

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
February 19, 2015

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

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. QUARTERLY SALES TAX UPDATE

Attached is an update on the City's Third Quarter Sales 2014 Sales Tax Report from the HdL Companies.

B. INVESTMENT REPORT

Kingsley Okereke provides the January 2015 Investment Report.

C. FIRE CHIEF RECRUITMENT

An update on the recruitment for Fire Chief is attached for your review.

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

None.

• 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

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Allan Roeder
Dept: INTERIM City Manager
Subject: QUARTERLY SALES TAX UPDATE

From: Kingsley Okereke
Dept: Finance
Date: February 17, 2015

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the Garden Grove City Council on the City's Fourth Quarter Receipts for Third Quarter Sales (July - September 2014) as reported by the HdL Companies.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The City's third quarter 2014 (July - September 2014) sales tax report showed a decrease in adjusted gross receipts of 3.4% compared to the same period last year. The relocation of a Point-of-Sale (Office Max) that shifted the business activity away from Garden Grove and the significant drop in oil prices were primarily responsible for the losses in gross receipts. The losses were partially offset by recent additions that helped boost revenues from discount department stores (Walmart), used automotive dealers and restaurants. The year over year quarterly results in the major sales tax receipt categories are outlined below.

- Auto and Transportation increased 2.81%
- General Consumer Goods increased 6.1%
- Fuel and Service Stations were down 7.2%
- Restaurants and Hotels were up 9.3%
- Business and Industry were down 37.9%
- Building and Construction were down 11.0%
- Food and Drugs were up 4.1%

SUMMARY

Overall, Garden Grove's adjusted gross receipts fell 3.4%, which was lower than Orange County (+3.9%), Southern California region (+5.1%), and the State (+5.5%). For additional information, please refer to the Garden Grove Sales Tax Update flyer attached to the manager memo.



KINGSLEY OKEREKE
Finance Director/Assistant City Manager

By: GRACE LEE
Economic Development Specialist

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Garden Grove Sales Tax Update

Fourth Quarter Receipts for Third Quarter Sales (July - September 2014)

Garden Grove In Brief

Receipts for Garden Grove's July through September sales were 3.1% lower than the same quarter one year ago. Actual sales activity was down 3.4% when reporting aberrations were factored out.

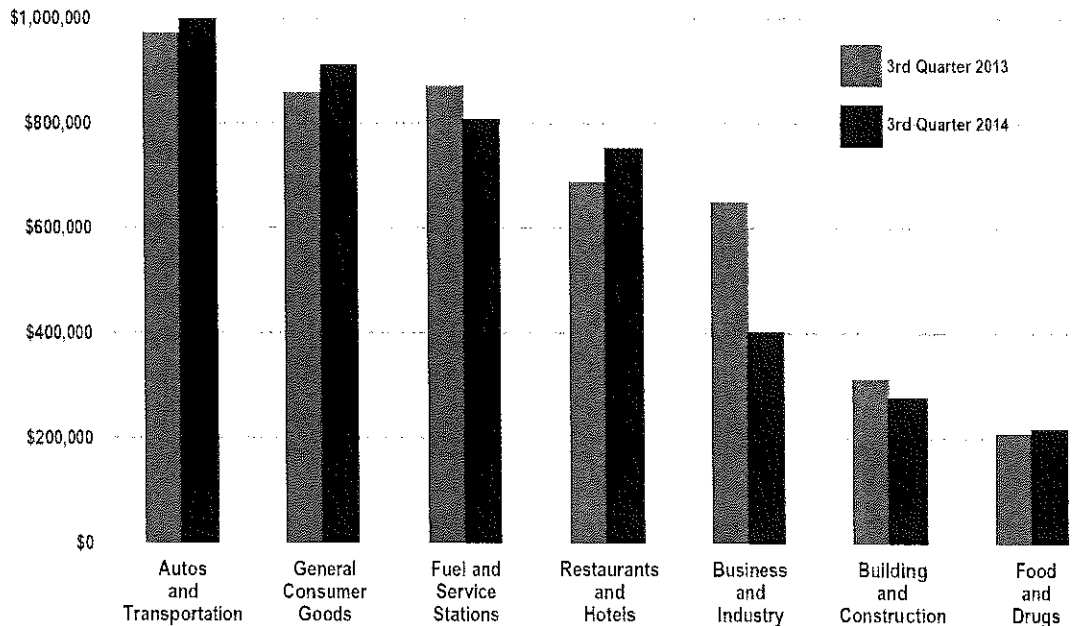
The relocation of a sales desk that shifted the business activity away from Garden Grove was primarily responsible for the current decrease.

A double-up payment that inflated year-ago returns caused the drop in the building and construction sector. The city experienced a decline in sales from petroleum products/equipment.

The losses were partially offset by recent additions that helped boost revenues from discount department stores, used automotive dealers and restaurants.

Adjusted for aberrations, taxable sales for all of Orange County increased 3.9% over the comparable time period, while the Southern California region as a whole was up 5.1%.

SALES TAX BY MAJOR BUSINESS GROUP



TOP 25 PRODUCERS

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

AM PM	McDonalds
Arco	OC Nissan
Arco	Ross
Arco AM PM	Schlumberger Technology
Arco AM PM	Shell
Cafe Alicante	Simpson Chevrolet
California Fuels & Lubricants	Target
Chevron	Toyota Place
Chevron	Volkswagen of Garden Grove
Chevron	Vons
Costco	Walmart Neighborhood Market
Garden Grove Hyundai	
Garden Grove Kia	
Home Depot	

REVENUE COMPARISON

Two Quarters - Fiscal Year To Date

	2013-14	2014-15
Point-of-Sale	\$9,142,939	\$8,694,401
County Pool	985,234	992,561
State Pool	4,870	6,250
Gross Receipts	\$10,133,044	\$9,693,212
Less Triple Flip*	\$(2,533,261)	\$(2,423,303)

*Reimbursed from county compensation fund

SECTION

California Overall

With payment aberrations removed, local sales tax revenues rose 5.5% over the comparable quarter of July through September 2013.

The largest gains were from the countywide use tax pools which have been boosted by the rising shift to online shopping and involve a larger portion of goods shipped from out-of-state. Rising sales from auto dealers and restaurants, high tech Silicon Valley business activities, and Southern California construction also contributed.

Among general consumer goods, discount department stores, value priced apparel, home goods, pet and personal care products outperformed other categories.

The Impact of Falling Gas Prices on Sales Tax

Fuel prices plunged to a 5 year low in December with predictions that expanded North American oil production, gains in fuel efficiency and a sluggish international economy will sustain lower gas prices through much of 2015.

Not all of the estimated \$50 to \$75 per month family savings will be spent on taxable goods. Part will be absorbed by rising costs of food and other non-taxable necessities and by the ongoing shift in buying habits from purchases of taxable goods to non-taxable services, cellphone fees and internet access.

Among the various economic segments that make up each agency's sales tax base, grocers, drug stores and restaurants should benefit most. Extra disposable income translates into more travel, dining out and impulse purchases of taxable items while shopping for food and necessities.

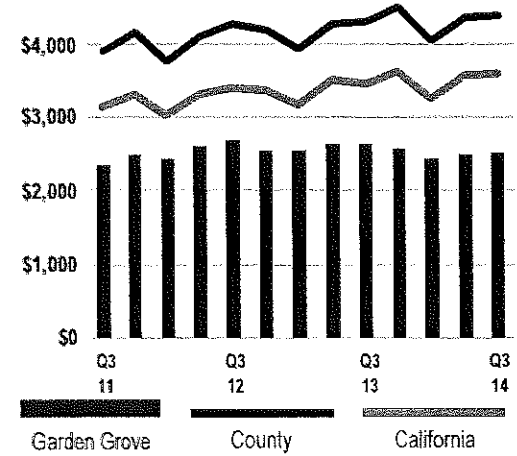
Despite intensive price competition, tax gains from general con-

sumer goods can also be expected although accelerating online shopping will shift much of the growth to the countywide allocation pools rather than brick and mortar stores.

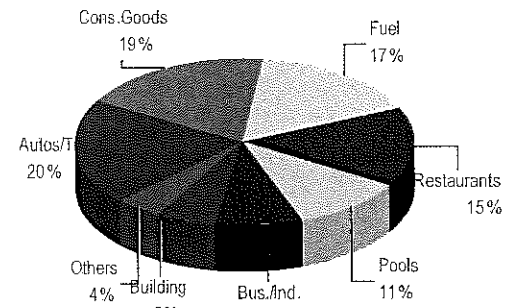
Agencies with auto dealerships are also benefiting as lower fuel prices and increased fuel efficiency have buyers choosing more costly SUVs and accessories. Gains in home improvement purchases are anticipated although the tax will be distributed via countywide pools if the sale includes onsite installation.

The major losing tax segment will be in fuel/service stations. The losses will be partially offset by increased travel/fuel consumption and by added costs associated with new green emission requirements that went into effect January 1. Even so, substantial declines from service stations, truck stops, bulk and jet fuel operators and petroleum industry suppliers should be anticipated. In the business/industry segment, tax from capital investment in new alternative energy and oil production projects is likely to slow.

SALES PER CAPITA



REVENUE BY BUSINESS GROUP
Garden Grove This Quarter



GARDEN GROVE TOP 15 BUSINESS TYPES

Business Type	*In thousands			
	Garden Grove Q3 '14*	Change	County Change	HdL State Change
Automotive Supply Stores	79.5	1.8%	2.0%	-0.2%
Casual Dining	391.0	7.4%	3.8%	6.5%
Discount Dept Stores	533.2	11.2%	2.5%	2.5%
Drug Stores	55.1	0.7%	-0.5%	0.9%
Family Apparel	98.3	2.5%	7.2%	6.0%
Grocery Stores Liquor	97.7	5.0%	4.1%	8.4%
Heavy Industrial	56.8	-4.4%	1.3%	9.9%
Light Industrial/Printers	157.9	0.4%	1.1%	4.8%
Lumber/Building Materials	— CONFIDENTIAL —		0.2%	4.7%
New Motor Vehicle Dealers	592.4	-0.3%	7.4%	8.0%
Petroleum Prod/Equipment	134.4	-21.1%	21.4%	4.6%
Quick-Service Restaurants	281.4	5.2%	7.6%	8.3%
Service Stations	674.7	-3.8%	3.9%	1.2%
Specialty Stores	86.6	-6.0%	4.6%	5.6%
Used Automotive Dealers	131.0	24.9%	8.3%	11.9%
Total All Accounts	\$4,374.9	-4.2%	3.0%	5.5%
County & State Pool Allocation	\$515.4	7.0%	15.0%	10.2%
Gross Receipts	\$4,890.4	-3.1%	4.2%	6.1%

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Allan Roeder
Dept: City Manager
Subject: INVESTMENT REPORT
FOR JANUARY 2015

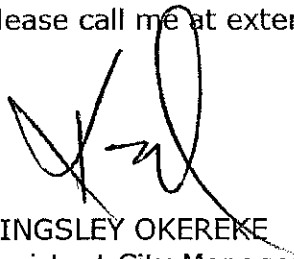
From: Kingsley Okereke
Dept: Finance
Date: February 17, 2015

Enclosed is the January 2015 Investment Report which shows the financial institutions, types of investment instruments, monthly transactions, current month interest received, and the par and fair market value of investments held. The month-end cash in the bank and petty cash balances are also listed on the Cash and Investment Report. The pie chart reflects the investment instruments as a percentage of the total portfolio.

This investment portfolio meets State guidelines and adheres to the City investment policy. As of January 2015, the City invested 25.961% of its total portfolio in treasury securities and 49.400% in federally backed securities. 19.990% of the portfolio or \$40.041 million is invested in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) managed by the California State Treasurer. A portion of the investment portfolio is restricted as they are funds held and invested by an outside fiscal agent. The restrictions were set forth in the related bond indentures. As of January 2015, 4.649% of the portfolio is restricted. Please see chart on attachment A.

In summary, the investment portfolio is secured and the City has the necessary cash to pay its bills for six months in a timely manner.

Please call me at extension #5060 if you have any questions.



KINGSLEY OKEREKE
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director

KO/EC/HW/RK/RM

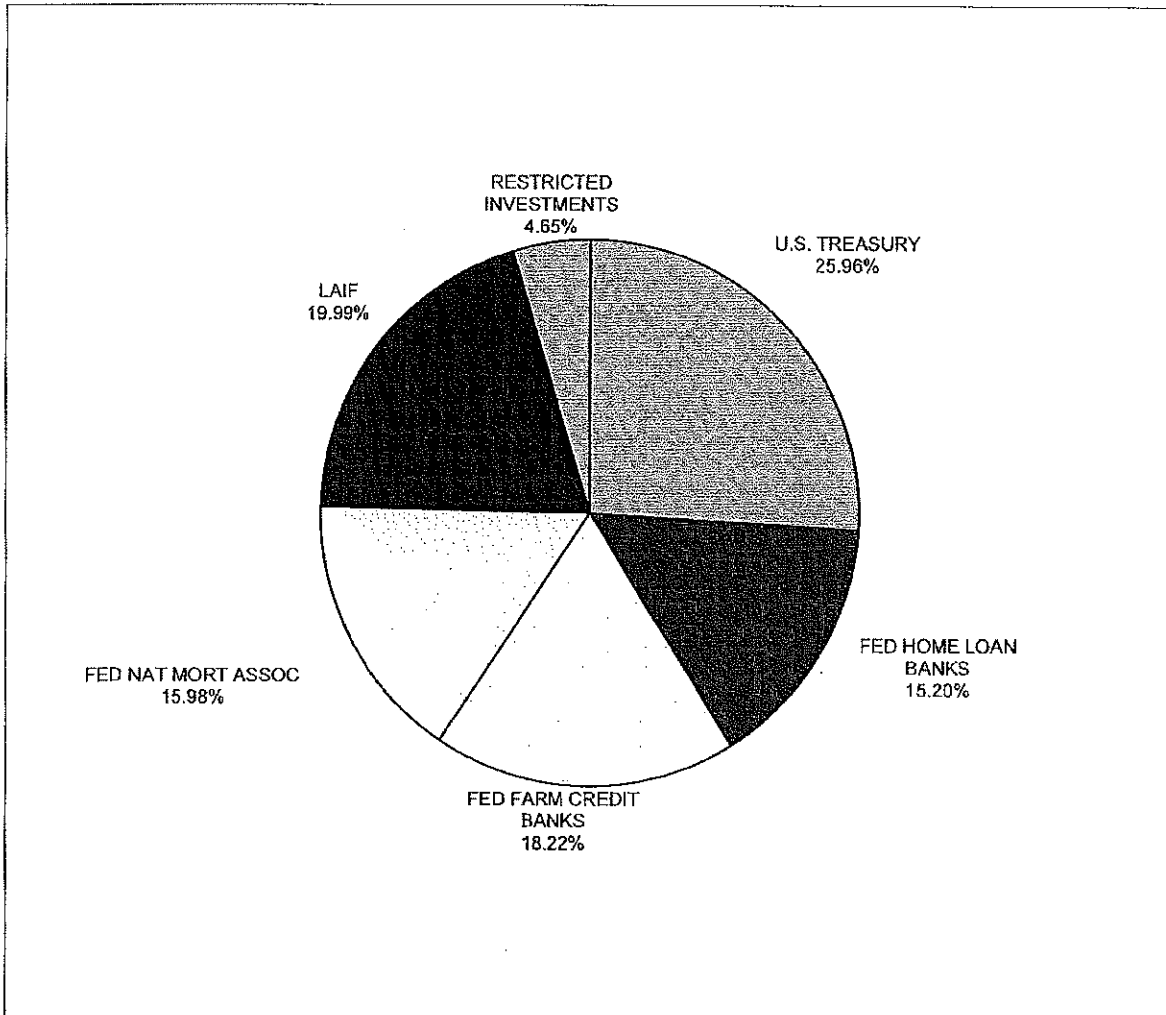
Attachments
cc: Monica Neely

ATTACHMENT A

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

January 2015

<u>TYPE OF INVESTMENT / FIN INSTITUTION</u>		<u>END. INV</u>	<u>% OF INV.</u>
U.S. TREASURY	\$	52,000,000	25.961%
FED HOME LOAN BANKS		30,450,000	15.202%
FED FARM CREDIT BANKS		36,500,000	18.222%
FED NAT MORT ASSOC		32,000,000	15.976%
LAIF		40,040,512	19.990%
RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS		9,311,435	4.649%
TOTAL OF INVESTMENTS	\$	200,301,947	100.000%



WEIGHTED AVERAGE MATURITIES
January 2015

Investment	Yield (Rate)	UBOC Held	Amount	Date of Maturity	No. Days to Mat. 1/31/2015	Weighted Investment Amt	Weighted # of Days
			(a)		(b)	(a / total a = c)	(b x c)
TREASURY							
U S TREASURY	2.500	*	3,000,000	03/31/15	59	1.57076%	0.927
U S TREASURY	1.750	*	3,000,000	07/31/15	181	1.57076%	2.943
U S TREASURY	2.250	*	3,000,000	02/29/16	394	1.57076%	6.189
U S TREASURY	2.375	*	4,000,000	02/28/15	28	2.09434%	0.586
U S TREASURY	0.375	*	3,000,000	06/15/15	135	1.57076%	2.121
U S TREASURY	0.250	*	2,000,000	09/15/15	227	1.04717%	2.377
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	4,000,000	06/30/16	516	2.09434%	10.807
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	3,000,000	07/31/16	547	1.57076%	8.592
U S TREASURY	1.000	*	6,000,000	08/31/16	578	3.14152%	18.158
U S TREASURY	1.000	*	6,000,000	10/31/16	639	3.14152%	20.074
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	06/30/18	1,246	1.57076%	19.572
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	3,000,000	08/31/18	1,308	1.57076%	20.546
U S TREASURY	1.250	*	3,000,000	10/31/18	1,369	1.57076%	21.504
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	07/31/18	1,277	1.57076%	20.059
U S TREASURY	1.625	*	3,000,000	03/31/19	1,520	1.57076%	23.876
CITY							
FHLB	2.875	*	3,000,000	06/12/15	132	1.57076%	2.073
FHLB	1.360	*	4,000,000	09/06/16	584	2.09434%	12.231
FHLB	1.625	*	1,000,000	09/28/15	240	0.52359%	1.257
FHLB	1.630	*	2,450,000	08/20/15	201	1.28279%	2.578
FHLB	2.125	*	2,000,000	06/10/16	496	1.04717%	5.194
FHLB	1.300	*	6,000,000	11/30/16	669	3.14152%	21.017
FHLB	1.000	*	3,000,000	06/09/17	860	1.57076%	13.509
FHLB	1.125	*	3,000,000	07/28/17	909	1.57076%	14.278
FHLB	2.250	*	3,000,000	09/08/17	951	1.57076%	14.938
FHLB	0.875	*	3,000,000	03/10/17	769	1.57076%	12.079
FFCB	1.670	*	3,000,000	03/24/15	52	1.57076%	0.817
FFCB	1.500	*	2,000,000	11/16/15	289	1.04717%	3.026
FFCB	0.930	*	2,500,000	11/16/15	289	1.30897%	3.783
FFCB	1.050	*	3,000,000	03/28/16	422	1.57076%	6.629
FFCB	1.000	*	3,000,000	05/16/17	836	1.57076%	13.132
FFCB	0.370	*	2,000,000	10/14/15	256	1.04717%	2.681
FFCB	0.350	*	3,000,000	07/14/15	184	1.57076%	2.576
FFCB	0.360	*	3,000,000	08/14/15	195	1.57076%	3.063
FFCB	0.400	*	3,000,000	02/01/16	366	1.57076%	5.749
FFCB	1.160	*	3,000,000	10/23/17	996	1.57076%	15.645
FFCB	1.460	*	3,000,000	11/21/18	1,390	1.57076%	21.834
FFCB	1.470	*	3,000,000	07/09/18	1,255	1.57076%	19.719
FFCB	1.590	*	3,000,000	10/01/18	1,338	1.57076%	21.032
FNMA	2.200	*	3,000,000	03/24/16	418	1.57076%	6.566
FNMA	2.170	*	3,000,000	09/15/16	593	1.57076%	9.315
FNMA	1.625	*	2,000,000	10/26/15	288	1.04717%	2.806
FNMA	5.375	*	3,000,000	07/15/16	531	1.57076%	8.341
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	10/26/17	999	1.57076%	15.692
FNMA	1.000	*	3,000,000	09/20/17	963	1.57076%	15.126
FNMA	1.325	*	3,000,000	11/27/18	1,396	1.57076%	21.928
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	02/08/18	1,104	1.57076%	17.341
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	08/28/17	940	1.57076%	14.765
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	05/21/18	1,206	1.57076%	18.943
FNMA	0.700	*	3,000,000	02/21/18	1,117	1.57076%	17.545
LAIF/REPO/COMMERCIAL PAPER							
LAIF	0.500		40,040,512	01/31/15	-	20.96466%	0.000
			190,990,512		33,219	100.00000%	545
RESTRICTED							
U.S. BANK-2002 COP			1,584,528	01/31/15	-	16.80222%	0.000
UNION BANK -2008 Kalella Cottages			175,517	01/31/15	-	1.88496%	0.000
U.S. BANK-2004 WATER			1,338,242	01/31/15	-	14.37203%	0.000
US BANK -2006 SEWER			1,505,296	01/31/15	-	16.16610%	0.000
US BANK -2010 WATER			695,232	01/31/15	-	7.47717%	0.000
US BANK -2014 TARB			4,031,621	01/31/15	-	43.29753%	0.000
			9,311,435		-	100.00000%	-
Investment Total			200,301,947			TOT WAM	520

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT
PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 2015

TYPE INVESTMENT/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH MATURITIES		ENDING INVESTMENT MATURITIES		PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	FAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INT RECD DATE
	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE				
LAIF	0.500		33,021,314.87		17,519,197.31		10,500,000.00		19,197.31			01/19/15
			33,021,314.87		17,519,197.31		10,500,000.00		18,197.31			
			SHARES/ UNITS HELD									
U.S. TREASURY	2.375	01/07/13	4,000,000.00				02/28/15	4,000,000.00		4,000,000.00	4,006,400.00	09/02/14
U.S. TREASURY	2.500	07/09/11	3,000,000.00				03/31/15	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,011,370.00	09/30/14
U.S. TREASURY	0.375	01/07/13	3,000,000.00				08/15/15	3,000,000.00		3,003,390.00	3,003,390.00	12/15/14
U.S. TREASURY	1.750	12/08/11	3,000,000.00				07/31/15	3,000,000.00		3,000,509.00	3,024,800.00	07/31/14
U.S. TREASURY	0.250	04/25/13	2,000,000.00				09/15/15	2,000,000.00		2,001,260.00	2,001,260.00	09/19/14
U.S. TREASURY	2.250	02/09/12	3,000,000.00				02/29/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,000,480.00	09/02/14
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	01/11/13	1,000,000.00				06/30/16	1,000,000.00		1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	12/31/14
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	03/15/13	3,000,000.00				05/30/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	07/31/14
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	01/11/13	3,000,000.00				07/31/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,052,260.00	07/31/14
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	05/09/13	3,000,000.00				08/31/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	6,980,000.00	09/02/14
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	04/29/13	3,000,000.00				10/31/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	6,062,820.00	10/31/14
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	05/09/13	3,000,000.00				10/31/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,047,820.00	12/31/14
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	03/27/14	3,000,000.00				05/30/18	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,048,410.00	07/31/14
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	06/05/14	3,000,000.00				07/31/18	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,058,590.00	09/02/14
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	04/02/14	3,000,000.00				09/31/18	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,026,880.00	10/31/14
U.S. TREASURY	1.250	06/04/14	3,000,000.00				10/31/18	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,067,980.00	10/31/14
U.S. TREASURY	1.625			01/09/15	3,000,000.00		03/31/19	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00		
			48,000,000.00		3,000,000.00			52,000,000.00		52,000,000.00	52,599,090.00	
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS												
FHLB	2.125	12/01/11	2,000,000.00				05/10/16	2,000,000.00		2,000,000.00	2,044,880.00	12/10/14
FHLB	1.350	09/05/11	4,000,000.00				08/05/16	4,000,000.00		4,000,000.00	4,060,280.00	09/08/14
FHLB	2.875	05/31/11	3,000,000.00				06/12/15	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,029,890.00	12/12/14
FHLB	1.630	09/29/11	2,450,000.00				09/20/15	2,450,000.00		2,450,000.00	2,469,992.00	08/20/14
FHLB	1.625	09/07/11	1,000,000.00				09/28/15	1,000,000.00		1,000,000.00	1,006,740.00	09/29/14
FHLB	1.300	12/02/11	3,000,000.00				11/30/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	6,101,790.00	12/01/14
FHLB	1.000	06/25/13	3,000,000.00				05/08/17	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,023,130.00	12/09/14
FHLB	1.125	07/29/13	3,000,000.00				07/28/17	3,000,000.00	16,875.00	3,000,000.00	3,022,470.00	01/28/15
FHLB	2.250	12/17/13	3,000,000.00				09/08/17	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,105,570.00	09/08/14
FHLB	0.875	01/09/15			3,000,000.00		03/10/17	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,016,330.00	
			27,460,000.00		3,000,000.00			30,460,000.00	16,875.00	30,460,000.00	30,862,992.00	

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	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE				
FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS												
FFCB	1.870	07/09/11	3,000,000.00			03/24/15	3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,004,500.00	09/24/14
FFCB	0.350	01/14/13	2,000,000.00			07/14/15	2,000,000.00	3,500.00		2,000,000.00	2,001,540.00	01/14/15
FFCB	0.360	01/14/13	2,500,000.00			08/14/15	2,500,000.00			2,500,000.00	2,503,200.00	08/14/14
FFCB	0.370	01/14/13	3,000,000.00			10/14/15	3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,003,900.00	10/14/14
FFCB	1.500	10/22/11	3,000,000.00			11/16/15	3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,029,700.00	11/17/14
FFCB	0.930	11/17/11	2,000,000.00			11/16/15	2,000,000.00			2,000,000.00	2,011,680.00	11/17/14
FFCB	0.400	02/01/13	3,000,000.00			02/01/15	3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,003,690.00	08/01/14
FFCB	1.050	03/28/12	3,000,000.00			03/28/15	3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,024,270.00	08/29/14
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CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT
 PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 2015

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

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COMMERCIAL BANK-Willowick		01/31/15	234,875.89							234,875.89
WELLS FARGO BANK - Civic Center Housing		01/31/15	62,895.33							62,895.33
UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA										
Charge Back Account		01/31/15	17,340.09							17,340.09
General Account		01/31/15	925,033.97							925,033.97
Home		01/31/15	216.22							216.22
Housing Authority (Accounting)		01/31/15	0.12							0.12
Housing Authority Escrow		01/31/15	91,982.32							91,982.32
Liability		01/31/15	41,905.86							41,905.86
Workers Comp		01/31/15	166,405.83							166,405.83
Successor Agency		01/31/15	490,974.40							490,974.40
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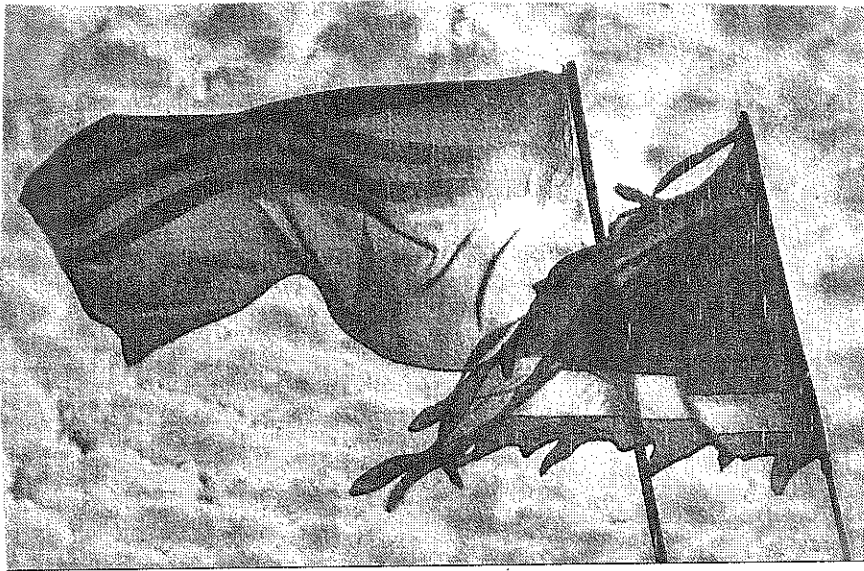
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Finance		01/31/15	3,000.00							3,000.00
Departments		01/31/15	3,950.00							3,950.00
Police Dept-SIU		01/31/15	30,000.00							30,000.00
Police Dept-Dng		01/31/15	3,500.00							3,500.00
Police Dept-Reg		01/31/15	200.00							200.00
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BRUCE CHAMBERS, FILE PHOTO

The Garden Grove Journal is looking for the first Vietnamese refugee born on American soil. Citizen Huynh, as she was then known, was born May 2, 1975 at Camp Pendleton.

Have you seen Citizen Huynh?

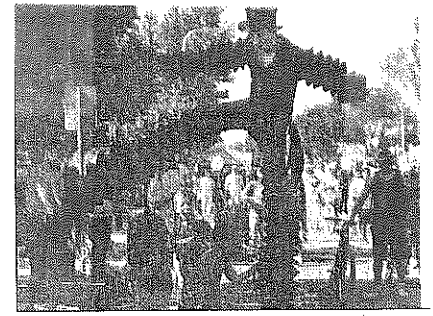
On May 2, 1975, two days after Saigon fell to communist forces and as thousands of Vietnamese refugees were still arriving at Camp Pendleton in San Diego County, Marine photographer C.E. Andrus took photos to mark a first in the Vietnamese American experience.

He captured the image of the first Vietnamese refugee born – as an American – on the Marine base.

The baby girl, who at the time the photo was taken was unnamed and known as Citizen Huynh, will soon be celebrating her 40th birthday. And the Journal wants to tell her story.

But we can't find her – or her mother. Anyone with information, please call Chris Haire at 714-704-3707 or email him at chaire@ocregister.com.

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ANA VENEGAS, FILE PHOTO

A stilt walker entertains young visitors at last year's Open Street Event, which shut down several streets in downtown Garden Grove.

Open streets will again fill downtown

Kicking the cars out of downtown Garden Grove was such a success in 2014, the city is going to do it again in 2015.

The city has recently started planning for the second annual open street Event, which will close certain streets around Historic Main Street so only pedestrians, bicyclists and skateboarders can roam the area – and enjoy food, music, games, art walks and a walkable community atmosphere.

Among the ideas for improving on the 2014 open street events, which occurred in October, are enhancing the farmers market and holding a classic-film night at the Gem Theater.

The open street event, which does not have a 2015 date yet, is part of Re:Imagine Downtown, an effort to reshape how the Main Street-Civic Center area will look in the future.

Police officer takes spotlight

Garden Grove police Officer Charles Starnes helped deliver a baby – so the City Council has delivered to him a Community Spotlight award.

Starnes, who in December helped deliver and clear a baby's airway in a Garden Grove hotel, was honored recently by the council for his efforts.

The officer said that delivering a baby is a rare honor for an officer to experience in the field, and that the smiling parents reminded him of the births of his children.

The council chambers filled with applause when Starnes received his award.



COURTESY OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

Officer Charles Starnes, left, shakes hands with Mayor Bao Nguyen.

Garden Grove Blvd.'s homier bit

Even this stretch has some highlights worth mentioning.

It was late in the afternoon when Brainiac set out on another stretch of our walk across the city, picking up the trail on Garden Grove Boulevard at Euclid Street and heading east toward what we could not tell.

Actually, we could, and it wasn't very exciting at first. A pair of office buildings on either side of the boulevard, one of them two stories high, the other what looked like five, together creating what passes for skyscrapers in the heart of Garden Grove.

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We could almost see the Garden Grove Civic Center and the library and park a block or so to the north, but our mission - walking west to east along Garden Grove Boulevard in 1-mile increments - kept our focus on the sidewalk beneath Brainiac's size 13 sneakers.

Soon, though, things

picked up. Lincoln Continuation High School appeared, and as the last bell had rung hours ago it made us wonder what life is like there each day. Continuation schools have a special place in Brainiac's crusty old heart, given how they serve students who might otherwise have a tough time reaching adulthood on firm footing.

And now, a sight different than that which we'd expe-

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Mayor of Garden Grove responds to charges he's soft on communism

MAYOR

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen stood alone among his council colleagues in refusing to sign a letter to Riverside asking it to rescind a sister-city relationship with Can Tho, Vietnam.

And he has paid a political price for it within the Vietnamese American community - getting hit with accusations of being pro-communist.

In response, Nguyen re-



Nguyen

leased a statement saying he is "opposed to communism in Vietnam because I am opposed to oppression and corruption everywhere." He links the community's fervent anti-communism to the need to battle corruption in Garden Grove if "we are to believe in democratic principles."

"We have affirmed the sacrifices made by those of generations before mine, of which I am a direct beneficiary," Nguyen said. "As mayor of Garden Grove, I

As mayor of Garden Grove, I am committed to upholding the community's desire to never be in a sister-city relationship with any authoritarian regime, such as the Socialist Republic of Vietnam."

BAO NGUYEN

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Nguyen, though, said during last week's City Council meeting - filled to capacity with those supporting the letter - that he did not believe it was right for Garden Grove to tell

another American city what to do. He urged residents to focus on issues such as the district attorney's investigation into the Fire Department and improving transparency.

Reactions to his statement were swift.

Leslie Le, a prominent figure in Vietnamese politics, said Nguyen's stance on Riverside's new relationship with Vietnam - a coun-

try controlled by a Communist government and with a horrendous record on human rights - means he does not "deserve the honor of being mayor."

Several people after the meeting said he should be recalled.

Because the effort to nullify Riverside's cultural partnership with Can Tho is futile, Nguyen said the city and residents should focus political energy on other matters.

"We need to focus on our priorities, where we can make a difference," Nguyen said in his statement. "Because we are survivors of bad government, we are charged with a duty to ensure the highest standards for good government for ourselves, here at home."

Still, the city went ahead with its plan to send the letter to Riverside, signed by the four other council members, two of whom are also Vietnamese Americans.

"To many of our citizens, this is an unconscionable action by the city of Riverside," the letter says. "It has reopened old wounds and caused much grief."

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tive, and it helps people connect to those in the community."

After the gardens is a long stretch of houses, nice if you're coming home, not so nice if you're looking for interesting sights on a stroll. Eventually, at Rockinghorse Road, we exited the neighborhood and entered a more typical and commercial stretch.

Los Sanchez Mexican restaurant gave all these people living along here a place to eat. Even if your home-grown kale from the community garden is better for you, the tacos are probably tastier.

Nickey's Liquor Market offered a place to pick up a six-pack of *cerveza* to wash down the tacos and still has a cool vintage sign out front that reads "Liquor" and an arrow pointing out the obvious.

The Garden of Eden adult bookstore adds a bit of character, for lack of a better word, to the street, but then Adam and Eve were adults, and we all know what they got up to after the serpent delivered the apple unto Eve, yes?

Another block and we reached Harbor Boulevard and the end of our jaunt, perhaps not the most scintillating we've done. But it's all part of walking the beat for Brainiac, so it is all good.

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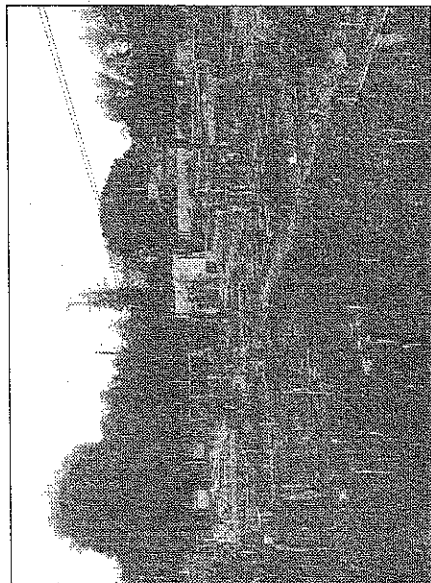
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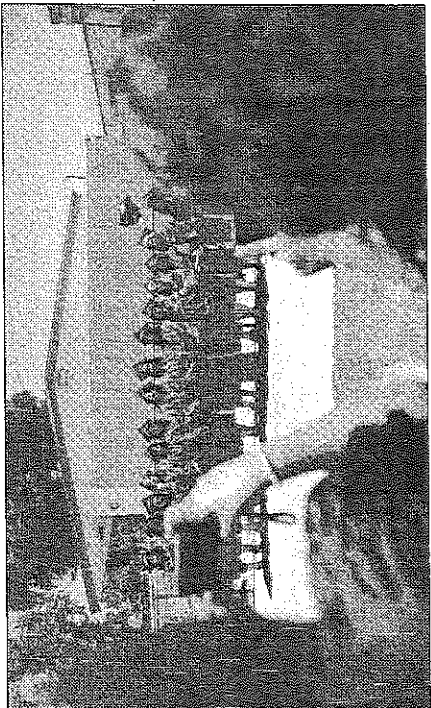
CHRIS HAIRE, FILE PHOTO

The Garden Grove Community Garden opened in 2009 and has about 40 plots that residents use to grow a variety of different vegetables. Many gardeners say they find the experience relaxing.



CHRIS HAIRE, FILE PHOTO

The garden helps people connect to those in the community," says on-site manager David Wilmes.



JOSH MORGAN, FILE PHOTO

Seniors graduating from Lincoln Continuation High School in 2013 take a group photograph.

rienced on most of this slowly unfolding walk: single-family homes on the busy boulevard, a leftover of the earlier times in the city, we reckoned, and never knocked down for apartments or businesses to make the neighborhood denser.

Here and there are a few empty lots - which might mean bigger buildings will land here in the future - and eventually a lot that had found new life as the Garden Grove Community Garden, which pleased us even more than the continuation school had a few minutes earlier.

If you're going to have a vacant lot for any prolonged amount of time, why on Earth not use the earth for something positive and green, we figured.

The Community Garden, we eventually learned, thanks in large part to Garden Grove Journal reporter Chris Haire's fine article from a year ago, was started in 2009. There are 40 plots, 10 feet by 10 feet, for \$45 rent per year.

"It's so expensive to eat organic and eat healthy," said David Wilmes, the on-site manager for the garden, in the 2014 article. "The garden makes it easier to be healthier, improves mental health because gardening is medita-

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Hugo Nguyen, 8, sings "Ly
Ruu Mung" for the au-
dience at the Asian Gar-
den Mall.

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A THREE-DAY CELEBRATION FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR IS SET TO
BEGIN FRIDAY IN GARDEN GROVE PARK. OTHER LOCAL EVENTS,
INCLUDING A FIRECRACKER CELEBRATION, KICK OFF TODAY.



Emcee Anh Tuan holds the mic for a young contestant participating in the 5- to 11-year old category of the ao dai contest Saturday.

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

The Year of the Goat has begun - so it's time to celebrate.

The local Vietnamese community has been ramping up for much of the month for today's Lunar New Year Day. People shopped the popular Flower Festival at the Asian Garden Mall for the flowers families hang around their houses as symbols of hope and good fortune. On Saturday, hundreds attended an ao dai contest at the mall, sharing examples of the traditional Vietnamese clothing in various colors.

The Vietnamese Community of Southern California's Tet Festival is set this weekend at Garden Grove Park, and organizers are expecting a successful coronation of the Lunar New Year complete with Asian food booths serving traditional dishes such as egg rolls and pho, carnival rides and games, and several performances and talent competi-

IF YOU GO

What: Vietnamese Community of Southern California's Tet Festival

When: 1-10 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday

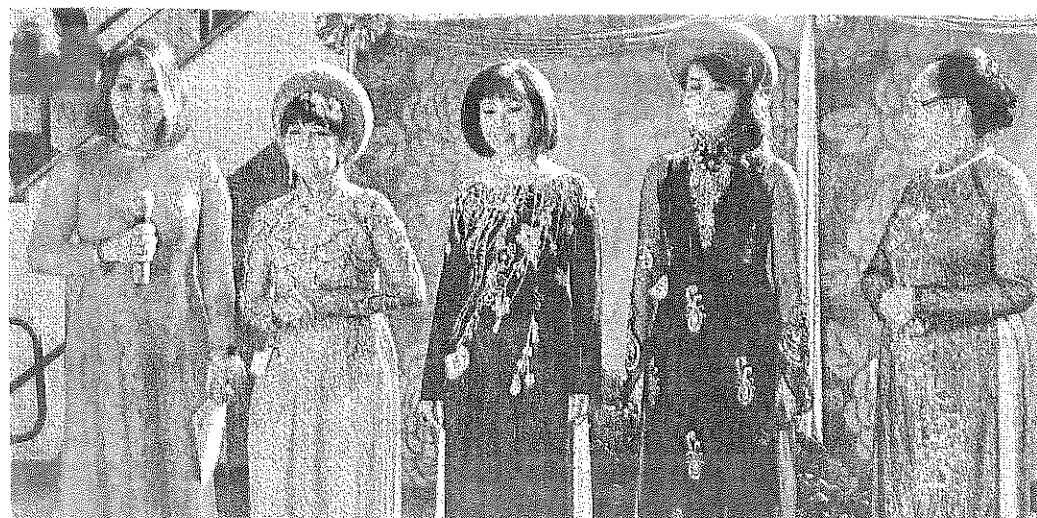
Where: Garden Grove Park, 9301 Westminster Ave.

Cost: \$3 for children under 4 feet tall; \$5 for adults

Free admission: 10 a.m. to noon Friday for seniors over 70; 10 a.m. to noon Saturday for those in traditional clothes or military uniforms; 10 a.m. to noon Sunday for children under 4 feet tall

More info: 800-404-6616 or info@hoitetcongdong.org

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Emcee Nina Kuong introduces the four finalists in the 50-plus category on Saturday.

FESTIVAL: Celebrations mark beginning of Lunar New Year

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tions.

The main ceremony, with lion, dragon and firecracker dances, begins at noon Saturday. Organizers say they expect about 35,000 to attend the festival.

"We're going to do better than last year because we have more time," said Leslie Le, a former president of the Vietnamese Community of Southern California who led the effort to keep a Tet Festival in Garden Grove after contract negotiations pushed the former organizers to Costa Mesa last year. "We also have more experience after our troubles last year."

Those troubles, though, were mostly the result of inexperience.

By most accounts, the 2014 event was a success, despite coming together in just a couple of months.

The festival turned a small profit - a little less than \$400, said Kim Huy, Garden Grove's community services director.

The effort impressed the city of Garden Grove enough that in October it gave the Vietnamese Community of Southern Califor-



Opera singer Kim Hoang dresses for her performance.

nia a three-year agreement, a measure of stability organizers say will allow the festival to grow and improve.

This year, festival organizers are putting much of their energy into an area that was largely overlooked last year because of the rush to put on the event: culture.

"This year, we can focus on our heritage," said Hoa Nguyen, the organizing committee chairman. "This

is especially for the kids, so they can learn about our history."

The 2015 theme is "Dream for Happiness and Hope for Peace." Exhibits will highlight the struggle of the Republic of South Vietnam as it fought northern Communist troops and tell the stories of those who fled after the fall of Saigon in April 1975.

"When we get together and look back over 40 years and what we've achieved and how the community has grown, we can be happy," Nguyen said. "And we can hope to return to Vietnam one day with democracy and freedom."

Tet events

Firecracker celebration: Noon today at the Asian Garden Mall, 9200 Bolsa Ave., Westminster

Hip-hop performances: 6 p.m. Friday at Garden Grove Park

Main Tet Festival ceremony: Noon Saturday at Garden Grove Park

Youth beauty pageant: 6 p.m. Saturday at Garden Grove Park

Traditional costume contest: Noon Sunday at Garden Grove Park

Miss Vietnam pageant: 6 p.m. Sunday at Garden Grove Park

Tet parade: 9 a.m. Saturday along Bolsa Avenue between Bushard and Magnolia streets, Westminster

Colors of Spring Festival: all day Saturday



Truong Thanh Thanh prepares to walk onstage for the ao dai contest at the Asian Garden Mall on Saturday.



PHOTOS: FRANK D'AMATO, CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

Contestants ages 5 to 11 line the stage as part of the ao dai competition. The Vietnamese Community of Southern California's Tet Festival takes place this weekend.

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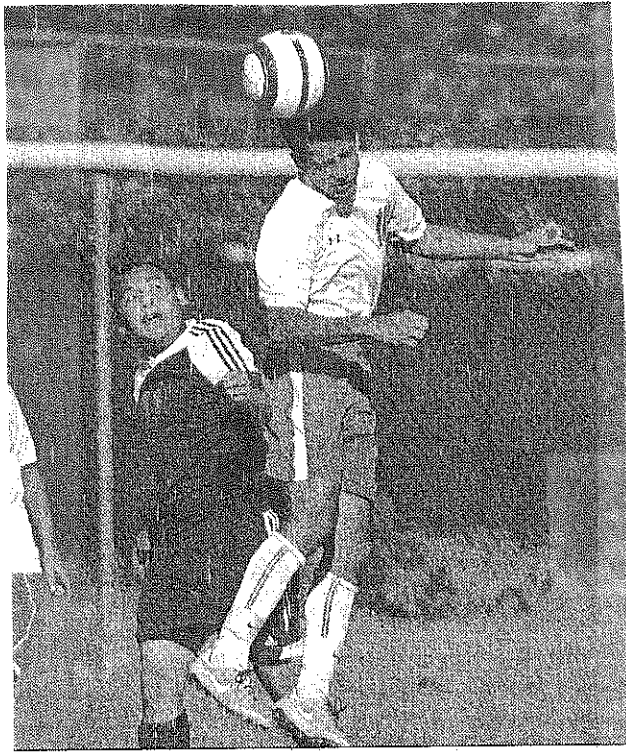


Santiago celebrates winning the probable Garden Grove League championship in boys soccer.

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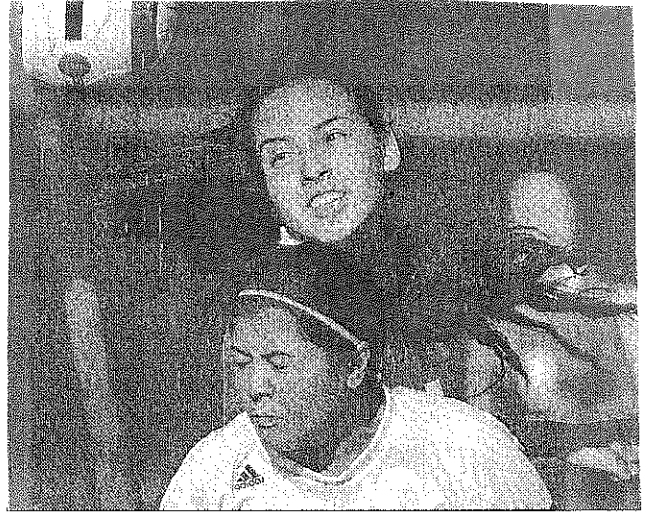
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SAM GANGWER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Garden Grove's Jose Chavez, right, gets his head on the ball over Santiago's midfielder Marco Saimerón, left, as the two teams battled for the probable winner of the Garden Grove League.



BILL ALKOFER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

La Quinta's Valeria Perez, top, goes for a header against Garden Grove's Taylor Sanchez.



SAM GANGWER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Santiago forward David Castro, number 19, and Garden Grove defender Alan Samano battle for the ball.

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Traffic flow, driver behavior all influence checkpoint stops

Q. How do police officers decide which drivers to pull over during a checkpoint to determine whether someone is driving under the influence? It seems like they wave a bunch of cars along, and then randomly stop others. What's going on?

- Veronica Jaramillo, Anaheim

A. To be quite honest, Veronica, it all depends on how heavy traffic may be



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STAFF WRITER

during the checkpoint. Police officers don't typically stop every vehicle, said Anaheim Police Department Lt. **Bob Dunn.**

"Sometimes we decide to stop every seventh car if traffic is backing up, or sometimes it's every third car if traffic is lighter," the officer said.

During a stop, officers typically check whether

your breath reeks of alcohol or if you're behaving "oddly" before deciding whether you should be tested for driving under the influence, Dunn said.

The police also pull over and cite drivers who have broken taillights, expired registration tags or other violations discovered during a stop.

Q. A while back I was in Yuma, Ariz., and happen to stay at hotel full of truckers. During a conversation in the bar, one driver commented

on how much he loved California but how much he hated driving here because big-rigs are restricted to the right lane and forced to drive 55 mph.

Then, someone said that all vehicles with three axles are also restricted to right lane and must go 55. Later on, I saw a three-axle bus driving toward Las Vegas.

I have a trailer and have driven an RV with three axles.

My question is, in California, is a three-axle vehicle

treated the same as a trailer vehicle? If so, are they restricted to the right lane and 55 mph? If so, would that vehicle be prohibited from using the carpool lane? What about center lane toll roads like the 91 freeway? There must be a catch.

- Tom Miles, Yorba Linda

A. That's a tricky one, Tom.

It turns out the three-axle restrictions apply only to big-rigs and truck tractors, said Officer Denise

Quezada of the California Highway Patrol.

Three-axle buses don't fall into those categories, so they don't have to stay in the far right lane, but they must travel at 55 mph.

On the Road takes transportation questions from north Orange County readers. You can email questions to ontheroad@ocregister.com. Only questions in the column are answered.



DO THE MATH:

Are these books right for students?

The Garden Grove school district is inviting parents to do the math and figure out if new textbooks should be used next school year.

The recommended math textbooks, which the school board will consider adopting at

its March 17 board meeting, will be on display from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each weekday from Feb. 26 to March 13 at the Garden Grove Unified School District offices, 10331 Stanford Ave.

The new textbooks, if approved, would be used in the

2015-16 school year and would apply to all math classes from kindergarten through 12th grade.

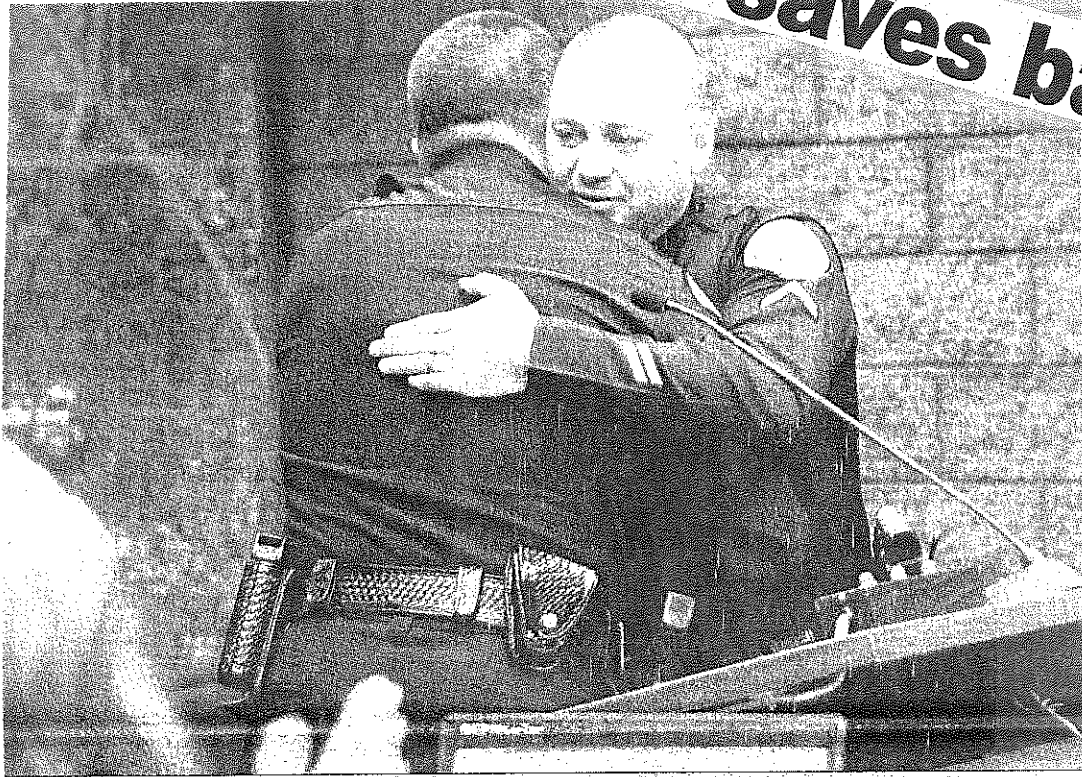
Evaluation forms will be available for visitors.

Academic materials that are used in schools undergo a thorough examination process,

with experts evaluating the organization of content, alignment with state standards and integration of technology, among other factors, district officials said.

Information: 714-663-6143.

Officer saves baby's life



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Above, Master Officer Charles Starnes, smiling and facing the camera, gets a hug from a colleague after the City Council commended him last week for saving and delivering a baby. The baby, named Jackson, measured 20 inches long and weighed 6.9 pounds. Below, Mayor Bao Nguyen congratulates Starnes.



Suspects detained

Seal Beach Police Department detectives on Feb. 9 arrested four suspects, including two from Garden Grove, for vehicle burglaries throughout the city.

The four were taken into custody while police conducted a vehicle stop at Ninth Street and Chapman Avenue in Garden Grove. The Seal Beach Police Department issued a thank you to its law enforcement partners who assisted with this investigation, including the Garden Grove Police Department.

This investigation netted the recovery of several stolen iPads, cellular phones and money.

All suspects taken into custody will be charged with vehicle burglary and possession of stolen property.

The suspects are Banisha Deering, 22, Garden Grove; Gabrielle Menou, 22, Garden Grove;

Walter Walker, 25, Anaheim; and Christopher Walker, 25, Anaheim.

Officer commended for saving baby

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Last week, the Garden Grove City Council recognized Master Officer Charles Starnes for his heroic actions in delivering a baby.

Officer Starnes has been a member of the Garden Grove Police Department for 10 years. He started his career with the Riverside Sheriff's Department, after graduating from the Police Academy in 2003.

Over the course of 10 years, Officer Starnes has served as a Police Explorer Advisor and assigned coveted positions with the Career Criminal Apprehension Team, and the SWAT Team.

He has received two Class A Commendation Awards, been recognized as Officer of the Quarter, and earned the Commitment to Service Award.

But nothing like what happened on Dec. 30 of last year had ever occurred in his career.

On that day, Officer Starnes played a critical role in the unexpected arrival of a baby boy.

At the intersection of Beach and Garden Grove boulevards, he received a call for service from dispatch. Arriving at the scene,

Officer Starnes saw a mother in labor, about to give birth, with the baby crowning. He immediately placed his hands around the baby's head, and helped the mother deliver the baby.

But, the baby was blue, and not breathing, so Officer Starnes turned the baby over and cleared his airway by striking his back. The baby was then able to breathe, and started to cry.

Measuring 20 inches long and weighing 6.9 pounds, the baby, named Jackson, was taken to Garden Grove Medical Center with his mother.

When asked about the experience, Officer Starnes says that when he saw baby Jackson with his parents at the hospital, it brought back memories of his own children. He wondered if his smile then, was as big as the smiles of Jackson's parents seeing their newborn son.

Officer Starnes says this experience was by far his most rewarding, because, "to actually touch a life as it comes into the world" was an experience that rarely, if ever, occurs in an officer's career.

Celebration!

As part of its ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion, and in celebration of Lunar New Year, Union Bank welcomes the Year of the Sheep by hosting Wishing Trees at participating California branches, including in Garden Grove and Westminster.

Union Bank held an event in Westminster last week.

The Garden Grove event is still in the planning stage.

In the spirit of the Year of the Sheep, customers who visit 15 participating Union Bank branches throughout California through March 14 will have an opportunity to share their wishes and support their local community by making a contribution to a local non-profit organization.

Donations will be matched (up to \$2,500 per organization) by the MUFJ Union Bank Foundation.

Woman pedestrian hit by SUV dies

The Garden Grove Police Department was dispatched to a traffic accident that occurred at the intersection of Magnolia Avenue and Ernest Fulsom last week.

The driver of a SUV called police to report that he was involved in a traffic accident with a pedestrian and the pedestrian was trapped under his vehicle.

Officers and members of the Garden Grove Fire Department arrived at the accident scene and found the collision had occurred in the No. 2 southbound lane of

Magnolia at the intersection with Ernest Fulsom. The female was still pinned underneath the right front wheel of a white, Toyota Rav4.

Firefighters were able to free the female and immediately attempted life saving treatment on the non-responsive female. The female, who the department has not been able to identify, was possibly Asian between the ages of 40 to 50. She was transported to UCI and later pronounced dead by the UCI medical staff.

The male driver remained at the scene and was cooperative with the investigating officers. At this time it is not suspected that the driver of the Rav4 was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The Garden Grove Police Department and the Orange County Coroner's Office will work on the investigation jointly.

Any witnesses who may have seen the accident are asked to call the Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Accident Investigation Unit at 714-741-5704.

Name change

The Orange County Vector Control District, a public health agency providing the citizens of Orange County with the highest level of protection from vectors and vector-borne diseases, announced last week that, effective immediately, it has changed its name to the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District.

The District's Board of Trustees, under the leadership of Trustee President Joe Carchio of Huntington Beach, adopted Resolution No. 402 authorizing the name change. The resolution was approved at the 818th Board of Trustees Meeting in January.

Police dog ends chase by pulling suspect from bush

Garden Grove police officers arrest one man on narcotics warrant, another for failing parole

The saying goes that a dog is man's best friend.

Nobody knows this better than police who work with canines.

In a recent case involving Garden Grove police trying to apprehend a parolee at large, a K-9 pulled the suspect from a bush in which he was hiding. And not so gently, either. The suspect suffered bite wounds and had to be treated at a hospital.

Last week, Garden Grove police officers were sent to a disturbance at the apartment located at 12221 Beach Blvd. in Garden Grove. The fight was between two males inside of an apartment and the girlfriend of one male called the police. As officers were driving to the address they learned that one male was wanted by police for a narcotics arrest warrant.

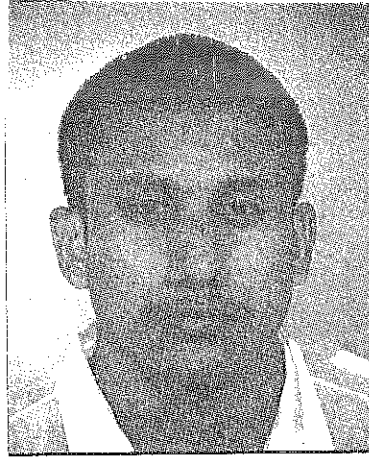
That person was identified as Jose Aguirre, a 21-year-old resident of Garden Grove.

The first two officers to arrive at the scene recognized Jose Aguirre and knew this was the suspect who was wanted on the narcotics warrant. When the suspect saw officers he fled on foot. The two officers chased the suspect on foot and eventually caught him a short distance away from the apartment complex.

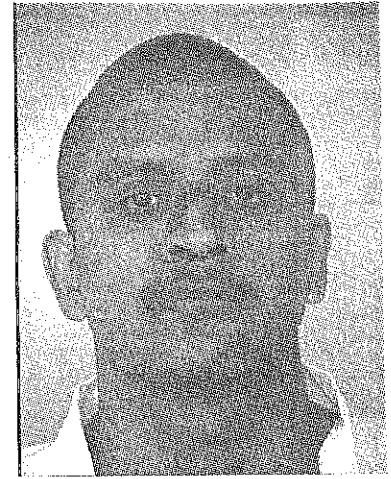
The suspect was taken into custody without incident or injury to the suspect nor the officers involved. The suspect was transported to the Garden Grove Police Department to be interviewed by officers and booked at Orange County Jail for the narcotics warrant.

The two officers who chased the suspect on foot returned to the apartment complex to check for the other man involved in the incident. One of the officers was familiar with the man that they had

DOG:



Courtesy photos
Edwin Aguirre



Jose Aguirre

just caught and knew the other man involved was probably the brother of the first suspect.

The were looking for Edwin Aguirre, a 23-year-old resident of Garden Grove.

When the officers reached the original apartment complex, the second suspect, Edwin Aguirre, came outside and was recognized by the officers.

Edwin Aguirre was also wanted as a parolee-at-large and had an arrest warrant. As the suspect

turned to run from the officers, a metal object that appeared to be a weapon was seen in Edwin Aguirre's waistband. The suspect ran from the officers and again the same officers that were in foot pursuit of the first suspect were now in foot pursuit of the second suspect.

The officers lost sight of the suspect in the apartment complex but the officers established a perimeter. Believing that the suspect was possibly armed and was a parolee-at-large, a request was made for the assistance of a helicopter and K-9 officer from the City of Anaheim.

Teams of officers, the K-9 an, helicopter began the search of the apartment complex. The suspect was spotted hiding in a bush within the perimeter. Numerous announcements were made to the suspect to surrender over a loud speaker from the helicopter.

The suspect refused to give up and crawl out from the bush. The K-9 was deployed and pulled the suspect from the bush. Edwin Aguirre was apprehended. Aguirre suffered dog bite wounds to his right calf leg area and was transported to a local Anaheim hospital.

Both brothers were booked for their respective warrants along with each brother being charged separately with resisting arrest.

SPELL:

So... can you spell asthmogenic?

Theodore Nguyen of Irvine Intermediate School earned the title of champion of the 28th Annual Garden Grove Unified School District Spelling Bee for seventh- and eighth-grade students, on Feb. 5.

Nguyen correctly spelled the deciding word, asthmogenic, to become the top speller among more than 7,500 intermediate school students in the district. English Language Arts Department Chairpersons Barrilyn Kaa and Jordy Jahn served as the coaches for the four spelling bee contestants from Irvine Intermediate.

Nguyen dueled for first-place with Bell Intermediate student Adalyn Ngo, who finished second.

Both were followed by Dalton Ho of McGarvin Intermediate, third place, and Angel Huynh of Ralston Intermediate, fourth place. Other honored participants included Jimmy Dinh of McGarvin Intermediate, fifth place; Katia Boose of Bell Intermediate, sixth place; Kimhuy Ngo of Irvine Intermediate, seventh place; Benjamin Le of Ralston Intermediate, eighth place; Alan Nguyen of McGarvin Intermediate, ninth place; and Benjamin Olson of Bell Intermediate, 10th place.

Winner of GG School District spelling bee clinches it on tough word

District School Board Member Teri Rocco presented trophies to the top 10 spellers, and all contest entrants received certificates of participation.

The district champion and the nine runners-up will represent the district at the Orange County Department of Education's Spelling Competition, with the written segment scheduled Feb. 23 followed by the deciding oral spelling round on Feb. 28.

Each of the district's 10 intermediate schools entered its four best spellers in the district competition. Contestants were asked to spell such words as Machiavellian, cordillera, and pusillanimous.

City says 'Not One More' bullying incident

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Educational event planned for Stand Up to Bullying Day

In observance of International Stand Up to Bullying Day on Friday, Feb. 27, the City of Garden Grove will join others across the globe to speak out against bullying by hosting an anti-bullying and cyber-bullying prevention event at Village Green park from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28 and Sunday, March 1.

The two-day event is part of the local "Not One More" campaign devoted to raising awareness of the serious and complex issues of bullying, as well as finding private funding streams to provide supplemental anti-bullying resources in local schools.

The campaign was started several years ago by Garden Grove resident, Justin Phan. Phan began seeing the signs of bullying in his daughter, who is now 6 years old, and has a physical and mental disability. He hopes the campaign's initiative will lead to solutions that provide a safe physical and emotional environment for every child.

Phan, along with local supporters, will display a vigil at the two-day event, consisting of 100

wooden figurines representing children around the world who have lost their lives as a result of bullying. The vigil will serve a dual purpose of providing a clear visual of the effects of bullying, while also honoring children who have died.

Special guests from the non-profit organization Challenge Day will host an interactive workshop during both days of the event. The workshop aims to provide teens and adults with tools to tear down the walls of separation and inspire participants to live, study, and work in an encouraging environment. Challenge Day has been seen on the Oprah Winfrey Show, MTV, and Prime Time Special.

For more information about the "Not One More" campaign, visit <http://www.yolusa.com/>. For more information about the Anti-Bullying and Cyber-Bullying Prevention Event, call the city's Office of Community Relations at 714-741-5280.

To view photos of the two-day event, visit the city's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GardenGroveCityHall>, on Monday, March 2, 2015.

Driver arrested after 5-car crash

Police believe suspect was under the influence of drugs

On Feb. 10 at 1 a.m., Garden Grove police officers responded to a multi-car traffic collision on Haster Street south of Lampson Avenue.

Officers arrived to find the suspect vehicle on its passenger side and four other parked vehicles involved in the collision.

Wendy Savage, the driver of a black 2000 Honda Accord 4-

door, was driving north on Haster Street when she drifted into the southbound lanes of Haster Street, sideswiping a van, then collided into a Camry, police said.

Her vehicle then collided into an Acura Integra that was pushed onto the sidewalk and then into a Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck. Savage's vehicle then flipped onto

the passenger side.

A Garden Grove police officer, who is a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), believed Savage was driving under the influence of drugs, and she was subsequently arrested.

Inside Savage's vehicle was a Chihuahua dog that was uninjured and taken by Orange County Animal Control Officers.

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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.
School Board to meet
The Garden Grove Unified School District holds its regular meetings at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at the district offices, 10331 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove.

Ready, young Rembrandts?
Elementary and preschool students are eager to learn and a joy to teach. Your young artist will learn to draw using our step-by-step process in this class, held on Tuesdays at the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd.

in Westminster. Give your child a head start in being handwriting-ready by developing his/her fine motor skills. There will be new lessons each week at the preschool and elementary level. Students ages 3-5 meet at 3:15 p.m. and ages 6-12 meet at 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.westminster-ca.gov.

Cartoonist lessons offered
Artists ages 6-12 will have fun drawing and coloring a myriad of expressive characters while learning how to stay on task, follow directions, and be visually, spatially organized. There will be new lessons each week, even for previous students. The next class will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster.

Don't be pusillanimous; try spelling these words

GG students excel in spelling bee;
also, don't miss upcoming fireworks show at Asian Garden Mall



Tony on the Town

By Tony Cheong

If it weren't spelled correctly here, could you spell asthmogenic?

How about Machiavellian and cordillera?

Well, not to make you feel uneducated (as I did), but some seventh and eighth graders in the Garden Grove School District and neighboring districts can. Many showed their spelling skills at the

recent 28th annual district spelling bee.

Congratulations go out to first place winner Theodore Nguyen of Irvine Intermediate School, as well as to Adalyn Ngo, who finished second. Both were followed by Dalton Ho of McGarvin Intermediate, third place, and Angel Huynh of Ralston Intermediate, fourth place. Other honored participants included Jimmy Dinh of McGarvin Intermediate, fifth place; Katia Boose of Bell Intermediate, sixth place; Kimhuy Ngo of Irvine Intermediate, seventh place; Benjamin Le of Ralston Intermediate, eighth place; Alan Nguyen of McGarvin Intermediate, ninth place; and Benjamin Olson of Bell Intermediate, 10th place.

By the way, I looked up the definition of asthmogenic. It's an adjective that means "causing asthmatic attacks."

Westminster is launching into the Vietnamese Lunar New Year this month.

The annual Firecracker Celebration at the Asian Garden Mall is

the largest firecracker display in Little Saigon.

Setting off fireworks in the Lunar New Year is a traditional rite to bring about good fortune. The celebration usually uses red fireworks, because red symbolizes joy virtue, truth and sincerity.

The event will be held at noon on Feb. 19 in the parking lot of the Asian Garden Mall, 9200 Bolsa Ave. The event is free and open to the public.

The Stanton City Council recently honored World War II veteran and Stanton resident Nino Hernandez, 90, a veteran of World War II. He served from 1943 through 1971 with the U.S. Air Force and the U. S. Navy. Hernandez was celebrated and honored by Mayor Al Ethans for his service years in both branches of the military as well as his civic contributions at home.

Thank you for your service, Mr. Hernandez.

Tony on the Town can be reached at tonyontown@yahoo.com.

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School district plans another spelling bee

Outstanding spellers from the Garden Grove Unified School District's elementary schools will participate in the annual spelling bee for fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 9 a.m.

Each of the district's 43 elementary schools is sending one representative to the competition hosted at Edgar School/District

Meeting Center (6202 Cerulean Ave. in Garden Grove). Parents and the community are invited to attend.

The district champion will receive a trophy and the winning school will house a trophy for all to admire. The runners up will receive a spelling bee pin.

For more information about the event, call 714-663-6188.

OC Water District receives 'AAA' rating

Underscoring the Orange County Water District's (OCWD; the District) commitment to sound financial management, Fitch Ratings affirmed its 'AAA' rating on Monday. The District's financial performance was cited as being "exemplary, marked by strong financial policies, limited fixed expenditures, and a history of increasing rates in line with operating and capital costs."

Since 2008, OCWD has maintained the 'AAA' rating assigned by Fitch, which benefits the District and local water rate payers by allowing it to borrow money more easily and at lower interest rates. This results in a cost savings for the 19 water retailers served by the District and their more than 2.4 million customers.

The district manages the groundwater basin in north and central Orange County that provides approximately 72 percent of this region's water supply. District revenues are derived primarily from annual assessments on groundwater users and property taxes, both of which have proven to be stable over time. This is one of numerous positive credit considerations that were taken into account when affirming the District's high rating.

"Maintaining a strong financial portfolio helps the District better weather economic downturns, variations in water demand, major equipment failures and catastrophic events," said OCWD President Cathy Green. "This is made possible through the board's support of robust financial policies that encourage conservative fiscal management," she added.

The district's favorable financial position has allowed it to provide greater water reliability for the region by financing and securing funding for critical capital projects like the Groundwater Replenishment System and its Initial Expansion, while also affording the ability to adequately manage and maintain the District's complex operations.

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Integrated Healthcare's OC hospitals celebrate American Heart Month

Integrated Healthcare's (IHH) hospitals launched a company-wide campaign supporting American Heart Month and heart healthy living. All employees at the company's four Orange County hospitals; Western Medical Center Santa Ana, Western Medical Center Anaheim, Coastal Communities Hospital, and Chapman Medical Center, are participating in a social media photo competition to raise awareness about heart healthy living and highlighting its hospital system's nationally recognized coronary intervention programs that save lives.

The hospital system will be encouraging community participation through geo-targeted digital messaging in the communities surrounding its four hospitals. Participants may purchase a t-shirt with the designated logo on it, post selfies or group shots of exercising, eating healthy, or anything that promotes a healthy heart. Pictures may be posted on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with the hash tag #DoIt4YourHeart.

The top prize categories are Best Photo, Most Active, Best Healthy Eater, Most Likes, Top Participant, and Best Representative. The t-shirts are available in the Western Medical Center Santa Ana gift shop and a portion of the proceeds will go to the American Heart Association.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE CITY OF STANTON

STANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

STANTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7800 KATELLA AVENUE

DATE: February 24, 2015
TIME: 6:30 P.M.

TO CONSIDER: The sale of land located at the northeast corner of Beach Blvd. and Catherine Ave., Stanton California and consideration of the related purchase and sales agreement with USS Cal Builders

SUBMITTED BY: City of Stanton

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 34330 and 34312.3, the Stanton Housing Authority Board directed staff to negotiate the sale of properties located at the northeast corner of Beach Boulevard and Catherine Avenue.

The three properties (APN Nos. 131-483-01, 02 and 03) are legally held by the Stanton Housing Authority. The buyer, USS Cal Builders intends to utilize the properties' mixed-use zoning for the development of an assisted living facility with commercial uses which may include a restaurant and pharmacy. At this time the exact development plan is too speculative for detailed analysis. The total sales price for the properties is \$1,400,000.00. The revenues generated by the sale of the properties will be utilized by the Housing Authority for its intended purpose of providing affordable housing.

In accordance with the requirements of the CEQA this project is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly).

DATED: February 9, 2015

If you challenge this action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Stanton Planning Division or City Council, at or prior to the public hearing. Additionally, if you challenge the above proposals in court, actions must be commenced within the time limits specified in California Government Code § 65009.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT STANTON CITY HALL- 714-890-4213

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City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1155

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, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Furnish all Labor, Material, Tools and Equipment for Demolition and Replacement of Three Existing Ceramic Tile Shower Stalls at Garden Grove Fire Station Number One. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Contractors interested in submitting a bid for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at Garden Grove Fire Station Number One located at 11301 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840. Please direct any questions regarding this

bid process to Sandra Segawa via email sandras@ci.garden-grove.ca.us. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2015. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: February 18, 2015
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Dated: February 11, 2015
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Reciprocal respect

City leaders, stay out of other cities' affairs.

The city of Riverside ignored what could be considered a cardinal rule in Orange County – such as “Never go to the Kaleidoscope on a Friday night” – What Riverside failed to heed is: “You’re courting trouble if you enter into a sister-city agreement with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.”

Irvine found that out last year when hundreds of protesters packed the council chambers to denounce a proposed sister-city pact with the Nha Trang, Vietnam. The Irvine council ultimately voted against the proposal.

Now, members of Orange County’s Vietnamese community are hoping to have the same effect on Riverside and its nearly year-old relationship with the city of Can Tho.

Riverside doesn’t seem to be budging. In response, the Westminster City Council called on Riverside to end the relationship. At the Garden Grove City Council meeting last week, members Chris Phan, Phat Bui and Kris Beard signed a similar statement.

Noticeably absent from the resolution, along with Councilman Steve Jones, was Mayor Bao Nguyen.

“I don’t think it’s appropriate to tell another American city what to do,” Mr. Nguyen said. “I’m being true to myself, and I’m deliberating and leading as mayor based on what’s best for the entire city of Garden Grove.”

But while Mr. Nguyen’s comments were met with insinuations that he was a traitor, he is correct that Riverside’s right to be sovereign in its internal affairs ought to be respected.

Vietnam is no friend to the democratic process, and members of the Vietnamese Diaspora are certainly welcome to raise awareness among local leaders about that nation’s immense failings. But members of the Westminster and Garden Grove councils shouldn’t seek to intervene in the affairs of other cities, as those two cities would undoubtedly expect in return.

**QUOTE OF
THE DAY**



**An honest man can feel no pleasure
in the exercise of power over his
fellow citizens.”**

THOMAS JEFFERSON

Governor makes 9 more appointments

KOST-FM from 1970 to 1999 and was a layout artist at Sage Productions from 1969 to 1970. Beasley was a high school art teacher for the Cleveland, Ohio Board of Education from 1965 to 1969. She is a member of the Ebell of Los Angeles and the Trusteeship, a Southern California Chapter of the International Women's Forum. Beasley was a member of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission from 1997 to 2012, the United Negro College Fund Los Angeles Advisory Board and the Transportation Foundation of Los Angeles Board. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Beasley is a Democrat.

Christopher Coppola, 52, of Los Angeles, has been reappointed to the California Arts Council, where he has served since 2013. Coppola has been head of the film program at the San Francisco Art Institute since 2013. He has been owner and executive producer for his companies Plaster City Productions Inc. and Christopher Coppola Enterprises since 1994 and has been a Directors Guild of America film and television director since 1987. Coppola is president of Project Accessible Hollywood, a non-profit organization he founded in 2006 to bring digital technology education to underserved communities. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Coppola is a Democrat.

Steven Oliver, 73, of San Francisco, has been appointed to the California Arts Council. Oliver has been owner of Oliver and Company Inc. since 1969. He was a project manager at Oliver and Coburn from 1964 to 1969. Oliver is chairman of the United States Artists Foundation Board of Trustees and a member of the California College of the Arts Board of Trustees, Presidio Bank Board of Directors, Community Arts Stabilization Trust Board of Directors, Museum of Craft and Design National Advisory Board, Lambda Alpha International, Mills College Art Museum Advisory Board and the Sutter Health West Bay Board of Directors, where he is chair of the Facility Committee. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Oliver is a Republican.

Rosalind Wyman, 84, of Los Angeles, has been reappointed to the California Arts Council, where she has served since 2011. Wyman is president of the James A. Doolittle Foundation. She was the youngest person ever elected to the Los Angeles City Council, where she served from 1953 to 1965. She is a member of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission Board, Music Center of Los Angeles Board of Directors and the Thelma Pearl Howard Foundation Board of Directors. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Wyman is a Democrat.

Gov. Jerry Brown last week announced the following appointments.

Kiyomi Burchill, 30, of Sacramento, has been appointed deputy secretary for legislative affairs at the California Health and Human Services Agency, where she has served as assistant secretary for program and fiscal affairs since 2012. Burchill was a policy consultant in the Office of California State Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg from 2008 to 2011 and was a legislative aide in the Office of California State Senator Steinberg from 2007 to 2008, where she was a Senate fellow for the California Senate Fellows Program from 2006 to 2007. She earned a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Southern California Sol Price School of Public Policy. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$124,236. Burchill is a Democrat.

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Jean Iacino, 56, of Sacramento, has been appointed deputy director of the Center for Health Care Quality at the California Department of Public Health, where she has served as interim deputy director of the Center for Health Care Quality since 2014 and has held several positions since 2007, including acting chief at the Office of Civil Rights and Internal Audits and special assistant to the director. She served as assistant secretary at the California Health and Human Services Agency in 2006 and served in several positions at the California Department of Health Services from 1992 to 2007, including special assistant to the director and legislative coordinator. Iacino earned a Master of Arts degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame and a Master of Arts degree in public policy from Duke University. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$126,432. Iacino is a Democrat.

Kimberley Johnson, 37, of Sacramento, has been appointed chief of the Child Care and Refugee Programs Branch, Welfare to Work Division at the California Department of Social Services. Johnson has been public policy director at the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network since 2012. She was

program manager at the City College of San Francisco California Early Childhood Mentor Program from 2009 to 2012, director of programs and training at the Parent Services Project from 2007 to 2010 and director of child care and development programs at the Children's Network of Solano County from 1999 to 2007. Johnson is a public policy member of Child Care Aware of America. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$97,728. Johnson is a Democrat.

Fran Mueller, 53, of Sacramento has been appointed chief deputy director of the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. Mueller has been deputy director of administration at the California Department of Social Services since 2010, where she was chief of the Financial Management and Contracts Branch from 2006 to 2010. She was a finance budget analyst at the California Department of Finance from 2002 to 2006 and director of research and programming at PTI Media Networks from 2001 to 2002. Mueller was director of research and programming at KTXL-TV from 1998 to 2001, where she was director of research from 1987 to 1998, and was research and marketing group manager at MMT Sales Inc. from 1984 to 1987. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$139,476. Mueller is a Republican.

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Ronald Rackley, 49, of Elk Grove has been appointed warden at Folsom State Prison, where he has served as acting warden since 2014. Rackley was acting warden at the California Health Care Facility from 2012 to 2014 and held several positions at the Deuel Vocational Institution from 1987 to 2012, including warden, chief deputy administrator, correctional administrator, captain, lieutenant, sergeant and officer. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$141,204. Rackley is a Republican.

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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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Police dog ends chase by pulling suspect from bush

Garden Grove police officers arrest one man on narcotics warrant, another for failing parole

The saying goes that a dog is man's best friend.

Nobody knows this better than police who work with canines.

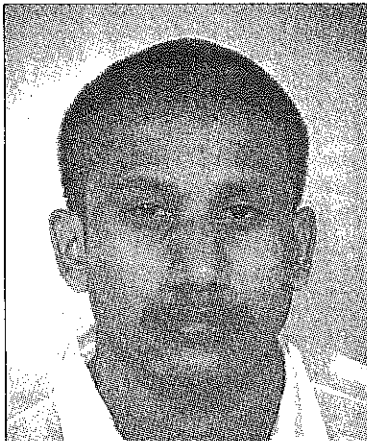
In a recent case involving Garden Grove police trying to apprehend a parolee at large, a K-9 pulled the suspect from a bush in which he was hiding. And not so gently, either. The suspect suffered bite wounds and had to be treated at a hospital.

Last week, Garden Grove police officers were sent to a disturbance at the apartment located at 12221 Beach Blvd. in Garden Grove. The fight was between two males inside of an apartment and the girlfriend of one male called the police. As officers were driving to the address they learned that one male was wanted by police for a narcotics arrest warrant. That person was identified as Jose Aguirre, a 21-year-old resident of Garden Grove.

The first two officers to arrive at the scene recognized Jose Aguirre and knew this was the suspect who was wanted on the narcotics warrant. When the suspect saw officers he fled on foot. The two officers chased the suspect on foot and eventually caught him a short distance away from the apartment complex.

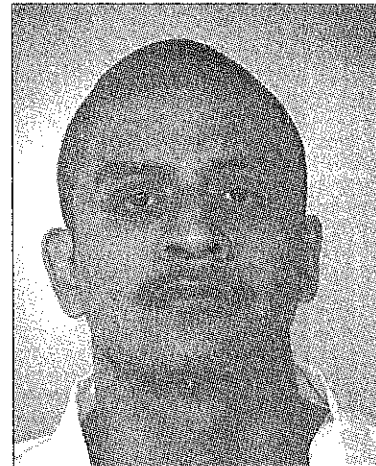
The suspect was taken into custody without incident or injury to the suspect nor the officers involved. The suspect was transported to the Garden Grove Police Department to be interviewed by officers and booked at Orange County Jail for the narcotics warrant.

The two officers who chased the suspect on foot returned to the apartment complex to check for the other man involved in the incident. One of the officers was familiar with the man that they had just caught and knew the



Courtesy photos

Edwin Aguirre



Jose Aguirre

other man involved was probably the brother of the first suspect.

The were looking for Edwin Aguirre, a 23-year-old resident of Garden Grove.

When the officers reached the original apartment complex, the second suspect, Edwin Aguirre, came outside and was recognized by the officers.

Edwin Aguirre was also wanted as a parolee-at-large and had an arrest warrant. As the suspect turned to run from the officers, a metal object that appeared to be a weapon was seen in Edwin Aguirre's waistband. The suspect ran from the officers and again the same officers that were in foot pursuit of the first suspect were now in foot pursuit of the second suspect.

The officers lost sight of the suspect in the apartment complex but the officers established a perimeter. Believing that the suspect was possibly armed and was a parolee-at-large, a request was made for the assistance of a helicopter and K-9 officer from the City of Anaheim.

Teams of officers, the K-9 an, helicopter began the search of the apartment complex. The

suspect was spotted hiding in a bush within the perimeter. Numerous announcements were made to the suspect to surrender over a loud speaker from the helicopter.

The suspect refused to give up and crawl out from the bush. The K-9 was deployed and pulled the suspect from the bush. Edwin Aguirre was apprehended. Aguirre suffered dog bite wounds to his right calf leg area and was transported to a local Anaheim hospital.

Both brothers were booked for their respective warrants along with each brother being charged separately with resisting arrest.

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City says 'Not One More' bullying incident

Educational event planned for Stand Up to Bullying Day

In observance of International Stand Up to Bullying Day on Friday, Feb. 27, the City of Garden Grove will join others across the globe to speak out against bullying by hosting an anti-bullying and cyber-bullying prevention event at Village Green park from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28 and Sunday, March 1.

The two-day event is part of the local "Not One More" campaign devoted to raising awareness of the serious and complex issues of bullying, as well as finding private funding streams to provide supplemental anti-bullying resources in local schools.

The campaign was started several years ago by Garden Grove resident, Justin Phan. Phan began seeing the signs of bullying in his daughter, who is now 6 years old, and has a physical and mental disability. He hopes the campaign's initiative will lead to solutions that provide a safe physical and emotional environment for every child.

Phan, along with local supporters, will display a vigil at the two-day event, consisting of 100

wooden figurines representing children around the world who have lost their lives as a result of bullying. The vigil will serve a dual purpose of providing a clear visual of the effects of bullying, while also honoring children who have died.

Special guests from the non-profit organization Challenge Day will host an interactive workshop during both days of the event. The workshop aims to provide teens and adults with tools to tear down the walls of separation and inspire participants to live, study, and work in an encouraging environment. Challenge Day has been seen on the Oprah Winfrey Show, MTV, and Prime Time Special.

For more information about the "Not One More" campaign, visit <http://www.yolusa.com/>. For more information about the Anti-Bullying and Cyber-Bullying Prevention Event, call the city's Office of Community Relations at 714-741-5280.

To view photos of the two-day event, visit the city's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GardenGroveCityHall>, on Monday, March 2, 2015.

Sweetheart dance

Senior sweethearts are invited to attend a romantic night at the annual Sweetheart Dance hosted by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue.

The event is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. today, Feb. 13.

For more information, call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at 714-741-5253.

Kids can meet pros

On Saturday, Feb. 14 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Playworks will be hosting a group of young kids to participate in a fun afternoon of exercise and activity with NFL athletes at the Next Level Sports Complex at 12821 Knott St. in Garden Grove.

Playworks Southern California hopes to encourage kids to stay active on the playground and at home through games, sports and physical activity to provide structure, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and learn teamwork.

NFL athletes will be in attendance working and playing with the kids as well as providing a background of how playing and staying active when they were young led them not only to college scholarships, but NFL careers and healthy lifestyles as adults.

This event will also help raise money for Playworks and bring heightened awareness to their goals and missions as a non-profit organization. All proceeds will be going toward the Playworks Southern California.

For more information, call Alex Will at 714-585-5914.

New supervisor

Former Garden Grove City Councilman Andrew Do prevailed as the District 1 Orange County Supervisor in one of the closest elections in county history.

Coming in second was former Supervisor and Assemblyman Lou Correa. At one point during the certification process of the votes, Do led by two votes.

A large Vietnamese-American turnout is credited in part for Do's victory.

The District 1 seat, which represents Garden Grove, Westminster and other cities, was left vacant when former Supervisor Janet Nguyen won the election for a State Senate seat (District 34).

While a supervisor, Nguyen kept her headquarters in Garden Grove.

Los Amigos wins crucial league game



Photo by Dave Smithson
Getting rebounds is one of the keys to winning basketball games. Here, Los Amigos High's Allen Le appears to outhustle two Rancho Alamitos High defenders for possession of the ball during a game last week at Los Amigos. Los Amigos won, 65-55. The victory improved Los Amigos' league record to 4-4 and overall record to 11-12. Rancho dropped to 2-6 in league and 6-15 overall. The Rancho girls team fared better in its game against Los Amigos, using a stifling defense to win by a score of 43-32. For more prep sports photos, visit photographer Dave Smithson's site at Rahssports.wordpress.com.

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Garden Grove police to hold DUI checkpoint

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

"Over the course of the past three years; DUI collisions have claimed 9 lives, and resulted in 144 injury crashes harming 211 of our friends, and neighbors," said Sgt. J. Fischer.

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.

DUI checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

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, who is reminding everyone to report drunk driving.

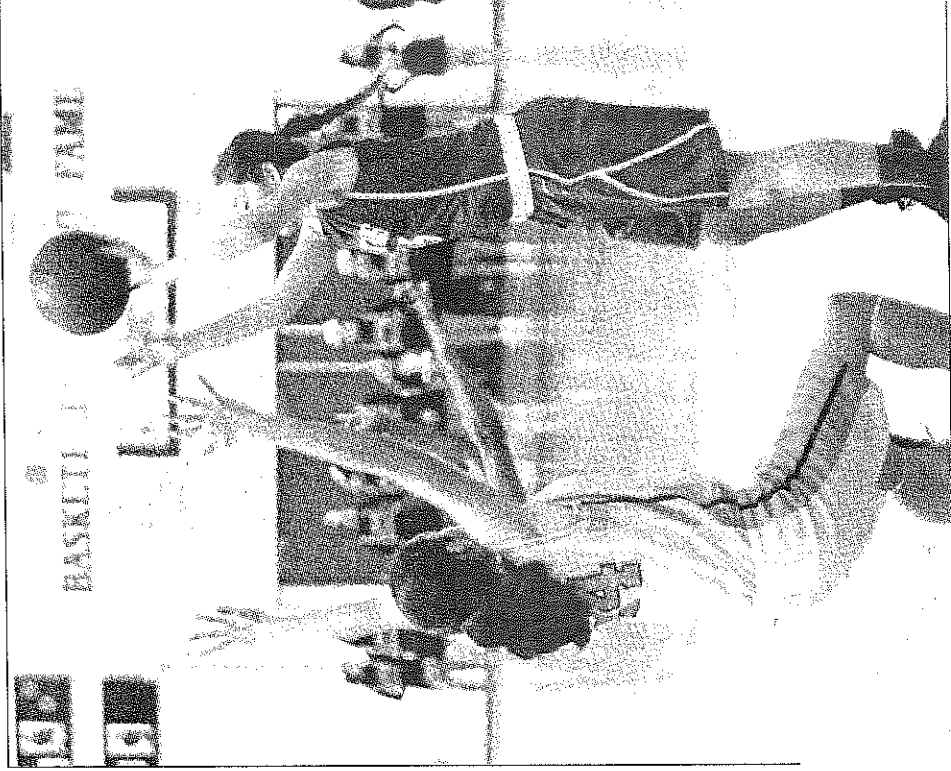
LOCALSPORTS

Lady Vaqueros swarm Los Amigos for another victory

Rancho Alamitos High wins GG League game by 11 points

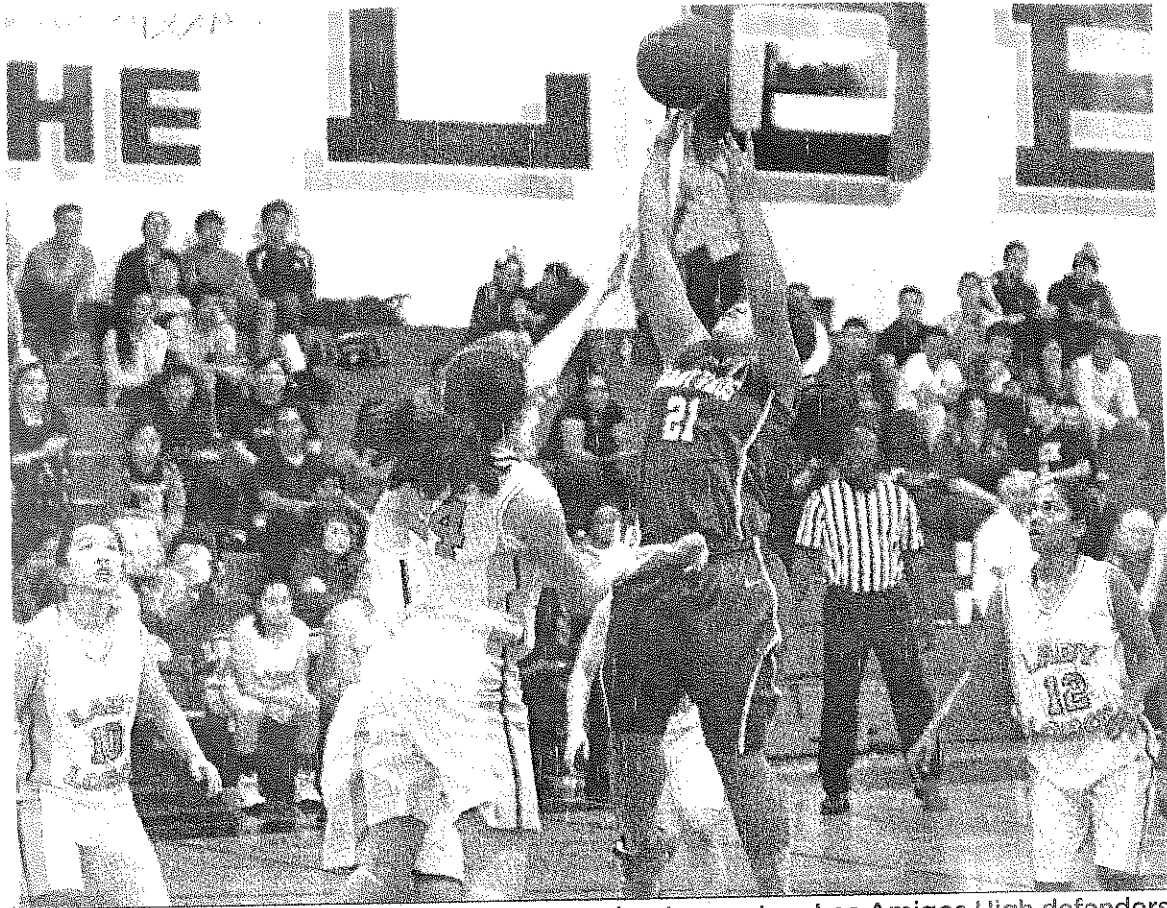


Surrounded by Los Amigos High defenders, Rancho Alamitos High's Patrice Sagiab-Jones drives to the basket during a game last week at Los Amigos. Rancho won, 43-32. Photos by Dave Smithson



Rancho Alamitos High's Jocelyn Reed shoots over a Los Amigos High defender during a game last week at Los Amigos. Rancho won, 43-32.

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Rancho Alamitos High's Patrice Sagiao-Jones shoots over two Los Amigos High defenders.



Rancho Alamitos High's Jocelyn Reed (15) makes a bounce pass to Angel Ruedas (20) against Los Amigos High.

Woman hit by SUV in Garden Grove ID'd

BY ALYSSA DURANTY
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • A Garden Grove resident was identified Thursday as the woman who died two days earlier when she was pinned under a small SUV.

Diep Nguyen, 60, was struck by a driver in a Toyota Rav4 shortly before 7 p.m. Tuesday in the right-hand lane on Magnolia Street near the Ernest Fulson Drive intersection, police said.

Nguyen had to be res-

cued by fire officials from under the SUV and was taken to UCI Medical Center in Orange, where she died at 8:05 p.m., officials said.

The driver stayed at the scene and did not appear intoxicated at the time of the crash, police said.

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Quarter-pound of heroin found in Huntington Beach home

Two people are arrested after a monthlong surveillance operation.

A quarter-pound of heroin was found inside a Huntington Beach woman's house Wednesday night following a monthlong surveillance operation and arrest, police said.



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Sherry Sanders, 53, was arrested on suspicion of possession and sale of a controlled substance after police observed her handing what appeared to be drugs to Jordan Parry, 25, of Garden Grove, who also was arrested, police Officer Jennifer Marlatt said.

Huntington Beach police narcotics detectives began surveillance in January on Sanders' home in the 9000 block of Litchfield Drive following unspecified drug activity.

During their surveillance Tuesday, detectives noticed a hand-to-hand exchange between Sanders and Parry.

Officers stopped the pair around 6:45 p.m. and found both in possession of heroin.

Investigators then searched Sanders' home and found a quarter-pound of heroin inside, estimated to be worth \$10,000.

hoping he was going to resurface," Roche said.

And that he did, deputies said.

Sometime around 11:45 p.m., a 28-year-old man who matched the man's description attempted to leave the area on Imperial Highway, north of Kellogg Drive.

Juan Hernandez was arrested on suspicion of robbery, carjacking, kidnapping and criminal threats.

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Anti-bullying: Feb. 27 is Stand up to Bullying Day in Garden Grove, and the next day the city will co-host an Anti-Bullying and Cyber-Bullying Prevention event from noon to 5 p.m. in Village Green Park, 12732 Main St. The City Council on Tuesday evening approved a proclamation making Feb. 27 Stand Up to Bullying Day.

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Open Streets: Because of the success of the 2014 Open Streets Event in October, when the city closed off several downtown streets to cars, the Community Services Department has begun planning a second such event for this year. The city hopes to expand activities.

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YouTube channel: The city now has a YouTube channel where you can live-stream City Council meetings. The channel, Garden Grove TV3, can be viewed on smartphones or tablets. The channel also has other city videos, such as Todd Elgin getting sworn in as police chief.

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Community spotlight: The Garden Grove High School varsity football team recently received a Community Spotlight award from the City Council for winning the CIF-SS Southern Division Championship against crosstown rival Rancho Alamitos High School. The Argonauts won, 35-0.

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Mayor statement: Mayor Bao Nguyen recently released a statement saying he is "opposed to communism in Vietnam because I am opposed to oppression and corruption everywhere." Nguyen was responding to those who decried his decision not to ask Riverside to rescind its sister city relationship with Can Tho, Vietnam.

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Park unavailable: Garden Grove Park, at 9301 Westminster Ave., will be unavailable for recreational activities from Friday through Sunday because of the annual Tet Festival, hosted by the Vietnamese Community of Southern California. The Tet Festival celebrates the Lunar New Year, which is today.

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CITY TO RECOGNIZE GARDEN GROVE CLASS OF 2015 COLLEGE GRADUATES

For a third year, the City is recognizing Garden Grove college graduates for their outstanding accomplishments. The City is seeking names and information from Garden Grove residents who will receive a Spring or Fall 2015 undergraduate or post-graduate academic degree from any college or university. Graduates who submit their information by April 1, 2015 will be recognized at the Tuesday, April 28, 2015 City Council meeting, at 6:30 p.m.

Prior to the recognition, the higher education alumnae and their guests will be invited to attend a private reception, hosted by Mayor Bao Nguyen and the Garden Grove City Council, at 5:30 p.m. During the private reception, each graduate will be entered into an opportunity drawing for a chance to win an Apple iPad Air 2, sponsored by Signal Hill Petroleum, or a \$100 gift card from Target.

Businesses who would like to sponsor this event are asked to contact the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280 no later than March 16, 2015.

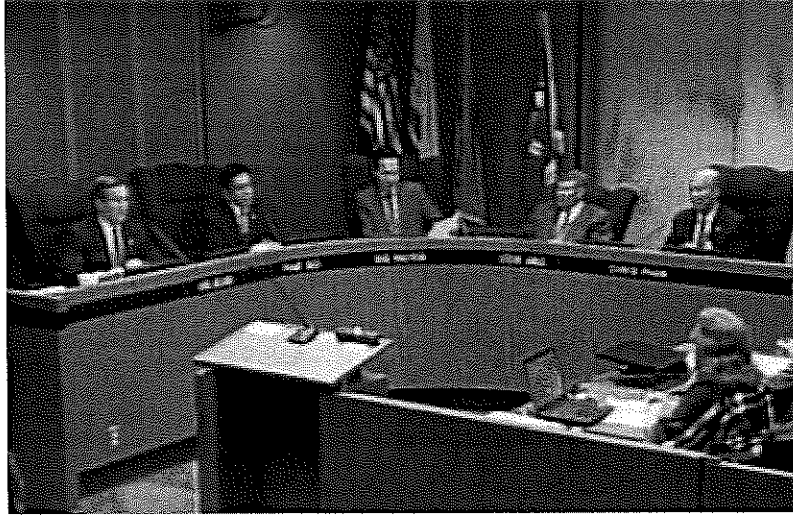
For more details or to submit information, please call the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280 or email veronicaa@ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

To see photos from last year's recognition, please visit the City's Facebook at Garden Grove City Hall.

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Translated from Ngoi Viet Online News, Wednesday, February 11, 2015

ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROBE INTO FORMER FIRE CHIEF'S DEAL



Orange County District Attorney's office will be investigating allegations of Brown Act violations and another possible nepotism allegation regarding the hiring of former Mayor Bruce Broadwater's son and the former Fire Chief.

Also, the City of Garden Grove will be sending the City of Riverside a letter urging them to dissolve their planned sister city relationship with Can Tho, Vietnam, however, each member of the City Council will decide themselves if they want to affix their name to it.

At the regular City Council meetings on Tuesday, February 10, the Garden Grove City Council adopted all public input, regarding two issues, investigating the agreement with the former Fire Chief and opposing the City of Riverside to formalize their planned sister city relationship with Can Tho, Vietnam.

District Attorney's office is investigating

Before moving to the closed session, City Clerk Kathy Bailor read a letter from Mr. Ebrahim Baytieh, Orange County Deputy District Attorney, delivered on February 6, indicating the allegation of "Brown Act" that involved the hiring of former Mayor Bruce Broadwater's son as a fireman and a secret well-paid employment contract for the former Fire Chief.

"From my understanding, the letter from the District Attorney's Office related to an agreement that the City paid for Mr. David Barlag," Ms. Bailor continued.

California law "Brown Act" was established since 1953, the law's intent is that the actions of public commissions, boards and councils be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly.

In the letter, Mr. Baytieh also requested that the City Council cancel the attorney-client privilege agreement regarding the settlement between the City and David Barlag, former Fire Chief.

Under this Act, the City did not disclose detailed discussion of the salary.

After the closed session, Garden Grove City Council voted 4-0 unanimously, to agree to cancel this Act, so the district attorney can investigate further details between Mr. Matt Fertal, former City Manager, and David Barlag.

Before that, Councilman Chris Phan withdrew himself out of the meeting since he is the Orange County Deputy District attorney, it may be a conflict of interest.

During an interview with the Nguoi Viet Daily News, the Mayor of Garden Grove expressed, "The Orange County District Attorney's office is officially involved. We also are asking attorney Alan Burns, who is now an attorney representing the City in this case, to contact the California Department of Justice and ask them for an investigation."

Bao also said the City does not use Tom Nixon, who is the official City attorney, because he was the city attorney when the incident happened.

Before the closed session, several city residents shared their concerns, asking the City Council to cooperate with the investigation through to the end.

"I'd like the City Council to cooperate with the investigation related to the former City Manager and the former Fire Chief. While we are (the City) short on the pensions for employees, the City had agreed to pay about \$ 250,000/year for the former Fire Chief, to do nothing," said Josh McIntosh, a resident of Garden Grove. "I personally came into the City to find David Barlag, but they said he was not there. While he does not even have a desk to sit, does not report his workload to the higher manager, but is still getting paid. I think this investigation, though it's late, is better late than never," he added.

A week before the meeting, Mayor Bao Nguyen urged members of the City Council to sign a letter of request to the Orange County District Attorney's Office and the California Department of Justice to investigate a well-paid deal with multiple benefits for the former Fire Chief.

This agreement for Mr. David Barlag to receive the salary within two years, a total of \$400,000, plus all the benefits, is for work described as "administrator in charge of public safety."

On the day of his resignation, September 30, 2014, David Barlag signed an agreement with the City to ensure he remains as a City employee and continue on the payroll until the date of December 31, 2016, each year ranging from \$160,884 to \$215,604, plus other benefits.

Barlag's resignation involved bringing in the son of former Mayor Bruce Broadwater to work in the Fire Department when he was in office.

He resigned just two weeks before the inspection results of the Garden Grove Fire Department were published, in which he was accused of bringing Jeremy Broadwater, son of former Mayor Bruce Broadwater, as a firefighter, although Jeremy's performance had been evaluated as "poor."

Before that, the Garden Grove firefighters union voted 5-1 of no confidence in David Barlag.

Under the agreement, the City Council members had voted internally (closed-door) that David Barlag be appointed to a newly established position, as "Public Safety Administrative Officer" which was kept confidential.

The council members at that time were Mayor Bruce Broadwater, Mayor Pro Tem Steve Jones, and three other council members Chris Phan, Dina Nguyen, and Kris Beard.

Bruce Broadwater lost to Bao Nguyen in the election on November 4, 2014. Mr. Matt Fertal, former City Manager, resigned on Tuesday December 31, 2014, and attorney Dina Nguyen is now a board member of the Orange County Water District.

Opposition to the City of Riverside

Also on Tuesday night, more than a dozen people, mostly Vietnamese, raised their concerns to the City of Garden Grove, requesting the City to send a letter to the City of Riverside urging them to dissolve their planned sister city relationship with Can Tho, Vietnam.

This agreement between William Bailey, Mayor of City of Riverside, and Le Hung Dung, chairman of Can Tho People's Committee had been signed in Riverside on Tuesday, January 21.

Councilman Phat Bui proposed a vote, requesting the City to send a letter officially; Councilman Chris Phan was supportive.

Mr. Phat Bui expressed, "What Riverside did is insulting to the Vietnamese community, and rekindles our old wounds. I urge the City Council members

to join the Vietnamese community to send this letter and request the City of Riverside to dissolve this decision."

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Jones expressed, "I completely understand and have sympathy with the Vietnamese community about what happened in their homeland. Perhaps because I grew up here I might think differently. But I think to tell another American city what to do seems a little bit too much."

"I would not be happy if another city says Garden Grove has too many massage parlors, and this easily leads to prostitution. I would say we're going to try, but this is our issue. I feel a little uncomfortable to get involved," said Mayor Pro Tem Steve Jones.

Councilman Chris Phan said, "I respect Mayor Pro Tem Steve Jones' perspective. However, the difference here is 'requesting.' According to what he said, should we as an individual send a letter to Riverside, instead of the entire City Council? "

Councilman Phat Bui expressed, "I understand the Mayor Pro Tem's perspective, however, Garden Grove has about 70,000 Vietnamese-American constituents, and the decision related to the City of Riverside obviously affects them. It's our duty and responsibility to give them a view and express our concerns, otherwise, we wouldn't be here. You have heard many emotional testimonies. This is an opportunity for us to represent them, to express their concerns. I hope for your support, as a way to serve our constituents."

Councilwoman Kris Beard shared, "I agree with both views here. I understand what Mayor Pro Tem Steve Jones had expressed. But we also have to look into the population of our constituents in the community and their interest. I myself support this proposal. However, we should have a clear policy in the future, as this is a diverse city, and we might encounter similar situations in the future."

Mayor Bao Nguyen would not like Riverside telling Garden Grove what to do, the Mayor expressed, "I would not like Riverside telling Garden Grove what to do. Those elected officials are just like us, and they represent people. That's the bottom line. We have to be the ones to lead by example. Many have made the ultimate sacrifice for what we have today. We should honor them by being responsible and holding true to our own ideals. We must respect Riverside and act in a spirit of mutual respect. I would not want to see Riverside tell Garden Grove what to do. I think we are responsible for our future, right here, at our home in Garden Grove."

The Mayor continued, "As a City, we made it clear not to accept any delegation from communists in Vietnam. We have confirmed the sacrifice of those who went before my generation, and thanks to them, I can be where I am today. We must honor these sacrifices, and act within our power,

make influences within our reach, and help those who choose to trust us as a leaders."

"I believe we must set a good example for the next generation. As a son of a Vietnamese refugee in search of freedom, I was born at a refugee camp, I have witnessed many politicians take advantage of these sensitive issues and pain, and many people are victims of terrorism, it's intolerable. I think we must focus on higher priority issues, the road ahead is still long. We should not allow those who try to label people as communists. Would we label Riverside a communist City?" Mayor Bao Nguyen said.

"I call for a vote against sending an official letter to Riverside. If this is the issue of a Vietnamese community, we cannot handle it here in Garden Grove. I think if we step out of our bounds and tell Riverside what to do, how are we to exemplify freedom and democracy when we can't respect the democratic system of Riverside. Those are elected officials just like us, and they represent people, to take care of issues related to their residents. "

Shortly after he ended, many of the Vietnamese had walked out the conference room, some people shouting, "Down with the Communists," "Down with Bao Nguyen," "Recall Bao Nguyen."

Before they cast a vote, Councilman Chris Phan suggested, "I personally don't feel comfortable having someone sign a piece of paper that they don't feel comfortable signing, therefore, instead of doing that and forcing someone's hand, those on the Council who would like to be a part of that letter will sign."

Councilman Phat Bui supported Councilman Chris Phan's suggestion, and the entire City Council members voted 5-0 unanimously.

Therefore, only Council members signed a letter and sent it to the City of Riverside.

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Garden Grove gửi thư không chính thức phản đối Riverside kết nghĩa Cần Thơ

Đỗ Dzũng/Người Việt

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) - Văn Phòng Biện Lý Orange County sẽ điều tra vụ mượn con trai thị trưởng Garden Grove vào sở cứu hỏa và cựu giám đốc cứu hỏa lãnh lương hàng trăm ngàn đô la, nhưng không làm gì cả, đồng thời, để xem có tình trạng thiên vị "con ông cháu cha" trong thành phố, cũng như Hội Đồng Thành Phố có vi phạm luật "Brown Act" hay không.



Cuộc họp Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove tối Thứ Ba. (Hình chụp qua YouTube)

Ngoài ra, Hội Đồng Thành Phố cũng quyết định để cho các thành viên tự ký tên vào một lá thư gửi cho Riverside, phản đối thành phố này và yêu cầu thành phố này rút lại quyết định kết nghĩa với thành phố Cần Thơ.

Trong buổi họp thường kỳ tối Thứ Ba, 10 Tháng Hai, Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove nghe tất cả ý kiến của công chúng, liên quan đến hai vấn đề, điều tra vụ thỏa thuận trả lương hậu cho cựu giám đốc cứu hỏa và phản đối Riverside kết nghĩa với Cần Thơ.

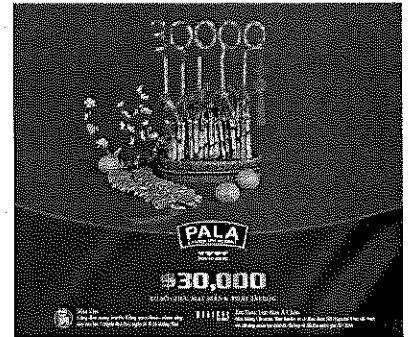
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Trước khi Hội Đồng Thành Phố chuyển sang họp kín, liên quan đến một cuộc điều tra, bà Kathy Bailor, thư ký thành phố, đọc bức thư của ông Ebrahim Baytieh, phó biện lý Orange County, gửi đến ngày 6 Tháng Hai, nêu lên chuyện vi phạm luật "Brown Act" và có thể có dấu hiệu tội phạm trong việc mượn con trai ông cựu thị trưởng vào sở cứu hỏa và trả lương hậu cho cựu giám đốc sở cứu hỏa.

"Theo tôi hiểu, bức thư của văn phòng biện lý có ý đề cập đến thỏa thuận của Hội Đồng Thành Phố trong việc trả lương cho ông David Barlag," bà Bailor đọc tiếp.

"Brown Act" là một đạo luật của California, có từ năm 1953, nghiêm cấm đa số thành viên hội đồng thành phố hoặc hội đồng quản trị một cơ quan chính phủ hợp không công khai khi bàn về một vấn đề có liên quan đến công chúng.

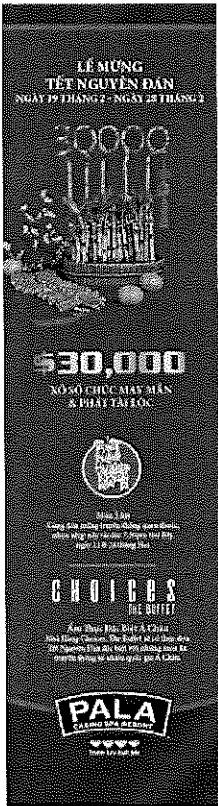
Trong bức thư, ông Baytieh cũng yêu cầu Hội Đồng Thành Phố bỏ điều khoản duy trì quyền riêng tư giữa luật sư và thân chủ (attorney-client privilege) trong thỏa thuận trả lương giữa thành phố và



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Camry 2015 đã thay đổi gần 2000 bộ phận

ông David Barlag, cựu giám đốc cứu hỏa.

Theo điều khoản này, thành phố không được tiết lộ chi tiết cuộc thảo luận trong việc trả lương.

Sau buổi họp kín, Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove công khai bỏ phiếu 4-0, đồng ý hủy điều khoản này, để biện lý cuộc có thể thu gom các chi tiết giữa ông Matt Fertal, cựu tổng quản trị thành phố, và ông David Barlag, cho cuộc điều tra.

Trước đó, Nghị Viên Chris Phan xin rút lui khỏi cuộc họp kín và cuộc bỏ phiếu vì ông là phó biện lý Orange County, nên có thể bị mâu thuẫn quyền lợi.

Trả lời phỏng vấn nhật báo Người Việt, ông Bảo Nguyễn, thị trưởng Garden Grove, cho biết, "Coi như Văn Phòng Biện Lý Orange County đã chính thức vào cuộc. Chúng tôi cũng đang yêu cầu Luật Sư Alan Burns, hiện là luật sư đại diện thành phố trong vụ này, liên lạc với Bộ Tư Pháp California, để yêu cầu họ điều tra."

Ông Bảo cũng cho biết, thành phố không sử dụng ông Tom Nixon, luật sư chính thức của thành phố, vì ông cũng là luật sư thành phố khi sự việc xảy ra, với Hội Đồng Thành Phố cũ.

Trước khi họp kín, một số cư dân thành phố lên phát biểu, yêu cầu Hội Đồng Thành Phố hợp tác điều tra sự việc tới nơi tới chốn.

"Tôi yêu cầu Hội Đồng Thành Phố hợp tác điều tra cựu tổng quản trị và cựu giám đốc cứu hỏa. Trong khi chúng ta không có nhiều tiền hưu bổng cho nhân viên, thành phố lại trả lương khoảng \$250,000/năm cho cựu giám đốc cứu hỏa, để chẳng làm gì cả," ông George McIntosh, một cư dân Garden Grove, phát biểu.

Ông nói thêm, "Cá nhân tôi từng đến thành phố tìm ông David Barlag, nhưng họ nói ông không có ở đó. Ngay cả ông không có một cái bàn để ngồi, không báo cáo công việc với tổng quản trị, mà vẫn được lãnh lương hậu. Tôi nghĩ cuộc điều tra này, dù trễ vẫn hơn là không bao giờ làm gì cả."

Trước buổi họp một tuần, Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn thúc giục các thành viên Hội Đồng Thành Phố ký tên vào một lá thư yêu cầu Văn Phòng Biện Lý Orange County và Bộ Tư Pháp California điều tra một thỏa thuận trả lương hậu cũng nhiều quyền lợi cho cựu giám đốc cứu hỏa.

Thỏa thuận này cho ông David Barlag lãnh hai năm lương, tổng cộng khoảng \$400,000, cộng với tất cả các quyền lợi, với công việc là "nhân viên hành chánh phụ trách an toàn cộng đồng."

Ngay trong ngày từ chức hôm 30 Tháng Chín, 2014, ông David Barlag ký một thỏa thuận với thành phố, bảo đảm ông vẫn là nhân viên của Garden Grove và tiếp tục lãnh lương cho tới ngày 31 Tháng Mười Hai, 2016, mỗi năm khoảng từ \$160,884 tới \$215,604, cộng với các quyền lợi khác.

Ông Barlag từ chức vì liên quan đến chuyện nhận con trai ông cựu Thị Trưởng Bruce Broadwater vào làm việc trong sở cứu hỏa khi ông Barlag còn tại chức.

Ông từ chức chỉ hai tuần trước khi kết quả thanh tra Sở Cứu Hỏa Garden Grove được công bố, mà trong đó ông bị tố cáo nhận ông Jeremy Broadwater, con trai Thị Trưởng Bruce Broadwater, vào làm lính cứu hỏa, mặc dù người này bị chê là "yếu kém."

Trước đó, nghiệp đoàn nhân viên cứu hỏa Garden Grove bỏ phiếu 51-0 bất tin nhiệm ông David Barlag.

Theo thỏa thuận trên, được Hội Đồng Thành Phố bỏ phiếu "nội bộ" (closed-door), ông David Barlag được bổ nhiệm vào một chức vụ mới thành lập, có tên "Public Safety Administrative Officer" (nhân viên hành chánh phụ trách an toàn cộng đồng), và được giữ bí mật.

Hội Đồng Thành Phố lúc đó bao gồm Thị Trưởng Bruce Broadwater, Phó Thị Trưởng Steve Jones, và ba nghị viên Chris Phan, Dina Nguyễn, và Kris Beard.

Ông Bruce Broadwater thua ông Bảo Nguyễn trong cuộc bầu cử hôm 4 Tháng Mười Một, 2014. Ông Matt Fertal từ chức tổng quản trị hôm 31 Tháng Mười Hai, 2014, và Luật Sư Dina Nguyễn bảy giờ là ủy viên Hội Đồng Thủy Cục Orange County.

Phản đối Riverside

Cũng trong buổi tối Thứ Ba, hơn một chục người, đa số là gốc Việt, lên phát biểu yêu cầu thành phố Garden Grove chính thức gửi một lá thư đến thành phố Riverside, phản đối và yêu cầu thành phố này rút lại quyết định kết nghĩa với thành phố Cần Thơ mới đây.

Thỏa thuận kết nghĩa này vừa được ông William Bailey, thị trưởng Riverside, và ông Lê Hùng Dũng, chủ tịch Ủy Ban Nhân Dân thành phố Cần Thơ ký tại tòa thị chính Riverside hôm 21 Tháng Giêng.

Nghị Viên Phát Bùi sau đó đề nghị bỏ phiếu, yêu cầu thành phố gửi thư chính thức, và được Nghị Viên Chris Phan ủng hộ.

Ông Phát Bùi nói, "Không gì Riverside làm là một sự sỉ nhục đối với cộng đồng Việt Nam, và làm khơi lại vết thương cũ. Tôi kêu gọi Hội Đồng Thành Phố tham gia cùng cộng đồng Việt Nam để gửi lá thư này đến, yêu cầu Riverside rút lại quyết định này."

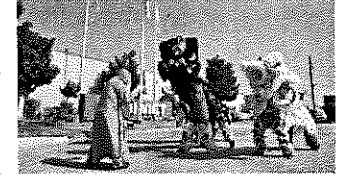
Phó Thị Trưởng Steve Jones phát biểu, "Tôi hoàn toàn hiểu và thông cảm với cộng đồng Việt Nam, về những gì đang xảy ra tại quê hương họ. Có lẽ tôi lớn lên ở đây nên có thể tôi suy nghĩ khác. Điều tôi hơi ngại là một thành phố này nói một thành phố khác không được làm một điều gì thì có vẻ hơi quá."

"Tôi sẽ không hài lòng nếu một thành phố khác nói rằng Garden Grove có quá nhiều tiệm massage, và điều này dễ dẫn đến tình trạng mại dâm. Tôi sẽ nói chúng tôi sẽ cố gắng, nhưng đây là chuyện của chúng tôi. Tôi cảm thấy không thoải mái một chút trong chuyện này," ông Steve Jones nói tiếp.

Nghị Viên Chris Phan nói, "Tôi tôn trọng ý kiến của Phó Thị Trưởng Steve Jones. Tuy nhiên, sự khác biệt ở đây là 'yêu cầu.' Như ông nói, vậy chẳng lẽ từng cá nhân chúng ta gửi thư đến Riverside, thay vì toàn thể Hội Đồng Thành Phố?"

Nghị Viên Phát Bùi nói thêm, "Tôi hiểu xuất xứ của Phó Thị Trưởng Steve Jones. Tuy nhiên, Garden Grove có khoảng 70,000 cư dân gốc Việt, và quyết định của Riverside rõ ràng ảnh hưởng

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BỎ SA NGÀY GIÁP TẾT

họ. Và chúng ta làm điều này là thể hiện sự đại diện của chúng ta đối với họ. Nếu không, chúng ta không cần phải làm gì cả. Chắc quý vị đã thấy nhiều người lên phát biểu tối nay. Tôi nghĩ, đây là cơ hội để chúng ta đại diện họ, bày tỏ quan điểm của họ. Tôi mong ông hãy ủng hộ, như là một cách phục vụ cử tri của chúng ta."

Nghị Viên Kris Beard chia sẻ, "Tôi đồng ý với cả hai quan điểm ở đây. Tôi hiểu những gì Phó Thị Trưởng Steve Jones nói. Nhưng chúng ta cũng phải nhìn vào tỉ lệ cư dân thành phố, về quan tâm của họ, về nhóm cử tri mà chúng ta đại diện. Tôi ủng hộ đề nghị này. Tuy nhiên, chúng ta nên có một chính sách rõ ràng hơn trong tương lai, khi gặp phải những vấn đề bên ngoài thành phố, bởi vì đây là một thành phố đa dạng, và chúng ta có thể sẽ gặp phải trường hợp này sau này."

Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn phát biểu, "Là một thành phố, tôi không nghĩ chúng ta nên nói một thành phố ở Mỹ nên làm điều gì. Tôi muốn Garden Grove là một thí dụ điển hình về dân chủ qua chính hành động của chúng ta."

"Có quá nhiều người hy sinh cho lý tưởng hôm nay. Chúng ta phải tôn trọng việc làm Riverside để thể hiện lý tưởng tự do tại Hoa Kỳ. Chúng ta phải hành động với sự tôn trọng lẫn nhau. Tôi sẽ không muốn thấy Riverside nói Garden Grove nên làm cái gì. Tôi nghĩ rằng chúng ta có trách nhiệm cho tương lai của chúng ta, ngay tại đây, tại nhà chúng ta ở Garden Grove," ông Bảo nói tiếp.

Vị thị trưởng gốc Việt tiếp, "Là một thành phố, chúng ta tuyên bố rõ ràng là không chấp nhận bất cứ một phái đoàn nào của Cộng Sản Việt Nam đến đây. Chúng ta đã xác nhận sự hy sinh của những người thuộc thế hệ đi trước tôi, mà chính nhờ họ, tôi mới có được ngày hôm nay. Bây giờ, chúng ta phải vinh danh những hy sinh này, và hành động trong quyền hạn của chúng ta, để ảnh hưởng nơi chúng ta có thể ảnh hưởng, để giúp những người tin tưởng chọn chúng ta làm lãnh đạo."

"Tôi tin rằng, chúng ta phải sống bằng cách nêu gương cho các thế hệ sau. Là con của một thuyền nhân đi tìm tự do, được sinh ra trong một trại tị nạn, chứng kiến chính trị gia lợi dụng vấn đề nhạy cảm và đau đớn này, mà trong đó có nhiều người là nạn nhân của khủng bố, tôi không thể chịu được. Tôi nghĩ, chúng ta phải tập trung vào các vấn đề ưu tiên hơn, và con đường phía trước còn dài. Chúng ta cũng không được để cho một số người bịt miệng người khác bằng cách chụp mũ họ là Cộng Sản. Liệu chúng ta có nên chụp mũ Riverside là một thành phố Cộng Sản?" Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn nói tiếp.

Và ông kêu gọi, "Tôi kêu gọi chúng ta bỏ phiếu chống lại việc gửi thư chính thức cho Riverside, và tránh chuyện nói Riverside phải làm gì. Nếu đây là vấn đề của cộng đồng Việt Nam, chúng ta không thể lo cho chuyện này ngay trong Garden Grove. Chúng ta phải nêu gương trong việc thực thi dân chủ ở đây, bằng cách không nói Riverside phải làm gì, và tôn trọng các vị dân cử ở Riverside. Họ cũng như chúng ta, phải lo cho các vấn đề liên quan đến cư dân của họ."

Ngay sau khi ông Bảo chấm dứt phát biểu, một số người Việt Nam trong phòng họp bỏ ra về. Một số người còn la lớn: "Đả đảo Cộng Sản," "Đả đảo Bảo Nguyễn," "Truất phế Bảo Nguyễn."

Trước khi cuộc bỏ phiếu diễn ra, Nghị Viên Chris Phan đề nghị, "Tôi không muốn có một lá thư mà bắt buộc các thành viên Hội Đồng Thành Phố ký tên vào. Tôi nghĩ, chúng ta chỉ nên có một lá thư, mà thành viên nào muốn, thì ký vào đó."

Đề nghị của Nghị Viên Chris Phan được Nghị Viên Phát Bùi ủng hộ, và toàn thể Hội Đồng Thành Phố đồng ý với tỉ lệ phiếu 5-0.

Như vậy, chỉ có các thành viên Hội Đồng Thành Phố ký tên gửi thư cho Riverside.

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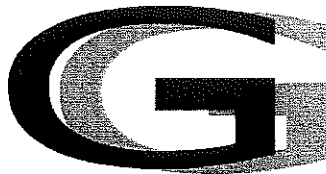
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

February 12, 2015

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation for the February 26, 2015 Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. Notice from the California Energy Commission regarding a request to modify the Final Decision for the Canyon Power Plant located in Anaheim.
4. Letter from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development discussing funding for various programs for Fiscal Year 2015.
5. Cities Advocates dated February 13 and 17, 2015.



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 19, 2015 – March 14, 2015

Thursday	February 19		Casual Day – Valentine’s Day Theme (Wear Red or Pink Shirts)
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Friday	February 20		City Hall Closed
Friday-Sunday	February 20-February 22		Garden Grove Tet Festival 2015 Garden Grove Park, 9301 Westminster Ave.
Tuesday	February 24	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	February 25	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	February 26	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room CANCELLED
Monday	March 2	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement & Conservation Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Tuesday	March 3	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	March 5	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Friday	March 6		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	March 10	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	March 11	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	March 12	9:00 a.m.	Main Street Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Saturday	March 14	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project “GO” Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center




GARDEN GROVE

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2015**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 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: February 19, 2015


SUSAN EMERY
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

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DATE: February 6, 2015
TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Jonathan Fong, Compliance Project Manager
SUBJECT: Canyon Power Plant (07-AFC-09C)
Staff Analysis of Amendment Proposal(s)

On September 29, 2014, the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting to modify the Final Decision for the Canyon Power Plant (CPP). Staff prepared an analysis of this proposed change that can be reviewed on the Energy Commission website for this facility (see below).

The CPP, a simple-cycle, natural gas-fired 200-megawatt facility, was certified by the Energy Commission in its Decision on March 17, 2010, and began commercial operation on September 15, 2011. The facility is located in the city of Anaheim, in Orange County, California.

Energy Commission staff (staff) reviewed the petition and assessed the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality and on public health and safety. In the Staff Analysis, Energy Commission staff recommends the modification of Air Quality Conditions of Certification, AQ-SC7, AQ-1, AQ-2, AQ-4, AQ-10, AQ-11, AQ-12, AQ-14, AQ-16, AQ-17, AQ-20, AQ-22, AQ-23, AQ-24, AQ-26, and AQ-31. Energy Commission staff is also proposing to delete Air Quality Conditions of Certification AQ-3, AQ-8, and AQ-15 because the requirements are no longer applicable to CPP. Energy Commission staff is proposing to add Air Quality Conditions of Certification AQ-32, AQ-33 and AQ-34. It is staff's opinion that, with the implementation of these new and/or revised conditions, the facility would remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards, and the proposed changes to conditions of certification would not result in any significant, adverse, direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts to the environment (20 Cal. Code of Regs., § 1769). Energy Commission staff intends to recommend approval of the petition at the March 11, Business Meeting of the Energy Commission.

The Energy Commission's webpage for this facility, <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/canyon/>, has a link to the petition and the Staff Analysis on the right side of the webpage in the box labeled "Compliance Proceeding." Click on the "Documents for this Proceeding (Docket Log)" option. After the Final Decision, the Energy Commission's Order regarding this petition will also be available from the same webpage.

To: Interested Parties for the Canyon Power Plant Project
Date: February 6, 2015
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This notice has been mailed to the Commission's list of interested parties and property owners adjacent to the facility site. It has also been e-mailed to the facility listserv. The listserv is an automated Energy Commission e-mail system by which information about this facility is e-mailed to parties who have subscribed. To subscribe, go to the Commission's webpage for this facility, cited above, scroll down the right side of the project webpage to the box labeled "Subscribe," and provide the requested contact information.

Any person may comment on the Staff Analysis. Those who wish to comment on the analysis are asked to submit their comments within 30 days of the date of this notice/by 5:00 p.m., March 9, 2015. To use the Energy Commission's electronic commenting feature, go to the Energy Commission's webpage for this facility, cited above, click on the "Submit e-Comment" link, and follow the instructions in the on-line form. Be sure to include the facility name in your comments. Once submitted, the Energy Commission Dockets Unit reviews and approves your comments, and you will receive an e-mail with a link to them.

Written comments may also be mailed or hand-delivered to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 07-AFC-09C
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

All comments and materials filed with and approved by the Dockets Unit will be added to the facility Docket Log and become publically accessible on the Energy Commission's webpage for the facility.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Jonathan Fong, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-5005, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail to Jonathan.Fong@energy.ca.gov.

For information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the petition, please call the Public Adviser at (800) 822-6228 (toll-free in California) or send your e-mail to publicadviser@energy.ca.gov. News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail to mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

Mail List 7275
Canyon Listserv



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
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The Honorable Bao Nguyen
Mayor of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Pkwy
Garden Grove, CA 92840-5208

Dear Mayor Nguyen,

I am pleased to inform you of your jurisdiction's Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, allocations for the Office of Community Planning and Development's (CPD) formula programs, which provide funding for housing, community and economic development activities, and assistance for low and moderate-income persons and special populations across the country. President Obama signed Public Law 113-235 on December 16, 2014, which includes FY 2015 funding for these programs. Your jurisdiction's FY 2015 available amounts are:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,937,878
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$456,168
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	\$ 0
Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)	\$175,880

This letter highlights several important points related to these programs. First, Secretary Julián Castro is committed to making HUD the "Department of Opportunity" and is establishing a number of initiatives intended to achieve that goal. In 2015, we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Department's establishment and these initiatives will build on HUD's mission to promote homeownership, support community development, and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. The Department looks forward to working with grantees on these key goals and urges you to review the entire plan at: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/hudvision>

Second, HUD recommends that grantees effectively plan and implement programs that leverage these critical Federal financial resources to achieve the greatest possible return for the communities and individuals they are intended to assist. If you would like assistance from CPD in redesigning, prioritizing or targeting your programs, either you or the head of the agency that administers your program may request technical assistance through your local CPD Director.

Third, HUD urges grantees to consider using CDBG funds, to the extent possible, to support investments in predevelopment activities for infrastructure and public facilities activities. A Presidential Memorandum (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/01/16/presidential-memorandum-expanding-federal-support-predevelopment-activit>) issued January 16, 2015, instructed federal agencies to expand support for predevelopment activities and HUD will be sending CDBG grantees a separate letter detailing this initiative and outlining key predevelopment principles.

Fourth, HUD encourages grantees to use funds from all CPD programs to work towards the goals of *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*. Specifically, with the increase in the FY 2015 ESG allocation nationally, HUD expects that communities will allocate as much of their ESG funds for Rapid Re-housing activities as possible, to end homelessness for more individuals and families living on the streets and in shelters.

Finally, the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS), which is HUD's financial and data system for managing these formula programs, will no longer commit and disburse grant funds on a first-in first-out (FIFO) basis beginning with the FY 2015 grants. Going forward, FY 2015 and future grants will be committed and disbursed on a grant specific basis and HUD will provide further guidance on this change in the near future.

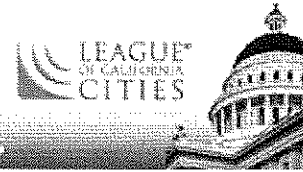
The Office of Community Planning and Development looks forward to working with you in partnership to successfully meet the challenges we face. Please contact your local CPD office if you or your staff has any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cliff Taffet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Cliff Taffet
General Deputy Assistant Secretary

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Upcoming Hearings of Interest Feb. 17-March 25

Many of the Legislature's standing policy committees are holding informational and oversight hearings in the coming weeks on a range of policy areas of interest to cities. Once the Legislature passes its Feb. 27 bill introduction deadline, these committees will soon begin to hold hearings on proposed legislation. *For more, see Page 2.*



California City Solutions: Apple Valley Creates Partnerships to Encourage Healthy Living in the High Desert

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. The Healthy Apple Valley Program was submitted in 2014 for the Health and Wellness Programs award category. For more, see Page 4.



Only Two Weeks Left to Register for the 2015 Public Works Officers Institute

Registration for the 2015 Public Works Officers Institute will close on Friday, Feb. 27. Scheduled, Wednesday, March 25 – Friday, March 27, at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, the conference planned with CEAC, will provide public works officers with innumerable lessons and tips. *For more, see Page 2.*

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Following are a number of upcoming hearings of interest to cities:

Feb. 17

- **Senate Committee on Judiciary**, 2:30 p.m. or upon adjournment of Floor Session, State Capitol, Room 4203
 - Oversight Hearing on Drones: Is California Law Ready?
- **Senate Joint Hearing of the Transportation and Housing and Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4203
 - Informational Hearing on Transportation Funding

Feb. 18

- **Joint Hearing of Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee and Senate Transportation and Housing Committee**, 10 a.m. to 12 noon., State Capitol, Room 4202
 - Informational Hearing on An Overview of the Housing Market and the State's Housing Resources Program

Feb. 20

- **Joint Hearing of the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee and Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee**, 10 a.m., Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Metro Board Meeting, third floor
 - Oversight Hearing on Los Angeles County Voter Turnout

Feb. 23

- **Assembly Transportation Committee**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room TBA
 - Informational Hearing on Transportation Funding

Feb. 24

- **Joint Hearing of Senate Transportation and Housing and Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 20 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation**, 1:20 p.m., State Capitol, Room 4203
 - Informational Hearing on Transportation Maintenance Backlog

March 4

- **Joint Hearing of the Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security and Senate Public Employees and Retirement Committees**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 3191
 - Informational Hearing on Orientation and Report of the California Actuarial Advisory Panel
- **Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Public Safety**, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 437
 - Hearing will cover a number of items, including City Law Enforcement Grants

March 24

- **Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration**
 - Hearing will cover a number of items, including Commission on State Mandates and Public Employees' Retirement System

March 25

- **Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation**, State Capitol, Room 447
 - Hearing will cover a number of items, including Department of Transportation and the California Transportation Commission

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Obesity rates, especially in children, have increased at a dramatic rate in the past decade. For the town of Apple Valley, in the heart of San Bernardino County, these issues had become epidemic. In 2010, the town established a Healthy Apple Valley Coalition and received funding to hire an in-house Healthy Apple Valley Coordinator. Through several new partnerships and

acquired funding, the Healthy Apple Valley program was developed, providing health and fitness education for preschool age children and parents.

A 2012 report conducted on behalf of St. Mary Medical Center found that 71 percent of adults and 31 percent of the youth in the High Desert area were overweight or obese. Recent statistics from the county of San Bernardino Department of Public Health indicate that the county's population ranks among the most obese in the nation, and has the third-highest heart disease and second highest diabetes rates in the state. More than 70 percent of children there do not meet fitness standards while two thirds of adults are not meeting recommended physical activity levels.

Town officials were concerned about the lack of accessibility to active-use amenities, such as walking trails, biking paths, and healthy eating establishments, which was contributing to the unhealthy and passive lifestyle affecting many of its residents. The data showed that this was a worsening trend among children in the community.

Although the Parks and Recreation Department provides a wide variety of classes and sports leagues, along with parks with active use amenities, current services alone were not enough to foster a healthy and growing community. Even local fitness centers, dance studios, gymnastics centers, martial arts studios and school athletic programs failed to slow the growing obesity rates.

Apple Valley leaders decided that they needed a comprehensive strategic plan to encourage a healthy lifestyle within the community. With the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention stating that obesity and associated health problems have a significant impact, costing more than \$150 billion dollars (according to 2008 figures), city leaders knew they had to rally the community, including businesses, health providers, local public agencies, schools, health care providers and residents, to make Apple Valley a healthier community.

In February 2010, the town council established a Healthy Apple Valley Coalition and in June 2010, a grant was awarded by the San Bernardino County Health Department to provide an in-house Healthy Apple Valley Coordinator.

Initially comprising more than 25 community members representing a diverse group of public entities, business members, health providers and residents, the coalition established three priorities:

1. **Be Active** — programming and marketing for family physical outdoor activities such as walking, biking and family activities.
2. **Eat Better** — programming and marketing to promote healthy eating.
3. **Live Better** — forming public and private partnerships to develop policies and other health areas.

With the town already offering activities and amenities for families and residents, it decided that focusing on the children to build these three emphasis area would be the most beneficial to the community.

First 5 San Bernardino awarded Apple Valley funding to establish a healthy preschool and the VANtastic Fun program. A three-pronged nutrition and fitness based-program was developed for 3- to 5-year olds. It also included a component to educate parents and children about the value of physical activity and healthy eating.

- Mommy and Me classes have activities include obstacle courses and parachute games, information on the benefits of healthy eating while teaching participants about the texture and taste of different foods, nutritional themed story-time and puppet shows, and children are given age appropriate recipe books with ideas on how to stay active.
- "My First Sports Program," a four-week program, introduced preschoolers to basketball, baseball and soccer called "My first Sports Program."
- For the VANtastic program, the city refurbished a passenger van, replacing its seats with children's play equipment, a sound system and relevant educational materials delivering

fitness and nutrition education to preschools, parks or special events. The van also featured wrap-around graphic to encourage residents to "Come Play with us."

Walking trails and active-use amenities were added to parks with funding from a public-private partnership, sponsorships and grant solicitation.

Apple Valley's hard work has paid off.

In the 18 months of its program, Apple Valley distributed educational material on the health benefits of nutrition and exercise to more than 550 children through the Mommy and Me, My First Sports and preschool VANtastic programs.

First 5 San Bernardino extended and increased funding for two additional years if the program would expand to include nutritional programming for expectant mothers, infant programming and develop a strategic plan.

The town formed a new partnership with Kaiser Permanente that expanded the VANtastic program to reach children all ages by bringing the van to local parks during school breaks. Kaiser's Community Benefit Foundation awarded a grant to Apple Valley to pay for the installation of outdoor fitness equipment in the Civic Center Park. Through a partnership with St. Mary Medical Center, the two offered healthy cooking classes, all which have been filled to capacity. Many of the town's recreation programs are now free for low income youth.

Staff tracked educational value of the program and any changes in the lifestyles of the participants. Ninety-five percent of the early respondents reported that the children and family as a whole were eating more fruits and vegetables than they were prior to the program. More than 90 percent reported eating fruits or vegetables during the program that were new to them, 75 percent responded that the nutritional information provided encouraged closer examination of the products and quantities that their children ate on a daily and weekly basis, and many parents believed they would start their children in organized activities at a younger age. Participants were given registration vouchers for one of pee wee sports opportunities, and more than half used them.

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Networking receptions and captivating keynote speakers will provide engage public works officers in their profession. Register online at www.cacities.org/events and select "Public Works Officers Institute."

Learn more about the sessions and speakers offered at this event.

Like the League of California Cities on Facebook and follow @cacitieslearn on Twitter for updates and useful information about upcoming conferences.

Employee Relations Legislative Webinar Series Launches

First Webinar, Feb. 24

Join the League of California Cities Personnel and Employee Relations Department as it launches an exciting new webinar series. In the weeks ahead, League staff will provide updates on proposed legislation relevant to human resources professionals winding its way through the Legislature. The webinars will provide members with an opportunity to offer their expert feedback about the content and potential impact of pending bills on their cities and their profession. This first installment in the series is scheduled Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 10 a.m. and will provide an introduction to how the webinars will work, touch on current issues, and lay out a path for the remainder of the series.

Please register online for this webinar no later than Monday, Feb. 23 by noon. Cost to participate is free for League members and partners; \$100 for non-members. For registration questions, please contact Megan Dunn.

Questions on personnel-related policy matter can be directed to [Alicia Lewis](#), legislative representative.

For more information about the [Personnel and Employee Relations Department](#) visit the League's website or contact [Meghan McKelvey](#), department and member services manager.

The FPPC Will Soon Release Online Toolkit for Candidates

The California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) will soon offer an online toolkit that provides step-by-step instructions to prospective candidates on how to comply with various state-mandated disclosure requirements. The Candidate Toolkit condenses several manuals already available by the FPPC into a comprehensive, easy-to-use format. It will also include links to the required disclosure forms, filing deadlines, regulations, and frequently asked questions to the FPPC.

There's Still Time to Register for the 2015 Ahwahnee Conference for Local Elected Officials

Conference Runs March 19-22 in Yosemite National Park

Local elected officials, it's not too late to register and get your lodging for this year's conference.

Presented by the Local Government Commission, the 24th-annual Ahwahnee Conference for Local Elected Officials will feature dynamic speakers and leading experts discussing innovative solutions for increasing resiliency and implementing smart-growth strategies in a time of accelerating demographic, technological and environmental changes. There will also be a special track on equity, starting with our opening speaker, Ron Sims, who served as deputy secretary for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development from 2009-2011.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Sen. Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont)
- Ron Sims, civic volunteer in health, education, environmental and social equity issues
- Julie Nelson, director, Government Alliance for Race and Equity
- Glenn Harris, president, Center for Social Inclusion
- Mark "Puck" Mykleby, retired U.S. Marine Corps Col. and co-founder Strategic Innovation Lab, Case Western University
- Joel Makower, chair and executive editor, GreenBiz Group Inc.
- Zach Ware, founder and CEO, SHIFT
- Daniel Sperling, founding director, U.C. Davis Institute of Transportation Studies

The full conference agenda is available [online](#).

Important Deadlines

Registration and lodging details are available [online](#). Rooms are still available. Feb. 19 is the deadline for the conference room block. Conference registration ends March 12.

Please contact [Tony Leonard](#) with questions about this event.

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Solar Regulation Implementation FAQ Now Available

The League of California Cities has posted on its website a [frequently asked questions](#) (FAQ) document for a new law requiring that cities speed up and streamline the permitting and inspection of rooftop solar energy installations. [AB 2188 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) imposes a number of new requirements with which cities must comply before Sept. 30. *For more, see Page 2.*



New Federal Grant Opportunities Available for Cities

The [U.S. Department of Justice \(DOJ\)](#), the [U.S. Department of Commerce](#) and the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) are offering several grant opportunities of interest to cities and local governments. *For more, see Page 2.*



GO-Biz to Host Regional Workshops on How Businesses Can Apply for the California Competes Tax Credit

Gov. Jerry Brown's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) is hosting free workshops on how to apply for the California Competes Tax Credit. Along with a webinar workshop on March 16, GoBiz is offering in-person webinars around the state. *For more, see Page 3.*

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The League strongly opposed this measure as it moved through the Legislature and was ultimately signed by Gov. Jerry Brown. For background information on AB 2188 see the article "[Citing Climate Issues, Local Solar Processing Mandate Bill Signed.](#)"

For more information about the FAQs or AB 2188, please contact [Jason Rhine](#), legislative representative, (916) 658-8264.

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The League encourages cities review the opportunities listed below and apply for these beneficial funds.

Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) – FY 2015 Economic Development Assistance Program

EDA is soliciting applications from rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance and revolving loan fund projects under the EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive merit basis to support economic development, foster job creation and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the United States. All applications for this program under funding cycle two of FY 2015 are due by March 12.

National Endowment for the Humanities – Challenge Grants

Challenge grants are capacity-building grants, intended to support significant humanities activities of high intellectual quality and to help institutions secure long-term support for their humanities programs. Through these grants, many organizations and institutions have been able to increase their humanities capacity and secure the permanent support of an endowment. Grants may be used to establish or enhance endowments or spend-down funds that generate expendable earnings to support and enhance ongoing program activities. Challenge grants may also provide capital directly supporting the procurement of long-lasting objects, such as acquisitions for archives and collections, the purchase of equipment and the construction or renovation of facilities needed for humanities activities. All applications are due by May 5.

Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) – FY 2015 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program

The Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program (Arrest Program) recognizes that sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking are crimes that require the criminal justice system to hold offenders accountable for their actions through: investigation, arrest and prosecution of violent offenders; and close judicial scrutiny and management of offender behavior. The Arrest Program is designed to encourage partnerships between state, local and tribal governments, as well as courts, victim service providers, coalitions and rape crisis centers to ensure that sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking are treated as serious violations of criminal law. All applications are due by March 24.

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) – FY 2015 Law Enforcement and Missing Persons with Alzheimer's Disease

This grant announcement focuses on programs strategically targeted to address community and law enforcement needs, specifically on developing community partnerships to assist law enforcement in locating and working with missing persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Products produced with prior funding include: pocket guides; training videos; evaluative questions to ask caregivers; and model policies, training keys, podcasts, and protocols for a comprehensive "holistic" approach for law enforcement and community partners to proactively prevent persons with Alzheimer's

disease from wandering and locate those who are reported missing. All applications for this program are due by April 6.

National Institute of Justice (NIJ) – FY 2015 Using DNA Technology to Identify the Missing

The goal of the Using DNA Technology to Identify the Missing program is to:

- Assist eligible entities in performing DNA analysis on unidentified human remains and/or reference samples to support the efforts of states and units of local government to identify missing persons;
- Enter the resulting DNA profiles into the FBI's National DNA Index System using the Combined DNA Index System; and
- Enter any relevant case information related to unidentified remains into the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System.

NIJ estimates that it will make up to four awards for an estimated total of \$2 million for a project period of 24 months. All applications are due by April 28.

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Companies large and small that are adding jobs in the state are encouraged to apply for tax credits to help expand their business. GO-Biz evaluates the most competitive applications based on the factors required by statute, including total jobs created, total investment, average wage, economic impact, strategic importance and more. Applications are accepted online through a free and interactive [website](#).

This fiscal year, GO-Biz is authorized to award \$151.1 million in tax credits of which 25 percent (\$37.7 million) is reserved for small businesses. GO-Biz made the first allocation of \$31 million on Jan. 15 and is scheduled to make additional awards on April 16 (\$75 million) and June 18 (\$31.1 million plus any unallocated amounts from the previous application periods).

So far, GO-Biz has allocated approximately \$60 million to 85 companies that are projected to create over 10,000 jobs and make close to \$3 billion in investments. For more information about the California Competes Tax Credit visit the [GO-Biz website](#).

About GO-Biz

GO-Biz serves as California's office for economic development and offers a range of services to business owners. Those services include attraction, retention and expansion services, site selection, permit streamlining, clearing of regulatory hurdles, small business assistance, international trade development, assistance with state government, important informational briefings and much more.

For more information visit www.business.ca.gov or contact Jorge.Jaramillo@gov.ca.gov.

Workshop Details

Eureka
Monday, Feb. 23
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Vallejo
Tuesday, Feb.24
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Redding
Monday, Feb. 23
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Walnut Creek
Tuesday, Feb. 24
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Petaluma
Tuesday, Feb.24
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Oakland
Wednesday, Feb. 25
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

San Francisco
Wednesday, Feb. 25
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Salinas
Thursday, Feb. 26
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Bakersfield
Friday, Feb. 27
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Torrance
Monday, March 2
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Lakewood
Monday, March 2
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Santa Clarita
Tuesday, March 3
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Corona
Tuesday, March 3
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Indio
Wednesday, March 4
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

National City
Thursday, March 5
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Santa Ana
Thursday, March 5
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Thousand Oaks
Friday, March 6
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Cupertino
Friday, March 6
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Ventura
Friday, March 6
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Online Webinar
Monday March 16
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

April 7 is Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service invites mayors from throughout the United States to participate in the third annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service. Scheduled for April 7, this year's event will highlight the impact of AmeriCorps and Senior Corps. Participating in the event is a way to spotlight the importance of citizen engagement, recognize the dedication of national service members, and inspire more residents to get involved in their communities.

[Register online](#) to participate.

The Corporation for National and Community Service has put together a [comprehensive toolkit](#) for the event that includes FAQs, key messages, sample news release, sample proclamation and more.

If you have any questions, please contact [Greg Ericksen](#) of the CNCS CA State Office at (310) 235-7711.

RE: Pre-Retreat meeting

From : vote4chrisphan <vote4chrisphan@gmail.com>

Thu, Feb 19, 2015 02:27 PM

Subject : RE: Pre-Retreat meeting

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

Reply To : vote4chrisphan <vote4chrisphan@gmail.com>

Pam,

Any day at 5 pm except 2/26. Thanks.

Chris

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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From: Pam Haddad <pamha@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>

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The facilitator needs to meet with you individually before the Retreat and is available at the following dates/times. Please choose a few times that could work for you. Thank you.

2/27 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

2/26 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4

3/4 9, 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

3/5 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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