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LA MIRADA ROTARIAN MILWARD RIDES TO FIGHT POLIO, RAISED OVER \$2,000

By Tom Robinson

La Mirada Rotarian Paul Milward has cycled to another milestone in his effort to raise funds to end polio -- a vaccine preventable disease that still threatens to paralyze children in several parts of the world today.

In recent months Milward raised more than \$2,000 for the fight against polio. He then travelled to Tucson, Arizona at his own expense, and rode in his third annual Tour de Tucson ride against polio on November 18. Milward made the 106 mile ride as a tribute in memory of his father, Charles Milward, a Santa Fe Springs businessman who suffered from the effects of childhood polio.

"No child should have to suffer from this terrible disease," says Milward. "While polio is now largely unseen in the United States, it is really just a plane ride away from our shores."

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ROTARIAN RIDES SO OTHERS MAY WALK -- La Mirada Rotarian Paul Milward completed a 106 mile ride against polio in Tucson, Arizona on November 18. Milward, whose father suffered from the effects of polio, raised thousands of dollars to fight the disease.

CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL MOVES ELECTION DATES

By Brian Hews

The Cerritos City Council, at this past Nov. 20, 2017 council meeting, voted to end a "1995 Cerritos voter suppression ordinance," moving the next City Council election date from 2019 to March of 2020.

The vote will extend the terms of all the elected officials by eleven months and will save the City \$230,000 in 2019.

The action is sure to cause angst among the Bruce Barrows and Carol Chen voting blocks as the two were looking forward to running for Council in April 2019.

The move came in response to the California Voter Rights Participation Act, who's main goals are to reduce voter fa-

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HMG-CN Investigation Results MONTEBELLO CITY MANAGER FRANCESCA TUCKER-SCHUYLER PLACED ON INVOLUNTARY LEAVE

By Brian Hews

Last year, an exclusive Hews Media Group-Community News investigation found that the City of Montebello paid nearly \$500,000 from 2013 to 2016 to an obscure construction company, JCS Construction (JCS), using sole source no-bid contracts -- while fabricating documents using sham companies with false names and addresses and suspended state contractors licenses -- so JCS could win the lucrative jobs.

City Manager Francesca Tucker-Schuyler, who was the only Montebello employee to comment on the contracts said, "I don't deal with the bids, I don't get involved in the details -- staff does."

Now, a source with connections inside Montebello City Hall has told HMG-CN that City Manager Francesca Tucker-Schuyler has been placed on involuntary leave and has left her office and it could be

the result if the JCS fiasco.

The source told HMG-CN, "I have a friend in Human Resources, they told me it started Wednesday Nov. 8, with a closed meeting and that she (Tucker-Schuyler) was placed on leave either Friday or Monday."

HMG-CN called the City for confirmation and was told "someone will call you back."

HMG-CN also called another source who was at the Wednesday meeting and saw Tucker-Schuyler go into a closed session meeting. "She never came out of the meeting," the source said.

During the investigation, HMG-CN found that JCS was a sole proprietorship based out of a home in Hacienda Heights owned by David Magallanes who is the pastor of Scattering Seeds Fellowship in Whittier.

The business did not have a website or a social media presence.

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ARTESIA RECALL FAILS MISERABLY, COULD NOT MUSTER A SINGLE SIGNATURE

By Brian Hews



RENE TREVINO

The recall against Artesia Mayor Ali Taj, and Councilmen Victor Manalo and Miguel Canales has, according to city officials, failed to gather enough signatures and will be disbanded.

The controversial and fraudulent attempt was led by resident proponents

Rene Trevino and Dorothy Kane, along with Artesia businessman and Cerritos resident Guralp Sood.

Writer and Cerritos resident Melinda Kimsey along with her unpaid staff of Jerry Bernstein and Cerritos Fine Arts and Historical Commissioner Janet Beach, also assisted the group, writing questionable articles about Taj, Manalo and Canales in Kimsey's newsletter, which is designed by Ms. Beach.

The effort will go down in California municipal history as one of the most deceitful recall attempts ever to be perpe-

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Dems caucus to fight recall against Josh Newman. **Page 2.**



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STATE SENATOR NEWMAN IS FIGHTING GOP RECALL ATTEMPT

By Larry Caballero
 On Politics

California legislators seem to be in the news lately, but for all the wrong reasons. So far three legislators have been accused of sexual harassment this year: State Senator Tony Mendoza and two Assembly members.

California's Capitol has been steeped in controversy since hundreds of women in October signed a letter decrying sexual harassment in state politics. The accusations come from women lobbyists, lawmakers and staff members who say they've experienced or witnessed harassment and even sexual assault on the job.

In north Orange County, State Senator Josh Newman is facing a recall for a different reason. Republican groups are angry that he won a seat that had been held by them for 58 years.

Speaking at a Democratic Party Arab-American Caucus meeting in Anaheim Nov. 12, Newman said, "They cannot handle losing a historically Republican seat."

He told about 100 attendees, "As long as the political process is still being run by people and not machines, this is always going to be a messy, imprecise and subjective business.

But that doesn't mean principles shouldn't matter, or the will of the people, as expressed through free and fair elections, or the Constitution, or the American spirit of fair play.

The current recall effort is a test of the integrity and resilience of our great state's democratic system. Thank you for defending it, and let's beat back the recall!"

He is not sure when the recall will



Photo by Lou Delgado

Welcoming guests to the Democratic Party Arab-American Caucus meeting to fight the recall against State Senator Josh Newman included (l-r): Newman, State Senator Connie Leyva and Artesia Mayor Ali Taj.

happen; it could be in late February or early March, or it could be part of the June elections.

Republicans are blaming Newman for the recent gas tax increase, but he explained that the law was going to be signed by the Governor whether he voted for it or not.

In order to get his vote, however, he demanded an amendment that guaranteed all new gas tax revenues must go to repair and replace the state's dated infrastructure that was mostly built under Jerry Brown's father's administration in the 1960's.

"I'm proud to represent all of the people of Orange County," said Newman. When asked about Trump's immigration policies, he said, "Americans are better than this. And at times our values must transcend current unfair laws. Every Californian deserves equal protection."

Newman promises to continue fighting for gender equality, workers' rights, immigration reform, homelessness, men-

tal health issues and improving the public schools.

State Senator Connie Leyva also attended the event. She has gained a lot of notoriety lately because she may be replacing Kevin De Leon as Senate Majority Leader.

"What's happening to Josh is just wrong," Leyva said. "They are running a deceptive campaign against him."

Both want more transparency in state government, especially after the sexual harassment allegations that have been made public. They also support tax credit incentives for small businesses.

Leyva said that all workers need to feel safe from any form of harassment, and she plans to work on legislation to bring stronger penalties for wrongdoing

She encouraged everyone to support Newman by phone banking, walking precincts and educating voters.

CAMPAIGN WORKERS LYING, USING GAS TAX PETITION TO OBTAIN JOSH NEWMAN RECALL SIGNATURES

DEAR EDITOR:

As a grandmother, I've made a point of teaching my grandchildren to tell the truth. So when I found out that special interests from outside my area had lied to me and tricked me into signing a petition to recall Senator Josh Newman, I was furious and decided to take action to prevent others in our community from being duped.

I was asked to sign a petition to stop the gas tax at my neighborhood Wal-Mart, and because I am close to retirement and can't afford to pay a lot more for gas, I signed it.

Later I heard KFI personalities John and Ken talking about removing Newman from office based on a single vote he took.

That's when it dawned on me. The people at the store lied to me — they said their petition would stop gas taxes from being raised, but they never said a word about Sen. Newman.

I am not alone.

Thousands of other voters were tricked into signing the petition, and have asked

the Registrar of Voters to remove their signatures from the deceitful petition once they found out the truth.

Voters now have a 30-day window to rescind their signature before it is permanently attached to the petition.

I won't stand by and let interests from outside our community with plenty of money lie to voters.

Especially because they're counting on continuing to trick voters who may not find out about the lies until it's too late.

Allowing interests from outside our area to force our district into a wasteful special election isn't what our recall process was intended to do.

If you thought you were signing a petition to get rid of the gas tax, please visit stoprecallfraud.com and learn how you can remove your signature from the petition.

We must continue to stand up for right and wrong in our state and ensure that California is always a bright spot in the world of politics.

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LA MIRADA SYNCHRONIZED TEAM 'UNSYNCABLES' RECOGNIZED FOR ACHIEVEMENTS



The La Mirada City Council recognized the Unsyncables of La Mirada for their achievements within the sport of synchronized swimming. Mayor Ed Eng presented a plaque to Wendy Dorfman, team member, representing the Unsyncables of La Mirada.

The La Mirada City Council recognized the La Mirada Unsyncables for its athletic achievements while competing at local and national levels.

The Masters synchronized team has won multiple Masters titles at the state, national, and international levels. Members of the Unsyncables competed at the FINA World Masters Championships in Budapest, Hungary. Sue Nesbitt, Mary Lou Woods, Barbara Nesbitt, and Teresa Liccardo were medal winners in the Solo event. Wendy Dorfman, Kathy Chapman, Molly Baross, Sue Nesbitt, Mary Lou Woods, Jenny Herrington, Catherine McKay, Ymajahi Brooks, Teresa Liccardo, and Barbara Nesbitt were medal winners in the Duet competitions.

The Unsyncables received first place in the 35-49 and 50-64 Team Technical competitions and placed second in the 35-49 and 50-64 Team Free Competitions. The

team also scored more points than any other team in the 2017 FINA World Masters Championships.

In October 2017, The Unsyncables placed third during the 2017 U.S. Masters Synchronized Swimming National Championships in Clermont, Florida. Over 200 athletes from 24 clubs from the United States, Canada, and Japan competed. Kathy Chapman and Wendy Dorman placed second in the 70-79 Duet event and Sue Nesbitt received a gold medal in the 60-69 solo event.

The team also received gold medals in the 50-64 Combination and the 40-49 Team events.

"It is such an honor for the City to be represented by the Unsyncables of La Mirada," says Community Services Director Lori Thompson. "We are proud of these phenomenal athletes and the dedication of the coaches to the program."

The team has won multiple Masters titles at the state, national, and international levels.

FORMER MAYOR CHO SPEAKS AT HHDC MEETING



Joseph Cho, former Mayor of Cerritos, attended the Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club's Nov. 20 General Meeting. Cho talked about his five books on the history of the Korean Peninsula. According to Cho, one of the reasons for the strong rhetoric from the North is their concerns that the United States will again deploy nuclear weapons in South Korea that could cause a serious escalation of tensions. Photo by LOU DELGADO.

LA MIRADA HOSTS ANNUAL CHILI HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Staff Report

Celebrate the holiday season in La Mirada at the Chili Holiday Celebration on Saturday, December 2 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatic Center.

The event will feature a tree lighting ceremony with Santa, live entertainment, free chili, hot dogs, warm drinks, cookies, and much more.

A family area will feature crafts, games, a bounce house, and an opportunity to write a letter to Santa.

The La Mirada Community Foundation will be sponsoring the Santa Photo Booth.

A professional photographer will be providing free keepsake photos with Santa to all guests attending the event.

Guests can also take part in the Holiday Wreath Auction.

The beautifully decorated wreaths are donated by local non-profit organizations and businesses.

All the proceeds benefit the La Mirada Community Foundation.

Nonperishable food items and unwrapped toys will also be collected in partnership with the Holiday Toy & Food Drive, which provides help to local families in need this holiday season.

Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center is located at 13806 La Mirada Boulevard.

For additional information about the Chili Holiday event, call (562) 943-7277.

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WHICH MEDICARE PLAN IS RIGHT FOR ME? FIVE TIPS TO HELP YOU DECIDE

By Greg Wright
CEO, UnitedHealthcare Medicare & Retirement in Southern California

For the more than six million people eligible for Medicare in California, including more than 1.4 million who are Medicare eligible in Los Angeles County, determining the right plan this open enrollment period can be a daunting task. If you feel overwhelmed sorting through all the options, you are not alone. UnitedHealthcare conducted a survey this year to assess people's understanding of Medicare and found that almost 40 percent of beneficiaries found the program confusing. By following these five tips, you can make the process of shopping for Medicare coverage easier.

1. Know the Dates

For most people, Medicare Open Enrollment is your one opportunity to make changes to your Medicare coverage each year. It runs from now to Dec. 7. Changes made during open enrollment take effect on Jan. 1, 2018.

2. Review Your Choices

When it comes to selecting a Medicare plan, one size does not fit all. You have options. Take the time to explore them so you can find the coverage that works best for you. Start early and get your questions answered.

Check if your current coverage is

still meeting your needs, and see if your benefits will change next year. Also, make sure your medications are included in the plan. Even if you don't expect to change plans, it's important to ensure your drugs will still be covered next year.

3. Consider Your Care

In addition to providing access to care providers, you should look for a plan that offers the benefits that are important to you.

Confirm your preferred doctors and hospitals are available through the plan you're considering.

Also, don't forget about dental, vision and other additional benefits. Many people are surprised to find that Original Medicare doesn't cover prescription drugs and most dental, vision and hearing services. But many Medicare Advantage plans do.

4. Look at a Plan's Overall Costs

The cost of a plan's monthly premium is important, but you also need to take other costs into account. There are a number of plans that offer \$0 premiums. However, for some people plans with a higher premium may actually be the most cost-effective choice in the long-run, especially if the plan includes



more benefits and lower out-of-pocket costs.

5. Look for Value

Don't assume you have to pay a lot for good benefits. In Southern California for example, there are plans available with low or \$0 monthly premiums and rich benefits.

Plans can offer the protection of low out-of-pocket maximums, \$0 copays on tier 1 and 2 prescription drugs, including mail order, credits for over-the-counter items, and additional benefits like gym memberships, comprehensive dental, chiropractic and acupuncture coverage. For plans with monthly premiums, it's important to note that people who qualify for extra help based on their income could get the cost of those premiums covered.

Remember: Medicare Open Enrollment Ends Dec. 7

For additional resources to help navigate open enrollment, visit UH-COpenEnrollment.com.

DOWNEY DRUG TAKE-BACK NETS 500 POUNDS

By Tammye McDuff

This past October, the Downey Police Department and members of the Drug Enforcement Administration [DEA] participated in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative. As a result, community members disposed of over 500 pounds of potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. All of the collected items were turned over to the DEA for disposal.

"More people start down the path of addiction through the misuse of opioid prescription drugs than any other substance. The abuse of these prescription drugs has fueled the nation's opioid epidemic, which has led to the highest rate of overdose deaths this country has ever seen," said Acting Administrator Robert W. Patterson. "This is a crisis that must

be addressed from multiple angles. Educating the public and removing these medications from households across the United States prevents misuse where it often starts."

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. DEA launched its prescription drug take back program when both the Environmental Protection Agency and the Food and Drug Administration advised the public that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—posed potential safety and health hazards.

In its eighth year the National Pre-

scription Drug Take Back Day event continues to remove ever-higher amounts of opioids and other medications from being stolen or abused. The DEA action comes just days after President Trump announced the mobilization of his entire Administration to address drug addiction and opioid abuse by directing the declaration of a Nationwide Public Health Emergency to address the opioids crisis.

Nationwide, the DEA and their 4,200 local law enforcement partners collected a record-setting 912,305 pounds of dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for disposal at more than 5,300 collection sites. That is almost six tons more than was collected in 2016. This brings the total amount of prescription drugs collected by DEA since the fall of 2010 to 4,508 tons.

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LA MIRADA ROTARY HELPS FAMILIES DURING HOLIDAYS



La Mirada Rotary Club President Zurich Lewis (center) thanks David White, manager of the Walmart Neighborhood Market in La Mirada for assistance in acquiring holiday meals for 34 needy families. Rotary purchased nearly \$1,000 worth of turkeys, canned goods and other items for the Good Sam Pantry at Beatitudes Church in La Mirada. Pictured are (l to r): Leslie Watkins, Russell Hall, Rick Jones, Zurich Lewis, Walmart Manager David White, John Lewis and Noel Jaimes. The donation was one of several Rotary activities during the holiday period to assist needy families in the local area.

Staff Report

The Rotary Club of La Mirada has continued its long-standing tradition of helping local needy families during the holiday season.

The first two projects were held this week in advance of Thanksgiving. A third project will be held in early December prior to Christmas.

Rotarians donated nearly \$1,000 in turkeys, canned goods and other food items to the Good Sam Pantry at Beatitudes Church in La Mirada. Rotarians purchased the food at the Walmart Neighborhood Market, located at Imperial Highway and La Mirada Boulevard, on the morning of Thursday, Nov. 16. Rotarians delivered the food to the Good Sam Pantry and it was distributed to needy families that afternoon by the pantry's team of volunteers.

Rotarians also arranged for the purchase of \$750 worth of turkey dinners from Polly's Pies located at Beach Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue in La Mirada. The food was served by volunteers to hundreds of local residents at the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Foster Road Elementary School. The project was a joint effort by a number of organizations in the community.

The Rotary Club will also sponsor a Holiday Shopping Spree for needy children in memory of long-time Rotarian Eileen Wade who championed the event for decades. The event will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at Marshalls in La Mirada. Rotarians work in conjunction

with local schools to identify children in the community who are in need of assistance during the holidays. The children, assisted by adult volunteers, will select clothing items they need from lists provided by their parents.

The Rotary Club of La Mirada assists with a variety of community service projects throughout the year. The group meets for lunch on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. at the Sizzler Restaurant, 15252 Rosecrans Avenue in La Mirada. Visitors are welcome to attend.

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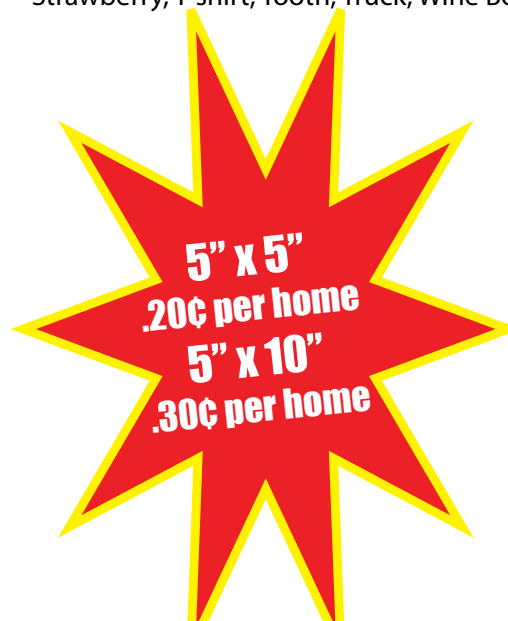
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There was a question when the CVPRA was passed whether it applied to Charter Cities such as Cerritos, but in July 2017 the Attorney General ruled in an opinion that it did apply to Charter Cities, "as the matter of low voter turnout is of greater state concern."

The major part of the CVPRA mandated that Cities must comply if there is a 25% or more difference in statewide versus city elections voter turnout.

Cerritos averaged 57.55% in the past four statewide elections, the most recent April 2017 turnout was 26.1%.

The difference between the two is 31.41% so Cerritos was required to change elections under the CVPRA.

If Cerritos refused, courts could have implemented the change, or the city could have been sued by Cerritos residents, with a certainty of losing and paying all court costs.

The dates available to move the election were as follows: November 2018, March 2020, November 2020, March 2022 and November 2022.

The Nov. 2018 election would have reduced three Cerritos Council terms in 2019 by five months and two terms ending in 2021 by five months; the move to that date would have also cost the City additional monies.

The March 2020 date would eliminate a costly 2019 City election and adds 11 months to all terms of the Mayor, Mayor pro tem, and City Council.

The other choices would have cost

the City additional money and violated the CPVRA.

After City Clerk Vida Barone's presentation, Mayor Hu asked for comment, after which the fireworks blasted from behind the dais.

Councilman Naresh Solanki, who seemed to be extremely well-prepared to argue the validity of the move said, "(City Attorney) Mark (Steres) was this voter approved to keep the elections off-cycle in 1994?"

Steres said he did not know, Solanki then indicated Ordinance 745 was adopted and approved "by 78% of the voters in 1994," to keep elections in off-cycle years.

Solanki and Steres began debating the sub-points of Ordinance 745, specifically that if the City changed an election, as it did in 2017 from March to April, "the city would have to wait one more election to change the election date again."

Solanki stated that the City has not had an election after the March 2017 change "therefore we have to wait until 2019."

Steres disagreed saying, "we had the election in April 2017 therefore we can change the date now."

"We are to have an election in 2019 and then change it," Solanki countered.

"That's not how I read it," said Steres.

Councilman Frank Yokoyama then affirmed with Steres the legality of the election move.

Steres told Yokoyama, "I thought the City Clerk did an excellent job laying out the legal parameters and I agree with the recommendation to move."

Yokoyama then asked Barone, "When we consolidate, what are the benefits on how the county and the state will assist

us."

"The issuance of the ballots would be outsourced to the county (the voting services portion of the election) and the data does indicate we will have a stronger voter turnout, which is the goal of the CVPRA," said Barone.

Yokoyama pointed out that HMG-CN, in its Nov. 17, 2017 edition, wrote about La Mirada changing their election, saving the City \$40,000-\$50,000 per election.

"I would like to start saving the City that amount of money," Yokoyama stated.

The full allocation for the 2019 election is \$230,000, moving the election to March 2020 would save the city \$230,000.

Mayor pro tem Pulido spoke about the "institutionalized voter suppression that was a result of the 1995 vote in our City."

That move kept the Cerritos Republicans in power for over 20 years.

"We were voting in off cycle years in March for City Council, then in November for School Board, then June for statewide and then again a general election in November, that is voter fatigue and it drove down turnout."

"I don't buy that we need a stand-alone election, and I am quite certain it will cost less money if we move the election."

Solanki then interrupted Pulido asking, "then why don't we move it to 2018?"

Moving to 2018 would have cut all elected officials terms by five months and cost the City over \$200,000.

Pulido ignored Solanki and voted to move the elections on "the recommendation of staff."

Solanki snapped back, "I know you want to extend the election, how about if I don't want to extend?"

An angry Pulido then asked Mayor Hu is if "he had the floor" at which point Mayor Hu brought the motion to the floor, with Yokoyama seconding.

The vote passed with a vote of 4-1, with Solanki casting the lone no vote.

The council will adopt the resolution to move the election date to March of 2020 at its next meeting on Dec. 14.

HMG-CN contacted Councilman Solanki who said, "I don't agree with council last night. If we really want better voter turnout why not 2018 when we have governor race. We are elected for four years not five. Politicians are always waiting for opportunity."

HMG-CN sent emails asking for comment to Bruce Barrows and Carol Chen, as of time of publication neither had sent in a comment.

ARTESIA*Continued from page 1*

trated on city officials.

The group, apparently embarrassed and humiliated by Artesia residents as they attempted to gather signatures, could not submit one page of signatures to the City Clerk.

The recall has roiled the quiet city's image and was the effort of a few disgruntled business people on Pioneer Boulevard that included Sood.

Trevino and Kane wanted to remove Taj, Canales, and Manalo and replace them with people of their own choosing who would have fired City staff and installed their own puppet government.

Kimsey's sole goal was to obtain the contract for City advertising for her newsletter after the takeover.

The City will now try to rebuild its image while remaking Pioneer Boule-

vard into a shopping destination for area residents.

When asked for comment, Councilman Miguel Canales told HMG-CN, "We are thankful for the community's support during the reckless, irresponsible, and fraudulent recall. Artesia will heal from the divisiveness created by self-interested individuals. We will continue making Artesia great and moving forward with the community's best interest in mind. The fraud committed by various individuals behind the recall has been investigated. We look forward to closure of the ongoing investigation of their fraudulent behavior."

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"In order to prevent new cases of this debilitating disease, Rotary works to eradicate polio in nations where it still exists," adds Rotarian Christopher Robinson, M.D. "Rotary and the medical community also stress the importance of continuing preventative inoculations in our country."

"Eradication of polio has been Rotary's top priority since 1985, and its progress towards this goal has been nothing short of remarkable," says La Mirada Rotary President Zurich Lewis. "Since Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative some 30 years ago, the number of polio cases has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 a year to 37 confirmed cases in 2016."

More than 16 million children around the world are estimated to be walking because of the success of the polio vaccine.

Rotary became involved with the El Tour de Tucson in 2009. By 2016 Rotary cyclists riding in the race and in gyms and health clubs around the world raised \$13.5 million bringing the seven year fund raising total to more than \$35 million. Since it costs 60 cents to immunize a child, Rotary officials indicate that participating cyclists have raised enough money to purchase more than 58 million doses of polio vaccine.

Other organizations partnering in the fight to end polio are: the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Atlanta-based U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nation's Children's Fund (UNICEF). To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, experts have said \$1.5 billion is needed. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to previously polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.6 billion to ending polio since 1985, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation. The Rotary Club of La Mirada and members of the local community have supported the campaign against polio.

Contributions to end polio can be sent to the Rotary Club of La Mirada at P.O. Box 248, La Mirada, CA 90637-0248. Checks should be made payable to the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Club of La Mirada meets on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. at Sizzlers Restaurant on Rosecrans Avenue. Meetings feature interesting speakers and roundtable discussions. Visitors are welcome to attend. Information on the Rotary Club of La Mirada can be found by visiting its website or on Facebook.



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LA MIRADA COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZED FOR DEDICATED SERVICE



Mayor Ed Eng presents appreciation plaques to Jim Reich (left) and Dr. Rick Bee for their years of dedicated service to the community.

The La Mirada City Council recognized Jim Reich and Dr. Rick Bee for their years of outstanding service to the community during Tuesday's regular meeting.

Jim Reich served on the Public Safety Commission from August 2012 to July 2017. During his tenure, Mr. Reich reviewed crime and traffic statistics and made recommendations to the City Council on enhancements to traffic circulation. Through his efforts, Mr. Reich helped to continue La Mirada's record of being a safe community.

Dr. Rick Bee served as a La Mirada Community Foundation Member from June 2007 to August 2017. During his years of serve, the Foundation improved the quality of life in La Mirada by supporting services and programs designed to meet the social, physical, developmental, and recreational

needs of local residents. As a result of Dr. Bee's efforts on the Foundation, much funding was raised for worthwhile programs in the La Mirada community.

"The City of La Mirada appreciates these gentlemen for their outstanding dedication to enhancing the quality of life in our community," says Mayor Ed Eng.

The City's advisory bodies serve as an important part of the City's policy-making process. Advisory body members are appointed by the City Council and are responsible for performing studies on municipal issues and rendering opinions and advice to the City Council, as well as providing input on community goals.

For additional information on the City's advisory bodies and how to join, contact City Hall at (562) 943-0131.

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WRD PRESIDENT KATHERMAN UPDATES RESIDENTS ON THE GROUNDWATER RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



WRD President Robert Katherman updates Pico Rivera residents on the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Project (GRIP). The GRIP facility is being built on a 5.2 acre property in the City of Pico Rivera, adjacent to the San Gabriel River, allowing for direct delivery of purified recycled water to an existing pipeline leading into the spreading grounds.

WRD President Robert Katherman recently spoke to over 100 local residents from the City of Pico Rivera who attended the quarterly community update regarding the Water Replenishment District's (WRD) advanced water treatment facility currently under construction known as Groundwater Reliability Improvement Project (GRIP)"

The WRD Board of Directors established the Water Independence Now (WIN) initiative to end the District's reliance on imported water for groundwater replenishment. WIN is comprised of a suite of projects including expansions to existing water treatment facilities, spreading operations, and stormwater capture facilities. The largest component of the WIN program is the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Project (GRIP). The purpose of GRIP is to fully eliminate the

current demand for imported water by producing 21,000 acre feet annually from local alternative sources to replenish the Central Basin.

GRIP will purify approximately 10,000 acre feet (3.25 billion gallons) of tertiary treated (recycled) water annually to near-distilled levels through an advanced water treatment facility. Together, with another 11,000 acre feet (3.6 billion gallons) of recycled water, WRD will deliver 21,000 acre feet of water to the San Gabriel Coastal Spreading Grounds where it will percolate into the Central Basin.

The GRIP facility is being built on a 5.2 acre property in the City of Pico Rivera, adjacent to the San Gabriel River, allowing for direct delivery of purified recycled water to an existing pipeline leading into the spreading grounds.

MONTEBELLO

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Even more suspect, the "Agreement Log" that lists all contracts with the City did not list JCS as a contractor.

Finally, some of the bids JCS submitted to the City contained numerous grammatical errors and misspelling of very simple words.

In spite of this, the City paid JCS \$53,000 in 2013-14, \$121,000 in 2014-15, and a massive \$320,000 in 2015-16.

The investigation resulted in a whistleblower lawsuit against Magallanes who subsequently acknowledged that he had submitted multiple bids after some of the work was completed for his projects.

The lawsuit focuses on the three contracts HMG-CN uncovered that were submitted by JCS, and two other companies, Brown Construction of La Habra and CAT Contracting of Montebello.

"The bids were not real, I was asked if I could make some bids up for the city. Those bids were done after the jobs were completed," Magallanes said.

Magallanes would not say at the time who told him to submit the fabricated bids.

"I don't deal with the bids, I don't get involved in the details — staff does," said Tucker-Schuyler.

That statement from her was apparently the last straw for Magallanes as one month later he took action.

HMG-CN obtained a complaint filed by Magallanes in the Superior Court of Los Angeles on Aug. 25, 2017.

The cross-complaint was for "equitable indemnity," a claim when one party has been ordered to pay damages to another party as a result of a third-party's wrongful acts.

Magallanes complaint names as the third parties, the "cross defendants," City Manager Tucker-Schuyler, Montebello Assistant City Manager Danilo Baston, and Information Systems Manager David Tsuen.

With the complaint, Magallanes stated that if he was ordered to pay money then Tucker-Schuyler, Baston, and Tsuen would be responsible for the money.

In effect, Magallanes is alleging that Tucker-Schuyler, Baston, and Tsuen colluded with him in acts related to the fabricated construction bids.

According to sources, the JCS fiasco was part of the reason Tucker-Schuyler was placed on leave.

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UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD'S 'CHRISTMAS IN THE WIZARDING WORLD OF HARRY POTTER'

Universal Studios Hollywood celebrated the opening of "Christmas in The Wizarding World of Harry Potter™," transforming Hogwarts™ castle with a breathtaking animated light projection show, choreographed to a musical arrangement from the Harry Potter movies as The Entertainment Capital of L.A. kicked off the yuletide season.

The all-new "Christmas in The Wizarding World of Harry Potter" experience will take place daily from November 24, 2017 through January 7, 2018.

Hogsmeade village also shines brightly as the quaint town celebrates with festive décor uniquely themed to each of the individual storefronts, along with holiday-themed fare served at Three Broomsticks and the eagerly-awaited seasonal return of hot Butterbeer.

The newly-introduced Holiday Dinner features a sumptuous roast turkey with gravy platter that includes pigs in blankets, a medley of vegetables, braised red cabbage and roasted potatoes served with cranberry sauce, along with Christmas Pudding.

As night falls on Hogsmeade village, the familiar sounds of Harry Potter music will resonate throughout "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter." Multiple times an evening, colorful projection mapping will illuminate Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry with "The Magic of Christmas at Hogwarts Castle."

The a cappella Frog Choir, comprised of Hogwarts students and their giant throaty frogs, will also perform original holiday themed songs over the course of the seasonal event.

From stockings to ornaments, the addition of specialty keepsakes and gift-giving items complement the land's immersive holiday festivities as the theme park continues to envelope guests in the captivating world of Harry Potter.

A wide selection of all-new custom-made Christmas ornaments created especially for "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter" are available this holiday season. Collectibles include a variety of decorative Hogwarts castle snow globes, Hogwarts crest and mascot ornaments representing each of the houses, as well as a collection of unique tree toppers and house pennant garland. Wizard robes and wands and an array of Quidditch game accessories are perfect for gift-giving.

Inspired by J.K. Rowling's compelling stories and characters that were brought to life in the Warner Bros. films, "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter" at Universal Studios Hollywood is a masterful recreation, faithful to the visual landscape of the films, including its iconic focal point, Hogwarts castle.

From its snow-capped roofs and cobblestone streets to the historic British sensibilities that characterize the whimsical look and feel of the land, "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter" transports guests of all ages to the very places they watched on the silver screen.

"The Wizarding World of Harry Potter" resonates with immense detail, inviting guests to revel in J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World with the opportunity to enjoy authentic food and beverages at multiple locations, including Three Broomsticks and Hog's Head pub, as well as the Magic Neep and Butterbeer™ carts.

A foray through the shops adds to the authenticity of the land with nine retail venues and locations, including Honeydukes™, Ollivanders™, Owl Post™, Zonko's™ Joke Shop, Wiseacre's Wizarding Equipment, Dervish and Banges™, Gladrags Wizardwear, Filch's Emporium™ of Confiscated Goods and the Hogsmeade™ Station.



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CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 10 FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

GAHR GETS DOWN EARLY, FALLS SHORT IN SECOND HALF RALLY AGAINST DOS PUEBLOS

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

If only the Gahr High football team played the first half with the same intensity it did in the second half against Dos Pueblos High, its season would probably still be going. But the Gladiators saw exactly why the Chargers had not given up more than 19 points in any of their past seven games.

The vaunted Dos Pueblos defense held junior running back Micah Bernard to a season-low 102 yards on 20 carries and its offense built a 28-0 lead through the first 26:36 and held on for a 35-28 win last Friday night in a California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division 10 quarterfinal game at Hanford Rants Stadium. Gahr, the seventh ranked team in the division, ends its season at 8-4.

"We came out flat and they came out and got on us," said Gahr head coach Greg Marshall. "Really, we should have had that first half at 14-0, which would have been more manageable. But we made a mistake on a punt, then again, the pass...kills us every single time. We're unable to play the pass this year."

Dos Pueblos quarterback Jake Ramirez was nine of 15 for 136 yards but probably his biggest completion was a 36-yard touchdown pass to Cyrus Wallace on third and eight to put an end to the first drive of the second half. That put the Chargers up 28-0 with 9:24 left

in the third quarter.

Despite Gahr's miraculous rally over the final 21:24, the story of the game was the first half when the Chargers shut down Gahr's offense, including Bernard. The Chargers defense sacked Gahr senior quarterback E.J. Gonzalez once, picked him off once, deflected another pass on a third down play, held Bernard to negative yardage on four first half carries and tackled junior punter Carlos Sandoval for a four-yard loss on a fake punt attempt. That would lead to 13-yard touchdown run from Eric Lopez with 5:34 left in the first half that made it 14-0.

By halftime, the Gladiators had 78 yards of total offense and had crossed midfield once, which came when Bernard busted loose for a 44-yard run down the left sideline. But on the next play, Gonzalez was intercepted by Alijah Grant.

If the Dos Pueblos defense wasn't bad enough, its offense, led by Rob Alfaro, Lopez and Ramirez were pounding the ball for extra yardage on nearly every carry they would get, thanks to the offensive line pushing them forward. What should have been three or four-yard gains turned into eight or nine yards. Alfaro, the team's third leading rusher picked up 105 yards on 27 carries. The rest of the team combined for 86 yards on 15 touches.

"That's a big offensive line and they



Gahr senior running back Micah Bernard tries to escape the grasp of Dos Pueblos' Dillon Roberts (#11) in last Friday night's California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division 10 quarterfinal game. Bernard scored twice but was held to a season-low 102 yards in the 35-28 loss. Gahr finishes the season at 8-4. PHOTO BY ARMANDO VARGAS, contributing photographer.

were foot to foot," Marshall said of Dos Pueblos. "Even though we were there, they were just moving us, and they did. That's a big line; bigger than anything we've seen in the [San Gabriel Valley League] this year. Those guys are for real. They just weren't big high school kids. Those kids are playing at the next level."

The Gladiators got the break they needed when the fifth punt of the night bounced off the leg of a Chargers player and was recovered by Gahr. Three plays later, Gonzalez tossed a 40-yard pass to senior wide receiver Jake Frechette with 7:33 left in the third quarter. Then after the Chargers were held on downs for the first time, a 39-yard reception from

senior wide receiver Justan Lucas led to a 30-yard touchdown run from Bernard with 2:23 left in the stanza. That, plus the 44-yard gain, would be the only two times Bernard gained more than nine yards on any attempt. He would also add a one-yard score with 5:22 remaining in the game to make it 35-21. He ends the season with over 2,400 yards on the ground, which is believed to be a school record for a single season. It's easily the most yards gained by a running back during Marshall's 15 years as Gahr's head coach.

"There are two things," Marshall said of Bernard. "Number one, we were running out of time [in the second half],

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so we couldn't stay with the plan. When our offensive line figured out we could do this, we couldn't do that. We had to just throw it. I think he could have had his norm, but we got down two scores and you can't do what we normally do.

"But our offensive line in the second half was okay," he continued. "In the first half they just weren't playing very well."

Gahr's defense forced its second three and out in the contest and when the snap to punter Jesse Mollkoy went above his head, the hosts got the ball

at the Dos Pueblos 28-yard line. Two plays later, Gonzalez threw a 23-yard touchdown pass to Frechette to make it a one-possession game with 2:28 left to play. The Gladiators would get the ball back with 37 seconds left but had to go 95 yards for the tie.

After a pass interference call on the Chargers, a 14-yard reception to Frechette and a nine-yard reception to senior wide receiver Dejon Hankins, plus a few incomplete passes to stop the clock, Gonzalez had one last chance for the tying score. But he was picked off by Grant at the nine-yard line on the final play of the game.

Gonzalez was nine of 21 for 190 yards with Frechette catching three for 77 yards. Bernard also caught two passes

for 45 yards, but the big story was the rushing game, which had averaged over 255 yards a game. Against the Chargers, Gahr was held to 110 yards on 34 carries.

"We've faced that before, but we weren't blocking," Marshall said of his rushing protection. "We just weren't getting off the ball. Micah will make the one guy miss; there would be one guy who we can't block. We can make that one miss, but tonight in the first half, we just weren't doing it."

Gahr advanced to the quarterfinals for the first time since 2007 and was making its fourth playoff appearance in the past 11 seasons. The Gladiators will have a lot of replacing to do for next season, especially on offense as

only Bernard and junior wide receivers Michael Childress and Nathan Rhodes are the lone players who got significant numbers. Gahr had 25 seniors on this season's team.

"It went pretty much as planned, other than losing to Millikan," Marshall said of the season "I thought we played very well against Paramount. We just didn't execute. Downey was kind of a weird one because we didn't have a quarterback, we had five starters out and at half, we were [about to go] up 28-21 and we gave up a touchdown on the pass at the end of the half. Then they came back out [in the second half], they scored and we didn't."

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NORWALK'S DIAZ, VALLEY CHRISTIAN'S LEDESMA, BOYS TEAM MOVE ON TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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There is one final cross country race for the majority of the Valley Christian High boys team as well as V.C. senior Marian Ledesma and Norwalk High senior Misty Diaz. The combined nine runners will look to end their high school careers on a high note at the California Interscholastic Federation State Cross Country Championships, Saturday, at Woodward Park in Fresno.

The Crusaders finished in second place last Saturday at the CIF-Southern Section Division 5 finals, picking up 117 points, but had a pair of top 10 finishers. Senior Ryan Vreeke came in fourth place with a time of 15:30 while eighth place

was claimed by senior Josh Rupprecht at 15:33. Vreeke became the first runner in school history to advance to the state finals all four years.

Almost a minute later was senior Payton Kooi (26th place, 16:26) and senior Hayden Lee (28th, 16:30). Rounding out the top five V.C. harriers was junior Mark Szekrenyi at 17:08. Senior Joseph Kamstra and freshman Isaac Rubio also crossed the finish line with times of 17:11 and 17:58 respectively. The boys race will begin at 9:35 a.m. with the awards ceremony at 10:20 a.m.

The V.C. girls came in 14th place but Ledesma's time of 18:15 was good enough for seventh place and a trip to the state finals. Sophomores Kathryn Tamminga (20:18) and Cami Erickson (21:08)



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and seniors Molly Oeh (22:00) and Keely Long (23:09) rounded out the top five. Sophomore Arianna Otero (23:40) and Sierra MacDonald (24:08) completed the team at the divisional finals. Ledesma will race at 8:30 a.m. with the awards ceremony at 10:00 a.m.

In Division 2 action, Norwalk came in 16th place, but Diaz is headed to the state finals once again. She finished in seventh place with a time of 17:24. A little over a minute later was her tag team partner for most of the past four years, senior Ruby Galindo. She crossed the line at 18:32. A trio of Lady Lancers all finished within 16 seconds of each other-junior Viviana Rios (20:24), senior Bianca Barcelo (20:36) and freshman Andrea Gonzalez (20:40).

Rounding out the team were juniors Elizabeth Gallardo and Elizabeth Romo at 21:32 and 21:54 respectively. Diaz will run at 10:35 a.m. with the awards ceremony at 11:20 a.m.

WINTER SEASON

Boys basketball kicked off the season past Monday with Artesia High facing Hoover High in the first round of the El Monte Tournament and Gahr High squaring off with Oak Park High in the first round of the Pacific Shores Tournament. Those two tournaments run through Saturday.

The Artesia girls squad hosted Anaheim High this past Tuesday while the Cerritos High girls team begins action in the Downey Tournament today. Also, the V.C. Lady Crusaders visit JSerra High Saturday night.

In boys soccer action, Norwalk visited Chino High this past Monday and Whittier High this past Wednesday while Whittier High travelled to Whittier Christian High this past Tuesday while the Norwalk girls soccer team hosted Whittier this past Wednesday.

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2017-2018 BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

CERRITOS POISED TO HAVE STRONG SEASON WITH HIGH NUMBER OF RETURNING SENIORS

By Loren Kopff
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Something special could be brewing at Cerritos High as the Dons not only prepare for their final season in the Suburban League, but will field what may be one of their best squads in school history. Gahr High and Valley Christian High must regroup with a low number of returning players while Norwalk High and Whitney High each are expecting better campaigns under second-year head coaches.

ARTESIA PIONEERS

15-12 overall last season, 6-6 in the Suburban League, fourth place, lost to Cabrillo/Lompoc 68-37 in the Division 3A first round playoffs

Head coach:

Ray Walker (sixth season, 63-74)

Team's record

previous five seasons: 63-74

Last time missed the playoffs: 1981

STARTERS LOST: Alex Linao (2.6 points per game last season), Albert Pasqual (11.4 ppg.), Kody Pitts (6.4 ppg.), Devion Smith (13.0 ppg.)

STARTERS RETURNING: JR Heder Gladden (14.1 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Angel Garcia, SR Roman Hernandez, SR David Lizarraga, SR Reginald Reamer (3.9 ppg.)

TOP VARSITY NEWCOMERS: SR Brandon Logan, SO Jeremiah Charles, SO Princeton Hoang, SO Carlos Patino De Anda

It was another middle of the road season for Artesia High and head coach Ray Walker, who is pleased for this season as he fields a senior-laden team. He says the program is improving numbers-wise and added that just to field teams at all levels was a challenge before. Now the program has plenty of kids who want to play and compete. The competition is better, and the Pioneers are projected to be more athletic than in the past

"We had a pretty good year [last year]," Walker said. "We automatically qualified for the playoffs which we hadn't done in a while in our league. It was a disappointing finish, but the season throughout, I think we competed pretty well and had a pretty good year."

Only one starter comes back but it's a big one in junior Heder Gladden. In two short seasons, Gladden has emerged as one of the best players in the Suburban League. Walker says he is looking for seniors Roman Hernandez and Reginald Reamer to score as well and added that it's 'their time' to step up.

"It's always interesting because with Heder coming from football, it's always a process because you don't have that work in the fall," Walker said. "But it worked out well."

"He definitely has to be a leader for us even though he wasn't here," he later added. "He gets in [the gym] as much as possible. It is a great opportunity for him. He has made All-[Suburban] League the last two years. So, without a doubt, he needs to be a leader for us and a key part to our success going forward."

The Pioneers won't have any size in the program. Senior Brandon Logan, who stands at 6'5", was in the program as a freshman but hasn't played since. With three sophomores making their varsity debut, Walker says the future's bright for sure but that the team will take their lumps a little bit because of the inexperience, which also includes some of the seniors.

One twist in Artesia's schedule, as well as the rest of the league is the fact that league play will begin before winter vacation. The Pioneers will also host their own tournament again and play in the El Monte

and Rancho Alamitos Tournaments.

"The league starts the 18th of December which is interesting," Walker said. "That's different for us with Suburban League starting early, before Christmas time and Christmas tournaments. But we'll handle it."

CERRITOS DONS

13-15 overall last season, 8-4 in the Suburban League, third place, lost to Mission College Prep 80-61 in the Division 2AA first round playoffs
Co-Head coaches: Jonathan Watanabe (17th season overall, 234-216) and Kevin Enomoto (third season, 31-27)
Team's record
previous five seasons: 73-68
Last time missed the playoffs: 2007

STARTERS LOST: None

STARTERS RETURNING: SR Vincent Biscoe (8.7 points per game last season), SR Destin Flucas (16.7 ppg.), SR Dorian Harris, SR Jyvonnte Moore (13.9 ppg.), SR Byron Sur

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Nathan Amanuel (3.4 ppg.), SR Jason Anigbo (4.6 ppg.), SR Branden de Groot, SR Derek Gunn, SR Justin Moon, SR Ayden Rivera, JR Lotanna Ene, JR Aditya Suresh

TOP VARSITY NEWCOMERS: JR Tim Huang, SO Ethan Reyes, SO Jagger Uy, FR Alexander Archer

Long time co-head coach Jonathan Watanabe has never had 13 returning players in any year until now. Because of that, the Dons not only should improve on their record of last season, but give Suburban League defending champion Mayfair High a run for its money for the top spot. Last season, Cerritos had to figure out how to stay near the top after graduating five senior starters from the previous season. This season, all five starters will be seniors.

"Last year was not, I would say, maybe as we planned," Watanabe said. "But we knew it was going to be rough. We had a newer group coming in, we knew we were going to take our lumps early and I thought we did okay. We were able to kind of turn the corner at the end of December and into league. I thought we played our best basketball going into the first round of league. We're hoping that this year we can kind of build and keep that growth going forward the whole year as opposed to having our peak somewhere in early January."

Watanabe says his team is a more balanced team this year and because of the balance and the experience, if the Dons play the right way and share the ball, they can be really good. The guys understand what they need to do. It's just a matter of getting it done on a consistent basis.

Look for senior Dorian Harris, who played half the season, to have a breakout campaign. If he can duplicate the league season he had last season, Cerritos will be hard to stop as seniors Destin Flucas and Jyvonnte Moore each combined to average over 30 points a game.

"Dorian Harris is one of our best players; he may be our best player," Watanabe said. "He came over from Gahr last year and had to wait out until January. So, it was a transition that he had to make and he did a great job of coming in and being patient and working his way into the starting lineup. By the end, he was one of our starters and he's been one of our starters the whole time since we started in the spring."

Watanabe says senior Branden de Groot will be the defensive stopper and that 'he's a monster on defense' while senior Derek Gunn will give the team offense off the bench, Senior Nathan Amanuel will give the team good play in all different kinds of categories and on most teams, he would be a starter. Senior Jason Anigbo and junior

Lotanna Ene will hold down the fort in size when Moore is out.

Freshman Alexander Archer is the biggest addition with super talent and will be 'amazing for us next year', according to Watanabe. He's even projected to be a Division 1 basketball player.

"It's definitely going to be different," Watanabe said. "We're just used to having all of December just to prep for league. It's good for us in our standpoint having a team with 13 returners and 11 seniors to give us some leadership."

Despite many predicting Mayfair to repeat as league champions, Cerritos is not ready to subscribe to that thought. If anything, the Dons want to go out as league champs in their final season in the Suburban League.

"We're playing for [league] championship; we're not playing for second," Watanabe said. "We've been there, we've done that. We're trying to win the whole thing and I don't care which league we're in. One of our goals is to be a league championship team. We're going to try to be a CIF championship team. We're going to try to be a state championship team. Those are three of our goals every single year."

GAHR GLADIATORS

18-10 overall last season, 9-1 in the San Gabriel Valley League, co-league champions, lost to Los Alamitos 63-61 in the Division 1AA second round playoffs

Head coach:

Ricky Roper (eighth season, 132-75)

Team's record

previous five seasons: 89-55

Last time missed the playoffs: 1997

STARTERS LOST: Marvin Bragg (19.5 points per game last season), Tony Crosby (8.7 ppg.), Julio Maldonado (3.9 ppg.), SR Gary Williams (12.9 ppg.)

STARTERS RETURNING: SR Jarrel King (6.7 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Justan Lucas, SR Seth Shaw, SR Jonathan Sims, SO Amir Kirkwood

TOP VARSITY NEWCOMERS: JR Isaiiah Knowles (transfer from Servite High), JR Justin Stephens, SO Jaren Johnson (transfer from Bellflower High)

This has the makings for an unusual, but interesting season for the Gladiators. Head coach Ricky Roper returns for seniors and a sophomore who spent time with the junior varsity and varsity squads last season. Still, Gahr earned a first round bye in the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division 1AA playoffs.

"It was a good year," Roper said. "We won a league title, we played a really, really tough schedule, played in the Pac Shores Tournament. Our non-league [schedule] was really tough. So, we were probably a 20-win team. We went out a little earlier in the playoffs than we would have liked. But, we were in Division 1AA."

Roper considered playoff loss to Los Alamitos to a semifinal game in another division with a semifinal atmosphere and said there were 20 teams that could have won the division. Gahr will be in Division 1A this season.

"To have a good program, you have to get out and compete against the best," Roper said. "That's what we try to do year in and year out."

Gahr will have to find a way to replace someone of the caliber of Marvin Bragg, who led the team in scoring last season. In fact, several players will have to step up their game as senior Jarrel King is the only player with significant scoring totals from last season.

"Marvin was special," Roper said. "He was on varsity for four years, started for

three, we won a league title two out of the three years Marvin was here, made a run to the CIF finals his sophomore year, we were on the [CIF] Open [Division] watch every year he was here. So, his career is probably as good as any career of anybody who has played at Gahr. He played in a Honda Center game, got a Division 1 scholarship [at American University], was league player of the year."

Roper says the success of this season has to be a collective effort. The team was good defensively in the summer and in the fall. Offensively, whoever is open is going to have to take the shot. Roper says the team is still trying to find themselves and calls this a new era of Gahr basketball. This could be a group in February that's a lot better than in November and he compares this team to the 2015 team which peaked late

"It's a pretty new journey," Roper said. "We have kind of a blend of a few veterans and we have a lot of new young guys."

Gahr will be tested once again as it always is and began the season this past Monday in the competitive Pacific Shires Tournament at Redondo High. When it gets time for San Gabriel Valley League action, everyone will be looking up at Dominguez High.

"Dominguez has everybody back from last year; that's who we tied with for league," Roper said. "They have all five starters back. They also have a kid named Keith Carlton, who was the M.V.P. of the league two years ago at Lynwood. So, they've kind of been building that group for four years. It's kind of their year and I think everybody else is kind of battling for second."

JOHN GLENN EAGLES

1-24 overall last season, 0-12 in the Suburban League, seventh place

Head coach:

Ruben Guerrero (second season, 1-24)

Team's record

previous five seasons: 11-116

Last time made the playoffs: 2014

STARTERS LOST: Lucas Aguirre (3.2 points per game last season), Hugo Anguiano (14.5 ppg. In 21 games), Sean Espineda (1.9), Cruz Gomez (12.2 ppg.)

STARTERS RETURNING: JR Chris Lujan (4.0 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Juan Jimenez, SR Willie Keith, SR Chris Murray (6.5 ppg. In 13 games)

TOP VARSITY NEWCOMERS: SR Peter Punsalan (transfer from La Mirada High), SO Hatem Alawad (transfer from California High)

It was another long season for John Glenn High and new head coach Ruben Guerrero was caught in the middle of it. The program has struggled longer than any other program in the Suburban League, mostly because the players keep on holding to bad habits from previous coaching staffs instead of adjusting to the present. Despite one win, Guerrero said the positive that came out of last season were they were more competitive than the previous seasons and the boys showed the lower levels how much work is involved to being a competitive program and that they have a foundation they could depend on.

The lone starter coming back is junior Chris Lujan, but that's not a challenge to Guerrero because he was able to have a full offseason preparing the program for this season. Three other players return but Guerrero isn't worried.

"It puts us in a better position," he said. "We weeded out the hard workers from those that go through the motions. Willie Keith is going into his senior year and has developed maturity which helped with his leadership for the team. He brings a posi-

tive voice to the team. Chris Murray is another one of our student-athletes that brings a positive vibe to the program.”

Guerrero also said senior Juan Jimenez has been working on the nuances of his game and has developed into a decent jumper and improved in the post.

Glenn hopes to be competitive in its final season in the Suburban League and Guerrero is hoping his team can notch a few league wins.

“My outlook for this season is simple; be better than last year and be better than yesterday,” Guerrero said. “I expect us to be competitive, finish games and make an honest run for a playoff spot. We have a group that is very coachable and want to help us change the stigma the boys program carries. We know what people think of our program. With knowing that, we are using that as motivation. I’m looking for an all-around improvement in attitude, confidence and culture.”

NORWALK LANCERS

11-15 overall last season, 5-7 in the Suburban League, fifth place
Head coach: Brent Campanelli (second season, 11-15)
Team’s record previous five seasons: 60-76
Last time made the playoffs: 2016

STARTERS LOST: David Balderas (9.7 points per game last season), Desmond Johnlouis (12.5 ppg.), Jacob Molina (8.2 ppg.), Jordan Volpei (11.4 ppg.)

STARTERS RETURNING: SR Cris Cecenas (3.2 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Richard Lozano, SR Jimmy Molina, SR Justin Schultheis

TOP VARSITY NEWCOMERS: JR Tyrese Allen, JR Andrew Beeson, JR Mark Gonzalez-Carrasco, JR Daniel Marcial, JR Kobe Nevarez, SO Armando Castellanos, SO Christopher Herrera, SO Pablo Juarez, SO Julian Lomeli

It was a very trying season for head coach Brett Campanelli, who came over from Sunny Hills High but struggled in his first season with the Lancers. He said he came in with a new philosophy that it was difficult for the guys to grasp that. Once the team figured it out, it was too late. Had some success at the end of the season, though.

“It’s not what we had hoped for,” Campanelli said of last season. “But we tempered our expectations. I thought we had a pretty good class last year and it would have been nice to have a summer with them and even another whole year. But, it was what it was. So, we turned the page on that and we’re ready to go this year.”

It may be another long season for Norwalk with one returning starter, senior Cris Cecenas, and three other returning players. Needless to say, everyone, even the newcomers to the team, will have to improve

much more. Of the newcomers, Campanelli said sophomore Christopher Herrera will get a lot of minutes.

“Having Cris return as a starter, I think, is big for us just because he’s sort of the emotional leader,” Campanelli said. “He’s the vocal leader and he was trying to play that role last year. So, he’s going to keep doing that for us this year.”

Norwalk has been known to pull off a surprise here and there in league play. If that’s the case this season, then the Lancers could find themselves in fourth place and maybe even third.

“I knew coming from North Orange County, which has good basketball, that this is a tough league for sure with the Mayfair’s, the La Mirada’s and the Cerritos,” Campanelli said. “Those are probably the three top teams that we’re looking at. Returning Josh Christopher as the league M.V.P., what are you going to do with that? But definitely, the Suburban League is everything I thought it would be.”

VALLEY CHRISTIAN CRUSADERS

15-14 overall last season, 3-5 in the Olympic League, tied for third place, lost to Rancho Christian 65-45 in the Division 2A second round playoffs
Head coach: Bryan Branderhorst (12th season, 171-138)
Team’s record previous five seasons: 75-72
Last time missed the playoffs: 2011

STARTERS LOST: SO Gorden Boykins (9.3 points per game last season), Johnny Johnson (10.4 ppg), Aaron Purnell (15.1 ppg.)

STARTERS RETURNING: SR Jacob Green (4.8 ppg.), SR Julio Martinez

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Brandon Krikke, SR Trevor LaParl, SR Chris Woodard, SR Garret Williams, SR Kyle Williams

TOP VARSITY NEWCOMERS: SR Brandon Marion, JR Christian Bozanic, SO Nick Lamb

Another team that had high aspirations of performing better than it did, and lost a lot of scoring due to graduation or other reasons, was Valley Christian. Was finishing a game above .500 what head coach Bryan Branderhorst expected?

“Heading into the season, I try not to put a whole lot of expectations on win totals,” Branderhorst said. “You just never know what’s going to happen. You have a season like last year where it seems like we’re starting to build towards something really good. We beat number one ranked Heritage Christian at home, right after getting our football players’ feet wet in a groove, right after getting Julio [Martinez] eligible off a transfer, then in that very game, Jalen [Hines] breaks his finger and never plays really again. Shortly thereafter, Julio sprains his ankle bad and never plays

again.”

He added that margins are really thin and there a lot of good basketball teams and a lot of good coaches and programs everywhere. There is not one easy win in our league, never ever, he continued, and being in Division 2 makes it difficult as well.

“We certainly lost a lot of productivity as far as putting points on the board from those guys,” Branderhorst said. “Aaron is doing well in college and is playing early and Johnny as well. We miss them but we’re proud of them. I guarantee you guys are ready to take up the slack and are excited to prove they can play too.”

Even though senior Jacob Green returns as the team’s leading scorer with less than five points a game, Branderhorst says the Crusaders will have a good amount of depth, a lot of balance and will maybe be one of the best passing teams he has ever had. He is quick to point out that a lot of people will be taken by surprise by senior Brandon Krikke, who had an excellent off-season. Senior Trevor LaParl is playing with a lot more confidence and seems to be more free and less nervous. One thing to notice about the 2017-2018 V.C. squad is that there are only 10 players, but not to worry.

“No, it’s not a concern at all,” Branderhorst said. “In fact, it’s kind of fun. I don’t have to worry about finding minutes for them. We have 10 guys who are all going to play in the rotation as long as everybody is healthy and under normal circumstances, everyone is going to play significant minutes every game.”

Branderhorst concludes by saying that the Olympic League is a little bit mysterious because Village Christian High had a coaching change and everyone from last season’s team is gone either by graduation or transfer. Heritage Christian High graduated a lot as well.

WHITNEY WILDCATS

12-17 overall last season, 3-9 in the Academy League (includes two forfeit losses), fifth place
Head coach: Wade Morris (second season, 12-17)
Team’s record previous five seasons: 51-74
Last time made the playoffs: 2015

STARTERS LOST: Ben Barnett (5.0 points per game last season), Peter Kang (6.3 ppg.)

STARTERS RETURNING: SR Heaven Flores (13.2 ppg.), SR Adi Jahic (6.2 ppg.), SR Daniel Sou (5.0 ppg.)

OTHERS RETURNING: SR Jonan Baladajay, SR Victor Chiang, JR Joshua Chung, JR Kamron Ortiz, JR Timothy Reyes

TOP VARSITY NEWCOMERS: FR Adetokunbo Adeleye, FR Ivan Bacamack

A late season surge to get into the playoffs was nullified by two forfeit losses as a

result to some scheduling issues. It ended what would have been the season head coach Wade Morris was looking for. Even though Whitney High finished what would have been fourth place, Morris was caught off guard just a bit by what the Academy League was all about.

“I didn’t know how tough the league would be,” Morris said. “So, the top three teams are really the top three teams. I didn’t expect that. I expected to win more than three games in league, of course. By the end of the season, they seemed to get it. They got what I was saying, they understood what I was saying. Unfortunately, my best players were all hurt; broken down at 70 percent. So, I’m dissatisfied [with last season].”

The biggest change this season for the ‘Cats, according to Morris, is that he has some warriors. Most of the guys he has will fight and it begins with his returning starters-seniors Heaven Flores, Adi Jahic and Daniel Sou. The scoring figures to me vastly improved out of those three, along with senior Jonan Baladajay, who he considers his best player who ‘does it all’ and says that he’s not a good athlete, but an exceptional athlete. He just came back from knee surgery where doctors said he would be out until December.

“Daniel is a pure shooter,” Morris said. “But he wants to play defense. He can be one of the best defensive guys in the league. Adi got better; Adi is a better player than he was last year. So, he’s going to have a good year. Heaven is a better player than he was last year.”

Morris says his five seniors are the best players on the team but won’t start all of them. Junior Joshua Chung will be a back-up point guard, junior Timothy Reyes is an exceptional shooter from three-point range and junior Kamron Ortiz is the second-best athlete, he added.

The one thing the Wildcats must overcome is the confidence that they can win every game. If they can do that, then Whitney should finish in fourth place since cracking the top three is nearly impossible. This will also be the final season of the Academy League.

“If they thought that the team they were facing was good, they didn’t come out to win,” Morris said. “They went out to survive. If they thought that the team they were facing was bad, they came out to win. That was the mentality. What they would always ask me was this, ‘are they good?’ The mentality last year was a losing mentality.

“A lot of people are telling me that it’s going to be my worst season,” Morris later added. “I think it’s going to be my best season. I think it’s going to be much better than last year. All we have to do is stick together and play hard. That’s it. If we play defense, we’re going to be fine.”

Norwalk Senior Center

December Events

All events are FREE, open to seniors 50 years of age or older, unless indicated, and take place at the Norwalk Senior Center, located at 14040 San Antonio Drive. Please call (562) 929-5580 for event registration or more information.

In-Home Supportive Services Help Desk

On Friday, December 1 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., staff from Personal Assistance Services Council of L.A. will provide information and answer questions about In Home Supportive Services (IHSS). IHSS helps recipients pay for residential assisted care so they can live independently in their home. Medi-Cal recipients who are 65 years of age or older, or legally blind, or disabled

adults qualify.

Basics of Medicare/Medical Coverage Seminar

For seniors with both Medicare and Medical coverage, it can be confusing determining what kind of coverage is available under each program. This seminar on Tuesday, December 5 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. will provide seniors with basic information about both of these programs and coverage available in each.

HICAP

On Wednesday, December 6, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program will offer community education, counseling and advocacy on Medicare and related health insurance issues. An appointment is required.

CalFresh Outreach Assistance

Individuals 65 years of age or older can qualify for CalFresh benefits, which

help put healthy, nutritious food on the table each month. A CalFresh representative will be available on Monday, December 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to provide qualification information and application assistance. Limited to the first 20 people. (SSI/SSP recipients do not qualify for CalFresh)

Laughter Therapy Seminar

Laughter is the best medicine! It is common knowledge that having a sense of humor is an effective and healthy way of dealing with a variety of situations. The seminar will teach seniors how to use laughter to cope with stress. Seniors will have the opportunity to apply techniques through active participation. The seminar will be offered on Tuesday, December 12 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Anxiety and Stress Seminar

A large percentage of the U.S. population experience anxiety and stress at

one point. However, these emotions can be very difficult for some to manage. On Wednesday, December 13 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., learn the roots of anxiety and stress, how they can affect you physically, and more importantly, how to cope with them.

Blood Pressure Screening

Pioneer Medical Group will provide this monthly health screening to seniors on Thursday, December 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Screenings are performed by licensed/certified medical staff, with results discussed afterward.

Bereavement Support Group

This group, led by a trained mental health professional from Telecare Corporation in Norwalk, provides participants experiencing the loss of a spouse, family member or friend the opportunity to share their experience in a safe and supportive environment. Meets every Friday in December, from 10 to 11 a.m.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

TERRY L. EWING
 CASE NO. 17STPB08922
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of TERRY L. EWING.
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KEVEN PAINE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KEVEN PAINE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
 A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/08/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
 Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
 YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
 Escrow No. L- 035959-JB
 (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: ABC WABA INC, 15794 BELLFLOWER BLVD, #A, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
 (3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:
 (4) The name and business address of the Buyer(s) are: MOREWABA, INC, 13714 PALM STREET, CERRITOS CA 90703
 (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURE, EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE of that certain business located at: 15794 BELLFLOWER BLVD., #A, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
 (6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: WABA GRILL #63
 (7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is DECEMBER 13, 2017, at the office of TOWER ESCROW INC, 3600 WILSHIRE BLVD, #426, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010, Escrow No. L-035959-JB, Escrow Officer: JULIE BAHANG
 (8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.
 (9) The last date for filing claims is: DECEMBER 12, 2017
 (10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
 (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: NOVEMBER 13, 2017
 TRANSFEREES: MOREWABA INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROGER JOSEPH MAZER aka ROGER J. MAZER

Case No. 17STPB08970
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROGER JOSEPH MAZER aka ROGER J. MAZER
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Alan Scott Mazer in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Alan Scott Mazer be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
 THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
 A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 14, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
 Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as pro-vided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WILFREDO C. RONQUILLO

Case No. 17STPB07295
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate of WILFREDO C. RONQUILLO
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jonathan Yong in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Merope Ronquillo be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
 A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 19, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 99 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
 Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as pro-vided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 The following person is doing business as ICON TILE 1300 E. FIRESTONE BLVD., SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670. The following business is conducted as A CORPORATION registrant's name and location is TRS TILE, INC., 1781 S CAMPTON AVE. ANAHEIM CA 92805. The company has begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 6/1/17.
 /S/ MEHMET AKTAS
 The statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 10/10/17
 NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see section 14400et seq. Business and Profession Code).
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 The following person is doing business as HAND STONE MASSAGE AND FACIAL SPA, 13247 SOUTH STREET, CERRITOS, CA., 90703. The following business is conducted as A CORPORATION registrant's name and location is JRM WELLNESS 4652 AMBERWOOD AVE, LA PALMA CA., 90623. The company has not begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein N/A.
 /S/ RAYMOND FAS
 The statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 10/6/17
 NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see section 14400et seq. Business and Profession Code).
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**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF INVITING SEALED BIDS
 FOR THE
 SKATE PARK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT CLARKDALE PARK**

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

SEALED BIDS DUE: Wednesday, December 20, 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 the Skate Park Construction Project at Clarkdale 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, December 20, 2017** at which time they will be publicly opened.

This project will include removal of existing concrete paving, reconstruction of tubular steel fencing, construction of new concrete paving, furnishing and installing skate park equipment, removing furnishings and installing porous rubberized playground surfacing at three (3) parks as shown on plans and restoration of existing landscaping and irrigation system.

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 \$25 nonrefundable fee, if picked up, or payment of a \$40 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 HAWAIIAN GARDENS
 NOTICE OF SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE
 (ORDINANCE NO. 574)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Hawaiian Gardens introduced Ordinance No. 574 on November 14, 2017, and will conduct a second reading and adoption on December 12, 2017. The proposed ordinance is entitled and summarized as follows:

SUMMARY: ORDINANCE NO. 574

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 12.19 TO TITLE 12 (STREETS AND OTHER PLACES) OF THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF CITY TREES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY.

On December 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hawaiian Gardens will consider second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 574, enacting a City Tree Ordinance.

The Tree Ordinance has been developed to establish responsibility, policies, standards, and regulations necessary to ensure that City Trees are maintained in a safe and healthy condition through professionally accepted arboricultural standards. It is the intent of the City to select, situate, and maintain City Trees appropriately to maximize benefits and minimize hazards, nuisances, or damage, in an effort to promote a healthy environment and ultimately beautify the City. Additionally, Ordinance No. 574 establishes a comprehensive Urban Forest Management Plan will be produced to govern the long-term management of City Trees, which will include all regulating information for the City's trees within the public right of way.

A copy of proposed Ordinance No. 574, is on file with the City Clerk and available for public review at City Hall, 21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716, and is attached to the Staff report for the Council meeting at which it was introduced on November 14, 2017, which is posted at the City's website at <http://www.hgcity.org>.

For additional information, contact the City at (562) 420-2641.

Lucie Colombo
 Acting City Clerk

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