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HMG-CN EXCLUSIVELY OBTAINS REPORT:

CENTRAL BASIN PRESIDENT BOB APODACA'S ALLEGED SEXUAL HARASSMENT CHRONICLED IN REPORT

By Brian Hews

Editor's note: This report contains strong language.



CENTRAL BASIN
PRESIDENT
BOB APODACA

In September of 2014, Hews Media Group-Community News exclusively obtained an agreement between Sigrid Lopez (Lopez) and Central Basin Municipal Water (CB) that used \$670,000 in taxpayer funded dollars to settle a 2013 sexual battery and harassment lawsuit filed against current CB Board President Bob Apodaca.

Apodaca, in a clear conflict of interest position, voted in favor of the settlement in a 2014 closed session meeting. Directors Art Chacon and Phil Hawkins were not present; both told HMG-CN at the time they would have voted no.

The payoff is similar to how Rep. Blake Farenthold (R-Tex.) used \$84,000 in taxpayer dollars to settle with a former aide who sued him for sexual harassment in 2014.

Now, a January 2014 Investigation Report, conducted by EXTITI, Inc. and



exclusively obtained by HMG-CN, describes in extremely sexually explicit language the alleged harassment of Lopez by Apodaca.

The report also alleged Apodaca harasses other woman at CB.

The contents of the report likely compelled CB to enter into the record settlement agreement with Lopez, an agreement that allowed Apodaca to walk away scott-free.

The revelation and conclusions of the EXTITI report may have many call-

ing for Apodaca's resignation from the CB Board, similar to the resignations happening in some state governments, in both houses of Congress, and in many other private organizations as a result of the #MeToo movement.

It should also draw the attention of Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey.

The investigation was conducted by EXTITI Vice-President Catherine Balin from Aug. 2013 to early Jan. 2014.

In the report, Balin, a 30-year veteran, indicated that she took detailed notes of each interview and read the notes back to the interviewee, giving each the opportunity to make corrections. All interviewees signed a document attesting the notes were true and

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LA MIRADA COUNCILMAN SAREGA COLLUDED WITH VASQUEZ IN LAWSUIT AGAINST HMG-CN

Sarega is also currently working closely with disgruntled former HMG-CN reporter Randy Economy, who recorded and submitted a defamatory declaration against Hews that was included in the lawsuit.

Staff Report



LA MIRADA
COUNCILMAN
ANDREW SAREGA

Last week Judge Rafael Ongkeko ruled in favor of HMG-CN and Publisher Brian Hews in a bogus defamation case filed by Central Basin (CB) Director Leticia Vasquez. The court found Hews did a thorough investigation and that Vasquez' lawsuit was frivolous, ordering a hearing for her to pay as much as \$60,000 in attorney's fees.

Many people assisted Vasquez in the lawsuit, a list that shockingly includes La Mirada City Councilman Andrew Sarega. In direct collusion with Vasquez, Sare-

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RENOVATIONS FOR BENTON MAGNET MS IN LA MIRADA



On hand for the ceremonial turning of the shovels were NLMUSD Board of Education members and district administrators, along with staff, students and parents. City of La Mirada elected officials and administrators along with business and service club representatives were also in attendance.

Campus Celebrates Groundbreaking for Project Funded by Measures G & S

By Richard De La Torre

A ceremonial groundbreaking event was held today for major exterior renovations at Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District's Benton Magnet Middle

School.

The afternoon event marked the start of extensive landscaping and athletic field improvements, new construction, outdoor signage and remodeling work at the campus. The project, which includes planning and design work, is budgeted for \$8.9 million and scheduled to take about a year to complete. Funding is pro-

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CERRITOS PLANNING COMMISSION TO RECONSIDER 'JULIET' HOUSING PROJECT

By Brian Hews

The Cerritos Planning Commission voted, at its Dec. 5 meeting, to reconsider the "Juliet Project," the proposed large residential housing project located at Artesia and Shoemaker.

MLC Holdings, the development company that bought the building, sent a letter to the Planning Commission requesting reconsideration of the project.

The project was rejected Nov. 15th with the Planning Commission citing many concerns, including the number of single-family residences to be built on the property.

The initial plans included 29 single-family homes.

MLC Vice President of Forward Planning Lester Tucker wrote, "the purpose of the reconsideration request is to allow MLC and the Commission to conduct a deeper study session-like conversation on the project prior to voting on the proposed resolutions before you. We believe our project will be of great benefit to the Cerritos community, but acknowledge the gravity of the issues raised at the November

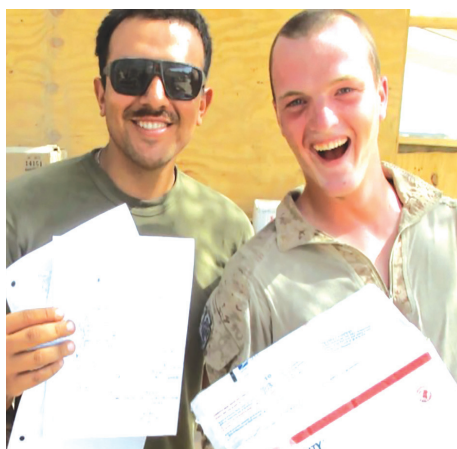
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BIKE SHARE COMPANY OPENS IN BELLFLOWER

By Tammye McDuff

The world’s largest bike share company announced that it is bringing their signature bright yellow bicycles to Bellflower.

Ofo is the principal station-free bike share on the planet. Founded in 2014 and based in Beijing, China, Ofo is the world’s first and largest station-free bike sharing platform, committed to providing the best short distance transportation solution while solving the “last mile” transportation problem; they have turned that last mile into a green, low-emission trip.

To get started, riders simply download the Ofo mobile app. A map shows the location of nearby bikes. Riders scan a QR code on the license plate to unlock the bike. Once your trip is over, riders can park anywhere in the compliance with local laws. Trips cost \$1.00 per hour. Bellflower is encourage residents to try the service and is offering a onetime only first trip for free through the end of January 2018.

“My City Council colleagues and I recognize the many benefits of bringing this unique bike-share opportunity to the residents of Bellflower and feel they are tri-fold,” said mayor Ron Schnablegger, “Residents will have access to an affordable and convenient form of transit and we also recognize the additional environmental and recreational benefits the program will bring to our community.” This new



The Ofo bike-sharing property in Bellflower located at John S. Simms park on Clark Ave. To get started, riders simply download the Ofo mobile app. A map shows the location of nearby bikes. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

pioneering mission reinforces the Councils commitment to improving the quality of life for residents’ and making Bellflower a better place to live, work and play.

Spokesperson for Ofo, Jake Conway stated, “We are excited to bring our innovative station free bike share system to the city and we are committed to providing the most affordable and convenient form of transit for the people of Bellflower.” The company is actively exploring partnerships with local communities in greater Los Angeles. “We are looking forward to building on our success in the City and launching our program in nearby neighborhoods, creating a better environment for future generations” added Conway.

Bellflower City Council joined with Ofo staff in unveiling the new bikes on Tuesday, December 19 at John S. Simms Park, on Clark Avenue.

To date, Ofo has connected more than 10 million bikes to over 200 million users in 17 countries: the US, the UK, Australia, China, Japan, Malaysia, Russia, Thailand, Singapore, Spain, Italy, Portugal, the Netherlands, Czech Republic, Israel, Austria, and Kazakhstan. The platform generates more than 25 million daily transactions and has provided global users in over 180 cities with over 4 billion efficient, convenient, green rides.

The Ofo app is available for both iOS and Android devices.

FROM MADDI’S CLOSET LOOKS TO ENHANCE ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER

Helping children suffering from cancer was the focus of the From Maddi’s Closet Board of Directors meeting this week as it works on a Strategic Plan to increase the non-profit organization’s effectiveness.

The Strategic Plan process began with Board Members doing a candid assessment of the organization’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

Among the strengths Board Members identified were: the clarity of its mission to help children suffering from cancer, its local focus and relatively small size, the passion and commitment of those assisting the organization, good donor support, strong youth involvement, positive reputation, personal connection to the community, and relations within the medical profession. Board Members also noted the group’s good financial stewardship and record of efficiency in performing a large amount of work with no paid employees.

In terms of limitations, the Board noted that the needs of young cancer patients in Los Angeles and Orange Counties far exceed the resources currently available to From Maddi’s Closet. The Board cited a need to grow existing revenues in order to better serve patients, and to ensure the long-term sustainability of the organization as it works to address those needs. Volunteer resources will also require expansion to meet the growing needs in the fight against pediatric cancer.

Several opportunities for growth and enhancements were discussed by Board Members who indicated that the From Maddi’s Closet message can be extended to additional communities in the area. Comments were also supportive of exploring partnerships with other organizations and developing new fundraising events.

Challenges facing From Maddi’s Closet were discussed as being largely external and similar to those facing other non-profit organizations. Looming changes in health insurance coverage and tax laws have the potential for increasing the amount of patient costs not covered by insurance and reducing the funds available to provide necessary patient services, equipment, and assistance. Such changes could negatively impact the organization’s ability to carry out its mission without securing additional financial support.

From Maddi’s Closet, a local nonprofit organization, began more than a decade ago after Madison Leslie Holmes lost her battle with cancer at four years of age.

Maddi’s family and friends formed the organization to carry on the extraordinary spirit of generosity and compassion Maddi showed to other children fighting cancer. Despite her illness, Maddi befriended other children undergoing treatment, and gave her own toys and clothing to those in need. She asked her family to sit with other children who were more sick, frightened or lonely when they had no family

members at the hospital.

Participation in From Maddi’s Closet has grown, and the organization has broadened its efforts to support children with cancer. The group raises funds for pediatric cancer research, and offers services and support to ill children and their families whose emotional and financial needs are unmet by other assistance programs.

From Maddi’s Closet, a 501 (c)(3) Nonprofit Public Charity, benefits children suffering from cancer at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, Children’s Hospital Orange County and beyond. From Maddi’s Closet gives volunteer, emotional and financial support for patients and their families, conducts public awareness efforts regarding children’s cancer, and supports medical research at these institutions.

Contributions to From Maddi’s Closet help fund much-needed patient support programs, public awareness efforts, and childhood cancer medical research. These efforts bring love, hope and joy to children confronting the challenges of cancer.

To make a gift by mail, send your check or money order to From Maddi’s Closet, 15519 Surrey Lane, La Mirada, CA 90638, Donations may also be made online at www.frommaddiscloset.org. For information call 562 947-3094.



Artesia Chamber Installs Officers

More than 70 guests attended the 2018 Artesia Chamber of Commerce Installation of Officers and Holiday Party Dec. 13 at Julios Pizza Restaurant where Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn thanked the Chamber for its work in promoting small businesses in the community. Receiving a Proclamation from Hahn for their dedication to this effort were 2017 Secretary Larry Caballero and President Dr. Paoling Guo (center). Congratulating the two were 2018 Vice-President Parimal Shah of Pioneer Money (left) and President Shaila Patankar who is First Vice-President and Relationship Manager of Hanmi Bank in Artesia.

OPTIMIST AND SOROPTIMIST NEEDY FAMILY PROJECT HELPS THIRTY-ONE LOCAL FAMILIES



Needy Family Project Leaders: (l-r) Bob Arthur, Cerritos Optimist Club President, Kathy Lovell, Project Co-Chair; Jennifer Elliott, Soroptimist President; and Ray Lovell, Project Co-Chair. Photo courtesy Cerritos Optimist.

By Diana Needham

On December 16, The Cerritos Optimist Club and Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos completed their annual Needy Family Project delivery to 31 local families. Three toys plus Christmas stockings filled with goodies were provided to each of 88 children and over 10,000 pounds of food and sundries were delivered to the families. Co-Chairs, Ray and Kathy Lovell lead the successful effort with the help of over 100 Optimist Members, Soroptimist Club Members, their friends and family, Junior Optimist students, and other volunteers. Donors included Optimists, Soroptimists, Sprouts, Babies R Us, Spark of Love,

L.A. Food Bank, City of Cerritos, Razor, Red Hat Society, Ralphs, Crown Carton Company, Revolve, LaFiell Manufacturing, Supervisor Janice Hahn, Gahr High student body, and the Cerritos High Jr. Optimist Club. “This was an gigantic effort that took 480 volunteer hours to complete and helped a large number of local families”, said Kathy Lovell. “The volunteer delivery teams reported on the many children that squealed with delight and the many grateful parents”, said Ray Lovell. For information on joining either one of the local service clubs, call Bob Arthur, Optimist President at 562-863-2864 or Jennifer Elliott, Soroptimist President 267-257-8504.

LA MIRADA ANNOUNCES 2017 HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Staff Report

Each year, the City of La Mirada and the Neighborhood Watch Program sponsor the Holiday Home Decorating Program to encourage residents to decorate their homes and spread the holiday spirit. These activities develop community pride and help to preserve the safety and attractiveness of La Mirada. This year, volunteer judges viewed every block in La Mirada from December 1 through December 12. This year’s winning homes are:

North La Mirada

Most Original: 11524 Toerge Drive
Best Use of Lights:11701 Toerge Drive
Best Holiday Scene:15102 Fairacres Dr.

Gardenhill

Most Original: 14520 Plantana Drive
Best Use of Lights:14529 Fairvilla Drive
Best Holiday Scene:14334 Alicante Road

Biola

Most Original: 14802 Roma Drive
Best Use of Lights: 12716 Gabbett Drive
Best Holiday Scene: 12717 Gabbett Drive

Creek Park

Most Original: 12921 Bluefield Avenue
Best Use of Lights: 15650 Olive Branch
Best Holiday Scene: 15651 Yellow Brook

La Pluma

Most Original: 14608 Libra Drive
Best use of Lights:15802 Greenworth
Best Holiday Scene:15732 Elmbrook

Escalona

Most Original: 15132 Hayford Street
Best Use of Lights:15461 Alondra Bl.
Best Holiday Scene: 15544 Dalmatian

Green Hills/Hillsborough

Most Original:13127 Los Alisos Street
Best Use of Lights:13039 La Mancha
Best Holiday Scene: 13217 La Quinta

Los Coyotes

Most Original:14403 Dunnet Avenue
Best Use of Lights: 15619 Hesse Drive
Best Holiday Scene: 15038 Watkins Drive

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Most Original:13869 Muroc Street
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Most Original: 14818 Crestoak Drive
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LOCAL SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMERS HONORED



Mayor Hu and the Cerritos City Council with (left) Aivan Nguyen and Calista Liu. Megumi Field was not present. Courtesy city of Cerritos.

Staff report

Three synchronized swimmers were recently honored by the Cerritos City Council for their achievements.

Gonsalves Elementary student, Calista Liu 11, competed as a synchronized swimmer in the Junior Olympics, where she received a gold (team) award and a silver (duet) award. Liu also placed sixth for a figure award at the regionals competition in La Mirada. When she competed at the Junior Olympics in Riverside over the summer, she placed 10th for a figure award and brought home a gold (team) award and a bronze (duet) award.

Leal Elementary student Megumi Field, 11, competed as a synchronized swimmer in the Junior Olympics. She

won a gold (team) award and a gold (duet) award and placed first for a figure award at the Riverside competition. Field competed at the UANA Pan American competitions in Chile, where she scored a silver (team USA) award, a gold (duet USA) award and a gold (solo USA) award. She placed first for a figure award.

Whitney High School junior Aivan Nguyen, 16, competed as a synchronized swimmer on the USA Junior National Team. Nguyen placed fourth (duet) and 15th (figure) at the US Nationals in Arizona. Nguyen also competed in the Swiss Open in Switzerland, where she received a silver (team USA) award.

DEMOCRATS ARE HOPEFUL FOR VICTORY IN 2018

By Larry Caballero
On Politics

Democratic officials are excited about the prospects for Democratic victories in California and throughout the nation in 2018 no matter what Trump may have to say—or tweet—about it.

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, Senate Majority Leader Kevin De Leon and State Senator Josh Newman spoke at two political events Dec. 16 in Orange County where they encouraged supporters to engage voters and not to take any voter for granted.

Sanchez was the Keynote Speaker at the 2017 Obama Awards event in Irvine where she said, ““Our values will translate into wins in 2018 because we believe in a level playing field for everyone no matter who he or she is, and if you work hard and play by the rules, you will succeed.”

Sanchez never envisioned running for office, but once she was elected in 2002, she hasn’t turned back in her fight for social justice and equality.

“When we engage the voters, we win. So many times the voters think they don’t matter. That the system doesn’t work for them. We have to change that thinking and give them hope and power.

And in 2018, we need to send a message to the Republicans in Washington that it is time for them to pack their bags and get out.”

De Leon said, “I am proud of the Orange County Democratic Party and the local Democratic clubs for getting actively involved and helping to turn Orange County blue.”

He thinks the recent wins for governor in Virginia and for the U.S. Senate in Alabama, as well as a Democratic candidate for President actually winning for the first time in Orange County, a feat that hasn’t happened since Franklin Roosevelt was President in 1936, anything can happen.

Friends told him that he couldn’t win an election, but De Leon showed them



State Senate President Pro Tem Kevin De Leon (left) and State Senator Josh Newman attend two events in Orange County encouraging Democrats to be engaged in 2018.

when he became the first Latino in 133 years to be the President Pro Tem of the California State Senate.

Raised by a single mother and aunt, De Leon said he is not only a product of the American Dream, but he believes in it.

“When we promote our Democratic values in support of working families and women, then we win. When we protect women from sexual predators, we win.”

De Leon said that the latest statistics show that one in five women in the nation has been sexually assaulted and two-thirds of seniors who live in poverty are women.

He paints a bleak scenario in Washington since the Republicans are in control of both Houses of Congress and the White House, and yet they have not been able to achieve anything other than a tax bill that will benefit the rich.

“It’s like watching an Abbott and Costello movie as Republicans keep tripping over themselves trying to get something done,” said De Leon.

“We weren’t sure what would happen when Trump, a realty TV star who used race baiting tactics to win, actually won the Presidency, but our fears were answered when on his first day in office he orders a travel ban.”

He is also concerned about 11 million immigrants “whose mass deportation could be imminent under this Administration.” He is proud that the state legislature approved, and the Governor signed, a law that instructs local police and sheriffs not to get involved in matters that are solely under the authorization of the federal government.

“This is who we are. We celebrate diversity, and we don’t build a wall to keep people out.”

De Leon is hopeful that he will win in 2018 to represent California in the United States Senate with the endorsements of most of the labor unions in the state.

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BROOKHAVEN PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION



The Cerritos City Council recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate new playground improvements at Brookhaven Park. The playground received new climbers, interactive elements, slides and swings. A Nature color palette was selected for the playground equipment. New playground surfacing also was installed. “We are pleased to present yet another beautifully upgraded playground for our community’s use,” said Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu. “We hope that the community will enjoy this new playground and all it has to offer.”

LAKEWOOD'S PATHWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Staff Report

The New Year is here and it’s time to think about how you want to spend your time in 2018.

Did you know that there are over 250,000 seniors in this area alone and many suffer with a myriad of chronic, long term or terminal illness?

Pathways, a non-profit organization in Lakewood, is currently looking for volunteers to help seniors in our area who are trying to stay independent and in their own homes at no cost to them.

Seasoned volunteer Bobbi Vernon recently celebrated her 20-year anniversary working with Pathways..

By volunteering her time and heart, Bobbi is able to give her client access to our community where she could connect and remain active.

Not only does she get to help her client live well, Bobbi feels she has had the opportunity to become a much-needed friend.

Pathways Care Navigation program provides support to isolated and lonely seniors to help them stay independent in their home for as long as possible.

One of Bobbi’s longtime clients had lost her husband and her only family lived out of state. Without Bobbi’s help, this client would have continued to be isolated in her home, continue to struggle with getting her groceries, and would have missed out on having someone in which to share

her beauty parlor trips.

Bobbi is able to give her client access to our community where she can remain active and connected.

She even surprised her client with a party on her birthday

Bobbi believes that someday “every-one will need one or all of the services Pathways provides for either themselves or someone in their family.” She feels that Pathways clients really became just like family.

If you would like to join the Pathways team and help a senior live well or would like more information on any of their services, please visit www.pathwayshospice.org or call 562-531-3031.

CITY OF LA MIRADA HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall

Most City Services will be closed from Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017 through Monday, Jan. 1, 2018. City Hall will re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. For additional information, call (562) 943-0131.

La Mirada Community Sheriff Station Modified Hours

The La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station will be closed on Sunday, Dec. 24, Monday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Jan. 1 in observance of the holidays.

For inquiries, to report crime, and to request a deputy to respond to your location call (562) 902-2960.

Phone calls will automatically be transferred to Norwalk Sheriff's Station.

2017 Holiday Trash and Street Sweeping Schedule

Christmas Day- December 25
Trash- No trash service (delayed by one day 12/26-12/30.)
Street Sweeping - No sweeping on 12/25. Regular schedule resumes 12/26-1/5.

New Year's Day- January 1
Trash- No trash service (delayed by one day 1/2-1/6.)
Street Sweeping- No sweeping on 1/1. Regular schedule resumes 1/2-1/5.

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Cerritos Councilman Frank Yokoyama told HMG-CN, “I fully support and trust my Planning Commissioner Jim Giordano, I have tremendous confidence in him for every project that comes before the Commission. I also fully support my sister Chairperson Tatiana Yokoyama Bui in the same way. Both are looking out for all Cerritos residents and the City, I trust them to make the right decision.”



Troops overseas are all smiles when they receive letters and greeting cards from Lakewood's Thank a Service Member holiday postcard and letter-writing project. Troops seen here are from last year's campaign. This is the fourth year in a row that the City of Lakewood has organized the holiday greeting effort as a show of appreciation for men and women in the United States Military.

DuBois wanted to thank this year's partners for their help with this meaningful project: Alhambra SDA Church, Allison Tutoring, Assembly Member

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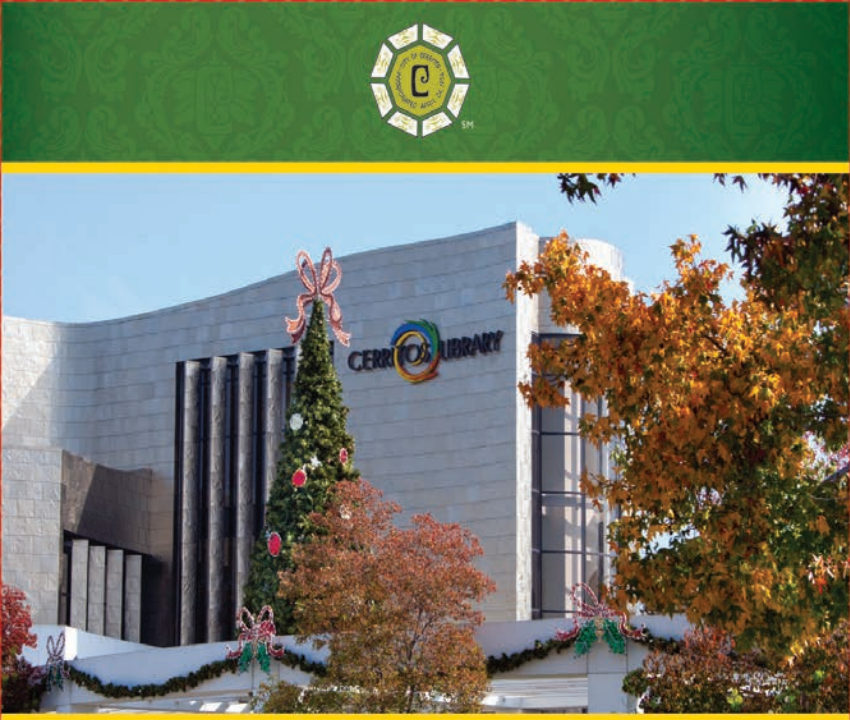
A 1975 dead Canary Island pine tree was finally removed from Lake Placid, Cerritos, by Cerritos Street Tree Crews. Cerritos Resident Jim McMahon complained several times last year, but it fell on deaf ears until the new Cerritos Council, led by Mayor Grace Hu, Mayor pro tem Mark Pulido, and Councilman Frank Yokoyama took charge. One year later, the tree was removed, but apparently adjacent trees are now infected with the bark beetle that killed the removed tree. The tree was planted on Lake Placid/North Denny alley and had grown to about 75-100 feet in height. McMahon said, "We're glad to see this finally come to an end. It posed a real fire hazard with the Santa Ana winds blowing, plus it was within 50' of damaged electrical lines." According to McMahon, the tree was originally planted by Warmington Developers.

The candidates had gone to different nursing schools and had various backgrounds before they became nurses. The graduates each received a keepsake nursing ornament as a remembrance of the day, as well as a completion certificate for the residency program.

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HHDC HOLDS HOLIDAY PARTY IN CERRITOS



The Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club held its annual Holiday Party Dec. 18 at Josephines Restaurant in Cerritos where several elected officials spoke. Greeting more than fifty guests were (l-r): Secretary Beverly Porter, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Treasurer Chris Duvali, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia, and Co-Presidents Larry Caballero and Elaine Duvali.

DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMEN OF CERRITOS-ARTESIA (DYW) OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS

Distinguished Young Women of Cerritos-Artesia (DYW) is offering high school juniors the opportunity to participate in a national scholarship program that promotes and rewards academics, leadership and talent in young women.

Cash scholarships are awarded at the local level and millions in college-granted scholarships are available (\$1.5 billion nationally). And local winners will advance to the state program in Bakersfield, California where they give away more than \$30,000 in cash tuition scholarships.

Young women interested in participating should complete the initial application on-line at the DYW website: www.Cerritos-Artesia@DistinguishedYW.org. A mandatory parent meeting is scheduled for January 20, 1 - 2 PM at Liberty Park, 19211 Studebaker Rd, Cerritos, CA. A parent or guardian must attend this meeting to hear more about the program and what their daughters will be preparing for in the next few months. Information regarding registration and forms, deadlines, practice schedules and more will be discussed with the DYW committee members. Participants will be asked to provide information about themselves and past DYW participants will be available to answer questions.

The Distinguished Young Women's competition will be held on April 22 at Cerritos College. Winners will compete in the state program later in the year. The state winner moves on to the national competition.

Last year more than \$10,000 was awarded to participants in nine separate scholarships. The two overall winners were Anna Park of Gahr High School, and Umeesha Dalwis of Cerritos High School.

Distinguished Young Women is a national scholarship program that inspires high school girls to develop their full, individual potential through a fun, engaging experience that culminates in a celebratory showcase of their accomplish-

ments. It is open to high school juniors residing in Cerritos and Artesia.

Participants must be an American citizen and meet certain criteria. For more information, please contact Rhonda Burd @ 562-843-2468 or visit the local DYW website: Cerritos-Artesia@DistinguishedYW.org.

WRD DONATES \$2,500 TO CPE TOT LOT PROGRAM



Greeting parents and tots as they arrived for the holiday party at CPE were (l-r), parent advocate Emily Chen-Darnell, Water Replenishment District Vice-President John Allen and CPE Tot President Surya Villarina.

By Larry Caballero

Cerritos Park East Tot Lot Holiday Event was held Dec. 20 at the CPE Recreation Center where Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu praised the children and parents for participating.

WRD Vice-President John Allen presented a \$2,500 water replenishment community grant that will be used to continue to provide needed services.

Parent advocate Emily Chen-Darnell said, "Parents are the first teachers our children learn from, and participation in our child's educational development is essential. All of us here thank the WRD for

this generous donation."

Cerritos Park East Tot Lot is a parent cooperative preschool program whose purpose is to provide a pleasant, supervised learning experience for preschool aged children through parental participation and involvement, and to prepare them for kindergarten.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

CERRITOS SNAPS LOSING SKID TO CROSSTOWN RIVALS IN RARE LOW-SCORING AFFAIR

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

Six nights following their third place meeting in the annual Cerritos/Gahr Varsity Tip-Off Tournament, the two city rivals met in their annual tilt, this time at Cerritos High. The rivalry, not including tournament games, has been heavily dominated by Gahr High as of late, but this time, the hosts found a way to win.

Cerritos outscored the Gladiators by six in the fourth quarter and survived a rare defensive tussle, winning 56-52 last Friday night to snap an eight-game losing streak. In addition, it’s the first time in over 10 seasons that the final score has been in the 50s.

Cerritos co-head coach Jonathan Watanabe saw his team score the first 14 points of the contest and his team own a 17-3 advantage following the first quarter. Long scoring streaks by either team in this rivalry is nothing new, but not this early and not when one team shoots one of 11 from the field in the first quarter.

“I’m not surprised,” Watanabe said of the fast start. “We were ready. I just wished we were able to sustain that for a longer period of time. But we were locked in. The one thing we need to do on a consistent basis is lock in defensively.

“In the second half, we got loose,” he continued. “We gave up I don’t know how

many offensive rebounds. But that was the difference. There were at least four offensive rebounds given up in that the third quarter that led to eight points. We have to do a better job at that.”

“We beat them last week in the third place game of the Gahr-Cerritos Classic, so we knew they were going to come out and be ready,” said Gahr head coach Ricky Roper.” I just think we’re two evenly-matched teams, and we won a close one and they won a close one.”

But as fast as Cerritos gained that 14-point lead, the largest of the game, the Gladiators quickly made it a contest. Senior Jarrel King scored all but two of his teams’ points in the second quarter and following a 10-0 run, Cerritos was only up 17-13 with 3:50 left in the first half. The Dons, however, extended their lead to a dozen points with just under a minute to play in the half on a three-pointer from senior Dorian Harris. Cerritos led 30-22 at the half, very low-scoring by both teams’ standards, but easily anyone’s game to take over the final 16 minutes. By halftime, Cerritos had connected on 10 of 24 shots from the field while Gahr improved a little, hitting on nine of 31 attempts.

“They hit a lot of shots and we missed a lot of shots,” Roper said. “They probably came out wanting to avenge last week’s loss. We got back on our heels a little bit.”

The Gladiators stayed within single digits the entire second half and took its first lead of the game with 2:21 remaining in the third stanza on a King basket. After getting an offensive rebound, Gahr senior Bill Williams was fouled and connected on both free throws 18 seconds later as the Gladiators led 38-35, their largest lead of the game.

That’s when Cerritos made another push to take control of the game and this time, it held. Cerritos went on an 11-2 run over the next 4:18, getting points from six different players. Only senior Destin Flucas scored twice in that rally, including a three-pointer to put his team up 46-40.

“We gave away too many points, and we turned the ball over too much, too,” Watanabe said. “So, that doesn’t help. But these games really show your character. You’ve got to find ways to win. It doesn’t really matter if you played well or if you played bad in some games. It’s whether you got the ‘W’ or the ‘L’, and tonight we were fortunate to get the ‘W’.”

“We fought hard and got some turnovers off the press,” Roper said. “Foul trouble was kind of a rough break; we had two guys foul out. We had a guy cut his head, [senior] Seth Shaw, [and] we couldn’t get him back in the game. We had a few bad breaks.”

With 2:53 remaining in the game,

sophomore Jaren Johnson nailed a three-pointer off a pass from King to make it a one-possession game. Gahr was still down by a point following another Johnson basket with 30.6 seconds remaining. But senior Vincent Biscoe sank the second of two free throw attempts with 25.1 seconds left. Then after Gahr called a pair of timeouts, King missed a long three-pointer with under 10 seconds left and senior Jyvontte Moore sealed the victory with two free throws.

“They’re making it tough,” Watanabe said. “They’re working and we’re trying on our end, too. Saturday was the first time we lost a game when we held a team to under 60 [points] this year so far.”

Flucas led the Dons with 19 points and 12 rebounds while Moore added 16 points, 10 rebounds and two steals. Biscoe pitched in with 13 points as all five starters scored 54 of the 56 points.

“I also like the play of [freshman] Alex Archer coming off the bench to kind of calm things down,” Watanabe said. “I don’t know if it shows up in the stats, but he did a good job of calming it down and defending. And, also [senior] Brandon de Groot, [who] didn’t play a lot of minutes. But when he was in there, he made an impact on both ends of the floor.”

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“We still have things to fix, but we’re all trying to improve and get better,” Watanabe said. “Defensively, offensively, from coaching standpoint, these games are great.”

The Vaqueros tried to come back, trailing by three midway through the second quarter. But that was as close as they would get as V.C. went on an 11-0 run to end the half, even though the only field

Senior Jai'lynn Parham had a concussion during a practice earlier in the season.

The Lady Wildcats, who dropped to 7-6 on the season, and will be off until next month, also defeated Westminster High 59-46, lost to Long Beach Wilson High 48-41 and knocked off Kennedy High 51-50 last Friday.

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By Loren Kopff
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Coming into this season, Vinson Pluma was concerned about the defense of his Norwalk High boys soccer team. The Lancers, who advanced to last season’s California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division IV semifinals, graduated most of their defenders from their 16-7-1 campaign and the longtime head coach didn’t know how the team would perform this season.

As it turns out, at least through the first nine games, there’s no need to worry as the Lancers posted their fifth shutout after blanking John Glenn High 3-0 on a blustery day this past Wednesday. Norwalk (7-2-0 overall, 2-0 in the Suburban League) has also yielded one goal each in three other games.

“That was our biggest concern, but they’ve actually come together,” Pluma said of his defense. “And so now, they’re organized and they’re holding it down. They’re not letting any easy goals in. That’s been a big help.”

Pluma also praised his offense, even though it has scored 13 goals, because it has been possessing the ball more than the opponents. That was once again true against the Eagles (4-4-1, 0-2), who managed to get off just one shot in the game, and that came in the second half. Meanwhile, the Lancers had numerous opportunities to get on the board in the first half.

In the ninth minute, senior midfielder Benjamin Gonzalez had his first shot just go off to the right side of the net. In the 33rd minute, his point-blank shot was stuffed by junior goalkeeper Roberto Garcia while senior midfielder Allen Perez had the same result on the last play of the first half.

“I know the momentum swings with

goals and so, we just need to score more often and earlier,” Pluma said. “That’s going to help us break teams. But, when we play the best teams in CIF, we’re going to need to be able to put the first goal in and hold it down all the way to the end.”

The Lancers finally hit pay dirt less than a minute into the second half when senior forward Christian Bolanos netted his second goal of the season. Five minutes later, junior midfielder Daniel Felix, who had been stymied numerous times in the first half, scored on a header after senior forward Alejandro Amador’s shot bounced off a Glenn defender. It was the second goal of the season for Felix, both coming in league action. The Lancers ended the contest with 16 shots, half coming in each half.

“One of the mistakes Daniel Felix recognized and actually said was that he made two extra moves that he shouldn’t have done, because the defense actually backed into the goal, closed it down and then there was no space,” Pluma said. “It was nice for him to score. For him to be hungry and him to be still looking to score and not [be] down on himself for missing so many or not having the chances, is what we expect from all the players.”

The final goal of the game came in the 66th minute from junior Angel Bernal. Norwalk will end the calendar year with a road game at El Rancho High on Wednesday while Glenn’s next game isn’t until

NORWALK’S DEFENSE COMES THROUGH AGAIN WITH ANOTHER SHUTOUT



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NEWS & NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

Jan. 5 at Lynwood High.

In other boys soccer action, Artesia High blanked Bellflower High 6-0 in the Suburban League opener this past Monday and hosted Gahr High on Dec. 21. The Pioneers, who will also participate in the North Orange Country Championships beginning on Wednesday, are 7-3 overall.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Artesia got past Garey High 47-44 this past Wednesday to improve to 7-3 and hosted Ganesha High on Dec. 21. The Pioneers will face Western High on Wednesday in the first game of the Rancho Alamitos Tournament.

Glenn got past Norwalk 55-51 this past Wednesday to snap a 36-game league losing streak. The last time Glenn won a league contest was on Jan. 8, 2014, a 48-47 victory over Norwalk. Since 1999, the Eagles (4-5, 1-1) are 7-12 against the Lancers at home. Against the rest of the league, Glenn has five home wins combined during that same time. The Eagles host Los Amigos High tonight and will face Garden Grove High on Tuesday in the Rancho Alamitos Tournament.

Valley Christian fell to West Torrance High 59-48 last Saturday in the third place game of the Bellflower Tournament to drop to 7-3. The Crusaders hosted Marshall Fundamental High on Dec. 21 and will begin play in the Orange Holiday Classic on Wednesday against Golden Valley High.

Whitney High dropped to 3-11 after

losing to San Marino High 81-48 this past Monday. The Wildcats hosted San Gabriel Academy on Dec. 21 for their final game of the month.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Artesia began league play with a 53-48 loss to Bellflower High this past Monday and will go to the Bay Area for the West Coast Jamboree where it will face Northgate High on Thursday at Ygnacio Valley High.

Cerritos knocked off La Mirada 57-44 this past Wednesday and will take its 7-3 overall mark into Tuesday’s meeting with Edison High in the first round of the Larry Doyle/Dan Wiley Tournament.

Gahr (4-5) has not played since Dec. 14 but will face Roosevelt High on Wednesday, Del Norte High on Thursday and Tesoro High on Friday in the Southern California Holiday Prep Classic.


GIRLS SOCCER

Artesia was blanked by Bellflower 3-0 this past Monday to fall to 3-6-1 and will not play until Jan. 2 when it travels to St. Joseph High.

Gahr fell to Savanna High 3-1 this past Tuesday for its final game of the month. The Lady Gladiators are 4-5-2.

Norwalk moved to 4-8 overall and evened its league mark after two games following a 4-0 win at Glenn this past Wednesday. It’s the final game of the month for the Lady Lancers, who will resume league play on Jan. 4 against Mayfair High.


Valley Christian blanked Whitney High 6-0 this past Wednesday and is 8-3-1. It was the seventh shutout for the Lady Crusaders, who have yielded six regulation goals thus far. V.C. will play Pomona Catholic High on Wednesday in the first round of the Ontario Christian Tournament.



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SAREGA

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ga and his dad Ion "served," (which is another word for delivered) Vasquez' notice of lawsuit to Hews at his Cerritos offices.

Sarega and his dad came out from behind some bushes, walked up with a box of subpoenas handing them to Hews. People who serve subpoenas are usually paid for their services.

Days later, Sarega himself filed a frivolous lawsuit against the Lamplighter.

Sarega joins a long line of questionable elected officials, officials who took an oath of office to protect and defend the Constitution and the 1st Amendment, who have attacked a community newspaper for its investigative reporting.

Sarega also colluded with Randy Economy in the Hews lawsuit; Economy was previously arrested, charged with 3 drug violations and plead guilty to methamphetamine possession.

The other two counts, under the influence of a controlled substance, and possessing of a device used for unlawfully injecting or smoking a controlled substance, were dropped.

Last week HMG-CN reported that the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) confirmed that the campaign finance investigation involving Sarega, Tony Aiello and Residents for a Better La Mirada related to the La Mirada City Council election in March 2017 continues to be active and on going.

The investigation was a result of a series of articles exclusively published by Hews Media Group-Community News, and is why Sarega is suing the La Mirada Lamplighter.

In an email, FPPC spokesperson Jay Wierenga told HMG-CN, "I was forwarded an email from Enforcement regarding your inquiry, I can say the case is open."

Aiello jumped into the controversy last week, sending a threatening retraction letter to HMG-CN denying involvement, even though he is under investigation by the FPPC.

APODACA

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correct.

Lopez was employed with CB from July 2012 to January 2013 to provide CB public relations as a Client Relations Manager.

The most egregious harassment allegations investigated by Balin included Apodaca engaging in sexually explicit comments to Lopez and making physical sexual overtures towards Lopez including touching, patting her body, hugs, and kisses.

During one physical incident, Lopez alleged Apodaca grabbed her wrist and forcibly placed her hand on his groin.

Balin interviewed Lopez, former COO Chuck Fuentes, disgraced former CB GM Art Aguilar, and Apodaca's good friend Leon Garcia who, similar to Lopez, had a Service Agreement with CB in 2012.

Balin also interviewed CB Directors Art Chacon, Phil Hawkins and then-Director Ed Vazquez, attorney Arnold Glasman, then-Assistant to the GM Ron Bielke, CB employees Maggie Gomez and Sandi Linares-Plimpton and Apodaca's common law wife Caroline Medrano.

Explicit Harassment From the Beginning

According to the report, Lopez said Apodaca hinted at having a sexual rela-

tionship early in their working relationship.

Lopez alleged that Apodaca would constantly ask about her personal life and made many extremely offensive and explicit sexual comments.

The comments included references to her breasts; asking if she liked sex with her boyfriend; anal sex; if she knew what a Brazilian Wax was; that Apodaca would enjoy a 'Monica Lewinski;' and while she was chewing gum he would say, "man I would love to be that gum in your mouth."

Apodaca also said, "that he often thought of being with her, and wanted her to be his girlfriend."

Lopez recalled that Apodaca even suggested a possible "threesome" with his good friend Leon Garcia.

On another occasion, Lopez alleged Apodaca called to her home asking, "what she was doing, what underwear she was wearing, and did she sleep naked?"

Lopez told Balin that the suggestions were "common refrains" from Apodaca during her employment at CB and that she did inform Fuentes, Glasman, and Bielke.

Within a few weeks, Fuentes, Glasman, and Bielke were gone from CB.

From Verbal to Physical

Lopez said the sexual overtures became physical when Apodaca took her to Mr. V's Bar and Grill in La Mirada late December 2012.

After the two hour dinner, where Lopez claimed Apodaca was "continually caressing" her hand and urging her to drink, they went back to Apodaca's house.

As Lopez was getting out of the car, Apodaca "gave me a pat/hug and a peck on the cheek."

That was the first time Apodaca became physical with Lopez, but it would not be the last.

Towards the end of her employment, another more frightening incident occurred with Lopez alleging that, after getting into his car, Apodaca grabbed her wrist and pushed her hand onto his groin.

Lopez described Apodaca's repulsive language, [he said] "give it some time, I will feel it and like it and would I at least touch it and I said no and you are hurting me. He said come on just touch it I promise you I will not last that long [and] you will like it."

Lopez quickly exited the car; it was the last time she would see Apodaca.

Witness Interviews

The Balin interviews of eleven CB employees led her to conclude that Apodaca "more likely than not" engaged in sexually explicit comments to Lopez and made physical sexual overtures towards Lopez including touching, patting her body, hugs, and kisses.

Fuentes first told Balin, "Lopez informed me that Apodaca told her she really wanted to kiss her; he commented about her breasts; and he told her he wanted to do a tag team with Leon Garcia."

Bielke indicated that he met with Lopez in late December, was aware of the allegations and made them known to others; soon after, Bielke was fired.

Leon Garcia denied the allegations calling them ludicrous, and "that kind of banter does not sound like anything Apodaca would say."

Garcia's statement was in direct contradiction to Fuentes' comments. Later, Garcia would once again be contradicted by Aguilar's interview comments.

Glasman, Directors Chacon,

Vasquez and Hawkins had conversations with Lopez about Apodaca's comments, all three told her to go to Fuentes, which she already had.

Aguilar described Apodaca as, "kind of a chauvinistic guy, during golf tournaments, there were often young girls at various golfing events they attended and Apodaca would encourage the girls to go along with the guys who were making off-color jokes or sexual innuendos. Apodaca would make comments like 'do you want to hold their balls' or he recalls Apodaca would-right in front of the girls-say to the guys 'what do you think of her ass' or 'tits.' Aguilar stated that Apodaca's opinion of women was not very high."

Apodaca Denies Allegations

When Balin interviewed Apodaca he denied everything, telling Bailin, "he never made any sexual related comments or anything else of that nature."

But Balin was very clear she did not believe Apodaca.

Balin wrote, "Apodaca was less than forthcoming and/or inconsistent in his statements. He would initially either deny or provide limited information, but as the questions persisted, his responses kept shifting."

At one time Apodaca completely offended Balin making a sexual reference during an interview about his sex life with his wife Caroline then stopping himself.

Conversely, Balin found Lopez to be very credible and measured in her responses.

"During the phone call where Apodaca asked 'what she was doing, what underwear she was wearing, and did she sleep naked,' Lopez said the call only happened once, where she could have said it happened several times."

Balin concluded that Apodaca "more likely than not" engaged in sexually charged comments to Lopez and made physical sexual overtures towards Lopez including touching, patting her body, hugs, and kisses.

Balin and EXXTI submitted their report Jan. 15, 2014.

Apodaca allegedly learned of the report a few days earlier and, in closed session, voted to settle the case and forward it to then-GM Tony Perez who submitted it to ACWA-JPIA for settlement.

Six months later, Lopez was paid \$670,000 and EXXTI was paid over \$30,000.

HMG-CN exclusively reported on the settlement in September 2014, but it was swept under the rug, until now.

HMG – CN sent an email to all CB Board members for comment; Mark Grejeda hung up, then texted he did not want to comment, all others except Directors Art Chacon and Phil Hawkins had no comment, relying on an agency wide comment from Joseph Legaspi.

Director Chacon told HMG-CN, "this report is explosive and exposes Apodaca. I reported him to Art Aguilar when President Ed Vasquez and I caught him with his wife's daughter Kara Medrano at the office, and nothing was done. He knew back then that ACWA-JPIA would find an amount to settle out of court while making the victim sign a confidentiality agreement ensuring her silence, people's water bills are paying for this guys fun and games."

Director Hawkins said, "this is a very disturbing report and they knew about it. The action they took was to make the handling of a serious matter, the sexual assault of another person, a routine administrative issue to pass off

to ACWA-JPIA, outrageous."

"The Central Basin Municipal Water District is committed to providing a workplace free of harassment including sexual harassment. This includes providing and requiring training for all Board Members, managers and supervisors on sexual and all other forms of prohibited harassment and abusive conduct. Central Basin's policy prohibiting harassment of any kind applies to all Board Members, employees, interns, volunteers, and agents of the District. "

"In speaking with Director Apodaca, he vehemently denies the allegations from the report. "

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vided through Measure G, the district's capital improvements bond passed by voters in 2014, and a similar bond, Measure S, passed in 2002.

"This is the continuation of cost-effective modernization work around the district that will help provide more safety and convenience for our students, staff and visitors," said NLMUSD Board of Education President Chris Pflanzer. "It's also a good investment for the community at-large. It's going to look gorgeous when it's done."

Benton Middle School, built in 1952, is a magnet visual and performing arts campus in La Mirada that serves 500-plus students. The site has been in need of property-wide improvements and expansion for its playground areas, parking lots and pedestrian walkways.

Work at the school will begin in the next few weeks with the project expected to be completed in February 2019. Interior renovation work has been done at the campus in previous years through the Measure S funding.

"We are so proud to celebrate this dream come true of wonderful improvements that will help the school continue its exemplary education programs and outstanding record of academic achievement," said district Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian.

Nearly \$9 Million in Renovations Begin for Benton Middle School

On hand for the ceremonial turning of the shovels were NLMUSD Board of Education members and district administrators, along with staff, students and parents. City of La Mirada elected officials and administrators along with business and service club representatives were also in attendance.

Another groundbreaking event for similar exterior renovation work at Corvallis Middle School in Norwalk is scheduled for Dec. 14. The project, which will cost a total of \$8.2 million, is also expected to take about a year to complete. Corvallis, which opened in 1962, is a science-technology-engineering-mathematic magnet school with an enrollment of more than 700.



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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/21/2006. 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 drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state 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: PHILIP BRUCE FOW, AND RITA CECILIA FOW, TRUSTEES OF THE FOW FAMILY 1991, TRUST DATED MARCH 4, 2002
Duly Appointed Trustee: Zieve, Brodnax & Steele, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 2/6/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0272588 in book , page The sub-ject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded as Instrument 20131574484 and recorded on 11/05/2013. of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California,
Date of Sale:1/12/2018 at 11:00 AM
Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766
Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$485,943.21
Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed.

Street Address or other common designation of real property: 12741 COLIMA RD
LA MIRADA, CA 90638-1922
Described as follows:
As more fully described in said Deed of Trust

A.P.N #: 8042-004-020

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street 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 Sale.

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automati-cally 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 (714) 848-9272 or visit this Internet Web site www.elitepostandpub.com, using the file number assigned to this case 16-45304. 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.

Dated: 12/18/2017 Zieve, Brodnax & Steele, LLP, as Trustee
30 Corporate Park, Suite 450
Irvine, CA 92606
For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920
For Sale Information: (714) 848-9272 www.elitepostandpub.com

Christine O'Brien, Trustee Sale Officer

THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
EPP #24012, 12/22, 12/29/17, 1/5/18

T.S. No.: 2017-02244-CA A.P.N.:8087-002-012
Property Address: 14709 San Esteban Drive, La Mirada, CA 90638

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/22/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROP-ERTY, 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.

Trustor: PABLO MONTALVO AND HORTENCIA GUERRERO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS
Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC
Deed of Trust Recorded 04/03/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0704141 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California,
Date of Sale: 01/19/2018 at 11:00 AM
Place of Sale: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766
Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 494,473.63

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINAN-CIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:

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 as:

More fully described in said Deed of Trust.

Street Address or other common designation of real property: 14709 San Esteban Drive, La Mirada, CA 90638
A.P.N.: 8087-002-012

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.

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 thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is:
\$ 494,473.63.

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.

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.

The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the under-signed caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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Date: November 30, 2017 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary
C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 237
Ventura, CA 93003
Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx>

Trustee Sale Assistant

WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMA-TION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE
CITY OF CERRITOS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos adopted Ordinance No. 1017, an Ordinance by the city council of the City of Cerritos repealing Cerritos Municipal Code Chapter 9.35, relating to residency restrictions of registered sex offenders.

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006, the voters of the State of California overwhelmingly approved Proposition 83, the “Sexual Predator Punishment and Control Act,” commonly known as “Jessica’s Law,” so as to better protect Californians, and, in particular, to protect the State’s children from sex offenders; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 83, codified as California Penal Code section 3003.5, prohibits any person who is required to register as a sex offender per California Penal Code sections 290 et seq. from residing within 2,000 feet of a public or private school or any park where children regu-larly gather (Cal. Penal Code § 3003.5(b)), and permits local regulation of sex offender residency (Cal. Penal Code § 3003.5(c)); and

WHEREAS, in reliance on the authority set forth in California Penal Code subsection 3003.5(c) and its police power, the City Council of the City of Cerritos, like many other cities in the state of California, added Chapter 9.35 to the Cerritos Municipal Code (“CMC”), entitled “Sex Of-fender Residency Restrictions,” (the “Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance added child care centers to the residency restriction and prohibits a sex offender from residing as a temporary or permanent resident within 2,000 feet of a school, park or child care center, and residing in a one-family dwelling, two-family dwelling, or the same dwelling unit of a multiple dwelling, if such dwelling is already occupied by another sex of-fender, unless those persons are legally related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The Ordinance fur-ther restricts residing in a multi-unit development if another unit is already occupied by a registered sex offender. These restrictions may be referred to collectively as the “Residency Restrictions”; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance provides that its restrictions apply to “sex offenders,” which term is defined as “any person for whom registration is required pursuant to Section 290 of the Cali-fornia Penal Code, regardless of whether that person is on parole or probation”; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2015, the California Supreme Court issued its decision in the case of In re Taylor, (2015) 60 Cal. 4th 1019, which addressed the validity of the 2,000 foot resi-dency restriction for sex offender parolees under Section 3003.5(b) of the Penal Code; and

WHEREAS, the In re Taylor Court ruled that the blanket enforcement of the residency restrictions in Penal Code section 3003.5 against sex offender parolees in San Diego County was unconstitutional. The Court found blanket enforcement of the residency restrictions had “greatly increased homelessness” among registered sex offenders on parole in the county and “hindered their access to medical treatment, drug and alcohol dependency services, psychological counseling and other rehabilitative social services available to all parolees, while further hampering the efforts of parole authorities and law enforcement officials to monitor, supervise, and rehabilitate them in the interests of public safety.” (Id. at 1023, 1040.) Additionally, the Court found the residency restric-tions, as applied and enforced in San Diego County, “hampered efforts to monitor, supervise and rehabilitate such parolees in the interests of public safety, and as such, bears no rational relationship to advancing the state’s legitimate goal of protecting children from sexual predators.” (Id. at 1042.); and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2016, the Court of Appeal decided People v. Lynch (2016) 2 Cal. App. 5th 524, narrowly interpreting Penal Code section 3003.5 as applying only to parol-ees. People v. Lynch (2016) 2 Cal. App. 5th 524, 528 [“The placement of Jessica’s law residency restrictions immediately after the previously enacted subdivision (a), which was applicable only to parolees, indicates the intent of the Proposition 83’s drafters to align and limit the “any person” reference in subdivision (b) to the class of persons identified in subdivision (a) – parolees.”].) The City’s Ordinance currently applies to ‘any person who is required to register under Section 290 of the California Penal Code, regardless of whether or not that person is on parole or probation.” ;

WHEREAS, as a result of these two court cases, attorney Janice Bellucci recently sent a letter to the City of Cerritos demanding that the City repeal its Ordinance or attorney Bellucci will pursue a lawsuit against Cerritos challenging its Ordinance as in violation of the U.S. and State Con-stitution. Attorney Bellucci has already filed more than 20 lawsuits challenging residency restric-tions in cities throughout California and has sent numerous demand letters to California cities. Most cities have determined to repeal its residency restriction ordinances; and

WHEREAS, in light of the Taylor and Lynch decisions, the City of Cerritos has conducted a comprehensive review of its Ordinance and ultimately determined to repeal the Residency Restric-tions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Cerritos, does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. CHAPTER 9.35 of Title 9 of the Cerritos Municipal Code is hereby re-pealed.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its second reading and adoption.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this ordinance by the City Council of the City of Cerritos and shall cause a summary of this ordinance to be published in accordance with Government Code § 36933.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council on this 14th day of December, 2017.

I, Vida Barone, City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, California, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1017 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Cerritos at a Regular Meeting held on the 14th day of December, 2017 and that it was so adopted as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Solanki, Yokoyama, Pulido, Hu
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

DATED: December 22, 2017 /s/ Vida Barone, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 will sell by competitive bidding by Climer’s Auctions (Bond # 5181494), on or after JANUARY 9th, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m., property belonging to those listed below. Auction is to be held at the above address. Property to be sold as follows: boxes, totes, tables, benches, loose weights, loose wood, trash bags, bed frames, refrigerators, sofas, mattress, dresser, stereo equipment, table model TV, pillows, card table, wood stand, broom, water bottle, pack and play, chairs, stools, fan, floor lamp, vacuum, suitcase, tool boxes, mic stand, glass shelf, silk plants, and hand bag belonging to the following.

NAME	UNIT #
CONSUELO RODRIGUEZ	B719
NECOLE TOWNS	B109
ANGEL RAMIREZ	B315
TENDERLIE LAVENDER	B684°

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY
(ORDINANCE NO. 574 ADOPTED)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ordinance No. 574 of the City of Hawaiian Gardens conducted second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 574 at the Regular City Council Meeting held on December 12, 2017, and is summarized as follows:

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.

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 Ordinance No. 574 is on file with the Office of the City Clerk, and available for public review at City Hall, 21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716.

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

The Ordinance was presented for first reading and introduction on November 14, 2017. The Ordinance was presented for **second reading and adoption at the Regular City Council meeting held on the 12th day of December 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the City of Hawaiian Gardens City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716.

The vote was certified as follows:

AYES: RODRIGUEZ, BRUCE, TRIMBLE, MARAVILLA, RIOS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

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NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE
CITY OF CERRITOS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Cerritos adopted Ordinance No. 1018, An Ordinance of the City of Cerritos amending various sections of the Cerritos municipal code clarifying prohibited marijuana/medical marijuana activities and uses within the City of Cerritos, herein referenced as Development Code Amendment 2017-6.

City Attorney Summary:

The City of Cerritos Municipal Code currently prohibits commercial marijuana/medical marijuana activities, including dispensaries, deliveries, and outdoor cultivation. Section 22.40.300 outright prohibits the establishment or operation of marijuana/medical marijuana dispensaries, the outdoor cultivation of marijuana/medical marijuana, and the delivery of marijuana/medical marijuana. Chapter 9.100 declares that prohibited marijuana/medical marijuana activities are a public nuisance within the City of Cerritos. Section 22.40.300 does, however, permit and regulate the indoor cultivation of up to six (6) marijuana plants for personal use in residentially zoned areas, including standards for quantity, location, permit requirements, and building requirements.

Beginning on January 1, 2018, the State of California will start issuing licenses for twenty (20) types of categories for which a marijuana and/or medical marijuana business, activity, or use may be established. These license types are categorized under Section 26050 of the California Business and Professions Code, and include commercial marijuana/medical marijuana cultivation, manufacturing, testing, retailing, distributing, and the establishment of microbusinesses.

This Ordinance will amend Chapter 9.100 and Section 22.40.300 of the Cerritos Municipal Code to further clarify that all commercial marijuana/medical marijuana activities and uses are prohibited, including the twenty (20) types of commercial marijuana/medical marijuana businesses, activities, and uses to be licensed by the State; but excluding the indoor cultivation of marijuana/medical marijuana of up to six (6) plants for personal use.

The full text of this proposed Ordinance can be obtained at the City Clerk’s Office, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, CA 90703.

I, Vida Barone, City Clerk of the City of Cerritos, California, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1018 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Cerritos at a Regular Meeting held on the 14th day of December, 2017 and that it was so adopted as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Solanki, Yokoyama, Pulido, Hu
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

DATED: December 14, 2017
/s/ Vida Barone, City Clerk

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CITY OF CERRITOS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
DESIGN OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS
TO 166TH STREET AND BLOOMFIELD AVENUE,
HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP)
PROJECT HSIP7-07-003, RFP NO. 1332-18

Project Identification: DESIGN OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS TO 166TH STREET AND BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) PROJECT HSIP7-07-003, RFP NO. 1332-18

Project Description: The City of Cerritos (“City”) is requesting proposals from qualified civil and traffic engineering consultants to design traffic signal improvements for the intersection of 166th Street and Bloomfield Avenue. The project is HSIP funded and as such is subject to federal guidelines. This project has a specific DBE contract goal of 8%.

Proposals must be received on or before: 3:00 p.m. January 17, 2018

Place of proposal receipt: Office of the City Clerk, City Hall
18125 Bloomfield Avenue, First Floor
Cerritos, California 90703

Proposals must be marked: “PROPOSAL – DESIGN OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS TO 166TH STREET AND BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) PROJECT HSIP7-07-003, RFP NO. 1332-18; DO NOT OPEN”

Request for Proposal details are available in the Public Works Department located on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California, 90703.

The City’s final selection criteria will be based on, but not limited to, the following analysis:

- Completeness of proposal.
- Firm’s and key project team members’ record in accomplishing work assignments for similar projects.
- The resources and fee required for performing the requested services.

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

By order of the City of Cerritos. Dated/Posted/Published: **December 22, 2017**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cerritos City Council will conduct a public hearing at a **Regular** meeting on **Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following matter:

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION TO WAIVE READING OF AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS PROHIBITING PARKING ON A PORTION OF DENNI STREET NORTH OF LA PALMA AVENUE

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

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

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

Dated: December 22, 2017

/s/ Vida Barone, City Clerk
Vida Barone
City Clerk

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Title Order No.: 05933828 Trustee Sale No.82418 Loan No.: 399126444 APN: 8064-048-008 NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/22/2016. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 1/16/2018 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 6/24/2016 as Instrument No. 20160730358 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: PDGA USA, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, as Trustor, THE EVERGREEN ADVANTAGE, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashiers check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE-continued said County, California describing the land therein: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. The property heretofore described is being sold as is. The street address and other common designation, if any of the real property described above is purported to be: 15020 LA MIRADA BOULEVARD LA MIRADA CA 90638. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$4,786,342.31 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. 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 of Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 12/14/2017 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCENI, VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorders 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 844-477-7869, or visit this internet Web site www.stoxposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.#82418. 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. CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS Attn: Teri Snyder 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD. ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808

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loscerritosnews.net/Obituaries
Community News and Lamplighter



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EVERY FRIDAY
LIVE DJ starting at 8pm
FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS
GAMING TABLES • DANCERS • FULL BAR

FREE ENTRY
MUST BE 21 and OVER



HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM  **WRD**
WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



SECURING OUR WATER FUTURE TODAY
Established in 1959, WRD manages two of the most utilized urban groundwater basins in the nation. Groundwater from these basins provides 50% of the total water supply for four million people within WRD's service area, which includes 43 cities within 420 square miles. Through WRD's Water Independence Now(WIN) Program, the two basins will become locally sustainable and will be completely independent of imported water by 2018.

Water Replenishment District of Southern California's service area in southern Los Angeles County

