

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
July 7, 2016

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

NONE.

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

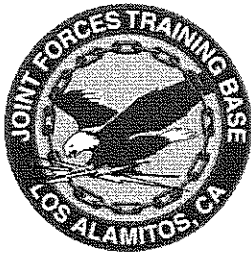
- A.** News Release from Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) notifying of the removal and replacement of their southern perimeter fence.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager



JOINT FORCES TRAINING BASE

NEWS Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Col. (CA) Richard Lalor: (562) 795-2096

July 1, 2016
Release 16-9

JFTB INITIATES SOUTHERN PERIMETER FENCE REPLACEMENT

LOS ALAMITOS, Calif. – In line with current Department of Defense force protection guidelines, Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) is replacing 3,000 linear feet of perimeter fencing along the installation's southern border.

Removal and replacement of the existing fence got underway earlier this week and the project is expected to be completed by August 1st. No inconvenience to residents is anticipated.

Similar to the replacement fencing installed on JFTB's western perimeter last year, the new fence is reinforced chain link; seven feet in height and topped by a one-foot extension of barbed wire angled 45 degrees away from the installation perimeter.

The project is being completed by an experienced Department of Defense-approved contractor with oversight by the JFTB Department of Public Works staff.

For additional information, contact Col. (CA) Richard Lalor at (562) 795-2096 (office), (626) 733-1170 (mobile) or richard.w.lalor2.vol@mail.mil

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NEWS ARTICLES

Fireworks, the homeless and marijuana

Are Fourth of July pyrotechnics sales the only way for nonprofits to raise funds?

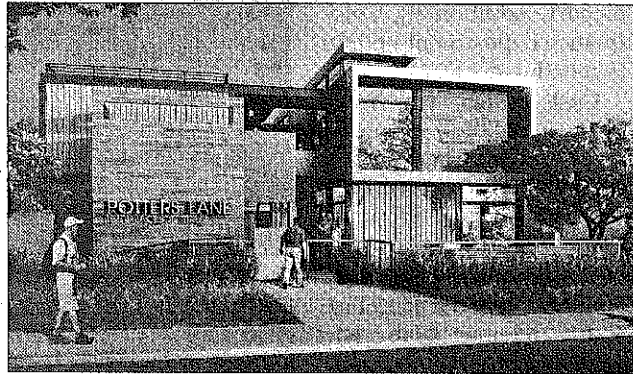
Another Fourth of July, another night with a ridiculous amount of illegal fireworks blasting off in the night skies around Brainiac's Westminster neighborhood.

And judging from the sights and sounds as we went to fetch one of the Lil Brainies from Seal Beach, West Garden Grove was blowing up pretty good, too.

Seal Beach, where fireworks are illegal, nice and quiet, though, which brings us back to our annual rant: Why do we have to put up with this? The nice big professional fireworks fired into the sky are beautiful and safe and done in proper places.

But good gosh a-mighty, is there no other way for the nonprofits that make money off fireworks sales to get their funds? Is there no way to limit what's getting blown up all night long - past the 10 p.m. curfew on the Fourth, not to mention days before the actual holiday.

Rant over, moving right along . . .



NICK AGRO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

An artist's rendering of what the Potter's Lane apartment complex in Midway City will look like.

HELP FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

You might have caught the story by Orange County Register reporter Theresa Walker recently about an innovative new homeless initiative in Midway City, but Brainiac loved it so much we wanted to mention it again here.

The Potter's Lane housing complex will provide 16 units of housing for homeless veterans when it's completed later this year. And when it's done, it will be the nation's first such complex built from recycled shipping containers.

You know the containers we mean - metal rectangles used to transport goods across the ocean by ships and then to destinations on land by truck or train. Seems kind of grim until

you actually see the model home - three containers with some of the sides removed to eliminate interior walls, then fitted out with modest, modern furnishings.

If you like a slightly industrial modern style, you'll think why aren't you building one of these out back for a granny flat or office or place to lock up the teenagers when they get unruly. (We kid, we'd never lock up the teenagers. That would be wrong.)

HIGH TIMES IN GARDEN GROVE?

California is going to vote on legalizing recreational use of marijuana in November, and with medical marijuana already firmly ensconced here, the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce decided to take

a look at the issue from its business-centric point of view.

The chamber's governmental affairs committee is hosting a panel on the pros and cons of medical marijuana on Friday morning at a time way earlier than any respectable Cheech or Chong would be out and about. That's a joke, but the panel is not. From the announcement in the chamber newsletter:

"Did you know that the fastest growing industry in America is marijuana? Did you know that medical marijuana is legal in 25 states, and recreational use is legal in four states? Did you know that marijuana sales will reach \$4 billion in 2016 and is projected to reach \$12 billion in four years?"

Attorney Stefan Borst-Censullo, who represents the pro-cannabis community, and Stephan Lambert of Garden Grove Drug Free Coalition will both make presentations. The meeting takes place from 7:30-9 a.m. in the second-floor meeting room of the Orange County Emergency Pet Clinic, 12750 Garden Grove Blvd. in Garden Grove.

For more information and to register for the meeting, visit the chamber website at gardengrovechamber.com.

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Mayor a delegate

Mayor Bao Nguyen, who is running for US House of Representatives in California's 46th Congressional District, has been selected as a delegate at the Democratic Party Convention in Philadelphia. Nguyen has been chosen as a pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegate to support Bernie Sanders at the convention. Mayor Nguyen is the only congressional candidate in Orange County to endorse Senator Sanders. "Bernie Sanders represents everything I want to work toward in Congress: building a strong middle class, reducing income inequality and expanding access to public education and healthcare," Nguyen said. "Every family deserves a chance for success. Bernie Sanders is the only candidate who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to taking on special interests and the one percent, and standing up for equality and justice for everybody." The Democratic National Convention will be held at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia July 25-28. Born in a UN refugee camp, Bao and his parents immigrated to the United States to escape oppression in Communist Vietnam. Bao was elected Mayor of Garden Grove in 2014.

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Community Calendar

Ongoing

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

Grief support

The Grief Share Support Group is for mothers who have lost children of every age. The group meets Thursday evenings at 12831 Olive St., Garden Grove.
For more information, call 714-892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

Learn about Alzheimer's

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

Dance Center hosts social

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

Eco-friendly storytime

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

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.

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

see CALENDAR, next page



Courtesy photo

Angels's star Cam Bedrosian visits Newhope Elementary School.

Angels swoop in on Garden Grove school

Newhope Elementary School receives special, end of year visit

Garden Grove Unified School District's (GGUSD) Newhope Elementary School received a special end-of-the-year visit from Los Angeles Angels pitcher Cam Bedrosian and Fox Sports West personality Alex Curry.

Bedrosian provided students with encouraging remarks about working hard in school and students had an opportunity to ask

questions. The visit was organized through the Angels Baseball Foundation's Adopt-A-School Program. Newhope Elementary School was honored to be selected.

"We are grateful for the generous contributions and support for education from the Angels Baseball Foundation," said Board of Education trustee Linda Reed.

In addition to the assembly,

the Angels Baseball Foundation donated \$2,000 to the school and a school supplies pack for every student. Newhope students also received tickets to an Angels' game.

Bolsa Grande High School was also adopted by the Angels Foundation and received \$2,500 toward the school's baseball and softball programs.

CALENDAR:

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Bldv. in Westminster.

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.

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.

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Lady softballers have a stellar season



Photos by Ted Apodaca
Above, West Grove Girls Softball member Michaela M. slides into third with a stolen base during a recent game at Aliso Niguel. Below, Michaela M. slaps a ball through the infield for a single against Orange Canyon. For more pictures, see Page 7.



PHOTOS: SAM GANGWER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Animal Control Officer Elisa Hernandez holds a stray Chihuahua in Orange on Tuesday. The dog was picked up by a family and kept in their house until Hernandez could pick it up. Hernandez answered calls in Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Cypress and Orange.

DOGS LOST AND FOUND

After fireworks, shelters are busy and Animal Control goes in search of pets.

By MARLA JO FISHER
STAFF WRITER

A flash of light. Boom. A cackle of laughter from the crowd.

But some creatures aren't so amused by celebratory explosions.

That dog that you're sure will stay obediently by your side? Well, he may not - not when he's terrified and in a blind panic from the neighbor's fireworks. He may opt to run off.

That's when animal care officers come to the rescue, helping to reunite owners with their missing dogs. The Fourth of July holiday is their busiest time of year.

"That dog you think is always so well-behaved will jump the

MORE ON LOCAL 4

Lifeguards make nearly 3,000 rescues over the weekend.

Arrests were down slightly over the holiday in Newport Beach.

fence or dig out of the yard out of fear," Katie Ingram, assistant director of OC Animal Care, said Tuesday. "Usually, the fifth of July is our biggest influx all year."

On Monday, OC Animal Care took in 48 dogs, compared with 21 on an average day.

On Tuesday, a Register photographer rode along with Orange County Animal Control

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Hernandez passes a scanner over the neck of a husky, one of two found by Orange firefighters running in Jamboree Road. The scanner showed that both dogs had microchips.

DOGS

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Officer Elisa Hernandez as she answered calls in Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Cypress and Orange, driving a Ford truck equipped with six air-conditioned cages of varying sizes able to hold anything from a chihuahua to a deer.

Her first found-dog pickup was a black-and-white mutt wearing a collar but no tags. Hernandez passed a blue electronic device over its neck and found a microchip. She gave the chip number to her dispatcher to call the Avid microchip company and get an address for its owner.

"If we get an address in our jurisdiction, we'll drive to the owner's home to return the dog," Hernandez said.

If not, the dog will go to the shelter in Orange and wait to – hopefully – be reclaimed.

From Saturday through Monday, OC Animal Care took in 119 dogs, a 49 percent increase over the same period the previous week. On Tuesday, 15 percent of the dogs had gone home to their owners, and 39 percent of the dogs with a tag, license or microchip had been claimed, Ingram said.

Typically, about 8 percent of impounded dogs are reunited with their owners, she said.

"Our big message to owners is to keep tags on your dogs and microchip them," Ingram said. "We gave out free pet tags all month long."

Animal shelters often have adoption fairs in advance of the Fourth of July, to try to empty out cages for the influx.



SAM GANGWER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Orange County Animal Control Officer Elisa Hernandez gets a kiss from one of two huskies picked up by Orange firefighters on Jamboree Road.

What to do if your pet is lost

- Check out the OCPetInfo.com website, which is updated every half-hour, for dogs in the 18 cities served by OC Animal Care and unincorporated areas, or call your local shelter.
- Visit your local shelter to look for your pet.
- Post signs around the neighborhood.
- Check social media. For example, Huntington Beach Lost & Found Pets posts on its Facebook page information on missing pets. Craigslist also has a Lost & Found page.
- Patrol the area where your pet was lost.

Over the long holiday weekend, Facebook groups run by volunteers such as Huntington Beach Lost & Found Pets were filled with photos of missing animals, including one of Miller, a 13-year-old basset hound owned by Jenn Hadjiyannis.

She was on vacation in New Jersey when her dog-sitter called her late Sunday with the crushing news that a neighbor's loud party with fireworks had sent her pooch into a terrified frenzy.

"This old guy, Miller, couldn't take it, and he just plowed his way through the fence to get out," Hadjiyannis said on the phone from

New Jersey.

She quickly arranged a search team of friends and family, who began driving the streets near her home, which backs up onto Huntington Beach Central Park, when neighbors found Miller.

"Two teenage girls saw him running through the park and grabbed him," Hadjiyannis said.

She said her father, who was driving around, heard Miller's characteristic howling coming from a house at midnight and was able to collect him.

"I can't wait to come home and thank the family for finding him," Hadjiyannis said.

Man suspected of shooting, kidnapping is arrested

By BRIAN WHITEHEAD
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • A Garden Grove man was arrested Sunday on suspicion of attempted murder and kidnapping after a man was shot and a woman said she was held against her will, Garden Grove police Lt. Bob Bogue said.

According to Bogue, just past midnight Sunday, Adam Tam, 28, arrived at the house of a 34-year-old woman he'd recently befriended in the 12600 block of Audrey Circle. She was at home with a male friend.

Tam went to the front door and a confrontation took place, Bogue said. When the woman and a 32-year-old man attempted to leave in a car, Tam allegedly shot the man in the stomach.

The man was taken to UCI Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries.

Bogue said Tam then took the woman from the car and drove to his Garden Grove residence, where he held her captive for several hours.

Tam called the woman an Uber later Sunday morning, Bogue said. Once released, the woman went to police to report a kidnapping. She led authorities to Tam's home, where he was arrested.

Bogue said police recovered a .32-caliber revolver believed to have been used in the shooting.

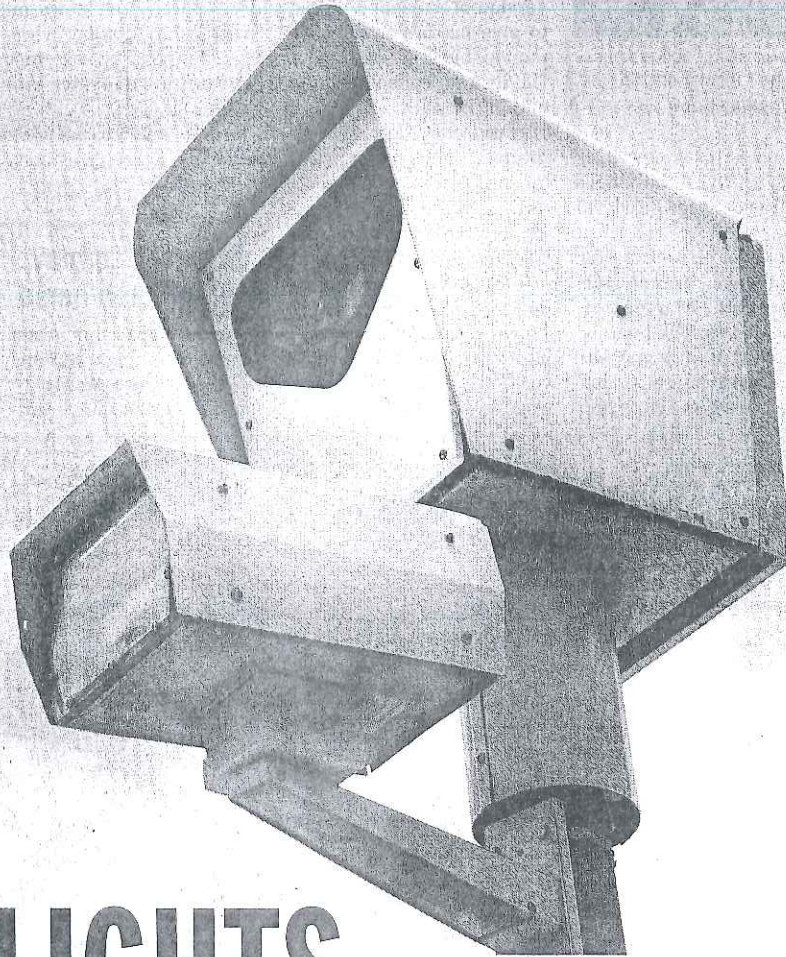
Police are withholding the victims' names.

Jail records show that Tam was being held on \$500,000 bail.

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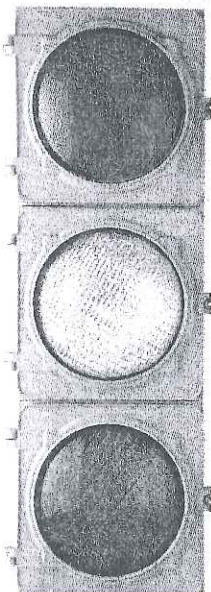
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SPECIALIZES
IN RED-LIGHT
CAMERA CASES



RED-LIGHT CAMERAS
A traffic light at Katella Avenue and Bloomfield Street in Los Alamitos switched from yellow to red too quickly, calling into question about 1,000 camera-generated tickets issued from Aug. 1, 2015, to June 16. Los Alamitos and Garden Grove are the only cities in Orange County still using traffic cameras.

ANA VENEGAS,
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ERROR

A yellow signal in Los Alamitos was set incorrectly. As a result, the city might dismiss tickets.

By ALMA FAUSTO | STAFF WRITER

During a recent 10-month period, the traffic light at Katella Avenue and Bloomfield Street in Los Alamitos switched from yellow to red faster than state law allows, likely causing hundreds of camera-generated tickets – at about \$500 apiece – to be issued incorrectly.

Los Alamitos and Garden Grove are the only cities left in Orange County still using cameras to track drivers as they go through intersections, down from at least nine such cities a few years ago. It's unclear how, or if, the problem with the light in Los Alamitos might affect the future of camera-issued tickets in the county.

Los Alamitos City Manager Bret Plumlee said Tuesday that about 1,000 tickets were issued at Katella and Bloomfield between Aug. 1, 2015, and June 16. He said the problem

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CAMERA: Tickets already being tossed over yellow-light error

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with the yellow light was a miscalculation by traffic engineers and that the problem has been fixed.

The tickets in question could be challenged by drivers who received them, according to the city's attorney, Cary Reisman.

At least some of those tickets already are being tossed out of court. Last week, 19 cases of red-light camera tickets from Katella and Bloomfield were dismissed at the urging of Scott Ball, a Santa Ana lawyer who specializes in contesting such tickets.

Ball has been arguing since March that the light at the busy intersection - which sees nearly 60,000 cars every day - was not in compliance with the law. He said he didn't win the argument until last week because he was citing incorrect case law.

The problem with the light, according to Ball and city officials, was in the methodology used to set the time for the yellow signal.

Instead of using the speed of westbound traffic - where the camera is pointed - engineers for the city set the time for the yellow based on the average speed of traffic traveling in both directions of Katella Avenue. But that methodology doesn't comply with state regulations.

"Basically, what I pointed out is that for westbound traffic only, it's a higher average speed," Ball said. "And based on that higher speed, the yellow light should be about three-tenths of a second longer."

Though it doesn't sound like much, Ball said tenths of a second make a big difference. "There have been studies that say if you lengthen that yellow light by half a second the number of tickets given out drops by 75 percent."

Officials recently lengthened the yellow light from 1.02 seconds to 4.5 seconds, according to Reisman.

Though Reisman didn't contest the notion that the light was too short, he said many of the violators in the

Santa Ana lawyer Scott Ball represents drivers who fight red light camera tickets in the two Orange County cities that still issue them - Los Alamitos and Garden Grove.



PHOTOS: ANA VENEGAS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

19 cases dismissed last week would still have been running the red light even if the yellow had been set appropriately.

Still, it's possible all the tickets issued during the period in question might be invalid.

"I imagine they'll be offering to dismiss those," Reisman said.

CONTENTIOUS CAMERAS

Los Alamitos moved to install traffic cameras in 2005, when several cities in the county were doing the same thing.

In addition to the cameras at Katella Avenue and Bloomfield Street, the city has cameras at the larger intersection of Los Alamitos Boulevard and Katella Avenue. There, according to a city website describing the cameras, several crash-

es have been reported and residents have complained about safety.

At both intersections, separate cameras capture each driver's face and the back of their vehicle as they pass through a light, giving simultaneous views of any alleged violation. The city pays about \$215,000 annually to run the system.

Though the city collects only a fraction of the fines, and city officials contend the cameras are set as safety measures, Los Alamitos collects enough to pay for the system and some "core" police services, according to Plumlee.

Red-light cameras, operated by Reflex Traffic Systems, have met public backlash. Several cities, including Huntington Beach, Santa Ana and Laguna Woods, have eliminated cameras

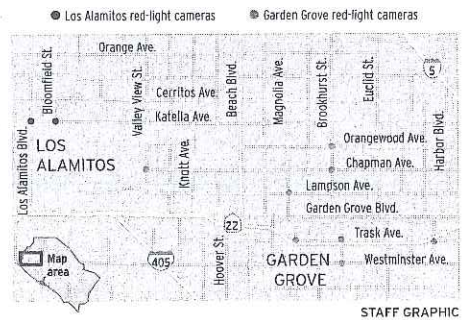
after residents complained that the cameras were too "Big Brother," too expensive to maintain, or even encouraged accidents when drivers abruptly stopped to avoid running a red light.

Plumlee and others say the cameras help reduce specific traffic violations that make some intersections unsafe. He pointed to a 38 percent decrease in crashes at the intersections with cameras in his city.

"The majority of the serious collisions occur at intersections where two vehicles collide at perpendicular positions, when one vehicle fails to yield the right of way to another ... or fails to stop," Plumlee said.

Shelley Hasselbrink, a councilwoman in Los Alamitos, said traffic cameras are particularly important at intersections where stu-

Where the cameras are
Los Alamitos and Garden Grove are the only two cities in Orange County to use red-light cameras at traffic signals.



STAFF GRAPHIC

dents are likely to be drivers. A school, park and medical center are all near Katella Avenue and Bloomfield Street.

Hasselbrink doesn't see the city expanding the number of cameras, but she maintains that the cameras now in place make the streets safer.

Plumlee said the contract with the company that runs the cameras recently was renewed and there are no plans to end the program.

SKEPTICAL DRIVERS

Some drivers view the cameras as "traps," saying cities are motivated more by profit than by safety.

In March, Jarrod Davis was issued a ticket after a camera caught him running the red light at Katella Avenue and Bloomfield Street. His was one of the 19 violations dismissed last month.

Davis said he was surprised when he received the ticket by mail - a photo showing him driving through the light and a letter seeking confirmation that he was at the wheel.

Davis said, yes, he was the driver. But he also balked at a fine he viewed as excessive.

"They're making just so much money on this thing," Davis said. "I can understand if it's a couple hundred bucks. But near \$600? That's just abusive."

California hands out harsher penalties than most states for red-light violations - from \$490 to

\$554 when traffic school fees are included - and considers the ticket to be a moving violation. In other states, a red-light fine can run from \$75 to \$100 and is deemed a citation tied to the car, similar to a parking ticket.

Davis said being in an intersection during a red light is sometimes unavoidable. "These intersections are so jam-packed with cars," he said. "It's rush hour, people are going slow and they get backed up."

He wishes cities would just get rid of the cameras.

Another driver said he doesn't have a problem with the cameras as long as they function as intended.

Pierre Crosetto of Downey was issued a ticket after traveling through Katella and Bloomfield in January.

"It turns out it was a very quick yellow light," he said. "When I went through, it was already red."

Then the camera lights flashed around him.

"It was dark, and when you go through, the whole world lights up."

Crosetto said he doesn't go through the intersection often so he will just be careful in the future. But for regulars, like Davis, the camera has changed his route.

"I try to avoid the intersection as much as I can."

Staff writer Lauren Williams contributed to this report.

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Officer Eric Quintero walks through shelves of evidence at an off-site storage building in a secret location in Garden Grove.

CHAIN **OF** EVIDENCE

Long life cycle creates space problems for the Garden Grove Police Department.

By **CHRIS HAIRE** | STAFF WRITER

A lamp shaped like a woman's leg. A drone. Laughing gas and gambling machines.

And a dead pastor's ashes.

Those are just some of the items that, over the years, have resided inside one of Garden Grove's most nondescript buildings, one locals drive past oblivious to the creepy, funny and illicit stuff within.

That warehouse, in a secret location, stores 420,000 pieces of evidence and seized property that police officers have collected while investigating crimes.

A broadsword, luggage, documents.

"With all the TV shows like 'CSI' or whatever, people think it's all technology and computers," said Officer Eric Quintero, who works in Garden Grove's Evidence and Seized Property Division. "But it's a warehouse. People would be shocked. This could be Amazon. ... There is never a dull day."

Ideally, the division would clear out enough evi-



A gambling machine is among 420,000 pieces of evidence and seized property housed at an off-site storage facility used by the Garden Grove Police Department.

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PHOTOS: JEFF GRITCHEN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

dence to get rid of the cramped warehouse, which costs \$40,000 a year in rent, and just use headquarters, which houses items requiring greater security, such as drugs, DNA and firearms.

But, police officials say, that likely will never happen.

"We need more space, and we aren't unique in that," said Ron Doscher, a community services specialist who also works in the division. "We could probably spend a year cleaning this place."

But state and federal laws, activist organizations like the Innocence Project, and the backlogged judicial system mean evidence sometimes must be kept for decades. Obtaining a court order or other authorization to destroy or sell old evidence is time-consuming.

The items in an Amazon warehouse belong to the future. The items here, mostly tucked into cardboard boxes that rest on shelves, are owned by the past.

"A lot of it is like a time capsule," Quintero said. "You'll see an old soda can or papers."

The warehouse also stores lost property. Fifteen years ago, the department got a call - someone had found an urn at Crystal Cathedral, the former Garden Grove megachurch.

"It was a pastor's ashes," Doscher recalled. "That's the weirdest thing I've seen. It's a dead body so we didn't keep it. We turned it over to the coroner."

Along the floor of the middle row of metal industrial shelves are dozens of large tanks.

"That's laughing gas," said Sgt. Ron Echavarría, the division's supervisor. "We see an uptick every summer because of teenagers."

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PHOTOS: JEFF GRITCHEN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Garden Grove police Sgt. Ron Echavarría stands in the off-site warehouse that houses about 420,000 items of evidence, including canisters of nitrous oxide (or laughing gas), collected during the investigation of crimes.

On the other side of the warehouse, on several lower shelves, sit stacks of russet-colored pipes and tubes - straight, curved or interconnected. Some have valves.

"People steal pipes for the copper," Echavarría said. "They get hundreds for pipes. You see (the

crime) increase when the economy is bad. ... It takes up a lot of room."

Gambling machines sponge up nearly the entire back of the warehouse.

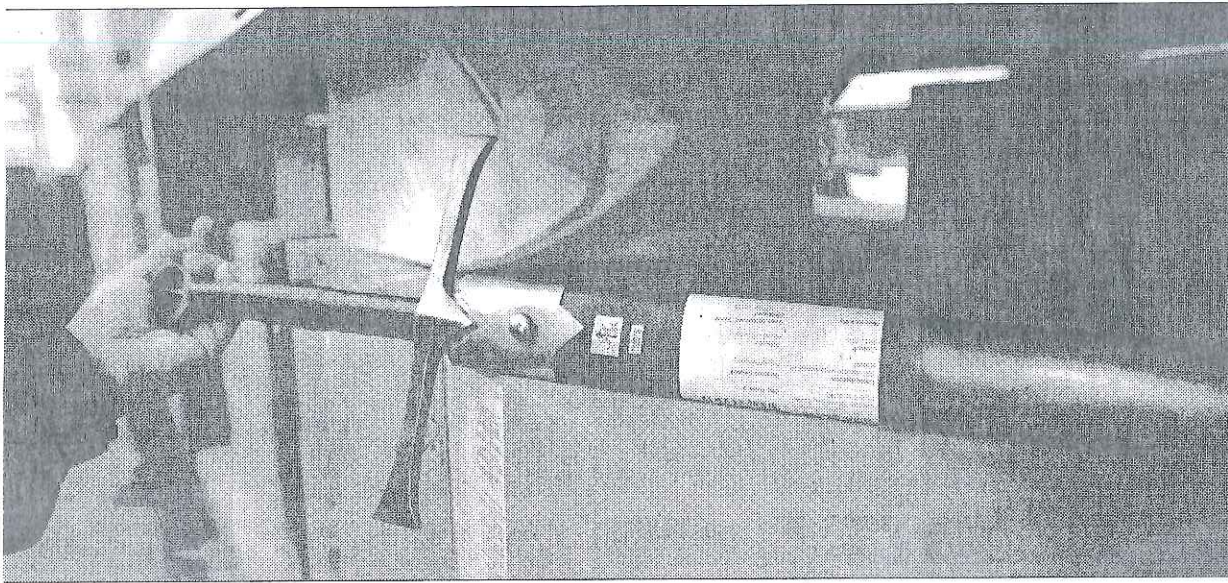
They became notorious in Little Saigon's bikini coffee shops, which for years were known for nudity, inside smoking and illegal

gambling.

Police cracked down. But the gambling, police say, went further underground - into people's homes.

"At night, you'll see a bunch of cars parked in front of people's houses," Echavarría said.

The gambling machines, from the outside, look like



EVIDENCE: Extra storage

facility costs \$40,000

a year to rent

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cide or sexual crimes.”

In 2008, a man, was charged in the murder of a family member years before in his mobile home. He was convicted in 2010 and sentenced to life.

The mobile home, where the body was found, was evidence and sat untouched in the Sheriff's Department's car lot for several years. It likely would have sat there for decades – except the man died in prison two years ago.

“We finally received a court order from the deputy district attorney a year ago that we could dispose of the motor home,” Peloquin said. “It was stored here for years and (the man) was kind of a hoarder and the motor home was in bad condition. We physically removed 1,000 pounds of garbage and rat droppings.”

Off to the junkyard the mobile home went.

Once a department can get rid of evidence, it must follow certain procedures: Paper is shredded or trashed. Some items can be sold or returned to owners. Firearms and drugs – they must be destroyed via fiery death.

Three or four times a year, Garden Grove's Quintero and Doscher go to private companies to have items destroyed.

One of those companies is a foundry in Rancho Cucamonga.

Firearms are tossed into a furnace and smelted, basically turning the weapons into liquid metal to be made into rebar for buildings.

And Quintero and Doscher, who likely saw the firearms come into their department's evidence division, witness their demise.

“We have to physically watch it go into the fire,” Doscher said. “It's pretty cool.”

arcade games. But insert a player's card and the machine lets gamblers play poker; if someone starts snooping around, the gambler can pull the card out and the machine converts into a video game.

In the warehouse, the dozen-plus gambling machines are sheathed in dust. Police agencies essentially are evidence hoarders.

“We're hard-pressed to get rid of things,” said Sgt. Gabrielle Peloquin, who runs the evidence division for the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Unlike Garden Grove, the Sheriff's Department's space issues are less pressing because the agency has three locations: the Santa Ana headquarters, where items such as drugs and firearms are stored; a car lot in Orange; and an Anaheim warehouse.

Police departments continually monitor cases, appeals and the statute of limitations to determine when evidence can be disposed of.

In some instances, including cold cases, that answer is basically never.

“In the case of certain crimes, we can't get rid of the evidence at all,” Peloquin said, “such as homi-

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ORANGE COUNTY CONTESTANTS AIM HIGH IN MISS CALIFORNIA PAGEANT

By **CHRISTOPHER YEE**
STAFF WRITER

FRESNO • Orange County was well represented at Saturday's Miss California Pageant, with Garden Grove's Jenna Tower taking home the Miss California Outstanding Teen title.

Of the 49 women competing to become Miss California, nine represented Orange County, as did seven of the 47 Outstanding Teen competitors.

Santa Clara native Jess Carmack, 22, was named Miss California 2016.

Miss Orange Coast Izamar Olaguez was named



Tower



Olaguez

Education Day on June 6.

Last year, Garden Grove native Bree Morse won the Miss California crown while competing as Miss

second runner-up. The 24-year-old Bakersfield resident's platform was promoting higher education, especially her creation, National Higher

Orange Coast.

Earlier in the day, Pacifica High School's Tower, 16, was named Miss California Outstanding Teen. Tower competed as Miss Garden Grove's Outstanding Teen, and her platform was to support the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"I am truly blessed beyond belief," Tower tweeted Saturday afternoon.

Yorba Linda's Colby Bladow, 13, was first runner-up in the teen competition, and Placentia's Asha Bhattacharya, 17, was third runner-up.

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NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS
PROJECT NO. 7664

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for providing labor, material, tools, equipment and transportation, and perform all the work required for "GARDEN GROVE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER-COUNCIL CHAMBER RENOVATION, CITY PROJECT NO. 7664" will be received at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, City of Garden Grove, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840.

The following is a partial listing of work items:

- * Interior remodel of the existing Garden Grove Council Chamber;
- * Interior remodel of the existing Garden Grove Founders Room;
- * Interior remodel of the existing Garden Grove Constitution Room to support new Audio Visual equipment;
- * Accessibility requirements; and
- * Other items not mentioned above that are required by the plans and specifications.

The plans, specifications and contract documents may be purchased from SABP Reprographics. The documents may be made available for "will call" or shipped directly to you. Please contact:

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www.sabp.com
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Alternatively, you can e-mail your order to workorder@sabp.com

Bids are due in the City Clerk's Office by 11:00 a.m., on Friday, July 29, 2016, and will be opened in Conference Room 1 South, first floor, in City Hall.

Direct ANY and ALL questions to Mr. Navin Maru, Project Engineer, (714) 741-5180.

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
City Clerk

Date: June 29, 2016
Publish: July 1, 2016 and July 8, 2016
The Orange County News
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Mayor a delegate

Mayor Bao Nguyen, who is running for US House of Representatives in California's 46th Congressional District, has been selected as a delegate at the Democratic Party Convention in Philadelphia. Nguyen has been chosen as a pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegate to support Bernie Sanders at the convention. Mayor Nguyen is the only congressional candidate in Orange County to endorse Senator Sanders. "Bernie Sanders represents everything I want to work toward in Congress: building a strong middle class, reducing income inequality and expanding access to public education and healthcare," Nguyen said. "Every family deserves a chance for success. Bernie Sanders is the only candidate who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to taking on special interests and the one percent, and standing up for equality and justice for everybody." The Democratic National Convention will be held at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia July 25-28. Born in a UN refugee camp, Bao and his parents immigrated to the United States to escape oppression in Communist Vietnam. Bao was elected Mayor of Garden Grove in 2014.

Summer parks program

The Westminster Community Services & Recreation Department is offering a free Summer Parks & Playgrounds Program for eight weeks, through Aug. 12. Bolsa Chica, Liberty Park West, and Sigler parks have opened Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bowling Green and Gillespie parks started offering the parks program beginning June 22 from noon to 4 p.m.

There will be no program on Monday, July 4.

Free summer activities include arts and crafts, sports, educational enrichment and games. This "drop-in" supervised program is designed for elementary school-aged children, and will offer a quality summer recreation experience. Children under the age of 6 years must be accompanied by a parent/adult. Pre-registration is preferred, but not required. Registration forms can be filled out at the Community Services & Recreation Department or at the parks listed above.

For more information, call the department at 714-895-2860.

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Tutoring center: The Planning Commission will consider a permit on Thursday to allow an after-school tutoring center at 12755 Brookhurst St. The 1,850-square-foot facility would have capacity for 46 students and six instructors. The Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers.

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District survey: The Garden Grove Unified School District has a survey on its website asking people to weigh in on the district's needs. The short survey asks people to rank the priority of various improvements, such as replacing roofs and installing air conditioners. There is also a questions and comments section. Go to ggusd.us to take the survey.

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New trucks: The City Council last week authorized the purchase of two animal care service trucks. The city will buy the trucks from National Auto Fleet Group for \$154,442.38, according to a staff report. Because the city now contracts with the Orange County Humane Society instead of the county shelter, the Public Works Department will handle animal care services.

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Lanes closed: Traffic on portions of Magnolia Street will likely be congested from Monday to Nov. 18 as the city works to upgrade its irrigation system on the thoroughfare. Two lanes will be open on Magnolia between Westminster and Trask avenues, and one lane will be open between Chapman and Lampson avenues.

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Filing time: The filing period to run for mayor or City Council begins July 18, and the deadline is 5 p.m. Aug. 12. November's election will be a first for Garden Grove: Residents will vote by district, with four seats open – Districts 2, 3, 5 and 6. The mayor's seat, voted on citywide, is also open. The council is expanding from five to seven seats.

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Contact: John Montanez (714) 741-5214
Community Services Department

Thursday, July 7, 2016

**CITY CELEBRATES PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH
WITH FREE OPEN HOUSES**

The National Recreation and Park Association, California Park and Recreation Society, and the City of Garden Grove proclaim July as Parks and Recreation Month. In celebration of Parks and Recreation Month, several recreation facilities will have free admission on Thursday, July 21, 2016.

The Sports and Recreation Center, 13641 Deodara Drive, will host an open gym from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Atlantis Play Center, 13630 Atlantis Way, offers free admission from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Swim for free from 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., at Gary Hall Pool (Eastgate Park), 12001 St. Mark Street and Woodbury Park Pool, 13800 Rosita Place.

All of the free open houses do not require registration. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at (714) 741-5200 or visit the City's website at www.garden-grove.org.

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Contact: Erin Webb (714) 741-5313
Planning Division

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

HELP IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF BICYCLISTS IN GARDEN GROVE

The City's Active Streets Draft Plan was featured at the City's 60th Anniversary event for the community's input on ways to improve bike lanes, trails, and routes in the city. The Draft Plan is now available online for review at www.gardengroveactivestreeets.org, and at the Garden Grove City Hall Planning Counter, located at 11222 Acacia Parkway, through Monday, August 1. Members of the public will receive a Garden Grove tote bag for feedback.

The goal of the Active Streets Master Plan is to promote healthy sustainable living in Garden Grove, and help residents make better connections to their daily destinations by providing safe access to local parks, schools, workplaces, shopping, and dining, as well as to destinations in other Orange County communities.

For more information about the Active Streets Master Plan, contact Erin Webb, Garden Grove Economic and Community Development Department, at (714) 741-5313.

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Để phổ biến trên các phương tiện truyền thông
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Ban Công tác Cộng Đồng

Thứ Tư, 6 tháng 7, 2016

GARDEN GROVE MỜI THAM DỰ NGHE NHẠC MÙA HÈ

Garden Grove Community Foundation (GGCF) phối hợp cùng Thành phố Garden Grove để mang đến cộng đồng những buổi nghe nhạc miễn phí ngoài trời vào mùa hè 2016. Năm này sẽ có tổng cộng 6 buổi concert, sẽ được trình diễn vào mỗi tối Thứ Năm tại Eastgate Park, địa chỉ là 12001 St. Mark Street, góc đường Valley View & Chapman.

Những người yêu âm nhạc có thể đem ghế ngồi, hoặc thức ăn nhẹ tới để tham dự (vì lý do an toàn, xin đừng đem ống dòm, xe golf, hoặc rượu bia theo.) Ở đây sẽ có những gian hàng bán thức ăn như là burgers, tacos, và sandwiches để mọi người thưởng thức âm nhạc và tận hưởng không khí ấm áp của mùa hè. Những buổi trình diễn concert sẽ tiếp diễn vào mỗi Thứ Năm, cho tới ngày 11 tháng 8, 2016.

Ngày 7 tháng 7, Queen Nation (Tribute to Queen)
Ngày 14 tháng 7, Flashback Heart Attack (New Wave 80's)
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Ngày 28 tháng 7, Gold Rush Country (Contemporary Country)
Ngày 4 tháng 8, The Suffragettes (Top 40 Hits)
Ngày 11 tháng 8, The Answer (Classic Rock)

Những buổi nghe nhạc trong mùa hè 2016 đều miễn phí và được bảo trợ bởi Garden Grove Community Foundation, Thành phố Garden Grove, GKN Aerospace, và AT&T. Để biết thêm chi tiết, liên lạc về số điện thoại (714) 741-5200.

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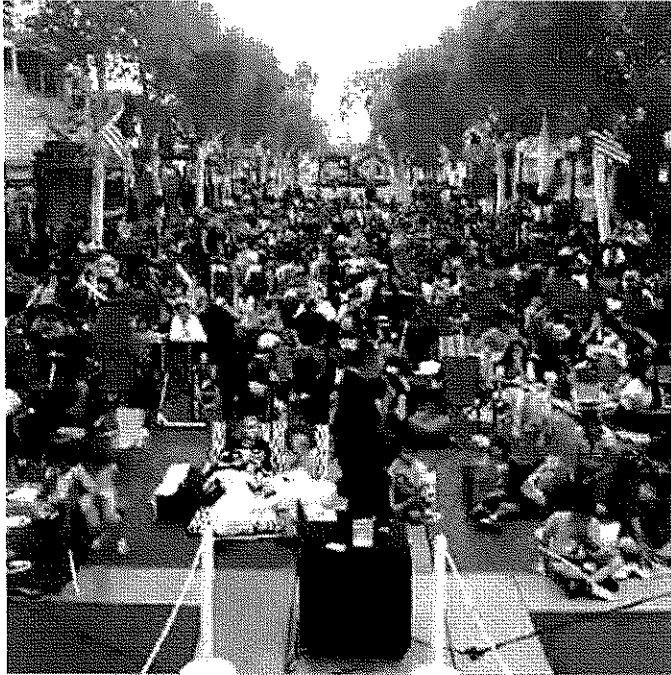
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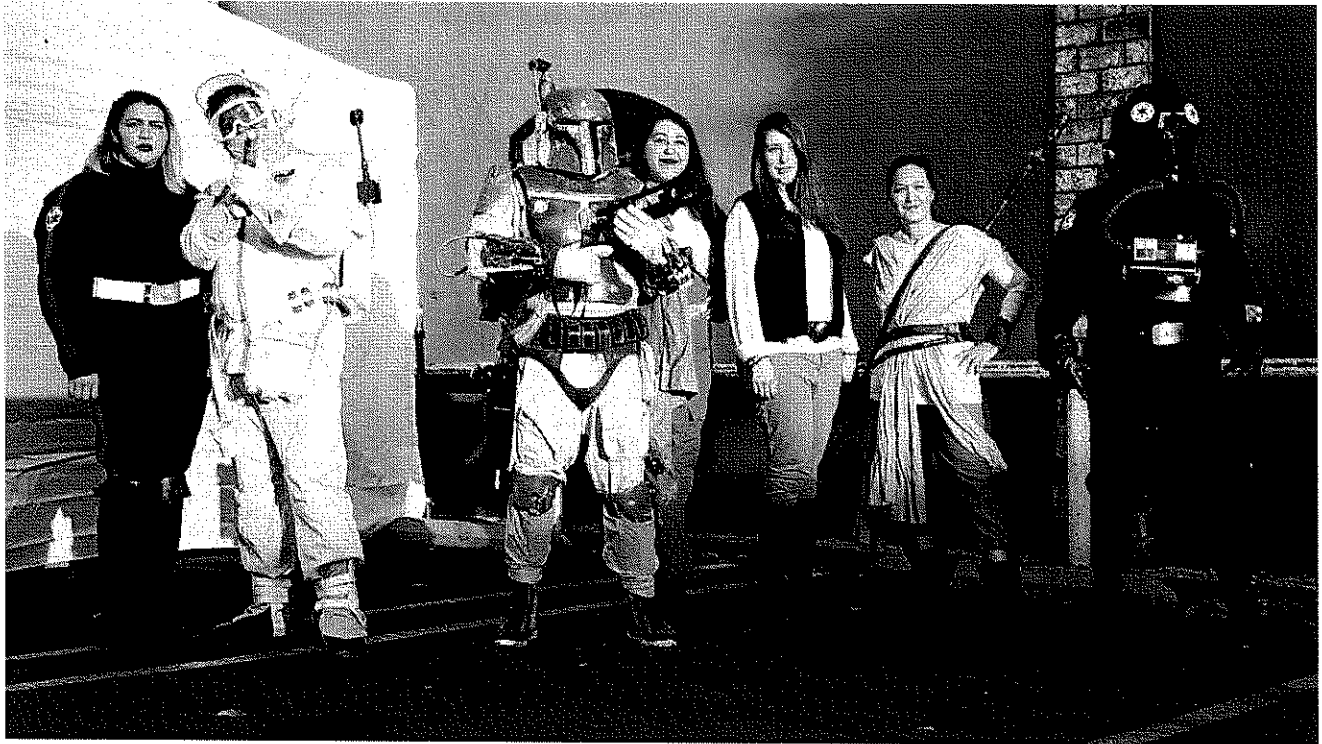
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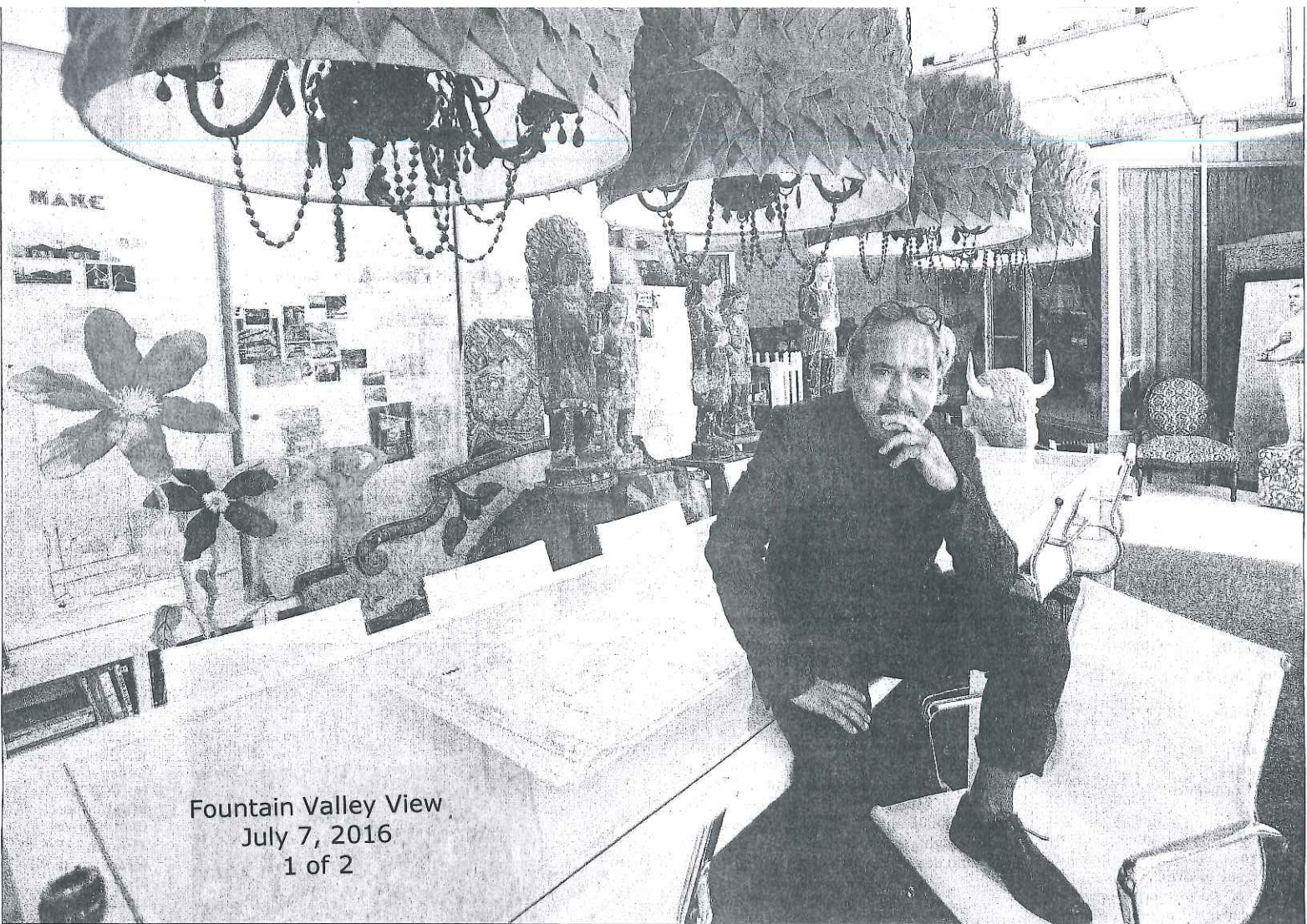
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CINDY YAMANAKA, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Developer Shaheen Sadeghi, in his Costa Mesa offices across the street from one of his creations, The Lab. With the Cottage Industries project in Garden Grove, Sadeghi will be making his first foray into residential redevelopment.

HOW HIS GARDEN

Developer's next project will bring hip element to downtown Garden Grove.

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By LAUREN WILLIAMS
and CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITERS

Garden Grove's sleepy downtown will get a dose of hipness from a developer who knows a thing or two about trendy food and shopping.

Shaheen Sadeghi, who created "anti-malls" in Costa Mesa and revitalized downtown Anaheim with the Packing House and Center Street Promenade, is bringing his creative touch to Garden Grove's Civic Center area.

It will be his first foray into residential redevelopment. Sadeghi is buying and leasing 17 parcels, mostly houses, that will be transformed into small busi-

nesses.

The \$3.38 million deal could displace several families, but city officials say they will work with residents as the three-year project moves forward. Officials said maintaining the older buildings had become an expensive liability for the city.

Sadeghi's vision is to create a vibrant downtown for Garden Grove.

"I think we can do something really fantastic here and celebrate the local artisans, the culinary artisans," Sadeghi said.

"The plan is to convert each house into art galleries, breweries, yoga and coffee shops. ... We think by preserving these buildings we can preserve a lot of cul-

ture and create a lot of community."

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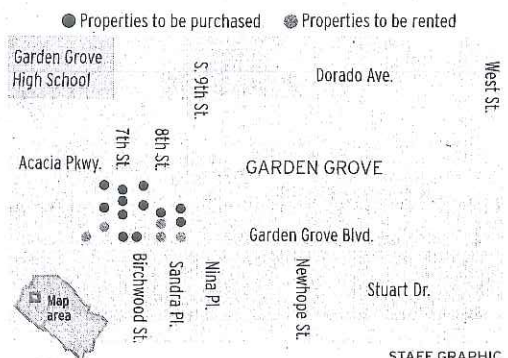
While some Garden Grove residents said they looked forward to an outlet for small-business owners, others said they wished they had more involvement with the city before the plan was approved.

The houses Sadeghi is buying and leasing along Seventh, Eighth and Ninth streets belong to the city. Residents rent the homes on month-to-month leases. For now, the city isn't pushing to vacate the tenants.

"We don't want to rush things

Plans for a hip enclave

Commercial real estate developer Shaheen Sadeghi is buying 12 houses and renting five other sites in Garden Grove's Civic Center area to convert them into small, artisanal businesses.



DOWNTOWN: 3-year project in early stages

FROM PAGE 1

with the occupants," said Garden Grove City Manager Scott Stiles. "We'll be sensitive to all their issues. We still want to work with them."

Renters Kent and Laura Creamer live on Seventh Street and have been down this road before. Nearly a decade ago they lost their home at the Travel Country RV Park when eminent domain made room for the \$250 million Great Wolf Lodge water park.

But the city offered the Creamers a lifeline: They could live in a city-owned house for \$1,000 a month.

The couple live with their 11-year-old granddaughter, two dogs and a cat in a house being bought by Sadeghi's company, LAB Holding. They fear they won't be able to find another.

"We can't afford to live anywhere else," Laura Creamer said. "This place has been good to us."

But other residents said they knew this day would come. Acacia Parkway resident Crystal Huapaya, 38, said she was at peace with the decision to create a new downtown for the city and hoped plans would maintain the integrity of her spacious, century-old blue house.

"This is such a beautiful, historic home," she said. "I think it would be nice if they restored it and kept the history of Garden Grove."

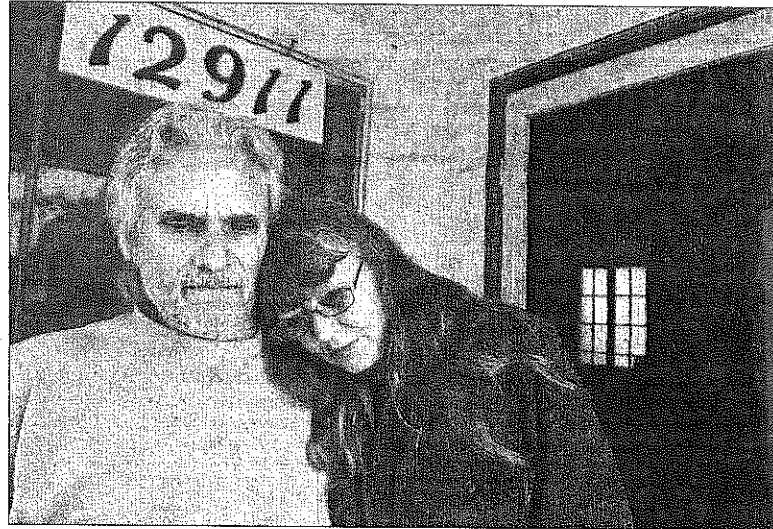
Sadeghi and his team plan to highlight small businesses unique to Garden Grove while working with existing structures.

LITTLE AMERICAN BUSINESS

LAB Holding - short for Little American Business - is as quirky as its owner.

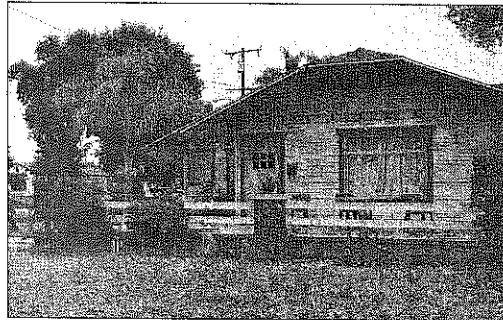
Sadeghi has a history of repurposing aging, storied structures into spaces for boutique businesses.

A Michigan native, Sadeghi studied design. For a time he worked as a couture designer making \$10,000 dresses in New York City. In 1979, he moved to Southern California to join Gotcha, a Costa Mesa sportswear company. From there he moved on, becoming the



PHOTOS: MINDY SCHAUER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Laura and Kent Creamer are heartbroken after learning from reporters that they may have to move out of their home on Seventh Street in Garden Grove. They have been leasing it from the city for nine years.



This century-old home on Acacia Parkway was approved for selling to developer Shaheen Sadeghi by the Garden Grove City Council.

president at Quiksilver, where he tapped into consumers who identified more with subcultures than mainstream culture. In 1991, he founded LAB Holding with his wife, Linda.

Its first big retail project debuted in 1993 with the Lab anti-mall in Costa Mesa. The company revitalized an abandoned goggle factory in what is now the city's arts district. Twenty years later, Sadeghi and LAB made a big splash with the opening of the Anaheim Packing House food hall, built inside a long-shuttered 1919 Spanish Revival citrus plant.

The 110-employee operation has divisions for food and retail development that create restaurants and shops if they don't find an existing business that fits the bill.

LAB Holding, which has

never sold any of its properties, has several projects underway.

In Laguna Niguel, Sadeghi's team is building the Agora Arts District where a county courthouse once sat. In Newport Beach, the firm will turn the 1920s Balboa Theater into a venue for independent musicians. In the area surrounding the Anaheim Packing District, LAB will build a micro-hotel, a brewery and distillery, as well as farm-to-table restaurants housed in greenhouse-like structures.

Moving beyond Orange County, Sadeghi has been in talks with Long Beach officials to buy nine former redevelopment agency lots along Atlantic Avenue in a stretch of the city long beleaguered by empty storefronts. The \$2.8 million deal has not been finalized.

The Garden Grove Cot-



Amanda Sitala helps her 3-year-old son, Elisaia, water the vegetables in the Garden Grove Community Garden. Developer Shaheen Sadeghi is leasing it from the city for 15 years. It won't be touched until early 2017.

tage Industries project is expected to close escrow in November and construction on the project should be completed by 2019, according to city documents.

While the project is in its early stages, Sadeghi said he's excited to create a space steeped in the community's fabric on an older suburban tract.

"I'm finding that each city wants to brand and celebrate their own culture," Sadeghi said. "Most people want to celebrate what's in their own community."

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

July 7, 2016

1. Calendar of Events
2. Letter and enclosures from the Department of the Navy advising of the minutes from the January 13, 2016 Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Restoration Advisory (RAB) meeting, as well as the agenda for the next RAB meeting on July 20, 2016.
3. Personal letter from Lee Butterfield thanking the Mayor and Council for mentioning the loss of their daughter at a Council Meeting.
4. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated July 1 and 7, 2016.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 7, 2016 – July 17, 2016

Thursday	July 7	5:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Summer Concert Series – Queen Nation (Tribute to Queen), Eastgate Park
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday- Saturday	July 7-9	8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Hamlet", Festival Amphitheater
Thursday- Sunday	July 7-10		One More Productions presents "Bye Bye Birdie" Gem Theater
Friday	July 8		City Hall Closed
Sunday	July 10	7:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Sonnets, Songs and Sorry Will's Been Dead 400 Years" Festival Amphitheater
Tuesday	July 12	Noon	Employee Town Hall Meeting Community Meeting Center, A Room
		5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Special Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	July 13	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber CANCELLED
Thursday	July 14	9:00 a.m.	Main Street Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, Council Chamber
		5:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting Teen "Wreck"reation Hall, Eastgate Park
		6:30 p.m.	Summer Concert Series – Flashback Heart Attack (New Wave 80's), Eastgate Park
Friday- Saturday	July 15-16	5:00 p.m.- 9:00 a.m.	2016 Atlantis Family Campout, Atlantis Play Center
Sunday	July 17	7:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents, "Sonnets, Songs and Sorry Will's Been Dead 400 Years!" Festival Amphitheater



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Dear Community Member:

On January 13, 2016, Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach held the 103rd Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting. Minutes from the meeting are in enclosure (1).

The next RAB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, 2016, at 6:00 pm at the **City of Seal Beach Fire Station #48, 3131 N. Gate Road, Seal Beach**. Enclosure (2) is the agenda. Please note the new location for this meeting.

To improve communications and responsiveness between the community and the station, we welcome you to contact us either by telephone or e-mail. The primary points of contact are:

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To support the station's sustainability initiative, we request that you participate in our E-Communication Program for all future RAB-related correspondence. If you agree to participate, please send me an e-mail (see above), indicating you would like to participate in the E-Communication Program for the Installation Restoration Program at Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach. Once I receive your e-mail, you will receive future meeting agendas, minutes, and other communications via e-mails only.

Please contact me, if you have any questions concerning the RAB or other environmental issues.

Sincerely,

Pei-Fen Tamashiro

IRP, MRP, MMR Media Manager

By direction of the Commanding Officer

- Enclosures: 1. January 13, 2016, RAB Meeting Minutes
2. July 20, 2016, RAB Meeting Agenda

MINUTES
NAVAL WEAPONS STATION (NAVWPNSTA) SEAL BEACH
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)
AND COMMUNITY MEETING
City of Seal Beach Council Chambers
January 13, 2016

Participants:

Bettencourt, Philip/Community Member
Blake, Geoffrey/RAB Member
Cummings, Esther/Friends of Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)
DeMetropolis, George/CH2M Hill Kleinfelder a Joint Venture (KCH)
Gauthier, Marilyn/KCH
Gomez, Eloy/Community Member
Grinyer, Walt/Geosyntec Consultants
Heimes, Dana/KCH
Landavaro, Crystal/City of Seal Beach Planner
Jordan, Jack/RAB Member
Lee, Larry/RAB Member
Niou, Stephen/California Department of Toxic Substances Control
Reese, Brenda/Remedial Project Manager (RPM), Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest
Shields, Tim/Richard Brady and Associates (BRADY)
Smith, Gregg/Public Affairs Officer, NAVWPNSTA Seal Beach
Tamashiro, Pei-Fen/RAB Navy Co-Chair, NAVWPNSTA Seal Beach

WELCOME

Pei-Fen Tamashiro commenced the meeting at 6:00 pm at the City of Seal Beach Council Chambers by welcoming all participants. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and to sign-in and collect handouts at the front table. P. Tamashiro then introduced Brenda Reese, RPM, to present an overview of the Project Highlights.

Brenda Reese presented an update on site work on the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) which consists of the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) and Munition Response Program (MRP). The current status of the sites was discussed in detail by B. Reese:

- *Site 7, Station Landfill – Semiannual Landfill Cover Inspections and Maintenance*
- *Site 40, Concrete Pit/Gravel Area – Annual Long Term Monitoring*
- *Site 70, Research, Testing, and Evaluation – Remedial Action Operating*
- *Site 74, Skeet Range – Feasibility Study/Proposed Plan*
- *Site 75, KAYO-SB Ag Well – Navy Legal Investigation for Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs).*

Answer: *There was no hot spot, the impact was only to groundwater. There is an inferred source area, but no free product was found. The release probably happened in the 1960s and 1970s, and the source has since gone completely into groundwater.*

Question: *Did the leak come from a degreasing pit?*

Answer: *That is unknown. The release may have been simply due to the practices at the time, which were not regulated as strictly as now. It also may have been due to a leaking pipe, or-similar situation.*

P. Tamashiro thanked the community members and said the Navy will continue to report out to the community and keep them posted. P. Tamashiro then introduced B. Reese, RPM, to present an overview of the Budget.

The total environmental restoration costs for fiscal year 2015 were \$230, 000, which were all associated with the IRP program. Budget projections for fiscal year 2016 are \$1.14 million.

Questions and answers discussed during the Budget Status are summarized below.

Question: *Looking ahead to 2019 at IRP Site 74, if it is found that the work at the range has stopped the lead, will the restoration work be accelerated? And where does the money come from?*

Answer: *We go through a budgeting process and submit the budget to the headquarters for review. This is one of the biggest Navy environmental projects in the southwest. We have fought hard to keep it in fiscal year 2019 and not have it get pushed further into the future, and so far we have been successful. It is very difficult to have projects moved earlier, so that is not likely. Also, the Proposed Plan and Record of Decision process takes time, so fiscal year 2019 is a good place in the overall timeline.*

Question: *Also, the best technique has not been identified yet.*

Answer: *Yes, the selection process will continue after the Proposed Plan is released.*

Dana Heimes of KCH presented an update on the planned remedial investigation (RI) for MRP Sites UXO1, UXO6, and AOC2. The presentation covered the history of the sites, the results of previous investigations, the proposed RI activities, safety measures, and project status and schedule. UXO1 is the Primer/Salvage Yard and Port of Long Beach (POLB) Mitigation Pond. UXO6 is the Westminster POLB Fill Area. AOC2 is the Explosives Drop Test Tower. The goal of the RI is to characterize the nature and extent of munitions and munitions constituents.

Question: *Why was the soil not screened and cleaned when it was moved to UXO6?*

Answer: *The soil was moved in the 1990s and only visually screened. In the beginning, nothing was seen; but later, munitions were found. Based on the initial screening information at that time, nothing was expected.*

Question: *If munitions did not detonate when they were excavated and moved to UXO6, what are the chances that they would detonate now?*

Answer: *Since it has been moved once, the likelihood of it detonating is low. However, it cannot be 100% ruled out. We still need to put in precautionary safety measures to protect the workers and Navy's property. Any munitions found at UXO6 would most likely be removed from the site during the investigation.*

Question: *One large section at UXO1 is fenced off near the end of the pond. Will the fences be coming down once this area has been deemed cleared?*

Answer: *That will be a decision by NAVWPNSTA Facilities. Historically, this was fenced because it was a salvage yard. The fences were left up to restrict access to the area.*

Question: *Will this area be redeveloped?*

Answer: *Probably not, due to its proximity to the wetland as well as ongoing munitions operations.*

Question: *Why is perchlorate a concern?*

Answer: *Perchlorate is a common component of solid rocket propellant.*

Question: *Does it cause cancer?*

Answer: *No, it affects the thyroid function. It is also naturally occurring. It is a concern only if it exceeds a certain level.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P. Tamashiro announced that the next RAB meeting will likely be in July of 2016. The next site tour will be scheduled in July of 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

P. Tamashiro adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Note: This is a meeting summary, not an actual transcript.

A G E N D A

NAVAL WEAPONS STATION SEAL BEACH
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)
AND COMMUNITY MEETING

20 July 2016

6:00 P.M.

~~City of Seal Beach Fire Station #48~~

6:00 p.m. Welcome

Pei-Fen Tamashiro, P.G., Navy Co-Chair
Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach

R. Glenn Stillman, Community Co-Chair

6:05 p.m. Project Highlights

Brenda Reese, P.E., Remedial Project Manager
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Southwest

6:20 p.m. IRP Site 40 Status Update

Pei-Fen Tamashiro, P.G., IRP Coordinator
Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach

6:50 p.m. Break

7:00 p.m. Election of Next RAB Community Co-Chair

All Restoration Advisory Board Community Members

7:15 p.m. Community Forum

Questions and Answers for Recent Reports

7:20 p.m. Future Agenda Items

7:25 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Enclosure (2)



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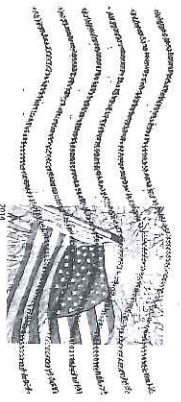
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Dear Mayor Nguyen and Council,
It touched my heart that you mentioned the loss of my daughter at the closing of the council meeting. My family feels the love expressed by the City of Garden Grove.

The flowers sent by the City are and remain simply beautiful.

Respectfully,
Lee Butterfield



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July 1, 2016

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Budget Bills to Fund Housing for California's Homeless Sent to Governor
No Action on Governor's By Right Proposal, Negotiations Will Continue in August

The Legislature on Thursday, June 30, sent Gov. Jerry Brown two budget trailer bills that will provide funding to support crisis and long-term housing for California's homeless population. The Governor signed both bills on Friday. *For more, see Page 2.*



League Board Reviews Ballot Measures

The League board of directors at its meeting on June 24-25 carefully reviewed eight ballot measures affecting cities expected to be on the November 2016 statewide ballot, adopting formal positions on four. No position was taken on three measures and the board deferred action on one until it meets with Gov. Jerry Brown later this summer. The measures were previously reviewed by a number of League policy committees that forwarded recommendations to the board of directors for consideration. *For more, see Page 2.*



Now Accepting Proposals for the 2017 Planning Commissioners Academy
Deadline to submit is Aug. 9

Do you have an idea for a new planning commissioner's session that will inspire and motivate attendees? Maybe you know of a colleague that would be an excellent speaker? The League of California Cities® is searching for speakers and session topics for the 2017 conference to be held March 1-3 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott. *For more, see Page 3.*

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AB 1618 (Committee on Budget) is implementing legislation for the No Place Like Home program, and AB 1622 (Committee on Budget) includes \$10 million to provide transitional housing or shelter facilities for homeless veterans and \$10 million to expand the Homeless Youth and Exploitation Program at the Office of Emergency Services.

These two measures passed Thursday are positive steps forward and cities should take the time over the next month to thank Senate pro Tem Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) and the bipartisan group of legislators who supported the bills.

Last November, the League identified housing affordability and chronic homelessness as priorities in the strategic goal setting process. Although there have been multiple proposals by the Legislature related to homelessness, some of those have been unhelpful and would have negatively impacted cities' land use authority. The League appreciates the leadership of Sen. de León in taking a difficult and contentious discussion and finding a solution that local governments could support.

There remain several budget-related items that continue to be negotiated, including the Governor's By Right budget proposal. The Legislature will be on its summer break until Aug. 1 and so no action is expected until legislators return. The League will continue to monitor the situation over the next month.

'Ballot Measures' Continued from Page 1...

Under the League of California Cities bylaws, the board may take a position supporting or opposing a statewide ballot measure only by a two-thirds vote of those directors present. This policy assures that any position taken reflects the broad consensus of League members.

Below each of the eight measures considered is listed with a brief summary, a link to the measure's full text and position taken.

California Legislature Transparency Act of 2016. This measure would prohibit the Legislature from passing legislation until it has been in print and published online for at least 72 hours prior to the vote unless it is a case of public emergency. The Legislature would be required to record all proceedings (except closed sessions) and make available online.

League position: Support.

Referendum to Overturn Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags (SB 270, Padilla, 2014). This referendum would repeal SB 270 (Padilla, 2014), which prohibited certain stores from distributing lightweight, single-use plastic bags and established requirements for reusable bags and prohibited stores from distributing reusable bags and recycled paper bags for less than \$0.10 per bag.

League position: Support (yes to retain plastic bag ban).

Carry-Out Bags. Charges. Initiative Statute. This measure would redirect money collected by grocery stores and other specified retail stores through sale of carryout bags under any state law banning free distribution of a certain kind of free carryout bag and mandating the sale of another type of carryout bag. It also requires collected funds to go to a Wildlife Conservation Board-administered fund to be used for specified environmental projects.

League position: Oppose.

California Public Education Facilities Bond Initiative. This measure would authorize \$9 billion in general obligation bonds to fund construction of school facilities for K-12 schools and community colleges.

League position: No Position.

Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016. This measure: revises rules governing this disposition of juvenile offenders; allows non-violent offenders to seek parole after completing the full term of their primary offense without regard to any applicable sentencing enhancements that a

judge added to their offence; and authorizes the Department of Corrections to revise regulations governing good time credits.

League position: Action deferred until after meeting with Governor Brown, the measure's sponsor.

Safety for All Act of 2016. This measure requires, starting July 1, 2017, all people to report loss or theft of a firearm to local law enforcement within five days of discovering the loss, as well as any subsequent discovery within five days. It also further regulates the possession of large-capacity magazines, regulates Internet-based sales of ammunition, and regulates those who handle, sell, or deliver ammunition.

League position: No Position.

Revenue Bonds: Statewide Voter Approval. Constitutional Amendment.

This measure would require statewide voter approval prior to the state issuing or selling any revenue bonds of \$2 billion or more for state projects that are financed, owned, operated or managed by the state or a joint agency created by or for the state.

League position: Oppose.

Marijuana Legalization. Initiative Statute. This measure would legalize personal cultivation as well as state licensing of the commercial cultivation and retail sale of non-medical marijuana for personal use for adults 21 and over. Local agencies would be authorized to enact local ordinances for regulating, taxing or banning the commercial cultivation and sale of non-medical marijuana within the city or county.

League position: No Position.

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This two-and-a-half-day conference is for new and experienced planning commissioners, planning directors, staff and other interested officials including elected officials and focuses on current issues and timely topics that will assist planners in their daily roles and operations within their city.

Submit complete proposals through the online [proposal form](#) by the deadline of Aug. 9 to be considered by the committee. There is a limit to the amount of words allowed within the title and description of each proposal. It is recommended that proposals are written in a word-processing program first, and then paste the final version into the online form.

Submissions from any individual, group, business or organization on any topic are welcome. The Program Planning Advisory Committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new and/or significant information.

Additional information is available on the [League website](#).

If you have any question about this event, please contact [Caitlin Cole](#), conference program manager at (916) 658-8248.

League Joins Other Local Government Groups in Strong Opposition to Initiative that Could Jeopardize Local and Regional Infrastructure Projects

The League board of directors at its meeting on June 24-25 voted unanimously to oppose the "Cortopassi" ballot measure on the November statewide ballot because it would undermine the ability of cities, counties and other local agencies and the state to form partnerships to finance the construction of critical public infrastructure projects. By requiring a statewide vote, even on some local infrastructure projects, the measure could erode local control by allowing voters in one part of the state to block funding for needed infrastructure projects in another part of the state — even though they would not be paying for them.

"This measure would threaten the ability of cities to partner with other local governments and the state to invest in needed infrastructure priorities," said League Executive Director Chris McKenzie. "The measure gives voters in distant regions the power to block major projects in other

parts of the state that many of our city residents need. This burdensome measure is bad news for local governments and citizens who deserve responsible infrastructure investment.”

The League is joined in its opposition by other local government organizations including the California State Sheriffs’ Association, California Association of Councils of Government, the Association of California Water Agencies, Northern California Water Association, Self-Help Counties, Association of California Cities—Orange County and individual local governments.

More than 150 public safety, local government, business, labor, healthcare, agriculture, water, education and other organizations have come out in opposition to the initiative.

League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$29.6 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing Apartments in Oxnard

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League’s co-sponsorship of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA).

This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued a total of issued \$29,559,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Las Cortes Apartments in Oxnard.

About Las Cortes Apartments

Las Cortes Apartments is the new construction of 144 affordable housing units by Urban Housing Communities (UHC). The benefits of the project for the city of Oxnard and Ventura County include the following:

- 100 percent of the affordable rental housing units will be rent restricted for low-income tenants;
- The project will bring new economic vibrancy to the area;
- The project replaces outdated 1950s era public housing; and
- The project consists of 48 one-bedroom, 42 two-bedroom, 39 three-bedroom, and 15 four-bedroom units to house local low-income residents.

CSCDA and UHC partnered with Bank of America to provide \$29,559,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the project. The financing for the project requires the affordability of units for low-income tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

Background

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties. It was created by cities and counties for cities and counties. More than 500 cities, counties and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently finance locally-approved projects. CSCDA has issued more than \$50 billion in tax exempt bonds for projects that provide a public benefit by creating jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, infrastructure, schools and other fundamental services. Visit CSCDA’s website for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.

League Board Will Consider Endorsements for NLC Board and NLC Second Vice President Positions

Each year the League of California Cities® board of directors invites membership interested in running for National League of Cities (NLC) board of directors or for second vice president of the NLC board of directors to apply for endorsement from our League board of directors. Only city officials in direct member cities of NLC may apply for its board or board officer position (second

vice president). The League board will endorse all membership interested in applying for NLC board, but only one member interested in applying for NLC second vice president.

Please note that this is not an application to the NLC board, nor is it an application for NLC second vice president. This is only an *endorsement* from the League of California Cities board.

Endorsement Application Process

Submitted endorsement applications will be distributed to members of the League's 2016 Board Nominating Committee. If more than one person is interested in seeking endorsement for NLC second vice president, the committee will interview both candidates to select one prior to the League's Annual Conference scheduled for Oct. 5--7.

The recommendations will then be submitted to the League board for approval when it meets on Thursday, Oct. 6, during annual conference. Candidates receiving the board's endorsement will be announced on Oct. 7 during the closing session of the annual conference.

Endorsement applications are due to the League by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2.

Application forms are below:

- [Board of Directors Endorsement Application for NLC Board](#)
- [Second Vice President Endorsement Application for NLC Board](#)

Please submit endorsement applications via [email](#), fax (916) 658-8240 or mail to:

Attn: Mimi Sharpe
1400 K Street, 4th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Individuals who are elected to the NLC board of directors automatically obtain a seat on the League board of directors for the period of the NLC board term.

NLC Board Application Deadlines

Applications for the NLC board and second vice president will be available in late August or early September and will be due sometime in October. Please contact [Carla Smith](#), NLC senior coordinator to obtain an application for NLC board of directors or NLC second vice president and obtain pertinent deadlines.

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DOF Releases List of 2016-17 Suspended Mandates

The Department of Finance (DOF) on June 28 issued its list of state mandates suspended in the 2016 Budget Act for FY 2016-17. This list remains unchanged from FY 2015-16.
For more, see Page 2.



League-Sponsored Bill to Strengthen Community Revitalization and Investment Tool to Facilitate Economic Development Heads to the Senate Floor for Approval *AB 2492 Clean-up to Last Year's AB 2*

League-sponsored AB 2492 (Alejo and E. Garcia), a bill to strengthen aspects of the community revitalization and investment tool to facilitate economic development has been approved by the Assembly and relevant Senate committees. The bill awaits final approval in the Senate, followed by a concurrence vote in the Assembly, before going to Gov. Jerry Brown. *For more, see Page 2.*



Final Payment for Triple-Flip Unwind Scheduled for July 7

The California Department of Finance (DOF) completed the calculations of final payments to cities and counties under the sales and use tax triple flip. The state will allocate funds to counties on July 7. The State Controller will transfer the scheduled amounts to counties for deposit in the county Sales and Use Tax Compensation Fund. Counties then have 60 days to allocate DOF stipulated amounts to the county and each city in the county per a provided schedule. *For more, see Page 2.*

'Suspended Mandates' Continued from Page 1...

Cities are encouraged to review the list to determine if there are potential opportunities for cost savings. When a mandate is suspended, the state no longer reimburses or requires the affected local agencies to implement the mandate.

Read more about state mandates in the March 2014 issue of *Western City*: "[Understanding State Mandates and Suspended Mandates: Local Government Impacts.](#)"

The [State Controller's website](#) also includes information on mandates.

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Last year's AB 2 (Alejo and E. Garcia) authorized the creation of Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities (CRIAs) to assist local governments in their efforts to restore poor and deteriorated areas within a community. AB 2492 is supported by the California Association of Local Economic Development (CALED), California Business Properties Association, and a number of cities.

AB 2492 makes the following improvements to CRIA law:

- Clarifies the ways to calculate employment and crime data, based on input from the Employment Development Department and Department of Justice;
- Authorizes CRIA's to access several additional forms of financing that are available to Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts;
- Allows countywide and citywide income data to be used when designating areas, in addition to statewide income data; and
- Allows census tracts and blocks within disadvantaged community identified by the state Cal Enviro Screen to use the tool.

Next Steps

Cities are urged to send letters supporting AB 2492 to their Senate representatives. A sample letter, along with the League's support letter, is available at www.cacities.org/billsearch by plugging AB 2492 into the search function.

'Triple-Flip Payment' Continued from Page 1...

In 2004, California voters approved Proposition 57, authorizing the sale of economic recovery bonds and imposing a new state sales and use tax of 0.25 percent to repay the bonds. To maintain revenue neutrality, the local sales and use tax rate for counties and cities decreased from 1 percent to 0.75 percent. These rates went into effect July 1, 2004, and returned to their prior levels on Jan. 1, 2016. Every fiscal year since 2004-05 property tax revenues were provided to counties and cities through the triple flip. The triple flip allocations starting in 2004-05 offset the reduction in sales and use tax revenues for taxable sales during the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2015. The triple flip letter sent on Sept. 1, 2015 covered taxable sales for the period of April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

The July 7 final payment is needed to offset the reduction in sales and use tax revenues for taxable sales between July 1, 2015 and Dec. 31, 2015 as well as to true up the triple flip amounts for the April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 period.

A complete explanation of the sales-and-use tax triple flip and this unwind process may be found at CaliforniaCityFinance.com.

Tour the New Long Beach Civic Center Project during Annual Conference

The League of California Cities® and the city of Long Beach are offering a walking tour of the new Long Beach Civic Center project before the annual conference commences on Oct. 5. This opportunity to learn about a unique public-private partnership has been added to the great line-up of sessions and networking opportunities being offered this year.

Walking Tour of the New Long Beach Civic Center Project

Spend the morning before the conference touring the New Long Beach Civic Center Project and learn all about this unique public-private partnership (P3) in the heart of Long Beach's downtown. Just a few blocks from the Convention Center, this \$520 million, design-build-finance-operate-maintain (DBFOM) civic center will replace the old city hall and provide new offices for the Port of Long Beach, a new city library, a retail marketplace, and an upgraded public park that will serve residents and visitors of Long Beach for years to come. This is only the second DBFOM project in California for a set of buildings, and the first time the delivery model is being used by a city. Hear about the project details from representatives of the [city of Long Beach](#) and developer [Plenary Group](#).

The walking tour will leave promptly at 9 a.m. from the Long Beach Convention Center. After a short walk to City Hall, the city manager will provide a brief introduction. The group will then walk across the street to the new Civic Center site and get a look at the various elements of this project. Bring shoes suitable for walking; the group will not need to enter the active construction portions of the site.

Visit the [Long Beach Civic Center website](#) for more details on the project are available online.

Registration Information

Add this tour to your conference registration for only \$15! Check the box next to "*Walking Tour - New Long Beach Civic Center*" along with your conference registration. If you have already registered for the conference, you can register for just the walking tour using the conference registration link. Tour size is limited to 40 people.

Check out the conference [schedule](#) and view the announcement with session information [online](#).

If you have questions, please contact [Megan Dunn](#).

Mayors and Council Members Department Now Taking Applications to Serve on Executive Committee

Apply by Monday, Aug. 8

The Mayors and Council Members Department of the League of California Cities® is now seeking applicants for the department [Executive Committee](#) and for state [League director](#).

The Executive Committee positions are a one-year terms with the intention of succeeding to the president position within the department. The state League director position is a two-year term and this role entails serving as liaison from the department to the League's board of directors. This position rotates between Northern and Southern California and this year the department seeks applicants from the Southern California.

Qualifications

The Nominating Committee will use the following information as a basis for selection:

- The individual's professional reputation;
- The individual's perspective on city service;
- Whether the individual has demonstrated a commitment to serving and strengthening the department;
- The individual's depth of knowledge of and experience with city government; and
- The individual's involvement in intergovernmental activities.

Application and Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee (appointed by the current Executive Committee). The proposed 2016-17 Executive Committee slate will be presented for vote at the Annual Conference in Long Beach. Nominations for the vacancies will also be open from the floor at the department business meeting during the annual conference.

- Application for the Executive Committee
- Application for state League Board Director

All applications must be received by Aug. 8. Please direct applications by email to Sara Rounds or fax to (916) 658-8240. Please call Sara at (916) 658-8243 with questions or to confirm receipt of your application.
