

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
March 12, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Allan Roeder, City Manager
Members

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. AB266 – MEDICAL MARIJUANA

A copy of the letter of support regarding medical marijuana legislation, Assembly Bill 266 is attached for your review.

B. SMOKE SHOPS IN PROXIMITY TO SCHOOLS

Susan Emery provides information in response to a recent complaint of smoke shops in close proximity to schools and the influence posed on minors.

III. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS

A. ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Letter from Kathy Green, President of the Orange County Water District discussing efforts to clean up contamination in the Orange County Groundwater Basin.

B. S.C. EDISON

Information from Southern California Edison's Corporate Emergency Response Plan (CERP).

• OTHER ITEMS

– NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



ALLAN L. ROEDER
City Manager



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

March 10, 2015

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**RE: AB 266 (Cooley) – Medical Marijuana
Notice of Support**

Dear Assembly Member Cooley:

The City of Garden Grove supports your medical marijuana legislation, Assembly Bill 266, which will provide what we have lacked in California since the voters approved Proposition 215 in 1996: a responsible framework for marijuana distribution that upholds local control, squarely addresses public safety concerns, and includes important health and safety requirements.

Most of the previous legislation in this area has often sought to pre-empt local control, only partially addressed the significant public safety concerns raised by medical marijuana, and failed to address important health and safety issues that are inevitably triggered by a regulatory process for any medicine. For this reason, AB 266 with its public safety, local control, and public health provisions represents a shift in focus that began with last year's SB 1262 by Senator Correa.

As a municipal government, we are on the front lines on this issue along with our local police department, and have to cope with the effects of the current chaotic regulatory structure for medical marijuana on a daily basis. We applaud your effort to put a responsible framework in place that protects patient access while protecting local control and addressing public safety issues. We believe local governments should have a prominent role in any framework for medical marijuana, including meaningful enforcement powers, and therefore support the approach in AB 266.

We appreciate the work that went into developing this proposal, including input from city attorneys, law enforcement, patient advocates, the private sector, and consultation with both jurisdictions that allow medical marijuana dispensaries to

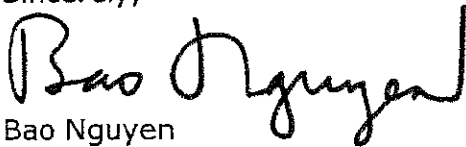
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operate under the control of local ordinances, as well as those that have imposed bans.

Finally, we appreciate the incorporation of health and safety standards into the bill, and stand ready to work with officials at all levels of government to ensure smooth implementation should AB 266 become law.

Once again, thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Bao Nguyen
Mayor

Cc: Tony Cardenas, Public Affairs Regional Manager, League of California Cities
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City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Allan Roeder	From:	Susan Emery
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	Community Development
Subject:	SMOKE SHOPS IN PROXIMITY TO SCHOOLS	Date:	March 11, 2015

OBJECTIVE

To review a concern raised in the recent City Council Meeting, regarding Smoke Shops in close proximity to schools, and possibly posing negative and undesired influences on minors.

BACKGROUND

The Smoke Shop use is permitted in commercial zones that allow stores (similar to mini-marts, small grocery stores, or other retail stores.) that sell dry goods and retail sales of convenience items for consumer consumption. Although Smoke Shops primarily focus their business on tobacco products and related paraphernalia, other local convenience stores, such as 7-11's, Circle K, AM PM marts, sell tobacco products and are allowed in commercial zones close to education facilities. In addition, there are multiple Smoke Shops in the City of Garden Grove and specifically one located in the City of Cypress at the corner of Orangewood Avenue and Knott Street. The general operational aspects of Smoke Shops have not generated issues with the City's Police Department. According to the Police Department, there are not any particular strict requirements from the Federal level, and/or State level, other than it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess and/or consume tobacco related products.

DISCUSSION

As a result of this expressed concern, staff considered the following options: 1. Remove the allowance of Smoke Shops in the C-1 zone, which are typically close to residential areas including educational institutions; 2. Allow the use to remain in all commercial zones, but require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP); 3. Allow the use to remain in all commercial zones, but add development regulations such as a distance requirement from schools, restricted hours of operation, and the posting of signs that indicate no one under the age of 18 can possess and/or consume tobacco related products.

SMOKE SHOPS IN PROXIMITY TO SCHOOLS

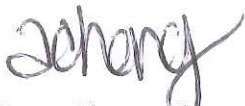
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The restriction of Smoke Shops to certain zones and precluding them from the C-1 zone would not cause any immediate action to remove these existing businesses from their current location, but would render the existing shops to be legal nonconforming and be subject to the nonconforming section of the Municipal Code. All changes regarding this matter, would take approximately five months from the time that a complete application is submitted. It is suggested that City Council review this matter, and if some form of action is requested, Staff would respond accordingly.



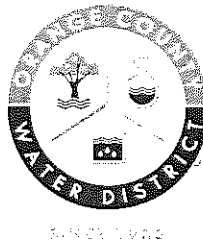
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ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
Orange County's Groundwater Authority

February 24, 2015

Mayor Bao Nguyen
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
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Dear Mayor Nguyen:

We would like to provide you with the very latest update about efforts to clean up contamination in the Orange County Groundwater Basin. As the agency charged with managing and protecting the basin, one of Orange County Water District's (OCWD; the District) most important tasks is cleaning up contamination that threatens this critical water source.

Currently, chemical contamination has led to the closure of five drinking water wells and is spreading to other parts of the basin. OCWD has been pursuing cleanup options for years, including litigation against companies responsible for causing the contamination.

Last year, OCWD reached an agreement with Orange County Business Council (OCBC) and state legislators to use a new approach to solving the problem. We agreed to use a federally recognized process called the National Contingency Plan (NCP). The NCP is a framework used in states across the country for bringing together stakeholders, regulators and elected leaders to clean up contamination and pollution. NCP also serves as the blueprint that could place a contamination site on the federal National Priority List (NPL), but only as a last resort.

The District recognizes the importance of working with stakeholders, and it seeks an opportunity to ensure ratepayers are not saddled inappropriately with costs for cleanup. That is why we reached an agreement with OCBC and the authors of California State Assembly Bill 2712 to employ the NCP.

We should note that the 2014 draft state legislation (AB 2712, which was pulled from consideration) addressed OCWD's ongoing groundwater cleanup efforts to remove contaminants from the Groundwater Basin. Section 4 (d) (3) of AB 2712, would have required that the District "...comply with the requirements of the National Contingency Plan (40 C.F.R. Part 300) that apply to Section 9607 (a) (4) (B) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980...and with the Hazardous Substance Act."

In the prior legislative session regarding a similar bill (May 1, 2013 during a Senate Environmental Quality Committee Meeting), Lucy Dunn, President and CEO of OCBC, pointed out in her testimony: "The fact is that the Water District can already seek to recover appropriate qualifying investigation costs under federal Superfund law, CERCLA, and under state law HSAA. This bill would allow the Water District to ignore established cleanup rules that other respected and expert cleanup regulatory agencies must follow in order to recover costs, which is known as the National Contingency Plan. If this process is good enough for EPA, for DTSC, Regional Boards and others, then it is good enough for the Water District. They should follow the rules that everyone else must follow. And, equally important, is EPA and DTSC are the experts in investigation, clean-up, and remediation and they have hundreds of employees trained in geology and groundwater remediation to work on site remediation."

As part of the preliminary NCP process, the District has been meeting with the appropriate federal and state agencies, including the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Please note that the meetings in October of last year to identify an agency that would provide oversight for the North Basin remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) were entirely consistent with and, in fact, called for under Section 4 of the draft memorandum of understanding that was worked out in December with OCBC and principal responsible party attorneys it partnered with.

The NCP process determines the appropriate agency to lead future investigations, remediation plans and cost recovery. On February 18, 2015, our board voted to negotiate with EPA to assume lead responsibility for the NCP process as it relates to the more severe contamination issue affecting the North Basin. We believe working with EPA will ensure that the appropriate expertise is being utilized to secure the best solution for a problem that poses significant risks to the greater Orange County community.

This is all part of the NCP process. Compliance with NCP provides a clear road that identifies various cleanup options that are reviewed and scrutinized by the public, regulators and responsible parties.

OCWD has a responsibility to ensure the protection of public health and is subject to stringent state and federal mandates to provide for such protection in the delivery of water supplies. Any suggestion that the District avoid such contacts or involvement would subject OCWD's Board of Directors and staff to violations of law and of its obligations to safeguard public health.

How does the NCP work?

- The federal statute is called the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the federal regulations are called the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP).
- The OCWD will enter into an administrative order of consent, where EPA will oversee the work that OCWD does in the interim remedy Remedial Action/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). EPA will review, comment, and approve OCWD's deliverables, such as the RI report and the FS report. After input is provided by OCWD, the State, the principal responsible parties, the public, and the EPA will decide upon the interim remedy.
- The NCP process creates an open and collaborative environment. It includes several key steps: investigating contamination; conducting a feasibility study of cleanup options; identifying specific cleanup options; soliciting public and government agency review and comment; selecting a final remedy plan; and implementing that plan.
- The NCP process includes significant community involvement. This includes preparing a Community Involvement Plan, providing fact sheets and public notices, establishing an information repository where the public has easy access to site-related documents, soliciting public review of the proposed remediation plan, and holding public meetings.

The NCP process will provide the level of investigation and state review that provides the necessary evidence and clear foundations for seeking reasonable cleanup cost recovery from responsible parties. We are aware that by following NCP, our North Basin contamination issue could be placed on the National Priority List (NPL) by the EPA. However, the NPL process includes an off-ramp from leading to NPL listing once the interim remedy is selected, and several alternative outcomes are possible: (1) The principal responsible parties may enter into a consent decree to pay for or conduct the interim remedy (negotiated with the Department of Justice and filed in a federal court), (2) EPA may order responsible parties to pay for or conduct the interim remedy, (3) OCWD may choose to fund and conduct the interim remedy itself, with or without a cost recovery from principal responsible parties, or (4) various combinations of these outcomes may also occur.

The only time that EPA needs to place a site on the NPL is when principal responsible parties refuse to do the cleanup work that EPA may require, and EPA is forced to spend its own money. NPL listing in a community rests on the shoulders of responsible parties who do not comply with the community-vetted remedy. That is why many people call the NPL the program of last resort.

A clean, fully-functioning local groundwater basin is part of our long-term supply strategy. Decades-old industrial pollution is threatening to put a severe dent in this supply, especially during drought years. We need to hold responsible parties accountable for paying their fair share of reasonable costs versus ratepayers funding the cost to cleanup contamination that they did not cause.

We are in the foundational steps of an involved NCP process. As a city that receives water from the groundwater basin, we will keep you apprised on the NCP process and upcoming meetings. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 714-897-2039 or cgreen@ocwd.com.

Sincerely,

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Cathy Green
President

cc: City Council
City Manager



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February 25, 2015

Mr. Steve Jones
Mayor Pro Tem
City of Garden Grove
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Re: Joint Emergency Planning Between Local Governments and Southern California Edison

Dear Steve,

To improve our collaboration with local government agencies on emergency preparedness, I've enclosed information highlighting communication elements from Southern California Edison's (SCE) emergency response plan. Some of the information will be familiar and there are a few updates based on continued maturation of SCE's resiliency capabilities.

These efforts have grown out of our commitment to continuous improvement with you, our emergency partners, and also support Assembly Bill 1650 which was designed to strengthen ties between utilities and local government around disaster preparedness. At SCE, we want to continue to be an integral part of your emergency planning efforts just as local government concerns are reflected in our plans and procedures.

I'd like you to review the information in this packet at your earliest convenience, and share with your respective emergency planning personnel. The packet includes an overview of our Corporate Emergency Response Plan (CERP) and updated Local Government Field Guide. Please note the new Field Guide has red spiral binding, making it easy to spot the latest version (please responsibly discard older versions of the Field Guide). Let me know if you or your organization wishes to review SCE's CERP and I will provide you with the appropriate links and schedule time for us to meet – your input is welcome.

Please contact me at the number listed below if you would like a 10-15 minute council presentation or would like to further discuss agency touch points in SCE's emergency plan.

Sincerely,

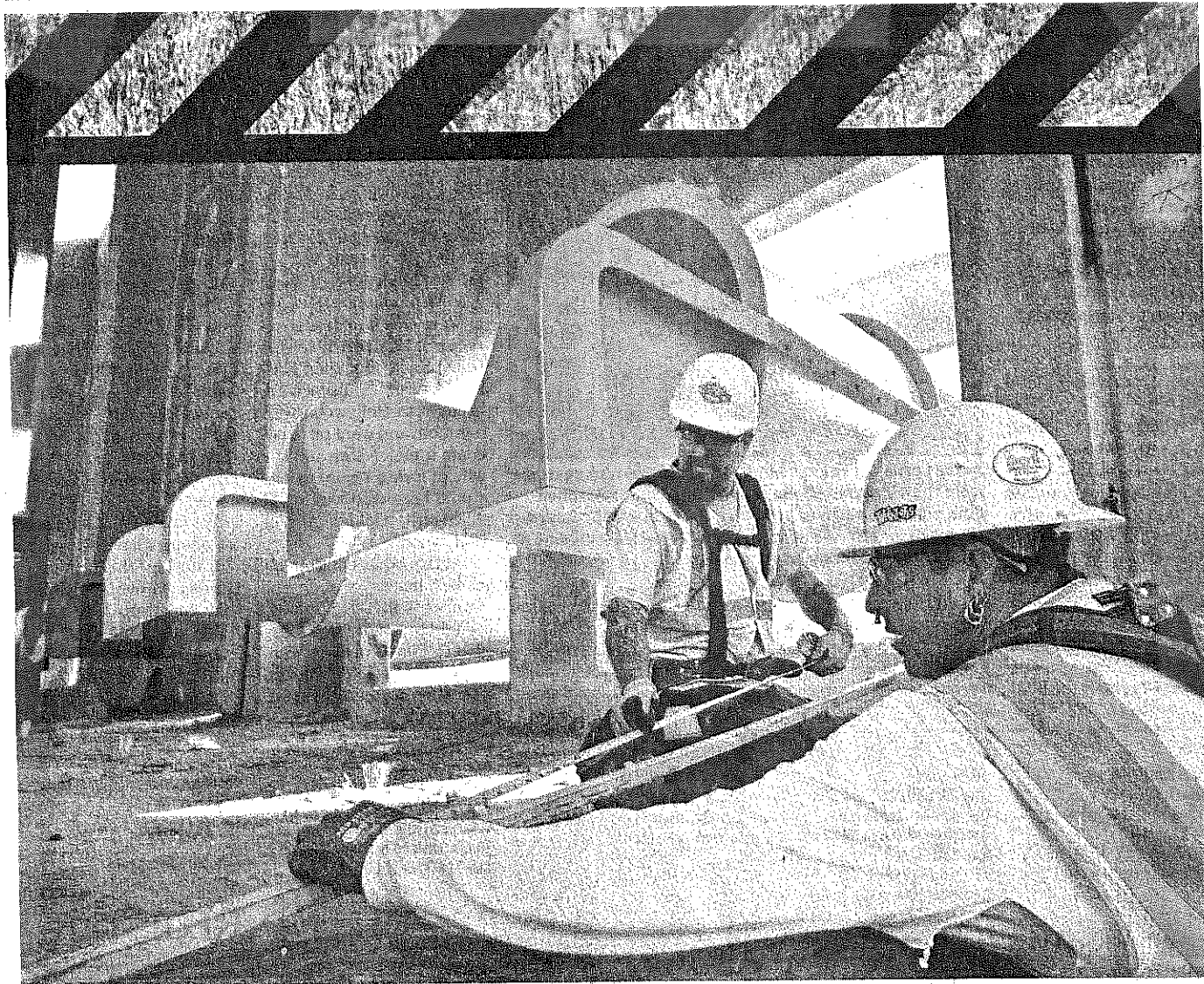
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Eddie Marquez
Public Affairs Region Manager
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Attachment: SCE Crisis Communication Presentation for Local Governments

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**NEWSPAPER
ARTICLES**



PHOTOS: JOSHUA SUDOCK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

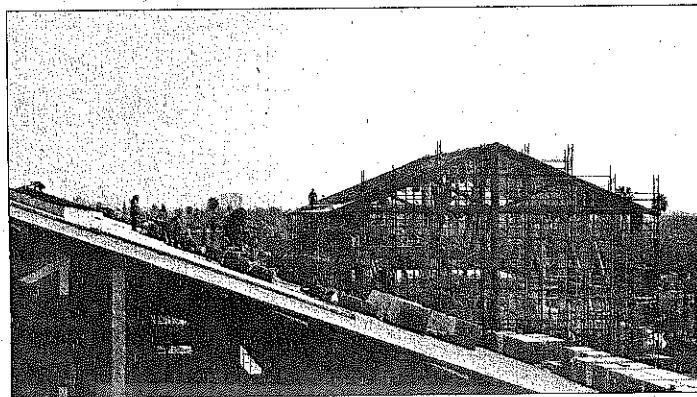
Construction crewmen Steve Jarrell, left, and Marshal Kukuczka take measurements for water pumps at Great Wolf Lodge Southern California.

GREAT WOLF LODGE BUILDING TOWARD BIG SPLASH IN 2016

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

The landscape on Harbor Boulevard between Lampson Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard looks a lot different from a year ago.

Construction of the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, a 603-room hotel and 121,000-square-foot water park, has moved along swiftly. The lobby, hotel and water park structures are up, several pieces of slides - which will be visible from the street - are in place



Great Wolf Lodge Southern California will have 603 hotel rooms and a 121,000-square-foot water park when it opens in Garden Grove.

Great Wolf resort project



STAFF GRAPHIC

LODGE: Garden Grove resort will be company's largest

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and the interior of the facility is starting to take shape.

Great Wolf Lodge is on pace to open in early 2016.

"We're all very excited about the progress," said Susan Storey, spokeswoman for Great Wolf Resorts Inc. "Garden Grove has been a great partner."

The Garden Grove location, which broke ground in May, will be the largest of Great Wolf's 12 resorts. Most resorts have 400 rooms and a water park that is between 60,000 and 70,000 square feet.

Besides the water park, Great Wolf Lodge Southern California will have seven restaurants, a bowling alley, a spa for girls and an interactive scavenger hunt called MagiQuest that ends with battle against a dragon.

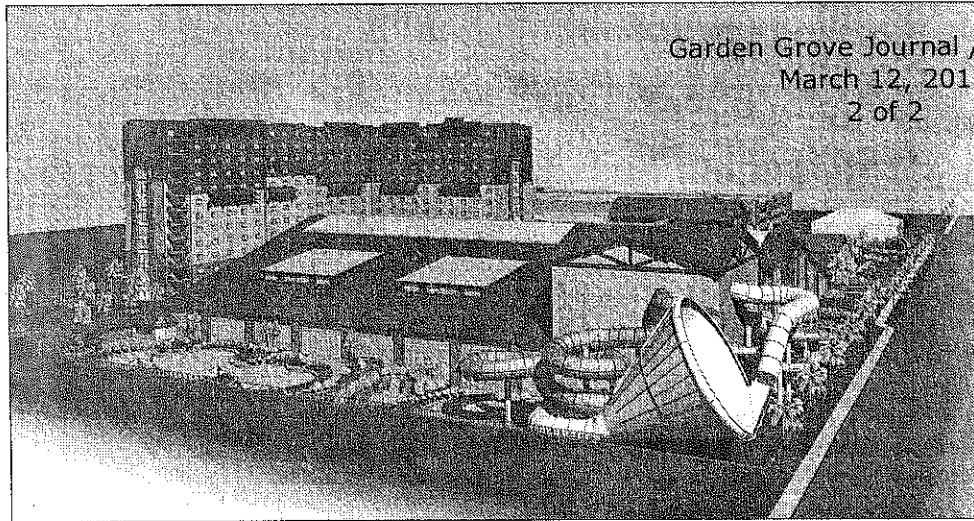
The resort is also an all-suite hotel, with a typical room housing six people and the largest able to accommodate 12 people.

"We're family-oriented," Storey said. "If you have large families or bring Grandma and Grandpa along or even if you're two sets of couples, everyone has their own space."

Garden Grove officials have advertised Great Wolf Lodge, which has been about a decade in the making, as an economic boon for the city. It is estimated the resort will bring in about \$8 million annually in tax revenue, the most of any hotel in Garden Grove.

The construction project is employing about 280 people. Once the resort opens, 650 people will work there, Storey said.

And even though the Los Angeles-Orange County area is rife with amusement parks and other tourist attractions, including Knott's Soak City in Buena Park,



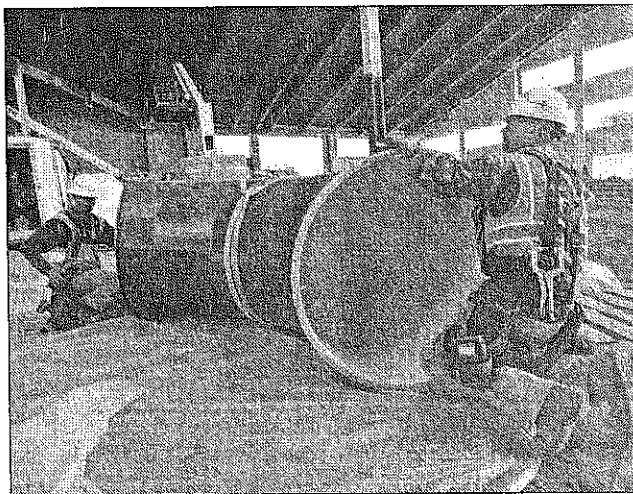
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COURTESY OF GREAT WOLF RESORT INC.

Besides the water park, Great Wolf Lodge Southern California in Garden Grove will have 603 suites, seven restaurants, a bowling alley, a spa for girls and an interactive scavenger hunt called MagiQuest that ends with battle against a dragon.

Did you know ...

That Great Wolf resorts use an electronic bracelet that guests wear as their room key. It gives them access to the water park, and with a simple swipe of the bracelet, those staying in a resort can also charge purchases to their rooms. Parents can decide whether children's bracelets will have buying power.



JOSHUA SUDOCK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Crews assemble tubes that will part of the water park at Great Wolf Lodge Southern California.

Great Wolf Lodge officials say theirs will complement the area.

"The water park is exclusive to our guests so you have to stay at the resort," Storey said. "But families can enjoy the water park

and also enjoy the other attractions in the area. ... Our mentality is, 'If you build it, they will come.'"

CONTACT THE WRITER:

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chaire@ocregister.com

At a glance

Location: 12681 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove

Operator: Great Wolf Resorts Inc., Madison, Wis.

Hotel: Nine stories, 603 rooms

Water park: 121,000 square feet of water rides indoors that can accommodate 3,000 visitors

Cost: \$250 million

Total employees: 600 to 700 full- and part-time

Opening: Early 2016

Source: Great Wolf Resort Inc.

Other locations

Boston
Charlotte/Concord, N.C.
Cincinnati/Mason, Ohio
Grand Mound, Wash.
Grapevine, Texas
Kansas City, Kan.
Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada
Pocono Mountains, Pa.
Sandusky, Ohio
Traverse City, Mich.
Williamsburg, Va.
Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Garden Grove was setting for their final days

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A few weeks ago, Brainiac took a mental stroll through the gravestones of Westminster Memorial Park, remembering some of the famous folks who found their eternal resting places there.

There was **Bradley Nowell**, the lead singer of Sublime, actor **Stafford Repp**, who played **Chief O'Hara** on "Batman," and **Lance Cpl. Kenneth Lee Worley**, a Medal of Honor winner who died in the Vietnam War. We weren't entirely sure why Repp had been buried in town but then a few readers saw the column and helped us out.

"The Repp family lived on Berkeley Avenue in the Sol Vista tract in Westminster," emailed **Robin Watson**. "All of us kids in the neighborhood used to love knocking on their door on Halloween because Mr. Repp would answer the door and thrill us with the Chief O'Hara voice!"

Debra Parent grew up on Princeton Avenue in the same Sol Vista neighborhood and also remembered the chief: "I grew up in Westminster in the '60s and '70s," she wrote. "The Repps (lived the) next street over during that same period. I was friends with Mr. Repp's daughter **Valerie** and I remember he



AP FILE PHOTOS

Actress Norma Shearer poses with her Oscar at the 1930 Academy Awards banquet in the Fiesta Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. Shearer was the daughter of Edith Shearer, who died in Garden Grove in 1958.

died when we were in high school."

That left us wondering, though, what other well-known, or once-upon-a-time famous people might have passed on from this life in our fair cities, and so to the Bat-computer we went. Their mortal remains might not be in Westminster but they were here when the final credits rolled so we'll claim 'em.

Forrest Taylor is the kind



Actor Lorne Greene is seen wearing his Western costume from the TV series "Bonanza" in 1964. Actor Stephen Coit, who passed away in Garden Grove in 2005, played scores of small roles in movies and TV series including at least three appearances on "Bonanza."

of Old Hollywood character actor we'd have loved to heard spin a yarn or two. Born in 1883, his career on screen ran from silent mo-

vies to talkies to color films and television. In 1933 he appeared in "Riders of Destiny" in which a young **John Wayne** starred as **Singin'**

Sandy Saunders, a singing cowboy.

Taylor did Westerns most often, whether movies or TV shows, and in the early '60s appeared on "Bonanza" for a spell. He died in Garden Grove in 1965 and is buried in a place that (sort of) bears his name: Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills.

Edith Shearer would have been interesting to spend a little time with during her final days in Garden Grove, too, though more so for her famous daughter and son-in-law. Shearer, who died in 1958, was a stage mom of sorts, taking her soon-to-be-a-star daughter **Norma** to New York City around 1920 in pursuit of an acting career.

Both mother and daughter were cast as extras in director **D.W. Griffith's** "Way Down East," but then Norma was discovered, brought to Hollywood with her mom and went on to become a major star and the wife of **Irving Thalberg**, the studio boss who ran MGM during the Golden Age of Hollywood.

Edith's other children also left marks of different natures in Hollywood. Daughter **Athole** was married to famed director **Howard Hawks** for a dozen years or so. Son **Douglas**

Shearer was a pioneering sound man who eventually won seven Oscars.

Stephen Coit, meanwhile, represented a large if unsung piece of the Hollywood universe.

The hard-working actor who died in Garden Grove in 2005 was one of those guys who got by for decades with small parts that often resulted in a credit as simply "Man," as Coit once was listed in an episode of the '70s TV series "The Bionic Woman."

In a career that ran from the '50s into the '80s, Coit appeared in some memorable movies, such as in "The Long Goodbye" with **Elliot Gould**, and in the TV movie weepie "Brian's Song," both of those in the early '70s. And he found regular work in TV series such as "Bonanza," "Barnaby Jones" and "The Virginian," all of which used him repeatedly in different parts, a storekeeper here, a morgue attendant there, and so on throughout his career.

We don't know an awful lot about what these folks did during their time in Garden Grove, only that they ended up here at the finish, so as with Chief O'Hara, er, Stafford Repp, if you remember them feel free to share!

Cities ease policies on firework sales

Garden Grove
relaxes rules for
stands; Stanton
cuts permit fees.

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

Garden Grove and Stanton have relaxed their laws regulating the sale of fireworks during the lead up to Fourth of July.

In Garden Grove, the most notable change is that the city will no longer prohibit fireworks stands on Katella Avenue between Dale and Euclid streets.

The rationale behind allowing fireworks sales there is that last year voters in Anaheim, which is north of Katella, struck down a ban from the city's charter on fireworks and returned regulatory power to the City Council. The Anaheim City Council has yet to allow fireworks sales.

The Stanton City Council, meanwhile, approved a reduction in permit fees that fireworks vendors must pay the city to \$236.25 from \$633.12, according to a staff report. The reduction will decrease city revenues by \$3,174.96, but reflects the true cost of administering the fireworks program, the report said.

"Staff believes that these mostly technical changes," the Stanton staff report says, echoing Garden Grove, "would allow the licensees more flexibility while ensuring that all reporting and sales are done according to best-management practices."

Both councils made the changes, including streamlining the application process and requiring licenses to be non-transferable, to align with best practices.

Garden Grove allows 45 fireworks stands, operated by local nonprofits, each year. Stanton allows eight.

For more information on the fireworks laws, go to the municipal code sections of Garden Grove's and Stanton's websites.

Strawberry Festival donations to benefit local organizations

GG Police Department, adult services group among recipients selected to receive part of \$100,000.

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

The Strawberry Festival Association has donated \$100,000 across 14 local organizations so they can upgrade their buildings and equipment, the annual Garden Grove event organizer announced recently.

The two top recipients, receiving more than \$15,000, were the Garden

Grove Police Department, which is seeking audio-video systems in its interview rooms, and Acacia Adult Day Services, which needs to replace the flooring in its main activity area.

"We're so thrilled and grateful that the Strawberry Festival Association appreciates what we do," said Mallory Vega, the executive director of Acacia, noting

2015 Strawberry Festival

When: 1-10 p.m. May 22; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. May 23-24; and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. May 25

Where: Village Green Park
Cost: Free for entrance, but you need to purchase tickets for rides

More info:
strawberryfestival.org

that the entire cost to replace the 8,000-square-foot area will be about \$60,000. "That carpet has seen better days and needs to be replaced for the health and safety of our clients. This grant is a start."

The Strawberry Festival, which will host its 57th carnival May 22-25, has donated more than \$7 million to charities over the years.

Besides Acacia and the Police Department, other grant recipients include the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, Summerfest Orange County and the Garden Grove Host Lions Club. The money funded improvements such as roof repair, new sound systems and kitchen equipment.

The groups apply for donations in December, and

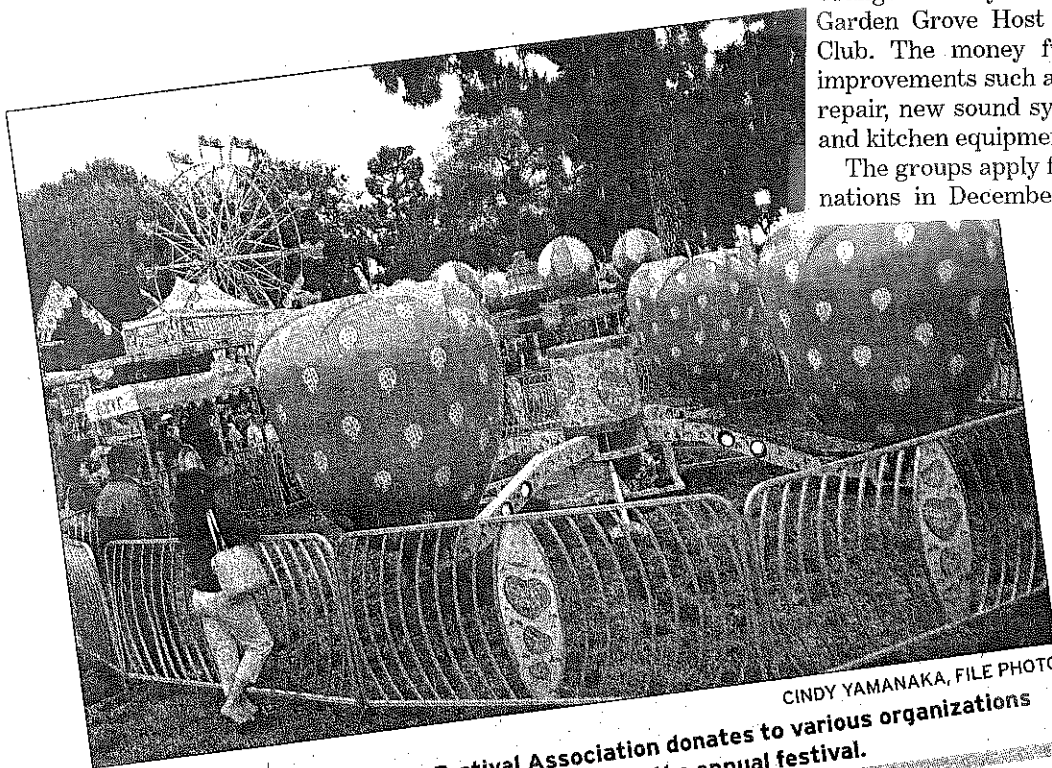
the association's board of directors then decides which organizations receive money and how much, depending on how much the festival makes.

The association donated \$119,000 to local groups from the money raised during the 2013 festival.

The festival, which is held Memorial Day weekend each year in Village Green Park, typically draws about 300,000 people, who come for the rides, entertainment and food – especially the strawberry shortcake, which harkens to a time when Garden Grove was nothing but strawberry fields.

The festival also allows other nonprofits to set up game or food booths during the weekend, which typically raises about \$100,000 for those groups.

"It makes you feel good to go to the festival and know if you buy food or something, you're helping support local nonprofits," said Judy Cooper, the festival's spokeswoman. "The amount (the association) supports the community is really impressive."



CINDY YAMANAKA, FILE PHOTO

The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association donates to various organizations each year depending on the revenue amount from the annual festival.

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H. LORREN AU JR., FILE PHOTO

The Orange Coast College Symphony will play at the Christ Cathedral's Freed Theater on Sunday.

An afternoon of classical at Christ Cathedral

Are you a sophisticated lover of classical music who would also like to spend an afternoon on the expansive Christ Cathedral campus?

Then you're in luck: On Sunday, the Orange Coast College Symphony will make the trek from its home in Costa Mesa to the Garden Grove campus and will perform Antonin Dvorak's "Symphony No. 9" and Ludwig van Beethoven's "Concerto No. 4 in G Major."

The 4 p.m. performance will be in the Freed Theater in the Cultural Center and feature Alison Edwards on the piano and Ricardo Soto conducting "Concerto."

Both pieces are widely considered masterful compositions.

— Chris Haire

If you go

When: 4 p.m.
Sunday

Where: Christ Cathedral,

Cost: \$35 for Section A, \$20 for Section B, and \$15 for Section C

More info:
christcathedralcalifornia.org

Supervisor will speak at chamber meeting

Do you want to know what's going on in Orange County government? Want to meet the county's newest supervisor?



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Then stop by the Orange County Emergency Pet-Clinic, 12750 Garden Grove Blvd., at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, when the newly elected Supervisor Andrew Do will be speaking to the Government Affairs Committee of the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce.

Do, who beat out former state Sen. Lou Correa in a special election on Jan. 27, replaced Janet Nguyen as the 1st District supervisor.

The 51-year-old attorney attended Bolsa Grande High School and was the chief of staff for Nguyen, who is now serving in the state Senate.

The chamber meeting is free and open to the public.

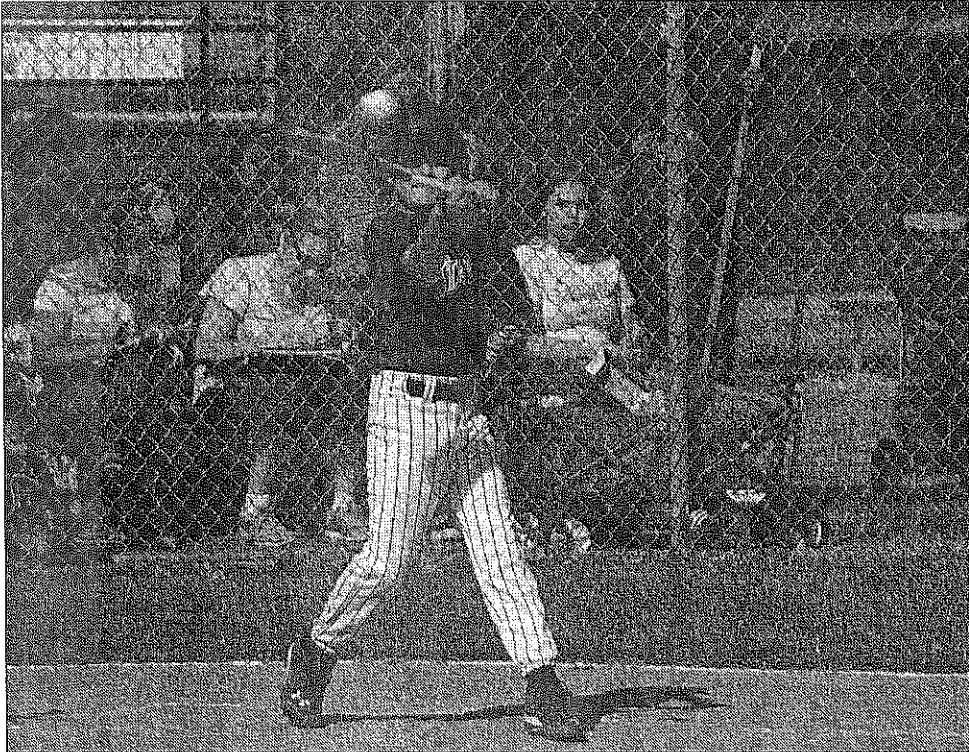
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THINGS TO KNOW

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BY CHRIS HAIRE | STAFF WRITER



COURTESY OF STANTON LITTLE LEAGUE

A Little League player takes a swings during a game on Stanton's opening day Saturday.

LINING UP TO BAT

Play ball!

The baseball season is officially underway in Stanton, as the city's Little League players held their opening day on Saturday, complete with food, music

and activities provided by Fun Services of Orange County.

The 75 junior baseball players in the Stanton league range from T-ball to the Majors, the level that

has the chance to go to Williamsburg, Pa., for the Little League World Series.

Opening day was held at Stanton Fields, where the games will also take place.

ARE YOU THE NEXT GARDEN GROVE IDOL?

Start those vocal exercises: Garden Grove has announced the audition schedule for its singing competition

Auditions for the fourth annual Voice of Garden Grove competition are April 30, May 8 and May 14.

Singers must sign up for an audition by April 2 by going to ggcf.com or emailing thevoice@garden-grove.org.

To participate, you must attend Garden Grove high school.

The Voice of Garden Grove's final will be during the city's Summer Concert Series, every Thursday evening from July 16 to Aug. 13 in Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark St.

The winner will receive a \$500 cash prize and \$500 for that person's school choir program.

Information: 714-741-5280.



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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR PAGEANT

You can now apply to wear the Garden Grove crown – if you think you have what it takes.

The Miss Garden Grove Pageant and Scholarship organization is accepting applications from now until Aug. 14, when it hosts preliminary

auditions.

Only 20 people – split between Miss Garden Grove and Miss Outstanding Teen – will participate in the pageant, set for Nov. 7.

Those participating in Miss Garden Grove must be 17 to 24 years old; if you're 17,

you must be a senior in high school. Miss Outstanding Teen competitors must be 13 to 17 years old; the 17-year-olds must be juniors in high school.

For a complete list of qualifications and to apply, go to missgardengrove.org.



FRANK D'AMATO, FILE PHOTO

Miss Garden Grove 2015 Shannon Galipault, left, and Outstanding Teen Josie Pearce, at least year's pageant.

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DAVE SULLIVAN
HUNTINGTON BEACH COUNCILMAN

POLICING MESSAGE PARLORS

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Years of lax regulation have allowed fronts for prostitution to grow. Fighting that is tough.

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Message parlors in Stanton in 2008

36
Message parlors in Stanton today

3.1
Square miles in Stanton city limits

While many businesses shuttered during the recession, one industry boomed - massage parlors.

The shops that often (but not always) are a front for prostitution ran rampant throughout Orange County, even in years when many other businesses failed.



LAUREN WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Part of the problem was state regulation. A nonprofit created in 2009, the California Massage Therapy Council, pushed rules that made it difficult for cities to regulate massage parlors. As a result, parlors could start operations, be cited by police if found to be fronts for prostitution - and then reopen a day later under new management.

Now, slowly, that's starting to change. A newly enacted state law makes it possible for cities, not the state, to regulate massage parlors. And several Orange County cities where illicit parlors have

SEE PARLORS •



H. LORREN AU JR., FILE PHOTO

A possible victim of human trafficking who worked at an illegal massage parlor awaits transportation in a police vehicle in a past raid.

PARLORS: New state law gives regulation control

back to cities

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thrived already are working to craft ordinances that would curb illegal activity.

Huntington Beach is talking about new parlor-limiting zoning rules. Fountain Valley and Los Alamitos put moratoriums on new parlors. Stanton passed a law requiring massage businesses to get a new license every two years and operate only in the city's commercial neighborhoods.

And in Newport Beach, a proposed ordinance would spell out which body parts can and can't be massaged.

"We've all heard about the problem of human trafficking. It's a disgrace," Huntington Beach Councilman Dave Sullivan said recently from the council dais. "If this city, and we as a group, don't do anything about human trafficking, we don't deserve to be up here."

But city officials and police say regulations and tough talk aren't likely to reverse the massage parlor boom of the past few years. Years of lax regulation have let an ancient, profitable industry take root.

"It's just out of control," said Huntington Beach Police Capt. Bill Stuart.

In the mid-2000s, Huntington Beach had nine massage parlors and four



MINDY SCHAUER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jake Fitzgerald, a community services officer with the Huntington Police Department, inspects a massage parlor on Beach Boulevard in Huntington Beach.

vice detectives. Today, after a few years of police cutbacks, the city has two vice detectives - and an estimated 70-plus massage parlors.

On a recent weekday afternoon, those two detectives stopped in to inspect one of the dozens of massage parlors that dot Beach Boulevard.

Two women, one an employee and the other her friend, were in the otherwise empty waiting room, which was quiet except for the sound of flowing water from a lobby fountain. Giant stickers showing a woman being massaged covered

the shop's otherwise darkened windows.

The detectives checked into the parlor's massage rooms but found no customers or any illicit activity. In the end, they issued citations for mildew-soaked towels and grimy showers - nothing related to prostitution.

It's what passes for deterrence for now. But some are hopeful that police and other agencies in many cities soon could be able to do more.

"I think the (new state law) really moves this back to a community-based res-

ponse. (And) as this law really starts to be implemented, we will see some cleanup in our communities as far as illegal massage parlors," said Sandie Morgan, a Vanguard University professor and expert on human trafficking. "The onus is local now."

In Stanton, the crack-down on massage parlors is more a turf war.

Within the city's 3.1 square miles, the number of massage parlors jumped from zero to 36 from 2009 to 2014. Prior to that, Stanton had only one health business, a chiropractor's

office, and it wasn't suspected of any criminal activity, said Omar Dadabhoy, the city's director of community and economic development.

"We saw a huge impact in the city when the state took away local control," Dadabhoy said.

But as massage parlors grew in Stanton, so did police oversight. In recent years, sheriff's deputies interviewed dozens of people in Stanton linked to massage parlors about their connection to human trafficking.

Morgan, the former administrator for the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force, said trafficking - enforced servitude, often involving women or girls from Asia and often requiring them to work in the sex trade - is a key component to the rise of illicit massage businesses.

Where some massage parlors are monitored by cameras and women are shuttled from living quarters to work long hours at massage parlors, others are given more freedom. Still, Morgan said, most don't flee because of fear for their families back home.

"The prison isn't the physical prison; it's not the handcuffs and lock and key. It's a mental prison."

Another factor making it tough to fight the illicit mas-

sage trade is money.

Gangs increasingly are engaging in prostitution instead of drugs, finding a higher profit because their product (or service) doesn't disappear once its sold.

"You can only sell a dime bag once, but you can sell a young girl (many) times a night," said Paula Daniels, a pastor who created the Garden Grove nonprofit Forgotten Children, which helps victims of human trafficking.

But even with several factors still boosting illicit massage parlors, cities are just starting to fight back now that they have the power to do so.

If the Huntington Beach City Council adopts its proposed massage ordinance, it could reduce the number of parlors by nearly half. And in Newport Beach, the proposed massage rules include much more than body parts - it also prohibits anyone from living at a massage parlor and eliminates flashing signs at parlors.

"I think it's important we protect the ones that are doing it legit," Huntington Beach Councilman Billy O'Connell said. "(But) anybody that is running an illegal operation should be run out of this town."

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GARDEN GROVE

Festival donations: The Strawberry Festival Association has donated \$100,000 to 14 local nonprofits, thanks to the money it earned during its 2014 carnival during Memorial Day weekend. The two biggest beneficiaries were Acacia Adult Day Services and the Garden Grove Police Department, which both received more than \$15,000.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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GARDEN GROVE

City manager: The city is hosting a community forum from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. It is to gather input on what qualifications those in Garden Grove want to see in a new city manager.
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Community spotlight: The City Council is scheduled on Tuesday evening to honor Garden Grove Unified School District's 2014 teachers of the year: Susan Stephens from Parkview Elementary School, Victoria Miller from Santiago High School, and Lloyd Stone from Doig Intermediate, who died in December.
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GARDEN GROVE

Fire engine: The city, the Historical Society and the Garden Grove Firefighters Association are set to extend a partnership in storing, using and maintaining an antique fire engine another 30 years, pending City Council approval tonight. The Historical Society houses the Le France Antique Pumper, the association drives it during events and the city pays for repairs.
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GARDEN GROVE

Chamber meeting: Andrew Do, recently elected to replace now-state Sen. Janet Nguyen as a county supervisor, will speak to the Government Affairs Committee of the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 a.m. Friday at the Orange County Emergency Pet Clinic, 12750 Garden Grove Blvd. The meeting is free and open to the public.
Info: 714-638-7950.
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GARDEN GROVE

New rule: Pet stores will no longer be able to display or sell dogs and cats in Garden Grove unless they get the animals from public shelters or nonprofit rescue organizations. The City Council approved the prohibition Tuesday after hearing about the sale of dogs from so-called puppy mills.
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GG seeks new city manager

City leaders ask community for input; paperwork can be picked up at City Hall

As part of the recruitment process for selecting a new city manager, the City of Garden Grove is seeking input from the community on what they consider to be the qualities and experience needed for the next city manager.

The city is providing an online survey in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean, as well as a community forum to obtain public feedback.

"The City Council has the responsibility of working, on behalf of the community, to choose the best quality leadership for this city. To do that, it's important for us to know what qualities they believe a city manager must possess to best serve the interests of our city and our community. What the community wants will weigh heavily on our selection process," says Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen.

The community can now access a brief online survey through the city's website at www.ci.gardengrove.ca.us, through the City's Mobile App, or by going directly to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GGCityManager>.

The survey can also be obtained and returned at Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway.

A community forum will take place on Thursday, March 12, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, at 11300 Stanford Ave.

The forum will be facilitated by representatives from CPS-HR, the executive search firm hired by the city to recruit the next city manager. Refreshments will be served.

The closing filing date for the city manager position is March 23, 2015, after which preliminary interviews will take place. The council's final determination is expected to be announced by June 2015.

Appointed by the Garden Grove City Council, the city manager is the Chief Executive Officer of the city, overseeing the operations of the city's nine departments. The city manager is responsible for planning, directing, and managing all activities and operations of the city, ensuring that all public services are delivered in the most efficient and effective manner.

The city manager also implements policy decisions made by the City Council and facilitates the development and implementation of city goals and objectives.

For more information, or to provide additional feedback, contact Frank Rojas, executive recruiter, CPS HR Consulting, at 916-471-3111, or email at frojas@cpshr.us.

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Newest Main Street eatery hits the spot

Also, Westminster's annual Spring Festival is coming up



Tony on the Town

By Tony Cheong

OK, since last week was Orange County Restaurant Week, I decided to go back to my food reviewing days and hit Historic Main Street in Garden Grove, where I noshed at The Brickhouse.

The Brickhouse, locals know, is the latest addition to that quaint area. It stands where an eatery named 7 Seas used to be.

The Brickhouse is a totally dif-

ferent animal than 7 Seas.

Two words: higher end.

One look at the simple but elegant menu tells you that. There are cocktail concoctions such as the javanisia (Vietnamese hot press coffee, kai coconut soju, whipped cream), the peachy lychee (vodka, lychee liqueur, white peach calpico and grenadine) and the negroni (brokers gin, campari, carpano antica formula vermouth). Food items include grilled salmon and mango salad, tenderloin Philly, deep fried stuffed tofu wonton and chili cured filet mignon.

I went for the Brickhouse burger, which came with fries. It's a top notch burger featuring Kobe Beef, caramelized onions, smoked bacon, avocado, Roma tomato and a house dressing, all served on a brioche bun. Delicious!

Westminster's Spring Festival is coming up (March 28).

The event will feature a pancake breakfast provided by Kiwanis Club of Westminster, workshops hosted by Westminster Home Depot, entertainment, food, displays

and more.

It's an annual event, and always a good time.

For more information, call the Community Services and Recreation Department at 714-895-2860.

Congrats to Stanton residents Joel and Debbie Greer, who were recently named Citizens of the Year at the Cypress Americana Awards held in Cypress.

Debbie grew up in Tennessee and Joel grew up in El Segundo and they have both been active in their church groups. Joel leads a Bible study on Sundays and Debbie serves in the Women's Ministries in Westminster, in addition to their full-time careers. They contribute to Stanton in countless ways, too many to name here but most can be described in a word: charity.

"We consider it an honor to be selected to represent the City of Stanton at the Americana Awards dinner," Debbie said.

Have a comment, question or news tip? Email Tony at tonyontown@yahoo.com.

Talented high school singers: step forward!

GG Community Foundation looking for the Voice of Garden Grove

The Garden Grove Community Foundation (GGCF) invites talented local high school students to compete in the fourth annual Voice of Garden Grove singing competition for a chance to win a \$500 cash prize and another \$500 toward their school's choir program.

Auditions will be held on April 30, May 8, and May 14. Students are required to attend at least one audition date. Current high school identification cards will be checked during auditions.

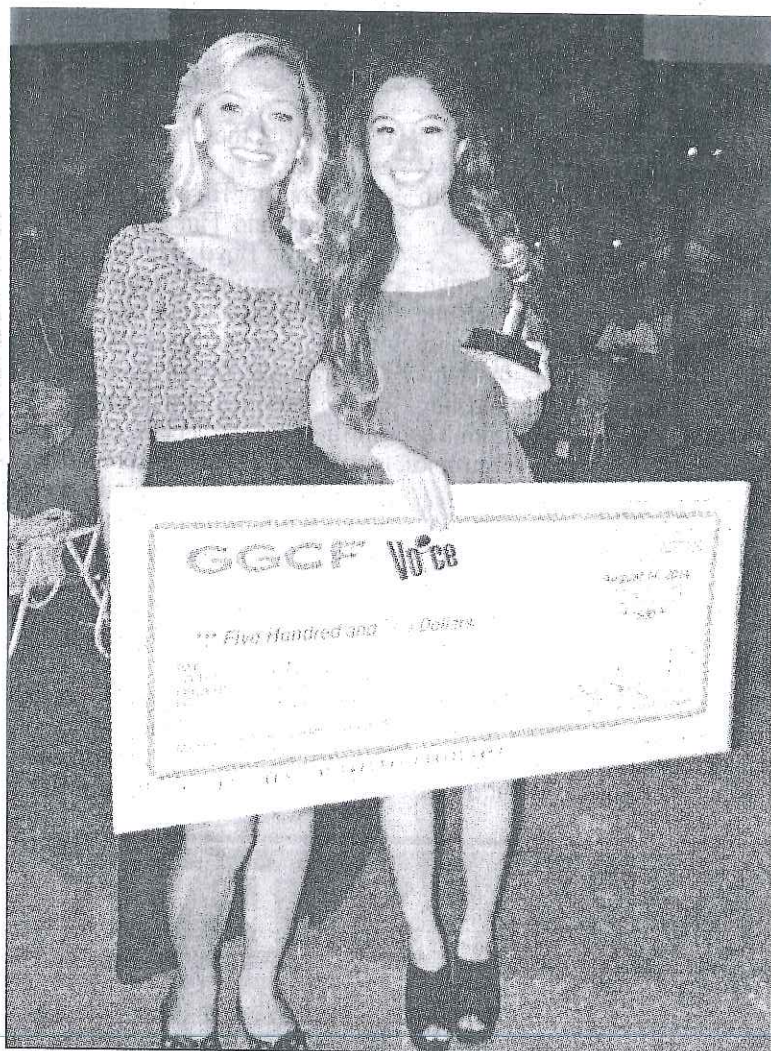
The vocal event is a pre-show to the free Summer Concert Series at Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark St., every Thursday, from July 16 to Aug. 13.

The GGCF supports education and the arts in the community and recognizes the degree of young talent within the city. The Voice of Garden Grove is one way the GGCF can provide performance and scholarship opportunities for local high school students, and support the arts in the community.

To sign up for an audition, please visit www.ggcf.com or email thevoice@garden-grove.org no later than April 2.

For more information, contact the GGCF at 714-741-5280 or visit www.ggcf.com. To view photos from last year's singing competition, visit www.facebook.com/GGCF.1998.

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Courtesy photo
Kang Lo, right, a student at Bolsa Grande High School, was named the Voice of Garden Grove last year. She received a \$500 check for her excellence.

DUI checkpoint

The Garden Grove Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver License Checkpoint

on Friday, March 13, from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely.

In California, this deadly crime has led to 802 deaths and nearly 24,000 serious injuries in 2012 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. The latest data shows nationally that impaired driving killed nearly 10,000 people.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment; in addition, officers will be checking driver's for proper licensing that may delay motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Drugs that may impair driving not only include illegal narcotics, but many prescription drugs, marijuana, and even some over-the-counter medications.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000, not to mention the embarrassment from friends and family.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Garden Grove Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Santiago wins CIF in thriller



Courtesy photo

The Santiago High School boys soccer team won the Division 5 CIF title against Chino High School on Saturday in Corona. Final score: 1-0. See story on Page 5.

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Sixth grader is district's best speller



Courtesy photo
Pierre Bui receives his trophy after winning the 28th annual Garden Grove Unified School District Spelling Bee for students in grades four through six. Bui, who attends Zeyen Elementary School, correctly spelled "resilience" to seal the deal. There are 43 elementary schools in the district.

Sen. Nguyen 'extremely disappointed' with UC prez

State Senator Janet Nguyen is expressing her concern with University of California President Janet Napolitano's threat to cap the enrollment of California students for all UC schools if the UC system does not receive more state revenues.

"I am extremely disappointed that President Napolitano has chosen to put the educational well being of California's students at risk for the sake of budget negotiations by threatening to limit the enrollment of California students wishing to attend the UC System. The UC needs to focus its efforts to ensure access for all eligible California students rather than utilizing divisive ploys that pit the State Legislature against the UC system. We need to work together as partners for the benefit of all Californians," said Nguyen, who took her seat in January after serving on the Orange County Su-

pervisors as the representative for Garden Grove and Westminster.

In an effort to address access to education for undergraduate students, Senator Nguyen is exploring various solutions, including a constitutional amendment that would cap the percentage of out-of-state students attending all UC schools to 10 percent and freeze all UC tuition rates for five years after the date of the amendment's passage by voters. Considering that 20 percent of this year's freshman class is composed of out-of-state students, this amendment would increase the number of slots available for California students.

The UC System was established in 1869 and is composed of 10 campuses that have produced more than 60 Nobel Laureates, the last being in 2014 for Physics. The UC System continues to rank internationally among the top research

and education institutions, attracting students from throughout the United States and the world.

The UC's high academic profile nationally and competitive admissions process has fueled a debate regarding sustainability.

"It is time that we take a very close look at how we support California's public higher education system. California taxpayers have invested in the system and their children deserve every opportunity to have access to the fine schools that comprise the UC system," said Nguyen, who graduated from UC Irvine with a bachelor's degree in political science.

Senator Nguyen has submitted a request to the Legislative Counsel to draft a constitutional amendment that will be presented before the California State Senate.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE OVERSIGHT BOARD TO THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, The Oversight Board to The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (Oversight Board) will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34181(f), at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California. A Property Transfer (Transfer), pursuant to the approved Long Range Property Management Plan, between the The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development and City of Garden Grove of certain real property located at 12361 Chapman Avenue, 12222 Harbor Boulevard, 12252 Harbor Boulevard, 12262 Harbor Boulevard, 12272 Harbor Boulevard, 12292 Harbor Boulevard, 12551 Twintree Avenue, 12571 Twintree Avenue, and 12239 Choisser Road, Garden Grove, will be considered.

All interested persons or organizations may attend the Public Hearing or submit written comments on the proposed Transfer prior to the meeting. Please submit any written comments to the Garden Grove City Clerk, 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, California, 92842-3070. Written correspondence received before 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Public Hearing will be given to the Oversight Board prior to the meeting. Information received after that time will be given to the Oversight Board at the time of the meeting.

If you challenge the action taken at this Public Hearing, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written comments delivered to the City Clerk's Office prior to or at the Public Hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at (714) 741 5040. Notification by Noon on Thursday, March 19, 2015, will enable reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

Further information regarding the proposed Transfer may be obtained by contacting Jim DellaLunga, Senior Project Manager, at (714) 741-5788.

Kathleen Bailor, CMC
Secretary

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (Successor Agency) will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33431, at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California. A Property Transfer (Transfer) pursuant to the approved Long Range Property Management Plan, between the Successor Agency and City of Garden Grove of certain real property located at 12361 Chapman Avenue, 12222 Harbor Boulevard, 12252 Harbor Boulevard, 12262 Harbor Boulevard, 12272 Harbor Boulevard, 12292 Harbor Boulevard, 12551 Twintree Avenue, 12571 Twintree Avenue, and 12239 Choisser Road, Garden Grove, will be considered.

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Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE CITY HALL THIRD FLOOR TRAINING ROOM AT 11222 ACACIA PARKWAY, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE

DATE * INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M., MARCH 26, 2015

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-031-2015

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to establish a second hand store located in a multi-tenant shopping center. The site is at 9876 Garden Grove Boulevard, in the GGMU3 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 3) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on March 26, 2015. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER, 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE * INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M., APRIL 2, 2015

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-032-2015

Conditional Use Permit approval to allow for the construction and operation of a 50'-0" tall stealth wireless telecommunication facility disguised as a pine tree (mono-pine), along with related ground-mounted equipment and site improvements. The site is at 12042 Brookhurst Street in the BCSP-BCC (Brookhurst/ Chapman Specific Plan – Brookhurst Chapman Commercial) zone. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AMENDMENT NO. A-013-2015

A request for Planning Commission recommendation to City Council to amend Chapter 18 (Mixed Use Regulations), Chapter 4 (Definitions), and Chapter 32 (Procedures and Hearings) of Title 9 of the Municipal Code. The proposed amendment includes adding additional uses to the Land Use chart for the CC-1 (Civic Center Mixed Use 1) and the AR (Adaptive Reuse) zones that are not currently permitted in these zones (Section 9.18.020); adding definitions for new uses in Chapter 4 (Section 9.04.060); adding additional standards for the conversion of single-family homes to commercial uses ministerially along with additional standards for parking location, outside eating areas, and non-vehicular and vehicular vending, event space, and additional compatibility standards in the CC-1 zone (Sections 9.18.090.030, 9.18.090.040, 9.18.070.010, 9.18.070.020, and 9.18.110.020); and revising Section 9.32.030D.3(2)(a)(d) of Chapter 32 exempting single-family home conversions to any other use in the CC-1 zone from the requirement to submit a Site Plan application. The City of Garden Grove has determined that a Negative Declaration be adopted pursuant to CEQA.

Copies of the Negative Declaration, including the initial study and the documents used in the preparation of the initial study, and all documents referenced in the Negative Declaration are available for public review at the Garden Grove City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway. If you wish to review and comment on the above listed projects, you may do so by submitting your written comments to the City of Garden Grove Planning Services Division beginning March 11, 2015 and ending March 31, 2015. Please reference the case number with all correspondence.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on April 2, 2015. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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UNITY AT HEART

The Cao Dai temple in Garden Grove, modeled after the main temple in Vietnam, reflects influences of many faiths.

BY CHRIS HAIRE • STAFF WRITER

Two men in sapphire tunics marched along the aisles of the small-but-ornate temple, delivering offerings on a recent evening to the altar of the all-seeing eye.

First, it was incense. Next, it was fruits and flowers. Then, wine. And finally, tea.

A small group of Vietnamese-Americans, mostly older and clad in white robes, knelt at the center of this temple, tucked away on a residential strip of Orangewood Avenue in Garden Grove.

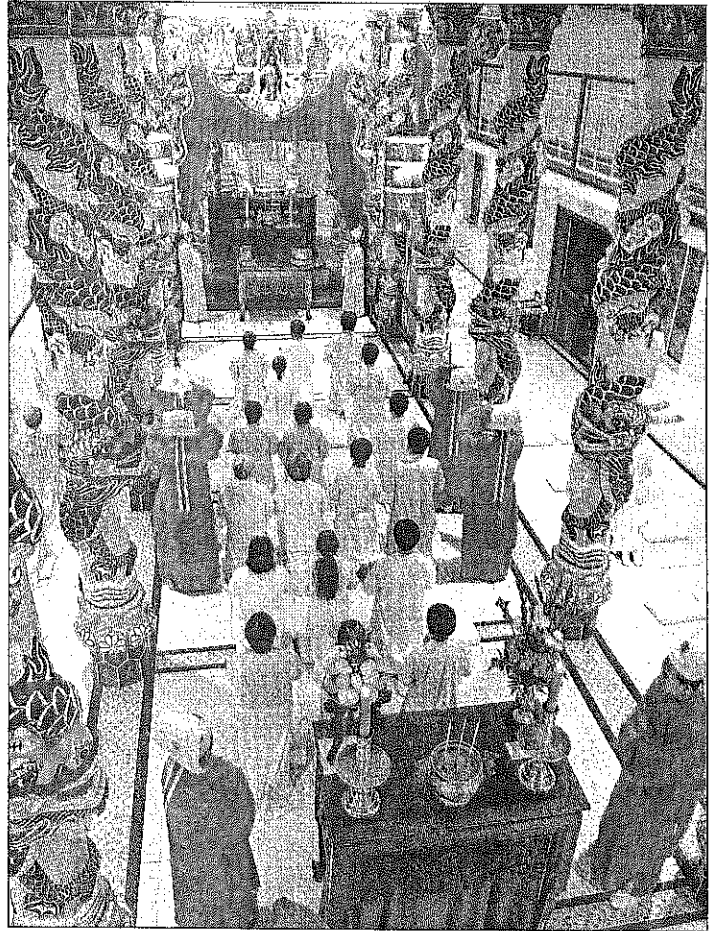
Their God, one could say, is the God of Muslims, Christians and Jews, but also the God of the Eastern religions: Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism.

This God is the God of anyone who believes in a higher power. His followers, Cao daists, believe religions have, over the years, been distorted by mankind and put into conflict with one other.

Cao daism, founded in Vietnam in 1926, fuses Eastern beliefs with the main monotheistic ones, primarily Christianity, and preaches harmony toward all, and the ultimate exodus from earth to Nirvana.

"For generations, Vietnam had been the crossroads for many reli-

SEE CAODAISM •



Cao Dai priests, in blue, take offerings to the altar past worshipers during a service at the Garden Grove temple.

CAODAIISM: Faith's Garden Grove temple

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opened in 2008

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gions," said Nen Huynh of Anaheim, whose family has followed Caodaism since its founding. "We had villagers of Indian descent, we were a vassal of China and we had Catholic influence because of the French. So we want to show that all religions come from the same source."

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The recent ceremony honored Ngo Van Chieu, the man largely credited with founding the religion in Tay Ninh, a province 60 miles northwest of Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon).

The religion - whose adherents number 6 million worldwide, including 25,000 in Southern California - was primarily contained to this province until the mid-1970s. Then came the fall of Saigon in April 1975 and with it the religious suppression by the communist government.

And even though most Caodaists still reside in Tay Ninh, many, fearing political and religious persecution, fled the war-torn coun-

What is Caodaism?

Caodaism is a relatively new religion that draws upon Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism and Catholicism. Its adherents number about 6 million, though most of those are in the religion's birthplace, Tay Ninh, Vietnam. In the U.S., most Caodaist temples are converted houses, but four are modeled after the main temple in Vietnam, including the one at 8791 Orangewood Ave., in Garden Grove. Caodaists believe in equality across religions, ethnicities and genders, and refer to themselves as brothers and sisters.

try - spreading the religion to as far as France and the United States.

There are four Cao Dai (meaning "high tower," Taoist for the Supreme God) temples in Orange County; three of the four are converted houses.

The Orangewood Avenue site is one of just four in the U.S. that is modeled after the main Cao Dai temple, which followers refer to as their Holy See, in Tay Ninh. The other three are in Texas.

The temple's architecture combines Catholic, Buddhist and Hindu influences. Inside, the temple has pastel-pink columns with protruding deep-green dragon statues and a sky-blue ceiling with stars.

This temple opened in

2008 and cost more than \$2 million. It has about 40 members. Caodaism requires its followers to pray four times a day.

"Most of us here come from Tay Ninh," Huynh said as he ate a bowl of vegetable-and-tofu soup following the two-hour ceremony. "My dad spent six years in a re-education camp. So did a lot of other people. We had bad experiences with communism."

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Caodaism is, its followers believe, the third phase of religion, unifying the first two phases: polytheism religions, such as Buddhism, and monotheism, such as Christianity.

Caodaists believe in reincarnation, and the only way to reach heaven is to become a Buddha. There are several levels of saints that Caodaists can pray to, including Jesus Christ, the prophet Muhammad, Joan of Arc and the writers Victor Hugo and William Shakespeare.

Caodaism has a pope, based in Tay Ninh, as well as bishops and priests - and that, largely, is where the Garden Grove temple disassociates itself with its Holy See. Vietnam has relaxed its suppression of religions within the last 20 years. But in order to climb the Cao-

daism hierarchy, you must receive approval from the government.

"Because of those bad experiences with communism, we don't recognize the pope," Huynh said. "We elect our own leader every two years."

Pham Van Cham, the current leader of the Garden Grove temple, gave a short speech, in Vietnamese, at the recent ceremony in which he honored Chieu, who, according to doctrine, received a message from Cao Dai inspiring him to start the religion.

"The founders didn't start out to found a religion. They wanted to spread an idea that other religions shouldn't fight. But an idea doesn't last that long, so they started Caodaism hoping it will last through many generations."

NEN HUYNH
WHOSE FAMILY HAS
FOLLOWED CAODAIISM
SINCE ITS INCEPTION

During the ceremony, drums and gongs shook the temple, priests chanted in singsong and a message to God was read and the paper was set aflame.

"When we pray, we forget our selfishness and we think of others and become good like Buddha," said Phong Nguyen, who lives at the temple. "We have to practice at self-improvement. So we don't push anyone to become Caodaists. We just tell them to be good."

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LEONARD ORTIZ, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Musicians play during a Cao Dai service to honor Ngo Van Chieu, the man who founded the the religion.



PHOTOS: LEONARD ORTIZ, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The architecture of the Cao Dai Temple in Garden Grove combines Catholic, Buddhist and Hindu influences. It is one of only four in the United States that is modeled after the faith's Holy See in Tay Ninh, Vietnam.

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Honoring veterans

On Jan. 13, the Stanton City Council proclaimed every Thursday as Red Shirt Thursday.

Residents are encouraged to participate in this special recognition. Red Shirt Thursday has been adopted by local governments, community groups, and private businesses across the nation.

Red Shirt Thursday is a powerful and easy way to show support for men and women who have served in the military. This grassroots effort is growing in the United States.

Chamber changes

Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce CEO David Ahern has stepped down from his positions.

He announced it via a letter to the chamber and public last week. Following is the letter:

Dear Friends, I will be leaving my position as Chamber CEO effective tomorrow (Feb. 27) afternoon. I have accepted a new position with the County of Orange as an administrator in their Public Works Department. The Chamber Board of Directors will soon make an announcement regarding filling the CEO position. Meanwhile, our chamber is in good hands and on solid footings. As for me, I have been blessed with many wonderful new friendships while working for the chamber. I want to thank you all for your kindness and generosity of spirit. You folks are what makes Garden Grove a great community. Getting to know each of you has enriched my life immensely. Warmest regards,

Dave Ahern, Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce

Job openings in GG

The City of Garden Grove Community Services Department is accepting on-line applications for several part-time seasonal positions at a variety of city facilities.

Applications and a detailed job description for each position can be found on the city's website at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/jobs.

The deadline for submissions is March 9.

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at 714-741-5200.

City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1161

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Provide all Labor and Materials for the Lighting and Communication Equipment for a Fire Command Vehicle per the Scope of Work/Specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 23, 2015. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: March 6, 2015

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB
Purchasing Agent
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840
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Actors dazzle in 'Little Shop'



Photo by Jennifer Klein

Rachel Peters sells an exotic plant to Seymour (Anthony Kutscher) during a production of "Little Shop of Horrors" at Garden Grove's Freed Theater Stage. For a review of the play, see Page 6.



Photos by Jennifer Klein

From left, Sydney Severn, Sarah Reich, Thalia Feliciano as homeless people on Skid Row during a scene in "Little Shop of Horrors" at Garden Grove's Free Theater Stage.

Performers play their parts to perfection in 'Little Shop of Horrors'

By Angela Hatcher

Celebrating its 10 year anniversary, Orange County's Arts & Learning Conservatory "planted" itself on Garden Grove's impressive Freed Theater Stage with its lively production of the eerie '60s Rock 'n Roll musical, "Little Shop of Horrors," and the enthusiastic crowd happily "devoured" every last bite of the doo-wopping carnivorous leafy green plant life.

Written and composed by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, Little Shop is analogous to such mid-century sci-fi B-movie favorites as "Plan B" and "The Attack of the Killer Tomatoes," but there was nothing even remotely old-fashioned about the exuberance that exploded from Arts & Learning's well-rehearsed young cast.

Most folks know the basis of the story. Hapless Seymour Krelborn (Anthony Kutscher) and vulnerable Audrey (Danielle Gauss) are both employees in Mushnik's dilapidated Skid Row flower shop. As the storefront business is teetering on the

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Audrey (Danielle Gauss) with Seymour (Anthony Kutscher) during a scene of "Little Shop of Horrors," which played at Garden Grove's Freed Theater Stage.

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verge of closing its doors, Seymour and Audrey are both dreaming of greener pastures.

Seymour secretly pines for Audrey but assumes she's out of his league. Audrey wants out of the asphalt jungle and yearns for her idea of the "American Dream" – a loving husband, white picket fence, a garden, a 12-inch screen TV (OK, folks, giant flat screens weren't invented yet), but she doesn't believe that she is good enough for a nice guy like Krelborn. And then... there's that "strange and unusual plant" that Seymour soon discovers. He names it Audrey II after... well, you know. "Twoey" draws curious paying customers into the shop, business is booming, so the question is: could dreams be coming true? Audrey's sadistic biker boyfriend, Orin Scrivello (Dakota Denton) is still in the picture.

What to do?

The ravenous Audrey II may have a tempting reply. Oddly, in A & L's production, the cantankerous store owner, Mr. Mushnik was nowhere in sight, and in his place stood the tetchy Mrs. Mushnik (Dora Castillo).

A female Mushnik took some getting used to, especially in the fun-loving "Mushnik and Son" song and dance number, but ultimately, Castillo pulled it off beautifully and caused her own waves of belly laughs from the audience.

Another noticeable change in

the show was that the "Greek-chorus" trio was instead a sextet of black-haired bouffant beauties, Elise Ybarra, Grace Shackelford, Alexandra Denton, Sarah Peters, Olivia Castillo, and Kai Yoshida, who delightfully moved the storyline along.

Music direction by Kevin Weed featuring Weed on keyboard, Andre Rossignol on guitar, Chris Booke on bass, and Jeff Segal on drums gave the recognizable music its effervescence and vibrancy.

Kutscher played the shy and nerdy Seymour to perfection. Gauss added sweetness and frailty to Audrey, and Denton was deliciously evil as the cruel and disturbed Orin.

Audrey II and AJ Reiser brought the plant to life with a wonderfully powerful and commanding voice.

Mention also to Colin Severn as The Narrator, Leyla Rakshani as Mrs. Luce/Mom/Customer, Thalia Feliciano as Radio Announcer Patricia Martin, Joseph Adams as Snip Snip, and Kendra, the Puppeteer.

A & L's Little Shop of Horrors was a marvelously well-done and wonderfully entertaining show to attend, unless, of course you had a paper cut on your finger...

For information on classes or future productions, contact Arts & Learning Conservatory, 1518 Brookhollow Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92705 at 714-728.7100, or visit www.artsandlearning.org.

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Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out
Achievers Club 9331 is hosting communication and leadership meetings featuring professional speakers at the Crystal Cathedral Tower of Hope, 12141 Lewis St. Meetings will be held every Thursday except during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holiday weeks. For more information, call Barbara Barrientas at 714-971-4123, e-mail bbarrientas@crystalcathedral.org or visit www.orgsites.com/ca/achievers9331.

Chamber holds Friday meetings
The Garden Grove Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee meets the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call the chamber at 714-638-7950.

Grief support
The Grief Share Support Group is for mothers who have lost children of every age.

The group meets Thursday evenings at 12831 Olive St., Garden Grove.

For more information, call 714-892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

Learn about Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association of Orange County hosts a support group to provide an opportunity to meet other caregivers and families, share experiences and exchange ideas. These meetings are free and open to all caregivers and family members of individuals with dementia. All groups listed are in compliance with chapter and national standards. This is a faith-based meeting and may include prayer or pastoral speaker, and will take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Crystal Cathedral Arboretum, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

Dance Center hosts social
Join the staff of the Cedarbrook Dance Center for nights of square dancing, line dancing, round dancing (pre-choreographed social dancing) and salsa. The Dance Center is at 12812 Garden Grove Blvd. For more information on classes, call Eileen Silvia at (949) 637-4169.

Eco-friendly storytime
Family storytime all through the summer will highlight books about our environment and the animals that live in rivers, oceans and icy places. All ages are encouraged to attend at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-530-0711.

Rotary Club to meet

The Rotary Club of Garden Grove meets at 12:10 p.m. Wednesdays at The Marriott Hotel, at Chapman Avenue and Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove.

GG Kiwanis to meet

The Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove hosts dinner meetings at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Kiwanisland, 9840 Larson Ave. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. For more information, call 714-892-7267.



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Thursday, March 12, 2015

LOCAL CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT TO BE LAUDED

On Tuesday, March 24, Mayor Bao Nguyen and the Garden Grove City Council will pay tribute to Garden Grove resident Tibor Rubin, who was awarded the nation's most prestigious military decoration, the Congressional Medal of Honor in 2005, for his heroic actions during the Korean War. Rubin's courage and valor will be memorialized with the unveiling of a commissioned bronze bust of Rubin as a U.S. Army rifleman, and the official re-naming of an Orange County branch library. The dedication will be held at the Garden Grove Tibor Rubin Library, located at 11902 Bailey Street, at 2:00 p.m.

Last August, the United States Post Office unveiled a Forever Stamps Prestige Folio depicting the 13 living recipients of the Medal of Honor, including Rubin, at a special recognition ceremony held in Garden Grove.

Corporal Rubin's Congressional citation recognizes his gallant actions and unyielding bravery when he single-handedly waged a 24-hour battle slowing an enemy advance, allowing his regiment to complete its withdrawal successfully.

Rubin was later severely wounded and sent to a Chinese prison camp. Despite offers from the enemy to return him to his native Hungary, Rubin remained a POW, because of his desire to care for captured soldiers.

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He risked torture and possible death by escaping at night to steal food and medical supplies for his comrades. Rubin's selfless efforts are directly credited with saving the lives of 40 of his fellow prisoners.

Rubin received his Medal of Honor 55 years after his service in the Korean War ended. A Holocaust survivor, Rubin was repeatedly nominated for military decorations by fellow soldiers, but was overlooked because of anti-Semitism by a superior. Studies commissioned later by the U.S. Army revealed discrimination to Jewish veterans.

Out of respect for Rubin's health, media, as well as the public attending the event, are asked to communicate directly with his daughter, Rosie Rubin, who will be available for comment.

For more information, please contact the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280.

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Tuesday, March 10, 2015

ATLANTIS TO BECOME "EGGS-CAVATION" SITE

It's that time of year again for Garden Grove's annual "Eggs-cavation" event on Saturday, April 4, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Atlantis Play Center. Atlantis Play Center is located at 13630 Atlantis Way in Garden Grove Park. Only 300 tickets for egg hunt participants are available.

In addition to an egg hunt, activities at the event include bounce houses, carnival games, arts and crafts, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. The egg hunts begin at 11:45 a.m., and take place by the following age groups:

3 to 4 years old - 11:45 a.m. – Noon 7 to 8 years old - 12:15 p.m.- 12:30p.m.
5 to 6 years old - 1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. 9 to 10 years old - 1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Candy hunts for 2-year-olds and under will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$7 for children, ages 3 to 10, participating in the egg hunt, and \$2 for spectators, ages 11 and up. Only cash or credit cards are accepted. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

Ticket sales for the Eggs-cavation begin Monday, March 16, 2015, until quantities run out. Tickets may be purchased at the Recreation Counter, located on the 1st floor of Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway. To order by phone, or for more information, call (714) 741-5200.

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Monday, March 9, 2015

**VOLUNTEER JUDGES NEEDED TO DISCOVER
GARDEN GROVE'S FINEST HOMES**

Beauty comes in all shapes and sizes -- just ask a Garden Grove Pride Judge. The 42nd annual Garden Grove Pride Awards, which recognizes the finest-looking homes in the city, is seeking volunteer judges to select the most beautiful. Judges do not have to be Garden Grove residents and are encouraged to work in pairs.

The volunteers first select one of the city's 17 zones to review, then drive through that zone and choose the top 23 best-kept homes, including one "Home of the Year." Each zone is comprised of approximately 2,500 single-family homes and judging averages five-to-ten hours over a one-month period.

The winning homeowners and judges will be honored at the Garden Grove Pride Awards Ceremony on Monday, June 1, 2015, hosted by Mayor Bao Nguyen and Garden Grove City Council. The 17 zone winners, and the "Best Water-Wise Home" are also eligible to participate in an on-line voting contest for the title of Garden Grove's "Best Home and Garden."

To serve as a volunteer judge, please call the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280 or sign up via the City's website at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us by Monday, March 16.

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Thứ Năm, 12/3/2015

CHƯƠNG TRÌNH MỪNG LỄ PHỤC SINH TẠI ATLANTIS PLAY CENTER

Trung tâm Atlantis Play Center thuộc Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ tổ chức chương trình để các em thiếu nhi vui chơi nhân dịp lễ Phục sinh. Chương trình "Eggs-Cavation" sẽ được tổ chức vào Thứ Bảy, ngày 4 tháng 4, 2015 từ 11:00 giờ đến 2:00 giờ trưa. Địa chỉ của Atlantis Play Center là 13630 Atlantis Way, phía sau Garden Grove Park.

Chương trình bao gồm những tiết mục như vẽ màu nước, sơn mặt, xổ số, và đương nhiên không thể thiếu trò chơi tìm kiếm quả trứng vàng. Các em sẽ được chia ra thành từng nhóm để vui chơi.

Giá vé để tham gia là \$2 cho người lớn, \$7 cho trẻ em từ 3 đến 10 tuổi. Vé sẽ được bắt đầu bán vào ngày Thứ Hai, 16 tháng 3, tại Recreation Center, thuộc lầu một của Tòa thị chính Garden Grove, địa chỉ là 11222 Acacia Parkway. Chỉ nhận tiền mặt hoặc thẻ tín dụng (credit card).

Để biết thêm chi tiết hoặc gọi mua vé trước, vui lòng liên lạc ở số điện thoại (714) 741-5200.

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Thứ Năm, 5/3/2015

THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE MỞ LỚP HUẤN LUYỆN CẤP CỨU CPR

Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ mở một lớp huấn luyện để cấp chứng chỉ CPR / First Aid / AED do công ty EMS Safety Services phụ trách hướng dẫn. Lớp huấn luyện sẽ được tổ chức vào ngày Thứ Bảy, 21 tháng 3, từ 8:00 giờ sáng - 4:00 giờ chiều, tại Trung tâm North Net Fire Training Center. Chi phí cho lớp học là \$25. Những ai muốn tham gia xin mời ghi danh trước bằng cách gửi email về địa chỉ vanv@ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

Riêng các lớp C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) sẽ được diễn ra bốn buổi trong Thứ Bảy, bắt đầu ngày 11 tháng 4. CERT là một tổ chức tình nguyện phối hợp với Sở Cứu Hỏa Garden Grove với mục đích huấn luyện cho cư dân để chuẩn bị ứng phó, hướng dẫn khả năng tự vệ nếu có biến cố thiên tai xảy ra.

Học viên đăng ký học lớp CPR và muốn tiếp tục để lấy chứng chỉ lớp CERT sẽ được hoàn lại học phí \$25. Điều kiện để gia nhập chương trình huấn luyện là phải đủ 18 tuổi, và đang làm việc/ hoặc sinh sống trong Thành phố Garden Grove.

Để biết thêm chi tiết, liên lạc tại số (714) 741-5600, hoặc download đơn trên trang mạng

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Thành Phố Garden Grove Mở Lớp Huấn Luyện Cấp Cứu CPR

06/03/2015 00:00:00

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GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) - Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove sẽ đặt trạm để kiểm tra người say rượu lái xe (DUI) và xét bằng lái xe từ 9 giờ tối Thứ Sáu, 13 Tháng Ba, đến 3 giờ sáng hôm sau, tuy nhiên địa điểm không được xác định, thông báo của cơ quan công lực này cho biết.



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Các cuộc kiểm tra này giúp giảm số người bị thiệt mạng và bị thương do nạn DUI gây ra, theo Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove. Nghiên cứu cũng cho thấy tai nạn liên quan đến DUI giảm 20% khi các cuộc kiểm tra được thông báo công khai đến công chúng được thực hiện thường xuyên một cách đầy đủ.

Cảnh sát viên sẽ kiểm tra nồng độ rượu và bằng lái của người lái xe. Người vi phạm DUI sẽ bị ở tù, giam bằng lái, tăng tiền bảo hiểm, đóng tiền phạt và lệ phí, học lớp cai rượu và trả một số chi phí khác có thể lên tới trên \$10,000.

Trong năm 2012, gần 24,000 người bị thương nặng và 802 người thiệt mạng ở California do các tai nạn liên quan đến người uống rượu lái xe có nồng độ rượu trong máu tương đương hoặc vượt quá .08%.

Thống kê mới nhất cũng cho biết có gần 10,000 người tử nạn trên toàn quốc vì DUI.

"Trong ba năm qua, hơn 200 tai nạn liên quan đến DUI xảy ra tại Garden Grove làm 9 người thiệt mạng và 144 người bị thương," cảnh sát viên Fischer của Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove cho biết.

Theo Cơ quan Quản Trị An Toàn Giao Thông Liên Bang (NHTSA), kiểm tra DUI là hình thức tốt nhất để tránh tai nạn và giảm chi phí rất nhiều. Mỗi đô la chi ra tiết kiệm được \$6. Trạm kiểm tra DUI có nhiệm vụ cảnh cáo những người uống rượu lái xe hoặc sử dụng thuốc có thể gây ảnh hưởng người lái xe và làm cho đường xá an toàn hơn đối với nhân viên công lực và công chúng.

Nếu thấy ai uống rượu lái xe, gọi 9-1-1 ngay lập tức.

Kinh phí cho đợt kiểm tra lần này do văn phòng An Toàn Giao Thông California, thông qua Cơ quan Quản Lý An Toàn Giao Thông Liên Bang, tài trợ. (L.N.)

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GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ tổ chức các lớp huấn luyện cấp cứu và cấp chứng chỉ CPR/First Aid/AED, do công ty EMS Safety Services phụ trách. Các lớp học bắt đầu từ 8 giờ sáng đến 4 giờ chiều Thứ Bảy, 21 Tháng Ba, tại North Net Fire Training Center, 2400 East Orangewood Ave., Anaheim, CA 92806.



Một lớp huấn luyện CPR và C.E.R.T. của Sở Cứu Hỏa Garden Grove. (Hình: CERT Garden Grove website)

Riêng các lớp C.E.R.T (Community Emergency Response Team) sẽ diễn ra trong bốn ngày Thứ Bảy, bắt đầu với Thứ Bảy 11 Tháng Tư, từ 8 giờ 30 sáng đến 4 giờ chiều tại cùng địa điểm trên. CERT là một tổ chức tình nguyện, phối hợp với Sở Cứu Hỏa Garden Grove, huấn luyện cho cư dân khả năng tự vệ chuẩn bị khi có thiên tai.

Lệ phí các lớp học là \$25. Tuy nhiên những học viên ghi danh lớp hô hấp nhân tạo (CPR) và muốn tiếp tục để lấy chứng chỉ lớp C.E.R.T, sau khi hoàn tất, sẽ được hoàn lại học phí.

Điều kiện để gia nhập chương trình huấn luyện là phải đủ 18 tuổi và làm việc, hay sinh sống trong thành phố Garden Grove.

Muốn ghi danh trước, học viên có thể ghi danh bằng email: vanv@ci.garden-grove.ca.us/

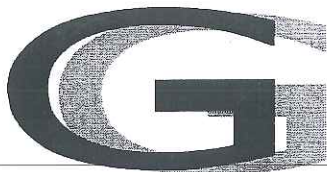
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 12, 2015 – April 2, 2015

Thursday	March 12	8:30 a.m.	Study Session, Founders Room
		9:00 a.m.	Main Street Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room CANCELLED
		5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	Community Forum – City Manager Selection Community Meeting Center
Friday	March 13	8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.	City Council Special Meeting Sheraton Hotel, Topaz Room 12221 Harbor Blvd.
Saturday	March 14	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
Thursday	March 19		Casual Day – St. Patrick's Day Theme (Green Shirts)
		6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	Miss Garden Grove Pub Trivia Fundraiser The Globe Gastro Pub, 12926 Main St.
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber CANCELLED
Friday	March 20		City Hall Closed
Saturday	March 21	8:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.	Compost Giveaway, Municipal Service Center
Tuesday	March 24	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	March 25	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	March 26	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Thursday	April 2		Light It Up Blue – Autism Awareness Day Casual Day (Wear Blue)
		11:00 a.m.	Employee Photo Op in front of City Hall

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 19, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS:

Oath of Office administered to Commissioners by the City Clerk.

Commissioner Margolin led the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Kanzler
Commissioner Mai
Commissioner Margolin
Commissioner O'Neill
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Zamora

Absent: Pak.

Commissioner Pak joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and was administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Nguyen.

SELECTION OF CHAIR:

Action: Commissioner O'Neill nominated as Chair by Commissioner Kanzler. No further nominations received.

Action: Commissioner O'Neill selected as Chair.

Motion: Kanzler Second: Paredes

Ayes: (6) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Pak

Commissioner Margolin turned the meeting over to Chair O'Neill.

SELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:

Action: Commissioner Kanzler nominated as Vice Chair by Commissioner Paredes. No further nominations received.

Action: Commissioner Kanzler selected as Vice Chair.

Motion: Paredes Second: O'Neill

Ayes: (6) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Pak

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Zamora.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

JANUARY 15, 2015 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Margolin Second: Zamora

Ayes: (6) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes
Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Pak

STUDY SESSION – PLANNING COMMISSION ORIENTATION - GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BROWN ACT, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, AND RELATED MATTERS AND ISSUES WITHIN THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S JURISDICTION.

Discussed the Brown Act, Conflicts of Interest, and related matters and issues within the Planning Commission's jurisdiction.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Pak apologized for being late; Vice Chair Kanzler wished everyone a Happy New Year; and Chair O'Neill expressed that he was honored to be a Planning Commissioner; that he was interested in the community and would uphold the General Plan and Municipal Code; and that his goal was to run good and productive meetings.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff mentioned that materials given to the Commissioners included copies of the Draft General Plan, Housing Element, Title 9 of the Municipal Code, Specific Plans, Planning Commissioners Handbook, and Brown Act guide.

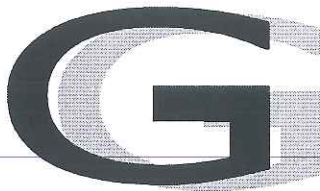
ADJOURNMENT: At 8:30 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, March 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Grove Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion: O'Neill Second: Margolin

Ayes: (7) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes,
Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
MARCH 19, 2015
REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: March 12, 2015

ANDREW KANZLER
VICE CHAIR

March 9, 2015
Issue #22

***Stockton Record* Columnist Michael Fitzgerald Writes on Lessons from Stockton
Emergency from Bankruptcy and Future Opportunities**

Stockton's bankruptcy made national news but now that the city on the other side of Chapter 9 proceedings, the city is engaged in moving forward. *The Stockton Record* on Feb. 25 published a thoughtful piece by columnist Michael Fitzgerald outlining how city leaders handled the process and the opportunities that are now possible. *For more, see Page 2.*



The League's 2015 Legislative Action Day is Wednesday, April 29
Register Today for the Condensed One-Day Program

It is not too early to register for the League's Annual Legislative Action Day. Scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, the one-day event is free for League members and League Partners. *For more, see Page 2.*

'Bankruptcy' Continued from Page 1...

Fitzgerald emphasizes lessons that public officials, municipal employees, city residents and policy makers can take away from Stockton's Chapter 9 Federal bankruptcy process. The most significant, according to Fitzgerald, is to keep politics from policy making. "If I could boil the lessons of Stockton's crash down to one point, it would be this: Don't allow city fiscal policy to be politicized." He stresses that strong fiscal policy cannot be crafted under the pressure of special interests.

From these lessons, Stockton can look to the future, and begin to reimagine its downtown and create new economic development. "... the city is now running on a smart fiscal model, the economy is recovering, and, for that matter, it's spring. Stocktonians are looking at a new beginning."

For more, please read, "[Goodbye, bankruptcy; hello, possibilities.](#)"

'Leg Action Day' Continued from Page 1...

The day will start at 10:00 a.m. with a general briefing on current budget issues and a legislative and policy update on a wide range of topics including:

- Efforts to improve and expand economic development tools;
- Transportation and other infrastructure funding;
- Water bond implementation;
- Medical marijuana regulation and other public safety issues;
- Land use issues such as CEQA reform, affordable housing, vacation rental, ADA lawsuit abuse and massage);
- Pension reform implementation;
- Other legislation of critical importance; and
- Updates from legislators.

Following the briefing, which ends at 11:30 a.m., city officials will have time to meet with the legislators in the Capitol. The League's Latino Caucus is co-sponsoring a legislative panel on local economic development and infrastructure funding options from 3:30– 4:30 p.m.

For city officials who are able to extend their day, the League will be hosting a legislative reception from 5:30–6:30 p.m. The [full brochure](#) has additional information.

Registration

March 27 is the deadline to register for Legislative Action Day. Register online at www.cacities.org/events.

Please direct questions to [Megan Dunn](#), the League's registrar.

**Application Period Opens for League Board of Directors At-Large Position
and Second Vice President**
Deadline is May 8

The League of California Cities is now accepting nominations from elected officials interested in serving in one of six at-large board positions (two-year term), or as second vice president (one-year term). All nominees for second vice president must currently be serving or have previously served on the board of directors. *For more, see Page 2.*



Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum Returns
Registration and Housing Deadline is May 22

The Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum is returning this year for the first time since 2009. This conference is an event that mayors and council members will not want to miss. The two-day conference, followed immediately by all-day workshops, provides an education filled schedule, focusing on current issues and timely topics that will assist officials in their daily roles and operations within their city. *For more, see Page 3.*



**State Water Resources Control Board to Consider
Drought-Related Emergency Regulations**

The State Water Resources Control Board will review a proposed water conservation emergency resolution and accompanying regulations at its March 17 board meeting in Sacramento. *For more, see Page 3.*

Board Composition

The League board of directors comprises the League officers — president, first vice president, second vice president, immediate past president and executive director — a representative from each of the League's 16 divisions, and a representative from each of the League's 11 functional departments, the mayors or designees (alternates) of the mayors of the 10 largest cities by population, and 12 at-large positions, with one reserved for a representative of a small city (under 12,000 population).

City officials serving on the National League of Cities (NLC) board of directors also serve on the League of California Cities board of directors for the duration of their term on the NLC board (two-year term).

The League board typically meets on a quarterly basis at locations throughout the state. Nominees are expected to make a commitment to attend all meetings. All travel-related expenses to attend League board meetings are reimbursed by the League.

Nomination Process

The 2015 Board Nominating Committee will meet on July 16, prior to the July 16-17 board meeting, to interview at-large finalists and all applicants for the position of second vice president.

The nominating committee comprises:

- Joseph Palla (chair), council member, Cloverdale;
- Carl Morehouse, council member, Ventura;
- Jerry Thorne, mayor, Pleasanton;
- Owen Newcomer, council member, Whittier;
- Daniel Parra, mayor pro tem, Fowler;
- Randy Breault, public works director, Brisbane;
- Steve Manos, mayor pro tem, Lake Elsinore;
- Scott Nassif, council member, Apple Valley;
- Sam Racadio, mayor, Highland;
- Janet Arbuckle, council member, Grass Valley; and
- Suzanne Chan, vice mayor, Fremont.

The nominating committee will make recommendations to the board of directors at its July meeting. If the board approves the candidates, the recommended candidates will then be announced during the Opening Session of the League's 2015 Annual Conference in San Jose, Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Following confirmation of the final candidates, the 2015-16 board of directors will be announced at the Closing Session of the Annual Conference on Oct. 2.

Submission Process

If you are interested in submitting your name for nomination to the League board of directors, please provide the information requested on the nomination application, along with a biography and letters of endorsement, to the League's Sacramento headquarters on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, May 8.

Please send all nomination applications by email to: msharpe@cacities.org

Or mail to:
Mimi Sharpe
Executive Assistant
League of California Cities
1400 K Street, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

Board nominations packets can also be faxed to the attention of Mimi Sharpe at (916) 658-8240.

Application Forms

- [At-Large Nomination Form](#)
 - [Second Vice President Nomination Form](#)
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'Executive Forum' Continued from Page 1...

Wednesday, June 24 – Friday, June 26

Portola Hotel, Monterey

*Registration and Housing Deadline: Friday, May 22

*Due to limited meeting space availability this year, registrations will have to be limited to the first 250 mayors and council members. Registrations of city managers and others will be possible only on a space available basis. We respectfully request your understanding this year as we plan for an even larger event next year.

Register online at www.cacities.org/events.

'Water' Continued from Page 1...

The existing emergency regulation will expire April 25 and includes prohibitions on certain water uses and requires larger urban water suppliers to activate their Water Shortage Contingency Plan to a level where outdoor irrigation restrictions are mandatory. In communities where no water shortage contingency plan exists, the regulation requires that water suppliers either limit outdoor irrigation to twice a week or implement other comparable conservation actions. Finally, large urban water suppliers must report water use on a monthly basis to track progress.

The proposed resolution [amending and readopting drought-related emergency regulations for urban water conservation](#) includes:

- [Proposed Emergency Regulations](#);
- [Notice of Proposed Emergency Rulemaking](#); and
- [Emergency Regulations Digest](#).

For more information about the board meeting please view the [March 17-18, 2015 agenda](#).

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City Officials Testify in Opposition of Governor's RDA Dissolution Proposal

City officials from up and down the state testified before the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration Tuesday in opposition to Gov. Jerry Brown's FY 2015-16 redevelopment dissolution budget proposal. *For more, see Page 2.*



League Releases Federal Lobbying Documents *Two California-focused Events Planned*

As thousands of city officials visit Washington D.C. next week as part of NLC's Congressional City Conference (link to Monday's article), Congress will have the opportunity to hear what is important to cities across the nation. The League released several documents this week to support individual city lobbying efforts. *For more, see Page 3.*



Upcoming Legislative Hearings of Interest March 10-April 22

Legislators have begun work on the number of bills that were introduced as of the Feb. 27 deadline. The current count is 1508 in the Assembly and 796 in the Senate. League staff is reviewing the flood of bills introduced and determining which may be of interest to cities. *For more, see Page 4.*

Read about the League's position in "[League Takes Oppose Unless Amended Position on DOF Redevelopment Dissolution Budget Package](#)," *CA Cities Advocate*, Feb. 25, 2015.

During the committee hearing, a Department of Finance (DOF) representative reviewed the Governor's proposal. According to testimony, the proposal is a "starting point for discussion on the dissolution of redevelopment process" and "provides an opportunity to have a dialogue with interested parties on concerns with current proposal as well what other process changes that would need to be included."

Following the DOF, city officials voiced their opposition and testified about the adverse impacts the Governor's plan would have on their cities. They talked about how the plan seeks changes that would reverse court decisions, change laws retroactively, undo previous incentives, and limit transparency, accountability and opportunities for local agencies to protect their legal rights.

The League would like to thank the following city officials for attending and testify during this week's hearing:

Name	Title	City
Rachel Hurst	director of community development	Coronado
Joe Calabrigo	city manager	Danville
Newell Arnerich	council member	Danville
Niccolo De Luca	legislative representative	Emeryville, Walnut Creek, San Leandro and Oakland
Greg Sparks	city manager	Eureka
Marlene Murphey	executive director	Fresno Successor Agency
Debra Barletta	finance officer	Fresno Successor Agency
Jason Behrmann	city manager	Galt
Mark Crews	mayor	Galt
Gillian van Muyden	chief assistant city attorney	Glendale
Renee Bonincontri	council member	Gonzales
Rene Mendez	city manager	Gonzales
Frank Spavacek	city manager	La Quinta
Paolo Beltran	government affairs director	Lakewood
Laureen Turner	vice mayor	Livermore
Ovi Popesco	council member	Loma Linda
Luis Solache	mayor	Lynwood
Mike Murphy	council member	Merced
Jack Hadjinian	mayor	Montebello
Jeffrey Giba	council member	Moreno Valley
Joy Canfield	administrative services director	Murrieta
Pat Eklund	mayor pro tem	Novato
Michelle Mingay	senior finance analyst	Rancho Cordova
Susana Jackson	accountant	Rancho Cordova
Rina Gonzales	deputy city attorney	Riverside
Mike Gardner	council member	Riverside
Emilio Ramirez	interim director, community development	Riverside
David Jones	legislative representative	Sacramento
Brice McQueen	senior management analyst, Department of	Sunnyvale

	Finance	
Kenneth Flewellyn	assistant finance director	Torrance
Jane Chambers	city manager	Ukiah
Emily Cantu	housing services director	Vacaville
Felipe Hernandez	council member	Watsonville
Karina Cervantes	council member	Watsonville
Lowell Hurst	council member	Watsonville
Trina Coffman-Gomez	council member	Watsonville
Jimmy Dutra	council member	Watsonville
David Koch	assistant city manger	Watsonville
Jan Davison	successor agency consultant	Watsonville
John Leonard	manager, revenue management	West Hollywood

The League also extends appreciation to comments made by committee chair Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian (D-Studio City) and committee members Assembly Members Jim Cooper (D-Elk Grove), Kevin Mullin (D-San Mateo) and Scott Wilk (R-Santa Clarita) during the hearing that supported League and city official opposition arguments. In addition, the League thanks Assembly Members Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova), Cheryl Brown (D-San Bernardino), Luis Alejo (D-Watsonville) and Jose Medina (D-Riverside) for attending the hearing of their own volition and testifying in opposition of the RDA dissolution proposal.

The Governor's proposal will be heard next in the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government, April 9 at 9:30 a.m. in State Capitol room 2040. More information will become available closer to the hearing date.

'Federal' Continued from Page 1...

Documents include:

- 2015 League Federal Priorities
- Federal Transportation Reauthorization Priorities
- Funding for Critical Federal Programs
- Innovative Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Financing
- Protect Local Authority and Revenue

Printed materials including these documents will be available to attendees at the California reception Monday night:

League of California Cities Reception

Monday, March 9
6 to 7:30 p.m.
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
2660 Woodley Road, NW
Washington, D.C.

On Tuesday, the League will host a special briefing for U.S. House of Representatives staff on the League's Federal Priorities with a focus on Transportation. As the House will not be in session during the conference, the League encourages all California attendees to attend the briefing and connect with the staff of their representative. While RSVPs for this event are not required, the League would like to have a general count in order to appropriately plan. Please RSVP to mdesmond@cacities.org.

League of California Cities Priorities Briefing for Congressional Staff

Tuesday, March 10

3 to 4 p.m.

1416 Longworth House Office Building

Washington, D.C.

NLC has also prepared videos and lobbying materials on their [Federal Action Priorities](#): Close the Online Sales Tax Loophole, Invest in Local Transportation Priorities, Protect Municipal Bonds.

'Hearings of Interest' Continued from Page 1...

Upcoming Hearings

In the coming weeks the Legislature will begin to hold hearings on bills. The Legislature is also holding a number of oversight and informational hearings on a variety of policy areas of interest to cities. Here are a number of upcoming hearings of interest to cities:

March 10

- **Joint Hearing of Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Quality Committees**, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112
 - Oversight Hearing: Ensuring Groundwater Protection: Is the Underground Injection Control Well Program Working?
- **Joint Hearing of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and Revenue and Taxation Committee**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 126
 - Hearing will cover the State Board of Equalization

March 11

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation**, 9:00 a.m., State Capitol, Room 447
 - Hearing will cover the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery and the Department of Toxic Substances Control
- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Public Safety**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 444
 - Hearing will cover the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, including the new trends, deficiencies and the Assembly's budget priorities on this topic
- **Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee**, 9:00 a.m., State Capitol, Room 126
 - Informational Hearing: Affordable Housing Construction and Finance: Challenges and Opportunities

March 12

- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government**, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 2040
 - Hearing will cover the Department of Housing and Community Development
- **Joint Hearing Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation, and Senate Environmental Quality Committees**, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112
 - Part B: Hearing will cover the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

March 13

- **Senate Transportation and Housing Committee**, 1:30 p.m., Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, METRO Board Room, 3rd Floor, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles
 - Informational Hearing: Transportation Funding

March 17

- **Joint Hearing of the Senate Transportation and Housing and Environmental Quality Committees**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- Oversight Hearing: The Road to 2020 and Beyond: The Role of the Transportation Sector in Meeting California's Climate Goals

March 18

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation, 9:00 a.m., State Capitol, Room 447**
 - Hearing will cover the Department of Water Resources and State Water Resources Control Board
- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Public Safety, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 437**
 - Hearing will cover a number of items including Body Cameras
- **Joint Hearing Assembly Local Government Committee and Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4202**
 - Information Hearing: Transient Occupancy Taxes and the Home-Sharing Phenomenon

March 19

- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental, Protection, Energy and Transportation, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112**
 - Hearing will cover the Department of Water Resource, Delta Stewardship Council and State Water Resources Control Board
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 2040**
 - Hearing will cover the Department of Housing and Community Development

March 24

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447**
 - Hearing will cover a number of items including Commission on State Mandates and Public Employees' Retirement System

March 25

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 447**
 - Hearing will cover a number of items including Department of Transportation and the California Transportation Commission
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 437**
 - Hearing will cover 2014 Drought Funding
- **Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 3191**
 - Oversight Hearing: Statewide Voter Turnout
- **Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 444**
 - Hearing will cover a number of items relating to hazardous waste and substances, uncollectible accounts, liability recovery actions, and response actions: cleanup ability information

March 26

- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112**
 - Hearing will cover a number of items including Cap-and-Trade, the Strategic Growth Council and High-Speed Rail Authority
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 113**
 - Hearing will cover Realignment
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government, 9:30 a.m., Room 2040**

- Hearing will cover State Finance, including Oversight on the Debt and Financial Management Overview the State Treasurer, California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority, the Department of finance, Oversight on Tax Compliance Programs and more

April 8

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 447**
 - Hearing will cover a number of items related to the Air Resources Board, California Coastal Commission and the Office of Planning and Research

April 9

- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government, 9:30 a.m., Room 2040**
 - Hearing will cover a number of items related to Local Government and Economic Development including Redevelopment Agencies Dissolution Status and Issues, the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development and the Commission on State Mandates
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 113**
 - Hearing will cover Public Employees' Retirement System

April 14

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447**
 - Hearing will cover the State Controller's Office and Secretary of State

April 16

- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112**
 - Hearing will cover the LAO's Overview of the Transportation Budget, the California Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government, 9:30 a.m., Room 2040**
 - Hearing will cover a number of items related to the State Controller and a Financial Information System for California

April 22

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No.5 on Public Safety, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 437**
 - Hearing will cover the Proposition 47 Workload

Upcoming Webinar: CalPERS Consideration on Removing Broad Network HMO Plans in Some Regions

Register Today for March 12 Webinar

Local officials are invited to provide feedback to the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) proposal to remove the Broad Network HMO plans for Anthem and Blue Shield in those regions in which there is an overlap of their Narrow Networks. This item action item will be taken up by CalPERS' Pension and Health Benefits Committee (PHBC) on March 17.

The action will outline an approach to remove the Broad Network HMO plans for Anthem and Blue Shield in those regions in which there is an overlap of their Narrow Networks. Prior to the meeting, at CalPERS request, local officials are invited to provide feedback on this approach prior to its PHBC meeting.

The League is hosting a free one-hour webinar for local officials to receive staff analysis on this approach, including the Regions being considered, the overlap between the Broad and Narrow

networks by health plan, and the potential member disruption. Written materials on the proposal will be available on the [CalPERS website](#) before the webinar.

Webinar Details

This webinar is free and open to League members and to members of the California Association of Counties and the California Special Districts Association. It is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 10 to 11 a.m.

The speaker will be Doug McKeever, chief, Health Policy Research Division, CalPERS.

Registration

Please register for this webinar at www.cacities.org/events no later than Wednesday, March 11 at noon.

For registration questions, please contact [Megan Dunn](#).

California City Solutions: San Mateo Develops Student Curriculum for Park Playground Renovation

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2014 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called [California City Solutions](#). San Mateo's Beresford Playground Elementary School Program was submitted in 2014 for the Ruth Vreeland Award for Engaging Youth in City Government award category.

In September 2012, eight people came to San Mateo's Beresford Community Center to discuss the planned renovation of the Beresford Park children's playground. Typically eight residents would provide adequate feedback for the park planning staff to move forward on an initial design, however, city staff believed that this large community park warranted larger community participation. Staff decided to develop an outreach plan to connect with students and increase community involvement for its renovation.

The park planning staff restarted the public outreach effort by specifically engaging local students and their parents. They created an online community forum for parents to comment and discuss the renovation, while the Recreation Youth Services staff drafted a classroom curriculum to educate and involve students in the design planning process.

Staff worked to involve students in the process of the playground renovation and gain feedback from the park's target audience. The outlined curriculum included five weeks of interactive sessions with students in their classroom for 45 minutes weekly. Youth Services staff would coordinate the activities and lesson plans for those segments.

The Youth Services team took their draft curriculum to the two closest elementary schools: Beresford Park, Meadow Heights and Beresford Elementary. One of the two schools, Beresford Elementary, liked and accepted the proposal, with the fifth grade teachers agreeing that it would be a good fit for their classes.

With the help of the two classroom teachers, the Youth Services staff refined the curriculum.

- **Week 1:** Classes met at the Beresford playground. Youth Services staff reviewed the playground renovation proposal and explained how the department gathers ideas and develops a design for a new facility. In three groups, students took measurements of the playground, reviewed the current architectural playground drawings and made lists of their favorite and least favorite parts of the existing playground.
- **Week 2:** Students met in the classroom and focused on playground amenities and associated costs. Students also prioritized the pieces they wanted to see in the park within a defined budget.

- **Week 3:** Students learned how to gather community feedback by designing a short survey which they sampled on their classmates. They were then tasked with giving the survey to five of their friends or family members. In total the students gathered about 190 completed surveys with valid data for the project.
- **Week 4:** Students learned how to analyze the survey results, tallied by Youth Services staff, and developed graphs of the data, discussed how the results should be used and compared the different results to their own surveys.
- **Week 5:** Students received a blank site plan for the project area and were given the opportunity to draw their own ideal playground plan for Beresford Park. They shared their drawing with the classroom and Youth Services staff posted the most innovative designs on the online community forum for other involved community members to view.

The Beresford playground renovation has expanded community involvement, involving students, parents, teachers and a principal who all had an impact on the two draft playground designs. The information collected by the students helped design the playground so that it would appeal to all ages and determined an overall theme. Examples of this include a limited use of sand as this is mostly for younger park visitors, and the inclusion of tall slides and high swings, to meet the needs of the older youth and keep them positively engaged in the park experience.

Following the last day of the classroom curriculum, the department moved forward with developing the designs for the playground. The city presented two different designs to the community in October 2013.

The city also wanted to give the students from the classroom project an opportunity to review the draft designs. Since the students had all graduated to sixth grade, they were no longer at Beresford Elementary. The Youth Services staff decided to email the students' parents and invite them to a pizza party.

The pizza party provided an opportunity for students to comment on the designs and reconnect with their old classmates, many of which had not seen each other since graduating from their elementary school. Out of 48 students, 25 attended. Participating staff and parents remarked that the event reinforced the sense of community that the students and parents had for their elementary school, their neighborhood playground and the Beresford Park project.

The program provides a good template for the Parks and Recreation Department moving forward. The curriculum is fairly standard and can be applied easily to other playground projects or park design studies. Youth Services staff reorganized their existing schedules to accommodate for the development of the curriculum, the classroom materials and the classroom time. The department hopes to replicate the project model for the future renovation of the playground in its signature Downtown Park. Although finding a school to partner with will continue to be a challenge, the department believes the process is valuable and provides a great opportunity to involve students directly in a community activity.

The Parks and Recreation Department expects to go out to bid on construction for the new Beresford playground area early this year. The new playground area is currently scheduled to be open in spring of 2016.

ARB Announces Third Public Workshop on FY 2015-16 Plan for Air Quality Improvement Program

The Air Resources Board (ARB) invites officials to participate in the third public workshop to discuss the development of the FY 2015-16 Funding Plan for the Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) and Low Carbon Transportation Investments. ARB staff will seek input on draft funding allocations, project categories, and project criteria for these programs as well as recently signed legislation affecting program implementation.

Workshop Details

Thursday, March 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cal/EPA Headquarters Building

Coastal Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento

This workshop will also be webcast for participants unable to attend in person.

ARB has posted more [information about the workshop and a copy of the workshop notice](#).

ARB has also posted additional more [information about the AQIP and ARB's Low Carbon Transportation Investments](#).

If you have questions regarding the workshop, please contact [Andrew Panson](#) at (916) 323-2809.

Background

AQIP is a voluntary mobile source incentive program administered by ARB. ARB focuses AQIP investments on technology advancing projects that support California's long-term air quality and climate change goals in addition to providing immediate emission benefits. Each year, ARB approves the AQIP Funding Plan, which serves as the blueprint for expending AQIP funds. Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed FY 2015-16 Budget includes a \$23 million allocation for AQIP projects.

Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds provide an additional funding source for ARB's advanced technology clean transportation incentive programs, expanding the types of projects ARB has funded through AQIP. The FY 2014-15 budget appropriated \$200 million to ARB for Low Carbon Transportation projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with an emphasis on low carbon freight and passenger transportation investments that benefit disadvantaged communities. These investments are being implemented through the administrative framework established by AQIP. The Governor's proposed FY 2015-16 budget includes a \$200 million allocation for ARB for Low Carbon Transportation to continue ARB's investments from the FY 2014-15 funding cycle.

California Financing Coordinating Committee Announces 2015 Infrastructure Funding Fair Dates

The California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) will be hosting six different free funding fairs throughout the state between April and September of this year.

These events are designed to provide information about currently available infrastructure grant, loan and bond financing programs and options. Attendees will also have an opportunity to speak directly with program staff about specific projects and issues affecting their communities.

CFCC agencies fund primarily the following types of infrastructure projects:

- Drinking water;
- Wastewater;
- Water quality;
- Water supply;
- Water conservation;
- Water use efficiency;
- Energy efficiency; and
- Flood management.
- Some participating agencies also fund other infrastructure projects including:
 - Streets and highways;
 - Emergency response vehicles;
 - Solid waste; and
 - Community facilities.

2015 Fair Schedule

At each location, the event will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- April 2: San Diego

- May 6: Tulare
- June 3: Eureka
- Aug. 5: Truckee
- Sept. 2: Watsonville
- Sept. 23: Sacramento

Registration

To register for one of the six fairs, please visit www.cfcc.ca.gov and click on Funding Fairs.

Please direct questions to (916) 447-9832, ext. 1029.

Additional information, including the schedule, CFCC member directory and more can be found on the [CFCC website](#).
