



## NORWALK HIGH FOOTBALL STAR PENNY CLOSING ANOTHER CHAPTER IN PLAYING CAREER

By Loren Kopff  
Sports Editor

It's not quite known if Rashaad Penny ever set any rushing records at Norwalk High, since those records at most high schools tend to be missing or inaccurate half the time. But Penny will leave San Diego State University with a handful of records and accolades as the Aztecs prepare to play Army in the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl on Dec. 23 in Fort Worth, TX.

It will mark the final time Penny will suit up in an Aztec uniform. After that,

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## FOUR YEARS RUNNING : GAHR HIGH SCHOOL BAND WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



The Gahr HS Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and Color Guard, with Band director Darren Loney, far right. The 120 student band is recognized as a leader among high schools. The band recently participated in Disney's Holiday Main Street Parade. Photo courtesy Gahr High.

By Tammye McDuff

For the fourth consecutive year the Gahr High School Marching Band has won California State Band Championships State Finals receiving a score of 93.6 and also winning Division 5A Champions.

"It really blew a lot of people away, the first year we won" said Band director Darren Loney, "The philosophy I have tried to instill in everyone is this: 'It's not all about winning. Our core philosophy is to just be better than the day before'. It is about competing against ourselves."

A Cal State Long Beach graduate, Loney majored in music but never thought about teaching, "This is my fifth year at Gahr High School, and ninth year teaching. Although I never really thought about teaching as a career, now – I can't see myself doing anything else."

The last competition or field show that the band had participated in, other

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## LA PALMA TO APPOINT NEW COUNCILMEMBER

By Brian Hews

Last week, HMG-CN reported that La Palma City Council Member Steve Hwangbo resigned from his position on citing personal reasons.

HMG-CN learned that Hwangbo's resignation was due to health reasons.

Council Member Hwangbo had been an active member of the community for many years, served in Neighborhood Watch and volunteered endless hours at the Oxford Academy.

Hwangbo also was a member of the Community Activities and Beautification Committee (CAB) in 2006. He has been a City Council member for the past seven years and served as Mayor in 2012-2013.

La Palma Mayor Michele Steggell stated, "As a member of the La Palma City Council, Steve Hwangbo assisted in bringing businesses such as Super 1 Mart and CJ Foods. We appreciate his service to the community and wish him well in the future."

This past week, the City Council voted to appoint a member to fill the vacated City Council seat previously held by Steve Hwangbo. The position will serve until the next General Election on November 6, 2018.

With less than a year left in the term,

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## ABC BOARD REORGANIZES, SWEARS IN NEW MEMBERS



Pictured (l-r) Board President Soo Yoo, Board Member Ernie Nishii, Clerk of the Board Dr. Olga Rios, and Board Vice President Leticia Mendoza. In a surprise move, Dr. Rios was voted in as Clerk of the Board, bypassing Sophia Tse. PHOTO BY LOU DELGADO.

By Brian Hews

The ABC School Board held its annual re-organization this past Wednesday, highlighted by the swearing in of new board members Ernie Nishii and Dr. Olga Rios.

Nishii won the hotly contested trustee area three beating incumbent Lynda Johnson, while Dr. Rios beat her opponent in trustee area six.

Outgoing Board President Chris Apodaca was also honored by the board with a plaque and commendations.

As has been the case in the past, there was some controversy when the board began voting for President, Vice President, and Clerk of the Board.

There had been some rumblings of a change, with Board Member Maynard

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## ARTESIA AWARDS CONTRACT FOR PIONEER BLVD. RESTORATION

By Brian Hews

The Artesia City Council approved the contract between the City and Excel Paving in the amount of \$74,297 for the restoration of Pioneer Boulevard between 183rd St. to just north of 186th St. taking the popular street from two lanes back to four lanes.

The plan to turn Pioneer Blvd. into a shopping and pedestrian destination called Pioneer Promenade is officially on life-support.

The original project was to be completed in four stages. The first two stages extended the sidewalks, planted trees and installed furniture. The final phases were the construction of a pedestrian median that would house several dining options in a pedestrian friendly space.

The Council, which had voted 5-0 for the project, hoped that these additions and improvements would bring more people into the city and enhance the various events and street fairs, while bringing in much needed revenue.

In 2016, a ribbon cutting welcomed the modernization of the streetscape. Then-Mayor Victor Manalo stated, "the Council and I are all in one accord when

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# ST. JOHN BOSCO BUILDING A FIELD OF DREAMS

By Tammye McDuff

New Athletic Field Groundbreaking was held November 2017 at St. John Bosco High School on the construction of their new Braves Stadium.

The project, funded entirely by private donations, is expected to be completed by July 2018. With a capacity of 4000, the new field will be used for football, soccer and lacrosse contests, as well as for school-wide events. The construction of Braves Stadium represents the next phase in Bosco's plan to be Los Angeles's premier Catholic high school. For info about St. John Bosco visit [www.bosco.org](http://www.bosco.org).

Don Bosco's vision established that the virtues of faith, knowledge, leadership and citizen create the conditions for success among the young. St. John Bosco High School is committed to forming young men of purpose and honest citizens. To form the "The Bosco Man", the curriculum seeks to empower students with the skills, strength, values and faith to meet the challenges presented by a new era. Young men must be prepared for the academic rigors of college and the opportunities of a professional career. In addition, they must be formed into a faith-



Pictured (l-r) David Wehrly '79, Bill Goodman, SJB President Dennis Mulhaupt, Carla Sanchez, Head Football Coach Jason Negro '91, Michelle and John Katnik, Chairman of the Board John H. Kelleher, Jr. '97, Kari Burke-Winget, Lead Donor Brian Panish '75, Mayor Ron Schnablegger and Fr. Ted Montemayor, SDB, Provincial of the Western Province of the Salesian Order.

driven leader of service for his family and his community. Only then will The Bosco Man be truly whole and ready for life. Upon graduation, The Bosco Man will be an outstanding product of the Salesian educative model, advancing the legacy of the Bosco Brotherhood and Catholic Salesianity for generations to come.

David Wehrly '79, Bill Goodman, SJB

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# TEXT-TO-9-1-1 OPTION AVAILABLE AT CERRITOS & LAKEWOOD SHERIFF'S, & DOWNEY PD

By Tammye McDuff

"Call if you can, text if you can't" was the opening statement and tag line of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department [LASD], when the public announcement was made on December 1, 2017.

LASD is participating with Cal OES and multiple agencies across the southland to announce the ability to Text-to-9-1-1. In a joint effort to assist the Hearing and Speech Impaired as well as those who are in a situation where it is too dangerous to dial 9-1-1, the LASD has collaborated with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services [Cal OES], Los Angeles Police Department, and California Highway Patrol's Southern Division in an announcement that 77 local Los Angeles County law enforcement agencies and fire agencies dispatchers will be equipped to receive and respond to mobile phone SMS Text-to-9-1-1 messages.

According to the Federal Communi-

cations Commission [FCC] website, the ability to send a text message to reach 911 in an emergency situation could save lives. The Text-to-911 is currently only available in certain locations; however the Cerritos and Lakewood stations do have the option as well as the Downey Police Department.

The FCC encourages emergency call centers to begin accepting texts as text providers develop text-to-911 capability, but it is up to each call center to decide the particular method in which to implement and deploy text-to-911 technology.

If you attempt to send a text to 911 where the service is not yet available, FCC rules require all wireless carriers and other text messaging providers to send an automatic "bounce-back" message that will advise you to contact emergency services by another means, such as making a voice call or using telecommunications relay service. These messages are intended to minimize your risk of mistakenly believing that a text to



911 has been transmitted to an emergency call center.

"Call if you can - text if you can't" is an important slogan and the latest technological addition for the state. The SMS Text-to-9-1-1 service will be available for use by the deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech impaired citizens and in any situation where making a 9-1-1 call cannot be done.

To check to see if the 911 call center in your area supports text-to-911, the FCC has a list of supporting areas which is updated monthly.



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# LAKEWOOD'S 4TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

By Tammye McDuff

Thousands of Lakewood residents came out Thursday, November 30th, to enjoy the City's 4th Annual Tree Lighting at The Centre at Sycamore Plaza. "We appreciate the generous support of our sponsors and community partners who helped make this wonderful event so successful," said Mayor Diane DuBois.

You can enjoy the tree each night through December 31st between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. at the plaza.

Dickens carolers provided a festive seasonal assortment of vocal melodies. And of course the big highlight was the arrival of Santa Claus who listened to children's requests and posed for photos throughout the evening.

The Centre at Sycamore Plaza is located at 5000 Clark Avenue.



Pictured (l-r) Council Members Jeff Wood and Todd Rogers, Mayor Diane DuBois, Council Member Ron Piazza and Vice Mayor Steve Croft.



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December 7, 2017

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**The climate across our country has changed!** Regrettably, serving your interest has become more challenging as the current national climate has become strained given the issue and discussions of workplace environments. Along with the tense climate has come a series of accusations and revelations regarding the behavior of some Legislators. A number of these accusations are unsubstantiated and arise years after the incidents allegedly occurred, causing some to jump to conclusions without the benefit of a complete and thorough investigation. Unfortunately, I have been the subject of such claims regarding my tenure while representing your interests. It is most unfortunate that some media have looked to capitalize on the national climate and chosen to generate news that is controversial in order to gain rating shares allowing them to sell expensive time to advertisers.

**I recently became the subject of vague allegations.** In my case, I first heard from the media that a terminated employee made an allegation against me during a routine exit interview. I immediately contacted the Senate Rules Committee (the Senate's Human Resources department) seeking information and guidance. The Rules Committee directed me, verbally and in writing, to refer all media inquiries to its staff as it was a personnel matter. My inability to respond has allowed innuendo, smears, and the settling of political scores to play out in the media while I am constrained by the Rules Committee restrictions. I was pleased to learn that the Senate has recognized that the current process is broken and needs to be fixed immediately.

**I am hopeful that the recent allegations will be addressed fairly and transparently.** The Senate Rules Committee announced recently that it will install a new, independent outside legal team to handle all employee concerns. Fairness and due process is all that I ask. It is the pillar of our American system and I am confident that a fair process will reveal that the allegations are baseless.

**In the meantime, I continue to be fully committed to serving you** by ensuring the same level of quality service you have come to expect and that I have always provided you, your families and your neighbors.

**Finally, I would like to take this time to wish you and your family the best for a safe and joyous holiday season.** Here's wishing you all the joys and wonders of the holiday season and may this festive season fill your life with bright and precious moments...and bring you lots of blessed and wonderful surprises.

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## CITY'S PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM HELPS MAINTAIN STREETS

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In addition to the funds set aside in the 2017-2018 budget for street repairs, this year the City anticipates receiving approximately \$346,500 in revenue from the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1), which seeks to help maintain and improve the state's transportation infrastructure. The City is utilizing its Pavement Management System to determine which projects are the highest priority and most cost-effective to make use of SB 1 funds received.

## ROTARY BUYS GIFTS FOR LA MIRADA CHILDREN



**LA MIRADA ROTARY HELPS KIDS – Numerous community volunteers came together to support La Mirada Rotary's annual "Clothes for Kids" event recently at Marshalls Department Store.**

By Tom Robinson

Some 40 La Mirada children shopped with Rotarians and other volunteers at a "Clothes for Kids" holiday event sponsored by the Rotary Club of La Mirada at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at Marshalls Department Store,

The children, who attend local schools in La Mirada, received new clothing from lists provided by their parents of needed items such as jackets, sweaters, pants, shoes and socks. Dozens of community volunteers, including Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies, Firefighters, La Mirada High School students, and representatives of local businesses, were on hand to assist the children with their shopping.

Rotary contributed more than \$5,000 to the "Clothes for Kids" shopping event. Donations from individuals in the community

were also received. Contributions of \$150 to the "Clothes for Kids" project were sufficient to sponsor a child.

After the shopping, the children were transported by bus to the La Mirada Activity Center to sing Christmas carols, meet Santa Claus, enjoy a snack donated by Chick-fil-A in La Habra, and receive a wrapped toy gift. Students then returned to school.

The "Clothes for Kids" shopping event honors the memory of local businesswoman Eileen Wade, who championed Rotary's efforts to help children for many years.

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.

This year's SB 1 funds will go toward the resurfacing of Shoemaker Avenue between Artesia Boulevard and 166th Street. The project, which has been completed, provided a new surface on Shoemaker Avenue and included the replacement of deficient sidewalks, curbs, gutters and disabled access ramps. The project also replaced existing traffic loops, adjusted manhole and water valves to grade and installed thermoplastic traffic striping.

The City Council recently awarded a contract to update its Pavement Management System, which is a mandatory prerequisite for obtaining most state and federal funding for infrastructure maintenance. The update also will allow the City to continue to provide the most cost-effective analysis of its streets. The last update was completed in 2012.

The City places a very high priority on maintaining its streets infrastructure, and will continue to make street enhancements to improve the quality of life for its residents and businesses. An annual influx of SB 1 funds will help the City increase the overall quality of its roads in the future.

The City encourages residents and business owners to report any potholes or damaged streets, curbs, sidewalks, medians or gutters in public right-of-way areas by calling the City's Maintenance Division at (562) 407-2632, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Reports can also be made through the City's GoRequest app by downloading the application to a mobile device or visiting the City's website at [cerritos.us/residents/go\\_request.php](http://cerritos.us/residents/go_request.php). A maintenance worker will visit the reported site and arrange for appropriate repairs to be made as soon as possible.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ceremony & Youth Contests Planned

In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the City of Cerritos will host a special ceremony on Monday, January 15 at 10 a.m. in the Sierra Room of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). The public is invited to attend this free event, which will include remarks by the Cerritos City Council and community involvement through songs and comments.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Cerritos Library is sponsoring art and writing contests for students. The art contest is open to students in K-12. Participants may submit one art entry, no larger than 12" x 18," using any drawing or painting materials.

The writing contest is open to students in grades 7-12. Participants may submit one writing entry, which may be a poem or an essay with no more than 300 words, preferably typed on letter-size paper.

All art and writing contest entries should represent the theme of "Love & Forgiveness." Contest entry forms are available at the Cerritos Library and on the City's website at [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us). Completed art and writing entries must be dropped off at the Cerritos Library's Children's Help Desk by 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2. After judging, selected entries will be displayed at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony.

For more information, call the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101.

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# Downey Resident and Cerritos' Sprouts Manager Wins Mayor's Award for Best Decorated Home



Downey resident and Cerritos Sprouts Manager Mike Boyd receives the coveted Mayors Award for Best Overall Holiday Home from Downey Mayor Vasquez. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

By Tammye McDuff

The City of Downey held their 10th annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Home Awards, Monday evening, December 4, 2017 at City Hall.

Lewis Elementary began the jubilant celebrations with animated renditions of Christmas carols “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year” and “What’s This?”

Downey Girl Scout Troop 17305 wore red and green antlers and had blinking red noses while presenting “Rudolf the Red-Nose Reindeer,” and Downey Ku’uipo ‘O Hula Dancers graceful glided across the stage as they presented two original hula performances.

The Holiday Home Decorating Contest was held for any residents of Downey’s four districts to participate. There were a variety of awards given out for Discover Downey Award; Best New Entry; Best Window Display; Best Religious display; Most Original and then coveted Mayor’s Award.

“Our residents were amazing, and took their time to dress up their homes and yards for the Christmas season,” said Mayor Fernando Vasquez, “We had a great time driving through our streets and seeing firsthand how our citizens keep the holidays alive.”

Winning the Mayors Award was Downey resident Mike Boyd at 10945 Hasty Avenue. It took him three straight days to set up all the lights and figures, the oldest piece in his yard was a handmade statuette of Santa Claus climbing a tree while a dog attacks his back side, “I made this with my Dad about 25 years ago. A few of these pieces were handed down to me from my Father such as the Looney Tunes Sleigh. All the pieces are hand carved by

a jigsaw and hand painted.” Boyd’s most favorite piece is the Motorcycle Santa depicting Mrs Claus holding on for dear life, “I mainly do this for the neighborhood and for my grandkids.” Boyd is a long time resident and Store Manager for the new Sprouts located in Cerritos.

Over 300 entries were submitted to the Parks & Recreation Department this year. Vasquez added, “It was a tough job trying to narrow down the winners. I want to applaud all of our winners for keeping up traditions and making our city really shines for the holidays!”

For a complete list of all the award winners and their addresses, contact the City of Downey Parks & Recreation Department at (562) 904-7238

# HOLIDAY DONATION PROGRAMS OFFERED

This holiday season, residents are invited to donate to local community programs, including "Toys for Tots" and the Salvation Army Angel Giving Tree Program.

The annual "Toys for Tots" program sponsored by the United States Marine Corps in cooperation with the City of Cerritos provides gifts to local underprivileged children. Clubs, families and individuals are encouraged to donate dolls, crafts, toy cars, building blocks, books and other items for infants and children. Possible teen items include notebooks, games, curling irons, blow dryers, books or CDs. New, unwrapped items are requested to help make sorting and delivery more efficient.

Toys for Tots donations can be dropped off through Friday, December 15 in the Toys for Tots bins at Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Library, Heritage Park, Cerritos

Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, Liberty Park, Cerritos Park East, Cerritos Olympic Swim Center and Cerritos Sheriff's Station. Marines stationed in Seal Beach will deliver the toys to agencies serving local children. For more information, call (562) 865-8101.

The Salvation Army Angel Giving Tree Program brightens Christmas for needy children. To participate, pick out one or more tags by Friday, December 8 from the Angel Tree in the Cerritos Senior Center. Each tag (for infants through 12-year-olds) will list the child's age, gender, clothing size and toy request. New clothing and/or a new, unwrapped toy for the child, along with the original tag, should be brought to the Cerritos Senior Center on or before Friday, December 15.

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# CERRITOS HORNETS 8U WIN SCEYFL AAU 'SUPER BOWL'



Pictured is the Cerritos Hornets 8U football team. The 8U won their Western Conference game and advanced to the AAU Super Bowl where they won the championship.

By Brian Hews

Cerritos is home to the 3 year-old Cerritos Hornets Youth Football & Cheer program that belongs to the Southern California Youth Football AAU League, otherwise known as the SCEYFL AAU. Any child of any size in each age category can participate in the full contact sport; all the coaches and support staff are voluntary. The teams practice at the Cerritos Sports Complex during the fall months, and use John Glenn HS during the summer months for practice & home games. This year the league had tremendous success with all teams, ages 6-14, making it to the 2nd round of SCEYFL AAU Playoffs.

The league coaches 4 divisions, 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U. 14U made the 2nd round and lost, 8's, 10's and 12's made the Western Conference Championship but lost that round. The 8U won their Western Conference Championship and advanced to the AAU Super Bowl. The 8U won the Super Bowl capping a perfect 12-0 season. Coach Robert Pahulu, commissioner for the Cerritos Hornets Youth Football and Cheer Program, told HMG-CN, "We are all super proud of our entire league. The kids played real hard and we are looking forward to next season. Thanks to all the coaches and staff who volunteered their time to make this a great season."

# NLMUSD'S GARDENHILL ELEMENTARY EARNS NATIONAL PTA HONOR



Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District's Gardenhill Elementary School was one of only 11 campuses in California that earned national PTA recognition this fall. Board members, administrators, staff and local PTA representatives recently celebrated the award at a special student assembly at the school. Photo Courtesy Gardenhill PTA.

Staff Report

Gardenhill Elementary School has been named a 2017-19 National PTA School of Excellence, the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District announced today. The honor for the Gardenhill campus, a kindergarten-through-fifth-grade school in La Mirada, was in recognition of its partnership work with the community and parents to improve the educational experience and school environment for students. The award also honored accomplishments by the school to create inclusiveness, encourage collaboration, foster communication and help families feel welcome. Gardenhill was one of only 11 schools in California that earned the national award this fall, a distinction that spans two academic years. A total of 132 schools elsewhere across the country also received the award. "This recognition is proof that families are valued and connected to our schools in meaningful ways," said NLMUSD Board of Education President Sean M. Reagan. "It shows that our parents contribute to enriching the educational experience and well-being of students."

Gardenhill earned the award by going through a rigorous planning and improvement process that called for meeting the PTA's national standards for family-school partnerships, which include aspects of shared decision-making, policy creation and civic participation. NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said the district is committed to ensuring that all of its schools instill in families and students a sense of partnership, empowerment and engagement. "Our commitment will help us continue to provide a challenging and rewarding academic experience for all the students in our care," she said. The award from the National Parent Teacher Association, based in Alexandria, Va., was given to the Gardenhill Elementary School PTA, which celebrated the honor at a special student assembly held recently on the campus. "I'm so proud of the parents, teachers and students of Gardenhill," said Norwalk-La Mirada Council of PTAs President Debi Salazar. "Their dedication and tenacity for improving communications and family engagement is definitely present on the campus and they absolutely deserve kudos for achieving such a prestigious award."




## La Mirada Children Encouraged to Send Letters to Santa

La Mirada children can send a letter to Santa Claus this holiday season. Santa Claus enjoys receiving letters from children of all ages. Be sure to include a return address on the letter, because Santa will be sending personalized replies to all letters received by Tuesday, December 19. Special mailboxes are placed at La Mirada City Hall and the Resource Center. Letters can also be sent via mail to: Santa Claus c/o La Mirada Resource Center, 13710 La Mirada Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638

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# ASSEMBLYWOMAN GARCIA HOSTS 'WALK N TALK'

By Larry Caballero  
On Politics

Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia met with her constituents on Dec. 2 for another Cerritos Walk N' Talk event at Heritage Park where she invited the ABC Education Foundation to partner with her. The goal was to assimilate and deliver information about what the Assemblywoman's office and the Foundation do to improve the quality of life of residents.

Garcia's Young Legislators planned to walk door to door to interact with their neighbors and to share the many services, resources and programs offered.

ABC Foundation President Heather Summers thanked Garcia for the opportunity "to share our special programs with everyone, and to share that we have offered more than fifty grants to students. We believe in the motto that all students should be succeeding."

ZIBA Beauty CEO Sumita Batra also received an award by Garcia for Business of the Year in Artesia.

Garcia had returned from Germany where she was asked to speak at a United Nations Conference on climate change.

"I've been MIA in the District for a while, but I'm back to do the work that needs to be done."

Garcia continued, "There is pollution all over the world, even in Cerritos. Eight of the most polluted cities in the country are in California, and two are in my District; they are Bell Gardens and Commerce."

Garcia likes promoting events such as the Walk N' Talks because it gives her and constituents a chance to do some exercise while receiving legislative updates.

Garcia was asked about the sexual misconduct allegations that have roiled Sacramento.

"I am an unapologetic champion on addressing sexual harassment head on," said Garcia.

She is proud of AB 10, the bill she authored, and signed by the Governor, that will provide girls with free menstrual pads in school bathrooms. Many times girls do not attend school during their periods because the family cannot afford to buy pads.

Garcia was also supporting the elimination of a gender specific tax that adversely affects females, but the bill



Congratulating ZIBA Beauty CEO Sumita Batra for being awarded a #58 Pride Award for Business of the Year in Artesia is Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia. PHOTO LOU DELGADO.

didn't pass.

She refers to some parts of her District as a corridor for corruption, beginning with audit irregularities with the Montebello School District. She supported a bill that would allow the State Controller to audit for best practices before the state has to take over because of mismanagement.

Garcia is proud of her There Ought to be a Law Community Bill Idea Contest that is open to all residents of the 58th AD who want to submit an idea for possible legislation. Winners travel to Sacramento to advocate in front of the California State Assembly.

Garcia said her three areas of focus are women, good government and environmental justice. "Every subject is important, of course," said Garcia, "but we also need to choose our priorities."

The 58th AD includes Artesia, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Cerritos, Commerce, Downey, Montebello, Norwalk and Pico Rivera.

# La Mirada Holiday Home Decorating Program

The Holiday Home Decorating Program is officially underway.

Many homes are already beautifully decorated, and there is still time to decorate your home.

Residents are encouraged to decorate their homes and help spread holiday cheer throughout the community.

No application is needed for this program. Every decorated home in La Mirada will be considered for recognition.

Judging for the Holiday Home Decorating program will begin on December 1 through December 12.

Winners will be selected in the categories of Most Original, Best Use of Lights, and Best Holiday Scene. Award winners will receive a holiday ornament.

Winners will be announced on the City's website at cityoflamirada.org.

For additional information on the Holiday Home Decorating program, contact the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2960.



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# PROTECT CITRUS TREES FROM FATAL HLB DISEASE

Staff Report

The City of Cerritos is asking residents to take precautions to protect any citrus trees they own from a fatal disease known as Huanglongbing (HLB), or citrus greening disease.

HLB is not harmful to humans or animals, but it kills citrus trees.

There is no cure for the disease and once infected, trees must be removed to prevent the disease from spreading.

Symptoms of the disease include leaf mottling, yellow shoots, twig dieback and small, hard fruit with a bitter taste.

While researchers are looking for a cure to HLB, currently the best way to protect against the disease is to stop Asian citrus psyllids, the insects that can spread the disease from tree to tree as they feed.

The Citrus Pest & Disease Prevention Program, an initiative funded by California citrus growers and administered by the California Department of Food and

**Agriculture, recommends the following actions:**

- Do not transport citrus trees out of your local area.
- Only purchase citrus trees from local, reputable nurseries.
- Never bring citrus trees or plant cuttings into California from other states or countries.
- Cooperate with agriculture officials working throughout the state to stop the pest and disease.
- Inspect citrus trees regularly for signs of the Asian citrus psyllid and HLB. A complete description of symptoms is available at californiacitrusthreat.org.
- Report symptoms by calling (800) 491-1899 and requesting a free inspection by trained agriculture officials.

HLB has been detected in more than 30 citrus trees in California, all in Los Angeles County. Researchers estimate that at least half of the region's homes have a citrus tree on the property.

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PENNY

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hopefully the National Football League where his older brother Elijah is currently playing for the Arizona Cardinals. Penny wrapped up his regular season, and final home game in America’s Finest City, against the University of New Mexico on Nov. 24, a 35-10 win in which he rushed for 205 yards and scored twice. It marked the fourth straight game that Penny had rushed for at least 200 yards.

“I really thought coming in here, I wanted to be a player that contributed to this offense and do whatever it takes to win,” Penny said. “But playing a key role in this offense is amazing. I can’t thank [junior fullback Nick Bawden] so much, the offensive line and offensive coordinator [Jeff Horton] for putting me in the right situations and doing everything they can to just let me spring free and not just run. But yeah, it’s amazing.”

Penny will enter the Army game with 2,029 rushing yards and 19 touchdowns. His performance against UNM helped SDSU become first NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) school in history to

have back to back 2,000-yard rushers. Last season, Donnel Pumphrey rushed for a single season, school-record 2,133 yards. Penny can break that record with 104 yards against Army.

But it’s not just the rushing yardage that has made Penny’s stock rise over the past two seasons. He is tied for the FBS record with seven career kickoff returns for touchdowns and eight career kick returns for touchdowns. He is currently the school’s fourth all-time leading rusher with 3,437 yards, already has the school record for career all-purpose yards, and kick returns for touchdowns. Penny has the most career Mountain West Conference Player of the Week awards by any SDSU player (nine) and can set the SDSU single season school record of touchdowns with one more against Army.

In fact, over three and a half pages are devoted to him in the SDSU Media Guide, more than any player on this season’s team. Last season, Pumphrey got the bulk of attention as he became the all-time NCAA career rushing leader while Penny was getting noticed for his kick returning skills. This year, the talk around San Diego has been Penny, constantly being on the news or being mentioned and/or interviewed on The Mighty 1090, San



Former Norwalk High and current San Diego State University standout Rashaad Penny is off to the races, picking up some of his 205 yards against the University of New Mexico on Nov. 24. Penny, a senior, leads the Aztecs, and the nation, with 2,029 rushing yards with one more game to play. PHOTO BY ARMANDO VARGAS, contributing photographer.

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“Nothing but greatness,” Penny’s mon Desiree said. “I love watching him play; he’s an awesome runner. That’s my kid. It’s just so much, I just don’t know.

“Nothing but patience,” she continued “Rashaad definitely has patience and D.J. is a good running back. But, it was nothing but patience and just waiting his time.”

“What I know about him, he’s a very talented young man that was raised right by his parents and his family and he’s a good guy,” said SDSU head coach Rocky Long after the UNM game. “Not only he’s a talented player, but he’s a good guy [and a] good teammate. He does well in school. He’s never a problem. And the best thing about anybody on our team is when they’re [a] team’s guy first. I mean, he’s as good as any running back in the country. I don’t care what they say. He’s as good as any of them.”

Long went on to add that Penny doesn’t get the recognition he deserves from the rest of the country because, ‘he is one of us’. Penny was snubbed on Nov. 20 in the voting to be a finalist for the Doak Walker award, which goes out to the nation’s top running back. Penny currently leads the nation in rushing yardage. Then this past Monday afternoon, Penny was snubbed again, not being a finalist for the Heisman Trophy award, which will be presented on Saturday evening.

“It makes me mad,” Bawden said. “It makes me mad for him because I know he won’t get mad about it. But I’ll get mad for him about it. But he deserves [the Doak Walker] award. It’s absurd that he’s not even in the conversation. He deserves that award, or the Heisman.”

“I was just too excited,” Desiree Penny said, when she first heard that her son was being mentioned for the Heisman award. “I first saw it on Twitter; Rashaad didn’t call and say anything. I was like, ‘oh my God, is this Rashaad? Rashaad, why didn’t you call and say you were among the Heisman watch?’ He’s just so quiet and mellow about everything. He doesn’t boast or brag.”

But, all is not lost for the third of

four Penny athletes to come out of Norwalk. He is a finalist for the Walter Camp Award, which goes out to the best collegiate player as voted by FBS head coaches and sports information directors.

The list of school and NCAA records Penny either set or tied, as well as the numerous accolades he has won over the past four seasons is longer than a grocery list. But the interdisciplinary studies major continues to be humble about his achievements while wearing the black and red.

“I can’t do that without great coaching or great guys around you,” Rashaad Penny said. “And honestly, I don’t even look at [the awards] like that because I’m not big on them. I’m in a group of five. I say that every time because it’s true. They’re going to overlook me. It’s just something that you have to deal with.

“I’m always smiling,” he later said. “Even when I fumble, it’s not a good feeling but I smile because you get another play, another opportunity. It’s a turnover but you just can’t look back on things; can’t let things affect you. It’s just all about how you overcome adversity. And that’s what I’ve been taught here with these guys. When I have these great teammates on the side, trust me, I’m always smiling.”

Penny may have been smiling, but he also might have been a bit misty-eyed as he was being introduced as one of the 19 seniors who played their final home game as an Aztec. Penny admitted it was definitely emotional because as an Aztec, you want to stay there forever. But he also said that his time as a collegiate athlete has to end at some point.

“Before the game, I shake all of the seniors’ hands and tell them good luck,” Long said. “After the game, I made him come in the middle of the circle in the locker room and he started us off on what to say after the game. I forgot what he said. It wasn’t earth shattering, but the players, they enjoy when he talks to them.”

“It will be sad because Rashaad really loves his team,” Desiree Penny said. “He really loves his team, he loves his [offensive] line. He loves how they open up holes. It will be sad, but it will also be joyous because he loves playing with his team He never looks at himself as, ‘I did that’. It’s always, ‘we did this’.”

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# CELEBRATE VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT THE HISTORIC BEMBRIDGE HOUSE



The magic of the Bembridge House Victorian Christmas returns again this year. Guests will enjoy touring the lovely 1906, historic Queen Anne home. This year's theme is "Toys & Yuletide Tunes." It was during the reign of Queen Victoria, which began in 1837, that the Holiday traditions that we celebrate today came to be. The house not only showcases Victorian holiday décor, but the creativity of the volunteer decorators from many of Long Beach Historic Districts, Community Groups, and Long Beach Heritage itself.

The traditional daytime event was held on the first Sunday of December, December 3. Besides tours of the House, this family-oriented day included crafts for children in the Carriage House, a visit from Santa, and refreshments. The South Coast Chorale sang carols for everyone to enjoy.

The evening setting demonstrates the Bembridge House yuletide spirit beautifully. You will be dazzled by the sparkle

of the twinkling lights, the glow of the candles, and the shine of the chandeliers. Bring friends so you can celebrate the season together with a cup of holiday wassail.

Additional home tours will be given on Tuesdays, December 12, and 19, and Saturdays December 9, 16, and 30, from 1:30 p.m. to 2: p.m.

As space is limited, reservations are required for the evening tours. Victorian Christmas is open to all, members and guests. Reservations for all of the Victorian Christmas Tours are \$10 per a person. For the family Sunday event, children under 12 are free with an adult and prior reservation, but may be purchased at the door for full price. Tickets can be purchased through PayPal on [www.lbheritage.org](http://www.lbheritage.org).

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# GIRLS SOCCER : CERRITOS DOMINATES GAHR BEHIND STELLAR SET PLAYS, SOLID DEFENSE

By Loren Kopff  
@LorenKopff on Twitter

The Cerritos High girls soccer team didn’t need any help with the Santa Ana winds howling from the east at 23 miles per hour and gusts up to 38 mph at game time when it hosted Gahr High this past Tuesday. The way the Lady Dons were playing, especially in the second half, one goal would have been enough.

But with heavier competition on the horizon over the next week and a half, Cerritos wanted to get as much time in working on set plays and that’s what it did in a 7-0 win over the Lady Gladiators. Already up 3-0 at the half, Cerritos head coach Rob Adams wanted to work on his corner kick play more, even though the hosts took six of them in the first half.

“Exactly, and that’s what we were trying to do,” Adams said. “We lack creativity just because of the youthful makeup of our team. So, it was a good opportunity for us to try some things out. We typically, at this time of the year, don’t have set plays put into place. We don’t have set corner kicks or things like that.”

It was one of those corner kicks that resulted in the third goal as sophomore forward Jayda Anusasanananta headed in

a goal from a corner kick taken by senior forward Tyra Wiley in the 37th minute. Before that, the Lady Dons were peppering Gahr sophomore goalkeeper Ashley Correia to the tune of eight shots.

The domination began in the ninth minute as a free kick from senior forward Kavitha George from inside the penalty arc was tipped up and over the crossbar by Correia. But five minutes later, George found the back of the net when she followed up a shot taken by junior forward Erika Rizal as the two were working a perfect two-on-one play. Rizal’s shot had been slightly altered by Correia, but George was standing in the perfect spot to take her shot.

“That’s a system goal,” Adams said. “That’s a ‘everybody in the right position’ goal. Those are the types of things that we need to clean up. That’s where we

were lacking a little bit last year. We’re youthful in a few spots, but we definitely have some players that can calm everything down and have the composure to be able to make a really good progress.”

Cerritos (2-1) made it 2-0 in the 25th minute when senior midfielder Arianna Ceballos scored her first goal of the season. The best chance for the Lady Gladiators to get one past sophomore goalkeeper Shelby Dykes came in the 31st minute. Junior Michelle Gaytan stole the ball and after working a beautiful give-and-go with a teammate, took a shot that sailed high above the left corner of the net.

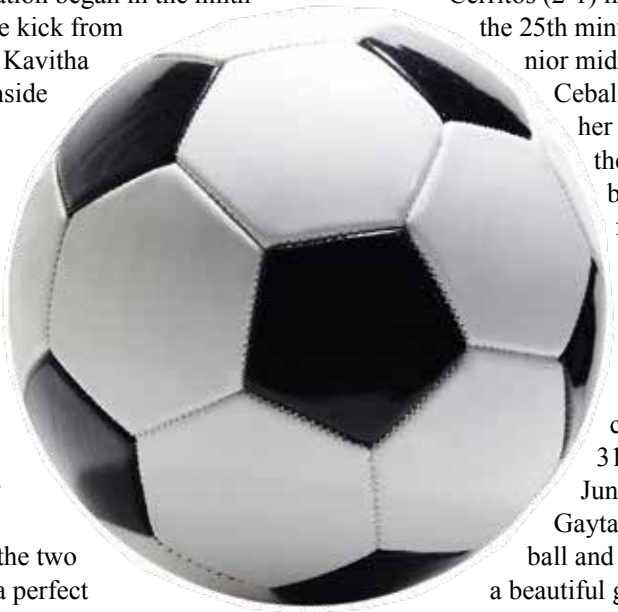
Not ready to relax despite the big lead and the exceptional play by the Cerritos back four of juniors Julia Couto, Roshni Edwards, Iris Lee and sophomore Asha George, the Lady Dons continued

to work more on set plays, and score as well. Ayala made sure her shot in the 55th minute went in and three minutes later, Edwards raced down the right sideline, passed to Kavitha George whose shot hit the crossbar. But the ball bounced back to Wiley, who made it 5-0.

“Her personality and her energy level absolutely makes the team go,” Adams said of Kavitha George, who scored 11 goals last season.

Wiley scored again, in the 63rd minute, off a pass from sophomore forward Shamara Barsana and the final tally came in the 72nd minute when Edwards took a free kick from about 35 yards out and deposited the ball in the upper left corner.

The Lady Dons outshot Gahr (1-1-1) 19-2 and took 13 corner kicks. After facing Fullerton High on Dec. 7, Cerritos will face the Archer School for Girls and Laguna Hills High on Saturday in the Best In The West Winter Soccer Classic. Cerritos will then host Warren High and Cypress High on Tuesday and Thursday respectively. Gahr is also in the same tournament and will play Leuzinger High and Magnolia High on Saturday before travelling to Marina High on Tuesday and entertaining Costa Mesa on Thursday,



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# CERRITOS HANDLES ADVERSITY WELL, CLAIMS CONSOLATION CHAMPIONSHIP OF COYOTE CLASSIC

By Loren Kopff  
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BUENA PARK-What could have been a complete blowout turned out to be nearly a nail-biter when the Cerritos High boys basketball team faced La Habra High in the consolation championship game of the Buena Park Coyote Classic last Saturday afternoon. Cerritos had a 20-point lead, then saw it dwindle to five points late in the game before the Dons escaped with a 62-53 win.

Cerritos came out strong, leading 14-2 midway through the first period. After the first quarter, it was 19-9 and all signs pointed to a somewhat easy victory. After an offensive rebound and basket from senior Jyvontte Moore with 3:31 left in the first half, Cerritos had increased its lead to 27-11. Then early in the third quarter, Byron Sur’s steal and basket made it a 40-20 affair.

“[La Habra] is a good team; we came out well,” said Cerritos co-head coach Jonathan Watanabe. “We came out shooting the ball well and that always helps. But sometimes it’s a little bit of fool’s gold because you think that you’re a little bit better than you are. We battled in the second half, but it was a good game. We needed one of these games.”

The Highlanders chipped away at their big deficit and trailed 42-34 with 2:22 remaining in the stanza. Cerritos had gone through a stretch of 4:53 without a field goal in six attempts, getting just three free



HMG-CN Sports Editor  
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throws in six tries. But a sudden surge over the final 71 seconds put Cerritos up by 14 points heading into the fourth quarter. Senior Vincent Biscoe took a pass from freshman Alexander Archer and scored, then had the last of his three steals and fed a pass to senior Destin Flucas who scored his lone basket of the game.

And if it wasn’t La Habra mounting a comeback, then Cerritos had to deal with less than ideal officiating. Senior Dorian Harris picked up his fourth foul with 5:45 left in the third quarter and fouled out with 2:50 left in the game. Less than a minute later, senior Nathan Amanuel also fouled out.

“We had a hard time with them,” Watanabe said. “We have to focus [on] what we can handle; what we can take care of as far as being on the court, playing basketball, playing offense and playing defense. We don’t have any control over the officiating. So, we kind of have to let those things go.”

In that same span that Harris and Amanuel fouled out, La Habra sank five free throws to make it a 54-49 contest before Moore had a pair of steals, was fouled and sank a pair of free throws to ice the game with under a minute remaining.

Biscoe led the Dons with 18 points, all coming on three-pointers and had a pair of rebounds, assists and steals in the third quarter while Moore added 16 points with nine rebounds and four steals after the first quarter.

“Today, Vincent was the guy that kept

us going in the beginning and Jyvontte kind of finished the game for us,” Watanabe said. “But it’s going to be different guys every night. All of our players have key roles.”

Cerritos then opened its co-hosted tournament with Gahr High with a 66-44 victory over Long Beach Jordan High this past Monday to improve to 4-1. The Dons hosted Kennedy High this past Wednesday and will face St. John Bosco High tonight before ending the tournament on Saturday.

“I thought the tournament as a whole was good for us,” Watanabe said. “Hopefully it brought our team together a little bit more.”

In other boys basketball action, Artesia High improved to 4-1 following a 57-44 win over Hoover High this past Monday in pool play action of the Artesia Winter Classic. The Pioneers faced Bosco Tech this past Wednesday and will conclude the tournament on Saturday before taking some time off before opening Suburban League action at Bellflower High on Dec. 18.

Gahr (2-3) began its co-hosted tournament with Cerritos with an 81-48 win over Wiseburn-DaVinci this past Monday and faced Fountain Valley High this past Wednesday before hosting Crespi High tonight.

John Glenn High went 1-3 in the Los Amigos Tournament and will host Ganesha High on Monday and Saddleback High on Wednesday while Norwalk High, which lost to Valley Christian High 64-50 last Friday, fell to Lynwood High 70-36 this past Monday in pool play action of the Valley Christian Tournament. When the Lancers finish that tournament on Saturday, they’ll participate in the Bellflower Tournament beginning on Monday.

V.C. has won the first three games of the season and after hosting its own tour-

namment, the Crusaders will also compete in the Bellflower Tournament.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Artesia won the first two games of the Hawk Holiday Classic at Ocean View High, defeating Laguna Beach High 62-14 this past Monday and Century High 47-34 the next day. The Lady Pioneers faced Magnolia High on Dec. 7 and will meet Los Amigos High on Saturday before hosting Mountain View High on Monday and Locke High on Wednesday in the early stages of the Lady Pioneers Winter Classic.

Cerritos went 3-1 in the Downey Tournament and faced Chino High this past Wednesday in the first pool play game of the Orange Tournament. The Lady Dons also faced Santiago High on Dec. 7 and will see Santa Margarita High today.

Gahr began the season going 1-3 in the Brea Olinda Tournament and opened the John Glenn/Norwalk Tournament with a 49-26 win over Bassett High this past Wednesday. The Lady Gladiators faced Whittier High on Dec. 7 and will play tonight and tomorrow night in the tournament. The Lady Gladiators will then visit El Dorado High on Thursday.

Glenn, which won three games last season, picked up its fourth win in six games this season after defeating Banning High 53-22 last Saturday. The Lady Eagles then fell to Whittier 48-47 this past Wednesday in the opening round of the Glenn/Norwalk Tournament and faced Bassett on Dec. 7. Glenn will visit Paramount High on Thursday.

V.C. split four games in the Redondo Tournament and will host the 41st version of its own tournament with pool play games against San Clemente High on Tuesday and Fountain Valley on Wednesday.

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Charter High 57-16 this past Wednesday in the opening game of the Glenn/Norwalk Tournament, faced Santa Fe High on Dec. 7 and will see Westminster High on Monday and Long Beach Wilson on Wednesday in the V.C. Tournament,

**BOYS SOCCER**

After an opening season loss, Artesia has won three straight, outscoring the opposition 18-3. The Pioneers will host Milikan High on Saturday and Cabrillo High on Monday before travelling to Long

Beach Poly High on Wednesday.

Cerritos has begun the season with three losses, including a pair of shutout setbacks in the Temple City Tournament last Saturday. The Dons will visit Ocean View today and finish competition in the Temple City Tournament on Saturday.

Glenn, with a pair of wins to begin the season, visited Whittier Christian High on Dec. 7 and will host Whitney on Tuesday before going to Santa Fe High on Thursday.

Norwalk is off to a solid start with three straight shutouts after a 1-0 loss to begin the season. The Lancers then edged California High 2-1 this past Tuesday and will travel to Torrance High today

V.C. blanked Whitney 3-0 last Friday evening and knocked off Sage Hill High 3-1 this past Tuesday to improve to 2-1. The Crusaders hosted Lakewood High on Dec. 7 and will visit Crean Lutheran High today before hosting Mayfair High on Monday and St. Anthony High on Wednesday.

**GIRLS SOCCER**

After falling to Santa Fe High 7-0 this past Tuesday, Artesia will face Century High and Foothill Technology in the Best In The West Winter Soccer Classic on Saturday. The Lady Pioneers will then host Oxford Academy on Tuesday and visit Paramount High on Thursday.

Norwalk was blanked 1-0 by Gahr

last Friday and 5-0 by California this past Tuesday to fall to 1-3. The Lady Lancers, who faced Whitney on Dec. 7, will face Oxford Academy and Schurr High in the Best In The West Winter Soccer Classic on Saturday before visiting Lynwood on Tuesday.

After scoring nine goals in its first two games, V.C. lost to Sage Hill 2-1 this past Tuesday and will host Crean Lutheran this evening before facing Bell Gardens High and Hoover High in the Best In The West Winter Soccer Classic on Saturday. The Lady Crusaders will also host Mayfair on Tuesday and travel to St. Anthony on Wednesday.

SISTER SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAM WITH ABC AND THE CITY OF KAKAMIGAHARA

In November, ABCUSD welcomed over 30 Japanese middle school students from the City of Kakamigahara, Japan. This is part of the district's Sister School District agreement with the City of Kakamigahara that has been in effect since 2000. The guest Japanese students were paired with their host families from throughout the District. The guest students performed a dance during the Welcome Orientation at the District Office.



The Japanese middle school students from Kakamigahara, Japan performed the traditional harvest dance in the Welcoming Reception.

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La Palma has selected local families to assist in making the holidays merrier. City staff, individuals, groups, community members, and local businesses are all asked to participate in this festive program by purchasing a gift for someone on the giving tree.

Ornaments have been placed on holiday trees in the Community Services Dept. (7821 Walker Street), the Police Dept. (7792 Walker Street) and the City Hall (7822 Walker Street) lobbies. Each ornament states the gender and age of a child or adult, or a particular item that was requested.

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Saturday, January 6, 2018

6:00-9:00 p.m.

City Hall Lawn

12700 Norwalk Blvd.

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# H.O.P.E.'S BOUNTIFUL HARVEST RAISES OVER \$16,000 FOR THE NEEDY

By Edna Ethington

Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel was the site of the 28th Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser for H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Everyday), on Saturday, November 18, 2017. The room for the H.O.P.E. "Harvest of Hope" Dinner Dance was filled to capacity with 224 people who came to help raise funds for needy families who come to the H.O.P.E. area Food Bank. Guests were able to enjoy cocktails, Knott's dinner entrees, wine, desserts, and the music, dancing, and entertainment provided by the "Ohio Trio Plus."

The program began with Master of Ceremonies Gary Smuts welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming to the fundraiser. He introduced Deacon Jerry Pyne who offered an Opening Prayer and a prayer before meals. Deacon Pyne also offered a special salute and recognition of Veterans later in the program.

The Ohio Trio Plus band performed their music continuously and invited people to dance to their music. Dancers liked the variety of their music selections and filled the dance floor. Some of the Presentation Sisters enjoyed listening to the dance music and joined the dancers on the floor.

Special guests at the dinner were three of St. Irenaeus parish's priests, Rev. Binh Nguyen, Rev. William B. Goldin and Rev. Ian Bustonera. The three priests

joined parishioners at their tables for dinner. Rev. Rudy Alumam, a former Parochial Vicar at St. Irenaeus, came to enjoy the event and visit with his former parishioners.

H.O.P.E is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that operates the area Food Bank on the grounds of St. Irenaeus Church in Cypress. H.O.P.E. relies on their Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser to provide additional funds to purchase items that government subsidies and donations do not provide for the 150 to 200 registered low income families and additional homeless people who live in the Food Bank's area.

Bob Sgobba, the Coordinator for this year's "Harvest of Hope Fundraiser," said that last year's fundraiser resulted in a profit of approximately \$11,400. This year, Sqobba anticipates that after expenses are accounted for, there will be a bountiful harvest with a net of \$16,000 or more to help H.O.P.E. purchase what is needed for H.O.P.E.'s Food Bank.

Sgobba said that H.O.P.E.'s successful fundraiser was due to the hard work of many parishioners of St. Irenaeus and many individuals and businesses who donated items for the Silent Auction and Raffle Baskets. H.O.P.E. members thanked and acknowledged individuals and businesses for their generosity during the event. They asked everyone to patronize the benefactors who were listed in the program brochure for their contributions to the Silent Auction and Raffle Baskets.

There were many enticing Raffle Baskets for people to bid on and many people went home delighted with their lucky drawings, especially the big items such as a gondola ride, \$250 cash and an ATM card for \$500. There were also about 50, beautifully decorated, Raffle




Pictured at the H.O.P.E. "Harvest of Hope" Fundraiser at Knotts Berry Farm on November 18, 2017, are Fr. Ian Bustonera, at center, holding the winning bid sheet for \$9,000, for the "Dinner for Six" that St. Irenaeus' priests will be hosting. At his right is Fr. William Goldin, and, at his left, is Connie Del Fonzo, bidder Ruth Burns and Fr. Rudy Alumam. Photo and I.D. by Edna Ethington.

Baskets which were won by lucky winners who purchased one or more drawing tickets.

Of the 49 items offered for the Silent Auction, item #49 was the single item that got the highest bid of \$9, 000. With an opening bid of \$450, competitive bids were written for a "Dinner for Six" that will be hosted by Fr. Binh, Fr. William, and Fr. Ian at a later date. Fr. William and Fr. Ian were so overjoyed at the amount of the bid that they led a Congo Line of people and danced around the room holding the bid sheet high in the air! The very generous winning bid was submitted by St. Irenaeus parishioner, Ruth Burns. Parishioners Carolyn Pryor, Carol Reed, Connie Del Fonzo, and Mimi and Jim Di Rosa contributed towards the winning bid. They are all looking forward to their special Dinner Date with

the priests as hosts. There is no time for H.O.P.E. members to rest on their laurels after their successful fundraiser. They are already preparing for their bi-monthly distribution of food on the first and third Saturdays of each month. They also continue to provide help for the homeless Monday through Friday at their Christian Service Office at St. Irenaeus Rectory. They just finished collecting toys for children of Food Bank participants and will be wrapping the toys for the children as Christmas gifts. They are also asking for donations of turkeys for registered families for Christmas. If anyone would like to donate food items or help H.O.P.E. at the Food Bank at St. Irenaeus, contact H.O.P.E. members, Bob Sgobba at 714-994-0743, or Val Cordoba at 714-826-7513.





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CITY OF ARTESIA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission of the City of Artesia will hold a Regular Planning Commission Meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Artesia City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at **6:30 p.m.** on **Tuesday December 19, 2017** to conduct a **Public Hearing** to consider the following item(s):

Case No. 2017-40

Conditional Use Permit  
17901 Pioneer Boulevard #M

A request for approval of a conditional use permit to allow a nail spa and beauty salon at an existing commercial space located at 17901 Pioneer Boulevard #M in the Pioneer Specific Plan Zone and making a determination of categorical exemption under CEQA.  
Resolution No. 2017-36P

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

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

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Jose Hernandez, Planning Department

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
The following person is doing business as CHICK FIL A USC IN LINE, 3758 S. FIGUEROA ST., LOS ANGELES, CA., 90007 The following business is conducted as A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registrant’s name and location is PARK ENTERPRISES, LLC, 5082 HOUSTIN AVE., LA PALMA, CA., 90623 The company has began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 11/15/2017.  
/S/ ANDREW M. PARK  
The statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 12/1/2017  
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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)  
Escrow No. 17-41539-SP  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The name(s) and business address of the Seller(s)/licensee(s) are: JSS ENTERTAINMENT, 12550 CENTRALIA ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715  
Doing Business as: CRAZY FISH BY SUSHI  
All other business names(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s)/licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s)/licensee(s), is/are: The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s)/applicant(s) is/are: GWD FAMILY KITCHEN, INC., 12550 CENTRALIA ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715  
The assets being sold are generally described as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, AND ABC LICENSE and is/are located at: 12550 CENTRALIA ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715  
The type of license to be transferred is/are: Type: ON SALE BEER AND WINE- EATING PLACE License No. 41-564186 now issued for the premises located at:  
The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: TEAM ESCROW, 6025 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the anticipated sale date is DECEMBER 29, 2017  
The purchase price of consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$25,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$1,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION. AMOUNT: CASH \$25,000.00  
It has been agreed between the Seller(s)/licensee(s) and the intended Buyer(s)/transferee(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.  
JSS ENTERTAINMENT, Seller(s)/Licensee(s)  
GWD FAMILY KITCHEN, INC., Buyer(s)/Applicant(s)  
LA1927167 LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 12/8/17

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WRETA F. STRUCK aka WRETA FAE STRUCK  
Case No. 17STPB10712  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of WRETA F. STRUCK aka WRETA FAE STRUCK  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Richard V. Struck in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Richard V. Struck 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 January 2, 2018 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 provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for petitioner:  
ROBERT L COHEN ESQ  
SBN 150913  
LAW OFFICES OF  
ROBERT L. COHEN INC  
8081 ORANGETHORPE AVE  
BUENA PARK CA 90621  
CN943848 STRUCK Dec 8,15,22, 2017

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 16-01300 Loan No.: \*\*\*\*468 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/26/2005 AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BELOW. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States (payable to Attorney Lender Services, Inc.) will be held by the duly appointed Trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JANICE KONG, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Trustee: ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. Recorded 06/03/2005 as Instrument No. 05 1302343 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 12/29/2017 at 10:00AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$357,903.20 The purported property address is: 13426 ASHBURY COURT LA MIRADA, CA 90638 A.P.N.: 8037-051-060 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county wherein the real property is located and more than three (3) months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916)939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, 16-01300. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 11/29/2017 ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. Diane Weifenbach, Trustee Sale Officer 5120 E. LaPalma Avenue, #209 Anaheim, CA 92807 Telephone: 714-695-6637 Sales Line: (916)939-0772 Sales Website: www.nationwideposting.com This office is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. NPP0321691 To: LA MIRADA LAMPLIGHTER 12/08/2017, 12/15/2017, 12/22/2017

Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction at the storage facility listed below, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated:

17701 Ibbetson Ave. Bellflower, CA 90706, 562-922-3680 & 12/22/17 at 2:30pm.

Kenny Arroyo-B19-Clothes, videos, books, misc, Jonelle Foor-G240-Household items, misc goods, boxes, dyson, Kenneth Shaw-G229-Household items, furniture, personal items, Brenda Soriano-B3-Clothes,

Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction at the storage facility listed below, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated:

10753 Artesia Blvd. Cerritos, Ca. 90703, 562-865-5128 & 12/20/17 and 3:30PM

Reyes Dolores-2E019-unknown; Stacey Joseph-L1101-Household Goods; Smith Damion-L2315-household goods; Brady Kathryn  
-L2408-household goods; Joanna C. Cenido-L3467-Household goods; Barton Todd-L3138-Unknown; Pua Esperanza-L0445-Household goods; Casiano Tomas-L0443-household goods; Daniel Navarro-2A310-household items, boxes and furniture; Rhoda Mouton-L1133-household items, furniture; Maria Jarvis-2C021-fridge, sofa, tv, one bedroom; Damien Motley-2D001-boxes; Cynthia Tran  
-N018-household items furniture mattress; Lillian Littlefield-L0206-Household items; Drushan Williams-2F069-house hold items; Charlotte Mccraw-2A350-Household items; Craig Hearon-2A191-House hold items, boxes, clothes, shoes etc.; Alejandro Cazares  
-D004C- house hold items, fridge and couch; Loretta Maloney-L3438-Household items; Monique Brewer-2A153-Queen bed boxes, dresser; Lillian Littlefield-C023-House hold items; Carlos Lungren-C046-House hold goods; Joseph Boclair-2A456-Boxes, smallest; Daena Ramirez-2E005-House hold items; Isaac Gaxiola-2A411 Household Goods; Janet Macadangdang-C026-Household items; Isabel Navarette-H020-Bedroom furniture; Raymond Evans-N012-Soda Machine, Furniture; Anais Perales-2A189-House hold items; Robert Hopkins-2F162-Clothes and house hold items; Recquel Thurman-H016-House hold items.

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CITY OF CERRITOS  
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
CERRITOS LIBRARY RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION (RFID) SYSTEM  
BID NO. 1324-17

Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703, until **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2018**, for the Cerritos Library Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) System.

Bids will be publicly opened at Cerritos City Hall at **11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 25, 2018**. Bids must be made on the form provided for this purpose, addressed to the City Clerk, City of Cerritos, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California, 90703, marked **“Bid for Cerritos Library Radio Frequency Identification System, Bid No. 1324-17”**. Eight (8) copies of the entire proposal and also one electronic version of the entire proposal on a CD or USB drive must be delivered in a sealed envelope or package. One copy shall be marked as “Original” and must contain an original signature.

For additional information the RFID system project, a pre-bid meeting will be held in the Hi-Tech Lab at the Cerritos Library at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Please contact the Support Services Division (562) 916-1318 to schedule your attendance.

No bid will be accepted unless it is made on a proposal form furnished by the City and has the bid number and project name clearly identified on the outside label.

The City of Cerritos reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or portions of any and all bids or waive the informality in a bid not affected by law.

Please contact the Support Services Division (562) 916-1318 to obtain specifications and contract documents.

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CITY OF LA MIRADA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2018-19  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)

Notice is hereby given that the proposed Fiscal Year 2018-19 Community Development Block Grant projects are available for public inspection during regular office hours at the La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. City Council of the City of La Mirada will consider approval of the projects on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. Anyone having concerns or questions or wishing to review or comment on the proposed projects is welcome to contact the City Clerk at (562) 943-0131 or visit the office located at 13700 La Mirada Boulevard.

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

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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