

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**March 7, 2019**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council      FROM: Scott C. Stiles, City Manager  
Members

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. INVESTMENT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2019**

The Investment Report memo outlines the financial institutions, types of investment instruments, monthly transactions, current month interest received, and the par and fair market value of investments held for January 2019.

**II. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS**

**A.** Garden Grove Unified School District #GGUSD Pride E-newsletter featuring events and notable accomplishments.

**• OTHER ITEMS**

– **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Items of interest are included.



Scott C. Stiles  
City Manager

**City of Garden Grove**  
**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Scott Stiles  
Dept: City Manager  
Subject: INVESTMENT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2019

From: Ellis Chang  
Dept: Finance  
Date: February 14, 2019

Enclosed is the January 2019 Investment Report which shows the financial institutions, types of investment instruments, monthly transactions, current month interest received, and the par and fair market value of investments held. The month-end cash in the bank and petty cash balances are also listed on the Cash and Investment Report. The pie chart (please see chart on attachment A) reflects the investment instruments as a percentage of the total portfolio.

This investment portfolio meets State guidelines and adheres to the City's investment policy. As of January 2019, the City's total portfolio is invested in:

Type of Investment	Total Investment	% of Investment
US Treasury	\$49,500,000	20.003%
Fed Home Loan Banks	\$51,250,000	20.710%
Fed Farm Credit Banks	\$43,500,000	17.578%
Fed Nat Mort Assoc	\$39,000,000	15.760%
Fed Home Loan Mtg Corp	\$3,000,000	1.212%
City LAIF	\$46,178,539	18.661%
Cash with Fiscal Agents	\$15,033,199	6.075%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$247,461,738</b>	<b>100.000%</b>

The cash with fiscal agents is restricted as they are funds held and invested by an outside fiscal agent. The restrictions were set forth in the related bond indentures. As of January 2019, 6.075% of the portfolio is restricted.

In summary, the investment portfolio is secured and the City has the necessary cash to pay its bills for six months in a timely manner. Please call me at extension #5060 if you have any questions.

  
Ellis Chang  
Accounting Manager

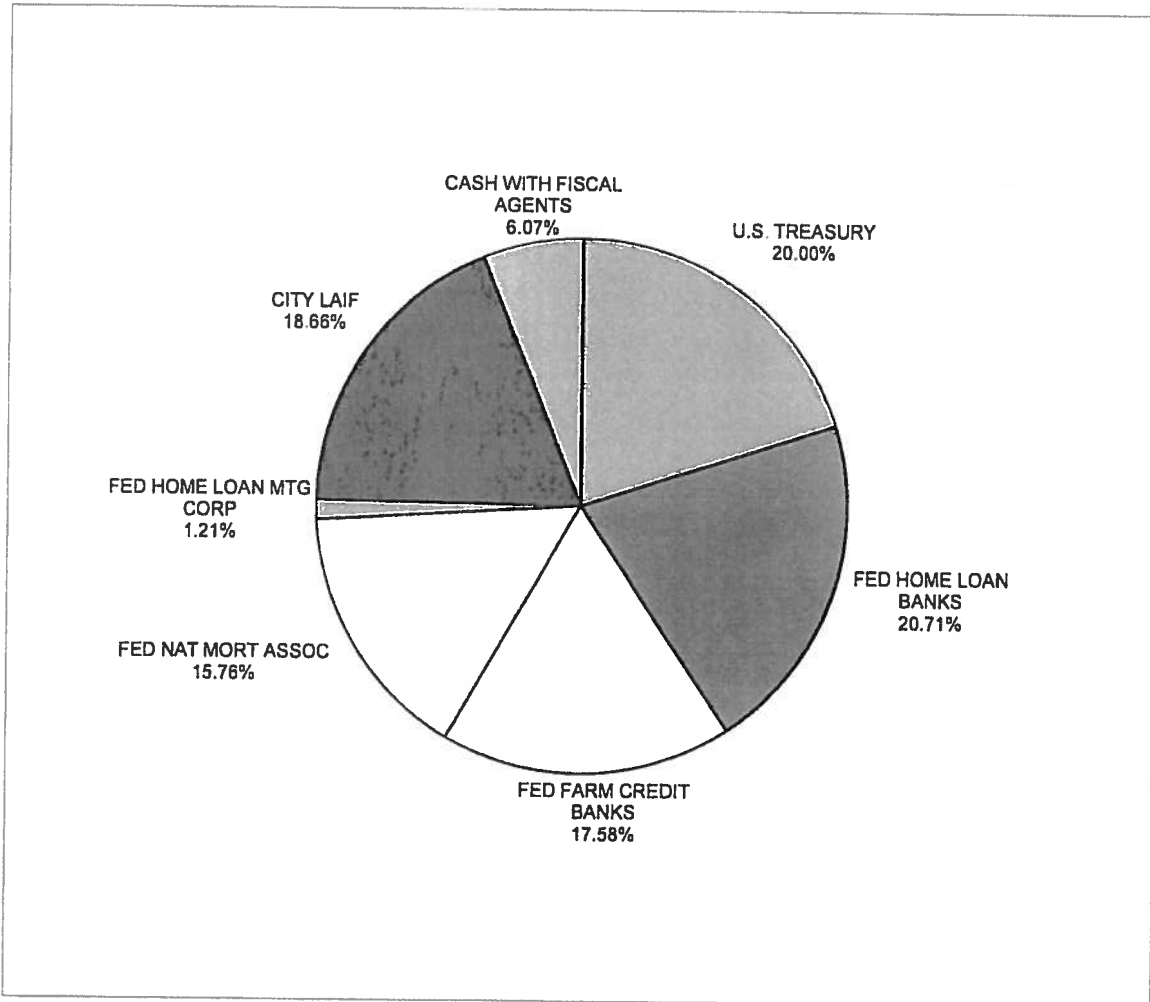
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Attachments  
cc: Jeff Kuramoto

# ATTACHMENT A

## INVESTMENT SUMMARY January 2019

<u>TYPE OF INVESTMENT / FIN INSTITUTION</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
U.S. TREASURY	\$ 49,500,000	20.003%
FED HOME LOAN BANKS	\$ 51,250,000	20.710%
FED FARM CREDIT BANKS	\$ 43,500,000	17.578%
FED NAT MORT ASSOC	\$ 39,000,000	15.760%
FED HOME LOAN MTG CORP	\$ 3,000,000	1.212%
CITY LAIF	\$ 46,178,539	18.661%
CASH WITH FISCAL AGENTS	\$ 15,033,199	6.075%
TOTAL OF INVESTMENTS	\$ 247,461,738	100.000%



## WEIGHTED AVERAGE MATURITIES

January 2019

Investment	Yield (Rate)	UBOC Held	Amount (a)	Date of Maturity	No. Days to Mat. 1/31/2019 x (b)	Weighted Average (a / total a = c)	Weighted # of Days (b x c)
<b>TREASURY</b>							
U S TREASURY	1.625	*	3,000,000	03/31/19	59	1.29072%	0.762
U S TREASURY	0.875	*	3,000,000	07/31/19	181	1.29072%	2.336
U S TREASURY	1.250	*	1,500,000	08/31/19	212	0.64536%	1.368
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	03/31/20	425	1.29072%	5.486
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	08/31/20	578	1.29072%	7.460
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	10/31/20	639	1.29072%	8.248
U S TREASURY	1.625	*	3,000,000	11/30/20	669	1.29072%	8.635
U S TREASURY	1.125	*	3,000,000	02/28/21	759	1.29072%	9.797
U S TREASURY	1.250	*	3,000,000	03/31/21	790	1.29072%	10.197
U S TREASURY	2.250	*	3,000,000	03/31/21	790	1.29072%	10.197
U S TREASURY	1.125	*	3,000,000	06/30/21	881	1.29072%	11.371
U S TREASURY	2.250	*	3,000,000	07/31/21	912	1.29072%	11.771
U S TREASURY	2.000	*	3,000,000	08/31/21	943	1.29072%	12.171
U S TREASURY	1.750	*	3,000,000	03/31/22	1,155	1.29072%	14.908
U S TREASURY	2.000	*	3,000,000	10/31/21	1,004	1.29072%	12.959
U S TREASURY	2.125	*	3,000,000	06/30/22	1,246	1.29072%	16.082
U S TREASURY	1.750	*	3,000,000	07/31/22	1,277	1.29072%	16.482
<b>CITY</b>							
FHLB	1.360	*	3,000,000	03/29/19	57	1.29072%	0.736
FHLB	1.625	*	3,000,000	06/14/19	134	1.29072%	1.730
FHLB	2.000	*	3,000,000	09/13/19	225	1.29072%	2.904
FHLB	1.750	*	3,000,000	06/12/20	498	1.29072%	6.428
FHLB	1.625	*	3,000,000	07/27/20	543	1.29072%	7.009
FHLB	2.625	*	3,000,000	08/21/20	568	1.29072%	7.331
FHLB	1.625	*	3,000,000	09/11/20	589	1.29072%	7.602
FHLB	2.875	*	3,000,000	09/11/20	589	1.29072%	7.602
FHLB	1.875	*	3,000,000	06/11/21	862	1.29072%	11.126
FHLB	2.375	*	3,000,000	09/10/21	953	1.29072%	12.301
FHLB	2.000	*	3,250,000	11/10/21	1,014	1.39828%	14.179
FHLB	1.875	*	3,000,000	11/29/21	1,033	1.29072%	13.333
FHLB	2.625	*	3,000,000	03/11/22	1,135	1.29072%	14.650
FHLB	3.125	*	3,000,000	09/09/22	1,317	1.29072%	16.999
FHLB	2.650	*	3,000,000	02/28/23	1,489	1.29072%	19.219
FHLB	2.750	*	3,000,000	03/10/23	1,499	1.29072%	19.348
FHLB	3.375	*	3,000,000	09/08/23	1,681	1.29072%	21.697
<b>FFCB</b>							
FFCB	1.300	*	3,000,000	02/01/19	1	1.29072%	0.013
FFCB	1.300	*	3,000,000	06/06/19	126	1.29072%	1.626
FFCB	1.150	*	3,000,000	07/01/19	151	1.29072%	1.949
FFCB	2.060	*	1,500,000	08/01/19	182	0.64536%	1.175
FFCB	1.500	*	3,000,000	08/05/19	186	1.29072%	2.401
FFCB	1.520	*	3,000,000	03/02/20	396	1.29072%	5.111
FFCB	2.550	*	3,000,000	06/11/20	497	1.29072%	6.415
FFCB	2.350	*	3,000,000	02/12/21	743	1.29072%	9.590
FFCB	1.280	*	3,000,000	09/29/21	972	1.29072%	12.546
FFCB	2.600	*	3,000,000	03/21/22	1,145	1.29072%	14.779
FFCB	2.840	*	3,000,000	06/20/22	1,236	1.29072%	15.953
FFCB	2.800	*	3,000,000	07/18/22	1,264	1.29072%	16.315
FFCB	2.570	*	3,000,000	02/16/23	1,477	1.29072%	19.064
FFCB	2.650	*	3,000,000	03/08/23	1,497	1.29072%	19.322
FFCB	2.890	*	3,000,000	06/19/23	1,600	1.29072%	20.652
<b>FNMA</b>							
FNMA	1.375	*	3,000,000	02/27/19	27	1.29072%	0.348
FNMA	1.500	*	3,000,000	09/18/19	230	1.29072%	2.969
FNMA	1.100	*	3,000,000	10/17/19	259	1.29072%	3.343
FNMA	1.320	*	2,000,000	10/22/19	264	0.86048%	2.272
FNMA	1.000	*	1,000,000	10/24/19	266	0.43024%	1.144
FNMA	1.750	*	3,000,000	11/26/19	299	1.29072%	3.859
FNMA	1.500	*	3,000,000	02/28/20	393	1.29072%	5.073
FNMA	1.500	*	3,000,000	07/30/20	546	1.29072%	7.047
FNMA	1.750	*	3,000,000	10/26/20	634	1.29072%	8.183

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FNMA	1.500	*	3,000,000	11/30/20	669	1.29072%	8.635
FNMA	1.520	*	3,000,000	07/28/21	909	1.29072%	11.733
FNMA	1.000	*	3,000,000	08/24/21	936	1.29072%	12.081
FNMA	1.375	*	3,000,000	10/07/21	980	1.29072%	12.649
FNMA	2.000	*	3,000,000	10/05/22	1,343	1.29072%	17.334
FHLMC	3.000	*	3,000,000	08/17/22	1,294	1.29072%	16.702
<b>LAIF/REPO/COMMERCIAL PAPER</b>							
LAIF	0.500		46,178,539	01/31/19	-	19.86784%	0.000
			232,428,539		47,228	100.00000%	<b>605</b>
							<b>Wtd. Avg. Maturity</b>
<b>RESTRICTED</b>							
2008 Katella Cottages			177,478	01/31/19	-	1.18057%	0.000
2008 UBOC			1,050,291	01/31/19	-	6.98648%	0.000
2010 Water			700,235	01/31/19	-	4.65792%	0.000
2014 TARB			3,966,407	01/31/19	-	26.38432%	0.000
2015 TARB			109	01/31/19	-	0.00073%	0.000
2015A COP's			5,539,456	01/31/19	-	36.84815%	0.000
2016 TAB			3,598,883	01/31/19	-	23.93957%	0.000
2017 SEWER REF			339	01/31/19	-	0.00225%	0.000
			15,033,199		-	100.00000%	-
<b>Investment Total</b>			<u>247,461,738</u>				



CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT  
PERIOD ENDING JANUARY, 2019

TYPE INVESTMENT/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH MATURITIES		ENDING INVESTMENT MATURITIES		PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INT RECD DATE
	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE				
FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS												
FFCB	1.300	02/01/17	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	09/01/18
FFCB	1.300	06/06/16	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,998,830.00	12/06/18
FFCB	1.150	04/20/17	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00		17,250.00	3,000,000.00	2,984,670.00	01/02/19
FFCB	2.080	07/28/15	1,500,000.00				1,500,000.00			1,500,000.00	1,487,103.00	08/07/18
FFCB	1.500	08/11/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,985,480.00	09/06/18
FFCB	1.520	03/02/17	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,966,470.00	09/04/18
FFCB	2.550	06/20/18	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,001,350.00	12/11/18
FFCB	2.350	03/01/18	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,988,380.00	08/13/18
FFCB	1.280	10/06/16	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,901,270.00	10/01/18
FFCB	2.600	03/21/18	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,001,820.00	12/20/18
FFCB	2.840	07/20/18	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,021,360.00	01/18/19
FFCB	2.800	07/18/18	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00		42,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,956,710.00	08/16/18
FFCB	2.570	02/16/18	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,007,860.00	09/10/18
FFCB	2.650	03/08/18	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,042,840.00	12/19/18
FFCB	2.890	09/12/18	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00		
			43,500,000.00				43,500,000.00		59,250.00	43,500,000.00	43,413,225.00	
FED NAT MORT ASSOC												
FNMA	1.375	02/27/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,997,540.00	08/27/18
FNMA	1.500	07/15/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,980,640.00	09/18/18
FNMA	1.100	10/17/16	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,969,400.00	10/17/18
FNMA	1.320	06/03/15	2,000,000.00				2,000,000.00			2,000,000.00	1,982,300.00	10/22/18
FNMA	1.000	07/13/18	1,000,000.00				1,000,000.00			1,000,000.00	988,710.00	10/24/18
FNMA	1.750	05/07/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,980,820.00	11/28/18
FNMA	1.500	01/29/18	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,968,320.00	09/28/18
FNMA	1.500	05/04/18	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00		22,500.00	3,000,000.00	2,956,500.00	01/20/19
FNMA	1.750	10/26/17	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,960,130.00	10/26/18
FNMA	1.500	12/23/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,946,480.00	11/20/18
FNMA	1.520	07/28/16	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00		22,800.00	3,000,000.00	2,911,980.00	01/28/19
FNMA	1.000	08/24/16	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,977,920.00	08/24/18
FNMA	1.375	10/07/16	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,913,900.00	10/08/18
FNMA	2.000	05/04/16	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,846,090.00	10/06/18
			38,000,000.00				38,000,000.00		45,300.00	38,000,000.00	38,480,870.00	
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MTG CORP												
FHLMC	3.000	08/17/18	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,014,340.00	
			3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,014,340.00	
			220,299,621.47				220,299,621.47			220,299,621.47	184,834,445.00	
			16,128,917.82				16,128,917.82			16,128,917.82	184,834,445.00	
			4,000,000.00				4,000,000.00			4,000,000.00	184,834,445.00	
			232,428,539.29				232,428,539.29		332,842.82	232,428,539.29	184,834,445.00	
SUBTOTAL												

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT  
PERIOD ENDING JANUARY, 2019

TYPE INVESTMENT/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT PURCHASES RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	CURRENT MONTH PURCHASES DATE	AMOUNT	CURRENT MONTH MATURITIES DATE	AMOUNT	ENDING INVESTMENT MATURITIES DATE	AMOUNT	PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INT REC'D DATE

CASH WITH FISCAL AGENTS

CITY RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS													
2010 WATER		01/31/19	700,234.71	-	-	01/31/19	-	01/31/19	700,234.71				
2015-04 Refunding		01/31/19	109.47	-	-	01/31/19	-	01/31/19	109.47				
2015A-02 Refunding		01/31/19	5,539,455.87	-	-	01/31/19	-	01/31/19	5,539,455.87				
2017 SEWER REF		01/31/19	338.95	-	-	01/31/19	-	01/31/19	338.95				
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			<b>6,240,139.00</b>						<b>6,240,139.00</b>				
SUCCESSOR RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS													
2008 Karelia Cottages (VanKampen)		01/31/19	177,477.83	-	-	01/31/19	-	01/31/19	177,477.83				
UBOC		01/31/19	1,050,291.01	-	-	01/31/19	-	01/31/19	1,050,291.01				
2014 TARB		01/31/19	3,956,407.48	-	-	01/31/19	-	01/31/19	3,956,407.48				
2016 TAB		01/31/19	3,598,883.36	-	-	01/31/19	-	01/31/19	3,598,883.36				
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			<b>8,783,059.68</b>						<b>8,783,059.68</b>				
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>			<b>235,332,820.15</b>		<b>16,128,917.82</b>		<b>4,000,000.00</b>		<b>247,461,737.87</b>				



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PERIOD ENDING JANUARY, 2019

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CASH IN BANK

COMMERCIAL BANK-Wilmette		01/31/19	5,919.35					01/31/19	5,919.35				
Ending Cash Balance													
UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA		01/31/19	20,757.87	2042201638				01/31/19	20,757.87				
Charge Back Account		01/31/19	7,523,402.92	2042850020				01/31/19	7,523,402.92				
General Account		01/31/19	-	2042438354				01/31/19	-				
Home		01/31/19	-	2042114021				01/31/19	-				
Housing Authority (Accounting)		01/31/19	224,441.86	2042438436				01/31/19	224,441.86				
Housing Authority Escrow		01/31/19	74,772.30	2042205571				01/31/19	74,772.30				
Liability		01/31/19	501,507.12	2042337764				01/31/19	501,507.12				
Workers Comp		01/31/19	1,097,707.84	2740032318				01/31/19	1,097,707.84				
Successor Agency			9,448,509.26						9,448,509.26				
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>													

PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS

Change Fund		01/31/19	3,680.00					01/31/19	3,680.00				
Finance		01/31/19	3,000.00					01/31/19	3,000.00				
Departments		01/31/19	3,550.00					01/31/19	3,550.00				
Police Dept-SU		01/31/19	30,000.00					01/31/19	30,000.00				
Police Dept-Drug		01/31/19	3,500.00					01/31/19	3,500.00				
Police Dept-Reg		01/31/19	200.00					01/31/19	200.00				
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			43,930.00						43,930.00				

GRAND TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS

			16,128,917.82				4,000,000.00		256,964,177.23	332,842.82	186,250,000.00	184,834,445.00	
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**GGUSD Pride: CIF Champions, 2019 California Distinguished Schools, Student-Athlete Spotlight, Students Make Impact at County Spelling Bee, and more!**

**From :** Garden Grove Unified School District <pio\_department@ggusd.us>

Thu, Feb 28, 2019 04:31 PM

**Subject:** GGUSD Pride: CIF Champions, 2019 California Distinguished Schools, Student-Athlete Spotlight, Students Make Impact at County Spelling Bee, and more!

**To :** meenay@ci.garden-grove.ca.us

**Reply To:** pio\_department <pio\_department@ggusd.us>

February 28, 2019



**#GGUSDPRIDE E-newsletter**

The #GGUSDPRIDE E-newsletter features many of the great things happening in GGUSD. Send your photos to [pio\\_department@ggusd.us](mailto:pio_department@ggusd.us) to highlight your school or students in the e-newsletter.

**Lady Lobos Capture CIF Championship in Dramatic Fashion**



On a cold blistery night at Monsoor Memorial Stadium, the Los Amigos girls soccer team played with heart and never backed down from the visiting Westridge High School Tigers. After a scoreless first half was followed by a scoreless second and two scoreless overtime periods the Lobos headed into a penalty shoot out.

The Lobos would hit their first three attempts and after their starter left the game early, rely on a back-up goalie to help seal the game. The first Westridge shot went in before the next two sailed over the top of the goal. It came down to the fourth Lobo kick that eventually hit the back of the goal for the game winner! Congrats to the Lobos on an amazing season in which they captured the Garden Grove League Championship and the program's first ever CIF title!

**Three GGUSD Schools Named 2019 California Distinguished Schools**

Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) was well represented in the 2019 Distinguished Schools Program, which was announced by State Superintendent of Public

Instruction Tony Thurmond on February 25. GGUSD placed more high schools on the list than any other school district in Orange County with Bolsa Grande, Garden Grove, and Pacifica high schools all receiving the recognition.



[Click Here to Read More](#)

### GGUSD Student-Athlete Spotlight



Introducing the GGUSD Student-Athlete Spotlight series, which highlights athlete who either excel on the field, in the classroom, or around campus.

Meet Abby Chavez, a junior from Pacifica High School who leads on and off the soccer field.

### GGUSD Spellers Look to Make an Impact at the County Spelling Bee

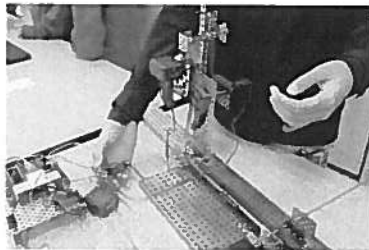


Three GGUSD Spelling Bee contestants advanced past the written portion of the Orange County Spelling Bee and will move on to the oral round this Saturday.

Brandon Tran and Rachel Yum of Bell Intermediate will be joined by Anna Do of Irvine Intermediate as they compete against 25 other students from across the county for the top spot! #GoodLuck #GGUSDPrize

### **Students Showcase Their Robotics Skills**

The GGUSD Robotics Showcase was held over the weekend at Irvine Intermediate School. Irvine, Lake, and McGarvin intermediate school students showcased all of the amazing things they have done with robotics! #ChooseGGUSD



### **Young Ladies from Crosby Invited to "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day" Event**



Crosby Elementary School students were invited to participate in "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day" at Eaton aerospace company in Irvine, on Thursday, February 21st. This event was part of Engineering week to focus on inspiring young women to become engineers and sharing knowledge and experience with them to show that it is possible.

The girls toured the plant and participated in hands-on activities, and even learned to make their own ice cream with liquid nitrogen! Thank you to The Orange County United Way and Eaton for this wonderful opportunity! #chooseggusd #ggusdpride

### **Pre-Enrollment for Transitional Kindergarten and Full-Day Kindergarten Is Now Open!**

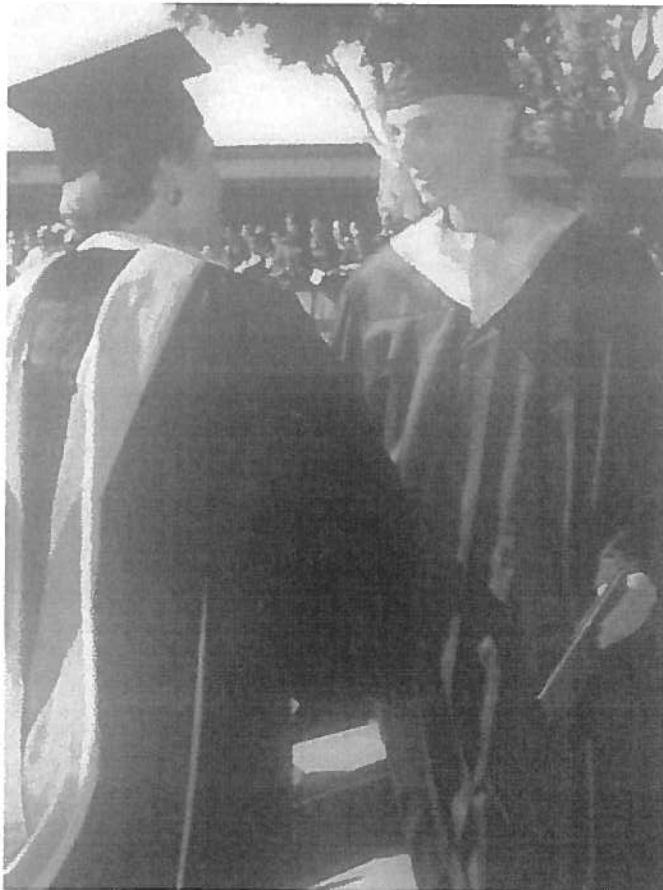


Pre-enrollment for Fall 2019/20 full-day transitional kindergarten and full-day kindergarten classes in the Garden Grove Unified School District is now open! Parents should pre-enroll online as early as possible at <https://enroll.ggusd.us> and contact their child's home school for further assistance. Additional information about the enrollment process is available at [www.ggusd.us](http://www.ggusd.us) (link). Please note that all GGUSD elementary school offices will be closed for the summer and will resume enrollment when the offices reopen in the fall.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

### **Run for a Great Cause**

Paine Elementary School teacher Terry Shepard is putting together her 12th Annual Team Running with Todd, which runs in honor of her son Todd who passed away at the age of 18 of Ewings Sarcoma. The team will participate in the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation: Reaching for the Cure Half Marathon on Sunday, March 17, 2019.



Join Team Running With Todd

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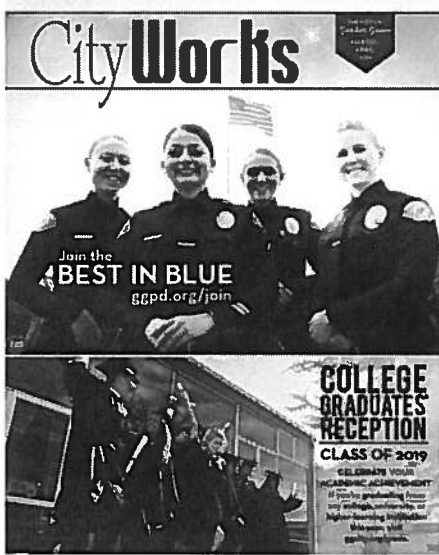


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**CityGardenGrove**

Re:Imagine Garden Grove - Art in the Park announces new activities and added vendors! For more, visit [bit.ly/2EGsmJY](http://bit.ly/2EGsmJY)

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**#ArtInThePark**  
**#ReImagineGardenGrove**  
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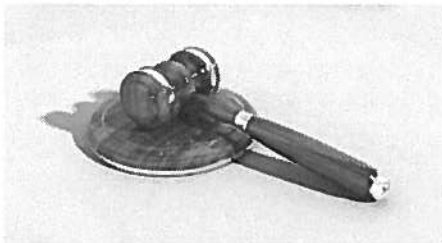
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**CityGardenGrove**

Apply for City's Measure O Citizens' Oversight Committee: The City is accepting applications for qualified candidates to serve as non-compensated members to the Measure O Citizens' Oversight Committee. Applications must be submitted by 3/14. Info: [bit.ly/2H6keFv](http://bit.ly/2H6keFv) #GG1956 [pic.twitter.com/IK5FUqmdt0](http://pic.twitter.com/IK5FUqmdt0)

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**CityGardenGrove**

**\*405 Improvement Project Closures\***

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**CityGardenGrove**

Hey #GG,

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Just a friendly reminder that tonight's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Public Meeting is cancelled. For more info, visit [ggcity.org](http://ggcity.org)

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**CityGardenGrove**

Help spread a little love by donating PB&J to kids who are underprivileged. Buena Clinton Youth&Family Center's True Neighborhood Teens are seeking donations for the annual PB&J Project.

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For more info,[bit.ly/2C7c9xc](http://bit.ly/2C7c9xc) #GG1956  
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**CityGardenGrove**

OC Manufacturers' Round-table&International Connection Workshop tom!To RSVP,please register at [tinyurl.com/Gardengrove05M...](http://tinyurl.com/Gardengrove05M...)




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(Tweet) March 04, 2019 9:36 am

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 	<b>Garden Grove City Hall</b>	11.6k	62	5	3%	349
<p>Growing up in <b>#GardenGrove</b>, Dylan enjoyed the City's Day Camp program every summer. He decided that when he's old enough, he would become a camp counselor so future generations could enjoy day camp just as much as he did.</p>						
<p>Apply for a seasonal job with the City of Garden Grove, visit <a href="http://ggcity.org/summerjobs">ggcity.org/summerjobs</a>.</p>						
<p>Recruitment ends Monday, March 11.</p>						
<p><b>#GG1956 #GardenGrove #SeasonalJob #SummerJob</b></p>						
						
<p>(Post) February 28, 2019 11:00 am</p>						

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**Garden Grove City Hall**

Help spread a little love by donating PB & J to kids who are underprivileged.

2.7k 61 8 6% 174

Donations of peanut butter, jars of jelly, and loaves of bread can be dropped off at the Recreation Counter located in Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway, or the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, at 12661 Sunswept Avenue until Friday, March 22.

Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center's True Neighborhood Teens are seeking donations for the annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Project, which aims to serve 150 children in #GardenGrove's Buena Clinton neighborhood.

For more information, <https://bit.ly/2C7c9xc>

**#GG1956 #PBJ #FamilyResourceCenter #PeanutButter #Jelly #BuenaClinton Garden Grove Police Department Garden Grove Fire Department Garden Grove Public Works Department**



(Post) March 06, 2019 12:53 pm



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Johana's job at the City's Buena Clinton Youth and Family Resource Center gave her an opportunity to work with young people in the #GardenGrove community.

11.9k 55 11 3% 388



If you're looking for a rewarding job, be sure to apply for a seasonal job with the City of Garden Grove at [ggcity.org/summerjobs](http://ggcity.org/summerjobs).

Recruitment ends Monday, March 11.

**#GG1956 #GardenGrove #SeasonalJob #SummerJob**



(Post) March 04, 2019 1:22 pm

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**Garden Grove City Hall**

Re:Imagine Garden Grove - Art in the Park announces new activities and added vendors!

1.5k	17	-	3%	57
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Features added to the free event include

- o Food vendors, including **Renegade Taco** from the soon-to-open **SteelCraft Garden Grove**.
- o "Fairy Garden Pathway," created by students from 48 Garden Grove Unified School District elementary schools.
- o 50-foot-long lettering of "Re:Imagine Garden Grove Art in the Park," designed by art students from eight Garden Grove high schools and Bell Intermediate School.

For more, visit <https://bit.ly/2EGsmJY>

**#ArtInThePark**  
**#ReImagineGardenGrove**  
**#GardenGrove #GG1956**



(Post) March 06, 2019 4:02 pm

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**Garden Grove City Hall**

**Apply for City's Measure O Citizens' Oversight Committee**

2.6k 10 1 5% 150

The City is accepting applications for qualified candidates to serve as non-compensated members to the Measure O Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Citizens' Oversight Committee will serve as advisors to the Garden Grove City Council on matters of Measure O tax revenue, a one-cent sales tax approved by 65 percent of Garden Grove voters in November 2018. Applications must be submitted by Thursday, March 14, 2019, by 5:30 p.m.

For more information and to apply, visit <https://ggcity.org/news-and-events/city-now-accepting-applications-measure-o-citizens-oversight-committee>.

**#GG1956 #GardenGrove**



(Post) February 28, 2019 5:26 pm



**Garden Grove City Hall**

**It's here! Check out the City's #March and #April City Works for the latest news, information, and updates.**



1.2k 5 - 5% 73



You can view it online at <https://bit.ly/2VD5nq8>

**#GG1956 #GardenGrove #CityWorks #NewsandEvents Garden Grove Police Department Garden Grove Fire Department Garden Grove Public Works Department**



(Post) March 05, 2019 8:36 am

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 <p><b>Garden Grove City Hall</b>  <b>Clerk-Recorder Department Orange County CA</b> opened the new North County Branch office in <b>#Anaheim</b> last Friday!</p> <p><b>#GG1956 #GardenGrove</b></p>  <p>(Post) March 05, 2019 1:06 pm</p>	1.1k	4	1	7%	107

 <p><b>Garden Grove City Hall</b>  <b>Orange County Manufacturers' Roundtable &amp; International Connection Workshop</b> tomorrow, March 5!</p> <p>A complimentary networking breakfast and information session for those who are interested in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Exploring business opportunities internationally.</li> <li>o Looking for financing and consulting programs for small businesses operating in the United States.</li> <li>o Networking opportunities and experience sharing with other manufacturers and business counterparts.</li> </ul> <p>To RSVP, please register online at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/Gardengrove05Mar19">https://tinyurl.com/Gardengrove05Mar19</a> (complimentary admission for manufacturers, exporters, importers, wholesaler/distributors and those in trade).</p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="https://bit.ly/2ELzdDg">https://bit.ly/2ELzdDg</a></p> <p><b>#GG1956 #GardenGrove</b></p>  <p>(Post) March 04, 2019 9:35 am</p>	974	4	1	2%	20
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**Garden Grove City Hall**

**\*405 Improvement Project Closures\***

936	2	-	1%	10
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WHERE: The Fairview Road bridge over NB and SB I-405. The freeway will be closed in both directions from Fairview Road to SR-73.

**Additional Closures**

Fairview Road will be closed from South Coast Drive to McCormack Lane  
 NB SR-73 to NB I-405 Connector will be closed.  
 NB I-405 Off-Ramp to Susan will be closed.  
 NB I-405 Off-Ramp to Harbor will be closed.  
 NB I-405 On-Ramp from Fairview Road will be closed.  
 SB I-405 to SB SR-73 will be closed.  
 SB I-405 On-Ramp from Fairview Road will be closed.  
 SB SR-73 On-Ramp from Fairview Road will be closed.

Detours will be in place to navigate motorists around the closures.

TIMES: Saturday, March 2, 11:00 p.m. through Sunday, March 3, 9:00 a.m.


FOR MORE INFO, <https://bit.ly/2H9AzJp> or <https://bit.ly/2OjWu19>

**#GG1956 #GardenGrove #I405 #ImprovementProject #Closures**

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(Post) March 01, 2019 9:23 am



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	<b>Garden Grove City Hall</b> Hey #GardenGrove,	932	2	-	1%	10
Just a friendly reminder that tonight's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Public Meeting is cancelled. The City will keep the community updated on the progress of the LHMP, as well as a future community meeting.						
So be sure to check the FB page and website ggcity.org						
<b>#GG1956 #GG Garden Grove Public Works Department</b>						
<b>Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Meeting Cancelled   City of Garden Grove</b>						
(Post) February 28, 2019 8:12 am						



**Garden Grove City Hall**



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1,650%

41

(Post) March 04, 2019 10:56 am

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 <p><b>Garden Grove Fire Department</b>                      1:28 PM UPDATE</p> <p>Chapman Avenue between Euclid Street and Nutwood Street open all lanes.</p> <p>📌 1219 PM UPDATE</p> <p>Chapman Avenue between Euclid Street and Nutwood Street open except for one lane.</p> <p>TRAFFIC NOTICE</p> <p>Chapman Avenue is closed between Euclid Street and Nutwood Street due to power line down from a traffic collision.                      (Post) March 01, 2019 9:20 am</p>	2.8k	49	12	10%	249
 <p><b>Garden Grove Fire Department</b>                      According to the NWS, we may see <b>#rain</b> beginning this evening &amp; into Wednesday a.m.</p> <p>Who knows if it'll be a ton of ☁️ , but just in case, we have sandbags @ 🏠 2 , 3 , &amp; 4 to Garden Grove residents. Lastly &amp; not @ all least, <b>#buckleup</b> &amp; drive safely. <b>#ocwx</b></p>  <p>(Post) March 05, 2019 10:50 am</p>	1.3k	27	1	3%	16

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**Garden Grove Fire Department**

People often ask where is an ideal location to place a carbon monoxide detector/alarm?

1.7k	24	-	4%	49
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Here's the short answer: @ least one on every level of your , outside of sleeping areas, more than one based on floor configuration, & where it won't be obstructed. Follow manufacturer's recommendation.

<https://www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/co-safety/placement-of-CO-alarms/>



(Post) March 03, 2019 10:36 am

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**Garden Grove Police Department**

The universe will send us exactly what we need. Earlier this week, one of our officers was given a gentle reminder.

5.6k 390 26 13% 739

"I was in the middle of dealing with a millennial dilemma when the sweetest little girl (probably 9 or 10) walked right up to me and handed me this rock. She told me, she makes these at school and usually leaves them in random places for strangers to find "to give them inspiration and good luck." (Seriously, who is this kid?!!) She told me she made this rock specifically for police officers because she thinks it's important for us to know we're supported. (Seriously! Who is this kid?!!) Since I was the first officer she saw, I was the lucky winner. I have a small pile of special keepsakes that I've gathered throughout my career. This is definitely going in that pile!" ~ Officer Clasby

Imagine how different the world would be, if more people were like this little girl. If you know who she is, please have her contact us. We would love to personally thank her, for inspiring us.  
**#GGPD32 #Support #Perspective Garden Grove PA**



(Post) February 28, 2019 12:00 pm

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**Garden Grove Police Department**

\*\*\* Update\*\*\*

15.5k	279	218	28%	6.3k
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Search was completed at 9:00 pm with the suspect still outstanding. The suspect is a male Hispanic in his 40's, armed with a handgun. The motive for the shooting was robbery. The victim has a non-life threatening gunshot wound. Anyone with information is asked to contact #GardenGrove detectives at 714-741-5704. Officers will be in the area for another hour.

Today at 7:06 pm, officers responded to an assault with a deadly weapon, with shots fired near 11350 Dale St. A male victim was shot and is expected to survive.

Officers are searching the area for an armed suspect. Dale St. will be closed for the next 2 hour while the investigation takes place. Please avoid the area and use alternate routes.

Anyone with information is asked to call #GardenGrovePD at 714-741-5704.  
 #GGPD32 #shotsfired #armedsuspect



(Post) March 04, 2019 7:51 pm

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**Garden Grove Police Department**

There has been a recent rise in catalytic converters thefts. Thieves will sell the converters to scrap yards for several hundred dollars per piece, for the valuable metals (platinum, rhodium, and palladium) inside of it.

8.7k 111 76 21% 2.4k

How do you know your catalytic converter has gone missing? You'll notice a loud rumbling or roaring sound as soon as you turn on the engine. This gets louder when you hit the gas. It is illegal to drive your car without one, and can cost you on average up to \$2000 to replace it.

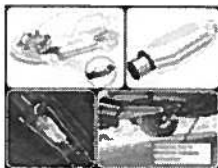
Thieves look for easy targets when it comes to catalytic converter theft, and a few simple steps help make your car or SUV a less likely target.

- \* Always park in well-lit areas, close to a building entrance or to the nearest access road, when parking in a public lot.
- \* Park in the garage, with the door closed, when at home.
- \* Have the converter welded in place, makes it more difficult to remove.
- \* If you have a security system on your car, calibrate it so vibration sets it off. This ensures the alarm activates if a thief tries to saw off the converter.
- \* Engrave your VIN number onto your catalytic converter to make it easier to identify, in case it does get stolen.

Please share and go to <http://bit.ly/2VDIhzE> for more information about this **#crime** trend and prevention tips.

If you have specific information (pictures or videos) regarding a recent catalytic converter theft, please contact Detective Holloway at 714-714-5827.

**#GGPD32 #TuesdayTips  
#crimeprevention #DontBeAVictim  
Garden Grove City Hall**



(Post) March 05, 2019 3:00 pm

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**Garden Grove Police Department**

This morning, our recruits from the **Orange County Sheriff's Department, CA Academy** took part in the traditional Fallen Officer Memorial Run. Today's run was dedicated to **Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department** Deputy Jerry Ortiz, who made the ultimate sacrifice.

2.8k 96 6 13% 414

They'll be graduating tomorrow and we are extremely excited for them to join our family.

**#GGPD32 #RainOrShine #policeacademy #Class234 Garden Grove PA**



(Post) March 06, 2019 6:00 pm



**Garden Grove Police Department**

**\*\*\*SigAlert\*\*\***

Today at 8:45 AM, a 15-year-old male was walking to school and was struck by a vehicle, while crossing the street. The victim has been transported to a local trauma center for treatment. The scene is currently under investigation.

3.8k 81 13 22% 954

Eastbound Garden Grove Blvd is closed (from Cypress to Century St); northbound Century St is closed, with other lanes of traffic being restricted.

Please avoid the area and use alternate routes for the next couple of hours.

**#GGPD32 #ExpectDelays #trafficcollision Garden Grove City Hall Garden Grove Fire Department**



(Post) March 06, 2019 11:11 am



**Garden Grove Police Department**



2.7k 62 3 11% 407

(Post) March 01, 2019 6:45 pm

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**Garden Grove Police Department**

"The more you read, the more things you know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." ~ **#DrSeuss**

2.7k 62 3 11% 407

Our officers and staff were invited to read to elementary schools across **#GardenGrove**, as part of **#ReadAcrossAmerica**. We can't tell who had more fun.  
**#GGPD32 #ReadingIsLife #CommunityPolicing**  
**Garden Grove City Hall Garden Grove PA**



(Post) March 01, 2019 6.45 pm



**Garden Grove Police Department**

**#FlashbackFriday**. When getting a ticket was a more elegant affair. (J. Mellor, c. 1967)  
**#GGPD32 #policeuniform #bowtie #SafeStreetsGG**

2.1k 43 8 5% 90



(Post) March 01, 2019 12.30 pm



**Garden Grove Police Department**

**\*\*\*SigAlert\*\*\***

2.9k 31 8 6% 190

Eastbound and westbound Chapman Ave, between Nutwood & Nelson St is closed due to power lines down. Please avoid the area for the next few hours.  
**#GGPD32 #ExpectDelays #trafficcollision**  
**Garden Grove City Hall Garden Grove Fire Department**

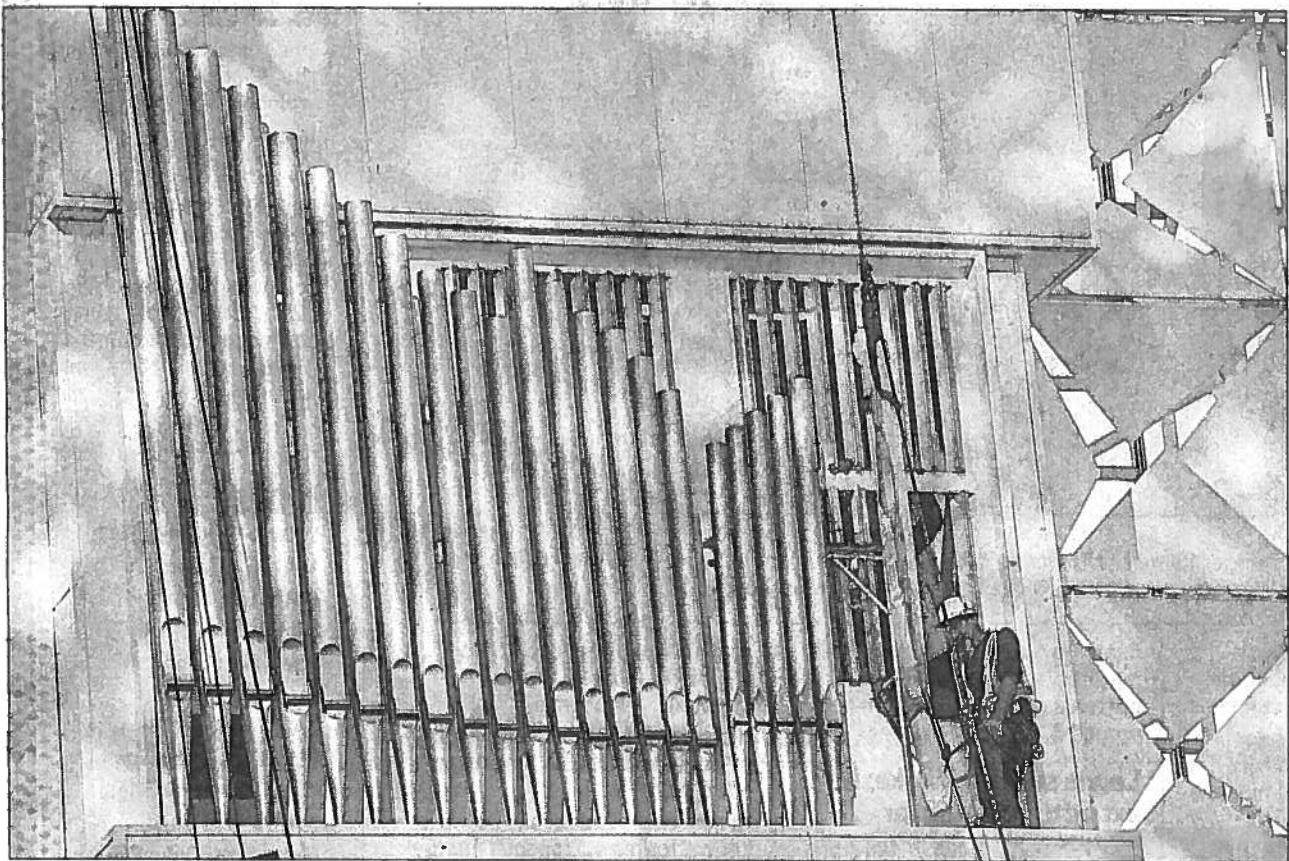


(Post) March 01, 2019 10.52 am



**WEEKLY MEMO 3-7-19**

# **NEWS ARTICLES**



PHOTOS BY JEFF GRITCHEN — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Workers install some of more than 16,000 pipes for the Hazel Wright organ in Garden Grove on Thursday.

OC Register March 3, 2019

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# HEAVENLY SOUND RETURNING HOME

Christ Cathedral's famous Hazel Wright pipe organ being reinstalled

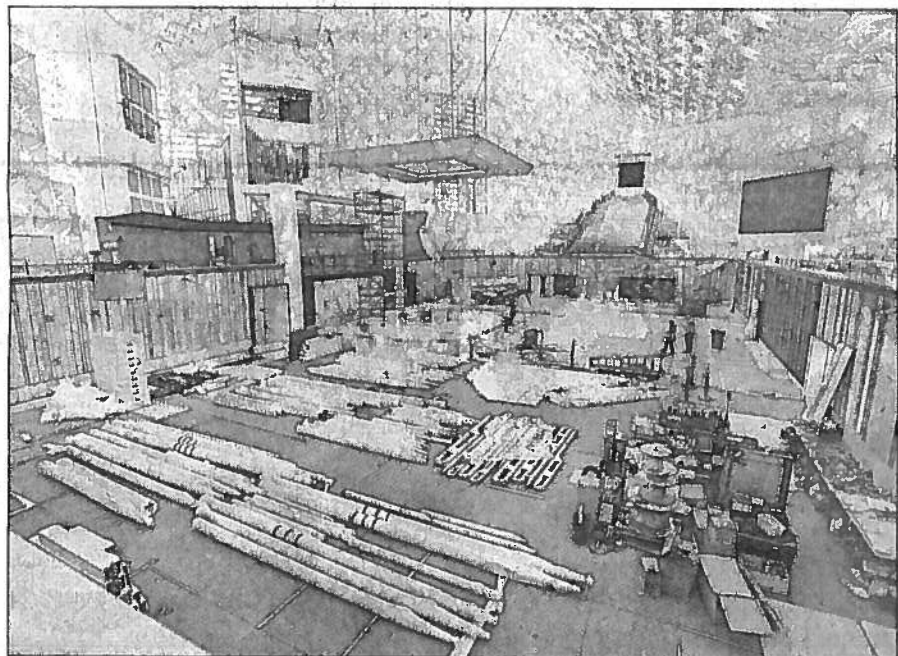
**By Deepa Bharath**  
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"Hazel" has waited a long time for this.

About five years ago, after the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange purchased the Crystal Cathedral, the church's 16,000-pipe organ named after its benefactor, Hazel Wright, was taken apart piece by piece from its longtime home, the glass sanctuary envisioned and erected by famed televangelist the Rev. Robert H. Schuller.

After a trip to Italy and four years in a temperature-controlled storage unit, Hazel is now back where she belongs.

Since late January, Piero Ruffatti, the man who built the Hazel Wright organ for the Schullers in 1981, has returned to the



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Reinstalling the pipe organ will cost the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange \$2.9 million.

# Organ

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same sanctuary, supervising the installation of the legendary instrument that he says will have a place in his heart and in his family's legacy forever.

It's going to take about a year to resuscitate Hazel at a cost to the diocese of \$2.9 million, all of it raised by the OC Catholic Foundation. The overall cost of the cathedral renovation now stands at \$77 million, including the considerable expense of bringing one of the world's most famous organs back to life.

Bishop Kevin Vann admits the costs are staggering. He says it's natural for the public to question why a church should spend tens of millions on a glittering building and a humongous organ when that money could go to help solve issues such as hunger and homelessness.

Vann says there are several organizations within the Catholic Church, such as Catholic Charities, that are dedicated to helping the

needy. According to Catholic Charities' 2017 tax filings, it had an annual budget of about \$3 million.

The bishop says he hopes the sanctuary and its music will help inspire the faithful in Orange County and beyond to do good deeds.

"I hope the people, when they come here and hear the sound of this magnificent instrument, will be spiritually inspired to go forth and spring into action to help others and make this world a better place," he said.

Reviving the building and the organ is also about continuing the legacy of Schuller and the Crystal Cathedral, Vann said.

"That has always been important to us," he said.

## History and legacy

Music was an integral part of the Crystal Cathedral's ministry, including its weekly "Hour of Power" television broadcasts, which in their heyday had more than 100 million viewers worldwide. These millions watched organist Frederick Swann and other skilled musicians perform on the Hazel Wright organ over the years.

Ruffatti, now 75, remembers meeting Arvella Schuller in the New York City office of Crystal Cathedral architect Philip Johnson, around 1980. The pastor's wife, a skilled organist and musician herself, was the force behind the church's music ministry.

"Arvella wanted a special organ, something that was magnificent," Ruffatti said. "She wanted big sounds, grandeur."

The Schullers got what they wanted, and more.

Under the supervision of master organist Virgil Fox, the Ruffattis grafted a 100-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ purchased from the Philharmonic Hall in New York City with a 97-rank Ruffatti organ built in 1977 for the sanctuary now known as the arboretum on campus, which at the time housed Schuller's Garden Grove Community Church.

The Hazel Wright organ was born. Its benefactor, a longtime viewer of Schuller's "Hour of Power," donated \$2 million for the organ's construction and upkeep.

The organ the Ruffattis

built featured 270 ranks, or sets, of pipes from 4 inches to 32 feet long, five keyboards, and the largest draw-knob console in the world to control the sound. It could play a range from the highest pitch to the lowest and could produce all sounds, from the softest to the most majestic.

## Memories, nostalgia

Swann, who played the Hazel Wright organ almost every Sunday for 17 years at the Crystal Cathedral, from 1982 to 1998, said he can't wait to hear those majestic sounds once more. Swann, 87, now lives in Palm Desert.

In May 2013, he played a "farewell concert" for Hazel's fans. In January 2020, he says, he'll return to Garden Grove to hear the sounds of his favorite organ again.

Over the years, Swann has received thousands of comments about what the organ meant to those who came to the cathedral.

"As organists, we appreciate the beauty we can create through music," he said. "It's almost like a beautiful piece of architecture.

For many, the music brings them closer to God. It's meaningful and beautiful at so many levels."

Swann has had unforgettable moments with Hazel. Like the time he played first lady Barbara Bush's favorite hymn during a service. Or when he performed with Metropolitan Opera singer Beverly Sills. He's even performed with animals during the Crystal Cathedral's annual "Glory of Christmas" shows, and once played with a 350-pound tiger on top of the console.

So, this is an organ with a rich history and an aura of celebrity. Hazel even has her own Facebook page with more than 1,700 followers.

## Return to former glory

In addition to the cost, it has taken a lot of work to restore and nurse this instrument back to its former glory, said John Romeri, the diocese's organist and director of music.

Heat, humidity, rain, smog and lack of proper maintenance during the Crystal Cathedral's bankrupt final years took their

toll on this majestic instrument, he said.

"The pipes became infested with termites and insects," Romeri said. "The once beautiful trumpets — about 400 of them — had become corroded. Some of the pipes had melted and collapsed in the heat."

Once the organ is fully installed and ready a year from now, the public will hear its real sound, better than before, because the sanctuary will now be temperature-controlled.

When Swann played the organ, he said, he and the instrument were under the mercy of the elements. If it was hot or sunny, he wouldn't be able to use parts of the organ just as when it was rainy, windy or when the temperature dropped below 40 degrees, because it would be out of tune.

Now, thanks to a temperature-controlled environment, Swann said, all parts of the organ can be used all the time.

The diocese has set a July 17 date for the dedication of the new sanctuary.

But, Hazel's time won't come until January.

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# Fans of the Farmers Market



Photo by Loreen Berlin

A few brave souls brave the rain and attend the Garden Grove Farmers Market on Main Street on Sunday. On sunnier, warmer days, there are generally bigger crowds.

# Cocky coyotes preening in streets? Let's get serious

Editor calls on officials to confront the cause of problem, avoid hyperbole

By Brady Rhoades

Sorry, but I had to chuckle at a recent city release on coyotes trotting into town.

They're all over the place, apparently. In neighborhoods, at

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## Editor's Take

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schools, on Main Street.

That's daunting, no joking matter. I lost a pet cat — my little BFF — to a coyote, and three years later I still haven't gotten over it.

But the report — ginning up a late-February meeting involving city leaders and residents — described the coyotes as "brazen."

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The crucial part of this story is that residents were educated on how to deal with coyotes — and protect their children and pets from a very real threat — by Mark Ladney, director of Garden Grove Animal Care; Amelia Viera, environmental wildlife scientist with the state Dept. of Fish and Game; Dave Dodge, wildlife conflict management expert for the state Dept. of Fish and Game; and Larry Stephens, game warden.

Those people are knowledgeable and serious about the prob-

lems that occur when coyotes mingle with humans and their pets.

They didn't write the release. I'm not sure who did, exactly, but we don't have to demonize coyotes to confront this issue.

The "brazen" comment reminded me of a Next Door post in my Fullerton neighborhood, in which a self-righteously indignant neighbor stated, "Saw a coyote walking down Fern Street this morning like he owned the place!"

Coyotes are not trying to purchase property and run your homeowners association, nor are they brazen. They're just... coyotes. Hungry, displaced, op-

portunistic survivors. They're not cocky or bold; they're really, really ravenous, and getting more desperate. If they had it their way, they wouldn't come within 100 yards of a human being.

I know I'm being nitpicky, but it's a sign of the times. Pick an enemy, demonize him or her, organize a mob and get all vigilante.

Coyotes are not our communist enemies from the Cold War years (they really were after our homes, our culture, out constitution).

But they are dangerous, so keep your pets and pet food inside during the wee hours,

and warn your children: no matter what they've seen on TV cartoons, coyotes are not nice, and they're not gullible like Wile Coyote.

If you confront one, harass him or her a bit. Verbally, I mean, and from a distance. Generally speaking, they want no part of human beings. If you confront two or three, hightail it inside.

Meanwhile, how about city, county and state leaders grapple with the cause of this problem, which is complicated but one thing's for certain: we're built-out here in SoCal. Coyotes are getting The Squeeze. So are wildcats. They don't abide by the corridors we've concocted.

Their food supply is running short. Their "Brazeness" is in straight-line proportion to their stomachs (I'll be keeping an eye out for that report, and doable solutions).

Coyotes, OK, are like most wild animals: predatory and super scared.

They're not wandering around Main Street to shop, show off or socialize.

If you want more information on coyotes and the threat they pose, contact Maureen Blackman at [Maureen.ggna@gmail.com](mailto:Maureen.ggna@gmail.com) or call 714-235-5360.

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# Three GG high schools earn high honors

Bolsa Grande, GG High and Pacifica named distinguished schools

The Garden Grove Unified School District was well represented in the 2019 Distinguished Schools Program, which was announced by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond on Feb. 25.

GGUSD placed more high schools on the list than any other school district in Orange County, with Bolsa Grande, Garden Grove High and Pacifica high schools all receiving the recognition.

Schools are awarded for achieving exceptional student performance for two consecutive school years or closing the achievement gap between two school years.

“Once again GGUSD schools demonstrated to be among the best in California when it comes to academic excellence,” said GGUSD Board of Education Vice President Teri Rocco. “This

shows the commitment of the students, faculty, and administration at each school who are more than deserving of this recognition.”

Schools that applied were eligible based on their perfor-

mance and progress on the state indicators as described on the California School Dashboard. Indicators include test scores, suspension rates and graduation rates.

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Courtesy art

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Distinguished School award winners show not just excellent teaching, learning, and collaboration, but also highly successful

school climate efforts, ranging from real-time conflict resolution to positive behavior intervention. The Distinguished Schools award program alternates between recognizing elementary and secondary schools from year to year.

In 2018, GGUSD was named the first and only California Exemplary District in Orange County in addition to having 11 schools named to the 2018 California Distinguished Schools Program, which was the most in Orange County.

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# The show must go on...



Photo by Loreen Berlin

Locals wait in the rain to buy tickets to see "Disaster!" at The GEM Theater in Garden Grove. The play opened last week. See theater critic Angela Hatcher's review on page 4.

## GEM presents one blast of a 'Disaster!'

**By Angela Hatcher**

Who doesn't love '70s disaster films?

Emmy Award nominee and Sirius XM Broadway Host Seth Rudetsky and popular Actor/Director Jack Plotkin's hilarious musical "Disaster" is the side-splitting live theater performance that audiences have been dying to see, and with that in mind, One More Productions has launched one of the most outrageously funny musical comedies ever to hit the stage.

Take your favorite disaster films from that era – say, for example, Poseidon Adventure, Jaws, or Earthquake, and throw them all and more into the mix – A duet from "Disaster!" only with well

thought-out purpose while adding credibility to each disastrous scene. Add a collection of unforgettably kooky and eclectic characters such as a guitar-playing nun with gambling fever, a dorky natural disaster scientific expert, a sexy lounge singer with twins, a second-rate disco queen with an edge and a dog in her handbag, and a brash elderly couple from Wisconsin who are in their second honeymoon phase, a career driven female reporter who has turned her back on love, a sleazy floating casino owner, oh, and there's more... "Disaster!" goes one step further with its tortuously evocative musical song list intertwined within the show.

It is jampacked with some of the most memorable songs of the times, such as "When Will I Be Loved," "Signed, Sealed, and Delivered," "Mocking Bird," and "Three Times a Lady," to name a few, and what is worthy of applause in its own merit is that

this great music fills in flawlessly while carrying the storyline even further because of it.

Co-writer Seth Rudetsky commented that he "love scenes that turn into songs" and this homage to disaster movies proves that he and his writing partner, Jack Plotnick, have nailed it. A big splashy musical wouldn't be complete without some snappy dialogue, great effects, and some



talented actors who can also sing and dance.

Under the helm of Damien Lorton, One More Productions' "Disaster!" hits all the marks. From large colorful puppet fish floating across the stage to actors "swimming" upstream, and lighting effects

simulating catastrophes, the creativity in this production rocks this Disaster! like no other.

The story itself takes place in Manhattan where a group of A-listers have gathered to board the Barracuda, the first floating casino/discotheque in New York, and of course, the group is completely unaware that the building has not passed its safety inspections, nor do they know that the construction lays across a fault line, and for us Californians, we all know what that means...

**Co-writer Seth Rudetsky commented that he "love scenes that turn into songs" and this homage to disaster movies proves that he and his writing partner, Jack Plotnick, have nailed it.**

Actor Tad Fujioka portrays the "nutty professor" Ted Scheider, and he gives one of the most outstanding performances of the evening. After a mere 38 hours, Fujioka stepped in after the original cast member was unable to perform.

Debbi Ebert is the Disco Diva with puppy love, and when she belts out those '70s tunes, it's a Donna Summers reunion.

Beautiful Adrianna Sanchez plays the sexy blonde who is too

good for the dirt bag charmer she is infatuated with for now, and her stunning vocals are showstoppers.

Dee Shandera and Jon Mitchell's "You're the One" is convincing and sweet, and Dee Shandera's performance earns another vote for outstanding performance. There are the twins, Ben and Lisa, portrayed by Megan Michell, who also must be recognized for an incredibly funny performance.

While this is a strong cast, the entire ensemble is terrific. Under the baton of Richard Abraham also on piano, the eight-piece band rocks the house. Choreographers are Shauna Bradford, Heather Holt-Smith, Alan Collins, Anthony Encina and Katie Marshall; set design by Wally Huntoon; lighting design by Harold Mendenhall.

The show runs through March 24 at The Gem Theatre 12852 Main St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-741-9551, ext. 221.

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Courtesy photos

The cast of "Disaster!" shows its humorous side at a show over the weekend.

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"Disaster!" offers plenty of nostalgic 1970s hits.

**EDUCATION**

# 25 campuses in OC among 2019 California Distinguished Schools

**By Heather McRea**  
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Of the 162 middle school and high school campuses recently announced as California Distinguished Schools, 25 are in Orange County.

The state recognition highlights public schools for “achieving exceptional student performance for two consecutive school years or closing the achievement gap between two school years,” the announcement said.

“It’s exciting to win because it is recognizing how hard the teachers work,” said Dana Aguilera, principal of Carl Hankey K-8 Academy in Mission Viejo. It is the first time the campus has received the designation.

“It really reflects a lot of working together and the strength of the model program,” she said.

Once schools show the achievements in data that make them eligible for the program, Aguilera said, they then submit an application highlighting their signature program — in Hankey’s case, the International Baccalaureate program in the middle school grades.

“My teachers make sure the kids are given the opportunity to reflect and take action,” she said. “Our kids learn to take action with their learning.”

California Distinguished Schools are called on to share their successful programs and practices with other educators.

The top honor is rotated annually between naming elementary schools and upper grade schools. Last year, 43 elementary schools in the county received the recognition.

The California Distinguished Schools program has been around for about 30 years, though it recently took a three-year hiatus as the state Education Department rolled out a new accountability system.

“Distinguished School award winners represent examples of not just excellent teaching, learning and collaboration but also highly successful school climate efforts ranging from real-time conflict resolution to positive behavior intervention,” the news release said.

Here are the local schools, by district, honored this year:

**GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Bolsa Grande High School  
Garden Grove High  
Pacifica High

**HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Ethel Dwyer Middle School  
Isaac L. Sowers Middle

**HUNTINGTON BEACH UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Edison High  
Marina High

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Harry C. Fulton Middle  
Kazua Masuda Middle  
Samuel E. Talbert Middle

**ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Lexington Junior High  
Oxford Academy

**CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Bernice Ayer Middle  
Carl Hankey Middle

**FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Sunny Hills High

**IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Irvine High  
Rancho San Joaquin Middle  
Sierra Vista Middle  
Woodbridge High

**LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Thurston Middle

**NEWPORT-MESA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Early College High

**OCEAN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Mesa View Middle

**PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Yorba Linda Middle

**SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Nova Academy

**TUSTIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Arnold O. Beckman High

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PHOTO BY PAUL RODRIGUEZ

Chloe Firmin, 17, poses with a robot she built and other robots she has programmed in Garden Grove. Firmin, who has high-functioning autism and selective mutism, built the robot so it could speak for her when mutism inhibits her.

# TEEN BUILDS ROBOTS THAT SPEAK FOR HER

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Garden Grove teen's autism, selective mutism and social anxiety find an outlet

By Susan Christian Goulding

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When Chloe Firmin was 3 years old, doctors determined she would never talk because of severe autism. Today, the high school senior is bilingual — speaking not only human language but also computerese.

But a remnant of the Garden Grove girl's nonverbal toddlerhood emerges in frequent bouts of selective mutism, an anxiety disorder that hinders the ability to speak in social settings.

"I panic and my mind goes blank," Firmin, 17, said.

For years, her selective mutism went unrecognized — considered shyness by family members and apathy or even defiance by some teachers. Although talented at math, technology and drawing, Firmin struggled academically in middle school.

Firmin's frustrated parents transferred her from a Catholic school in Tustin to the public one near

home for eighth grade. But she continued to flounder. "A bigger school is even harder to navigate for someone with social anxiety," said her mother, Destiny Guila.

Then Guila discovered an online charter school, San Juan Capistrano-based California Connections Academy, that has allowed her daughter to flourish over the past four years. With live webinar classes, videos and online tests, Firmin can work around her biggest obstacles to education.

"I don't have the social pressure anymore," Firmin said.

And thanks to the flexibility of internet learning, she has delved into the world of coding. Now Firmin is expert at coaxing computers and robots to do what she tells them to do.

Firmin has built several small robots and given each its own name, personality and tasks. Occasionally, when words fail her — which can occur even in the safety of her family — she types them on her

keyboard and lets a robot do the talking.

In the fall, the girl once considered too disabled to succeed in school will enter Santiago Canyon College in Orange to study coding. Already, administrators can't wait to welcome her.

"Chloe is a phenomenal young lady, very gifted," said Von Lawson, dean of Business & Career Technical Education. "I was struck by her knowledge of coding, especially at such a young age. I told her mom that we will be working for her someday. Just watch — she'll create the new Facebook or Instagram."

Whatever the case, Firmin is likely to be an in-demand employee.

"An army of coders are needed across the board — by government, military and private sectors — for automation and cyber security," Lawson said.

Speaking by the time she started kindergarten, Firmin's initial diagnosis of autism was set aside. Still, she said, "I always felt different from everyone else."

When she was in seventh grade, bullying reared its ugly head.

"Girls would throw my lunchbox in the trash and laugh at me," Firmin said. "I was afraid if I told someone, they'd just be meaner." At least during her year in public school, she added, she was invisible rather than a target.

California Connections Academy, a tuition-free charter school, solved both problems. And at long last, her mother added, counselors there pinpointed Firmin's special needs — high-functioning autism and selective mutism.

Despite the fact she is, in her estimation, "different" from most peers, Firmin also seems very much a typical teen — with her pink hair, perfectly applied eyeliner, braces and easy giggle.

She loves Nirvana and Radiohead, fantasy and sci-fi, video games and anime. She also enjoys FaceTiming and Instagramming with classmates.

Sure, Firmin is nervous about leaving the comfort of online education for on-campus college.

"I'm afraid I'll get lost trying to find my classes," she said. "But I'm really excited about the opportunity."

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## Boy, 14, is struck in a crosswalk

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON MARCH 6, 2019 • ( 1 COMMENT )



A 14-YEAR-OLD boy is in critical but stable condition after being struck by a car while in a crosswalk in Garden Grove Wednesday morning (Shutterstock).

A 14-year-old boy is in critical but stable condition after being struck by a car while walking in a crosswalk in Garden Grove Wednesday morning.

According to Master Officer Paul Ashby of the GGPD, the incident took place in the area of Nelson Street and Garden Grove Boulevard at around 8:49 a.m.

The youth was taken to UCI Medical Center in Orange for treatment.

Members of the GGPD Traffic Unit investigated the accident and evaluated the driver, who showed no signs of impairment.

Witnesses to the accident are asked to contact Ashby at (714) 741-5823.

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## “Disaster: The Musical” a fine catastrophe

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON MARCH 5, 2019 • ( LEAVE A COMMENT )



“DISASTER: The Musical” performed at The Gem Theater in Garden Grove. (All Rights Reserved © 2019 Ron Lyon Photo)

By Thom deMartino

Hey hey! Now boarding the S.S. Barracuda for your tour of the 1970's: please enjoy your complimentary bellbottoms, platform heels, shag carpets and Lite-Brites.

It's something very new and very different from the award-winning One More Productions team of Damian Lorton, Nicole Cassesso and company at Garden Grove's Gem Theater, in the form of "Disaster! The Musical": a jukebox musical homage to the myriad disaster movies of the 70's (complete with plot devices reminiscent of "The Poseidon Adventure," "The Towering Inferno" and "Piranha.")

## Stage Review

(<https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2016/08/stagereviewbug.jpg>) It's 1979, and there's quite a motley crew aboard the newly-christened ship Barracuda: a floating discotheque and casino, courtesy of shady real estate developer Tony Delvecchio (played with sleazy relish by Tom Patrick) ... Who may or may not have cut corners on safety regulations, and conveniently has taken out a large insurance policy on the boat. Closely pursuing both Del Vecchio and her story is the persistent Times' reporter Marianne Wilson (Brittany Gerardi), determined to get to the truth... and find her way out of covering garden parties.

There's also the dire – and ignored – warnings of impending doom for the ship from scientist and disaster expert Ted Scheider (Tad Fujioka, a last-second addition to the cast, though you couldn't tell from his fantastic comedic/deadpan performance.)

"You're crazy!" shouts Tony at the expert and his predictions of calamity.

"No" responds the professor, calmly. "The doctors say crazy and humorless aren't the same thing."

It's no "Love Boat" either – relationships are complicated things – and there's more than a few going on aboard

(<https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2018/05/greatmovielogo.jpg>) the imperiled Barracuda. Chad (Race Chambers) and his buddy Scott (Marcus Vayette) have come aboard both to work, and to carouse with the ladies... Without realizing Chad's own ex-fiance is aboard; Shirley and Maury Winters (Dee Shandera and Jon Michell), are a couple in their sunset years enjoying the cruise, but one is hiding a tragic secret; meanwhile, Jackie (Adriana Sanchez), the ship's vivacious lounge singer, is sharing her hopes that boss/boyfriend Tony may pop the question, with her precocious twins, Ben and Lisa (both played with a rapid comedic quick-change by Megan Michell.)

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Great!



ADRIANA SANCHEZ belts out a song in "Disaster: The Musical." All Rights Reserved © 2019 Ron Lyon Photo

Rounding out the passenger manifest is radio personality and disco diva Levora Verona (Debbi Ebert), permanently attached to her beloved diminutive dog, as well as the determined and devout Sister Mary Downey (a scene-stealing Amanda Zaida Hansen), who vehemently rails against the evils of gambling: "Gambling is a sin, and you're going to Hell" she says sweetly... but perhaps she doth protest too much, hmmm?

It's a perfect comedic cocktail of catastrophe, just waiting to be shaken...

The Gem is kicking off its new season with a bang (or a rumble, or a tsunami) with "Disaster!", just what 70's fans have wanted in a jukebox musical – well, those who remember the 70's, anyway. It's chock-full of 1970's classic hits, delivered with

perfect timing and pace to suit the scenes; with marvelous performances by the whole cast.

Sanchez's optimistic and engaging (pun intended) Jackie, Patrick's oily and reprehensible Delvecchio, Shandera and Michell's touching – sometimes slapstick – chemistry as Shirley and Maury, Gerardi's eager and empowered Marianne ... So many fantastic performances by the broad range of characters, it's impossible to highlight them all. (Though it should be noted, an absolute fan-favorite was the adorable and hysterical Michell, alternating as the twins.)

If you're a fan of the sprawl of disaster movies that overwhelmed the 1970's, as well as the music, fashion and fads of the time, the rollicking and side-splitting "Disaster! The Musical" is a must-see experience – you know, without the flashbacks.

*"Disaster! The Musical", Adriana Sanchez, Tom Patrick and Tad Fujioka star in this jukebox musical homage to the cheesy disaster movies and popular music of the 1970s. Playing through March 24 at The Gem Theater, 12852 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA, 92840. Call 714-741-9550 x221 or e-mail [boxoffice@onemoreproductions.com](mailto:boxoffice@onemoreproductions.com) for ticketing information. Some explicit language and suggestive situations.*

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## Killer faces 50 years to life in prison

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON MARCH 4, 2019 • ( LEAVE A COMMENT )



A 22-YEAR-OLD Garden Grove man is scheduled to be sentenced on Friday for the murder in the 2016 shooting death of a Garden Grove woman (Shutterstock).

A man convicted in January of murder in the 2016 fatal shooting of a woman in Garden Grove is scheduled to be sentenced on Friday.

According to the Orange County District Attorney's office, Nathaniel Joseph Liscano, 22, of Garden Grove is scheduled to appear at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana at 9 a.m. He faces a potential sentence of 50 years to life in state

prison.

On Jan. 30, he was convicted of one felony count of first degree murder with a sentencing enhancement for personal discharge of a firearm causing great bodily injury or death.

According to the OCDA, on Aug. 24, 2016, Liscano went to a home in Garden Grove. After a verbal and physical altercation between the victim, Kellie Nichol, and the defendant's mother in front of the residence, the defendant pulled out a gun and shot the victim in the face and chest.

Nichol attempted to run away after the initial shots, but Liscano chased her and shot her three times in the back. After he shot the victim, the defendant fled the scene.

Police were called by a witness shortly after the shooting. The victim died at the scene as a result of multiple bullet wounds.

The crime was captured by a home surveillance system, which showed Liscano's face during the incident. The defendant fled to Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was arrested by the U.S. Marshals Service on Sept. 13, 2016. The Garden Grove Police Department investigated this case.



ADRIAN LISCANO (GGPD photo).



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### SUMMER JOBS DEADLINE APPROACHING

The City of Garden Grove is seeking enthusiastic individuals to become part of the Community Services Department team this summer. Qualified candidates are encouraged to apply for part-time seasonal positions in recreation and aquatics by 5:00 p.m., next Monday, March 11, 2019, at [ggcity.org/summerjobs](http://ggcity.org/summerjobs).

Job openings include Lifeguard (Recreation Specialist II), Instructor Guard (Recreation Specialist III), and a variety of non-aquatics Recreation Specialist II positions for the following programs: Day Camp, Youth and Family Resource Centers, Atlantis Play Center, and Sports.

If you enjoy working with children, being outdoors, and want to gain skills and experience in a professional environment, this could be the start of a job that leads into a career.

For more information including job details and qualifications, visit [ggcity.org/summerjobs](http://ggcity.org/summerjobs), or contact the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200.

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## **RE:IMAGINE GARDEN GROVE - ART IN THE PARK NEW ACTIVITIES, VENDORS ADDED**

The inaugural Re:Imagine Garden Grove – Art in the Park event, hosted by the City of Garden Grove, in partnership with the Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD), is on Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in Village Green park, located at 12732 Main Street.

Features added to the free event include a “Fairy Garden Pathway,” created by students from 48 Garden Grove elementary schools; a 50-foot-long lettering of “Re:Imagine Garden Grove Art in the Park,” designed by art students from eight Garden Grove high schools and Bell Intermediate School; do-it-yourself crafts, curated by local artists and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove; and food vendors, including Renegade Taco from the soon-to-open SteelCraft Garden Grove.

Attendees can also enjoy watching plein air art demonstrations, muralists at-work, and temporary art installations.

At 12:30 p.m., members of the Garden Grove City Council and GGUSD’s Board of Directors will join the Garden Grove Community Foundation (GGCF) in presenting two, \$1,000 checks to Los Amigos and Santiago high schools for winning the Grove Art Installation contest. The schools’ art students and teachers will be placing temporary ecology- and diversity-themed installations throughout a grove of 24 trees at the northeast corner of Euclid Street and Stanford Avenue.

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The GGUSD's 41<sup>st</sup> annual First Impressions Student Art Gallery, showcasing the artistic talents of K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be exhibited at the Garden Grove Courtyard Center, located at 12732 Main Street, from Monday, March 11, 2019 through Saturday, March 16, 2019. Hours are: Monday and Wednesday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The 'Art in the Park' event is part of the City's continuing efforts to brand Garden Grove's downtown, while promoting the Re:Imagine Garden Grove mission of bringing more art to the community. The GGUSD partnership further reinforces and supports the District's goal to continue elevating its arts presence and distinction within Orange County.

For more information, please contact the City's Recreation Division at (714) 741-5200, or visit the City's website at [ggcity.org](http://ggcity.org), or the City's Facebook page at Garden Grove City Hall.

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## **ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION AT H. LOUIS LAKE SENIOR CENTER**

Meet and mingle with other local senior citizens at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center's St. Patrick's Day celebration on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The free event takes place in the H. Louis Lake Senior Center's Dining Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Garden Grove seniors are invited to participate in an Irish traditional event with themed beverages, games, and dancing to live music provided by "The Serenaders." The event is sponsored by SCAN health plan group.

For more information, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Tuesday, March 5, 2019

### **CITY NOW OFFERING FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER PROGRAMS**

The City is offering First-Time Home Buyer Programs for qualifying low-income families. The CalHome loan is a 30-year deferred payment loan requiring no monthly payments, not exceeding \$60,000, which accrues 3-percent simple annual interest for the life of the loan. The loan is designed to assist with covering the difference between a qualifying mortgage amount and the actual price of a single-family home for qualified low- and very low-income families.

The City also offers the Workforce Initiative Subsidy for Homeownership Grant. The matching grant is up to \$15,000 that assists qualifying low- and very low-income families with the down payment or closing costs. For every dollar a resident puts towards the down payment, the City will match with three dollars.

There are openings available for the First-Time Home Buyer workshops which introduce potential Garden Grove homeowners to the process of buying a home, how to qualify for a home mortgage, and information regarding financial assistance programs offered through the City. The scheduled workshops for 2019 and 2020 are now available online at [www.ggcity.org/neighborhood-improvement](http://www.ggcity.org/neighborhood-improvement). There are a limited number of spots available for these workshops.

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City Now Offering First-Time Home Buyer Programs  
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To sign up for the workshop, or to obtain more information on the City's First-Time Home Buyer Programs contact Timothy Throne at (714) 741-5144, Benchmark Mortgage at (949) 231-0142, or visit the Neighborhood Improvement website at [www.ggcity.org/neighborhood-improvement](http://www.ggcity.org/neighborhood-improvement).

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Monday, March 4, 2019



## **NEW SENIOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT BREAKS GROUND IN KOREAN DISTRICT**

Community members were on hand as the City of Garden Grove, developer AMG & Associates, The Pacific Companies, and landowner Hoag Foundation officially broke ground for Garden Brook Senior Village on February 12. The 8-story adaptive reuse project near the Korean Business District is scheduled for opening in 2021.

The mixed-use, affordable housing project will include 11,041 square-feet of commercial space on the first floor, 394 senior-living units, community spaces including an indoor fitness area, library room with multifunctional space, two general use community rooms, and on-site laundry facilities.

Additionally, Garden Brook Senior Village's intergenerational partnership with the neighboring Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove will include programs that foster mutually-benefitting youth and senior interactions.

"This project is as meaningful as it is unique, and demonstrates the importance of valued partnerships and commitment to our community," said Garden Grove City Manager Scott Stiles.

For more information about Garden Brook Senior Village, contact Katie Callen with The Pacific Companies at [katiec@tpchousing.com](mailto:katiec@tpchousing.com)

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New Senior Affordable Housing Project Breaks Ground in Korean District  
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For more information about Garden Brook Senior Village rental information,  
visit Barker Management, Inc., at [www.barkermgt.com/contact/](http://www.barkermgt.com/contact/) or email  
aschlesinger@barkermgt.com.

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Gabi O'Cadiz-Hernandez  
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Community Services Department

Monday, March 4, 2019

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**HELP SPREAD A LITTLE LOVE, DONATE PEANUT BUTTER  
AND JELLY TO KIDS WHO ARE UNDERPRIVILEGED**

The community is invited to participate in a program designed to help combat hunger for local kids who go without lunch during the spring break. From now until Friday, March 22, the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center's True Neighborhood Teens are seeking donations for the annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Project, which aims to serve 150 children in Garden Grove's Buena Clinton neighborhood. Donations of peanut butter, jars of jelly, and loaves of bread can be dropped off at the Recreation Counter located in Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway, or the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, at 12661 Sunswept Avenue.

As one of Garden Grove's most ethnically-diverse and youth-populated areas, the Buena Clinton neighborhood is comprised of over 4,000 residents who reside in ¼ square-mile of apartment complexes.

Last year, with the help from the community, approximately 140 kids were given peanut butter and jelly care packages.

The Peanut Butter and Jelly Project is organized by the True Neighborhood Teens, a group of teenagers who reside in the Buena Clinton neighborhood dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for themselves and their peers.

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Help Spread a Little Love, Donate Peanut Butter and Jelly  
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Through resources provided by the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, members of True Neighborhood Teens are given leadership roles that create opportunities to give back, enhance, and strengthen the neighborhood's image, while creating a sense of place within their community.

For more information, please contact Youth Coordinator Josue Barreiro at [josueb@ggcity.org](mailto:josueb@ggcity.org) or call (714) 741-5776.

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# THÔNG TIN

## Từ Thành Phố Garden Grove

Để phổ biến trên các phương tiện truyền thông  
Văn phòng thông tin liên lạc: (714) 741-5280

Liên lạc: Teresa Pomeroy (714) 741-5035  
Thư Ký Thành phố



Thứ Hai, 4 tháng 3, 2019

### THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE TUYỂN THÀNH VIÊN CHO ỦY BAN GIÁM SÁT DỰ LUẬT O

Thành phố Garden Grove hiện đang nhận đơn đăng ký cho các ứng cử viên đủ điều kiện tham gia vào Ủy ban Giám sát Dự luật O (Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee.) Ủy ban Giám sát do những người dân trong cộng đồng sẽ cố vấn cho Hội đồng Thành phố Garden Grove về các vấn đề liên quan đến Dự luật O, dự luật tăng thuế doanh thu 1% vừa được thông qua vào Tháng 11, 2018 bởi 65% cử tri tại Garden Grove. Thời hạn nhận đơn bắt đầu từ bây giờ đến 5:30 giờ chiều Thứ Năm, ngày 14 tháng 3, 2019, lúc 5:30 chiều. Để đăng ký trực tuyến, hãy truy cập [ggcity.org/form/commissions-application](http://ggcity.org/form/commissions-application) hoặc lấy đơn trực tiếp, liên lạc về Văn phòng Thư ký Thành phố nằm ở lầu 2, Tòa thị chính Garden Grove, tại 11222 Acacia Parkway, hoặc gọi về số (714) 741-5040.

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- Trong 7 thành viên sẽ có ít nhất một thành viên là chủ cơ sở kinh doanh/ doanh nhân để đại diện cho các doanh nghiệp trong cộng đồng ; một người cao tuổi (từ 62 tuổi trở lên); ít nhất hai thành viên có kiến thức về tài chính hoặc kế toán; và ba thành viên sống trong cộng đồng nói chung.

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Để biết thêm chi tiết, xin liên lạc về Văn phòng Thư ký Thành phố tại số điện thoại (714) 741-5040 hoặc email về [cityclerk@ggcity.org](mailto:cityclerk@ggcity.org).



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## TP Garden Grove tuyển thành viên cho Ủy Ban Giám Sát Dự Luật O

Thích Chia sẻ Đăng ký để xem những gì bạn bè của bạn thích.

Thành phố Garden Grove hiện đang nhận đơn ghi danh cho các ứng cử viên đủ điều kiện tham gia vào Ủy Ban Giám Sát Dự Luật O (Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee).

Ủy Ban Giám Sát do những người dân trong cộng đồng sẽ cố vấn cho Hội Đồng Thành Phố về các vấn đề liên quan đến Dự Luật O, dự luật tăng thuế doanh thu 1% được thông qua vào tháng 11, 2018 với 65% phiếu cử tri tại Garden Grove.

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Buổi họp để chọn ra thành viên thích hợp sẽ diễn ra tại cuộc họp thường xuyên của Hội đồng thành phố Garden Grove vào Thứ Ba, 26 tháng 3, 2019.

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**March 7, 2019**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the March 7, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.
3. Notice of Cancellation of the March 14, 2019 Zoning Administrator meeting.
4. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" Statewide Newspaper Briefing, dated March 6, 2019, and updates on Pension Benefits (March 5, 2019) and the Drone Regulation Bill (March 6, 2019).



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 7, 2019 – March 28, 2019

Thursday	March 7	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday – Sunday	March 7-10		One More Productions presents "Disaster!" The Gem Theater
Tuesday	March 12	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	March 13	10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Senior Center Dining Room
		3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	GGUSD Art Gallery Reception, Courtyard Center
Thursday	March 14		Casual Day
		9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, Constitution Room
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday – Sunday	March 14-17		One More Productions presents "Disaster!" The Gem Theater
Friday	March 15		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Saturday	March 16	11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.	Re:Imagine Art in the Park, Village Green Park
Thursday	March 21	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday – Sunday	March 21-24		One More Productions presents "Disaster!" The Gem Theater
Tuesday	March 26	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber Sanitary District Board Meeting, Council Chamber Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	March 28	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room



## A G E N D A

### GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

#### REGULAR MEETING

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MARCH 7, 2019

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBER

ROLL CALL: CHAIR LEHMAN, VICE CHAIR KANZLER  
COMMISSIONERS LE, NGUYEN, PEREZ, RAMIREZ, SOEFFNER

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Oral Communications at the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker shall fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the Recording Secretary, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services due to a disability should contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 741-5035 to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to all or a majority of the Planning Commissioners within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Planning Services Division during normal business hours; and (2) at the City Community Meeting Center Council Chamber at the time of the meeting.

Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief, general description of the item to advise the public of the item's general nature. The Planning Commission may take legislative action it deems appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 21, 2019
- C. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)
  - C.1. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-149-2019

APPLICANT: THU PHAM ANH NGUYEN  
LOCATION: SOUTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD,  
BETWEEN MAGNOLIA STREET AND CANNERY  
STREET, AT 9106 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new body massage establishment within a 900 square foot tenant space within an existing multi-tenant shopping center. The site is in the GGMU-3 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 3) zone.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-149-2019, subject to the recommended conditions of approval. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

D. STUDY SESSION

D.1. PLANNING COMMISSION ORIENTATION

General discussion of the role and jurisdiction of the Planning Commission and laws generally applicable to Planning Commission meetings and decisions, including the Brown Act, Political Reform Act, and City Code of Ethics.

D.2. REVIEW OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS

E. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

F. MATTERS FROM STAFF

G. ADJOURNMENT



**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION  
OF THE  
GARDEN GROVE  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2019**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Third Floor Training Room, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: March 7, 2019

*Allison Wilson*  
ALLISON WILSON  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



**GARDEN GROVE**

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# **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**

The Regular Meeting of the  
Garden Grove Zoning Administrator  
scheduled for March 14, 2019  
has been cancelled.

JUDITH MOORE  
SECRETARY

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**League of CA Cities Newspaper Briefing - Statewide (March 6)**

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**From :** Tony Cardenas <tcardenas@cacities.org>  
**Subject :** League of CA Cities Newspaper Briefing - Statewide (March 6)  
**To :** Tony Cardenas <tcardenas@cacities.org>

Wed, Mar 06, 2019 10:50 AM

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Statewide Newspaper Briefing  
3/6/19

**CAPITOL POLITICS**

**California lawmakers accepted \$810,000 in gifts and overseas trips in 2018** -- California lawmakers were showered with more than \$810,000 in gifts last year, many from powerful interest groups lobbying the state who handed out concert and professional sports tickets, spa treatments, gourmet dinners and trips to a dozen countries, new state reports show. [LOS Angeles Times](#)

**An Initiative is the Way to Bring Sense to the “California Rule”** -- I guess this is what the initiative process was made for. While officials won't act on major pension reforms and the court doesn't engage on the basic issue dealing with the public employee pension structure, which is putting immense pressure on local government budgets, an initiative may be necessary to bring sense to the “California Rule.” [Fox & Hounds](#)

**The Trouble With the Split Roll Initiative** -- It may well make sense to roll back Prop 13 protections for commercial property, with the goal of providing more tax dollars to the state. But the split roll initiative scheduled for the 2020 ballot is the wrong way to do that. The big problem with this version of split roll isn't the Prop 13 tax piece. [Fox & Hounds](#)

**With a whopping 2,628 bills pending, here's the one most popular among California legislators** -- Nobody can say California lawmakers haven't kept busy. Between their December swearing-in and a late-February cutoff, they introduced an average of more than 32 bills a day. Now they face a June deadline to decide which of those 2,628 ideas will advance out of either the Assembly or state Senate. [Calmatters](#)

**California GOP Moderates Call For Focus On People Over Partisanship** -- A group of moderate Republicans, including former governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, called Tuesday on elected GOP leaders in California to focus less on ideology and more on getting things done to restore their shrinking numbers in the state. [Capital Public Radio](#)

**Credit cards, payment plans, shorter lines: California lawmakers move to fix DMV** -- California lawmakers are moving to address some of the biggest problems at the state Department of Motor Vehicles. A number of proposals aimed at reducing wait times and improving service have recently been introduced. [Sacramento Bee](#)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**California lawmakers target cities' ability to block new housing** -- The spirit of housing construction has imbued the state Capitol with renewed fervor this year as Gov. Gavin Newsom and coastal lawmakers push for policies to spur what they say is badly needed development to get soaring rents and home prices under control. [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

**Revitalization Projects Reawaken Downtown Los Angeles** -- Cranes dot the skyline and construction projects divert traffic as the neighborhood known as DTLA undergoes the biggest development boom since the Roaring Twenties. [New York Times](#)

## PUBLIC SAFETY

**Stephon Clark's death didn't produce criminal charges. But it could change California law** -- Although the officers who killed Stephon Clark won't face charges, his death could lead to a new use-of-force standard for police in California. Top lawmakers and the governor say the law should change, although most haven't endorsed specific proposals. [Sacramento Bee](#)

**KQED Sues Attorney General, Seeking Access to Police Misconduct and Shooting Records** -- KQED joined in a lawsuit against the California Department of Justice and Attorney General Xavier Becerra Tuesday, seeking to compel the release of serious police misconduct and use-of-force records unsealed by a new state law. [KQED](#)

**Cal Fire Report Urges Quick Action to Protect High-Risk Towns From Wildfire Threats** -- The Cal Fire recommendations call on state agencies to act quickly on a number of fronts, including launching projects to reduce fuels around dozens of the state's most wildfire-vulnerable communities and streamlining regulations so that needed vegetation management happens more rapidly. [Associated Press](#)

## PENSION REFORM

**State Supreme Court ducks key pension issue** -- The state Supreme Court could have addressed a fundamental issue in California's public employee pension crisis – whether the so-called “California rule” makes it impossible to reduce benefits. [Calmatters](#)

## CANNABIS

**Pay-to-play and political favoritism allegations persist in San Bernardino's cannabis license approval process** -- Before he operated two pharmaceutical research and development labs in Redlands, Majid Seraj worked as a senior pharmacist at Loma Linda University Medical Center, where he managed the hospital pharmacy, enforced its narcotics policies and helped shape new ones. [San Bernardino Sun](#)

## BUSINESS

**Tesla cutting more jobs at Fremont factory** -- Tesla will cut 81 more jobs at its Fremont plant, bringing the total layoffs this month at its main factory to 883. The additional job cuts, revealed in an updated filing with California's Employment Development Department dated March 1, mostly target service technicians and tech support specialists. [San Jose Mercury](#)

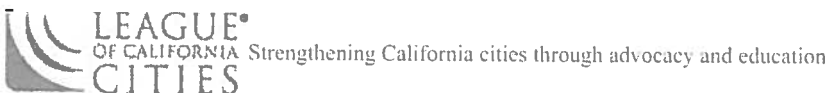
**Tesla's Model 3 drives growth in California's electric car sales** -- The CNCDA said that among electric cars, 51,293 new Tesla Model 3s were registered in California last year. To put that number in perspective, 92,447 total electric cars were registered in the state in 2018 — and the number of Model 3s sold last year surpassed the entirety of the 51,176 electric cars registered in 2017. [San Jose Mercury](#)

## THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

**California gets boost from federal government to expand early learning** -- Though California has been at odds with the federal government on many fronts, the state is getting a boost from the Trump administration to lay the groundwork for expanding preschool and child care programs. [EdSource](#)

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**California Supreme Court Finds Airtime Was Not a Vested Pension Benefit**

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**California Supreme Court Finds Airtime Was Not a Vested Pension Benefit in Cal Fire Local 2881 v. CalPERS**  
*Declines to Address the “California Rule” on Pension Modification*

The California Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision yesterday in *Cal Fire Local 2881 v. California Public Employees’ Retirement System*. The League filed an amicus brief in the case, and has been monitoring the case closely.

As the League anticipated, the Court found that employees enrolled as classic members of CalPERS did not have a “vested” right to purchase up to five years of service credit (commonly known as “airtime”) to add to their pension benefit, and therefore upheld the Legislature’s elimination of airtime as part of the Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act. The Court’s conclusion is consistent with the arguments the League made in its amicus brief.

“The League applauds today’s California Supreme Court decision upholding a key provision which amended the law governing the state’s public employee retirement system,” said Carolyn Coleman, executive director, League of California Cities.

“While today’s decision lets stand reforms important to the fiscal health of the system, more work must be done to address the challenge of escalating pension costs for local governments. The League stands ready to partner with the Administration, Legislature and stakeholders to ensure a strong defined benefit retirement system for California’s public sector workers and retirees.”

In reaching its conclusion that airtime was not a vested pension benefit, the Court noted that there was no evidence to clearly demonstrate that the Legislature intended to create a vested right when it enacted the airtime statute. Furthermore, the Court found that airtime could not be considered to be vested as “deferred compensation” because it was not meaningfully tied to actual public service.

It noted that the same amount of airtime was available to all employees who had completed the five years necessary to qualify to receive a pension in the first place.

Additionally, the Court explained that even if airtime was viewed as a contractual offer, there were two things employees had to do to accept the offer – (1) file a written election with the employee’s pension board and (2) make appropriate payments to the retirement system – and therefore the Legislature was entitled to revoke that offer for all employees, including plaintiffs, who had yet to make the written election and the payments.

Since the Court concluded the benefit was not vested, it had no occasion to address prior precedent now commonly referred to as the “California rule,” which provides that modifications to vested pension benefits must bear some material relation to the successful operation of a pension system and any resulting disadvantages to pensioners must be offset by comparable new advantages.

The League is working on a full analysis of the case, and more information on the case and its impact on cities will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, you can access the opinion [online](#).

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**Drone Regulation Bill Introduced in Legislature**

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The ongoing question of how to regulate drone technology will be considered this year in the California Legislature.

Through collaboration with both the League of California Cities and drone industry stakeholders, Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin (D-Thousand Oaks) has introduced [AB 1190](#) in an attempt to establish a statewide regulatory scheme on the use of drones.

The world of aviation and aerospace is on the cusp of a revolution based on autonomous flight and drone technology.

While today's drones are used for such tasks as inspecting railroad tracks or power lines and assessing wildfires, tomorrow's larger models will transform industries like construction and retail by carrying heavy cargoes to hard-to-reach places.

The League seeks to advocate for cities to help shape sound drone policy that protects against abuse of drone technology, and urges all cities to have conversations with their residents about drones and how they can be used.

Visit [www.cacities.org/Drones](http://www.cacities.org/Drones) to stay engaged on drone issues in Sacramento, and look for future League communications or action alerts regarding legislative development on drones.

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