

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
October 15, 2015

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

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. PLANNED SUPPORT FOR VETERANS HONOR RIDE

The attached memo advises you of the City's support of the *Veterans Honor Ride* on Sunday, November 8, 2015 to support local veterans and their families.

• OTHER ITEMS

– NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

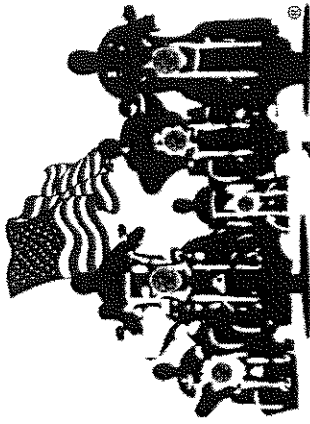
Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager



VETERANS HONOR RIDE

Saluting Our Nation's Veterans

Route Map

American Legion Post 716
 3252 Florista Street
 Los Alamitos, CA 90720

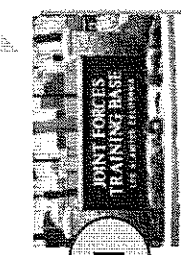


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Florista St.

Lexington Dr.

Katella Ave.



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Veteran Services Center
 Joint Forces Training Base
 (Building #244 by the front gate)
 11200 Lexington Drive
 Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Harbor Blvd.

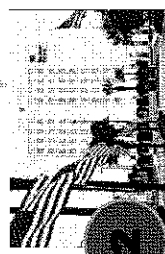
Newport Blvd.

Willow St.

Studebaker Rd

Westminster Blvd.

Sam Johnson Dr.
 Gate 4



Gate 3
 Palm Rd.

Long Beach VA
Health Care System
 Building 2 (Courtyard)
 5901 E. 7th Street
 Long Beach, CA 90822

Pacific Coast Highway

Pacific Coast Highway (PCH – Highway 1)

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS 8 November 2015	
7:30 am – 9:00 am	Check-in/Breakfast Veterans Services Center JFTB, Los Alamitos 1
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Veterans Honor Ride Ceremony 1
10:00 am	RIDE STARTS – Kickstands Up 1
10:00 am – 12:30 pm	1 st Leg of the Ride: JFTB to Long Beach VA
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	REST STOP – POWs, MIAs, & WIAs Remembrance Ceremony 2
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	2 nd Leg of the Ride: Long Beach VA to American Legion Post 716
2:00 pm	RIDE ENDS – 3
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	The Honor Ride's "Guardians of Freedom" Celebration & Special Acknowledgement of the 50 th Vietnam War & its Veterans. 3

The route travels through the following 14 cities in this order:

1. Los Alamitos (START)
2. Cypress
3. Stanton
4. Anaheim
5. Santa Ana
6. Garden Grove
7. Fountain Valley
8. Costa Mesa
9. Newport Beach
10. Huntington Beach
11. Sunset Beach
12. Long Beach
13. Seal Beach
14. Rossmore
15. Los Alamitos (END)

- Map not to scale.
 - Approximate distance for entire route is 50 miles.

Weekly Memo 10/15/15

NEWSPAPER

ARTICLES

MAN RAPPELS 100 FEET DOWN MINE SHAFT TO SAVE DOG

The 23-year-old hero still doesn't know who owns the lucky pit bull.

By **JOSEPH PIMENTEL**
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • Trapped inside a dark mine shaft, the dog was 100 feet below the surface.

When Michael Schoepf rappelled down that Corona-area mine with nothing but a thin rope, the dog's eyes lit up.

"She knew this was a second

chance," he said.

Now the focus is on finding the owner of the pit bull, likely 1 year old, or helping it get a new home.

Schoepf, who lives in Long Beach and works in Cypress for his dad's sign company, was lowered by his buddy, Nick Gladden of Garden Grove. Dr. Keri Berka of Happy Tails Animal Hospital in Garden Grove treated the slightly

injured dog for free.

"It's an act of goodwill that has turned out great," Berka said.

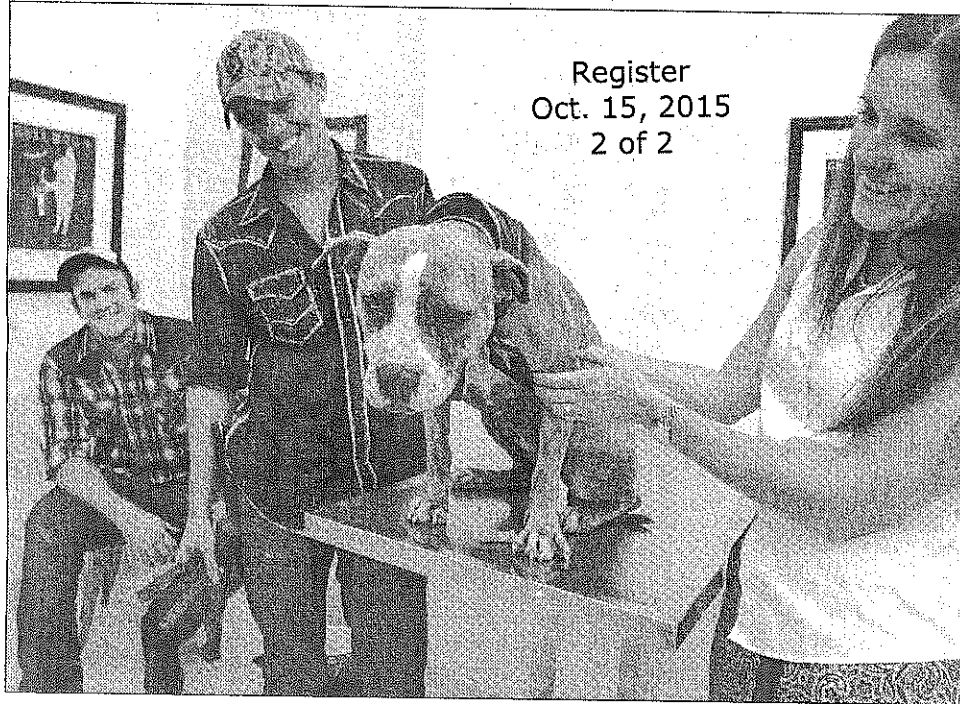
Schoepf, Gladden and other friends were off-roading late Friday night near Lake Mathews when they turned onto a road and discovered a mine shaft. Curious, they shined flashlights inside - a

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LEONARD ORTIZ, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michael Schoepf, 23, plays with Corona, a 1-year-old pit bull he and his friends rescued last week from a mine shaft near Lake Mathews.



LEONARD ORTIZ, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Corona, a female pit bull who was rescued last week from a mine shaft in Riverside County, is treated Wednesday at Happy Tails Animal Hospital in Garden Grove.

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pair of eyes looked up.

"Let's get some rope," Schoepf told Gladden, 25.

"There was no way we were going to turn our backs and let her die," Schoepf said later.

All they could muster was nylon rope, the kind you get at The Home Depot, in pieces that were tied together. The rope was wrapped around the 140-pound Schoepf, 23, who had worked in the telecom industry climbing up cell-phone towers.

It took 20-30 minutes for Gladden to lower Schoepf. If a rock rubbed the thin rope the wrong way, it would have been "a rescue mission for me and the dog," said Schoepf, chuck-

ling.

Once he landed, "It was like an 'Indiana Jones' movie," Schoepf recalled. "There were tarantulas all over the floor and walls. There was even a charred minivan."

The dog, down in the mine for perhaps two days, knew.

"She climbed up right on me," he said.

The men named the dog Corona.

On Saturday, Schoepf took the dog into Happy Tails Animal Hospital, where Birka and her staff inspected Corona, waiving the \$45 consulting fee and providing \$50 in free medicine.

Generally in good health, Corona had a few scratches and suffered traumatic glaucoma in her left eye, something that could have happened if she fell down the shaft, Birka said, ad-

ding it can be treated easily.

Schoepf has posted a snippet of his adventure on Facebook, hoping to find the owner; the dog had a microchip but it wasn't registered.

The media flocked. Schoepf and Birka have been fielding calls from around the country from those wanting to adopt Corona.

Schoepf and Gladden would prefer to find the owner. If not, they hope to find someone local who can take care of Corona. They can't keep her themselves because they already have dogs. But they hope to visit from time to time.

"Every life is precious," Gladden said.

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WATER KEEPS THOUGHTS FLOWING TO MIND

Ah, fall, when leaves turn brown - because there's no water for the trees - and temperatures drop into the low 90s.

Brainiac had a birthday this month and is old enough to remember when October meant something entirely different than it has so far this year.

And sure, the month in Southern California has always been more of a transition from summer to fall, but seriously, weather gods, this is getting ridiculous.

All of which got us to thinking again about the soon-to-debut Great Wolf Lodge in Garden Grove. You know the one, or maybe you need a refresher given that the resort hotel and indoor water park was first announced to be headed for Harbor Boulevard in 2010 and after various delays is only now being prepped to open early next year.

We'll admit to a bit of befuddlement when we first heard that the Great Wolf Lodge chain was expanding into Southern California from its Midwest roots. After all, do people really want to get wet at a water park under a roof?

If you're in Wisconsin, where the company start-

ed, the answer is surely yes. But Garden Grove? This past week or two we'd gladly take it, though. No sun beating down, the air presumably at least a tad conditioned, and all that lovely, lovely water? Yep, sounds mighty good to ol' Brainiac.

Still, it seems a bit odd, though maybe that's what you need to distinguish yourself from all the other hotel resorts in the area. You have to imagine the play here is to get people to stay at Great Wolf Lodge on a week of vacationing in Southern California, using it as home base for outings to Disneyland, Hollywood and the likes.

Will locals use it? We could see it as a fun grad night getaway, or maybe a family reunion weekend for the out-of-towners. How about you? Let us know what you think of the whole hoop-de-do over Great Wolf Lodge, the indoor water park and how you see it fitting into our tourism landscape.

AND THEN THERE'S EL NIÑO

And then there's El Niño, the flip side to the drought and the heat, the weather pattern that sounds in-

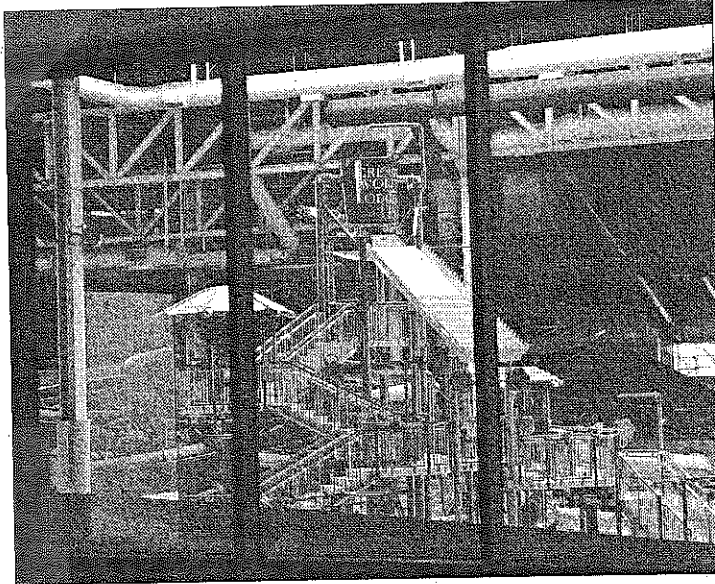
creasingly likely to bring rain, and lots of it, to our towns this winter.

Unlike the hilly communities where mudslides are always a threat in an El Niño winter of rain, Garden Grove, Westminster, Midway City and Stanton would seem to Brainiac to have two or three main areas of concern if we get the prolonged and heavy rains that it sounds like we might.

There's street flooding, of course, when the rain comes faster than the storm drains can handle, and problems around the house when your gutters or weather stripping or roofs say something along the lines of what-in-tarnation-is-all-this-water?

Those problems are serious, but what really caught our attention was an article flagged in the Garden Grove city manager's weekly memo recently that addressed the threat to the homeless sleeping, or in some cases living semi-permanently, in storm channels and huge culverts that run almost unnoticed beneath our city streets.

In the story published by the website Behind the Badge OC, police and other



A view of Great Wolf Lodge's water park from the resort's lobby area in Garden Grove. The park and hotel, now under construction, will be the largest water park of the company's 14 locations.

PHOTOS: NICK AGRO,
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Wiley the Wolf, Great Wolf Lodge's character mascot, greets media members and city officials to a preview of Garden Grove's new indoor water park, Great Wolf Lodge.

social agency workers and volunteers spent a day not too long ago doing outreach to these folks, warning them that their encampments and sleeping spots are dangerous when it rains.

People have died when

sudden rains have created flash flood-like torrents through these channels, and the long drought has lulled many into thinking it'll always be dry and safe down there. It won't be, though, so hopefully our civil servants and volunteer

groups will continue to reach out like this in all of our cities before something tragic happens.

Got a story idea, comment, question? Brainiac@ocregister.com or 714-796-7787

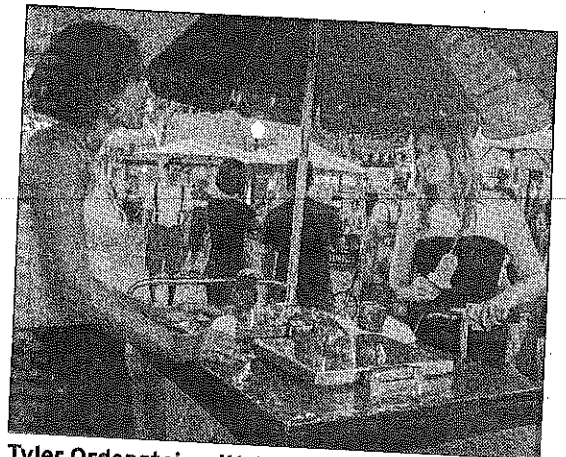


PHOTOS: FRANK D'AMATO; CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

The Garcias, from left, Gabriel, 11, mom Stephanie, dad Earl, and Earl's brother, Alex, with his daughter, Emily, 8, and son, Mickey, 13, ride together during Garden Grove's open street event.

Some 2,500 milled around the Main Street area on Saturday, not paying any attention to signal lights or stop signs.

But that was the point of Re: Imagine Garden Grove By Day and By Night, an open streets event that closed the area to vehicles and encouraged folks to wander by foot and by bicycle.



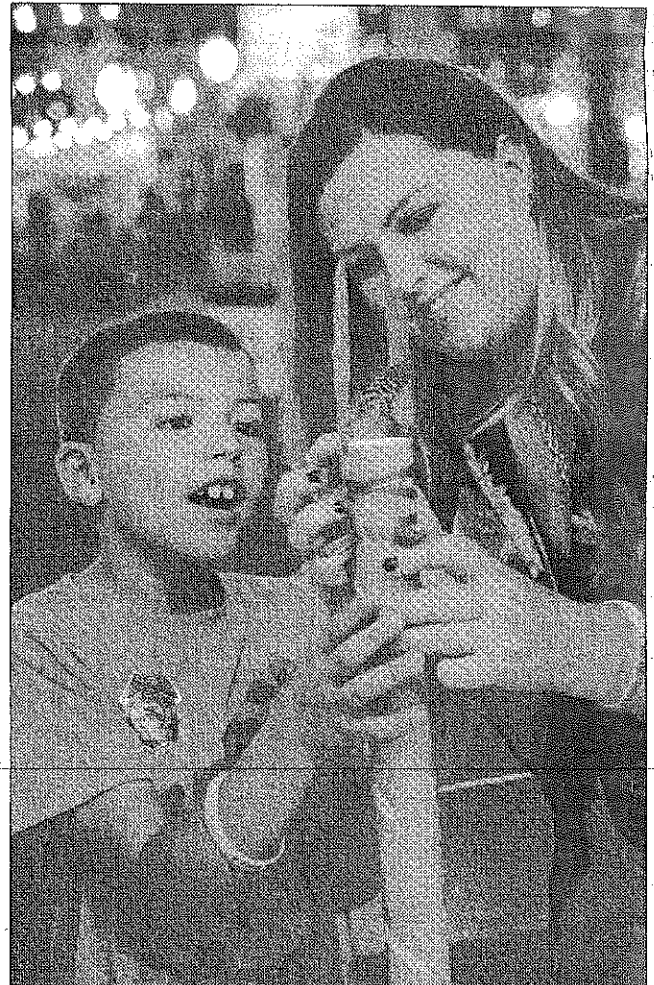
Tyler Ordenstein with Front Porch Pops and Kelley Moody, reporter with Garden Grove TV, chat at the event on Saturday.



Performer Seraphina Whitman with Stilt Circus mingled and greeted residents.



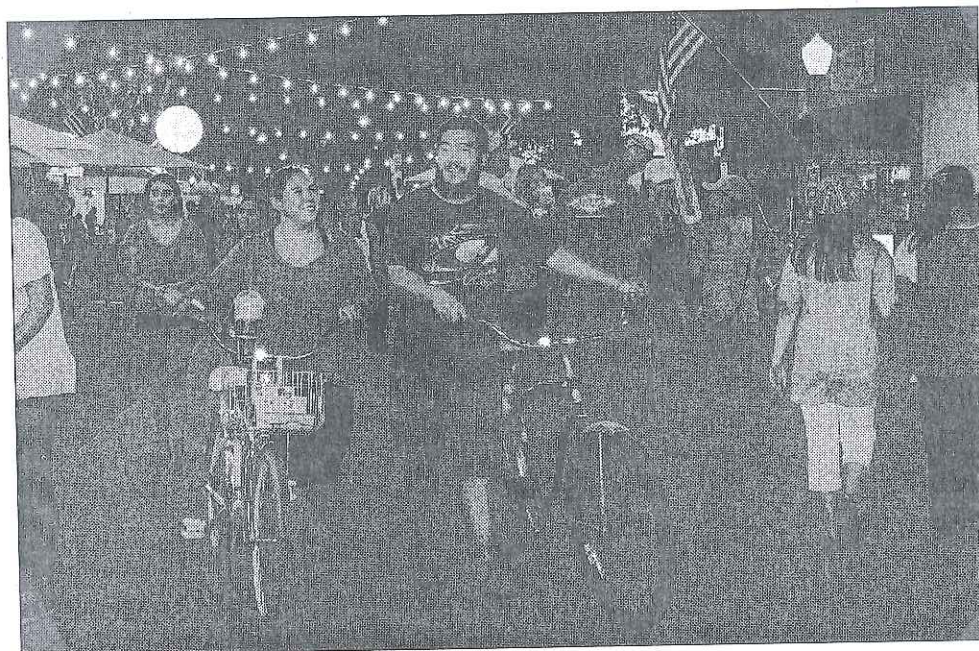
Chris Chung and his wife, Nicole, hang out with their two Alaskan Klee Kais, Mischa and Luna, on Main Street.



Amber Busteed and her son, Mason, 7, make a rain stick together during the Garden Grove event.



Serena To, 7, and Katie Parra, 4, add colorful decorations to their rain sticks.



Kristy Vincent and Minh Ho walk their bicycles down Main Street.



After the sun had set, Main Street was filled with the tropical Afro-Latin sounds of Quitapenas on stage during Re:Imagine Garden Grove By Day and By Night.

Garden Grove mayor announces run for Congress

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

What looked increasingly likely the last several weeks is now official: Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen

wants a promotion.

The 35-year-old first-term mayor announced earlier this



Nguyen

week on the steps of the Santa Ana Veterans Hall that he is running for Congress.

Nguyen was elected Garden Grove mayor less than a year ago and over the last several weeks, as it became increasingly clear he was go-

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ing to run for the 46th Congressional District, he received heat from some residents for what they viewed as him using the City Council as a stepping stone.

Bao has come under fire for trying to pass a symbolic resolution supporting a

presidential executive order that would have prevented undocumented workers with American-born children from being deported.

On Tuesday, Nguyen said that his run would not hurt his ability to work with the council.

"I'm confident my colleagues on the council have the best interest of the city at heart, as do I, and we will

continue to work to help the city," he said.

Nguyen said that since he became mayor, City Hall has achieved many things he advocated for, particularly open and transparent city government.

He cited the city working with the transparency website **OpenGov.com** to put financial data online in an easy-to-use manner; and allowing people to make pub-

lic records requests online.

He came under fire when a recording surfaced of a conversation he had in June with the president of the Garden Grove Police Association, during which he mused about a run for Congress and used an expletive to describe a council colleague.

Nguyen said he wants to reform Washington, make it more transparent and do

more to help his fellow residents.

"Garden Grove will always be my home," he said. "What I could do [as a congressman] for Garden Grove is greater."

But he wouldn't be representing only Garden Grove. In fact, if he elected, he will only represent a portion of the city he grew up in. He is running for the the 46th District, which covers San-

ta Ana, Anaheim and parts of Garden Grove and Orange. The seat is open because Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Orange, is running for U.S. Senate.

Nguyen, one of five Democrats in the race, announced a platform advocating immigration reform, protections for women's health care services and creating jobs for lower- and middle-income workers.

'I'd like to have them for dinner when we're up and running'

Owner of Kaye's Kitchen praises firefighters for saving historic eatery

By Loreen Berlin

Kaye's Kitchen on Historic Main Street in Garden Grove has suffered a fire.

"Fortunately," said owner Jim Schierberl, "someone across the street saw flames inside the business and called 911."

That was Monday, Sept. 28. Schierberl said he was told it would take six- to-eight weeks to get the restaurant up and running again.

The fire has displaced not only the owner and staff, but regular restaurant customers who depend on Kaye's for their daily breakfast, lunch and sometimes more.

"Things were growing and going great before the fire," Schierberl said. "We had a lot of long-time customers who would come here because they were familiar with the food we serve."

"When I was young, probably 9- or-10 years old, I had a newspaper route for the Herald Examiner and I loved it," he said. "Kaye's Kitchen was on my paper route and so I would stop and get a soda at Wheeler's Market that was located then in the corner building on Main

Street."

Schierberl said growing up in Garden Grove, he has a lot of memories, and that many of the same people who were in Garden Grove when he attended Garden Grove High School and attended church at St. Columbian Catholic Church on Nelson Street and Stanford Avenue are still here.

"I think it's neat in this country that as a kid you can dream of owning a business and buy that business later on," said Schierberl.

Schierberl said he's not only concerned about his restaurant customers, they are concerned about him as well and come by to see how he's doing.

"One of the Sunday favorites is biscuits and gravy," he said. "This is going to be a beautiful place when it gets done; then it'll be taking care of the customers again and it will be time to get busy again."

Schierberl said Kaye's Kitchen has always done a big breakfast and lunch business. "I'm really looking forward to getting going as soon as possible."

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Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1180

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 Eighty-Five (85) New and Unused Ergonomic Comfort Design Task Chairs per the bid 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 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: October 14, 2015

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB
Purchasing Agent
City of Garden Grove
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Schierberl praised the Garden Grove Fire Department for doing a great job of putting out the fire quickly and for helping him know what to do next.

"I think everyone should know who their local firefighters are. It was pretty impressive watching them work and it was an eye-open-

ing experience," said Schierberl. "I'd like to have them over for dinner when we're back up and running. Most night fires take the whole building, so they did a great job of putting the fire out."

Most of the damage at Kaye's Kitchen is smoke and water damage, but everything has to be packaged up, taken out and cleaned so no lingering smoke smell exists.

"We have to throw away anything that got smoke in it," he said. "I never want to go through this

again, and my business may be down right now, but I can tell you that good insurance matters. Our broker Cindy Churndy, who is from Garden Grove, and I've known for a long time, has been a big help. It's nice to know the people you're dealing with and to feel someone's on your side. You never know what you have until you need it."

"Please follow us on Facebook at Kaye's Kitchen and we'll keep you posted as to our reopening time," he said.

Mayor expected to announce Congress bid

Garden Grove's Bao Nguyen would join four other Democrats eyeing the position.



MARTIN WISCKOL
STAFF WRITER

erable competition to replace Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-

Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen plans to make his bid for U.S. Congress official today with a noon announcement in Santa Ana, heightening the already consid-

Orange. Sanchez is stepping down to run for U.S. Senate.

Already in the race are former state Sens. Lou Correa and Joe Dunn, Anaheim Councilman Jordan Brandman and Pomona Democrat Heberto Sanchez, a manager with the Los Angeles County Department of Health. All four are Democrats, as is Nguyen.

No Republicans have announced plans to run in the central Orange County district, where Democrats outnumber Republicans among registered voters by 19 percentage points.

Nguyen, 35, burst onto the political scene last year when he upset incumbent Mayor Bruce Broadwater and became the na-



JOSHUA SUDOCK, FILE PHOTO

Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen plans to make his move official today in Santa Ana.

tion's first Vietnamese American mayor of a city with a population of more than 100,000. While Orange County has proved a breeding ground for Vietnamese American politicians who are Republican, Nguyen is the first Democratic

Vietnamese to gain a high profile here in recent years.

However, if voters cast ballots according to ethnicity, it would probably - depending on turnout - favor Correa and Dunn. Latinos account for 42 percent of citizens of voting age in the district, and non-Latino whites account for 41 percent.

By day, Nguyen works as an organizer for the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees union.

The congressional district includes Santa Ana, Anaheim and parts of Garden Grove and Orange.

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CAR THEFT SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER CRASH

GARDEN GROVE • A man suspected of assault with a deadly weapon and who led police on a pursuit in a stolen car was arrested Monday morning after crashing, police said.

At 6:30 a.m. near Bristol Street and Edinger Avenue

in Santa Ana, the male suspect - who has not been identified - was spotted in a stolen car, said Cmdr. Jeffrey Smith of the Santa Ana Police Department.

Smith said the green Honda Accord was also involved in a felony assault with a deadly weapon incident.

Going upwards of 90 mph in some instances, the suspect drove on city streets through Santa Ana, Fountain Valley and Garden Grove, where the driver crashed and was apprehended about 7 a.m., police said.

The driver was arrested on suspicion of possession of a stolen vehicle, felony evading and hit-and-run driving.

- Alma Fausto

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CHASING HER DREAMS

Garden Grove kindergarten teacher to run the Chicago Marathon with prosthetic legs.

GARDEN GROVE • Jami Marseilles' prosthetic legs could be seen at the ankle, but only when she sat down to console a sobbing child shortly before Garden Grove's Eisenhower Elementary School began for the day.

"Remember what we learned about breathing?" she asked the boy. "Good. Now get some tissues and some water. You're OK."

On Sunday, Marseilles, 47, will run the Chicago Marathon. Runner's World magazine says she



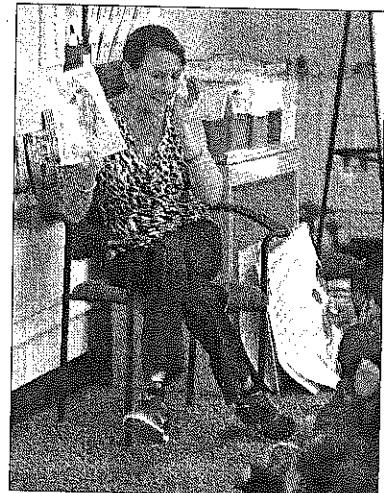
**BRIAN
WHITEHEAD**
STAFF
WRITER

would be the first woman without legs below the knees to brave the 26.2 miles in competition.

Marseilles is an author, an athlete, an advocate for those with physical disabilities – and a kindergarten teacher.

"I really want to make a difference," she said. "I feel I can inspire. I can impact children by working here. Fill them with pride. As a teacher, I want to motivate them to chase their

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ANA VENEGAS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Marseilles reads to her kindergarten class at Eisenhower Elementary School in Garden Grove.

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dreams.”

Marseilles’ legs were amputated in 1988, and she has written several books about the 11-day Arizona blizzard she survived.

She graduated from Arizona State University in 1992 with a degree in communications, then earned a bachelor’s in child and family studies from Cal State Long Beach.

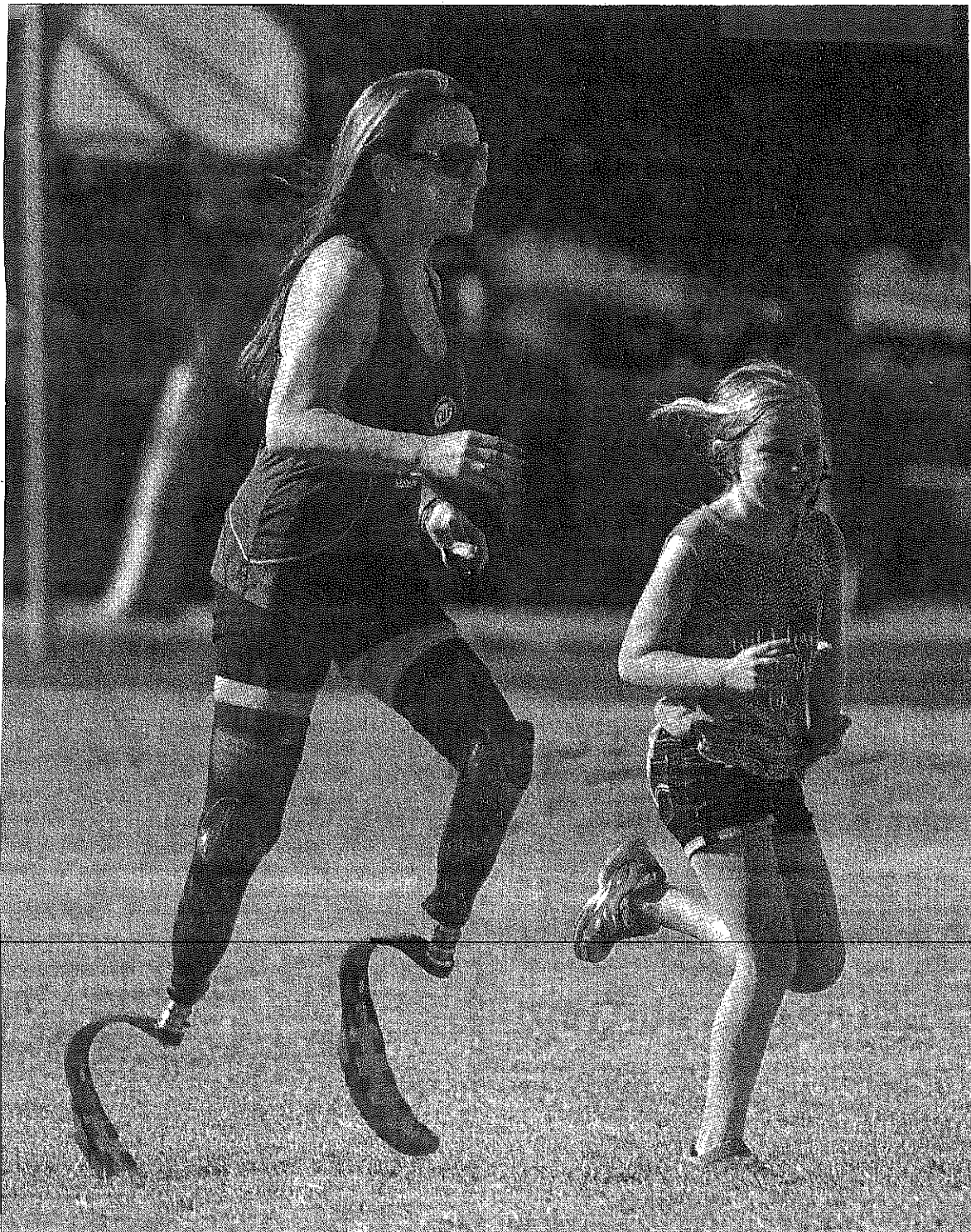
Marseilles began running in 1997.

She set Paralympic world records but missed the cut for the 2000 United States Paralympic team. In 2001, Marseilles wed and wrote “Up and Running,” her autobiography. She is a mother of two.

“Jami’s one of the toughest women I know,” said Sarah Reiertsen, a one-leg amputee, marathoner and longtime friend. “She’s a tough athlete, but I also think that when you think about surviving in a blizzard for 11 days, that’s a fortitude that goes beyond what most of us think as tough.”

In 1988, Marseilles, 19 at the time, and a friend were returning home from a ski trip in New Mexico when their car got stuck in a snowbank. Eleven days passed before they were rescued, and three weeks later, Marseilles’ legs were amputated 6 inches below the knees.

Marseilles began teaching in 2008 and for the past three years has taught kindergartners at Eisenhower.



KYUSUNG GONG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jami Marseilles runs with her daughter Sydney to prepare for the Chicago Marathon.



KYUSUNG GONG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jami Marseilles stretches with her daughter Sydney. Marseilles lost her legs in a blizzard.

"Ms. Marseilles," her students call her, the teacher with the "robot" and "cheetah" legs.

"She's an inspiration to us all," Eisenhower principal Beth Cusimano said. "Losing her legs would give her a reason *not* to run. But instead, it's her reason to.

"She's showing everyone that in life there are obstacles, but no matter how big, they can be overcome."

Shortly after completing the Arizona Rock 'n' Roll half marathon in January, Marseilles chose to run Chicago. She needed another goal.

One day of running became

two, then two became three, and by summer, she'd run four or five hours at a time.

"It's a lot more mental than physical," said Marseilles, who has completed four half-marathons. "You know you're going to get a little sore, but you know it won't last forever. Mentally, you have to tell yourself to push through, to get to that ultimate goal."

Marseilles is sure that nerves will settle in Sunday, presumably sometime before her 7:22 a.m. start time. She's a Chicagoan. Friends and family will be there when she finishes.

Thirty kindergartners will

be here when she returns.

"Jami lived so much life before coming into the classroom, a life filled with experiences," said Leticia Ruiz, a fellow kindergarten teacher at Eisenhower.

"And here she is in Garden Grove teaching kinder' with me. ... But there's something about grinding every day, about impacting lives on a daily basis, that I don't think she can get anywhere else."

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Cooling center: Because temperatures are expected to reach 95 degrees this weekend, the city is opening the air-conditioned H. Louis Lake Senior Center, 11300 Stanford Ave., as a cooling center from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. All ages are welcome, and visitors may bring their own food. Information: 714-741-5253. Chris Haire, 714-704-3707

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Top teachers: Debbie Redenbaugh, Ellen Fields McLeod and Luz Adriana Alba are set to receive congratulations from the City Council today for being named the 2015 Garden Grove Unified School District's teachers of the year. The council will also congratulate the district on its 50-year anniversary. Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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GARDEN GROVE

Open streets: The second annual open-streets event, Re:Imagine Garden Grove By Day and By Night, is from 3 to 10 p.m. today in the Main Street/downtown area of the city. The car-free fair has two parts: an afternoon portion heavy on athletic activities and workshops, and an evening block party portion headlined by a New Orleans-style parade. Info: ggopenstreets.com. Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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Festival turnout: About 2,500 people attended Saturday's second annual open streets event, Re:Imagine Garden Grove By Day and By Night, which closed off the Main Street area from cars. The festival turned the area into a car-free urban party meant to allow Garden Grove residents to think creatively about how the city could change in the future. Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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GARDEN GROVE

New commissioner: Former Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy John Rodriguez may become the city's newest traffic commissioner, pending City Council appointment Tuesday. Garden Grove has a vacancy after the city removed one member who missed multiple meetings in a row. Rodriguez served on the commission from 2013 to 2014. Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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Congressional run: Mayor Bao Nguyen, 35, who is not yet through his first term on the City Council, announced Tuesday on the steps of the Santa Ana Veterans Hall that he is running for Congress. He is trying to replace Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Orange, in the 46th District. Sanchez is stepping down to run for U.S. Senate. Nguyen said his campaign would not distract from his duties as Garden Grove mayor. Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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Community Services Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Tuesday, October 13, 2015

**CITY SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR
TET FEST 2016 ORGANIZER**

The City of Garden Grove seeks proposals from non-profit organizations to serve as producer of the 2016 Tet Festival in Garden Grove. The Tet Festival is one of the largest community celebrations in Garden Grove that attracts thousands of visitors over the Lunar New Year weekend. The deadline for submission is by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2015.

In early 2015, the City of Garden Grove amended the contract with the most recent Tet Festival organizers, the Vietnamese Community of Southern California (VNCSC), from a 3-year, to a 1-year contract that ended with the 2015 festival. Currently, there is no contract with any organization for the operation of the 2016 Tet Festival.

Proposals will be reviewed and presented to the Garden Grove City Council for approval at a later date.

Interested non-profits should contact Janet Pelayo, Community Services Manager, at (714) 741-5215, or by email at janetp@ci.garden-grove.ca.us to obtain more information. Submissions should be sent to Kim Huy, Community Services Director at kihuy@ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

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Thứ Ba, 13 tháng Mười, 2015

GARDEN GROVE TUYỂN ỨNG VIÊN TỔ CHỨC HỘI CHỢ TẾT 2016

Thành phố Garden Grove hiện đang tìm kiếm ứng viên - các tổ chức bất vụ lợi – để đứng ra tổ chức hội chợ Tết 2016 tại thành phố. Hội chợ Tết Nguyên Đán là một trong những lễ hội cộng đồng có quy mô lớn nhất của thành phố Garden Grove, thu hút hàng ngàn du khách tham dự vào những ngày cuối tuần mừng đón Xuân mới. Hạn chót để nộp đơn xin tổ chức hội chợ là 5 giờ chiều, ngày thứ Năm, 29 tháng Mười, 2015.

Đầu năm nay, thành phố Garden Grove đã có một thay đổi trong hợp đồng ký với Cộng Đồng Việt Nam Nam California, rút ngắn thời gian xin tổ chức hội chợ từ 3 năm xuống còn 1 năm và hợp đồng hiệu chỉnh này đã chấm dứt trong kỳ tổ chức hội chợ Tết năm 2015 vừa qua. Hiện tại, thành phố chưa ký hợp đồng với một hội đoàn hay một tổ chức nào cho hội chợ Tết năm 2016.

Đơn xin tổ chức hội chợ do quý vị gửi đến sẽ được xem xét và sau đó trình lên Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove để được thông qua.

Muốn biết thêm chi tiết, các tổ chức bất vụ lợi có thể liên lạc với Community Services Manager Janet Pelayo, theo số phone (714) 741-5215 hoặc qua email janetp@ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

Vui lòng nộp đơn xin tổ chức hội chợ cho Community Services Director Kim Huy qua email kihuy@ci.garden-grove.ca.us.



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Tuesday, October 13, 2015

LAST WEEK TO SIGN UP FOR FREE GOOGLE WORKSHOP

This is the final week for Garden Grove businesses to sign up for the free "Let's Put our Cities on the Map" workshop, presented by Google and the City of Garden Grove. Participants will learn how to create, or improve, their Google online business listing to better connect with customers. The workshop takes place on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., in the Garden Grove Courtyard Center, located in Village Green park, at 12732 Main Street.

According to Google, nationwide, 4 out of 5 people use search engines to find local business information, but only 37% of businesses have an online listing.

Workshop participants will receive hands-on instruction to create or enhance their free, individual online business listing on Google Search and Maps.

Participants must bring their own laptops and have a valid Garden Grove business license on file with the City. All participants will receive a free Google t-shirt and other Google giveaways.

Reservations are limited, and can be made by emailing your name, phone, and business name to communityrelations@ci.garden-grove.ca.us or by calling (714) 741-5280. RSVP's can also be made through the City's website at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us, clicking on the "Let's Put Our Cities on the Map" news story, and completing an RSVP form. More information is available at www.gybo.com/ca/garden-grove and on the City's Facebook and Twitter. View the City's Public Service Announcement at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nd1f06uPbUc>



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Community Services Department

Friday, October 9, 2015

SO MANY WAYS TO WIN ON DAY TRIP TO HARRAH'S CASINO

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center is coordinating a trip for seniors to Harrah's Casino. Join the fun on a day trip on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at a cost of \$12 per person. The price includes bus transportation and continental breakfast.

The bus departs from the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, promptly at 8:30 a.m., and will return by approximately 5:00 p.m.

Seniors are invited to sit back and enjoy the air-conditioned deluxe motor coach while it makes its way to Harrah's Casino in Valley Center. Once there, the playing floor has something for every taste including over 2,000 slots, 60 table games, Poker, Rincon Craps, PaiGow, BlackJack, Baccarat and Three Card Poker.

A valid California I.D., driver's license, or military I.D. is mandatory to board the bus.

Advance tickets are required. To obtain additional information, please contact the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5242.

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PLASTERERS LOCAL 200 EARNS HIGH MARKS IN GARDEN GROVE

Plastering Is a Messy Job That Produces a Clean Finish

The work is hard but the results are worth it for members of Plasterers Local 200.

BY MARK EDWARD NERO

The city of Garden Grove, located in the heart of Orange County, isn't exactly known for its tourist attractions, but that's due to change within the next year, as the city becomes home to a new waterpark and hotel complex.

The under-construction Great Wolf Lodge is the latest in a chain of such resorts that's owned by Great Wolf Resorts Inc. The new location's being built along Harbor Boulevard between Garden Grove Boulevard and Lampson.

Pomona-based Plasterers Local 200 has been on the job about eight months and is expected to stay on another five months, said Local 200 agent Carlos Ponce. About 35 members are working on the project on any given day, Ponce said, and that will taper down to 15 to 20 as the project nears completion.

"This has been a welcome boost to employment for Local 200 members who are

still patiently recovering from 5 years of economic hell," said Local 200 Business Manager Tom Castleman.

"Plastering can obviously be a less than glamorous profession," Castleman added. "It's messy, it's rigorous, it's extremely dangerous and occasionally one might break a 'nail.' At the end of the day, through all those challenges, our members are still able to portray the overall project personality envisioned by the architect."

When "Building Trades News" visited the site in mid-September, Plasterers were working on the nine-story hotel, with EIFS (Exterior Insulation & Finish System) for exterior wall insulation; Outsulation Plus MD for the wall finishes, as well as waterproofing and base-coat finishing.

Casey McLean, superintendent with one of the project's subcontractors, Orange-based Raymond-Southern California, said that he's gotten positive feedback from Turner Construction, the general contrac-

tor, about his workers.

"It's been going very well; Turner was very happy. They called the foremen in individually to thank them for the nice product they're leaving."

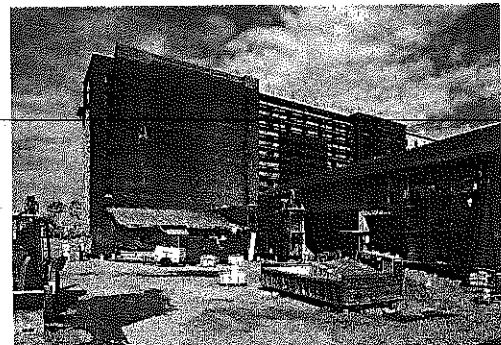
Ground broke in May 2014, and the facilities are scheduled to open during the first quarter of 2016.

This will be the first California location for Great Wolf Lodge. The \$250 million Garden Grove location will include the hotel with 603 rooms and a 130,000 square foot indoor/outdoor waterpark.

Ponce said that as the economy improves, more construction jobs are being

generated.

"The main thing is we have our guys working. A year ago, we didn't have this kind of work, so most of the guys were sitting home. So it benefits our members and they have food on the table for the kids."



Underneath protective cover, Plasterers are at work on a hotel.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

October 15, 2015

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation for the October 22, 2015 Zoning Administrator meeting along with the agenda for the October 23, 2015 meeting.
3. Email from Howard & Mary Singer discussing their disagreement with the City Council's decision of an appointed Mayor.
4. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated October 12 and 15, 2015.

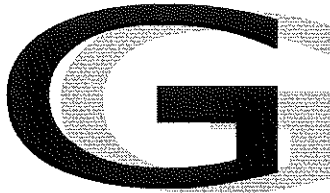


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 15, 2015 – October 22, 2015

Thursday	October 15	5:00 p.m.	Free Movie Night hosted by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, "Little Boy" Starring Emily Watson, Tom Wilkinson and Michael Rapaport
	October 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center CANCELLED
Thursday- Saturday	October 15-17		Indie Fest USA International Film and Music 17352 Main Street
Thursday- Sunday	October 15-18		One More Productions Presents "Little Shop of Horrors", Gem Theater
Friday	October 16		City Hall Closed
		8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents Cinema Under the Stars, "Casablanca" Festival Amphitheater
Saturday	October 17	8:00 p.m.	Great Reunions Concert Series, "Cosmic Thing" (B-52s Tribute), Festival Amphitheater
Sunday	October 18	8:00 p.m.	Great Reunions Concert Series "Rusty Johnson's American Dream" (Jazz Concert), Festival Amphitheater
Tuesday	October 20	8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Harrah's Indian Casino Trip coordinated by H. Louis Lake Senior Center
		6:00 p.m.	"Let's Put Garden Grove on the Map" Workshop Hosted by the City of Garden Grove Courtyard Center
Wednesday	October 21	5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	Concorde Career College's Mixer & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 12951 Euclid Street
Thursday	October 22		Casual Day – Breast Cancer Awareness (Wear Pink)
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room CANCELLED



GARDEN GROVE

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2015**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Third Floor Training Room, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: October 15, 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl Hill', written in a cursive style.

KARL HILL
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



GARDEN GROVE

AGENDA

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

City Hall
11222 Acacia Parkway

Friday, October 23, 2015
Third Floor – Training Room

9:00 a.m.

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

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

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to the Zoning Administrator within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Planning Services Division during normal business hours; and (2) at the City Hall Third Floor Training Room at the time of the meeting.

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-048-2015

APPLICANT: Salinee Kamoljaratsopha
LOCATION: 12910 Harbor Boulevard

REQUEST: To operate a new 2,450 square foot restaurant, FASAI Thai Cuisine, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is in the HCSP-DC (Harbor Corridor Specific Plan – District Commercial) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

b. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-050-2015

APPLICANT: Thanh Ly
LOCATION: 13135 Brookhurst Street

REQUEST: To operate an existing 2,200 square foot restaurant, Happy Days Restaurant, with a new State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Premises) License. The site is in the GGMU-1 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 1) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

c. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-051-2015

APPLICANT: Keith Montoya
LOCATION: 10680 Katella Avenue

REQUEST: To operate a new 1,000 square foot tattoo parlor, Black Ink Gallery, at 10680 Katella Avenue. The establishment will have two general areas: a retail sales area, barber area, and art gallery area located in the front; and, a tattoo station area located in the rear. The site is in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

3. ADJOURNMENT

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kathyb@ci.garden-grove.ca.us

Voting for mayor/council meeting

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From : Mary Ann Singer <kenpowife@aol.com>

Tue, Oct 13, 2015 12:51 PM

Subject : Voting for mayor/council meeting

To : kathyb@ci.garden-grove.ca.us

My husband and I would like to say that we think the people of Garden Grove should have the right to vote for our own mayor not just the city Council.. We think that is a slap in the face to the people & their rights as a citizen of this country to not have a say on who should govern our city!!

Howard & Mary Ann singer
West Garden Grove

Sent from my iPhone

Oct. 12, 2015

Issue #92

Governor's Final Actions Mixed on League Priority Bills

Governor Signs 17 of League's 21 Requested Signatures; Vetoes Five of 11 Requests

Gov. Jerry Brown finished his work yesterday signing and vetoing legislation sent to him by the Legislature in 2015. Major positives for the League this year were his signatures on AB 2 (Alejo), which establishes a new economic development tool for poorer communities, and the medical marijuana regulatory bill package AB 243 (Wood), AB 266 (Bonta, Cooley, Jones-Sawyer, Lackey and Wood), and SB 643 (McGuire). Disappointments included the veto of AB 35 (Chiu and Atkins), which would have increased the availability of affordable housing tax credits by \$100 million, and his signature on several measures which erode local land use and contracting flexibility.

The following is a list of bills on which the League asked the Governor to either sign or veto. It is broken down into Signed Support Legislation, Vetoed Support Legislation, Signed Oppose Legislation and Veto Oppose Legislation. For more information on legislative language, the League's position letters and sample position letters for cities, please enter bill number in the League's [bill search](#).

Signed Support Legislation

HOT AB 2 (Alejo): Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities

This bill authorizes the creation of a new entity at the local level called a Community Revitalization Investment Authority provides a redevelopment option for the most disadvantaged and poorest areas of our state.

AB 90 (Chau): Federal Housing Trust Fund

This bill prepares for future federal housing funding allocations by designating the state Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) as the entity responsible for administering funds received through the Federal Housing Trust Fund. It requires HCD to collaborate with the California Housing Finance Agency in developing an allocation process meeting geographic distribution and other criteria and establishes a stakeholder process to inform these discussions.

AB 169 (Maienschein): Local Government: Public Records: Internet

This bill requires that those agencies that maintain an Internet Resource, which is titled or described as "open-data," meet specified formatting requirements.

AB 216 (Garcia): Vapor Products

This bill prohibits the sale of any device intended to deliver a non-nicotine product in a vapor state directly inhaled by the user to a person under 18 years of age.

HOT AB 243 (Wood): Medical Marijuana

AB 243 requires: licensing and regulation of marijuana cultivation under the Department of Food and Agriculture (DFA); the Department of Pesticide Regulation to develop related standards for pesticides and other foreign object residue, including maximum tolerances; and the Department of Public Health to develop standards for production and labelling of marijuana edibles. This bill assigns joint responsibility to DFA, the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to prevent illegal water diversion associated with marijuana cultivation from adversely affecting California fish population. The bill also directs a multi-agency task force (DFW-SWRCB) to expand existing enforcement efforts to a statewide level to reduce adverse environmental impacts such as illegal discharge into waterways and poisoning of marine life and habitats.

HOT AB 266 (Bonta, Cooley, Jones-Sawyer, Lackey, Wood): Medical Marijuana

AB 266 protects local control as it establishes statewide regulatory scheme. Under the bill, state regulation will be headed by the Bureau of Marijuana Regulation within Department of Consumer Affairs. The bill provides for dual licensing: the state would issue licenses, while local governments would issue permits or licenses to operate marijuana businesses, according to local ordinances. This legislation also requires establishment of uniform health and safety standards, testing standards, and security requirements at dispensaries and during transport of the product.

AB 313 (Atkins): Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District: Cleanup

This bill makes various improvements to the Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District tool that will facilitate implementation.

AB 388 (Chang): Homeless Veteran's Housing Funding Reports

AB 388 requires the HCD to report specified performance data to the Legislature as part of an annual evaluation performed by the department, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, on the expenditure of \$600 million in bonds, authorized by Prop. 41, for a variety of housing options including assisting homeless veterans.

AB 851 (Mayes): LAFCO: Disincorporation

AB 851 updates existing disincorporation laws, including requiring plan for providing services to the area following disincorporation.

AB 1157 (Nazarian): Aircraft Property Tax Assessment

This bill continues the existing aircraft property tax assessment program based on local county assessors for one year.

AB 1222 (Bloom): Tow Trucks

This bill addresses the problem of tow truck scams by requiring better documentation and providing tools for better enforcement.

HOT AB 1223 (O'Donnell): Emergency Medical Services: Ambulance Transportation

AB 1223 alleviates wait time for emergency medical services (EMS) personnel delivering patients by requiring the California Emergency Medical Services Authority to develop a methodology for determining an acceptable amount of time for EMS crews to offload their patients at emergency rooms. The bill requires local EMS authorities to adopt this methodology and begin tracking wait times, and it gives EMS crews the ability to deliver their patients to alternative treatment locations when emergency departments cannot receive them.

AB 1228 (Gibson): Housing for Homeless and Foster Youth

This bill encourages additional flexibility in student housing facilities at state community college and university campuses for the challenges faced by students who are formerly homeless and foster youth.

HOT SB 485 (Hernandez): County of L.A.: Sanitation Districts

SB 485 authorizes sanitation districts in Los Angeles County to acquire, construct, operate, maintain and furnish facilities for the diversion, management, and treatment of stormwater and dry weather runoff.

HOT SB 493 (Cannella): Elections in Cities: By or From Districts

SB 493 authorizes a city council of a city with a population less than 100,000 to adopt an ordinance to switch the election system from at-large to by-district.

SB 533 (Pan): Sales Tax Rebate Agreements

This bill amends existing law to remove several exceptions which have allowed sales tax rebate agreements to shift of local Bradley-Burns sales taxes away from local agencies without their knowledge and consent. SB 533 also requires notification of affected agencies prior to enacting future agreements that would result in reduced sales tax allocations to the affected agencies.

HOT SB 643 (McGuire): Medical Marijuana

This bill imposes fines of up to \$5,000 against physicians for violating the prohibition against

having a financial interest in a marijuana business. Recommendations for cannabis without a prior examination would constitute unprofessional conduct. This bill also: imposes restrictions on advertising for physician recommendations; places Department of Food and Agriculture in charge of cultivation regulations and licensing, and require a track-and-trace program; itemize disqualifying felonies for state licensure; places the Department of Pesticide Regulation in charge of pesticide regulation and Department of Public Health in charge of production and labelling of edibles; and upholds local power to levy fees and taxes.

Vetoed Support Legislation

HOT AB 35 (Chiu, Atkins): Housing Tax Credit

AB 35 would have increased the state's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit from \$70 to \$170 million annually for five years, providing an additional \$500 million to a program that is always heavily oversubscribed.

AB 428 (Nazarian): Seismic Rehabilitation Tax Credits

This bill would have offered a 30 percent tax credit for seismic rehabilitation of endangered properties, capped at a total of \$12 million per-year over a four-year program.

HOT SB 25 (Roth): Incorporations

This bill would have assisted, through a property tax adjustment, four recently incorporated cities harmed by prior vehicle license fee takeaway.

SB 168 (Gaines, Jackson): Unmanned Aircraft Systems

This bill would have provided first-responder immunity for damage to drones interfering with firefighting, airborne or ground ambulances and search-and-rescue operations. It would have increased fines for violation of existing laws prohibiting operations in flight-restricted airspace during emergencies.

Signed Oppose Legislation

HOT AB 57 (Quirk): Wireless Telecom Facilities

This bill deems approved any application for colocation or siting of a new wireless telecommunications facility if a city or county fails to approve or disapprove the application within time periods that the Federal Communications Commission established.

HOT AB 744 (Chau): Density Bonus-Parking

AB 744 undermines local control by establishing unrealistically low parking standards for various affordable housing projects.

AB 1236 (Chiu): EV Charging Stations

This bill requires cities and counties to streamline and expedite the permitting and inspection process for electric vehicle charging stations.

HOT SB 239 (Hertzberg): Fire Service Contracting/LAFCO: Request for Veto

This bill imposes significant barriers to new or extensions of contracts for firefighting services outside of jurisdictional boundaries.

HOT SB 331 (Mendoza): Public Contracts: Local Agencies: Negotiations

SB 331 requires that cities, counties or special districts that have a COIN ordinance for labor negotiations to apply the same standards to other contracts valued at \$250,000 or more for goods or services.

SB 379 (Jackson): Land Use: Safety Element

This bill requires the safety element to be reviewed and updated as necessary to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies applicable to that city or county.

Vetoed Oppose Legislation

HOT AB 36 (Campos): Local Government: Federal Surplus Property

This bill would have prohibited local agencies from receiving surplus military equipment under the

federal 1033 program unless the legislative body of the local agency has first voted to approve the acquisition at a public meeting that is compliant with the Brown Act. Amendments allowing for closed-session votes and limited disclosure about approved equipment under specified circumstances were deleted from bill.

AB 88 (Gomez): Sales Tax Exemption: Utility Appliance Purchases

This bill would have expanded the scope of utility programs that provide free appliances to low income individuals, by exempting the utility from sales tax (both state and local shares) associated with the equipment purchases.

HOT AB 305 (Gonzalez): Workers' Compensation: Permanent Disability Apportionment

AB 305 would have prohibited apportionment of a permanent disability claim in the case of a physical injury from being based on: pregnancy (or menopause if the condition is contemporaneous with the claimed physical injury) or psychiatric injury occurring on or from being based on psychiatric disability or impairment caused by sexual harassment.

AB 1301 (Jones-Sawyer): Voting Rights: Preclearance

AB 1301 would have established a statewide preclearance system, requiring that voting-related laws, regulations and policies be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval.

SB 406 (Jackson): Employment: Leave

This bill would have changed what family members are covered under existing law. It would also permit parents who work for the same employer to each take 12 weeks of leave.

No Position Signed Legislation

SB 107 (Budget): RDA Dissolution

This legislation makes significant changes to redevelopment dissolution laws and procedures and contains several unrelated items. The League previously distributed a [comprehensive summary](#) of this measure to its members. A letter to the Journal was submitted by Sen. Mark Leno (D-San Francisco) to clarify various aspects. Impacts on cities affected by this issue will depend on future Department of Finance interpretation and implementation.

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LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS AFFECTING CALIFORNIA CITIES

Oct. 15, 2015
Issue #94

IN THIS ISSUE:

Page 3: PACE Funding Approved as Administrator of CSCDA Open PACE Program

Page 4: Registration for the 2016 City Managers Department Meeting is Now Open

Transportation Conference Committee to Hold First Hearings Oct. 16 and 21

The first two hearings of the conference committee of the First Extraordinary Session (Transportation) have been scheduled for Friday, Oct. 16 in Sacramento and Wednesday, Oct. 21 in Ontario. *For more, see Page 2.*



CalPERS to Consider Policy to Lower Investment Risk *League Supports Fund Sustainability, Urges CalPERS Board to Consider Challenges for Cities*

The CalPERS Board of Administration next week will consider a new funding risk mitigation/investment policy to help reduce risk and volatility in the fund in years in which returns exceed the "discount rate" by 4 percent or more. The discount rate is used to calculate future investment returns, taking into consideration how the current year's performance will affect the next year. *For more, see Page 2.*



League Seeks Images of City Council Meetings, Agendas, Council Member Discussions and More for Use in New Brown Act Publication

The League is in the process of updating its publication, *Open and Public: A Guide to the Ralph M. Brown Act*. In publishing the fifth edition of the most-referred to users guide for open and public meetings, the League is interested in featuring new images from California cities to illustrate the book. *For more, see Page 2.*

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According to legislative staff, the committee members plan to examine various proposals to fund transportation infrastructure, with an emphasis on repairing California's deteriorated highways, streets, and roads. Gov. Jerry Brown's Administration will present its funding proposal and the Legislative Analyst's Office will describe and compare this and other proposals. Witnesses representing local government, labor and business will provide testimony.

Both written and verbal public testimony will be accepted at the hearings, and cities are encouraged to stress the importance of a proposal that includes both additional revenues for the local streets and roads system and reform proposals. As with most conference committees, negotiations will continue between the conferees after the hearings. This may be the best opportunity for public input before the Legislature comes to an agreement.

Hearing details are as follows:

Friday, Oct. 16
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 4202
Sacramento, CA 95814

Wednesday, Oct. 21
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Ontario City Hall
City Council Chambers
303 East "B" Street
Ontario, CA 91764

The conference committee was announced shortly after the end of the regular session in September.

The League remains committed to advocating for additional funding and streamlining measures to address the 10-year, \$78 billion funding shortfall for the local streets and roads system. The League is a member of Fix Our Roads, a broad coalition of local government, labor, and business stakeholders working toward an agreement.

'CalPERS' Continued from Page 1...

The new plan could potentially produce lower returns for the nation's largest pension investment fund and trigger changes in employer and employee contributions in the future. Under the proposed policy the CalPERS "discount rate" would be lowered from its current rate of 7.5 percent in increments of .05 percent up to a maximum of .25 percent depending on the excess investment return over the established discount rate. Discount rate reductions will then trigger changes in investment asset allocations, reducing likely investment returns and volatility in investment returns and gradual increases in employer and employee rates in the future.

The proposed policy is viewed by CalPERS as a preferable alternative to the current policy in which strong investment years are typically followed by lower performing years. When returns are lower, the cost to participating agencies rises. It is hoped the proposed policy will soften the employer and employee rate swings that result from steep declines in investment returns.

The potential action is detailed in the *Sacramento Bee*, "CalPERS aims to lower investment risks," Oct. 12, 2015

League Research and Reaction

The League recently conducted a survey of cities to assess cities' perspectives on CalPERS volatility. The survey found that 77 percent of the 115 responding cities support the CalPERS board taking steps to reduce volatility in its investments by lowering the discount rate and gradually raising employer/employee contribution rates in the next few decades in addition to already programmed increases. However, the League cautioned CalPERS when reporting on the

results that the implementation of any additional rate increases to reduce future investment and rate volatility will be even more challenging for those cities in fiscal distress. The League urged the CalPERS board to balance its policy with this reality.

League Executive Director Chris McKenzie stated: "We believe the proposed Funding Risk Mitigation Policy reflects the overwhelming opinion of the respondents to the League survey and still allows the CalPERS Board to consider fiscal distress of local agencies and other factors as they may arise in the future. There is strong support at the local level for keeping the CalPERS system fiscally sustainable, and reducing volatility risk in the investment portfolio is a major ingredient in accomplishing that goal. These additional costs will likely be the subject of future local labor negotiations."

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Cities who are interested in submitting images should take high resolution photos that the League can use in the publication. Images should be at the size of 8.5"x8" and a minimum of 240 dpi.

The following are images are needed:

- City councils and the public engaged in a meeting — such as a shot from the back of the chamber looking at the dais with the council seated. The opposite image would be useful taken behind the dais seeing the backs of the council at the dais looking out at the full chamber of community members;
- City council with no meeting participants in the audience visible;
- City council meeting agendas both as printed documents and also on digital devices such as a tablet or laptop or computer screen;
- The agenda posted at city hall as public notice;
- Stack of agenda packets on a desk;
- Two council members talking directly to each other;
- Speaker phone on dais;
- Microphones both on dais and at the podium where public comments; and
- The public at the podium commenting.

The League requests that if you take pictures with the audience visible, please ask those in the images to sign a release form so the League has authorization to use their image.

Because city council meetings occur on a weekly or biweekly basis and staff is extremely busy during the meeting, the League suggests that cities interested in submitting images for this purpose, ask city staff to participate as the audience with the council in a staged meeting as not to take away from the work being done in a real public meeting.

Images can be emailed to leagueofcities@gmail.com.

Please contact [Eva Spiegel](#) with any questions at (916) 658-8228.

The League greatly appreciates your city's input and participation in this process. Thank you for your help in making *Open and Public V* a dynamic publication.

PACE Funding Approved as Administrator of CSCDA Open PACE Program

California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) this year launched its Open PACE platform as a turnkey solution for residential and commercial property owners to finance renewable energy, energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements via a voluntary property assessment placed on a property owners' property. CSCDA is pleased to announce the addition of PACE Funding to its offering of Open PACE Program administrators. The Open PACE Program now will allow city and county property owners to access CaliforniaFIRST, AllianceNRG and PACE Funding through the adoption of a one-time resolution.

PACE Funding CEO Robert Giles said "We are excited to be able to roll out our financing product to the California market through CSCDA. CSCDA has a long track record of bringing innovative

financing programs to California municipalities and Open PACE will be yet another success for them”.

To learn more about Open PACE please visit the CSCDA [website](#).

About CSCDA

CSCDA was created in 1988, under California's Joint Exercise of Powers Act, to provide California's local governments with an effective tool for the timely financing of community-based public benefit projects. CSCDA is sponsored by the California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities. Currently, more than 500 cities, counties and special districts have become Program Participants to CSCDA.

Registration for the 2016 City Managers Department Meeting is Now Open

Deadline to Register is Jan. 4

The League is gearing up for the 2016 City Managers Department Meeting in Indian Wells being held on Feb. 3-5.

This meeting allows city managers and assistant managers the opportunity to network and keep current on the wide range of issues. This is the largest gathering of managers that the League facilitates.

Full conference registration includes admission for the following:

- Two and a half days of educational sessions;
- Wednesday reception, Thursday lunch, Friday breakfast; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

Registration fees subsidize the following: \$50 for Cal-ICMA and \$50 for CCMF.

Additional information about the City Managers Department Meeting sessions and speakers is available on the League's [website](#).
