquez (third season, 19-26)

Team's record previous five seasons: 40-71

Last time made the playoffs: 1990

Key losses: Destiny Hindman (SR), Valeria Ortega, Vanessa Rouse (SO), Brianna Ruiz

Projected lineup:

P-*Ashley Armas (SO)*/Destiny Enriquez (JR)/Alize Lopez (SO)

C-*Devany Esparza (JR)*/Alyssa Fajardo (JR)

1B-*Maria Enriquez (SO)*

2B-*Jackie Mojica (SR)*

3B-*Armas*

SS-*Erica Espinoza (JR)*

OF-*Alize Lopez (SO)*/Christina Shyrock (FR)/Daisy Vargas (SO)

OF-*Genesis Gonzalez (SR)*

OF-*Fajardo/Vargas*

It was shaping up to be a special season for the Lady Eagles until junior pitcher Destiny Enriquez was injured within the first month and was lost for the remainder of 2014. But her father, head coach Albert Enriquez, sees a completely different view for this season, one that might even get Glenn to the playoffs for the first time since 1990.

"I don't think [last season] was a disappointment," Albert Enriquez said. "I think it was what it was. We had an injury, we had new players around and we kind of scrambled things around and salvaged the season the best we could."

With his daughter healthy this season and the experience that sophomore Ashley Armas gained last season, Glenn's pitching should be a lot better. The infield is one of the best the program has ever had with senior second baseman Jackie Mojica the leader of that crew, junior shortstop Erica Espinoza, a one-time Gahr player, sophomore first baseman Maria Enriquez and Armas. The outfield is young and pretty much inexperienced but Glenn has one thing that it hasn't had in a very long time-speed. One of those speedsters is freshman Aaleyiah Simmons, who has never played before. Can Glenn reach fourth place in the always tough Suburban League? That's something Albert Enriquez is hoping.

"The Suburban League is always tough, especially for the playoff spots," he said. "Norwalk brings a good game every year. This year they a new addition with a new pitcher who is lights out. We're just going to do the best we can to stay out of the basement. Hopefully we can get a playoff spot. I think we have a chance. I thought we had a great chance the last three years."

NORWALK LADY LANCERS

8-15 overall last season, 6-6 in the Suburban League, fourth place, lost to Long Beach Poly 12-11 in Division II wild card playoffs

Head coach: Paulette Gasporra (eighth season, 97-79-1 from 2004-2010)

Team's record previous five seasons: 53-75

Last time missed the playoffs: 2010

Key losses: Monique Araiza, Amanda Benas, Viviana Gomez, Samantha Lujan, Erica Perez, Jennifer Vasquez

Projected lineup:

P-*Sam Navarrete (SO)*/Serena Nicolas (JR)/Breanna Vasquez (FR)

C-*Briana Lopez (JR)*/Samantha Ontiveros

1B-*Lopez/Ashley Ponce (SO)*

2B-*Navarrete/Mercedes Orozco (SO)*

3B-*Ontiveros/Kathleen Perez (JR)*/Sarah Segura/Andrea Villalta

SS-*Jazmin Guzman (SR)*/Navarrete

OF-*Paola Martinez (SR)*

OF-*Alejandra De La O (SO)*/Nicolas

OF-*Analiza Barragan /Vasquez*

After four subpar seasons that resulted in three head coaches and one winning campaign, Paulette Gasporra returns as the new, but old, head coach for the Lady Lancers. During her seven-year reign from 2004-2010, Norwalk went to the playoffs four times, advanced to the second round in 2007 and shared the league title in 2009. Since she left, Norwalk has finished in fourth place every year and failed to win a wild card playoff game including last season in which it blew an 11-0, third inning lead to Long Beach Poly.

"I'm excited because we have a lot of talent here at Norwalk like we've always had," Gasporra said. "It's going to be a good year. It should be a winning season. For me to be back on the field, it's like I never left."

The heart and soul for Norwalk lies with senior shortstop Jazmin Guzman, one of two seniors this season. Although junior Serena Nicolas and sophomore Sam Navarrete are the veteran pitchers, much noise has already been made about freshman Breanna Vasquez, who might be elevated to the team's number one hurler.

Junior catcher Briana Lopez has some big shoes to fill in for the graduated Samantha Lujan, now at the University of California, Santa Barbara. The outfield should be improved with senior left fielder Paola Martinez and sophomore center fielder Alejandra De La O coming back. But to escape that fourth place spot could once again be another tough task to accomplish.

"We always have ambition and goals

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here and that's one of our goals here at Norwalk," Gasporra said. "Our Suburban League is a tough league but I think this year we have enough talent to take that better spot."

VALLEY CHRISTIAN LADY CRUSADERS

8-16 overall, 7-1 in the Olympic League, co-champions, lost to Ocean View 4-1 in the Division IV first round playoffs
Head coach: Jim Snyder (fifth season, 53-51-1)
Team's record previous five seasons: 71-60-1
Last time missed the playoffs: 2008
Key loss: Kaylee Westra

Projected lineup:

P-Anna Collier (JR)
C-Kylie Carr (SO)
1B-Briana Lerma (SO)/Tia Naulls (SR)
2B-Hannah Buckley (FR)/Nicole Parker (SR)
3B-Chanel Varney (JR)
SS-Emily Morrow (SR)
OF-Chloe Malau'ulu (FR)
OF-Madison Wright (SR)
OF-Kaitlyn Carr (SR)

Valley Christian's 2014 campaign was definitely divided into two parts. The month of March was one that head coach Jim Snyder would not want to repeat again as his team went 1-12. Then came Apr. 3 and an 11-2 lead against Calvary Chapel Downey turned into a 13-12 loss. But after that, the Lady Crusaders turned it around and ended up tying Whittier Christian for the Olympic League's top spot. Had it not been for some costly errors, V.C. would have hosted a first round playoff game instead of going on the road to Ocean View. Still, it's safe to say that V.C. was peaking at the end of last season.

"I think that we let a 4-3 game in 10 innings with Whittier [Christian] slip away," Snyder said. "We kicked the ball in regulation and I think we could have closed that one out and gone 8-0. I also felt that kind of hurt us going into that opening round."

Just like last season, V.C. will have to rely a lot on its starters because there isn't much depth on this team. Senior shortstop Emily Morrow and senior center fielder Madison Wright will be the offensive threats while junior Anna Collier, who was a complete workhorse in the circle, will be called upon again to go probably 95 percent of the time. Snyder believes that Collier might be underrated even though she had a decision in 21 games last season.

"I do, to some degree," he said. "She's not on that club or travel ball beat. She doesn't play any other sports, surprisingly enough because she's very athletic. We have to give the rest of the squad a lot of credit. They play outstanding defense. I think that's one of our cornerstones here; it certainly has been the past two years."

If needed, Morrow and Wright can be replacements for Collier. Sophomore first baseman Briana Lerma, who batted in the fourth spot last season, will likely move to the third spot. Snyder was also hoping to get a couple of freshmen to transition into second base and shortstop once Morrow and senior Nicole Parker have graduated. And he believes he has found those two players in Hannah Buckley and Chloe Malau'ulu. The latter might see some time this season in left field and is slated to be the cleanup batter. The other newcomer to varsity is senior Xochilt Perez.

As experienced as this team is, there's no reason why V.C. can't repeat as league champions and if that happens, it would be the fourth in the past six seasons. During that time, the Lady Crusaders have

advanced to the quarterfinals twice.

"We want to get out of the gate much quicker," Snyder said. "We want to be playing good, solid ball and keeping the earned runs down is key for us. I really believe [we can win league]. Because we have a couple of freshmen, I think we have a better team this year than we did last year."

WHITNEY LADY WILDCATS

6-7 overall last season, 4-4 in the Academy League, fourth place
Head coach: Luis Lavayen (10th season, 67-69)
Team's record previous five seasons: 45-32
Last time made the playoffs: 2012
Key losses: Czarina Linal, Ann Munoz, Kaya Quarles

Projected lineup:

P-Nicole Waldecker (SR)
C-Jenna Llamas (JR)
1B-Ashley Iseri (SO)
2B-Ashley Perez (FR)
3B-Melissa Babiera (JR)
SS-Karen Kaur (SO)
OF-Megan Babiera (FR)/Renee Lin (FR)
OF-Heather Choe (FR)/Cat Joachin (FR)
OF-Janessa Alderete (FR)/Jocelyn Chou (SO)

Since winning the Academy League in 2012, Whitney has had two losing seasons, falling one game short of .500 both times and finishing in third and fourth place respectively. The lack of depth coupled with very, very young teams has head coach Luis Lavayen scratching his head. To make matters worse, the team is even younger this season with six freshmen and three sophomores.

"This year, I don't know what's going to happen," Lavayen said. "I'm pulling my hair out right now. But let's see how it goes. I'm trying all kinds of different little things."

The Lady Wildcats return all five players but only senior pitcher Nicole Waldecker, junior catcher Jenna Llamas and sophomore first baseman Ashley Iseri are impact players and as they go, so will the team. Waldecker pitched in virtually every inning last season and barring an injury, she'll be doing the same again this season.

"She carries the team," Lavayen said. "This year she is going to have to work real hard because we have no backup. It's just her."

If there is a backup to Waldecker, it would be Iseri. The bad news for Whitney is it has so many freshmen, especially in the outfield. The good news is that if they can develop and gel together, there could be a light at the end of the tunnel for next season. But for now, Whitney hopes it can stay alive for a playoff spot in a wacky and weird Academy League.

"I'm really hoping for it," Lavayen said. "They're eager to learn. It's just hard at this age to pick it up quicker."

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According to private investigator and court documents, Seraga apparently accessed a computer to alter DMV records.

Seraga pleaded guilty to two counts of felony, but they were later reduced to misdemeanors.

At the February 4, 2015 Kiwanis Candidates Forum, all candidates were asked, "Have you ever pled guilty to a felony and, if yes, what were the circumstances of the felony?"

Seraga answered no as did all other candidates.

California Penal Code 1203.4 states the dismissal order from the court for the felonies, "did not relieve Seraga of the obligation to disclose the convictions in response to any direct question....for public office."

It is not know what, if any, ramifications will come from his answer at the Kiwanis's Forum.

Seraga, who is running on the motto "Honesty and Integrity and Doing the Right Thing" was also convicted of petty theft in 2006.

Petty theft is a misdemeanor and involves the taking of property with value equal to or less than \$950.

Again Seraga plead guilty but the charges were dismissed following "a successful completion of sentence and/or probation."

A La Mirada resident, who did not want to be identified, told HMG-CN, "The residents and voters of the City of La Mirada hold our Council Members and candidates to the highest levels of moral and ethical integrity. Besides lying about the fact he pled guilty to two felonies, Mr. Sarega has not exhibited high moral and ethical practices by failing to report these felonies."

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Cerritos residents also overwhelmingly approved Measure A, which would raise the city's hotel bed tax from 6 to 12 percent, with 70.33 percent voting in favor.

The hotel bed tax is projected to generate an extra \$600,000 to help pay for general city. The tax is charged on rooms in only one hotel, the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel, and only hotel guests would pay the increase tax.

In Cerritos Pulido, who won a second term as councilman, tallied 3,417 votes; Edwards received 3,053 votes and Solanki received 2,533 votes.

Behind Solanki by 61 votes was Frank Yokoyama at 2,472 votes. Grace Hu was 96 votes behind at 2,437.

Chuong Vo, who could not seem to recover after an expose by HMG-CN revealed he took donations from lawyers who tried to frame two Costa Mesa City Councilman, along with dishonestly posting an endorsement by Artesia Councilman Ali Taj for months on his campaign website, tallied 1,732.

Sophia Tse garnered 1,597, Sam Ahmad 511, and Manny Sethi 210 votes.

In La Mirada, Ed Eng tallied 1,841, De Ruse 1,636, with Mowles garnering 1,521 votes.

In Commerce, Argumedo tallied 510 votes, Rebollo 499, and Robles 440. Newcomers John Diaz garnered 360 votes, Sonia Rodriguez 257, and John Soria 247 votes.

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tion that the District will issue approximately \$52 million in bond funding every three years over the course of approximately 20 years. Board members could opt for a type of financing that will allow the District to spend up to approximately \$70 million in one or more of the bond allocations if a group of projects do not fit neatly into a \$52 million package.

Series A elementary school renovations could include installation of air conditioning in the offices and multi-purpose rooms, including new flooring, ceilings, lights, painting, tack surfaces, markerboards, and cabinetry. It could also include the complete renovation of the entire Dulles Elementary School campus and complete renovation of original Chavez Elementary School Office and Classroom wing.

This first funding allocation could also facilitate the installation of air conditioning systems in all four of the District's middle school offices and multi-purpose rooms that did not get this work in the previous bond measure expenditures.

Also being discussed are Glenn High, La Mirada High and Norwalk High school projects that would be completed in three phases: Installation of new (or replacement) synthetic track and field, installation of home/visitor grandstands and competition field lighting; and installation of stadium support buildings (i.e., restrooms/tickets/concessions).

Other work under consideration for Series A funding includes renovation at all schools of existing playfields (including new irrigation, new seed/sod, resurfaced playcourts); lunch shelters (where none exist); and new perimeter school fencing and gates.

Technology upgrades were also discussed as priority projects with a focus on the need to equip all schools with 21st Century Classrooms and would include two major elements: Providing computer devices on a 1:1 ratio for fourth- through 12th-graders; 2:1 to for Transitional Kindergarten through third-graders, new classroom digital display equipment, and the installation of the necessary wiring and infrastructure to make it all run smoothly. The Board will also consider funding toward furniture replacement of students desks, teacher workstations and office furniture at all school sites.

Board President Jesse Urquidi described the general sentiment of the Board at this juncture: "There is a strong desire to meet our most immediate facility needs and to bring parity in the quality of the school environment for all students across the district with this first round of funding allocations."

Further discussion will take place at a study session at 5 p.m. March 9. The public meeting will be held before the Board of Education's regular meeting at the District Office, 12820 Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk.

"We are getting close," said NLMUSD Interim Superintendent Ginger Shattuck. "The Board is studying all its options carefully before it gives the green light on the allocation of this funding."

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(CITACION JUDICIAL)
Case # VC064214
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO)**

**STEVEN YOKOYAMA, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE
OF THE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST OF JIM Y. YOKOYAMA AND SALLY S. YOKOYAMA**

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):
KEIRO NURSING HOME, dba, SOUTH BAY KEIRO NURSING

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center(www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp). Your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website(www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center(www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

AVISO La han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte. Haga que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en forma legal correcta si desea que se procese en su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la Corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que leque de mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda deseechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is (El nombre y direccion de la corte es):
Los Angeles County Superior Court
12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA. 90650
The name, address, and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
Craig S. Sunada 655 Deep Valley Drive, Suite 125, Rolling Hills Est, CA. 90724 • 310.544.7161
Date: Aug 14, 2014
/s/ M. CEBALLOS
Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN INTERIM ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA MIRADA EXTENDING INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 673-U, PROHIBITING THE COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATION OF ANY NEW MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT, INCLUDING ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS LICENSES, BUILDING PERMITS AND OTHER LAND USE ENTITLEMENTS TO CONSTRUCT AND/OR OPERATE ANY NEW MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the City Council of the City of La Mirada on **Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California to consider the following:

An interim ordinance of the City of La Mirada extending interim Ordinance No. 673-U, prohibiting the commencement of operation of any new massage establishment, including issuance of business licenses, building permits and other land use entitlements to construct and/or operate any new massage establishment.

At the hearing, the City Council will consider the request, staff's report, recommendations and all other testimony and public input prior to making a final decision. All documents being considered are available for review at the City's Community Development Department offices located at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. You may contact the Community Development Department at (562) 943-0131 should you have any questions concerning the project.

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

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

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

CITY OF LA MIRADA

Anne Haraksin
City Clerk

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CALIFORNIA AUCTION AD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the contents of the following storage units will be offered for sale by public auction to the highest bidder for enforcement of storage lien. The auction will be held on or after **March 17th, 2015 @ 9:30 am.**
Location:
Extra Space Storage, 10753 Artesia Blvd. Cerritos, CA 90703.
Terms: Cash, ExtraSpace Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid or cancel auction. Name of Auctioneer: **West Coast Auctioneers Bond #137857.**
The following units are scheduled for auction:
(Customer Names)

Beverly Bolton	Amelia Nunag	Rene Guzman Jr
Ruth Rhodes	Derrick L. Reese	Davin Wright
Stacey Joseph	Richard Thomas	Starlyn Pearson
Amanda Riviera	Mia Wofford	Makayla Johnson
Tomas Casiano	Jerri Davis	
Frederick Burns	Victoria Hanzy	
Duane Weber	STEVEN MUSHANEY	
NICOLE BORBON		

All units to include but not limited to tools, furniture, electronics, household items and misc. items unless otherwise specified.

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**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS - CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICIA PARA UNA AUDIENCIA PUBLICA**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a public hearing pertaining to the item(s) listed below:

DATE OF HEARING: March 24, 2015
TIME OF HEARING: 6:00 P.M., or soon thereafter.
LOCATION OF HEARING: City Council Chambers
City of Hawaiian Gardens
21815 Pioneer Boulevard
Hawaiian Gardens, Ca. 90716

PUBLIC HEARING: The City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will conduct a public hearing to consider a resolution to amend the comprehensive fee schedule adding a new fee pertaining to sign permit applications to be reviewed at the public counter.

INVITATION TO BE HEARD

Those persons desiring to testify in favor of or in opposition to the proposal listed above will be given an opportunity to do so at the public hearing. If you challenge the subject action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence submitted to the City Council at, or prior to the public hearing.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Hawaiian Gardens Community Development Department at (562) 420-2641. Si desea obtener mas informacion, llame al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al (562) 420-2641.

Joseph Colombo
Community Development Director

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Cherry & Carson RV Storage at 4160 CHERRY AVENUE., LONG BEACH, CA 90807 will sell by competitive bidding by Climer's Auctions (Bond # S915-1221), on or after **March 23rd, 2015 @ 10:30 AM**, property belonging to those listed below. Auction is to be held at the above address. Property to be sold as follows: household goods, furniture, personal items, clothing, electronics, tools, auto parts and miscellaneous boxes, belonging to the following.

NAME	UNIT #
SARAH STANLEY	B12
RICHARD BOWLING	C21

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.
Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 will sell by competitive bidding by Climer's Auctions (Bond # S915-1221), on or after **March 23rd, 2015 @ 10:00 AM**, property belonging to those listed below. Auction is to be held at the above address. Property to be sold as follows: household goods, furniture, personal items, clothing, electronics, tools, auto parts and miscellaneous boxes, belonging to the following.

NAME	UNIT #
JOHN W GAFFORD	A311
BLE ENTERPRISE LLC/ LOVAN TRAN	A326
BLE ENTERPRISE LLC/ LOVAN TRAN	A336
DAVID ROQUE	A345
CARLY ROBINSON	B217
GABRIELLE MORENO	B253
DAISY CASTRO	B327A
KEALYNN REECE	B480
MELITHIA BUTLER	B499
DAVID ROQUE	B602
MOHAMMED SOUSSI	B722
LUIS SANDOVAL	B729
PETE VALLES	B746
JOSE G/CARMEN VALDEZ	B742

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. 35018-LS

(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described

(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: STEPHANIE DIANNE MORRIS, 15112 BELLFLOWER BLVD, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 3815 ROSE AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90807

(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: LAP DO NGUYEN, 10371 SANDE ST, CY-PRESS, CA 90630

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 15112 BELLFLOWER BLVD, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: SPARKLING CLEAN LAUNDRY

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is MARCH 24, 2015 at the office of: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 35018-LS, Escrow Officer: LAURIE J. SHORB

(8) Claims may be filed with: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 35018-LS, Escrow Officer: LAURIE J. SHORB

(9) The last day for filing claims is: MARCH 23, 2015.

(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.

Dated: FEBRUARY 25, 2015
SELLER: STEPHANIE DIANNE MORRIS
BUYER: LAP DO NGUYEN
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DRIVEN TO WIN



Poker Section players qualify to win

CASH AND *A* **BMW**

When a Jackpot occurs from February 15th to March 31st, all seated players in that game (limit) will receive a drawing ticket for the following drawings:

\$500 Rollover Drawings each Sunday thru Thursday in March at 3pm, 6pm, and 9pm

AND

BMW Drawings on March 31st at 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, and 11pm

THE COMMERCE

6131 Telegraph Rd. Commerce, CA 90040

GECA-001899 • Management reserves the right to alter or cancel promotion at any time. No purchase necessary. Customers initials on the winning ticket selected must match their initials on their identification. Must be present to win, winners have 5 minutes to claim prize. If a winner is not present the prize money will roll over to the next Rollover Drawing time. BMW Drawings: customers will win \$500 and a key at each respective hour. Employees not eligible. Winners will be selected until a winner is present. See casino services for details. Must be 21. Play responsibly. 1-800-GAMBLER or www.ProblemGambling.Ca.Gov