



BARROWS AND HIS ATTORNEY THREATEN HMG-CN OVER ARTICLE

Barrows now says he did not retract his defamatory statements when emails from his attorney clearly show he did.

HMG Staff Report

It is becoming apparent that Cerritos City Council candidate Bruce Barrows has recognized that he is in an extremely difficult position related to the defamatory and libelous statements he made slamming Hews Media Group (HMG) and Publisher Brian Hews.

HMG received a letter from a second law firm hired by Barrows, Long Beach based Cameron and Pearlson, who threatened HMG with further action "if you do not cease publishing articles about Barrows."

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Downey ARC's Annual Walk for Independence

By Tammye McDuff

ARC Downey held their annual Walk for Independence walk-a-thon Saturday April 1, 2017 beginning at Stonewood Shopping Center in Downey; this year marks the 21st anniversary for the walk, billed as a "morning of giving hope."

The one mile and three mile walks were held to raise funds for people with intellectual and developmental

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NFL STAR AND GAHR ALUM JOSHUA PERKINS GIVES BACK TO HIS HIGH SCHOOL



NFL PROS: Pictured (l-r) Dwayne Washington (now with the Detroit Lions) Delshawn McClellon, NFL draft prospect and University of Utah graduate, Artesia Mayor Ali Taj, Joshua Perkins and Gahr High School Coach James Marshall. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

By Tammye McDuff

Gahr High School was proud to host a former graduate and NFL star, Joshua Perkins [2011] #82 of the Atlanta Falcons this past Friday. Perkins gave the Gahr community a Super Bowl LI (51) commemorative golden football, which was presented on campus at a Pep Rally.

"Perkins was a standout prep player at Gahr High School" Dr. Larry Natividad told HMG-CN, "who moved on to play some great football at the University of Washington in Seattle, we are very proud of him."

Perkins along with Gahr classmate Dwayne Washington (now with the Detroit Lions), helped lead the Huskies to the Pac 12 Championship their senior year.

The same preparedness and dedication that caught the eye of the University of Washington also caught the attention of the NFL. Perkins signed

in 2016 to play with the Atlanta Falcons and scored his first touchdown on December 24, 2016; Perkins play Tight End for the Falcons.

"Our Gahr family was cheering him on as he ended this past season facing off against the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl in Houston, Texas," said Natividad.

Perkins did not catch any passes but was instrumental in the running game for the Falcons.

"In addition to being a ferocious and passionate player on the field, Gahr also knows him as a very kind, respectful, and humble young man."

Natividad added, "It was, quite frankly, fantastic! It was so good to see J Perkins give back to the community in a meaningful way. The whole atmosphere was electric."

As Perkins addressed the students, he encouraged all to believe in themselves and not listen to those who don't believe that they can do anything.

DIRTY POLITICS PART II: COUNCIL CANDIDATE CHUONG VO RETRACTS DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS MADE ABOUT HMG-CN

Emails between Vo and Hews show Vo lied in Facebook post, Vo joins Barrows in defaming HMG-CN.

HMG-CN Staff Report

Once again ethics and honesty have taken a backseat in the race to secure a prized Cerritos City Council seat in the upcoming April 11 election.

Hews Media Group-Community News reported last Friday that perennial candidate Bruce Barrows libeled and defamed HMG-CN Publisher Brian Hews in a blistering email sent to his campaign base that was laced with Donald Trump like insults and several accusations that Barrows knew were false.

Barrows has stated he will retract his statement "the next time he sends a campaign email."

Cerritos resident Elayne Shiohama also participated in the Barrows attack against Hews, with sources telling HMG-CN that Shiohama is angling for a paid Commissioner appointment if Barrows is elected.

Now Cerritos residents can count Torrance Police Detective and council candidate Chuong Vo, and Vo's campaign manager-who will not admit he is Vo's campaign manager-Cerritos Commissioner Brad Beach, as additional participants in

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SPEAKER RENDON AND ASSEMBLYWOMAN GARCIA HOLD FORUM AT CERRITOS LIBRARY

By Tammye McDuff



Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon (D-63rd) and Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (D-58th), held a combined informational forum March 23, 2017 at the Cerritos Library Skyline Room concerning the appointment of members of the public to various State Boards and Commissions.

“The speaker came to me a little over a year ago,” said Garcia, “we had open positions on various boards to be filled and he wanted to appoint quality people.”

Over 150 women showed up for the forum.

Barb Stanton, Vice President of the League of California Cities Women’s Caucus spoke encouraging women to support each other in these appointments of authority, which help shape the California government landscape.

“We hope that this forum opens doors. We want to empower the women of California and equip them with the knowledge to be successful. This is the first forum of its kind, but certainly not the last. These forums have been designed for women to pick up the torch and provide gender equality in government,” said Stanton.

As part of the program a panel of four appointees spoke regarding their individual experiences on various boards. Tamika Butler is an attorney and serves



A panel of four appointees spoke regarding their individual experiences on various boards. Pictured are Tamika Butler, Martha Escutia, Polly Low, and Janet Morris.

on the Private Postsecondary Education Advisory Committee; Martha Escutia, also an attorney, followed her passion for the environment and serves the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; Polly Low is one of the few women engineers in the State and serves as a commissioner on the Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs committee and Janet Morris, attorney, took care of her aging parents which led her to be part of the California Partnership Long-Term Care Program, Executive and Legislative Task Force.

As Speaker of the California Assembly, Rendon has the privilege to appoint members of the public to various State Boards and Commissions. Appointees are entrusted with the responsibility to ensure that the State carries out its constitutional and statutory obligations.

Appointee duties range from advisory, enacting regulations, establishing policy,

and overseeing licensing and discipline of professionals.

With more than 200 opportunities available, there is a multitude of areas in which to serve. “By applying to one of the many appointments,” added Stanton, “you, as women, represent authority of the overall public interest, you are helping others and truly acting as role models for women everywhere. As we know, as California goes, so goes the nation.”

“When applying for an appointment, make sure you can take the time and commitment for each opportunity. Seek positions that are focused on things you have a passion for and enjoy. Double check the application to ensure it is complete and has your signature. Letters of recommendation are always an added statement of a work ethic.”To obtain an application visit <https://speaker.asmdc.org/appointments/how-to-apply>



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Elect Grace Hu Cerritos City Council



Grace started her business in Cerritos, selling fried chicken at Carmenita and Artesia. Over the years she was listed in the "Top 100 Woman Owned Businesses in the County of Los Angeles" many times by Los Angeles Business Journal. She now owns or co-owns real estate companies, hotels and shopping centers.

Grace Cares About Education and Business



Grace Hu unveiled her marquee gold-plated sign 'Grace Hu Auditorium' over the entrance of the Whitney High School Multi-Media Center.

Grace Wants to Stop Deficit Spending and Balance Our City Budget:

Many residents do not know that for years, the City of Cerritos has had annual financial deficits. The table at the right is our income and expense for the current and the last 7 years (in millions). (sources: City of Cerritos Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, City of Cerritos Combined Financial Program)

Fiscal Year	Revenue	Expense	Deficit
2009-2010	116.8	132.9	-16.1
2010-2011	115.6	119.3	-3.7
2011-2012	94.5	100.2	-5.7
2012-2013	76.4	80.7	-4.3
2013-2014	79.1	87.5	-8.4
2014-2015	83.2	92.5	-9.3
2015-2016	91.2	92.4	-1.2
2016-2017	94.3	101.7	-7.4

8 year average deficit spending = -7.0 million annually
8 year total deficit spending = -56.1 million

The following City services will be eliminated or reduced in fiscal year 2017-2018 (Oct 16, 2016 City Council meeting decision)

- Reduce Senior Center supplies
- Reduce Senior Heal
- Close one day per week at CPE
- Close one day per week at Heritage
- Close one day per week at Library
- Reduce Let Freedom Ring
- Eliminate Halloween Events
- Reduce Library operating hours
- etc.



Grace voted to expand the Cerritos Library and supports longer operating hours



Grace opened the Cerritos Sheriff Station in 1995 as Mayor of Cerritos



Grace will increase the maintenance on sidewalk and road repairs for the safety of Cerritos residents

Vote Tuesday April 11th - Top of your ballot

HMG-LOS CERRITOS NEWS ENDORSES FRANK YOKOYAMA AND GRACE HU FOR COUNCIL

This election period has seen unprecedented vitriol, targeted defamation attacks, attacks by residents using private emails, and candidates creating closed Facebook pages and fake social media profiles to criticize other candidates

It is evident from certain candidate’s actions that clean politics is a thing of the past and all measures must be taken to secure a Cerritos City Council seat.

Candidates Bruce Barrows and Chuong Vo have employed some or all of these Trump-like techniques as documented and outlined in this newspaper.

The two have divided this community

with their rhetoric, with some Cerritos residents, who were once friends, now hurling insults at each other.

The city cannot move forward with these two candidates, who are destined to manage the City using politics and fear.

Therefore, Los Cerritos Community is endorsing the best candidates for this City Council election, Frank Yokoyama and Grace Hu.

Nobody in this race is without



Cerritos Candidate
Frank Yokoyama



Cerritos Candidate
Grace Hu

baggage, but Yokoyama and Hu have run clean above board campaigns, while Barrows and Vo have shown they will stop at nothing to get elected.

It is a matter of trust, if a resident looked at these candidates as equals and judged them on their actions during the campaign, the choice is very clear, Yokoyama and Hu.

Hu certainly has the experience, while Yokoyama brings fresh new ideas;

a good combination.

If residents are to assume Barrows and Vo will act the same while in their City Council seat as they did in their campaigns, the choice is clear.

Los Cerritos Community News does not take these endorsements lightly, and knows, as has been for the past few weeks, that residents will take to social media critical of the endorsements.

But if the city wants to move forward and not backward the choice is clear, Yokoyama and Hu.

Whomever you choose to vote for, Los Cerritos Community News urges all resident to exercise his or her right and vote on April 11.

OPINION

APRIL 11 ELECTION: RESIDENTS HAVE CLEAR CHOICE; VOTE FOR THE PAST OR VOTE FOR THE FUTURE

Cerritos residents will go to the polls next Tuesday with a clear choice; vote for the Cerritos “Old Guard” represented by Bruce Barrows and Chuong Vo, or move this City forward with Frank Yokoyama and Grace Hu.

With Barrows and Vo, residents will get the same majority-voting block that has, according to some reports, burned through \$56 million in 8 years of deficit spending.

The report shows that the City was in deficit spending from 2009-2017, Barrows was in office up until 2015, tied to deficits totaling \$45 million.

Voters stuck in the past can vote to keep Barrow’s own project, the Magnolia Power Plant.

The debt service on Magnolia, according to Cerritos financial documents, will increase 480% or \$3.3 million annually - from \$859,000 to \$4.2 million - in 2021, remaining at that level until 2035.

The Old Guard was instrumental in pushing for the City being a participant in the power plant.

The Old Guard of Barrows and Vo,

along with Carol Chen, omitted that fact when they declared the “windfall” from the CRA settlement with the state a few weeks ago.

Voters stuck in the past can vote to keep the Old Guard in power for several more years.

If residents are not successful in reversing Article IV and reviving Proposition H to its original intention, Old Guardians Carol Chen and George Ray will run in two years and likely win since they have unlimited funds.

Voters stuck in the past can vote for division and fear in the City for several more years.

As documented and reported in this newspaper this week and last, Barrows and Vo will do anything, including hurling malicious lies and defamatory statements at someone, in order to get



Brian Hews
Publisher

elected.

That fact alone should put a chill into both past and future Cerritos voting residents.

Imagine the Old Guard wins. A resident goes up to the podium at a City Council meeting and criticizes Barrows and Vo with true facts that they do not like.

Now they have the power of the City behind them, and, as they have already shown, will do anything

to discredit anyone who they disagree with.

We already know what Barrows would do; confront you outside of chambers and assault you.

In this paper’s case, and to the detriment Cerritos residents and Sheriff’s Deputies, Barrows threatened to withhold funding for the Skyknight helicopter program if the Council did not vote to pull the print advertising budget for HMG-CN.

Barrows action were, once again, retribution for publishing a story where Barrows and Chen went to China on taxpayer dollars.

Sound familiar, publish a true story and endure vicious attacks?

Similar to Barrows, Vo attacked this paper two years ago when it was revealed that he took money from two corrupt attorneys who tried to frame an Orange County police union.

Yes, they tried to frame a police union and Vo is a Torrance cop, and Vo took money from them.

Now as you read in this week’s paper on page one, Vo, like Barrows, will lash out at detractors using false statements to libel and defame anyone who gets in his way.

Given their latest reaction to valid HMG-CN articles, Barrows and Vo might also set out on a campaign to defame and libel future voting Cerritos residents using social media accounts and recently created closed Facebook pages, as they did in this election.

And all of a sudden future voters who criticize the Old Guard might see Cerritos Code Enforcement at your door.

The City has already shown proclivity to defend the Old Guard, twice sending out biased legal opinion letters to several media outlets to refute

HMG-CN and its Article IV term limit articles.

That is unheard of, unless you are in a Banana Republic; the normal route is to send a letter of retraction to a newspaper.

And right on time, as he does every two years, Old Guardian Sherman Kappe sticks his head up on social media and talks about something that happened 16 years ago.

As residents, you have to ask... why is the City is acting this way?

As I have always stated, the Old Guard runs this City, wielding the employment hammer over all senior officials.

They even give tax payer dollars, in city advertising, to another publication, even though the owner (a member of the Old Guard, who's free employees Janet and Brad Beach, are Cerritos Commissioners appointed by Old Guard Councilmembers) falsely accused a 4th grade teacher of pedophilia and sexual harassment and was forced to recant her story and pay a \$20,000 fine.

Old Guard always mentions my FPPC transgression but never mentions Melinda Kimsey falsely telling her lawyers and a Superior Court judge, in extremely graphic terms, that a teacher was a pedophile who molested 4th graders and accusing him of sexually harassed her.

A note here, since the HMG-CN FPPC fine, HMG-CN has been responsible for over \$300,000 in FPPC fines levied on politicians, hypocritical Old Guard never mentions that....but I digress.

The remaining viable candidates have run above board campaigns, talking about their strengths - and new ideas they will bring to the City if elected.

They have not libeled or defamed anyone or created fake profiles on closed Facebook pages.

So residents you have clear choice, vote for the past or vote for the future.

Vote for the Cerritos “Old Guard” represented by Bruce Barrows and Chuong Vo, who have shown that they will attack anyone, who have shown they will govern with fear and intimidation, who have shown they will spend millions and waste millions.

Or move this City forward with Frank Yokoyama, Grace Hu, or even newcomer Anantha Ramachandran, who will include residents in their decisions, present new ideas, and who will exercise financial transparency and fiscal management.

Vote for the future, not the past.

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VO RETRACTION

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the libel and defamation campaign meant to discredit and irreparably harm the reputation of HMG-CN.

Vo recently posted on a Facebook page inflammatory and false statements that were very similar to those contained in Barrows’ libelous email.

The members-only Facebook page is called Cerritos One Press; at the time of the post both Vo and Beach were administrators of the page.

Administrators of a Facebook page have complete control; since it is closed Facebook page they can accept or deny members and they can add and delete posts.

In an email Beach said, “I was asked to help vet new members (for Cerritos One Press) since I know a lot of people here from growing up in the City.”

HMG-CN asked to be allowed into the group and was denied; HMG-CN was told that several other Cerritos residents were also denied.

In the defamatory statements, posted on or before Jan. 21, 2017, Vo stated, “So the local community newspaper and owner Brian Hews is trying to influence the city election again to get his candidates and friends in office. [Hews is also] railroading other candidates that won't give him money. Don't believe everything you read in the newspaper, Brian Hews lied about candidates in his newspaper. And he is doing that again about me because I will not buy advertisements in his newspaper.”

The post, which alleged extortion by Hews, solicited several extremely negative comments that were seen by every member on the Facebook page.

In a long-winded comment, ABCUSD Board Member Lynda Johnson even got in on the action hurling several unsubstantiated claims about Hews and HMG-CN.

The post was up for several days, with Beach and Vo, in their administrator roles, allowing the Vo post to remain visible.

Hews was alerted of the libelous statements by a member of the page, retained an attorney, and immediately sent a letter to Vo and Beach demanding a retraction.

Within two hours, Beach claimed he had no part in the page other than to “vet members”, while Vo quickly removed the post.

The letter read in part, “the content of a recent post on Cerritos One Press accuses Mr. Hews of engaging in the practice of extortion. Specifically, Mr. Vo in the post stated: "he is doing that again about me because I will not buy advertisements in his newspaper.”

The letter went on, “Scrutiny of the meaning of "that" appears to refer to be based on the charge that Mr. Hews is "lying in his newspaper about candidates.”

“Such reckless comments have apparently ignited events leading to a series of negative statements resulting in direct economic harm, and potential irreparable harm, to the credibility and reputation of Mr. Hews and his publications.”

The letter ended, “be cautioned that the continued maintenance of the disparaging comments may result in litigation and joint liability. My suggestion is that Facebook post be deleted immediately to avoid further adversary action, and that Mr. Hews be admitted or unblocked to inspect the removal of the defamatory statements.”

Within two hours, Beach wrote back claiming he had nothing to do with the page, “I did not create this Facebook page, and am only a member of the page. I was added as an administrator when the page was first created to vet new members and to make sure that new members lived in Cerritos.”

The Vo post was sent to Hews on Jan 21, Beach indicated he was “removed as

an administrator earlier this year,” but would not give a specific date when asked. Consequently Beach knew about the post for several days after Vo posted and did not remove it.

And other comments on Facebook by Beach show he, like Vo, is on a campaign to discredit Hews.

One hour after Beach’s email, Vo responded and agreed to remove the post, “thank you for your letter. Although I believe I did nothing wrong, I have removed the post from the Facebook account.”

Vo ended with a defiant tone, “I will not grant access to a private Facebook account to Mr. Hews. This email will serve as proof that the post has been removed from the Facebook Group you described. I can also meet with Mr. Hews to have him look at the Facebook group on my phone.”

Hews stated, “Vo said he did nothing wrong? Vo is a police officer and he knowingly lied and defamed me in his Facebook post, which generated several negative comments, he deleted the post two hours after we sent the retraction demand, so he knew he lied.”

Hews then produced emails between him and Vo that corroborate Hews’ assertion that Vo knowingly and maliciously lied to damage HMG-CN’s reputation in his Facebook post.

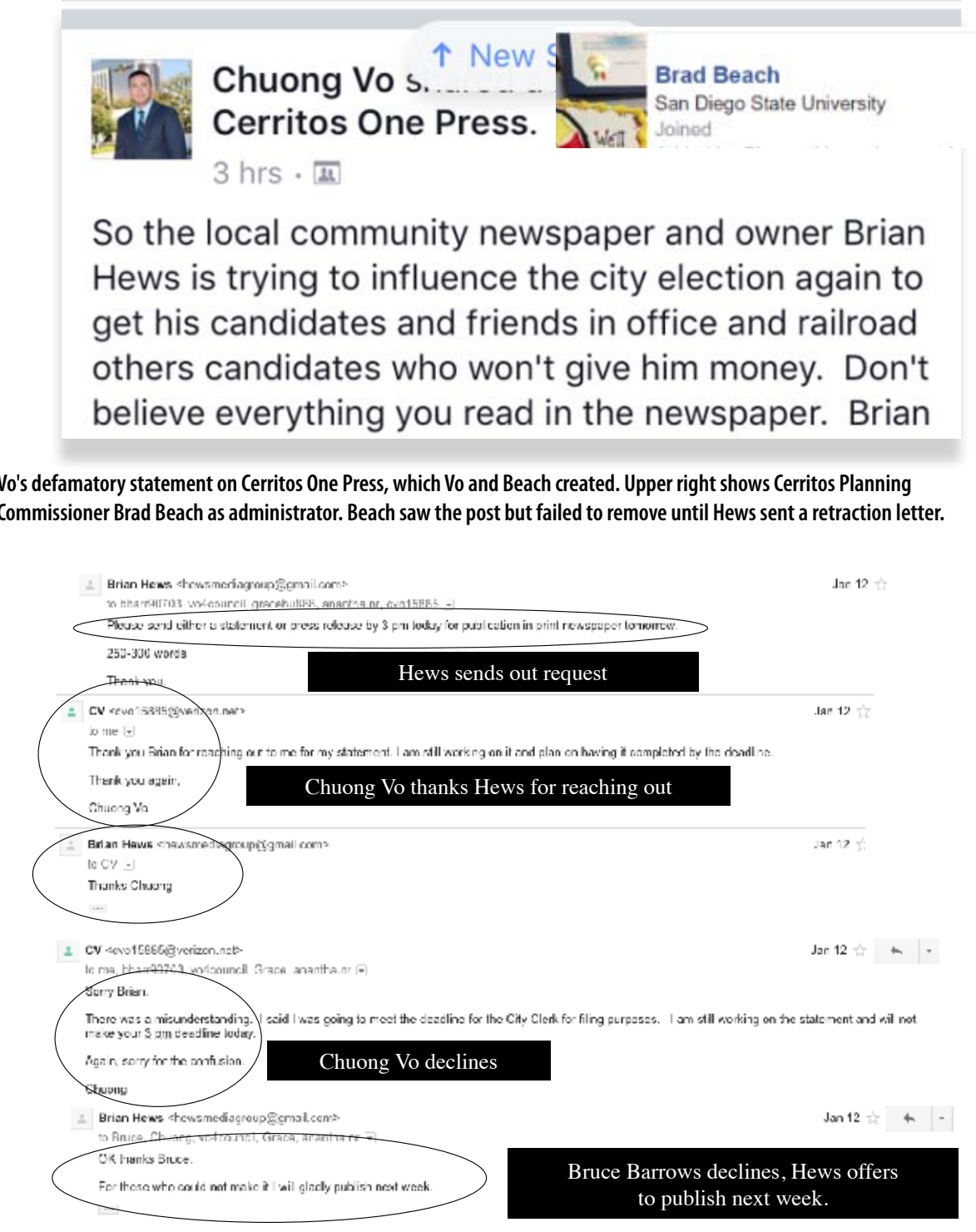
In his post Vo stated, “so the local community newspaper and owner Brian Hews is trying to influence the city election again to get his candidates and friends in office. [Hews is also] railroading other candidates.”

“To the contrary,” Hews said, “I offered Vo free space for his candidate’s statement.”

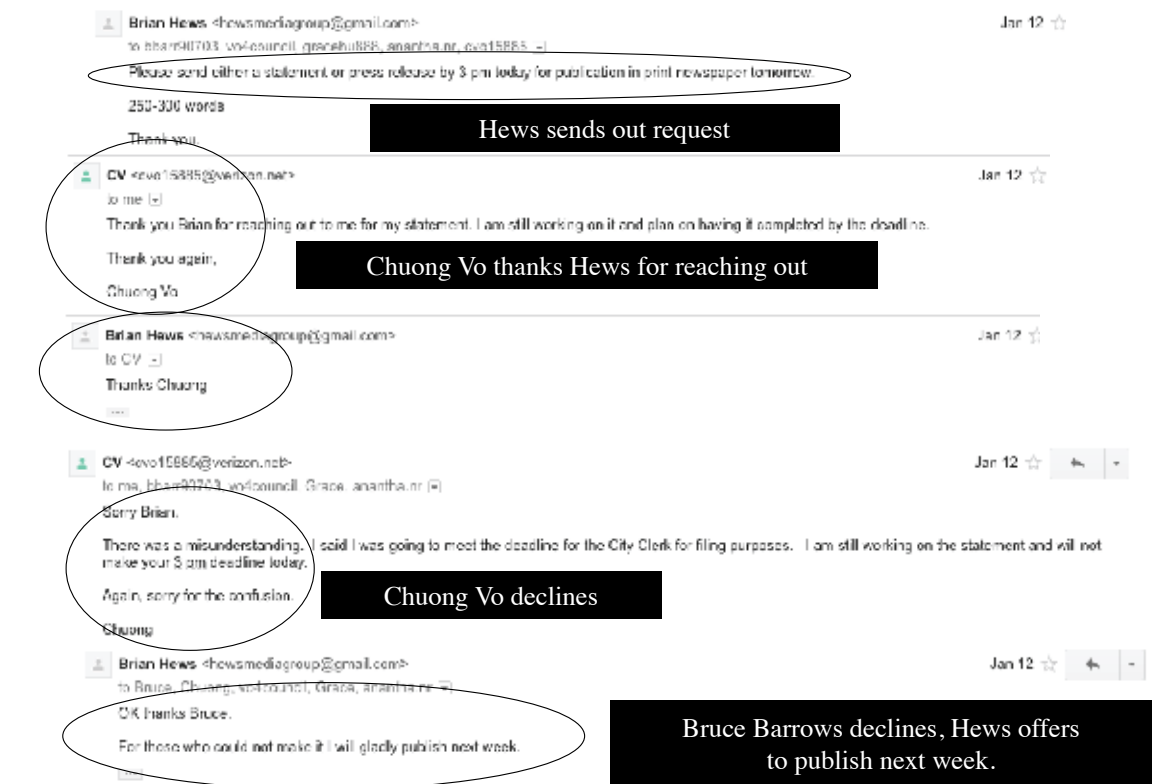
On the morning of Thursday January 12, nine days before Vo’s defamatory post, Hews offered all candidates, including Vo, the opportunity to publish their candidate's statements at no cost in HMG-CN.

If the candidate’s statement were an advertisement, it would cost in excess of \$500, that does not count the additional publicity, with HMG-CN reaching over 160,000 readers per week.

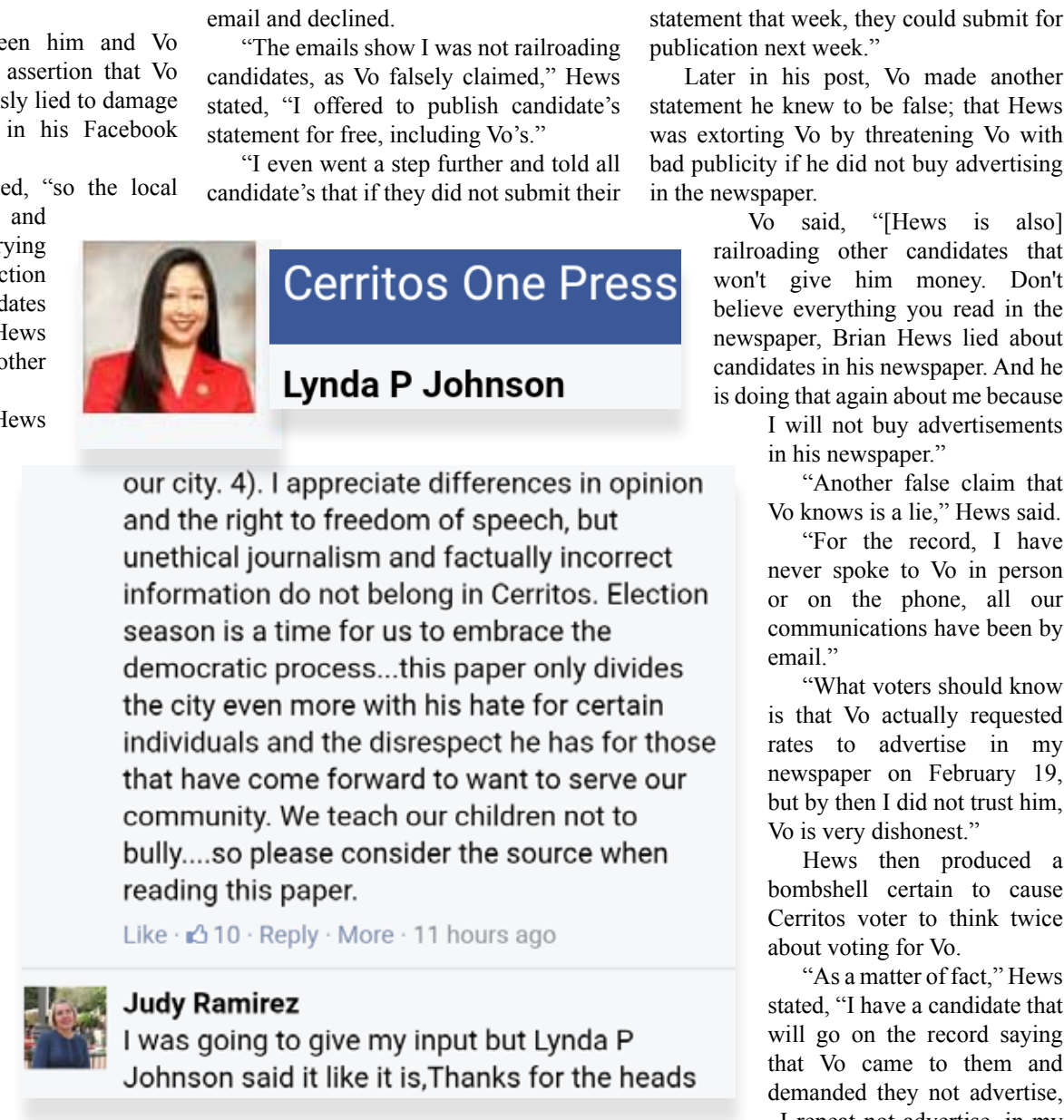
Initially Vo said he would send a statement by the deadline, but hours later declined, just minutes after he declined, Bruce Barrows sent an



Vo's defamatory statement on Cerritos One Press, which Vo and Beach created. Upper right shows Cerritos Planning Commissioner Brad Beach as administrator. Beach saw the post but failed to remove until Hews sent a retraction letter.



Emails that show Hews offered all candidates, including Vo, free publication of candidate statements, Vo said Hews was "railroading him." On bottom, Hews offered Vo and other, the opportunity to publish statements the following week.



ABCUSD School Board Member and LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn's Field Rep. Lynda Johnson's vitriolic post slamming Hews after reading Vo's defamatory post. "Factually incorrect and unethical journalism do not belong in Cerritos," said Johnson. Many other negative comments like this were generated by Vo's libelous post.

FRANK AURELIO YOKOYAMA
FOR CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL



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LA MIRADA CERTIFIES CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS



PICTURED (L-R): Councilmen Andrew Sarega, John Lewis, newly appointed Mayor Ed Eng, Mayor Pro Tem Larry Mowles, and Councilman Steve De Ruse. The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem each serve one-year terms.

HMG-CN Staff Report

The City Council recently certified the results of the General Municipal Election held on March 7, 2017.

John Lewis was elected to the City Council representing District 1 and Andrew Sarega was elected to the City Council representing District 2.

The term of office for both is four years.

This was the first election by which members of the La Mirada City Council were elected by-district.

Districts 3, 4, and 5 will elect representatives to the City Council in 2019.

Steve De Ruse, Ed Eng, and Larry Mowles also serve on the City Council, as each was elected to an at-large four year

term in March 2015.

Ed Eng was selected to serve as Mayor at the March 28 City Council Meeting.

Mayor Eng has served on the City Council since 2015.

Larry Mowles was selected as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Pro Tem Mowles has served on City Council since 2011.

The terms of office for Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem is one year.

There is a cloud over part of the election as Councilman Andrew Serega, who narrowly defeated incumbent Pauline Deal, is being investigated by the Fair Political Practices Commission for campaign irregularities.

The investigation was a result of a series of articles in the La Mirada Lamplighter, a subsidiary newspaper of Hews Media Group-Community News.

ABC TRUSTEE IS PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY AT ABC ADULT SCHOOL



ABC Board of Trustee Soo Yoo served as Principal For A Day Mar. 15 at ABC Adult School where current Principal Dr. Pao Ling Guo welcomed and escorted her to various classes and offices. Yoo had the opportunity to witness first hand the amazing programs the school offers, as well as thanking teachers and staff for their hard work to make ABC Adult School an “inviting place to learn,” said Yoo. Accompanying Yoo and Guo were (l-r): Counselor Natalie Maddox, Assistant Principals Nancy Pawlisz, Ami Takanashi and Chuck Minear, and Financial Aid Coordinator Winnie Wong.

ABCUSD HOLDS PARENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



State Senator Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia) with ABC Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu, Board President Chris Apodaca, Vice President Soo Yoo, Clerk of the Board Letty Mendoza, Maynard Law, Olympia Chen, and ABCUSD staff. Board Member Lynda Johnson did not attend, Sophia Tse was travelling.

On Saturday, March 18, the ABCUSD, along with the ABC Adult School and ABC Council PTA hosted the 21st Annual Parent Leadership Conference at the Cerritos Sheraton Hotel.

Over 400 guests attended this year's conference, celebrating the theme: "Renew. Reconnect. Reach Out."

Attendees included parents from each of the district's schools and special programs, along with district staff and community leaders.

A keynote panel, featuring five

inspiring and involved Dads, spoke about “A Father’s Reach” and the far-reaching benefits of parent involvement.

Guests enjoyed a delicious breakfast, entertainment from two talented students, raffle prizes and exhibitors.

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The event was attended by more than 200 students and faculty from community colleges and universities throughout California.

The Talon Marks staff competed with 1,200 community colleges and universities from all over the state.

Students Terrel Emerson, Karla Enriquez, Briana Hicks and Bianca Martinez represented the Talon Marks team at the banquet.

Emerson won first place for best podcast in the community college division.

Enriquez, Hicks, Martinez, and David Jenkins won first place for best blog in the community college division, while Carlos Marquez, took home fourth place for best editorial cartoon in the community college division.

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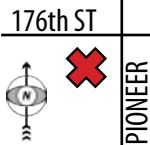
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HOME INVASION
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Deputies are on the lookout for three men wanted in connection with a home invasion robbery in Cerritos.

HMG-CN obtained a picture of an 11:30 Wednesday night post on Facebook by David Yamauchi who said, "Was working in my garage with the door open for air. Black male late teens / early 20s came in and had me at gunpoint. Kept telling me to shut up then struck me over the head twice with his revolver. Two other males went through my front door and held my wife at gunpoint. Got spooked and left without stealing anything. Lock your front door all the time and be vigilant these criminals are getting pretty bold and brazen

The Cerritos Sheriff Station responded to the home invasion robbery at about 11 p.m. in the 4600 block of El Rancho Verde Dr.

Deputies said that they were all black men, between 25 and 35 years old, about 5 feet 10 inches tall . They all wore a hooded sweatshirt with the hood pulled up over their heads. Sheriff's officials released no further details regarding the crime on Thursday.

PIEOLOGY RAISES MORE THAN \$1,000 FOR MILLER
CHILDREN'S & WOMEN'S HOSPITAL LONG BEACH

Residents gathered at Pieology Pizzeria to support Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach, where \$2 was donated toward Miller Children's for every pizza sold.

Pieology, a franchised restaurant that specializes in custom pizzas, celebrated its recent one-year anniversary at its Long Beach location by serving \$6 pizzas all day.

"Only five percent of all hospitals in the nation are children's hospitals," says Cecilia Belew, president, Memorial Medical Center Foundation.

"Events, like the Pieology fundraiser, help Miller Children's, which relies on a philanthropic community to provide life-saving care that is unique to children's health needs."

Miller Children's is a non-profit hospital that provides specialized pediatric care for children and young adults with conditions ranging from common to complex – as well as maternity care for expectant mothers.

Miller Children's is one of only eight free-standing children's hospitals in California.

John Sangmeister, owner of Long Beach restaurants Pieology and

Gladstone's, has had three of his own children cared for at Miller Children's.

"Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach is the epicenter of our family's happiness," says Sangmeister.

"All three of our sons struggled at birth and spent many weeks in the NICU. Like thousands of other Miller Children's patients, our boys now thrive.

We are forever grateful for the love and care they received from the talented and dedicated doctors, nurses and staff at Miller Children's."

The fundraiser took place throughout the day and saw hundreds of customers. A total of 516 pizzas were sold and \$1,102 was raised.

"We are grateful for this support from Pieology and the community," says Belew. "And we're thankful that so many people took the time to come out and support Miller Children's."

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OLYMPIC LEAGUE BASEBALL

VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMES UP SHORT IN FINAL INNING AGAINST VILLAGE CHRISTIAN

By Loren Kopff
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Village Christian High’s baseball team won the Olympic League last season and is currently on top of the circuit this season. But Valley Christian High first-year head coach Roger Penticoff doesn’t consider Village Christian High better than his team.

In fact, he considers Valley Christian one of the top teams in the league, and after his team nearly rallied to knock off the other V.C. Crusaders, this one from Sun Valley, it’s easy to see why Valley Christian is considered a threat.

Valley Christian rallied twice from two-run deficits and had the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning before falling to Village Christian 6-4 this past Tuesday evening. Valley Christian dropped to 9-6 overall and 2-3 in league play.

“I had no issues with the heart that these guys have,” Penticoff said. “They hit the ball well; they played good defense. We just let a couple of opportunities get by us and it hurt.”

Village Christian got to junior starter Brett Garcia in the first inning for a pair of runs as Michael Choi singled home Connor

Rodriguez and Josh Argarin scored on a wild pitch. Garcia would throw 27 pitches in the inning which would lead to a high pitch count towards the end of the game.

But Valley Christian would come back in its half of the frame. Senior shortstop Travis French doubled to left field and with two outs, came home on a double down the right field line from senior right fielder Kyle Bowie. Three pitches later, he would tie the game when sophomore second baseman James Stirton was safe on an error.

The game remained tied until the fourth when Jake Whisenant and Nick Rolls hit back to back doubles. In the next inning, Garcia walked Rodriguez to lead off the frame and after moving on a wild pitch and a groundout, scored on a sacrifice fly from Argarin.

Garcia would help himself out in the bottom of the fifth when he launched a two-run home run over the left field fence with senior center fielder R.J. Van Kampen coming in before Garcia. Just two innings earlier, Valley Christian had a chance to take a 3-2 lead when Garcia singled and stole second in between the 11th and 12th pitch thrown to Bowie, who would eventually strikeout after seeing 13 pitches from Tobias Plotkin.

“At the time, I wasn’t thinking about sending Brett,” Penticoff said. “Brett is my pitcher and I’m figuring I really don’t want him running the bases. But throughout that entire at-bat, they made one move to Brett. So, I’m thinking, okay, I’m just going to send him.

“Kyle’s at-bat was just phenomenal,” he continued. “I couldn’t ask for anything more from him. He battled, battled, battled and ended up striking out. But again, he put a lot of pitches on that putcher and I’ll take that all day long.”

With Garcia’s pitch count approaching 100 entering the sixth inning, he went out there and avoided further damage when he got a pop-up and a groundout after Whisenant singled with one out, moved to second on an error and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Garcia finished the game scattering four hits and striking out three. But he did issue half a dozen walks.

“He gutted it out,” Penticoff said. “This wasn’t Brett’s best performance. [He threw] too many walks, but he got big outs when he needed to get big outs. He is a battler out there.”

After Village Christian scored twice in the seventh inning on a run-scoring single from Argarin and a run-scoring double from Choi, the hosts still had enough to make it

interesting. With two outs, French singled, Van Kampen doubled and Garcia was issued an intentional walk. Eric Oseguera then got Bowie to strike out on a 2-2 count. French, Garcia and senior starting catcher Christian Bosse all collected a pair of hits. The game was a far cry from the league opener on Mar. 14 when Village Christian won 12-2.

“I think we can play right with them as we proved today,” Penticoff said. “If we cut down our walks today, we win this game.”

The two teams will meet tonight for the third and final time in the regular season with Valley Christian as the visiting team. Valley Christian will then host St. Anthony High on Tuesday night. As for the remainder of the league season, Penticoff is confident his team can remain on the heels of Maranatha High and Village Christian, both of whom are tied for first place.

“Maranatha, to me, is loaded,” Penticoff said. “They are good one through nine and they have three excellent pitchers. In my opinion, they are the team to beat. Will we compete? Well, we’re going to give it our best. R.J. is going to be throwing on Friday at Village. We get our chance at Maranatha again and we’ll see what happens. But they’re loaded.”

WOODBIDGE TOURNAMENT

CERRITOS DOESN'T LET FOURTH LEAD SLIP AWAY, HOLDS ON TO DEFEAT TEMESCAL CANYON

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

IRVINE-Cerritos High had a pair of one-run leads and a two-run advantage against Temescal Canyon High in a silver bracket game in the Woodbridge Tournament game this past Monday night but failed to hold those leads. Then the Lady Dons had a fourth lead against the Titans and made sure not to give it up.

Sophomore right fielder Kristina Mendez came home on a scoring error in the top of the ninth inning and junior pitcher Jennifer Morinishi needed eight pitches to get through the bottom of the ninth as Cerritos held on for a 5-4 victory. Coupled with an 8-0 win against Artesia High this past Tuesday, the Lady Dons improved to 11-2 overall.

Cerritos took a 1-0 lead in the second when sophomore left fielder Elise Gibbs singled, stole second and scored on a ground rule double from senior third baseman Destiny Lucero. But the Titans tied the game in the bottom of the third

on a ground rule double from Briana Ramirez.

The score was still tied until Gibbs cracked a two-run home run to center in the top of the sixth with junior first baseman Kiarra Crockett-Pope coming in ahead of her. It was the third home run this season for Gibbs. Temescal Canyon came back to tie the game in its half of the frame as Paris Nguyen singled and with one out, came home on a double from Kimberly Hofmeister. Kayla Tadewosian would then plate Hofmeister with a base hit.

In the international tiebreaker format, junior courtesy runner Sydney Arevalo began the eighth inning on second and on the first pitch thrown from Bibi Villeda, Crockett-Pope singled down the left field line to put Cerritos up 4-3. But staying with a common thread, Cerritos lost that lead when Jada Cody came home after Nguyen singled to left field and Cody crossed home plate on an error on the same play.

“It’s pretty frustrating but we have

faith in each other to battle through those international tiebreakers,” Crockett-Pope said. “I feel like we’ll get the job done when it’s time.”

In the next inning and with Mendez starting on third instead of second, freshman centerfielder Essence Gibbs hit a line drive to Villeda, whose attempt to double up Mendez went into foul territory. In the bottom half of the ninth and Tadewosian standing on third, Morinishi got Cayla Tulley to foul out, Megan Leivas to ground out and struck out Taylor Eden.

Cerritos pounded out a dozen hits as Elise Gibbs and Morinishi each had three hits. Cerritos began the tournament with a 7-2 loss to Edison High followed by an 8-5 win against Northwood High last Saturday. In the second game, senior shortstop Lailoni Mayfield made her debut in the circle and pitched four innings. Morinishi came in to work the next two innings for the save. Elise Gibbs went four for four and drove in a pair of runs while sophomore Nikki Ibarra went

three for three and scored twice.

“I feel we went into the first game [of the tournament] with high intensity,” Crockett-Pope said. “But our biggest problem is scoring runs at the beginning and not accumulating at the end. So, that’s what we mainly get beat on.”

The Lady Dons visited La Mirada High on Apr. 6 in a battle of the two remaining undefeated teams in the Suburban League. The team will then wrap up the Woodbridge Tournament with a pair of games on Saturday, the first one against Fountain Valley High, before visiting John Glenn High on Tuesday and Norwalk High on Thursday. With 11 wins already, the Lady Dons have matched their win total of last season.

“We take the game more serious this year, and we only lost one person,” Crockett-Pope said. “This year it’s just a whole new intensity and we’re playing together. It’s good to have everyone healthy so we could all be as one.”

GLENN BASEBALL ROUTS ARTESIA TO STAY UNDEFEATED IN SUBURBAN LEAGUE

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

Before the John Glenn High baseball team can get to a first place home and home showdown with La Mirada High, the Eagles must take care of business against the teams it should be able to beat. That means Artesia High and the Eagles showed why they are a contender for the league title.

The Eagles blasted the Pioneers 14-0 this past Wednesday to improve to 10-4 overall and 3-0 in league action. All but one starter had at least one hit for Glenn, which scored in every inning except the third.

In the top of the first with two outs, sophomore center fielder Damone Hale doubled in a pair of runs. In the next inning, again with two outs, sophomore

catcher Alexis Martinez scored when he singled, went to second on a sacrifice, moved to third on a wild pitch and came home on an error.

With the score 5-0 entering the fifth, the Eagles put the game away by sending 11 batters to the plate and scoring five runs on five hits and two walks. Glenn would finish the game with a pair of runs in each of the final two innings. Junior second baseman Alex Alcaraz, junior first baseman Raphael DeAvila and Martinez all had two hits while sophomore shortstop Joseph Figueroa drove in three runs. Junior Humberto Chiquito went the distance and struck out 12 batters while yielding three hits. He retired the final 10



HMG-CN Sports Editor Loren Kopff

NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

batters of the game. The Eagles will host Artesia today before next week’s all important series with La Mirada.

Artesia dropped to 1-11, 0-5 and was hurt with seven errors. The Pioneers

will face St. Pius-St. Matthias Academy on Saturday in a St. Paul Easter Tournament game. Artesia returns to league play with a home game against Norwalk High on Tuesday.

In other baseball action, Cerritos High lost its third straight game, a 4-0 affair to Mayfair High, this past Wednesday. The Dons are 10-8 but have not scored in the past two games. They will host Mayfair today, and then a doubleheader against

Garden Grove High on Tuesday.

Gahr High is getting its winning ways back and following a 7-0 win against Lynwood High in the San Gabriel Valley League opener, the Gladiators have won three in a row to improve to 5-8 overall. The two teams will meet again at Lynwood today before the Gladiators travel to Warren High on Tuesday and host the Bears on Thursday.

Norwalk lost for the fifth straight time, a 7-1 affair to Bellflower, this past Wednesday to fall to 5-6 overall an 0-5 in the Suburban League. Norwalk and Bellflower will meet again today at Bellflower.

Whitney High doubled up Brethren Christian High 4-2 this past Tuesday to improve to 7-4 overall and 1-4 in the Academy League. The Wildcats are

APRIL MERITORIOUS MARINE FROM CAMP PENDLETON



Corporal Alex Ramirez was presented a proclamation by the City of Cerritos Council on Saturday April 1st to honor him for his meritorious service. Shown in the picture from left to right are Art and Ofelia Sanchez (hosts), Cpl Alex Ramirez, Mayor George Ray and Councilman Jim Edwards, and Dorothy Owen, President of the Cerritos Friends of the 1st CEB.

The City of Cerritos "Adopted" the Marines and Sailors of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, stationed in Camp Pendleton on November 11, 2007. Corporal Alex Ramirez, a member of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (1st CEB), was hosted and honored in the City of Cerritos this past weekend.

Cpl Ramirez and his guest will spend the weekend in Cerritos with lodging and meals complements of our sponsors: The city of Cerritos provided two tickets to the Art Garfunkel performance at the Cerritos Center.

Cpl Ramirez enlisted in the Marine Corps in September 2014 and graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California, followed by additional training at the School of Infantry (SOI) at Camp Pendleton and then Marine Corps Engineer School at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In May of 2015, Cpl Ramirez received orders to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, where he serves as lead Husky operator for Mobility Assault Company 1st Platoon. He has participated in numerous training exercises, both mounted and

dismounted route clearance operations and engineer reconnaissance operations, most notably, the NATO operation Black Alligator with the British Royal Marine Commandos from September to November 2015 in Twenty-Nine Palms, California. During this particular training period, Cpl Ramirez demonstrated the employment of the Anti-Personal Obstacle Breaching System (APOBS) and the Bangalore Torpedo as a means of clearing a safe lane for friendly forces to pass through an obstacle. He also participated in a platoon-sized, live-fire & maneuver exercise with the British Commandos showcasing the Marine Rifle Squad ability to assault an enemy position.

Cpl Ramirez is an extremely motivated Marine and an outstanding engineer that was nominated for Engineer of the Year by his platoon due to the outstanding leadership example he sets for his junior Marines. Cpl Ramirez is has demonstrated high professional standards in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

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enjoying the best season since 1998 when they went 1998. Whitney did not field a team last season and had compiled nine wins from 2011-2015. Whitney will visit Brethren Christian today before playing a home and home series with Crean Lutheran High on Tuesday and Thursday respectively with the first game on the road.

SOFTBALL

Artesia, which is at the front end of five straight road games, fell to Cerritos 8-0 this past Tuesday to see its record drop to 5-4

overall and 2-2 in the Suburban League. The Pioneers visited Mayfair on Apr. 6 and will face Norwalk and La Mirada on the road next Tuesday and Thursday respectively.

The winning streak, hot-hitting and dominant pitching continues for Gahr as the Lady Gladiators improved to 14-0 after a 16-0 win against Lynwood High this past Tuesday in the San Gabriel Valley League opener. Gahr also defeated St. Joseph High 14-0 and Summit High 12-0 last Saturday in the La Mirada Tournament and have not been scored upon in the last 17 innings. The Lady Gladiators faced Warren on Apr. 6 in a first-place battle. Gahr will then play two more games in the

La Mirada Tournament on Saturday, host Paramount High on Tuesday and travel to Downey High on Thursday.

Glenn (6-7, 1-4) lost to La Mirada 13-2 this past Tuesday and visited Santa Fe High on Apr. 6. The Lady Eagles will host a doubleheader against Sultana High on Saturday, host Cerritos on Tuesday and visit Bellflower on Thursday.

The struggles continue for Norwalk, the defending Suburban League champions of last season. The Lady Lancers were shutout by Whittier High 9-0 to fall to 4-12. Norwalk, which is 1-3 in league play, returned to Suburban League action on Apr. 6 with the first of three straight home games.

Valley Christian High (5-10-1 overall) lost for the fifth straight game after being blanked by Maranatha High 5-0 this past Tuesday. The Lady Crusaders are winless in three Olympic League games and have been outscored 45-10 during the slide. V.C. entertained Heritage Christian High on Apr. 6 and will have the next 11 days off.

Whitney lost to Calvary Chapel Downey High 12-0 this past Tuesday and will take a 6-9 overall record and 0-2 in league play into its home game with Brethren Christian High today. The Lady Wildcats will also host Crean Lutheran on Tuesday before taking the next two weeks off.

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The book sale is open to the general public on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The popular "three-bucks-a-bag" clearance sale will begin at 1:30 p.m. For more information about the book sale, call (562) 943-0277.

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

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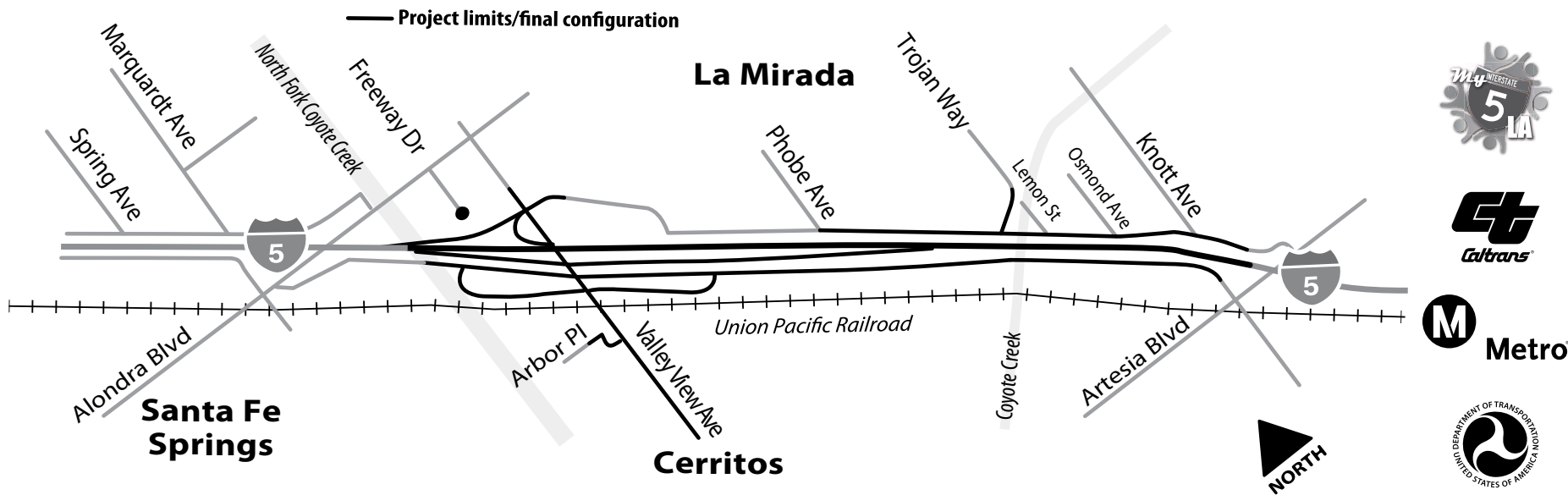
What: The Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) Valley View Avenue Interchange Project will widen I-5 to add one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) or carpool lane, and one general purpose lane in each direction. The project extends from the Artesia Boulevard undercrossing to North Fork Coyote Creek approximately a mile and a half through the cities of Buena Park, La Mirada, Cerritos, and Santa Fe Springs.

Plan Ahead: During construction, lanes will be reduced from four lanes to two lanes (one in each direction) on the Valley View Avenue bridge over I-5 so plan ahead and leave a little early.

When: November 2016 through Late 2019

Benefits:

- Improve the overall traffic circulation along the I-5 south corridor including interchanges and ramps, as well as surface streets
- Enhance air quality and increase safety
- Accommodate future projected traffic demands and capacity
- Revitalize our I-5 community



For more information about this project or to sign up for email alerts please visit the following:

BARROWS

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Paul R. Pearlson, who is famous, or infamous depending on one’s view, presented an “incredibly tortured argument” that challenged a California state law that protected the confidentiality of people who took the AIDS virus test, wrote the two-page letter to HMG.

Pearlson asserted that the two stories involving Bruce Barrows on Proposition H and Article IV of the Cerritos City Charter, with Prop. H mandating a four-year waiting period after serving two consecutive four-year terms, was “false and refuted by the city of Cerritos.”

The Pearlson letter demanded that HMG publish the letter that City Attorney Mark Steres of Alshyre and Winder wrote in opposition to HMG’s article.

The letter, which is basically Steres’ biased legal opinion on the ruling of Article IV, “was to be published immediately after any articles HMG concerning Barrows.”

In his first letter to refute HMG-CN’s article, Steres cited then Attorney General Bill Lockyer’s opinion in 2004 that stated Prop H. was a two-year ban.

After a second article was published about Article IV, which included the results of two judicial decisions on Article IV fifteen years earlier, Steres then proceeded to refute the two judges who handed down a favorable ruling for Prop H. proponents.

Steres once again leaned on the AG’s opinion; an opinion that did not cite the two judicial decisions that occurred years

earlier.

According to the Attorney General’s own website, “The attorney general’s opinions are advisory, and not legally binding on courts, agencies, or individuals.”

Chris Fuentes, one of the authors of Proposition H told HMG, “if those against Prop H. thought it was only a two-year ban, why did they spend \$50,000 to fight

Steres to do that.”

The second part of the Barrows/Pearlson letter attempted to refute the article published last week that Barrows defamed HMG Publisher Brian Hews.

Pearlson stated, "HMG also continues to falsely assert that Mr. Barrows had supposedly made libelous and defamatory statements against you and also falsely asserted that Mr. Barrows’

Hews stated, “I have emails from Patrick Stacker that said, and I am quoting, I’m counsel for Bruce Barrows on various matters....we are working on a retraction...Bruce is going to retract it but he is going to do it in his normal email blast whenever that might be in the near future. I think he has 10 days after the request to be honest with you. Do you think he legally has to do it sooner?”

For background, Barrows, in an email to his campaign base, stated, if we were to believe the false headlines written by “Fake News Hews” in the Los Cerritos Community News, it would be easy to believe that the City Clerk and the City Attorney allowed me to run for City Council illegally. Nothing could be further from the truth. However it seems that this paper specializes in “Fake News”, maliciously creating lies and falsehoods, and refusing to print a retraction even when proven wrong. They (may be again fined) for using a[n] ex-employees email address [Jerry Bernstein] to attack residents.”

The statement perpetrated several lies:

1. H M G - C N specializes in “Fake News,” maliciously creating lies and falsehoods,
2. B a r r o w s claimed an email was from HMG-CN ex-employee Jerry Bernstein when it was not,
3. B a r r o w s claimed Hews attacked residents when it was clear from the email conversation that Hews was not attacking anyone.

“This is typical Barrows intimidation

and lies,” Hews said, “that’s what he does, he assaulted Jay Gray after Gray questioned him at a Council meeting, he withheld funding for Skyknight if council did not cut HMG-CN’s print budget, he sends out a defamatory emails and then denies it and retains an attorney to try and scare me. He will do anything to anyone, he’s a political bully.”

Patrick Stacker

To: hewsmediagroup@gmail.com Cc: Kathy Apa

Copies of Emails You Requested from Bruce Barrow

New contact info found in this email: Patrick Stacker

Dear Brian,

I'm counsel for Bruce Barrows on various matters :

Patrick Stacker

To: Brian Hews

RE: Copies of Emails You Requested from Bruce Barrows

New contact info found in this email: Patrick Stacker pstacker@stackerlaw.com

We are working on a retraction, did you return my call if so I have been hard to reach and I am sorry.

Patrick C. Stacker

3030 Old Ranch Parkway, Suite 170

Seal Beach, CA 90740

Patrick Stacker

To: Brian Hews

Re: Copies of Emails You Requested from Bruce

March 29, 2017

Bruce is going to retract it but he is going to do it in his normal email blast whenever that might be

Email conversation between HMG-CN Publisher Brian Hews and Barrows' attorney Patrick Stacker. The emails clearly show that Barrows indicated he was going to retract his defamatory statements. Barrows is now denying he wanted to retract his statements.

it, nobody has answered that question, do they think we are stupid?”

Steres authored the two letters at Cerritos taxpayer’s expense, and, in a highly unusual move, emailed the letters to several media outlets for publication.

"Usually you send a request for retraction to the newspaper that published the articles not to several media outlets," said Hews, “that was very unusual for

attorney Patrick Stacker had supposedly confirmed that Mr. Barrows will retract his defamatory statements.”

Shockingly Pearlson said, “As you know neither Mr. Stacker nor Mr. Barrows ever acknowledged to you, to HMG, or to anyone else that any statements of Mr. Barrows were either defamatory or libelous and that it was an innocent mistake by Mr. Barrows.”

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The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. 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ARC WALK
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disabilities. The walk began at 7:00 am with a complimentary breakfast that was donated to all registered participants courtesy of Acapulco Restaurant.

Master of Ceremonies was Phillip Palmer, anchor for ABC 7 weekday morning Eyewitness News, with event host sponsor Wescom Credit Union. The Mayfair Monsoon Marching Corps energized the walkers with an amazing performance and the Jazz Band played as participants enjoyed breakfast.

Many of the local cities and councilmember’s participated in this

year’s walk, newly elected councilman Juan Garza of Bellflower stated, “ Our family joined in the three mile walk... there we many walkers and supporters, the volunteers and staff did a wonderful job. This is a wonderful organization and we are proud to give them our support.”

An annual walker and supporter of ARC, Mario Guerra also noted,” The ARC is a special place with special people. We love our annual ARC Walk for people with abilities not disabilities. There is a lot of love, passion and determination when communities come together to promote the principals of dignity and self determination. Love was very much in the air.”



Hundreds of participants head out for one and three mile walks during the ARC Walk for Independence. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

HAWAIIAN GARDENS' 53rd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The City of Hawaiian Gardens will be celebrating its 53rd Anniversary during a themed, three-day celebration starting Friday, April 7th and ending Sunday, April 9th. The free, family-friendly event and festivities will include its annual parade, carnival, international music & performances, competitions and information booths. Food, games and carnival rides will be available at nominal fees. The carnival will be open on Friday (5-10 pm), Saturday (2-10 pm) and Sunday (2-10 pm).

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF INVITING SEALED BIDS
FOR
DESIGN AND BUILD COMMUNITY SHADE STRUCTURE AT LEE WARE PARK

Notice is hereby given that City of Hawaiian Gardens invites sealed bids pertaining to the item(s) listed below:

SEALED BIDS DUE: **WEDNESDAY, April 26, 2017**
TIME OF BID OPENING: 11:00 A.M., or soon thereafter.
LOCATION OF BID OPENING: City Council Chambers
City of Hawaiian Gardens
21815 Pioneer Boulevard
Hawaiian Gardens, CA. 90716

SEALED BIDS:

The City of Hawaiian Gardens invites sealed bids for Design and Build of a Community Shade Structure Project at Lee Ware Park, and will receive such bids in the office of the City Clerk, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716, up to the hour of **11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, April 26, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the jobsite, Lee Ware Park, 22300 Wardham Avenue, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716 (Wardham Ave. and 223rd Street) at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2017**.

This project shall consist of the design and construction of a fully functional and practical shade structure at Lee Ware Park. The design of the shade structure shall include construction plans, electrical plans, specifications and calculations, stamped and signed by a California Registered Civil Engineer or California Registered Structural Engineer. The shade structure must be built according to the plans and specifications approved by the City of Hawaiian Gardens Building Department. The work shall include removals, grading, compaction, construction of foundation and concrete pad, relocation of irrigation, water lines and electrical conduits, installation of shade structure with tile roof, installation of LED lights at shade structure, electrical connections, furnish and install four park benches and all other items not mentioned but indicated in the Plans and Specifications. Copies of the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are available from the **City of Hawaiian Gardens, Community Development Department 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716**, upon payment of a \$20 nonrefundable fee, if picked up, or payment of a \$35 nonrefundable fee, if mailed. Should you have any questions regarding this project please contact the City of Hawaiian Gardens at (562) 420-2641 ext. 208 or ext. 259.

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CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission of the City of Artesia will hold a Regular Planning Commission Meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Artesia City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 18, 2017 to conduct a Public Hearing to consider the following item(s):

Case No. 2017-05
Variance, Conditional Use Permit, Design Review and Development Agreement 11632 South Street

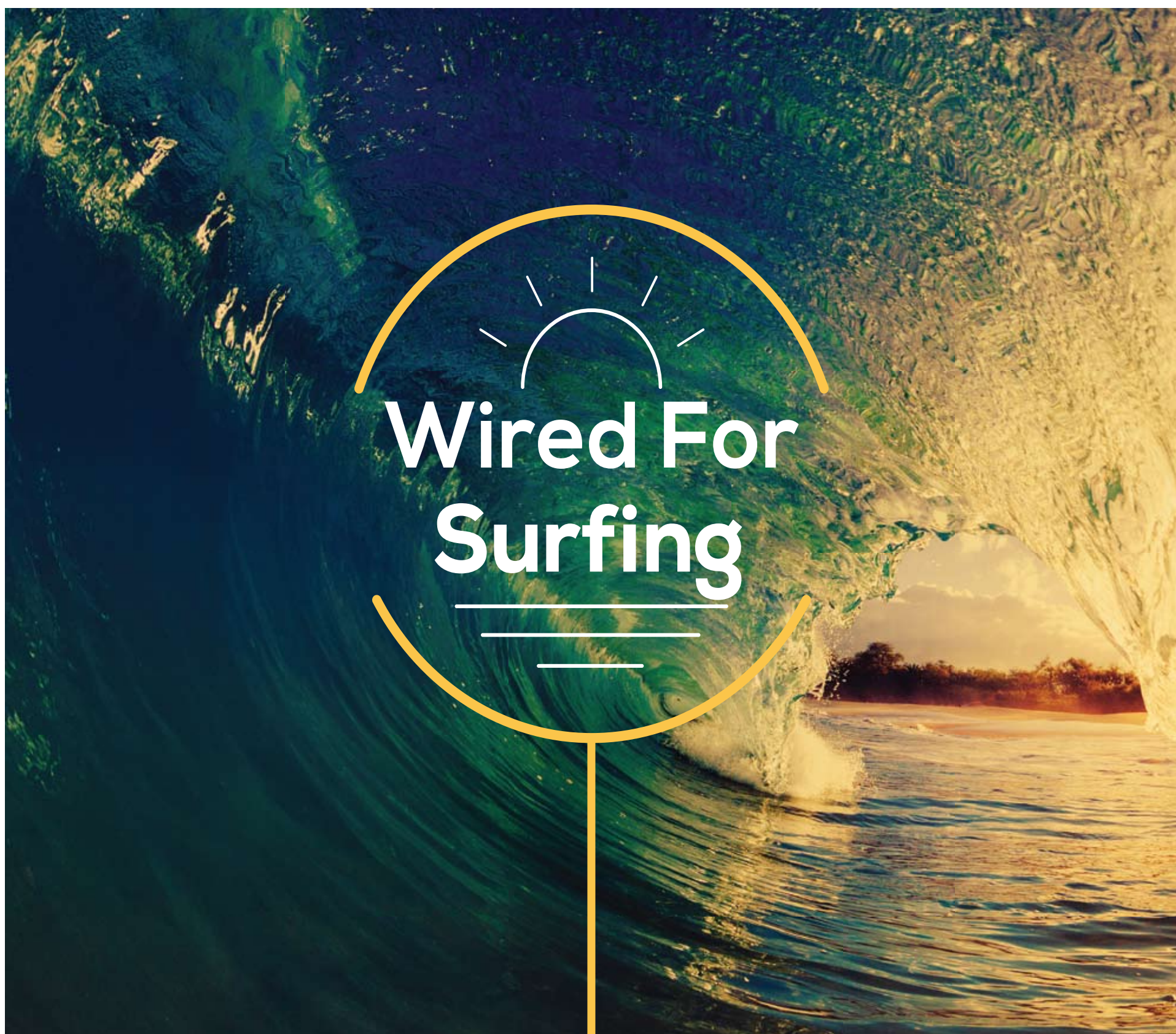
A request for approval of a variance application to allow for the encroachment into the front yard setback, a conditional use permit application to allow for a drive thru establishment, design review application and Development Agreement to allow for a new 9,999 square foot commercial center for the property at 11632 South Street in the Commercial Planned Development (CPD) Zone and making a determination of categorical exemption under CEQA. Resolution No. 2017-07P, 2017-08P and 2017-09P

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

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

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