



## Interim Commerce City Clerk Out of Job After Recall Election Dispute With City Attorney

By Randy Economy and Brian Hews

A contentious recall campaign targeting four current Commerce City council members has apparently caused the Commerce Interim City Clerk her job.

Hews Media Group Community Newspapers has confirmed that that Interim City Clerk Theresa Jackson is out of a job this week after she clashed with powerful Commerce City Attorney Eddie Olivo over particular legal requirements required under California election laws.

HMG-CN has confirmed that Jackson and Olivo were at odds on how recall proponents published required legal notifications about the particulars of the recall of

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## LA TIMES WITHHELD INFORMATION, FACTS ON CALDERON, SPEAKER PEREZ

By Brian Hews and Randy Economy

Hews Media Group-Community News has obtained documentation that indicates the Los Angeles Times deliberately withheld a story and incriminating audiotapes from a 2010 meeting that detailed Speaker John Perez, former State Assemblyman Tom Calderon, and Central Basin Municipal Water District GM Art Aguilar pressuring the tiny Maywood Water Mutuals to take a \$25 million infrastructure project or risk being legislated out of existence by Speaker Perez using Assembly Bill 240.

Sources tells HMG-CN that LA Times Senior Editor Kimi Yoshino, reporters Ruben Vives and Hector Becerra were all given the audiotape of the July 2010 meeting this year, yet they did not publish the full version, instead the LA Times

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## Congresswoman Visits Successful MUSD Head Start Program



Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, left, recently met with Superintendent Susanna Contreras Smith to tour an MUSD Head Start classroom on Nov. 6 at the Washington Elementary School site.

By Brian Hews

MONTEBELLO, CA - Congresswoman Linda Sanchez visited a Montebello Unified Head Start classroom on Nov. 6 to see how the District is serving some of its neediest families. The tour came following a \$7.2 million competitive grant recently awarded to Montebello Unified so that it can operate its own program.

"It's clear that a lot of learning is happening here and that learning will serve these students in their passion for education and later in life," Sanchez said during her visit.

Sanchez's 38th Congressional District includes much of Montebello Unified, including Montebello and Pico Rivera. She also represents Whittier, Lakewood, Cerritos, Bellflower, Norwalk and La Mirada.

"We are so honored to have had the opportunity to show our Congresswoman how we are dedicated to ensuring that our young community members are prepared for success in kindergarten and throughout their educational career," said MUSD Superintendent Susanna Contreras Smith, who along with Head Start Program Administrator Aida Ramos, met with the Congresswoman at the Washington Elementary Head Start classroom. "We thank her for being a champion of these programs and advocating for our communities."

Thirty-nine Head Start classes are available at 11 MUSD elementary schools within Bell Gardens, East Los Angeles, Montebello, Pico Rivera and Monterey Park. In addition to providing quality educational instruction for 3- and 4-year-olds living within the District, MUSD's Head Start offers comprehensive mental, medical, dental, nutrition and social services to more than 700 families.

"Our goal is to use Head Start to provide underprivileged children with the tools they need so that they have the educational, social and emotional support to be able to have the same opportunities as their peers," said MUSD Board of Education President Hector Chacon. "We believe in offering programs and services that provide equity to all students so that they have access to a bright future."

The District's successful program earned a federal grant that allows MUSD to oversee its own program rather than the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

"Now as a Head Start grantee, we have the ability to tailor our program to the specific needs of our students," said MUSD Head Start Program Administrator Aida Ramos. "After spending 20 years working to grow this program, this honor is a wonderful way to continue to enhance the lives of our families."

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## CENTRAL BASIN WATER DIRECTOR ROBERT APODACA HIT WITH SEXUAL BATTERY LAWSUIT

CENTRAL BASIN ALSO NAMED IN LAWSUIT.

By Kelli Forsch and Randy Economy

A woman who worked as a public outreach director with the Central Basin Municipal Water District has filed a sexual battery lawsuit against Board Director Robert "Bob" Apodaca alleging, among other things, that her contract was not renewed because she refused Apodaca's sexual advances.

The lawsuit is the newest development for the beleaguered municipal agency based in Commerce.

Westlake Village-based law firm Sotile-Baltaxe filed the fifteen page com-

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## At-Large Voting Abolished at ABCUSD

By Randy Economy and Brian Hews

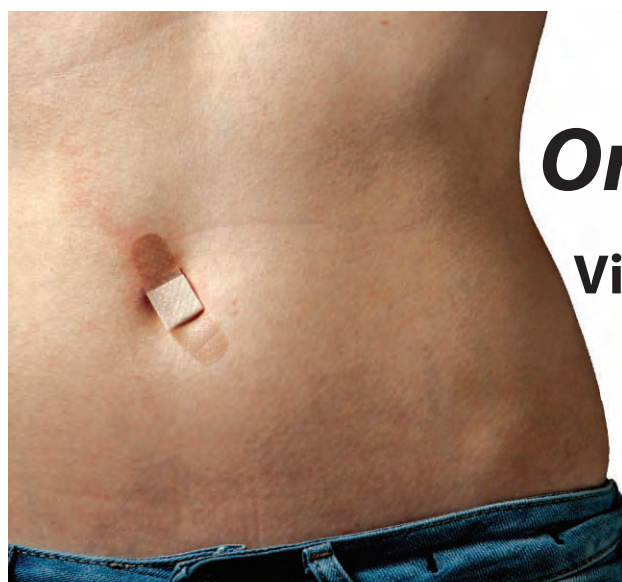
In a stunning announcement, the ABC Unified School District Board of Education confirmed on Tuesday night that it has settled a civil rights law suit that will end at large voting for trustee elections beginning in 2015.

The decision will now break up the school district into seven different voting areas where board members will be selected in smaller, more compact districts. It will now ensure that voters in Artesia, Lakewood, and Norwalk will be able to have equitable representation on the influential school board that has traditionally been dominated by members who reside in the City of Cerritos.

The vote to accept the settlement was 5-2 with ABC school board members Sophia Tse and Lynda Johnson opposing the deal. School Board members Celia Spitzer, Olympia Chen, Armin Reyes, Maynard Law, and James Kang supported the settlement.

It was also announced that the school

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## Gahr HS Marching Gladiators Win California State Championships



**Winners:** The Gahr High School "Marching Gladiators" have captured the California High School Marching Band Championship for 2013. Here the band celebrates their victory after the results were announced.

By Randy Economy

Congratulations are in order this week to the Richard Gahr High School Marching Band for winning one of the most prestigious awards in California.

The Gahr "Marching Gladiators" received first place in the 3A Division at the 2013 California State Band Championships that were held in Hemet at West Valley High School two weeks ago.

The Marching Gladiators bested several other high schools during the competition that included Marina High School, Brea Olinda High School, Claremont High School, Lakeside High School, Sultana High School, Summit High School, Westminster High School, Hubert Hoover High School, and Oak

Hills High School.

The teams were scored in various categories including Music Performance, Music Effect, Visual Effect, Percussion, and Military Style.

"After six years of not participating in field show competitions, this is a truly remarkable achievement," said a spokesperson for the Cerritos based high school band.

"Thank you to our amazing and dedicated booster parents for their countless hours of selfless work. Most importantly, thank you to the hard-working students of the Gahr High School Marching Gladiators for an incredible and unforgettable field show season! You guys earned it!" the statement continued.

## Woman's Club of Artesia/Cerritos Annual Scholarship Awards



[l-r] President Marilyn McGorman, Committee member Sandi Reynolds, Regina Jaster, Tammy Little, Tiffany Godfrey, Cynthia Zamudio, Amanda Mathews, Committee Member Linda Harp

On a recent November evening, the Woman's Club of Artesia Cerritos held their annual Scholarship Awards evening. The scholarships are given to deserving woman from Cerritos College ReEntry program. This program is for woman who are reentering college because of life changes. Many of these woman are single parents, or had abusive life-altering relationships. Over 40 applicants applied and needed a 3.0 GPA among other criteria. 12 were interviewed and 5 were awarded various scholarships.

Three of the scholarships were given directly from funds raised by the scholarship committee of the club. Holding annual fundraisers, they ranged from a homemade quilt raffle to a Baked Potato Bar luncheon. The winners for this year were: Regina

Jaster who is a Paralegal major, Tiffany Godfrey a Sociology major, Tammy Little who is a Mental Health Major.

In addition, 2 others were awarded in memory of 2 former members of the club. These ladies had left money in their trusts to fund scholarships. The first was in memory of Maude West was given to Amanda Mathews who is a Culinary Arts major, the Ellen Carver recipient was Cynthia Zamudio a Human Services/Social worker major.

Also during the evening the club had a cake for Operation Smile which helps fund children born with Cleft Palets. Members add a candle to the cake and say what they are thankful for and then make a contribution. This is just one more charitable organization that we support.

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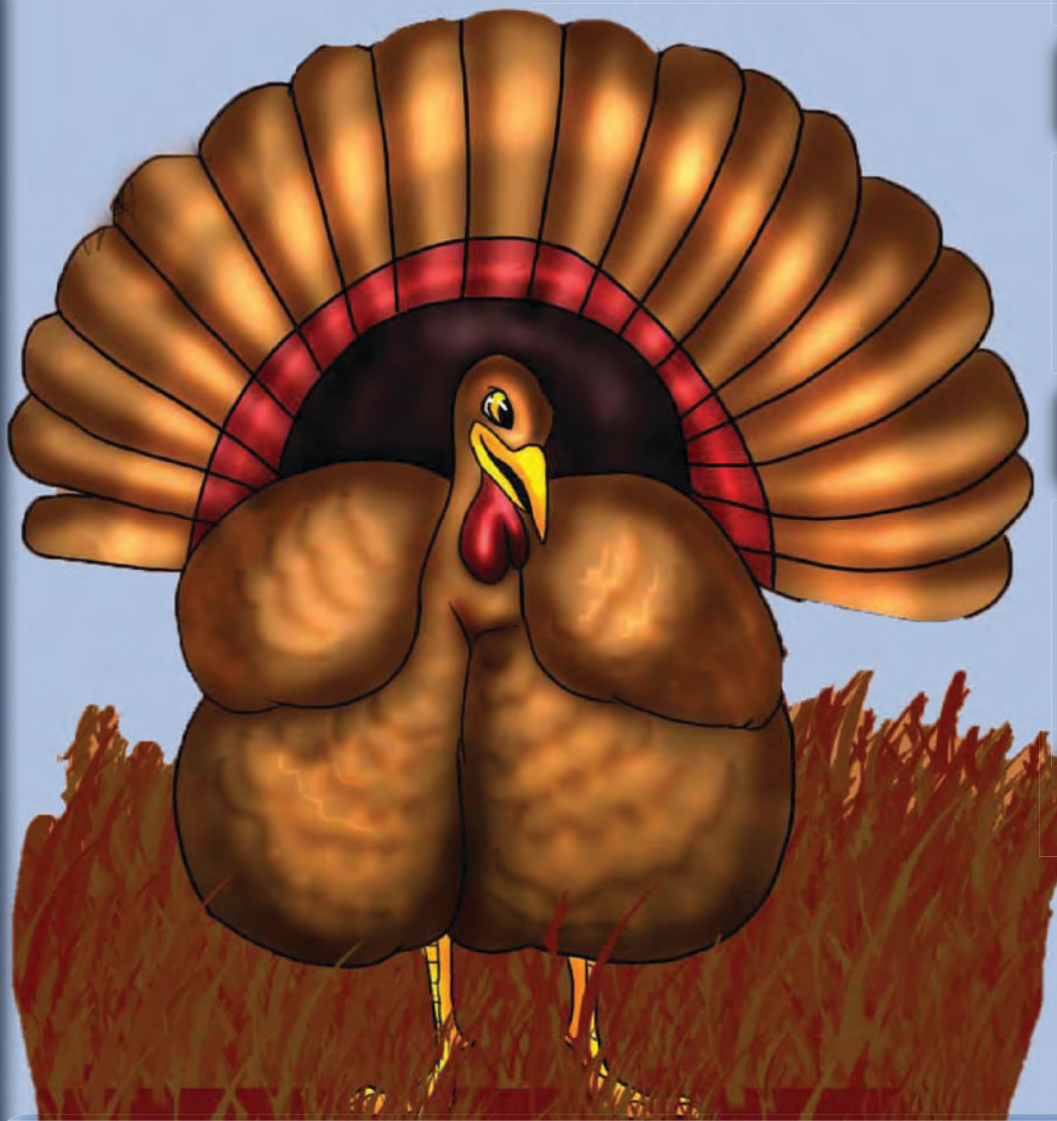


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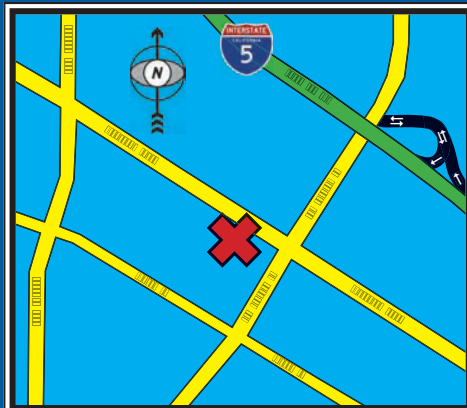
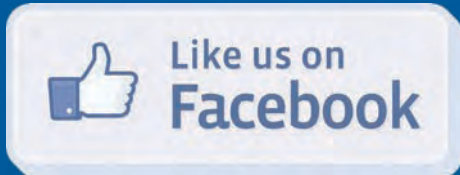
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# Another Widget Company In Cerritos?



Brian Hews  
Publisher

So my friend from Cheesecake, Wisconsin visited the other day and promptly smashed his cheese cutter on my desk saying, "what in the name of Jack Cheese is going on here!"

"What's this I hear about another widget company in Cheesecake," he asked. I said yes it's true, it's called the Doorway Defender, and now, in this era of failing widget companies and consolidation, Cheesecake has three of them.

"The three people running the Doorway are all ex-employees of mine who basically stole our mode of operation and started another company, except they only work every other week."

"Outrageous," he bellowed, "where is VAL KILMER DEFENDER OF ALL REAL WIDGETS?"

"Don't know," I said.

They even got Mayor McCheese of Cheesecake to congratulate them on their new widget company.

"The Mayor never asks you for any widgets," he said.

"I know, ever since we made that Jay Gray widget, he has not ordered a single widget from us, and has been on a personal campaign to cut all widgets ordered by the city."

"Interesting that he supports this new

widget company," my friend said.

I went on to tell my friend that one of the owners of the Doorway has zero experience making widgets, only what she stole from my company and gleaned from my training while she worked here.

Now she follows the Peter Principal and calls herself the Head Cheese of the Doorway.

When she came to me, she "badly needed the job," so I hired her as an Independent Widget Salesperson. Later, she asked me to put her on payroll so she could have a W-2 and "refinance her house." I did, she refinanced her house, apparently using the money to finance the Doorway.

"Some people's kids," my friend said.

I went on to tell him about another employee who worked here for 15 years. We got along just fine all those years.

That is until Adam Acosta (AFSCME 36), came in earlier this year and asked us to assemble the "Dirtiest Widget we could", aimed at a local politician here in Cheesecake.

We did and the Dirty Widget caused quite a stir.

So much so that the long-time employee left the company and is now the Big Cheese of the Doorway working for the Head Cheese.

Big Cheese also arranged to have the newly hired head of the Sacramento SEIU, Jon Youngdahl, file a Fair Widget Assembly Compliant even though Big Cheese and three other employees witnessed Adam Acosta here, ordering the widget in the name of the AFSCME.

"Why would Youngdahl file the complaint?"

"I don't know," I said. "He just start-

ed the job in Feb. 2013 and twenty days later personally files a complaint against a small community newspaper hundreds of mile away that ran a retraction."

"Maybe he was enhancing the negotiating position of the local union," my friend said.

"Has anyone talked to Adam Acosta or AFSCME about this," my friend asked.

"We have called him several times," I said, "but he will not return the call, and he has not paid for the Dirty Widget either."

I went on to say that although the Big Cheese accused me of making one Dirty Widget, he himself constantly threw Dirty Widgets at a local politician in Hawaiian Gardens, a city next door to Cheesecake.

Turned out the Big Cheese's girlfriend, who was the Head Cheese of Communications at a local hospital, was behind it, Big Cheese not adhering to the Cannons of Widget Making he always espouses.

Another employee now working for the Head Cheese is a retired teacher who worked here too. He helped in assembling parts for the final widgets.

Turns out he did not like a local politician, sent a bunch of bad widget parts to his wife under my nose, so I had to fire him.

He is now called Head Cheese of Widget Sales and Assembly at the Doorway.

"In addition, there are major conflicts of interest and ethical ramifications associated with the Doorway Defender," I said.

"This just gets better and better," my friend said.

The Mayor pro tem of the city of Artesia, next door to Cheesecake, owns the building the Doorway operates from.

"I am betting you won't see any revealing widgets about the Mayor pro tem," my friend said.

The Head Cheese of Widget Sales and Assembly ran two local city council campaigns. One of his candidates lied about his residency and had voted only twice in Cheesecake.

"I am betting you did not see any revealing widgets on them either," my friend said.

The Head Cheese of Graphics who designs the Doorway Defender is a long-time Fine Arts and Historical Commissioner here in Cheesecake.

If the city of Cheesecake pays the Doorway for any widgets, that Commissioner would be violating her State Mandated Ethics Training from AB1234 that says, "an appointed official [of the city] cannot directly benefit from [your] relationship with the city as it relates to [your] company or a company you work for."

Something smells in Cheesecake and it's coming from the Doorway", my friend said.

"Ethics be damned," I said.

"In addition, the Doorway is now acting like all amateur widget companies, starting a "race to the bottom." They are charging very little for their widgets or making widgets for free."

"They also make Fake Widgets; fooling the residents of Cheesecake into thinking the city is placing widget orders with them when they are not."

My friend stood up grabbed his cheese cutter and slammed it down on the table.

"I wish you wouldn't do that," I said, "you chipped the table."



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## NLMUSD and Teachers Battle for Respect

By Kristin Grafft



With both sides feeling disrespected and unheard the Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District teacher protests are getting larger

and louder, and the district has begun to speak up too.

Due to the growing number of people and signs in attendance, the NLMUSD board of trustees meeting started out with a statement by presiding president Margarita on Monday, November 18. Rios asked the audience to be respectful, not to interrupt the meeting, to keep protests signs down, and reminded the audience

that, "it is a public hearing for the public, not with the public." And anyone who is not able to cooperate will have to leave, she said.

Many audience members did not appreciate Rios' words and one member responded during the public hearing, saying that it is the teachers that do not feel respected.

"I watched this wave of resentment fall over the entire room, because we don't feel respected. We don't feel that you're caring," said Caron Cole, a special education teacher.

Cole cited not only a lack of respect in terms of their salary and benefits but also in their treatment during the meetings. Cole claimed that she often sees board members on their phones and iPads under the table, looking down and avoiding eye contact with the speakers during public hearing.


Many other teachers and their supporters spoke, echoing similar senti-

ments. Teachers said they feel disrespected and underappreciated for the amount of extra time and work they put into their job. They feel they deserve monetary recognition for their good work through raises and improved health care.

However, the district argues that they simply cannot afford to do what the teachers are asking. The district's reserve is often cited for being unnecessarily large, at \$29 million. Christina Esparza, senior associate for the district, explained that this is one-time money though. It would eventually run out and could not be counted on to sustain an increase in salaries or health care benefits.


"Using one-time money to fund ongoing expenses is fiscally irresponsible," said Esparza.

Esparza also explained that the district is already spending more money than they are making and face continued decreases in enrollment.



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## La Mirada

### Robbery

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### Vehicle Burglary

Three window smash burglaries were reported last week.

An incident was reported on the 16000 block of Lorca Dr. A laptop computer, wallet, and other items were stolen from the vehicle.

A wallet was reported stolen from a vehicle on the 14800 block of Springford Dr.

A burglary occurred on the 14200 block of Firestone Blvd. A stereo and laptop computer was stolen from the vehicle.

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## Cerritos

Part I felony investigations dropped from 20 the past two weeks to 16 last week. Residential burglaries and locker burglaries were up. Robberies, commercial/"other structure" burglaries, vehicle burglaries and vehicle thefts were down. 277 calls for service were handled by patrol deputies, up from 247 the previous week. The 2013 weekly average in calls for service is now 296.

There were no robberies investigated. Residential burglaries increased from three to four last week. Two of the homes were entered via open/unlocked doors or windows, one window was pried and a front door was kicked in. A handgun, jewelry and cash were taken. The 2013 weekly average in residential burglaries is currently 4.3.

Commercial/"other structure" burglaries dropped from two to one last week. A closed market was entered after a rear storage door was pried open. Cash was stolen. The 2013 weekly average in "other structure"/commercial burglaries is 2.4.

After five consecutive weeks with no locker burglaries, one was reported last week. A lock was removed and a cell phone was taken.

Vehicle burglaries decreased from six to four last week. High-volume commercial parking lots were involved in two of the crimes. One of the targeted vehicles was an SUV. Wallets, sunglasses, iPods, cell phones, purses, credit cards, a headset and ammunition were taken. The new 2013 weekly average in vehicle burglaries is 6.2.

Vehicle thefts were also down from four to three. A Honda was stolen from a high-volume commercial parking lot. An SUV and a Chrysler were stolen from residential neighborhoods. The 2013 weekly average in vehicle thefts is now 4.4.



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## Alert Resident Foils Attempted Burglary in Cerritos

Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies made an arrest of a Cerritos burglary suspect on November 18, thanks to a report from an observant neighbor.

At approximately 12:01 p.m. on November 18, Cerritos Sheriff's Station deputies responded to a prowler-report call. The caller advised Cerritos Sheriff's Station deputies that he saw a male carrying a bag jump over a fence into a neighbor's backyard. Responding units from the Cerritos Sheriff's Station contained the location and deputies located the male jumping fences. Deputies detained the suspect as he exited the backyard of a home on a Cerritos residential street. Witnesses reported observing the suspect attempting to enter the side door of at least one residential garage. The suspect, a 19-year-old Gardena resident, was arrested for attempted burglary.

Cerritos Sheriff's Station detectives are handling the follow-up investigation.

Cerritos residents are encouraged to observe the activities in their neighborhood and report any suspicious activity to the Cerritos Sheriff's Station by calling (562) 860-0044.

## Norwalk Sheriff's Deputy Injured After Chase Ends in La Mirada

By Randy Economy

A Deputy stationed out of the Norwalk Sheriff's Station has been injured after a high speed pursuit ended near Meyer Road and Imperial Highway on Tuesday morning.

Hews Media Group-Community Newspaper talked to Watch Commander Evans of the Norwalk station who confirmed that a deputy was injured at the scene, but that "specific details are still be gathered."

Local television news stations, including ABC7 Eyewitness News are reporting that "the chase suspect fled on-foot and broke into an apartment near Coteau Drive and Leffingwell Road in nearby south Whittier."

The Norwalk Sheriff's Station oversees a wide swatch of area including the cities of Norwalk, La Mirada, and Unincorporated South Whittier and Los Nietos.

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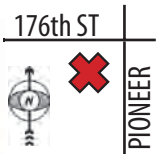
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# Typhoon Disaster in the Philippines Sparks Local Support From Artesia, Cerritos, Charities, Celebs

HOLY FAMILY, ST. PETER CHANNEL, UNITED METHODIST, CONDUCT SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

By Rico Dizon

In the aftermath of super typhoon Haiyan nicknamed "Yolanda" which leveled off the Philippines' Tacloban City and its environs, the massive destruction was matched by the super outpouring of help and compassion from the global community "without borders."

In Southern California alone, there are at least 20 charitable organizations that opened their doors to people's donations in cash and in kind, volunteered their time and efforts to bring emergency relief assistance to the suffering victims of the typhoon-ravaged region of Leyte, the birthplace and home province of former Philippine First Lady Imelda Romualdez Marcos.

Flashed in television news, internets and all conceivable forms of media, pictures of devastation, sufferings, pains and sorrow were just overwhelming to those who saw them. Thus the human spirit and compassion drove people of all races but especially Filipinos and Filipino Americans to act in solidarity. They offered help and still helping in various forms: cash and in kind donations like water, medicines, canned food, water, blankets and

old clothes. Emergency and disaster relief organizations sent contingents and medical, search and rescue missions to the sadly-stricken areas in the Philippines.

Among the early responders were the American Red Cross, ABS-CBN Foundation with offices in California, Gawad Kalinga (USA), World Vision, Apl. the Ap. Foundation, Unicef, US-AID, and the Filipino American Association in Los Angeles (FACLA). Later, during the week, several sub-like agencies sprouted up: Filipino restaurants, shipping companies linked up with major charitable organizations to help raise funds for typhoon relief services. Among them were Goldilocks Bakeshop, Jeepney Asian Grill, LBC, Atlas, XYZ and Right Pak shipping firms volunteered their services to deliver in kind donations to the Philippines free of charge.

Several Catholic as well as Christian churches have been helping collect funds and in kind donations for the Philippine disaster efforts.

Holy Family Church in Artesia has started accepting donations since Monday and until Nov. 26 at 18708 S. Clarkdale Ave. in cooperation with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Holy Family Catholic Church Pastor Fr. Raymond Decipeda has been in a travel mission to India and the Philippines when the disaster struck.

Second collections exclusively intended for the Philippines were conducted in various Catholic churches in Southern California like St. Peter Chanel church in Hawaiian Gardens conducted it for all the Sunday masses last weekend.

The United Methodist Churches in LA County have been gathering funds for calamity relief. In Van Nuys, the Philippine Disaster Relief Organization organized a 5-K fund raiser, Fil-Am artists held a benefit concert at the Immaculate Heart of Mary church in LA. Other Fil-Am artists performed for free in various venues to help raise funds for the typhoon victims in the Philippines.

The mainstream TV channels in LA County have likewise put up their own fund raising campaigns with ABC 7 ushering in the event mid-week of last week with their participating manned drop centers for cash donations at the Honda Center's grounds in Anaheim with meteorologist Garth Kemp hosting the event and at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, from sunrise to sundown. KTLA 5 followed suit Sun-

day, Nov. 17, from 7 pm to 10 pm with their telethon "Season of Sharing: Help for the Philippines" which reportedly gathered more than \$150,000 worth of donations for that night alone.

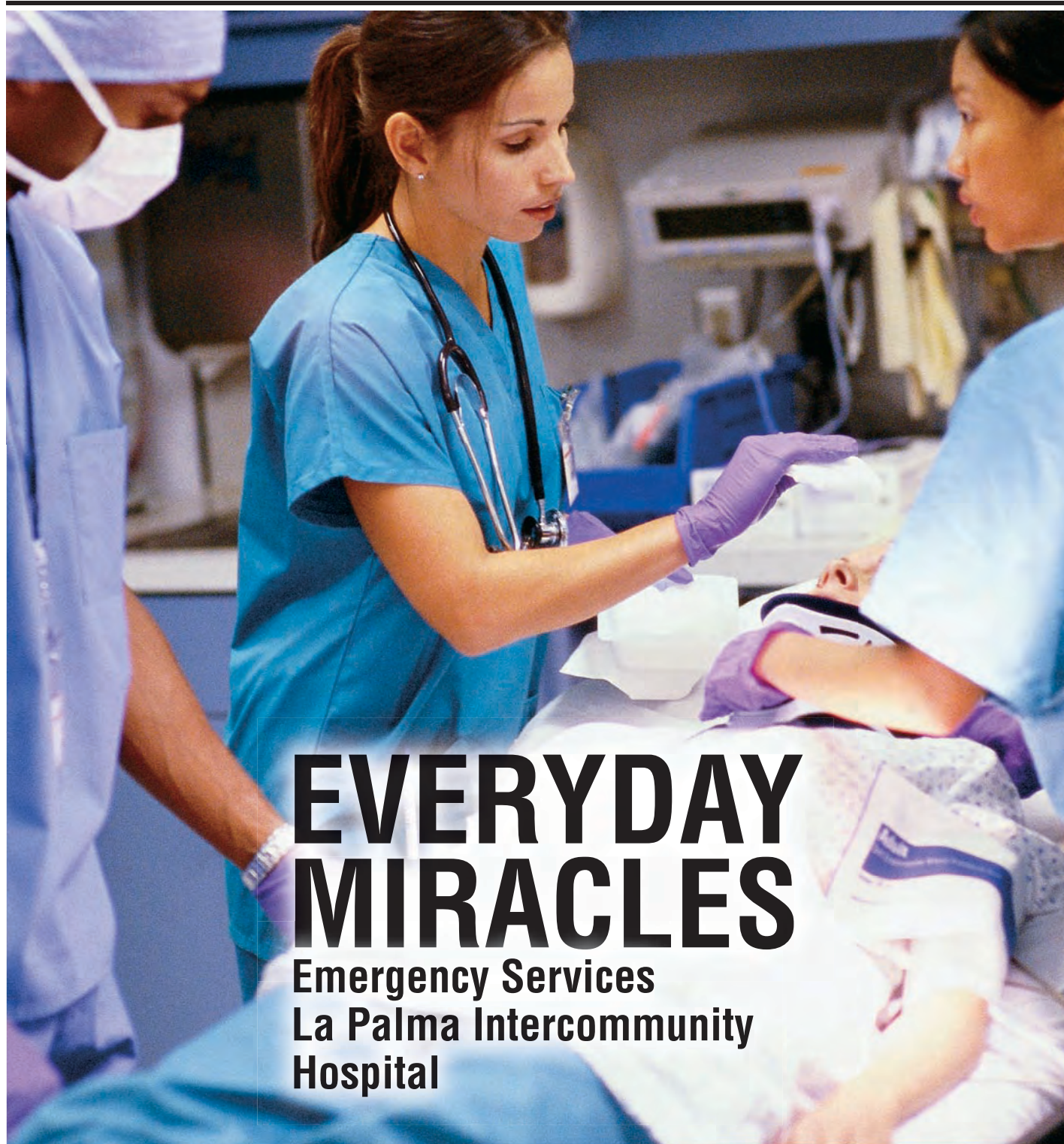
During the KTLA's event chaired by TV news anchor Cher Calvin with assistance from Elizabeth Espinosa and Rick Chamber. The event is the brainchild of Calvin who is of Filipino descent. Calvin said, "to the people of the Philippines I am certain that you will rise up from your sufferings as you have proven before. I know because I am a Filipino too although I was born in the US, my parents raised me up in the Filipino spirit." Calvin interviewed Philippine Consul General in LA Maria Hellen Barber-de la Vega who stated, "the consulate has sent a medical mission to help the injured and the sick in the aftermath of the typhoon. "We are also closely monitoring the situation and coordinating relief services in Southern California." Several celebrities graced the occasion like Red Cross ambassador Billy Ray Cyrus, Paul Rodriguez, and Marc Damascus who came to help in answering calls plus a performance by Cyrus.

Later in the evening prominent guests dropped in to extend help by word of endorsements among them were Paul Schultz, CEO, American Red Cross LA branch; Sam Kill, a US veteran associated with Team Rubicon who are now in Tacloban helping in search and rescue operations; David Lazarus, Business Columnist of LA Times who gave pointers in detecting donation scams on line; Cristina House, a photo journalist of the LA Times whose mother and aunts are from Leyte, Philippines.

Calvin interviewed Filipino American guests among them were Cerritos Mayor Pro Tem Mark Pulido, SIPA Executive Director Joel Jacinto who said, "what we need is a long and sustained partnership with mainstream private corporations to keep assistance streaming for post calamity rehabilitation and rebuilding and this is exactly what we put to task now." Other guests were Ted Benito of APL (The Ap Foundation), Winston Emano, Director of Filipino American Arts and Culture; Camille Teodoro, Phil-USA Ambassadors; Dr. Enrile of USC, and Susan David, President of Tacloban Association of SC who profusely thanked all those who helped and those still helping. David added, "our history and my childhood memories are all gone."

On-screen personal endorsements came from popular boxer Manny Pacquiao, Journey Band lead singer Arnel Pineda who said, "let's keep believing even in the midst of crisis;" Ms. Saigon star and accomplished singer Lea Salonga as well as NBA players Pau Gasol and Steve Nash. In closing the three-hour fund-raising program, Calvin said, "In behalf of the Philippines, I would like to thank each and every one who gave the much needed help for the typhoon relief services." Those who wish to donate can still visit KTLA.com/help.

It was reported in the Philippine media that the Asian Development Bank which focuses in the country's industrialization estimates losses from typhoons and earthquakes at an average of \$1.6 billion annually but losses from typhoon Yolanda alone may reach \$12 billion which is 5 percent of the nation's gross national product not to mention the death of thousands. Sad to say, these are happening while Philippine President Benigno Aquino III is in a tough battle vs. large corruption issues in the government.



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councilmembers Tina Baca Del Rio, Ivan Altamirano, Leila Leon, and Denise Robles.

The same situation occurred with the prior City Clerk who was with Commerce for over 20 years. Sources tell the Commerce Community News that she was allegedly pushed out by Olivo, Baca Del Rio, Altamirano, and Leon right before the recall.

As required under state and county election laws, all public recall notices must appear in a “newspaper of general circulation.”

During the past several weeks, proponents backing the effort to oust Baca Del Rio, Altamirano, and Leon have paid Eastern Group Publications to advertise in

a “newspaper of general circulation” the actual recall notices.

Recall organizer Jamie Valencia confirmed that he had met the legal requirements in having the notifications published as required by “the exact letter of the law.” The legal notices appeared during the past few weeks in EGP.

Sources tell HMG-CN that Olivo directly interceded in the process by advising Jackson that the newspaper did not “meet the legal requirements under the law” and therefore the recall effort should be invalidated.”

In a three-page legal answer, Olivo cited Government Code 6000-6008 and claimed that EGP was not a legally adjudicated newspaper in Commerce.

Jackson was not willing to talk about the specific circumstances surrounding her “employment status” with the City of Commerce in a phone interview conducted on Tuesday afternoon.

“I don’t have any comment on the matter,” Jackson said.

But Jackson did confirm that city officials are still in the process of reviewing if legal newspaper notices and other postings of recall petitions met county and state election laws.

“The process is still being reviewed,” Jackson said.

Pressed further about her employment status with the City, Jackson referred “all media questions to City Attorney Olivo.”

Olivo told HMG-CN that Jackson’s services were “no longer needed” and that “she will not be with the city of Commerce after this week.” He said that Jackson worked under a specific contract that was to expire at the “end of November.”

HMG-CN has requested a copy of the employment agreement between Jackson and the City of Commerce from Olivo.

“She (Jackson) is under a contract that was ending at the end of the month

(November) but her last day will be on Wednesday,” Olivo said.

Olivo would not go into details surrounding Jackson, and if the two had any type of disagreements surrounding the recall campaign.

“I will not get into the specifics about Ms. Jackson. There is a lot a stress over this recall campaign on many levels,” Olivo acknowledged.

“There is a requirement in the election code that a newspaper of general circulation must be used to advertise recall notifications,” Olivo told HMG-CN.

“The notices were posted in EGP and in my opinion that is not a legally adjudicated newspaper,” Olivo said.

In direct contrast to Olivo’s statement, the city “accepted” the legal notices of recall for Denise Robles that were filed with the same EGP paper.

Olivo would not comment further on the matter, and did not give any particular details regarding the status of the recall campaign being waged against Councilmember Robles.

Robles has been fierce rivals and outspoken critics of the Baca Del Rio, Altamirano, Leon, and Olivo.

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plaint at Los Angeles County Superior Court earlier this week on behalf of Sigrid Lopez, who served as a public outreach director with the agency for a six month period in 2012.

In the lawsuit Lopez alleges that Apodaca began making lewd comments shortly after she was hired. Lopez claims that Apodaca would speak to her in person or contact her via phone asking her “who do you blow,” telling her that “he would not

mind laying into her,” and boasted about “tag teaming” women at conferences he attended, among other things.

HMG-CN published the lawsuit on Thursday afternoon.

**SEXUAL BATTERY ALLEGATIONS**

The suit requests damages in eight different areas, the most serious of which include assault, battery, and sexual battery. Lopez alleges that Apodaca engaged in a series of inappropriate actions, including trying to kiss her and attempting to stroke her hands and thighs. These actions required Lopez to seek medical attention, which she continues to this day. The lawsuit did not specify her injury.

Lopez further claims that she is still suffering from mental anguish because of her ordeal.

Lopez’s lawsuit also says she repeatedly reported the sexual harassment to the Board, the upper management, and the general council of the CBMWD but no action was taken and the harassment was allowed to continue. Lopez alleges that Apodaca retaliated by not renewing her contract.

Attorney Timothy Sottile said in a telephone interview with HMG-CN that more will be learned about the case during the discovery process. Sottile confirmed the details of the brief that was filed but did not discuss the particular aspects of the lawsuit.

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Ramos also shared with the Congresswoman the challenges the program faces, including the devastating effects of the federal sequestration. This reduced funding has resulted in the closure of five Head Start classes, the reduction of 90 families served, staff reductions, and reductions in field trips and instructional materials.

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chose to withhold crucial information and published a watered-down version written by Sacramento beat reporter Patrick McGreevy.

Other sources told HMG-CN that Vives and Becerra had the story written and that “but it was killed by the editors in Sacramento and they ran with McGreevy’s version.”

When HMG-CN obtained the audio-tape of the meeting, a full version was published, both in print and online October 25.

Several media outlets and prominent local online news sites slammed the LA Times for withholding information and not publishing the full version, including RonKayeLA, WatchOurCity, and Mayor-Sam.

After receiving the audiotapes back in July of this year, McGreevy inexplicably wrote a his version saying:

“Sergio Palos, general manager of Maywood Mutual Water Co. No. 1, said that in 2010, Central Basin officials tried to exert control over their operations. Palos and managers of the other Maywood water companies say they were called to a meeting in July of that year with Art Aguilar, then general manager of Central Basin, and Tom Calderon, the senator’s brother, who at the time was a consultant for the district.”

The Maywood managers said Tom Calderon told them at the meeting that more than \$20 million was available from the state to help their companies.

McGreevy went on to say in his article, “we (Maywood Water) were directed to hire the same consultant(s) Central Basin employs if we wanted to eliminate the

threat of retaliatory legislation.”

Nowhere in the article was it written that the LA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, a close political ally of Perez, had sanctioned the meeting.

McGreevy also failed to mention that

Also left out by McGreevy were several incriminating statements implicating Perez knew about the meeting and the strong-arming by Calderon:

In the meeting Calderon said, “if we can’t make this (the project) happen we

to go ahead and move forward (to disburse the \$25 million).”

McGreevy also left out the fact that AB 240, first carried by Perez after he became Speaker nearly three years ago, was revived this year almost verbatim by Assemblyman Anthony Rendon.

The bill was being pushed by Calderon too, and only targeted the MMWD.

Rendon carried the bill through the halls of Sacramento during his first ten months in office and touted the bill as being able to “address the water quality problems in the 63rd Assembly District.”

The bill, Rendon said in a press statement issued by his office, now requires “mutual water companies like those that deliver water to Maywood’s residents to comply with the Brown Act and the Public Records Act—two icons of public agency law.”

Rendon and Perez have been close personal friends and allies for several years.

High-ranking officials in Sacramento tell HMG-CN that Rendon now has the “personal backing and support” of Perez to be the next Speaker of the California State Assembly. Perez is termed out of office in 2014 and is in the process of running for state-wide office.

HMG-CN contacted via email LA Times Publisher Eddie Hartenstein, Editor David Maharaj, reporters Hector Becerra, Ruben Vives, and McGreevy asking them to comment on why they withheld this and other crucial information, with no response.

**LA Times Withholds Crucial Story on Speaker Perez and the Calderons****Evidence from source**

June 6, 2013 - is given tape by source in Maywood Water  
Audio tape is 59 minute long

I delivered a copy of the audio file to two Times reporters after discussions with their Sr. Editor. my transcribed version here is only half of the file.

- I contact Sr. editor at Times Kimi Yoshino regarding existence of tapes
- I meet with Ruben Vives and Hector Becerra :

LA Times publishes Patrick McGreevy’s abbreviated story on Sept 20, 2013  
<http://articles.latimes.com/2013/sep/20/local/la-me-water-maywood-20130921>

. Waiting on Times’ Part 2 where this audio tape

Source is waiting for LA Times to use audio tapes of meeting.

Source gives audio to HMG-CN which published story Oct 25, 2013.  
<http://www.loscerritosnews.net/2013/10/24/california-state-assembly-speaker-john-perez-implicated-in-central-basin-water-scheme/>

Enrique Gasca, then Speaker Perez’ Chief of Staff was present at the meeting, nor the part about the Perez sponsored AB 240 and Calderon threatening to wipe the water companies out “with a stroke of a pen.”

Said one local online publisher, “the left-leaning LA Times is in bed with the Democrats and the union bosses in Sacramento, that’s why they ran with McGreevy’s watered down version, what other explanation is there?”

are all in a lot of trouble, in terms of things you want from Sacramento and his (Speaker Perez) ability to retaliate or encourage things... I have never seen a Speaker who does not get what he wants.”

Calderon went on to say, “the quality of the water is not an issue, but painting a perception that the water is bad is the intent and if the water is presented as being bad, then the money will be there. If we can do that, then that will make him (Speaker Perez) feel comfortable enough



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district will cover more than \$140,000 in attorney fees that have been accumulated during the past two years, primarily racked up by a Northern California law firm who was retained by a group of local residents who sought to have the district's longstanding at-large voting practices abolished.

John Paul Drayer, who is an elected member of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees, told Hews Media Group-Community Newspaper in an interview on Tuesday night that he was "excited that the settlement was reached and now smaller district elections will now become a reality."

Drayer said that he ABC School Board will now "have representatives from the entire district, not from just one city within the district."

"This decision gives candidates in Hawaiian Gardens, Artesia, Lakewood and Norwalk the opportunity to finally get a voice on the school board," Drayer said.

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) and co-counsel Goldstein, Borgen, Dardarian & Ho fired off a statement to members of the media on Wednesday morning hailing the settlement.

"The California Voting Rights Act provides a method for communities to challenge at-large elections when patterns of racially polarized voting result in diminished voting power for minority communities," said attorney Mike Baller who led the lawsuit on behalf of GBDH.

"The District was using an at-large method to elect its Board of Trustees, which the Plaintiffs and three voters in the ABCUSD alleged the system denied

Latino residents the opportunity to elect Board Members of their choice for more than 15 years. Under the settlement announced today, the District will implement a district-based election system, which will provide all voters, regardless of race, an opportunity to elect candidates of their choice and influence election outcomes," Baller said.

"California's future depends upon the success of our public education system; that system works best when community interests are fairly represented," stated Thomas A. Saenz, President and General Counsel of MALDEF.

"This settlement ensures better representation of the entire ABC USD community in tackling the critical education policy issues faced by the trustees," Saenz stressed.

The settlement means that ABCUSD candidates will be voted upon only by registered voters of the same area in which they reside and will represent.

Baller said in a phone interview that ABCUSD will hire a demographer that will create map options for a single-member-district election method featuring seven trustee areas.

The proposed plans will then be available for review and input by members of the public and should be in motion as early as January, 2014.

Baller said that "under the agreement, the new voting map must comply with state and federal election laws and shall, at a minimum, contain at least one Latino-majority Citizen Voting Age Population ("CVAP") district."

Laura Ho, partner at Goldstein, Borgen, Dardarian & Ho and attorney for the plaintiffs said, "Our clients, representing the Latino voters and the parents of Latino school children of the School District, are pleased that the School District has recognized that the interests of the entire

community are best served by complying voluntarily with the CVRA and by creating a district election system which assures residents of the diverse areas of the District will be able to select representatives of their choice who are accountable to them."

Ho also told the newspaper that "we commend the ABC Unified School District on its cooperative actions and look forward to further cooperation in the process of developing and implementing district maps and election schedules that will fairly carry out the promise of this settlement."

Baller said that it will be the responsibility of the ABC School Board "to carry out the process and to start after January 4th, 2013."

"To the credit of the ABC Unified School District, they have been very concerned about the lawsuit, and they took it very seriously, I applaud them for that," Baller said.

"It took seven months from the day the suit was filed to reach an agreement and settlement, and this could have dragged on for several more months, but it didn't," Baller said.

"MALDEF welcomes the opportunity for the Latino community in the ABC Unified School District to have a meaningful influence in Board elections. This settlement highlights the importance of the CVRA and brings positive democratic change to the elections process," said Matthew Barragan, MALDEF attorney.

The lawsuit was brought forth by three plaintiffs, including Olga Rios, who attended ABC USD schools for her entire K-12 education and has two children in the district. She applied for an open position on the Board two years ago and was interviewed. But, the district decided not to appoint anybody to the position until the next election, despite Olga's excep-

tional credentials in education, including a Master's Degree in education from Harvard University.

Rios told HMG-CN that: "I applaud the ABC board members for creating a space for the Latino voice. This settlement provides the residents of Hawaiian Gardens an opportunity to vote for and elect a candidate of their choice and have the kind of representation that mirrors their community. We can now elect someone to represent our interests and advocate for our unique needs. This change can only mean an even higher quality of education for all students. As a parent and a voter, I am truly excited and proud of the Board's decision. What a great day!"

But not everyone associated with the ABC Unified School District applauded the settlement, including one of the long-time leaders of the ABC Federation of Teachers.

"This law firm sues school districts up and down the state," said Richard Hathaway, a leader of the local teachers union.

"That settlement cost taxpayers more than \$140,000. This is a shame," said Hathaway.

Hathaway made his comments during the school board meeting on Tuesday.

Baller told HMG-CN that Hathaway "should have directed his questions to the elected officials and not against my law firm."

"This is not a waste of tax payer money. This guy (Hathaway) really ticked me off," Baller said.

"Bringing jurisdictions into compliance with the law is not a waste of taxpayer resources, I resent what (Hathaway) said in public," Baller concluded.

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## CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION IV GIRLS TENNIS FINALS

### Cerritos sees double vision against Redlands, wins second straight championship

By Loren Kopff

CLAREMONT-The opponent was the same and most of the players were back but the Cerritos girls tennis team found a tougher time in defending its California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division IV championship. The Lady Dons won four of the final six sets to pull out a hard fought 10-8 win over Redlands last Friday afternoon at The Claremont Club.

Cerritos, the top ranked team in the division, blew out Redlands 14-4 in last year's finals, including winning all nine doubles' sets. This time around, the doubles still dominated, taking seven sets including the No. 3 team of seniors Colleen Phong and Toby Tsai winning all three of their sets.

"We knew that [Redlands] would be different because last year was their first finals and they were scared," said Cerritos head coach Alvin Kim. "We warned the girls about this and they came out with a

mission. They came with the tenacity and we couldn't match their energy in the first round. We were lucky to get three [wins], I felt. We just ramped it up in the second [round]."

Cerritos (22-3) got out to a 3-0 lead before the second ranked Terriers tied it up when Kathryn Ryan defeated No. 3 junior singles player Katherine Wee 6-2. But Wee's younger sister and No. 1 singles player, sophomore Shirline Wee, put the Lady Dons up 4-3 with a 6-0 win over Ryan. Cerritos then went up 5-3 following a 6-3 triumph by the No. 1 doubles team of seniors Rachel Guaderrama and Michelle Yang over Cloie Chiong and Myriam Larif. Eventually, Guaderrama, the team captain, and Yang would clinch the championship when they defeated Lisa Aubry and Hollyn Bakland 6-0. That made the score 9-7 but the Lady Dons were comfortably ahead in games won (69-51).

To make sure there wouldn't be Division IV's second ever 9-9 draw since the current divisional format began in 1992, Phong and Tsai rallied from a 5-4 deficit to defeat Heidi Lai and Anushka Paladugu 7-5 to end the match.

"How about that," Kim pondered about his No. 3 doubles team. "Even as a coach, you end up scratching your head. What a great day for them and to graduate in this way. I've been complaining about our doubles the entire season and they really

showed up today."

No. 2 seniors Sivathmika Chevuri and Justine Wu knocked off Aubry/Bakland 6-2 and blanked Chiong/Larif 6-0, which put Cerritos in front for good at 7-6.

Kim slightly altered his lineup this season from that of 2012, putting Shirline Wee at the No. 1 spot, followed by senior Taylor Heath at No. 2 and Katherine Wee at No. 3. Last season, Heath was the No. 1 singles player followed by Katie and Shirline Wee respectively. In the finals last season, Shirline Wee won her only two sets played before being subbed out. But she got off to a slow start last Friday, falling to Hermehr Kaur 6-0 before posting 6-0 wins over Ryan and Shyamlee Nanda.

"Shirline was a really good player last year," Kim said. "She's much better this year. I just didn't want to start a freshman at number one with all of the mental issues going with being a number one. Taylor has always been the face of our franchise here, so we wanted her to be our number one last year."

"I knew I couldn't let my emotions get the best of me because last time that didn't turn out very well," Shirline Wee said. "Even though I lost my first match, I told myself to concentrate and I got myself back into the way I normally play and I pulled off the two wins."

Probably the set of the match came with Cerritos leading 9-7 and Katherine

Wee facing Kaur. Even though the Lady Dons were leading by 18 games, thus putting Redlands out of reach since the most they could get to even tie is 12 points, Wee rallied from deficits of 3-1 and 5-4 to force a tiebreaker. Eventually, she would fall 7-6 (7-4) and ended up losing all three of her sets.

"She really secured us in games," Kim said. "I felt that as soon as we knew that we had the games, because Taylor's loss (2-6 to Ryan) was kind of unexpected and Katie had a played a couple of bad sets before, she really came through for us with those games."

Last season, Cerritos went 25-0 and began this season as the division's top ranked team and never left that perch. The Lady Dons also became the division's sixth team under the current format to win back to back titles. Only Pasadena Poly (1992-1993) won a third straight, but at Division III in 1994.

"It's a big thing for us because it's our second one but we managed to do it back to back," Shirline Wee said. "I'm really happy. The people who were here when I wasn't here are probably really proud of us, too."

If Cerritos moves up to Division III and wins another championship, it will definitely be a hard-earned one as only the Wee sisters return as the only starters. But there were eight juniors on this season's team.

### Valley Christian does enough to post first round upset

By Loren Kopff

LA PUENTE-For the second straight week, Valley Christian's football team bolted out to a two-touchdown lead in the first quarter. But this time the Crusaders were able to hold onto its lead thanks to a gritty defense that was on the field for over 15 minutes in the second half.

Junior quarterbacks William Brines and Jack Struiksma each threw a touchdown and senior running back Darryl Richardson added another one on the ground as the Crusaders upset host La Puente 21-14 last Friday night in a California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Northwest Division first round game. It's the first playoff victory for V.C. (5-6) since 2009.

"This time we were able to not turn the ball over a bunch of times and let the game get away before we made our next set of adjustments," said V.C. first-year head coach Woodie Grayson. "I think we're a good team. I think we're bal-

anced. If we play clean and take care of the ball, we're a tough out."

Brines got his first start since the opening game of the season and engineered a nifty 12-play 57-yard drive that took nearly half of the first quarter and was aided by a pass interference call on the Warriors. Brines capped off the drive with an eight-yard score to junior wide receiver Nathan Aaronsen.

Brines would complete eight of 13 passes for 80 yards but Struiksma would put the second place representatives from the Olympic League up 14-0 with a 45-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Michael Douglas with

47.1 seconds remaining in the opening stanza. It was the first of only two completed passes for Struiksma, who was nursing a thumb injury on his throwing hand all week and didn't throw until last Thursday. Struiksma injured his thumb in the final regular season game and Brines played the final moments of that contest in a 31-28 loss to Maranatha.

"Will Brines, last week, stepped in

and didn't flinch," Grayson said. "He took all of the reps this week and earned the start and earned more than just starting. He played well for us for a guy that hasn't played quarterback since basically game one of the season. Because he plays so much defense, we still needed Jack to come in and be able to play so that we can continue to use Will on defense. We'll take the two quarterbacks tonight. It worked out well."

V.C. gained 104 yards in the first quarter and the 14-0 lead would be enough for the Crusaders even though they were limited to 166 yards the rest of the way. La Puente's Ja-

cob Tovar got his team back in the game with a 40-yard touchdown pass to Jose Ochoa early in the second quarter.

But the second place representatives from the Montview League, who won seven games, couldn't establish much on the ground and were limited to 62 yards in just under five minutes of action following the touchdown in the second quarter. The Crusaders would ice the

game with 3:09 left in the third quarter on Richardson's 52-yard score on third and five. Richardson would lead V.C. with 93 yards on nine carries.

"We think we have good depth at running back," Grayson said. "Obviously [senior running back Jonathan Nicholson] is the guy but if you're going back at some of the early games in the year, you'll see Darryl with a number of yards and Adam Range with a number of yards. Sometimes you have to ride the best guy."

Junior Kyle Westra had 13 tackles and V.C.'s defense sacked Tovar four times. Now, the Crusaders will host top ranked and Tri-Valley League champion Oak Park (10-1) tonight at Crusader Field. The teams have not faced each other since 2004 when Oak Park eliminated V.C. in the semifinals.

"We never talk about 10-0, 14-0," Grayson said. "We knew that there were some tough games on the schedule and we were going to try to get better each week and when we got to the playoffs we were going to try to make our best run at it all. It's nice that we got the first playoff win but now we want to try to get another one."

## CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION NORTHWEST DIVISION FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

### Valley Christian's season comes to an end in sweep to Palm Springs



HMG-CN Sports Editor Loren Kopff

NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW

By Loren Kopff

In order to be very successful in vol-

leyball, you need to have all components clicking at the same time. For the Valley Christian girls volleyball team, not everything was working on all cylinders and it cost the Lady Crusaders from advancing in the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division II-A playoffs.

Palm Springs, the seventh ranked team in the division, swept the eighth ranked Lady Crusaders 25-14, 25-20, 25-22 last Thursday night to end V.C.'s season at 20-8 overall. V.C. fell behind 9-5 and 16-8 in the first set and saw the Indians score the final six points of the second set.

"Their serving was good in the first and second set," said V.C. head coach Brett Rinks of Palm Springs. "That's unfortunately one of our weaknesses-the serve receive this year. The battle at the net...I think we lost because we weren't allowed to use our taller, more aggressive hitters because the passing was bad tonight. And

unfortunately, we just didn't block very well either."

After leading 5-3 early in the first set, Palm Springs reeled off six straight points. Following an ace from junior setter Alex-

## CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION II-A GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS

yss Nelson, another six-point scoring spree by the Desert Valley League champions made the score 16-8. V.C. would only post six kills from four different players in the set.

The Lady Crusaders, who finished

third in the Olympic League, played the second set a little bit tighter, rallying from deficits of 13-9 and 16-12 to tie the set at 18-18 on a kill from junior opposite hitter Karly Dantuma and taking a 20-19 lead on a solo block from senior middle blocker Amanda Chamberlain. But Palm Springs had two of its seven aces in the set down the stretch along with a pair of kills from Ashtyn Lyneis. But again, the errors were beginning to pile up and when the match had ended, the Lady Crusaders had a season-worst 20 errors in 81 attacks.

"Honestly, I was not really too worried in the first and halfway through game two because we weren't playing Valley Christian volleyball," Rinks said. "We hit even; we had 14 kills and 14 errors. Up until the third game when it didn't turn around and didn't change, that's when I was getting a little worried. If we would have played

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our type of volleyball we've played in big games this year, I would have had no problems seeing us go five and really competing for the match tonight."

V.C. scored the first four points of the third set on a kill from senior outside hitter Maggie Strelman, two aces from Nelson and a lift violation. But The Indians managed to take control and built a 19-12 lead before Chamberlain literally took over. She had four kills and a block, plus a Nelson kill and an ace from junior setter CariAnn Palmer as her team rallied to

tie the set at 20-20. Chamberlain had one more kill to make it 21-21 before she was subbed out of the match. She would finish with a team-high 12 kills.

"Every set should be her set," Rinks said. "She has almost no competition in the middle spot to be the best middle in the division. But with serve receive, it's kind of hit and miss of how she's able to dominate as a middle because it's really not up to her if she gets to hit or not."

Strelman added half a dozen kills while freshman libero Kaylee Westra and Palmer each had 11 and 10 digs respectively. V.C. posted at least 20 victories for the second straight season following five straight seasons of going a combined 62-57. However, the team is still finding it

rough in the mighty competitive league, going 4-4 for the second straight season and 28-28 over the past seven seasons. In addition, three league teams were ranked in the coaches top 10 poll throughout most of the season. Rinks said he thinks V.C. will move up to Division II-AA next season.

"My initial hope was 7-1 [in league]," Rinks said. "Whittier [Christian] is tough to play at and I hoping in the preseason to split with them. Village [Christian] had two or three transfers that I didn't know about. In preseason, it's hard to understand that because they weren't there and involved in the games last year."

**Cerritos Girls 8U Receive Proclamation from City for Championship**



Cerritos City Council honored the Cerritos Girls Softball Association 8 & Under Team for its championship season. Photo City of Cerritos.

**Cerritos Regional Chamber Holiday Luncheon**

The Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce will host its Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 5, 2013 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.

The event will be held at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel, 12725 Center Court Drive, Cerritos. Lunch is \$30.00 per person for Chamber Members and \$50.00 for Non-Chamber Members.

Reservations must be made in advance, as seating is limited.

For more information and to register, please contact the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce at 562/467-0800 or chamber@cerritos.com.

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**Cerritos Boy Scout Troop Spearhead Local Food Drive**

By Ellen Joo

A local Boy Scouts group has been working feverishly to serve those in need by spearheading a food drive. According to Kelly Chu, one of the Boy Scouts' leaders, our strong troops participated in their "Scouting for Food" event, which began back in 1988 when the National Good Turn organized it for Boy Scouts of America.

The Boys Scout Troop 72 from Cerritos raised awareness to generous neighborhoods about the "Scouting for Food"

operation and has gone door-to-door to collect food items. The boys' dedicated service of kindness has compiled nearly 700 nonperishable food items to donate to the Salvation Army. They have engaged themselves in this food drive for two Saturdays on October 26, and on November 2, to aid the hungry.

Through the wonderful and devoted efforts of the Boy Scouts in their "Scouting for Food" drive, our hardworking troops put the boy scout's slogan to "Do a Good Turn Daily" and being "helpful" into action.

They have learned to better cooperate with fellow scouts, perseverance of walking throughout the city, and kindness from helping out those less fortunate.

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## 'Nutcracker' to be staged by Rio Hondo Symphony

By Dorothea Cummings

The Rio Hondo Symphony, together with the Nouveau Chamber Ballet, will perform "The Nutcracker" at 8 p.m. December 7, 2013, followed by a matinee at 2 p.m. December 8, 2013, in the Vic Lopez Auditorium at Whittier High School 12417 Philadelphia, Whittier.

Tickets for non-reserved seating are \$25. Send checks, payable to Nouveau Chamber Ballet, to: Lois Ellyn Studio, 1090 W. Valencia Drive, Fullerton, CA 92833. The group rate for 15 or more is

\$15. Please call 714.526.3862 for more information.

The Box Office will open one hour before the performances.

The non-profit ballet group took center stage October 28, 2012, when the Rio Hondo Symphony performed its free "Arabesque" concert featuring Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf and Appalachian Spring.

The ballet company provides professional and pre-professional dancers with performance and educational opportunities. Choreographers, composers, artists and designers work together to provide cultural enrichment to the community.

The Rio Hondo Symphony performs four FREE concerts each season for the enjoyment of the entire community. The website is: [www.riohondosymphony.org](http://www.riohondosymphony.org)

Visit the ballet website at: [www.nouveauchamberballet.com](http://www.nouveauchamberballet.com)

## Whitney HS Students Teach Local Senior Citizens How To Connect With iPads

By Ellen Joo

Emphatic students from Whitney High School are helping local senior citizens by teaching them how to learn, adapt, and connect to a big part of life in our technological era.

Whitney's own very promising student, Sharon Wang, a 10th grader, founded and now directs the brand-new Senior iPad Teaching Program in July 2013 and quickly got many participants to teach and learn. The first session of the program started in July and ended in November of 2013. Each session consists of four classes and another session will soon be initiated.

Whitney High School volunteers come to each class to support and aid senior citizens of learning to utilize the iPad by interacting with the seniors by one on one interaction and a projector. This program gives the student a chance to become the teacher and affect the life of another. There are about twenty-five seniors and over ten students who coop-

erate with each other in each class. All of these students are focused on the seniors to give them all the help they can. At the end of this educational session, seniors are better able to use iPads and connect with their younger loved ones. Each senior student was rewarded for his or her hard work by a personalized certificate at the end of the session.

Director Sharon Wang said, "It was amazing to see how all of us grew and learned over these past few months. This whole session has been a wonderful experience. Thanks so much to everyone who has supported the program, and also to our hard working tech team!"

To learn more about the Senior iPad Teaching Program please contact Technior at: [www.technior.org](http://www.technior.org) Email: [technior.org@gmail.com](mailto:technior.org@gmail.com) Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/technior.org>

Note: The author, Ellen Joo is a current student at Whitney High School as serves as an "Intern Reporter" for Hews Media Group/Community Newspapers.



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### Metro ExpressLanes Maintenance Fee Still Free

Keep using your Fastrak® transponder on Metro ExpressLanes without the \$3 monthly account maintenance fee. The Metro Board of Directors voted to continue waiving the fee for LA County residents until February 2014. For more information, or to get your Fastrak® transponder, visit [metroexpresslanes.net](http://metroexpresslanes.net).

### New Buses to Begin Service in 2014

Metro has received the first of its \$297 million order of 550 new 40-foot clean air buses. After testing, the new buses will go into service across the county early next year. The new buses will replace those in the fleet expected to reach retirement age, which is 12 years of service and 500,000 miles, in the next three years.

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## Assembly Member Cristina Garcia to 'Walk Around' Padelford Park



(Artesia) – Assembly Member Cristina Garcia invites everyone in her Assembly district to join her for a community walk on Saturday, December 7,

8:00am, at A.J. Padelford Park, 11870 169th Street, Artesia.

While taking a leisurely stroll, all walkers will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss issues of importance with their new state representative,

Assemblymember Garcia.

To help those in need during the holiday season, Assemblymember Garcia's office will also be taking donations that morning, of new socks and underwear and travel sized toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.) that will be distributed to the homeless and those in need.

The walk begins at 8:00am, sharp!

The community walk is part of a monthly series of walks that are being held in cities throughout the 58th Assembly District.

For further information, please call Assemblymember Garcia's office at (562) 402-4893.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The City of Artesia has prepared an Initial Study, Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Draft Mitigation Monitoring Program pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the following project:

PROJECT: The project known as Case No. 2013-38, a request for approval for the construction of a new twenty-eight (28) bed Memory Care Facility on the property located at 18105 Mundare Avenue in the Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zone.

APPLICATIONS: The following applications will be considered by the city in connection with the project (Case No. 2013-38):

- (A) General Plan Amendment: The applicant is requesting a General Plan Amendment from Low Density Residential to High Density Residential.
(B) Zone Amendment: The applicant is requesting to change the zone designation from Single Family Residential (R-1) zone to Medium Density Residential (M-D-R) zone.
(C) Tentative Tract Map No. : A request for approval to merge two (2) separate parcels of land into one parcel of land in order to construct a new care facility on the property located at 18105 Mundare Avenue.
(D) Variance: The applicant is requesting to exceed the allowable fence height of 6'-0" to allow a seven foot (7'-0") block wall.
(E) Conditional Use Permit: The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to allow a care facility for the elderly in the zone designated in the Multiple Residential (M-R) Zone.
(F) Design Review: A request for Design Review approval for the construction of a home for the aged (Memory Care Facility) on the property located at 18105 Mundare Avenue.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: The Artesia Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed project, Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Mitigation Monitoring Program on December 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Artesia City Council Chambers located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701. The Artesia City Council will hold a public hearing on the said project and documents on January 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Artesia City Council Chambers, at the same address stated above. The Artesia City Council will consider and make a decision whether or not to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program at the January 14,2013 City Council meeting.

COMMENT PERIOD: The Initial Study, Drafted Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Draft Mitigation Monitoring Program will be available for a 20-day public review and comment period commencing November 22, 2013 and ending on December 13, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Copies of the documents are available at the Artesia City Hall, and comments may be made by mail, facsimile or hand-delivery during the comment period to, the Artesia Planning Department, Artesia City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California 90701. Telephone: (562) 865-6262; Facsimile: (562) 865-6240. Staff Contact: Mr. Okina Dor.

If you challenge this proposal 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 at, or prior to, the public hearings on the project.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HUI-TING CHIANG AKA HUI TING CHIANG
CASE NO. BP146691
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the lost WILL or estate, or both of HUI-TING CHIANG AKA HUI TING CHIANG.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by HSU-WEN CHIANG in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that HSU-WEN CHIANG be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The lost WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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The following person is doing business as THE MELTING POT COMPANY 11432 SOUTH ST. CERRITOS, CA, 90703, KEVIN JOHN YU. The following business is conducted as a general partnership. The registrant not began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein /S/ KEVIN JOHN YU

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