

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
April 9, 2015

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

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

None.

**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

Weekly Memo 4/09/15

**NEWSPAPER
ARTICLES**

Beautifying Garden Grove

ONE TILE AT A TIME

Mosaic artist Robin Marcario draws more people into her project as she places her 15th piece in the city. She hopes they feel invested.

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

Bright orange ceramic tiles, green glass, multicolored marbles and about 200 helpers.

Those were the ingredients in creating Garden Grove's latest piece of public art, a 30-square-foot mosaic that officially was dedicated last week on Euclid Street near Garden Grove Boulevard.

But the driving force behind the mosaic, and 14 others throughout Garden Grove,

was resident Robin Marcario.

Since 2008, Marcario has had a simple mission: to use her artistic talents to beautify the city and make residents feel invested in their community.

"I wanted everyone to feel involved," Marcario said about her latest mosaic, for which she allowed children and adults to affix individual pieces. "We should all have chance to contribute to the city."

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BY THE NUMBERS

2,500

Dollar cost to the city for mosaic No. 15

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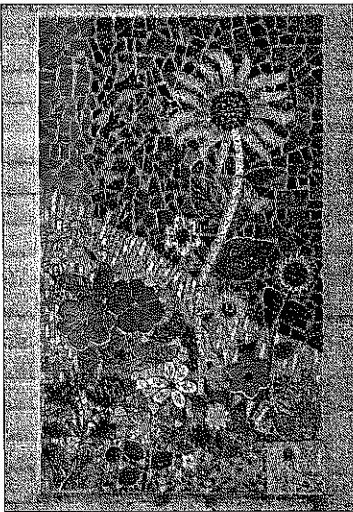
People who helped create the mosaic

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People who attended the mosaic's dedication

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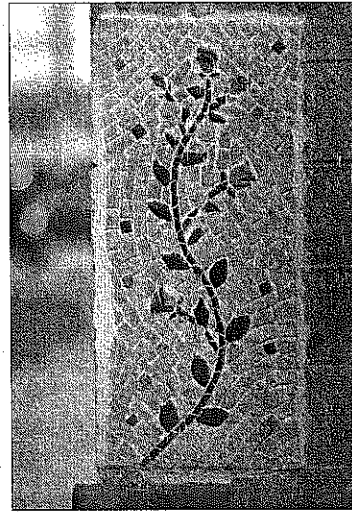
Months to plan out and buy materials for the mosaic



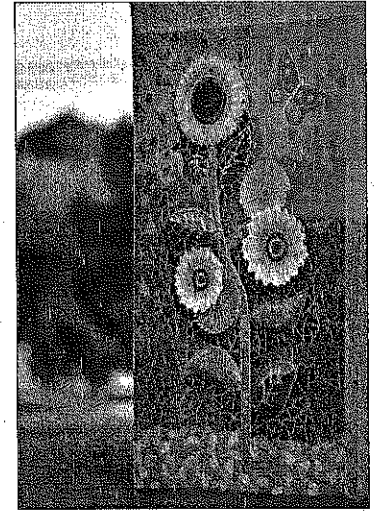
Mosaic No. 1 by Robin Marcario is at Knott Street and Chapman Avenue in west Garden Grove.



Her Mosaic No. 12 is on Magnolia Street south of Garden Grove Boulevard.



Mosaic No. 11 is on Magnolia Street and Bestel Avenue in Garden Grove.



Mosaic No. 10 is on Magnolia Street south of Garden Grove Boulevard.



Robin Marcario, the artist who took the lead in a project to make 15 mosaic tile art pieces in Garden Grove, stands in front of the 15th mosaic on Euclid Street.

PHOTOS: STEVEN GEORGES, CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

Marcario's first mosaic is on the back of a bus stop bench on Euclid Street east of Chapman Avenue, along the Strawberry Festival parade route, to deter people from tagging the bench.

Her other mosaics are scattered throughout the city - on Magnolia Street, Knott Street and even one in the Atlantis Play Center.

At the beginning, Marcario volunteered both her time and her money - constructing the kaleidoscopic art pieces pro bono.

But within the past few years, her work has been such a hit - some of her biggest fans are those in the Public Works Department - that the city has started to cover the cost of the materials, as well as giving Marcario a small stipend.

The latest mosaic, which took a few months to plan, cost the city \$2,500, Marcario said. It sprang to life largely over a single day in October during the city's inaugural Open Streets event.

The benefits, Marcario said, outweigh the cost.

"These mosaics brighten up everyone's day," she said. "That's the beauty of public art. It's not locked away in a museum. It's open to everyone."

And her latest effort also had a second bonus: making people feel invested in Garden Grove's public art.

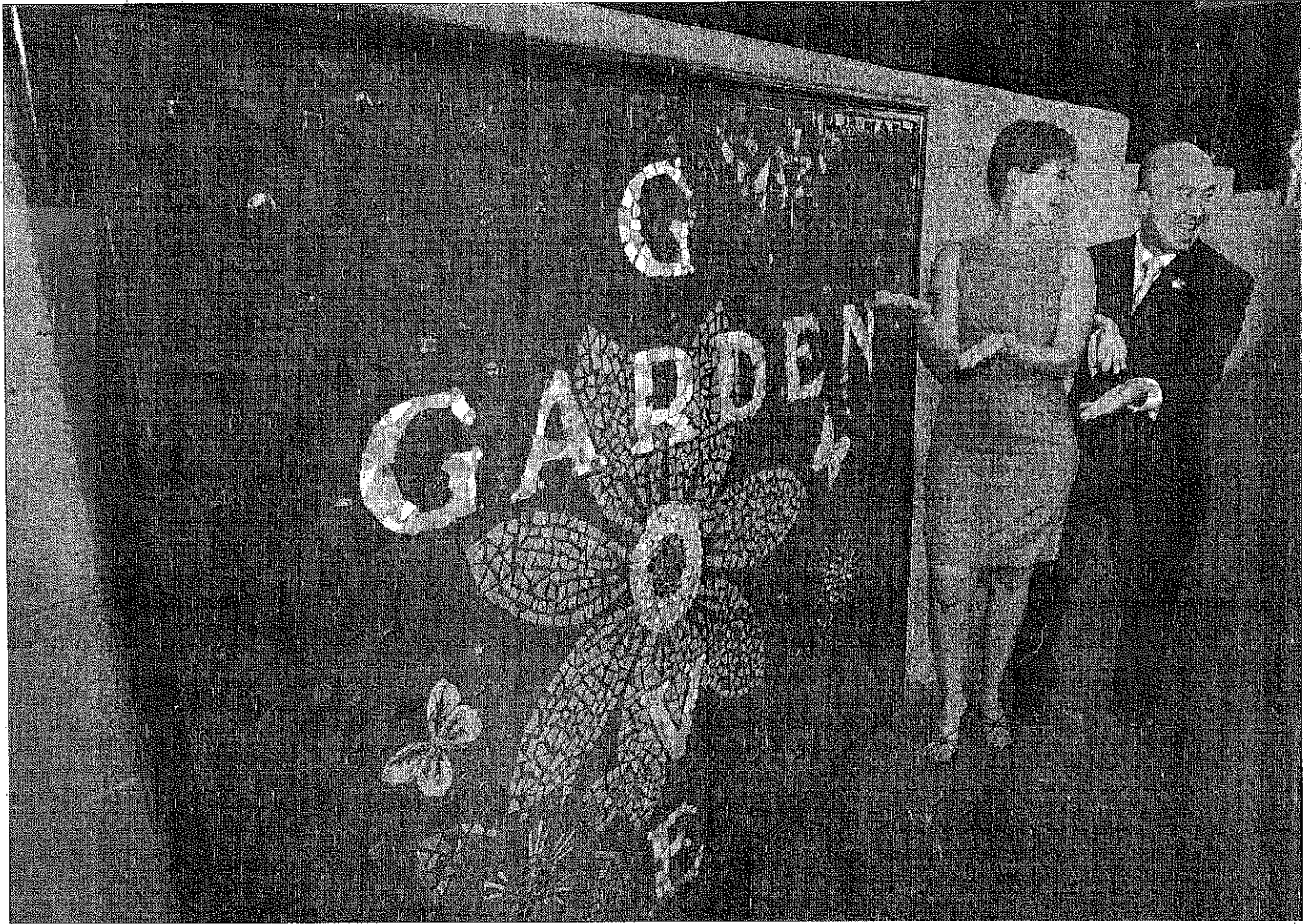
"It was a fun experience to play an interactive part in her mosaic," said Kathy Wall, one of the many people who helped piece the artwork together. "I hope she will let the community join her again."

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MOSAICS: First piece put at a bus stop

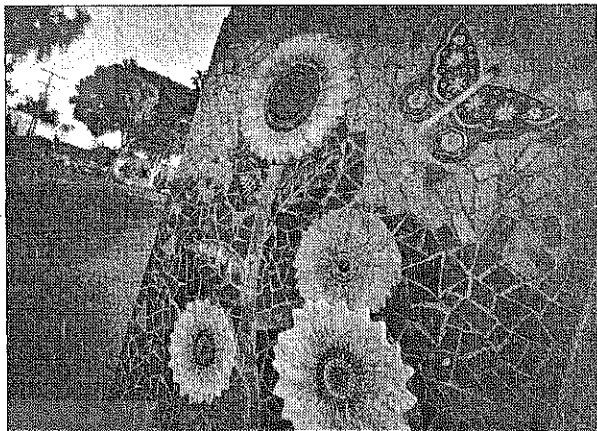
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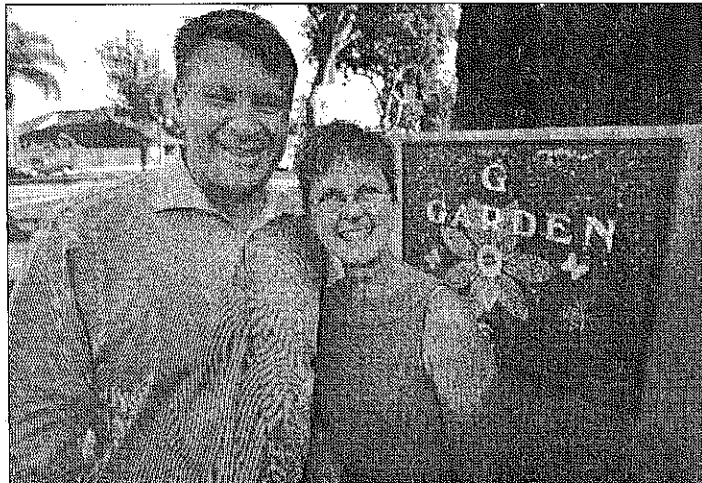


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Mosaic Artist Robin Marcario, left, and Garden Grove City Councilman Christopher Phan stand in front of mosaic No. 15 on Euclid Street just south of Garden Grove Boulevard at the conclusion of a ceremony celebrating the completion of 15 mosaic tile art pieces throughout Garden Grove.



Mosaic No. 10, also done by Marcario, is on Magnolia Street south of Garden Grove Boulevard.



Garden Grove Mayor Pro Tem Steve Jones stands with Marcario on April 2 in front of her latest work, mosaic No. 15.

custom creature collection

Walking through the wild and crazy aisles of the WonderCon exhibition halls on Sunday - where people cosumed as Walking Dead zombies, anime princesses and video-game characters rub elbows with **Batman** and **Harley Quinn**, Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. and hobbits, Brainiac stumbled onto an oasis of calm and cute.

Kathy Davis, an artist from Garden Grove, stood behind the table in the Anaheim Convention Center at the booth for her creations, showing and selling them to fans of fantasy creatures, elves and trolls, dwarfs and fairies. It was her third time at WonderCon, Davis told us.

Because she was busy with customers on the last of her three days at WonderCon, we took one of her cards and promised to call to find out more about Kathy Davis Dolls.

"There was something about art dolls," Davis told us when we reached her at her home of the last four decades - "the last house in Garden Grove," she called it, referring to its southernmost location on the border with Fountain Valley.

"I've always been an ar-



PHOTOS: PETER LARSEN, STAFF

Kathy Davis of Garden Grove with one of her custom dolls she was selling at her booth at WonderCon 2015.

tist but when I discovered art dolls about 1990 I just really got excited," she said.

The heads and hands and feet are custom sculpted out of polymer clay, the bodies covered in cloth and fur, the end results looking like creatures that stepped out of the pages of a fantasy book or movie.

"I was doing children, too," Davis says of her work when she started. "And then I'd have some elves and dwarfs or trolls sitting

at the table I noticed they always got a lot of attention."

Depending on the size of the doll it can take one to three hours to sculpt the visible parts of the body. Attaching those to the understructure and clothing them and adding finishing touches takes a bit longer, so there's really no average amount of time to finish one, she says.

When we called she said she's mostly recovered



These are a sampling of the custom dolls Kathy Davis was selling at WonderCon 2015 in Anaheim.

from the hard work it takes to attend WonderCon as an exhibitor. It and Designer-Con in Pasadena in the fall are the two conventions she

does each year.

“Other than private or other small sales I’m not out in the world a whole lot,” Davis says. “Shows

take a lot of time and energy, and I’m getting to an age I want to pick and chose.”

Even so, it’s fun to be out in the crowd – some 60,000 people attended WonderCon this past weekend – and meet people in person who admire and spend money on her work.

“It’s so rewarding to connect with people who really appreciate and acknowledge your work,” Davis says. “That’s one of the reasons I’ve done it, because you’ll go for years (without meeting fans) if you’re not showing or you’re not in the right environment. And my work can be a little odd.”

At WonderCon, though, she was in the perfect environment for odd.

“There were some people who were practically hyperventilating,” Davis says of the response convention-goers had to her dolls.

Davis’ Etsy store is currently empty but she plans to restock it soon. You can find it at [etsy.com/shop/Kathndolls](https://www.etsy.com/shop/Kathndolls). She also teaches classes at the Piecemakers Country Store in Costa Mesa. Go to [Piecemakers.com](https://www.piecemakers.com) and click on the “Classes” tab.

Tattoos, fine art on Main Street

Black Umbrella, after almost a year fighting for city approval, will open on Saturday.

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

The Black Umbrella Tattoo and Art Gallery, which sparked controversy and discussions over the future of Historic Main Street during a back-and-forth approval process, is having its grand opening ceremony Saturday evening and its first tattoo session on Sunday.

"It's exciting seeing all that hard work paying off," said Kurtis Gibson, owner of the Garden Grove business.

"There has been a lot of interest from the community."

The front two-thirds of the shop will be a fine art gallery boasting a variety of pieces from artists, from oil paintings to sculptures, and the back will be where people can get custom tattoos. Although prices vary depending on size, complexity and color scheme, on average the tattoos will run from \$300 to \$500.

If you go

What: Grand opening ceremony

When: 6-10 p.m. Saturday

Where: Black Umbrella Tattoo and Art Gallery

Cost: Free

More info: blackumbrellaartstudio.net

The hybrid art gallery and tattoo studio's approval process, requiring a zone change, was contentious and filled City Council chambers for months.

In May, the advisory Main Street Commission voted 3-1 to recommend that the City Council deny the zone change, only to have the Planning Commission unanimously swing the other way in July.

That August, though, the City Council, led by then-Mayor Bruce Broadwater, shot down Black Umbrella 3-2.

"An art store up front is a joke," Broadwater said at the time. "Nobody's going to sell art in Garden Grove. You'll be dusting that off for the next 10 years. I am sincere about zoning (integrity); you don't mess with it and change it all the time."

But a crucial procedural move by Councilman Kris Beard allowed Gibson and his supporters to get back on the agenda any time in the future, instead of wait-

ing the typical one-year grace period before applying again - which would have been a death sentence for the shop.

In December, with Broadwater replaced as mayor by Bao Nguyen, the council voted to approve the shop. Phat Bui also joined the council.

Gibson and his wife, Krystin, said they have since pivoted away from the political controversy and worked on getting the store open.

"All the controversy has kind of gone away," Gibson said. "We're trying to prove that we can belong on this street and help revitalize it."

During the grand opening, the Gibsons are encouraging people to eat out at the restaurants on the street and then swing by for refreshments, a raffle and a chance to see the artwork.

The raffle prizes include gift cards to Main Street businesses such as The Globe and Azteca restaurants and the first tattoo session at the studio.

Anywhere between 100 and 400 people are expected to attend, Krystin Gib-

Black Umbrella Tattoo and Art Gallery is set to open this weekend at 12951 Main St.

CHRIS HAIRE, FILE PHOTO

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Black umbrella

Hours: Noon-10 p.m. daily; closed on major holidays

Location: 12951 Main St.

Phone: 714-638-4644

son said.

She also said that the studio has artists lined up for a year to exhibit in the gallery, and most artists will be on display for a month. The inaugural show, featuring a sample of what's to come, will be up until June. There also will be some interactive art projects to get people involved and some art that kids will be able to touch.

"It's a good mix," she said. "We want to make sure people have a chance to come see the artwork and what we're all about."

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A new chapter for city attorney

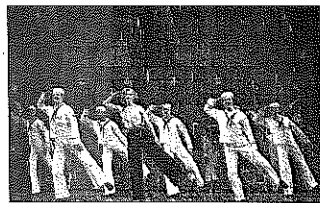
City Attorney Tom Nixon is retiring in July, ending a 30-year legal career including eight years with Garden Grove.

Nixon told the City Council his plans after the March 24 meeting. He has seen a number of changes within the city hierarchy over the years, including the recent retirements of former City Manager Matt Fertal, Police Chief Kevin Raney and Fire Chief David Barlag.

"After celebrating my 60th birthday recently, my wife and I began talking about travel and other plans," Nixon said in a statement. And we decided that after 30 years, it was time to start a new chapter in our lives."



Nixon



COURTESY OF JOAN MARCUS

The Gem Theater is staging its own production of "Anything Goes."

Love on high seas delayed for week

The Gem Theater, which was set to weigh anchor today for a three-week production of "Anything Goes," has instead delayed the opening of the classic Broadway musical-comedy about love on the high seas until April 16 because Artistic Director Damien Lorton recently had a severe illness.

Lorton, though, has recovered and is back at rehearsals.

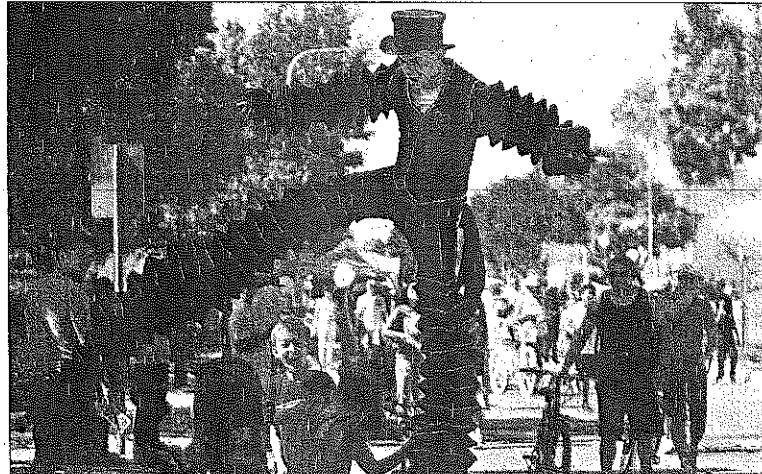
"Anything Goes" features music and lyrics by Cole Porter, and will now run Thursdays through Sundays from April 16 to May 3.

For a list of show times and ticket prices, go to onemoreproductions.com.

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THINGS TO KNOW

BY CHRIS HAIRE / THE GARDEN GROVE JOURNAL



ANA VENEGAS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A stilt walker entertains visitors to Re-Imagine Garden Grove in October. Visitors enjoyed a pedestrian area with food, games and entertainment.

OPEN STREETS COMING BACK TO GARDEN GROVE

The second-annual Open Streets Event in Garden Grove has a date – and a new time and theme.

Councilman Steve Jones, who led the effort to create the first event, announced last week that the next Open Streets Event will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26.

Last year, it was on a Sunday during the morning and early afternoon, when most of the downtown area surrounding Main Street was shut off from cars.

This year will also feature a "glow theme, including glow sticks," Jones said.

IT'S AN EASTER SURPRISE

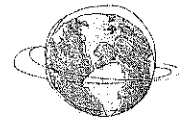
More than 30 children living at the Thomas House Family Shelter in Garden Grove received an Easter surprise last week.

Kris Buege, an independent consultant with educational games company Discovery Toys, organized an effort with more than a dozen local businesses and individuals

to provide 32 kids with Easter baskets filled with coloring books, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, toys, books and games.

And each of their families received a fruit basket as well.

Nearly \$1,200 in donations was collected from companies such as Edible Arrangements and Los Sanchez Restaurant.



FILE ART

Have a stake in Mother Earth

Do you have a stake in the well-being of planet Earth?

Then, the city wants your help in creating a temporary public-art installation in Civic Center Park.

Garden Grove plans on writing well-wishes for Mother Earth or Garden Grove on banners hanging from a Heritage London Plane Tree or on 52 brightly-colored wooden stakes that will be placed in concentric circles around the tree.

Residents must submit their messages via the city's Facebook or Twitter accounts, or at communityrelations@gardengrove.org by April 16. Maximum length is 32 characters.

The installation, designed by artist James Dinh, will go up April 22, which is Earth Day, and will remain for one month.



COURTESY OF KRIS BUEGE

Easter baskets were given to 32 children.

Fitting feet: The Helping Hands group at **San Marino Elementary School** in **Buena Park** recently collected 250 pounds of new and gently used shoes, which were donated to the Angel Bins Organization. The shoes will be distributed internationally. The students also volunteer at the Long Beach Rescue Mission, helping prepare meals and serving lunch....

Celebrity help: Actor **Cheech Marin** has been signed up to emcee a May fashion show in Anaheim to benefit the Orange County Family Justice Center. The inaugural Runway of Strength also will feature as a runway model Marin's wife and pianist, **Natasha**, and other local celebrities and dignitaries at the Lost World Estate of **Patrick and Jolynn Mahoney** in Anaheim Hills. Information on sponsorships and tickets for the May 30 event is at [ocfjc-foundation.org /events...](http://ocfjc-foundation.org/events...)

Feeding others: More than \$3,500 and 2,000 pounds of canned food were recently donated to the **Women's Transitional Living Center** by **Pacific Western Bank's** annual food drive. Branches in Anaheim, Brea, Irvine, Santa Monica and Huntington Beach participated in the collection for the Orange County shelter that helps individual and families escape domestic violence and exploitation....

Day at the park: More than 110 families with children who have Down syndrome recently attended a picnic hosted by the **Garden Grove Elks**, in conjunction with the **Down Syndrome Association of Orange County**. Elk clowns **Jim** and **Connie Perkins** along with **Joanne Galvin** painted faces and made balloon animals. Elks Chairman **Jack Whitwam** and other club volunteers helped set up and visit with the families. The kids had a chance to learn and show their dancing skills to the music provided by DJ **Howard Wingo**, the Elks Club manager. The picnic also included a visit by **Cpl. Sean Salazar** of the **Garden Grove Police Department** who took pictures with the children and let them sit in his cruiser....

Helping others: Two Orange residents were among the honorees at the **Alzheimer Association, Orange County's** Creating

Hope gala on Saturday. **Michelle Egerer**, senior vice president at Silverado Community Operations, has more than 30 years experience in the healthcare industry and caring for people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. She is chairwoman of the association's board of directors. **Bill Hogan**, 83, is a Korean War veteran. He cared for his wife of 54 years, Marge, after she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and continued to volunteer with the association after her death in 2013....

3.141592658...: **Bethany Christian Academy** of Westminster participated in the recent celebrations of Pi Day. The students played games, answered trivia and ate pi-related food. They also stood together to form a giant pi symbol for a group photo. Math teacher **Tamara Stiles** spent months planning the event, school officials said.

Yorba Linda ambassador: Bernardo Yorba Middle School seventh-grader Kyle Deiters will be taking a trip to explore European

heritage after being accepted into the People to People Student Ambassador Program. Over 20 days this summer he will explore England, France, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Austria and Switzerland and participate in activities such as meeting WWII survivors and members of the British Parliament, visiting Anne Frank's home, hiking the Swiss Alps and staying with a German family. He had to be invited to enroll and then pass an interview and submitted letters of recommendation. He has organized a number of fundraisers to cover the \$7,000 cost, including selling bears that will be given to Ronald McDonald House and CHOC and collecting old cell phones. Contact fuggy36@aol.com.

The Bravo section highlights the achievements and success of our north Orange County residents and groups. Send news of achievements to Heather McRea at hmcreea@ocregister.com.

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Musical: "Anything Goes," the classic musical with music and lyrics by Cole Porter, premieres at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Gem Theater, 12852 Main St. General admission is \$25. If you want to attend the opening night gala on April 11, which includes after-show mingling, tickets are \$40.

Information:

onemoreproductions.com.

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Watch your neighbors: A neighborhood watch meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. today at a home, 12632 Lucille Ave., to discuss recent crimes in the Garden Grove region. The city's police officers will be on hand to offer safety tips on how to protect family members and property. Information: 714-741-5760.

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GARDEN GROVE

Attorney retirement: City Attorney Tom Nixon, who has been Garden Grove's top legal adviser since 2006, has announced his retirement, effective July 31. Nixon has been a lawyer for 30 years and is retiring to spend time with his wife, travel and "start a new chapter in our lives."

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GARDEN GROVE

Grand opening: Black Umbrella Tattoo and Art Gallery is having its grand opening from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday in the downtown corridor, 12951 Main St. The hybrid art gallery and tattoo studio went through a controversial approval process, getting a sign-off from the City Council in December.

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GARDEN GROVE

Easter surprise: Thirty-two children living at the Thomas House Family Shelter received Easter baskets filled with coloring books, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, toys, books and games. Each of their families also received a fruit basket. Almost \$1,200 in donations was collected from local companies.

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Downtown concept seeks tie-in to Latino roots

The Santa Ana City Council plans more study into a Wellness District proposal.

SANTA ANA • Just like Garden Grove has Little Saigon and Los Angeles has Little Tokyo, Santa Ana residents



ALEJANDRA MOLINA
STAFF WRITER

are proposing that the city's downtown embrace its Latino identity, but not all residents agree.

Residents and City Council members on Tuesday night discussed a so-called downtown Wellness District that aims to foster retail and activities that are healthy and authentic to Latino character.

The discussion comes after an influx of businesses catering to millennials and hipsters have opened in downtown Santa Ana, which has historically catered to Latino immigrants.

Proposed by a coalition of working groups, including Santa Ana Building Healthy Communities, residents and downtown merchants say the concept will serve loyal Santa Ana residents – who are largely Latino – and attract a broader base of visitors who want a taste of Latino culture. Santa Ana residents within 2 miles of downtown are largely Latinos, with median



PHOTOS: JOSHUA SUDOCK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michael Santos, who works at Blends in downtown Santa Ana, supports preserving the area's Latino culture.



Snack cart operator Jose Rodriguez says it makes sense for Fourth Street to be branded as "La Calle Cuatro."

household incomes of \$48,502. The median age is 27.

No action was taken on the proposal Tuesday. Council members said they wanted to have more discussions with residents first.

"Any time that we're able to build bridges, I think that's a positive thing," Councilman David Benavides said. "There's been some compromise here."

Under the Wellness District, the groups are asking the city to identify property downtown for a Latino *mercadito*, test out community operated microfarms, promote walking and cycling and create an office of immigrant affairs.

The City Council is also being asked that they establish "La Calle Cuatro" as the official and historical name of Fourth Street in Santa Ana, and to designate

Plaza Santa Ana as Plaza Calle Cuatro, affirming the name and branding of La Calle Cuatro and Calle Cuatro Marketplace.

Some critics have described the proposal as "racist" or "un-American."

But to Santa Ana resident Joesé Hernandez, the concept promotes multiculturalism.

"By saying that we want Calle Cuatro, that we want to promote the Latino culture, that is not a bad thing and we should never teach our children that it's racist and un-American," Hernandez said.

The East Fourth Street area that used to be known as Fiesta Marketplace was rebranded in 2011 as East End, and with that came the Frida Cinema arthouse, Marcas Contemporary Art gallery, Native Son Alehouse and the new 4th Street Market artisan food hall.

James Kendrick, who operates Rags International News Stand in downtown, said the plan could disrupt the area's renaissance.

"People are trying to separate the diverse culture we have downtown," Kendrick said.

The merchants' ideas to retain downtown's Latino image are backed by a September study, commissioned by the California Endowment, that found that downtown Santa Ana could bring in more than \$137 million in new sales per year if it primarily catered to the purchasing needs of central Santa Ana residents.

Anti-gay group plans to picket Schuller funeral

The Westboro Baptist Church, a Kansas-based group that is not affiliated with any Baptist denomina-



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tion and that has drawn criticism for picketing soldiers' funerals, plans to picket the funeral of the Rev. Robert H. Schuller, founder of the Crystal Cathedral.

A post on the Westboro website talks about Schuller's criticism of an anti-gay covenant that members of the Crystal Cathedral were

asked to sign in 2013. At the time, Schuller stood up against church administrators and said that an anti-gay covenant went against the principles of tolerance, acceptance and positive thinking on which he built his 60-year-old ministry.

Schuller told the Register that he would never approve of such a covenant.

"I have a reputation worldwide of being tolerant of all people and their views," he said. "I'm too well-educated to criticize a certain religion or group of people for what they believe in. It's called freedom."

The Westboro Baptist Church, known for its anti-

gay stance, is classified as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Anti-Defamation League.

Schuller's daughter, Carol Schuller-Milner, said Westboro will not stop her family from "celebrating Robert H. Schuller's life and the Christian work that was focused on the positive possibilities in every person."

"Westboro is a hate group," she said. "If they have decided to picket us, it's a compliment."

Schuller's funeral service is set for 10 a.m. April 20 at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove, formerly the Crystal Cathedral.

TUESDAY'S LIGHT RAIN NO HELP WITH DROUGHT

STAFF REPORT

The smidgen of rain that fell Tuesday didn't help Orange County cope with the ongoing drought.

In Orange County, Garden Grove had the highest rain total, with .31 inches as of 9 p.m. Anaheim got .08 inches, and not enough fell by 9 p.m. to get a measurement at John Wayne Airport, said James Brotherton, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

Figures for south and central Orange County cities were not available Tuesday evening.

The rain should be done after midnight and no more rain is expected today, Brotherton said.

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Easter Eggs-cavation quite the celebration

Atlantis Play Center proves the perfect spot for the annual event

By Loreen Berlin

The Garden Grove Community Services Department held its seventh annual Easter "Eggs-cavation" at Atlantis Play Center, Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the first 300 families who registered for the experience.

The celebration is always a sell-out and this year was no exception. A sign reading, "Sold out," was near the entrance to Atlantis.

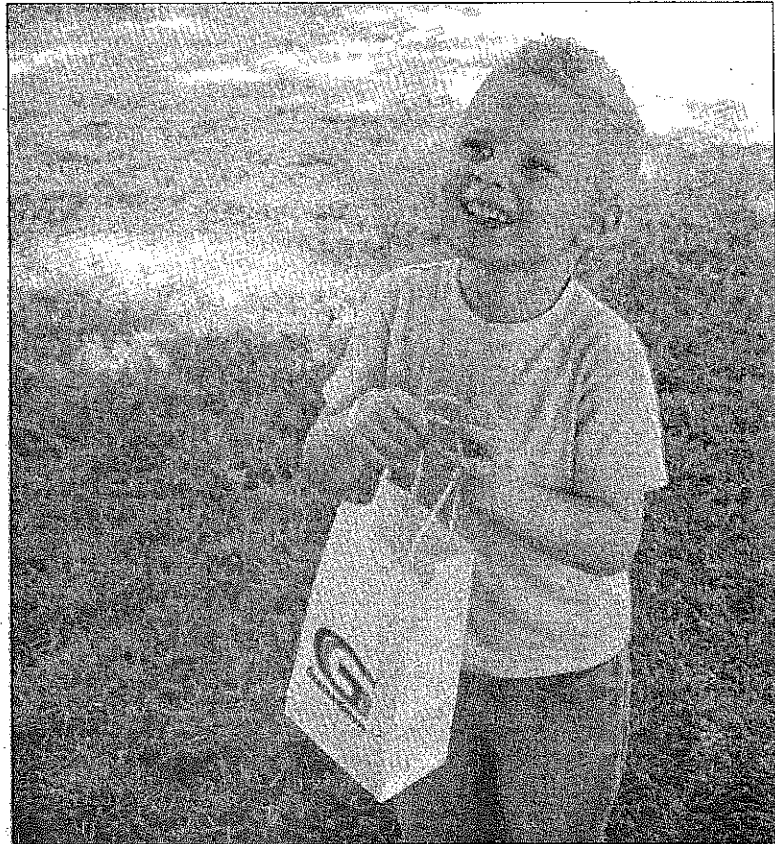
Small white paper bags with the city's name printed on them were handed out to each child as they entered Atlantis, so the children could gather 10 plastic Easter eggs with treats and candy inside and a map to direct the participants to other activities as well, and there were gold eggs that, if found, would yield a greater prize.

In all, 1,030 colorful plastic eggs were hidden for children to have fun finding them.

There were carnival games, face painting, crafts, bounce houses and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Also, Mary-Helen Delafield with Mad Science was on hand to help the youngsters with a dry-ice demonstration, which surprised those who participated, as they placed their hand on the glass beaker-type container that then shot its lid into the air, from the combination of dry-ice and the heat from their hands.

Coming up is a collaboration of Garden Grove and Westminster for the "Mad Science Summer



Rylee, 4, seems pleased with all the Easter eggs he found during the annual Easter Eggs-cavation.

Camps 2015." Those include: Robots 101, New MSI Forensics Lab, Science in Motion and Rockin' Rockets.

For more camp information, visit www.ggparksandrec.com or westorangecounty.madscience.org, or call 714-668-9174.

Coordinating the Easter event was Atlantis Recreation Coordinator Xavier Medina, who said anyone can register for the yearly events, by paying in-person at Atlantis.

Some of the other yearly events coming up at Atlantis include: Winterfest, Jack O' Lantern Jamboree and Camp Out.

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Iconic reverend, pride of Garden Grove, dies

By Brady Rhoades

He started preaching on the roof of a concession stand at a drive-in movie theater.

At the height of his powers, he spearheaded his own megachurch in Garden Grove, the towering, steel-and-glass Crystal Cathedral (built in 1980), which became an Orange County landmark.

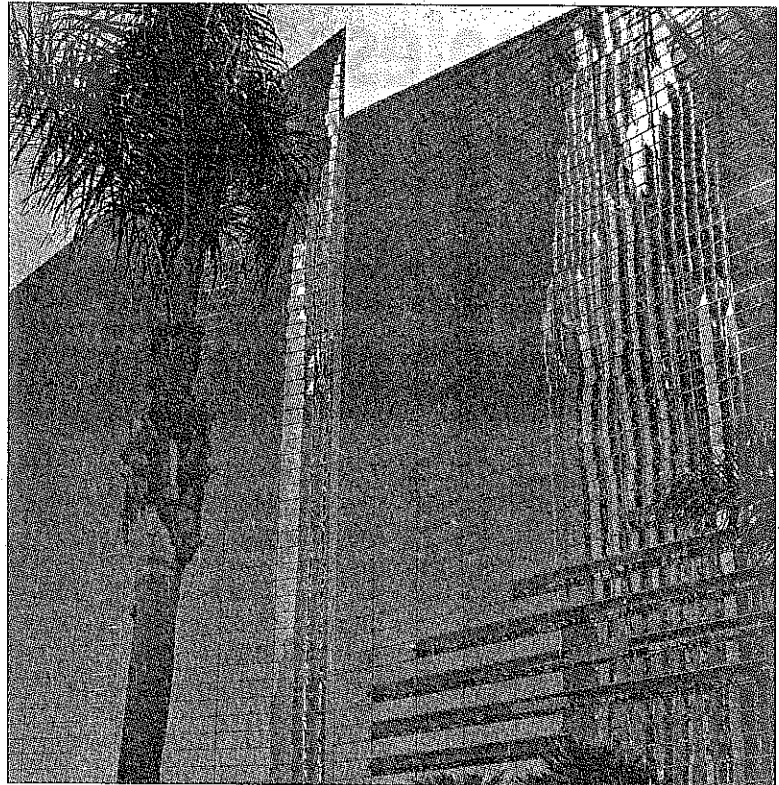
And 20 million watched him every week on "Hour of Power."

The Rev. Robert Schuller, easily the most influential man ever to grace Garden Grove, has died after a brief illness. He was 88.

Schuller was an inimitable figure for television viewers and his congregants. He wore a bright purple robe, aviator glasses and smiled perpetually. There was no fire and brimstone, nor did he appear slick, like a car salesman in Beverly Hills.

Schuller look and spoke like a grandfather.

He was not only gentle in his



Courtesy photos

The famous Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove was erected in 1980.

REVEREND:

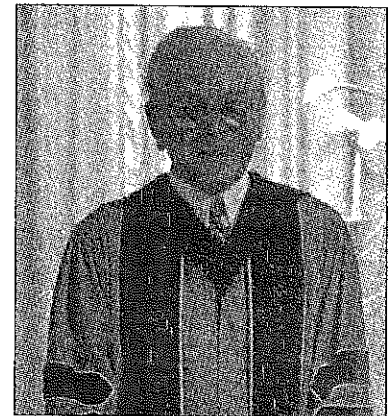
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demeanor but hopeful in his message.

"The classical error of historical Christianity is that we have never started with the value of the person. Rather, we have started from the 'unworthiness of the sinner,' and that starting point has set the stage for the glorification of human shame in Christian theology," he wrote in his book *Self-Esteem: The New Reformation*. "That book was one of many best-sellers.

The Crystal Cathedral's motto: "Come as you are in your family car."

But Schuller hit on hard times in 2006, when he stepped down from the pulpit. His son, then daughter, succeeded him and family tumult ensued. His evangelical Protestant ministry — his empire — was crumbling, and he filed for bankruptcy in 2010, citing \$43 million in debt. Court papers showed that the Schuller



The Rev. Robert Schuller

family lived a life of... well, the word luxury would be an understatement.

The Crystal Cathedral was sold to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange in 2011, and Schuller lost a legal battle the following year to collect more than \$5 million from his former ministry for claims of copyright infringement and breach of contract.

Schuller, who was born in Iowa, is survived by his son Robert A., and four daughters, Sheila, Jeanne, Carol and Gretchen.

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Homeless man finds missing teen

On March 31 at 1:43 p.m., the Garden Grove Police Department responded to a missing autistic juvenile.

Charles Truong, a male, 17 year old, was shopping with his mother at the Binh Supermarket, when he wandered away.

Charles is described Vietnamese, 5 feet, 100 pounds, last seen wearing a long sleeve blue striped thermal shirt, black jeans, and wearing black Van's tennis shoes. Charles has a large scar on the left side of his head. He has the mental capacity of a 4 year old, speaks English, and does know his name, parents' name and address.

He is not violent and is in need of medication. Charles has wandered away in the past but was in his local neighborhood near his residence. He does like to frequent libraries, elevators, and is attracted to iPads. The Garden Grove Police Department is actively searching for Charles and is asking for the public's help in locating him. Charles was last seen in the area on foot at Brookhurst

Street and Westminster Avenue, by a restaurant at the northeast corner of the shopping complex.

Later, he was located in the area of Brookhurst and Hazard by a homeless person that stays in that area. A Garden Grove police officer who was searching the area for the juvenile made contact with the homeless person and showed him a picture of the juvenile.

The officer asked the person to contact the police if he saw the autistic juvenile. The homeless person found the juvenile near the intersection of Brookhurst and Hazard. The homeless person held onto the juvenile and started asking other people if he could use their phone to call the police.

After two tries, the third person called the police and officers responded and found the juvenile in good health. He was united with his mother. The officers gave a Chief's Coin of Merit to the homeless person and the citizen who called the police for their acts of good citizenship.

Revamped website

Last week marked the official launch of the City of Garden Grove's new, re-designed, and re-enhanced website.

A slicker look, new features, and technological enhancements allow users to easily view stories, find city services, and navigate through the website using a PC or any smart device. The website can be found at www.ci.gardengrove.ca.us.

For the last eight months, the City's Information Technology team, along with an outside consultant, has focused on integrating new software upgrades for front- and back-end users, and making the site more smart device compatible.

Web pages now adjust in size to accommodate all smart phones, tablets, and even pages on the city's mobile app.

Larger, and easier to view videos, and more convenient access to the city's social mediums also enhances information accessibility for users. The site also maintains compliance with ADA guidelines.

In February, the city organized a community focus group to obtain comments and ideas for the new site. Overall, the group found the new site to be cleaner, more attractive, more technologically advanced, and a more useful tool for city transparency.

Drought has serious ramifications for OC



Tony on the Town

By Tony Cheong

So I'm having dinner with a friend the other night, and she tells me she's showering every other day to do her part to deal with the devastating drought that has transformed lush California into something resembling dry toast.

My first reaction: yuk.

Second: That's noble. We all should be doing our part.

This is serious stuff, readers. No snowpack, dry riverbeds, lowering reservoirs and little rain.

Last week, California Gov. Jerry Brown ordered state officials to impose mandatory water restrictions for the first time in history as the state grapples with a serious drought.

Meantime, I've made a decision. I will shower every day. But... I will cut my shower time in half and I will also reduce the watering of our property by half. I think I can live with myself if I do those two

things.

For the first time in state history, the governor has directed the State Water Resources Control Board to implement mandatory water reductions in cities and towns across California to reduce water usage by 25 percent. This savings amounts to approximately 1.5 million acre-feet of water over the next nine months, or nearly as much as is currently in Lake Oroville.

To save more water now, the order will also:

- Replace 50 million square feet of lawns throughout the state with drought tolerant landscaping in partnership with local governments;

- Direct the creation of a temporary, statewide consumer rebate program to replace old appliances with more water and energy efficient models;

- Require campuses, golf courses, cemeteries and other large landscapes to make significant cuts in water use; and

- Prohibit new homes and developments from irrigating with potable water unless water-efficient drip irrigation systems are used, and ban watering of ornamental grass on public street medians.

Guess what? It's that time of year again. The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival — one of the biggest events in the county — will take place May 22-25 in downtown Garden Grove. As soon as organizers announce the grand marshal (my favorite of all time was Billy Barty), I'll let you know.

In Westminster, city leaders are embarking on a beauty makeover.

The Keep America Beautiful Program is taking place this month. Westminster residents, businesses and schools are invited to improve the looks, vitality and economic integrity of their community by beautifying their surroundings in ways that make a huge difference.

The annual "Adopt a Park" program offers an opportunity for citizens, youth organizations, churches and service clubs to adopt a park of their choice and give a sprucing up on Saturday, April 25.

For more details on how you can become involved, please contact Westminster's Community Services and Recreation Department at 714-895-2860 or visit the website at www.westminster-ca.gov.

Last week I joked that since it was April Fool's Day week I was going to report that Stanton City Council members David Shawver and Rigoberto Ramirez got in a fistfight in the corridors of City Hall (the truth is the two get along swimmingly).

Well, a longtime Stanton resident, who asked to remain anonymous, emailed me. She's 77 years old.

Do you know what she said? "I'd PAY to see that."

Which got me thinking. Councilmen, how about a one-round boxing match for charity? Former presidential candidate Mitt Romney is getting in the ring with former heavyweight champ Evander Holyfield for just such a purpose, so how about you follow suit? I'm not fooling...

Community Calendar

Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out
Chamber holds Friday meetings
The Garden Grove Chamber's
Governmental Affairs Commit-
tee 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 chil-
dren of every age.
The group meets Thursday eve-
nings 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 Cathed-
ral, 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 informa-
tion, 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 be-
gins at 6 p.m. For more informa-
tion, call 714-892-7267.

GG city attorney retires after 30 years

Following a distinguished 30-
year legal career, City Attorney
Thomas Nixon has announced
plans to retire, effective July 31,
after nine years of service to the
City of Garden Grove.

The announcement was made to
Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen
and members of the Garden Grove
City Council following the March
24 City Council meeting.

"After celebrating my 60th birth-
day recently, my wife and I began
talking about travel and other
plans, and we decided that after
30 years, it was time to start a new
chapter in our lives," said Nixon.

Nixon, who practices municipal
law with the firm of Woodruff,
Spradlin, and Smart, was appoint-
ed Garden Grove City Attorney
in 2006. As city attorney, Nixon
has been responsible for provid-
ing representation and defense
for the city, legal representation
for various boards and commis-
sions, as well as serving as legal
advisor to police officers and City
employees.

Speaking on behalf of the Gar-
den Grove City Council, Mayor
Nguyen said, "We want to thank
Tom (Nixon) for his dedication
and service to the City and its res-
idents. We all wish him a very long
and enjoyable retirement."

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Garden Grove Unified School District of Orange County, California, will receive RFP responses up to and including 2:00 p.m. on April 23, 2015 at the District Education Center, Purchasing Department, 10331 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840, attention to Sharon Weddle.

Request for proposal documents are available on-line at http://www.ggusd.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=230403&type=d&pREC_ID=580072; printed copies are available upon request by contacting Sharon Weddle at (714) 663-6360.

The district is seeking proposals for Unarmed Security Services, RFP No. 1404, in accordance with the Instructions, Conditions, and Specifications now on file in the Purchasing Department of said School District.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularity therein. The right is also reserved by the Board to select items which, in their opinion, will best serve the needs of the District.

Dated this 27th day of March 2015.

GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
Connie Cross
Assistant Director, Business Services

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Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP No. S-1162

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, second floor, Room 220, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840. Provide Jail Management and Operational Services for the Garden Grove Police Department. Contractors interested in submitting a proposal for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-proposal meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2015; at Garden Grove City Hall, Second Floor Interview Room, located at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840. A copy of the RFP document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Questions can be directed to Sandra Segawa in writing, via email at sandras@ci.garden-grove.ca.us. Proposals are due in the office of the Purchasing Agent by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2015. Proposals received after that exact date and time will not be considered.

Dated: April 8, 2015

Sandy Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB
Purchasing Agent
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840
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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS
PROJECT NO. 7376

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the City of Garden Grove City Clerk's Office, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840, to furnish material, equipment, and labor for Project No. 7376 "WEST STREET / CANDY LANE WATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT." Engineer's estimate on this project is approximately \$2,527,000 dollars.

Project No. 7376 - West Street and Candy Lane Water Improvements Project consists of constructing new replacement water lines in Chapman Avenue, West Street, Candy Lane, Cliffwood Avenue, Holyoak Lane, Wilken Way, Eugene Street, and other local streets. The water improvements consist of approximately 6,600 feet of 12-inch and 510 feet of 8-inch diameter polyvinyl chloride (PVC) domestic water pipe. It also includes the construction of approximately twelve (12) hydrant assemblies, one hundred seventeen (117) water service connections and twenty-one (21) connections to existing water mains.

The entire project will also require replacement of deteriorated existing asphalt concrete pavement section within Wilken Way from curb to curb, reconstruction of street cross gutters, removal and/or abandonment of the existing water lines and valves, dewatering, maintaining the existing water services during construction, reconstructing and reconnecting of water and fire service connections, traffic control, trench pavement resurfacing, slurry seal pavement as required per plans, traffic restriping, and installation of raised pavement markers and appurtenant work.

The plans, specifications and contract documents may be purchased from ARC for the price of sixty-three dollars and seventy-four cents (\$63.74). The price does not include tax or shipping and handling if needed. The documents may be made available for "will call" or shipped directly to you. Please contact:

ARC
345 Clinton Street
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
www.ocbinc.com
949-660-1150 (ask for the Planwell Department)
Or you can e-mail your order to costamesa.planwell@e-arc.com

Bids are due in the City Clerk's Office at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2015, and will be opened in the Conference Room 1 North, first floor, in City Hall.

Direct ANY and ALL questions to Ms. Rebecca Li, Associate Engineer, (714) 741-5562

/s/ Kathleen Bailor, CMC
City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE CITY HALL THIRD FLOOR TRAINING ROOM AT 11222 ACACIA PARKWAY, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE * INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

* THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M., APRIL 23, 2015

LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LLA-009-2015

A request for Lot Line Adjustment approval to eliminate an existing lot line for the purpose of consolidating two (2) lots into one (1) for the purpose of constructing seven (7) multiple-family apartment units as approved per Site Plan No. SP 008 2014 and Variance No. V-006-2014. The site is at 12592 Lorna Street, in the R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15305 – Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-034-2015

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new 1,700 square foot barbecue restaurant, The Smoking Ribs, with a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Premises) License. The site is at 14211 Euclid Street #D in the PUD-104-81 (Planned Unit Development) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on April 23, 2015. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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Schuller's funeral set for April 20

The public service will be held in the plaza at Christ Cathedral.

BY DEEPA BHARATH
STAFF WRITER

A funeral service for Crystal Cathedral founder Robert H. Schuller has been scheduled for 10 a.m. April 20 at the Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove, his daughter Carol Schuller-Milner said Saturday.

The public service will be held in the plaza. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange now owns the pro-



Schuller

erty, which was purchased when Crystal Cathedral Ministries filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2010.

The closed-casket memorial will end with a procession into the Memorial Gardens, where Schuller will be buried next to his wife, Arvella, who died a little over a year ago.

Schuller-Milner said the burial will be private, but the public will be welcome to view from outside the perimeter of the Memorial Gardens.

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Public celebration of Schuller's life set

'Hour of Power' guests to attend April 30 event.

BY DEEPA BHARATH
STAFF WRITER

A celebration of life service for Crystal Cathedral founder the Rev. Robert H. Schuller is planned for 4 p.m. April 30 at the Christ Cathedral's Arboretum in Garden Grove.

This public event is separate from the funeral service, which has been scheduled for

10 a.m. April 20, also at Christ Cathedral.

Schuller will be buried next to his wife, Arvella, at the



Schuller

Christ Cathedral Memorial Gardens following the April 20 service.

The April 30 event will feature the "Hour of Power" orchestra, choir and other guests who have graced the program, which in its heyday reached 30 million viewers globally. The list of speakers for that event has not yet been confirmed.

Schuller's daughter-in-law, Donna Schuller, said she hopes the event will honor the pastor for his accomplishments. "(Schuller) deserves a wonderful send-off," she said.

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SPRING BREAK A GOOD BREAK FOR BUSINESS

SPRING VACATION SEASON FILLS MANY
ORANGE COUNTY ATTRACTIONS, BOOSTS SPENDING.



**JONATHAN
LANSNER**
STAFF
COLUMNIST

Spring break is big business in Orange County.

Nobody has exact numbers on the full economic impact of the first big vacation season of the year, but it fills up everything from local tourist attractions and hotels to shopping centers, restaurants and even our natural parks.

And this year, spring break business in Orange County benefits from overall economic strength and a brutal winter in much of the rest of the nation. Here are six things you should know about how spring break impacts the local business climate.

O.C. A HOT SPOT

When you think of this season, driven by school vacations, you might think of college kids flooding into East Coast or Mexican beach

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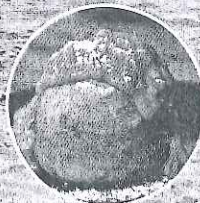


Beach umbrellas line the shore near Newport Beach Pier.



LODGING

Hotels in Anaheim and Garden Grove have topped 90 percent occupancy in recent days.



TOURISM

One change to Knott's spring marketing theme is the Boysenberry Festival, including The Fun Bun.



SHOPPING

The spring break sales pace has grown to nearly rival the summertime frenzy - especially at Irvine Spectrum Center.



DISCOVERY CUBE

The Santa Ana museum sees roughly 15 percent of its 570,000 annual visitors around Easter.

BEACH PHOTO: ROD VEAL, FILE

BREAK

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towns. But we get more than our fair share of the tourist trade here in O.C.

Orange County was the fifth most popular destination for students who booked hotel rooms online at Priceline.com for March. The top four were Las Vegas, Orlando, New York City and Phoenix.

But the older crowd eyes our area, too. When AAA tallied up its spring hotel bookings for customers of all ages, Anaheim came in second, Orlando was the most popular spot, with San Diego, Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Miami just behind Orange County.

"We've got beaches; we've got great weather," says tourism consultant Laura Schlau. "I'm not sure we rival South Beach, but Orange County does very well."

Out-of-town visitors who come to Orange County on spring break are primarily driving here from places like Northern California, Nevada, Arizona and Utah.

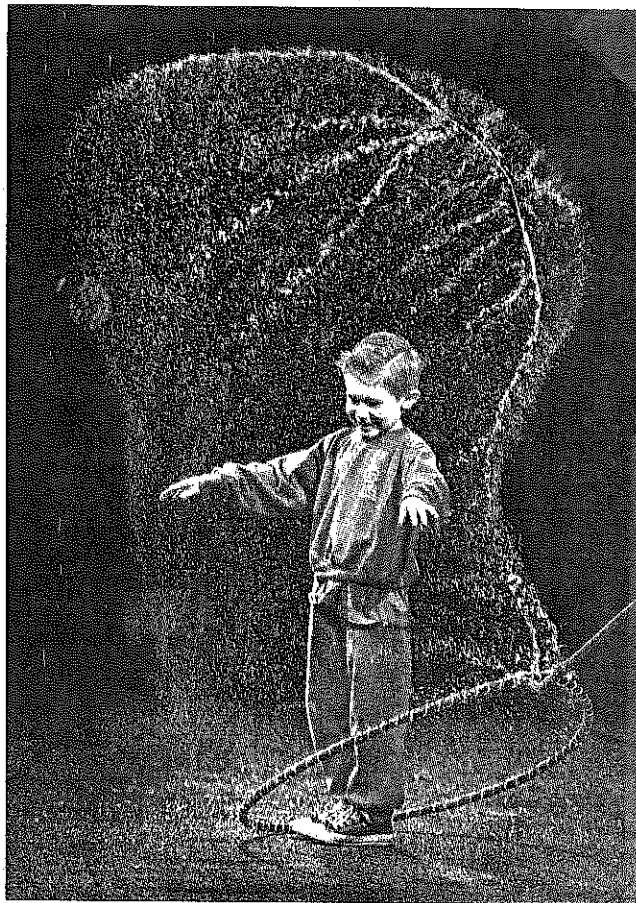
John Wayne Airport gets busy, too. Its passenger traffic in the past decade jumped an average 19 percent from February to March as spring break kicked in — the largest month-to-month increase of the year.

BREAK STRETCHES

Spring break is no longer limited to the week before and after Easter.

Once upon a time, the vast majority of grade schools and colleges took time off right around Easter — which itself moves about the calendar.

Today, you will find school vacations ranging from early March to mid-April — depending on when



MICHAEL GOULDING, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gunnar Eichenlaub of La Mirada has a large bubble burst around him while onstage at the Bubblefest show at the Discovery Cube Orange County in Santa Ana last week.

Easter falls and on the decisions of individual districts. This change alters the financial opportunities for the businesses that cater to spring break crowds.

On the upside, many businesses no longer face the kind of huge customer rushes that can lead to sell-out conditions. Rather, the flow of dollars is longer and steadier.

On the downside, some families face split vacation calendars, potentially limiting vacation options, Schlau notes. "If you've got two kids in different schools, it makes it difficult (to decide) when the family can take time."

HARD TO FIND A ROOM

Just try to find a vacancy. Hotels in Anaheim and Garden Grove have topped 90 percent occupancy in re-

cent days, says Jay Burress, CEO of the Anaheim/Orange County Visitor & Convention Bureau.

Vacationers on spring break fill rooms in and around Disneyland. Last year for example, Anaheim and Garden Grove hotels were 83.3 percent full in March and 81.5 percent full in April — the second and fifth best months of the year.

"We love spring break around here," Burress says.

Newport Beach-based hotel operator Larry Broughton, who has managed properties in and around Southern California, says spring break business can be tricky.

"Much of the booking activity is last minute and impacted significantly by something outside any of our control: weather,"

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O.C. a spring break hot spot

Two surveys put local destinations as popular spring vacation places.

AAA Travel's top spring travel destinations, based on AAA.com hotel bookings, are:

1 Orlando, Fla.

2 Anaheim

3 San Diego

4 Myrtle Beach, S.C.

5 Miami

6 Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

7 Washington, D.C.

8 New York City

9 Seattle

10 San Francisco

Priceline.com's student bookings for March:

1 Las Vegas

2 Orlando

3 New York City

4 Phoenix

5 Orange County

6 Miami

7 Chicago

8 New Orleans

9 San Diego

10 San Francisco

Broughton says. "Many guests check last-minute weather conditions, and then scramble to find a room."

And let's not forget those sleeping under the stars. Spring break creates a mid-week surge in camping at both Caspers Wilderness Park and O'Neill Regional Park.

SHOPPING SPREE

What many merchants like about spring break is that it amounts to the first major shopping season after the holiday rush.

While I know of no detailed local sales figures that highlight the scope of the spring buying spree, national retail sales statistics offer a glimpse.

In the past 22 years, consumer dollars taken in by merchants nationwide - excluding automobile dealers - have averaged an 11 percent month-to-month jump in March. The only larger

monthly jump is the average 19 percent pop seen in December.

The Irvine Co. says the spring break sales pace at its Orange County shopping centers has grown to nearly rival the summertime frenzy - especially at Irvine Spectrum Center.

"The crowds include everyone from college students to families, and it seems to be more and more of a trend for parents to take this as a mini-vacation with the family," says Easter Liu, Irvine Co.'s chief retail marketing officer.

For one kid-oriented attraction at the Kaleidoscope mall in Mission Viejo, business jumps 20 percent during spring break.

Adam Louter, the manager of the Laser Quest game room, says a key reason for that increase is a bump in midweek activity. And this year, both of the nearby school districts are closed the week after Easter - the first concurrent spring vacations in years.

"I am expecting to be very busy," Louter says.

BERRY BIG BREAK

It's no surprise that local theme parks do well during spring vacation.

Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm decline to discuss any hard numbers about the season's popularity. But their seasonal surge in attendance can be measured by the fact that during the key spring break period for locals - the weeks near Easter - both parks have peak-season scheduling, including significant blackout dates for Disneyland annual passholders and long 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. hours at Knott's.

One thing that's different this year is Knott's focus on its major spring marketing theme - the Boysenberry Festival. This parallels the significant sales pushes that Knott's makes for Hal-

loween and the winter holiday season.

The Boysenberry Festival - an homage to the park's farm heritage - features boysenberry-flavored foods, live fiddlers, a nighttime dance party, and beer and wine tastings.

"We didn't have anything early in the year," says Kevin Nguyen, Knott's marketing manager. "In a super competitive environment, how does Knott's become the activity of choice?"

It's not that Disneyland isn't marketing this time of year - it's just that it has no major push specifically tied to spring break. The iconic park's upcoming 60th anniversary is absorbing much of its marketing energy.

BUBBLEFEST BREAK

Spring break is prime time at the Discovery Cube Orange County.

The science-oriented museum in Santa Ana sees roughly 15 percent of its 570,000 annual visitors in the two weeks immediately preceding and following Easter.

The attraction is perfect entertainment for school-age kids. So any time school is out, Discovery Cube has potential customers to lure.

The key to the museum's spring break success is 19 years of Bubblefest - an annual springtime exhibit dedicated to everything about bubbles (not the financial variety), from the science behind how they form and function to a show running four times a day that highlights some of their magic. To see Bubblefest, visitors pay an extra \$7 on top of regular admission (\$5 for museum members).

"I think we've set up a legacy in Orange County," says Cube spokesman Dan Nasitka. "People are off. People are looking for things to do. And people know Bubblefest is coming every spring break."

PACKING them in

Overseas investment, a strong buyer preference for single-family homes and limited well-performing school districts – combined with planning and regulatory policies – consign many in Southern California to tighter spaces, higher prices.

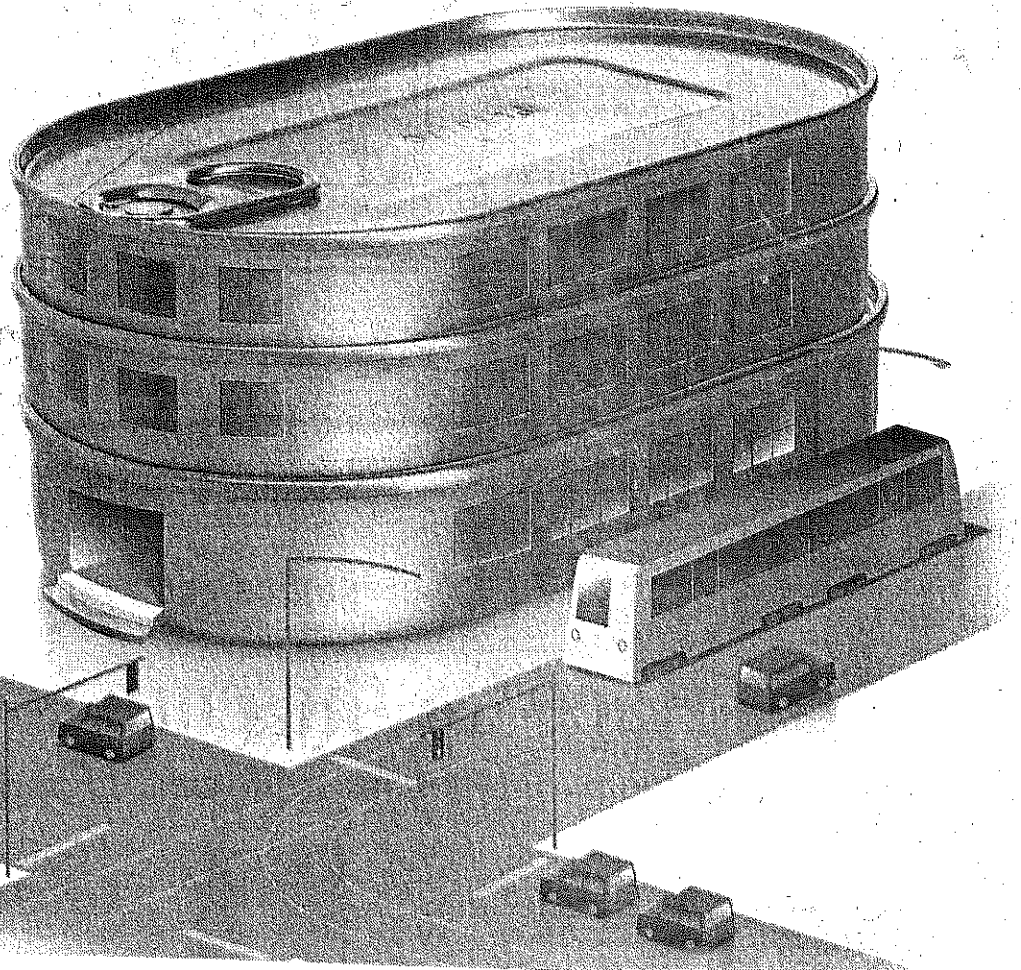


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What kind of urban future is in the offing for Southern California? Well, if you look at both what planners want and current market trends, here's the best forecast:



JOEL KOTKIN
STAFF COLUMNIST

congested, with higher prices and an ever more degraded quality of life. As the acerbic author of the "Dr. Housing Bubble" blog puts it,

we are looking at becoming "los sardines" with a future marked by both relentless cramming and out-of-sight prices.

This can be seen in the recent surge of housing prices, particularly in the areas of the region dominated by single-family homes. You can get a house in San Francisco - a shack, really - for what it costs to buy a mansion outside Houston, or even a nice home in Irvine or Villa Park. Choice single-family locations like Irvine, Manhattan Beach and Santa Monica have also experienced soaring prices.

Market forces - overseas investment, a strong buyer preference for single-family homes and a limited number of well-performing school districts - are part of, but hardly all, the story. More important may be the increasingly heavy hand of

California's planning regime, which favors ever-denser development at the expense of single-family housing in the state's interior.

In both the Bay Area and Southern California, plans are now being set to force the building of massive new towers in a few selected "transit-oriented" zones. In a bow to political realities, the planners say they won't bring superdensity to the single-family neighborhoods beloved by Californians; the wealthy - including those who bought early and those with access to inherited money - will still be able to enjoy backyard play sets, barbecues and swimming pools.

HOME PRICES SKYROCKET

The rest of you had better get used to cramming. House prices over the past two years in Orange and Los Angeles counties have risen at a rate more than *10 times* the relatively paltry increases in weekly paychecks, among the nation's worst ratios of home prices to income. Now, you can't buy a house in much of Orange County or West L.A. without a triple-digit income; in Manhattan Beach, buying a median-price house requires an income of more than \$300,000 a year.

With development on the periphery basically shut down for lack of sufficient transit usage, the bright folks at SCAG, MTC, ABAG, SANDAG (the regional planning agencies in Los An-

that lack ocean breezes or scenic views, we are looking at something more like the congested chaos of Mexico City or Tehran than the tourist's Paris on the Pacific (more than 80 percent of Paris, France, is outside the compact core).

The biggest losers, as usual, will be those people - working and middle-class families as well as minorities - who have looked to the pe-

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WHERE MINORITIES CAN THRIVE

Until recently, the periphery has offered housing salvation for younger middle-income homeowners, particularly families. Homeownership rates are more than 25 percent higher in the Riverside-San Bernardino area than in the Los Angeles-Orange County area. Minorities also do much better. The homeownership rate inland is a

geles, the San Francisco Bay Area and San Diego, respectively) foresee a future of ever-increasing density, with apartment towers interspersed throughout the cities. To be sure, city life and density might seem great, and could even work to some extent in smaller, scenic areas like Laguna Beach or Santa Monica, with their accessible walking districts. But such locales are only a small part of Southern California. To live in a high-rise in Ontario or Garden Grove might please planners, but density without much amenity - and nothing that will ever be close to a New York-style transit system or even a system as good as that serving downtown Los Angeles - seems more a ticket to a neo-tenement purgatory than paradise. For areas

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KOTKIN: Densification drive assumes

suburbs are dead

quarter higher among African American and Asian households. The rate for Hispanics is nearly half again higher than in Los Angeles-Orange.

But as housing prices have soared, and opportunities to move outward have shrunk, Southern California has developed some of the worst crowding in the nation. Three of the most crowded areas – based on people per room – are in Los Angeles County: South Los Angeles, the Pico Union area near downtown L.A. and Huntington Park. Southern California trails only Miami, Fla., for the highest percentage of residents who spend 40 percent or more of their incomes on rent or a mortgage.

The impact of high prices extends well beyond the poor and minorities. As a recent report from the state's Legislative Analyst's Office suggests, the lack of affordable housing is one reason why California companies have trouble attracting employees, particularly those with families. To keep the digital hearths going in places like Silicon Valley, companies rely on either young people (often with family money) or, increasingly, low-wage workers, called "technocoolies" by some, imported from Asia.

The LAO is spot on about the disadvantages of California housing, which now costs two and half times the national average, and rents that are 50 percent higher than in the country as a whole. Homeownership rates now stand at 48th among the states. Unfortunately, the proposed solutions follow the same script adopted by our planning elites that seeks to further densify large swaths of central Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area, which, since 2000, have accounted for roughly 10 percent of all growth in the state.

AFFLUENT EXEMPT

This planning fiat is sure to spark fierce resistance. Don't expect to see high-rises sprout amid the expanses of single-family housing in Malibu or Beverly Hills, due to the organized power of their overwhelmingly "progressive" residents. Higher-density development likely will be jammed, instead, into already denser, less-affluent and less politically powerful areas, such as the east San Fernando Valley, North Orange County and some inland communities.

There's nothing wrong with appealing to a market for apartments, but limiting the expansion of single-family construction will only exacerbate our looming demographic dilemmas. Southern California's family population is decreasing more than any of the nation's other large metro areas. Homes are increasingly owned by an aging population lucky enough to have bought before the new planning regime helped drive prices into the stratosphere. Young workers may be amused by dense, high-cost rental space, at least until they desire to start families and own homes. But the crucial middle-class households headed by thirty- and fortysomethings may find themselves forced out of the region if they are unwilling to accept a lower quality of life.

Some of the logic behind densification was based on the perception that the suburban dream is dead. Yet, despite persistent claims by planners and pundits, this turned out to be less a matter of altered market preferences than of temporary effects of the Great Recession. Roughly 80 percent of Americans still prefer single-family homes. So do Californians: In the past decade, single-family units represented the vast majority of all new homes built in the state.

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Now that the economy is coming back to life, suburban communities, particularly the much-disdained exurbs, appear to be on the demographic rise again around the nation. By rejecting this option for the next generation, we are essentially putting the California Dream on ice, all but pushing upwardly mobile, but not rich, families to pursue their futures in notably lower-cost, less-regulated places, like Texas.

All this is for a dubious philosophy that has long derided suburban communities and their single-family homes as an environmentally wasteful, anti-social extravagance. Yet, today, many new suburban developments are eco-friendly, including such features as high-efficiency construction and renewable solar power, and employment patterns increasingly allow for work from home or in nearby firms. Business growth near homes in Irvine, often pilloried as the epitome of sprawl, notes former California State University, Los Angeles demographer Ali Modarres, has resulted in some of the nation's shortest commutes and highest rates of people working at home.

Add to the equation more fuel-efficient cars and the environmental justification for forced sardinzation becomes even less compelling. Densification might well increase over time as some people prefer more urban lifestyles. But the opportunity to own a single-family home should not be limited to the very rich, or to aging baby boomers, by Sacramento bureaucrats and unelected regional planning agencies. Yet, precisely this is the inevitable result of the massive attempt at social engineering now advancing throughout the region and state.

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Garden Grove eyeing eviction process for Joe's Italian Ice

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • The city is moving to evict the owner of Joe's Italian Ice, the popular eatery on Harbor Boulevard, after nearly two years of using the property rent free.

The city owns the land and has a yearslong redevelopment deal with Land and Design Inc. to build a luxury hotel on the site. But the city needs Joe's to close in order to clear the property and transfer it by the time the development is ready to move forward.

Mike Abeyta, the owner of the business, signed a contract in 2013 with the city in which Garden Grove agreed to pay him \$240,000 to help him relocate, which he eventually did — opening a Joe's Italian Ice in Anaheim. The city also allowed him to run his shop rent-free until March two houses on nearby Twintree Lane to rent out and help recoup the costs of relocating.

But after the 2014 deadline for him to vacate the land passed, Abeyta refused to leave, according to a city staff report. Garden Grove officials allowed Abeyta to continue to use the property until the developer was ready to take control of it.

"I definitely think it's not fair to have someone not pay rent and violate an agreement," Mayor Bao Nguyen said. "We're being held back here. This is a step we need to take."

Abeyta, though, says the city has not helped him with the transition the way officials said it would.

"It sounds like a lot of money," he said during a council meeting. "But it didn't cover a lot of the relocation costs."

He said the payment covered less than a third of



ANDERS HOWMANN, FILE PHOTO

Joe's Italian Ice is located on Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove.

the costs.

"I met with (former Mayor Bruce) Broadwater, and he apologized," he said, "and promised I could stay until 2016."

That was not included in the contract, however, and Abeyta has rebuffed efforts at another settlement agreement, according to the staff report.

Evicting Abeyta from the property will require Garden Grove to go to Superior Court, which normally costs less than \$3,000, the staff report said.

City Manager Allan Roeder said he will go to the developer and see if it is willing to work out a deal with Abeyta before going to Superior Court and officially beginning the process.

"We need to get the clock started" on the eviction process, Roeder said.

City staff now have the authority to begin the process anytime, following a 4-1 City Council decision last week. Councilman Phat Bui dissented, saying he wants to find other options and do "what is good, not just what is right legally."

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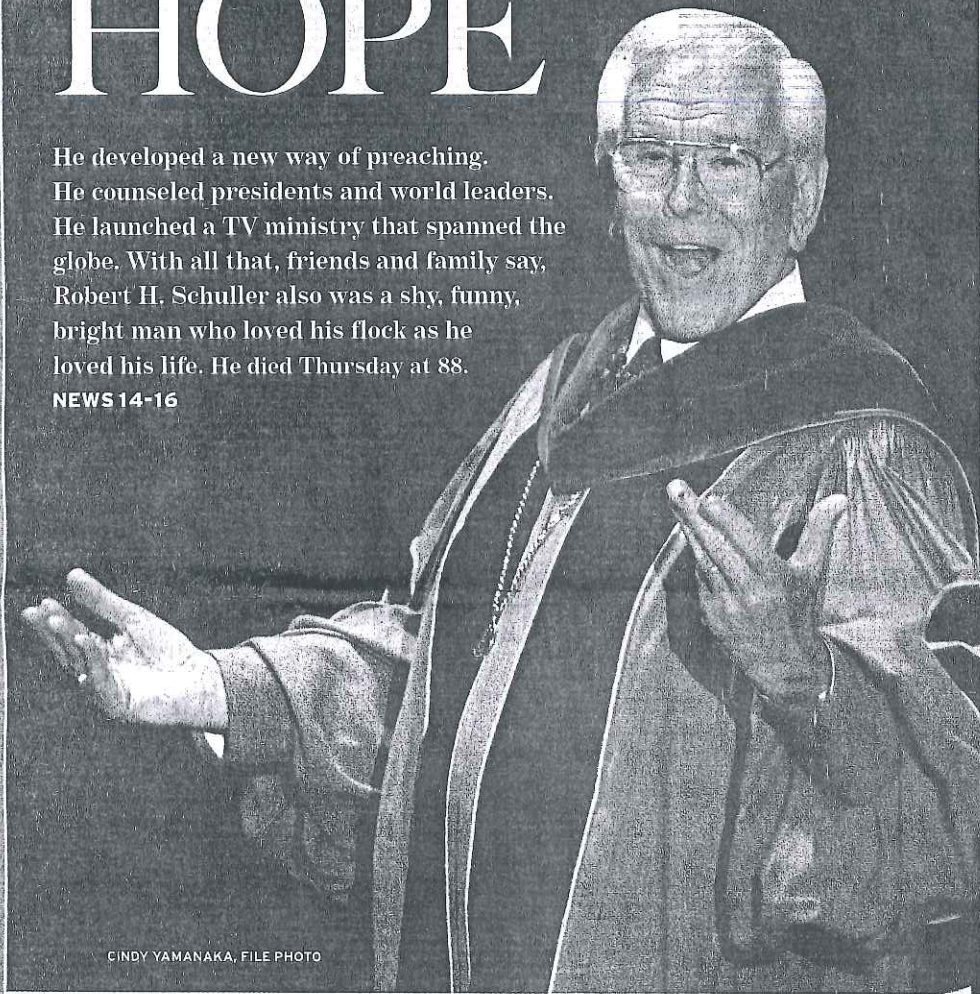
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LEGACY OF HOPE

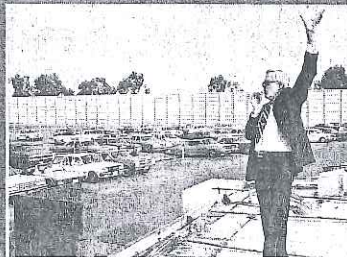
He developed a new way of preaching. He counseled presidents and world leaders. He launched a TV ministry that spanned the globe. With all that, friends and family say, Robert H. Schuller also was a shy, funny, bright man who loved his flock as he loved his life. He died Thursday at 88.

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CINDY YAMANAKA, FILE PHOTO

The Rev. Robert H. Schuller with Oral Roberts in Garden Grove on Feb. 5, 1978. Schuller's "Hour of Power" featured interviews with guests who had inspirational stories to tell.



"Come as you are ... in the family car!" was the line in an ad touting Schuller's church in Orange County. Here he preaches from atop a car at a drive-in.

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Schuller gained many famous friends, followers over the years

BY DEEPA BHARATH
STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Robert H. Schuller spent a lot of time in the company of celebrities, from actors to world leaders.

- John Wayne, during his final days battling cancer, asked Schuller to pray with him.

- Marie Callender was a friend of Schuller's who brought him pies and engaged in lengthy, soulful conversations.

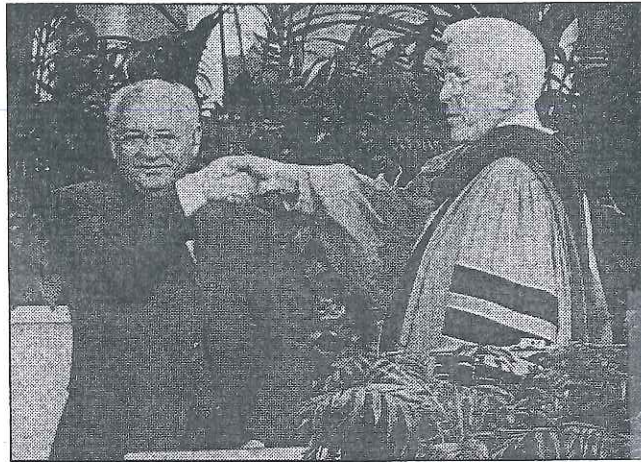
- Robert and Arvella Schuller met numerous times with Russian President Mikhail Gorbachev, who was also Schuller's guest on the "Hour of Power."

- Three presidents invited Schuller to the White House: George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

- Schuller considered Mother Teresa "a personal friend." When she died, he was part of the U.S. delegation at her funeral in Calcutta.

- In April 2007, Schuller baptized daredevil motorcyclist Evel Knievel, who for the first time publicly accepted Jesus Christ, at the Crystal Cathedral as thousands watched.

- Schuller was invited to



COURTESY OF CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

Mikhail Gorbachev, president of the Soviet Union, appears on the "Hour of Power" during services in 1989.

lunch with Queen Elizabeth II during her trip to Los Angeles in 1983.

- The Crystal Cathedral and Schuller were briefly featured in one episode of the ninth season of "The Simpsons," when a naked Homer dangles from an air balloon slides across the top of the building while the pastor implores the horrified congregation to "quickly gaze down at God's fabulous parquet floor."

- Muhammad Ali once asked for Schuller's autograph.

- Schuller hobnobbed with the likes of Frank Sinatra and Pope John Paul II.

- President Gerald Ford was a visitor to the Crystal

Cathedral, discussing his wife Betty's battle with alcohol and drug addiction.

- Special guests on "Hour of Power" included longtime Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Bob and Elizabeth Dole, Tony Orlando, Art Linkletter, Milton Berle and Burl Ives.

- Famed pianist Roger Williams was a regular performer at the Crystal Cathedral.

- Schuller officiated funeral services for Lucille Ball, Evel Knievel and former Vice President Hubert Humphrey. He also assisted Cardinal Roger Mahony during Bob Hope's funeral service.

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POSSIBILITY

The Rev. Robert H. Schuller discovered early that he had a gift with words. He spent his life using that gift to encourage others.

BY ROXANA KOPETMAN
AND DEEPA BHARATH
STAFF WRITERS

He evangelized from a drive-in, from TV screens, from the pulpit.

He built a towering, glistening cathedral.

He preached the Bible, but he also preached something that wooed millions — possibility thinking.

The Rev. Robert H. Schuller lived to see his influence and his ministry slip into financial and familial chaos.

Still, his belief in the power of faith, friends and others say, never wavered.

Schuller died Thursday morning. He was 88.

"He was one of the great church leaders of the 20th century," said Richard J. Mouw, professor of faith and public life at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena.

In the fall of 2013, Schuller was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. He died a little more than a year after his wife, Arvella, who died Feb. 11, 2014, at age 84.

Known as "the first lady

of the Crystal Cathedral," Arvella was Schuller's partner in the ministry and joined her husband in the creation of the popular "Hour of Power," a television program that beamed into homes around the world with positive, upbeat sermons, celebrity interviews and music from a renowned choir and one of the largest organs in the world.

The "Hour of Power" also implored viewers to donate to Schuller's ministry, raising millions over the years.

Schuller was a spiritual guide for millions, a marketing innovator, and a friend of presidents, movie stars and foreign heads of state.

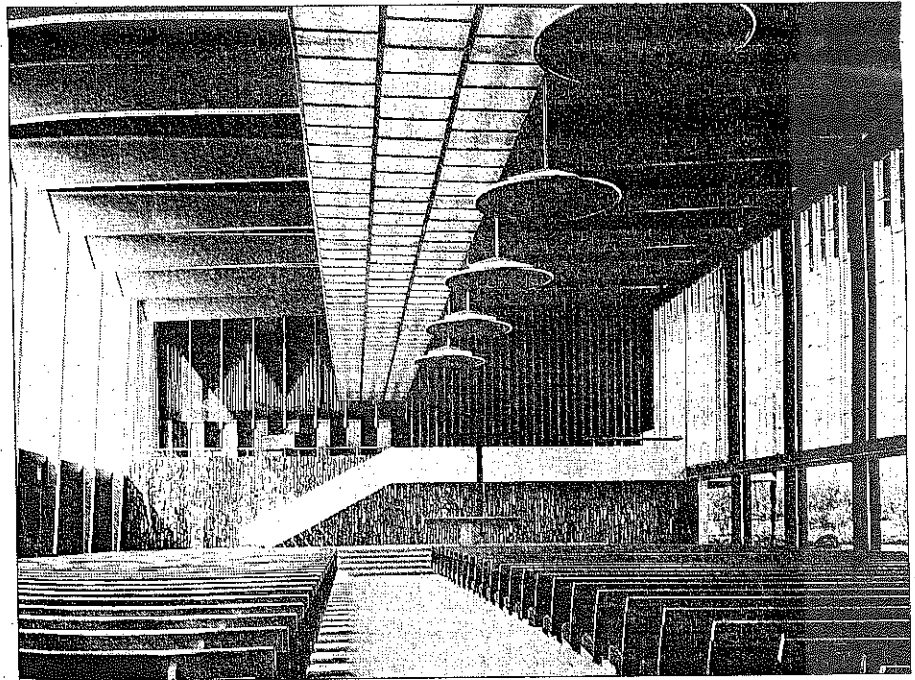
But Michael Nason, who worked alongside Schuller for more than 40 years, described his legacy in simple terms. Schuller, Nason, said, offered this: "A message of healing and hope."

IOWA FARM BOY

Schuller was born Sept. 16, 1926, in Sioux County, Iowa, the youngest of five children of farmers Anthony and Jennie Schuller.



Schuller as a young boy.



COURTESY OF THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

The Richard Neutra-designed sanctuary, also known as the Arboretum, was dedicated in 1961. The round hanging devices house the audio speakers.

In the small Dutch community where he grew up, dancing was a sin and words like "gosh" and "golly" were considered profane. And religion, Schuller later wrote in his autobiography, "My Journey," was "the unquestioned core of our humanity."

Weeks before Schuller's fifth birthday, a minister

uncle told the boy that he too would someday become a preacher. Schuller called it the "single most defining moment of my early life."

Schuller wrote that he learned early on that he had a gift with words, that he "could make people laugh."

He also learned, early, that experiences could be shaped by perception.

When he was the last boy picked for a schoolyard team, he thought: "I may be last, but at least I'm not lost."

The line made him feel better. It also hinted at the kind of lines he would later use to make others feel better. Many of Schuller's sayings — "What great thing would you attempt if you

knew you could not fail?" "When you can't solve the problem, manage it." – still echo online and in books.

Schuller's mother warned him to "beware of cults" – meaning Baptists, Catholics and Methodists – when Schuller set off for Hope College in Michigan. Instead, Schuller's college influences were popular, upbeat radio minister Norman Vincent Peale and motivational writer Dale Carnegie.

In the writings of Peale and Carnegie, Schuller later said, he found advice on how to become "not (just) a pontifical preacher, but a respected communicator."

His path was set.

During a trip home he met Arvella de Haan, an organist in his hometown church. In June 1950, Schuller received his Master of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary – and he and Arvella married.

Soon, they moved to California.

DRIVE-IN CHURCH

"Come as you are ... In the family car!"

So read the tagline of a 1955 newspaper ad Schuller ran when he opened his Orange County church, which became one of the nation's first megachurches. It opened the same year as Disneyland.

The beginning was not easy. Schuller was criticized – even ridiculed – for his unorthodox approach. One area minister described Schuller's drive-in as a "passion pit."

The first service, in March 1955, was at the Orange Drive-In. Schuller preached from the roof of the snack bar. Arvella Schuller played the organ. A choir borrowed from another church sang hymns.

And the few people in the congregation sat in their cars, listening through the drive-in speakers.

Doris Carlton of Anaheim Hills was there.

"I liked being outside, enjoying the weather, listening directly in the car, like it was a personal message just for me," said Carlton, now 89.

"I liked the camaraderie between the cars. We never became acquaintances, but we'd wave at each other. And instead of saying 'amen,' we honked."

In the beginning, the young family was broke. Schuller recounted in his autobiography how he tried to return stamps to the post office so he could buy milk for his young children, only to find that the government doesn't give refunds on stamps.

Schuller grew his ministry by hand. That first year, he knocked on more than 3,500 doors.

He also understood the power of celebrity.

Early on, he invited the popular Peale to visit and deliver a sermon, which filled the drive-in to capacity. Schuller was impressed with Peale's message; Peale didn't call anyone a sinner and was loathe to judge. Schuller wrote in his autobiography that Peale offered "inspiring ideas that might bring people from doubt to faith."

It was a message Schuller built upon.

"I realized that every sermon I preached (whether formally from the pulpit or casually at a coffee shop) should be designed not to 'teach' or 'convert' people, but rather to encourage them, to give them a lift. I decided to adopt the spirit, style, strategy and substance of a 'therapist' in the pulpit."

Schuller soon moved his growing congregation into a brick-and-mortar chapel, but continued preaching a service at the drive-in, shuttling between venues.

Eventually, the congregation for the Garden Grove Community Church outgrew its home. Schuller sought donations to buy land in Garden Grove and develop a walk-in/drive-in church.

The new building, then known as the Arboretum, would have one glass wall that opened to the outdoors and a stage from which Schuller could simultaneously address the congregation indoors and those sitting in their cars, still listening on drive-in speakers.

CATHEDRAL CAMPUS

The 1961 building, designed by architect Richard Neutra, was followed in 1968 by a second Neutra-designed structure, the Tower of Hope.

It housed the ministry's 24-hour suicide-prevention telephone counseling center – believed to be the first church-sponsored crisis-prevention line. It has been credited with saving thousands of lives.

In 1970, at the urging of Billy Graham, Schuller started the "Hour of Power" television program with his wife as producer. At its peak, the show claimed an audience of up to 20 million. It is still broadcast in 11 languages and is hosted by Schuller's grandson, the Rev. Bobby Schuller.

The architectural masterpiece of Schuller's Orange County campus came in 1980, with the dedication of an all-glass building designed by renowned architect Philip Johnson.

Financing came from Schuller's fast-growing congregation. Some donors gave \$1 million. Others gave \$500 for each of the 10,600 panes of glass that covered the new structure. A final \$4 million came in one night, with a fundraising concert headlined by opera star Beverly Sills.

When it was all done, the Crystal Cathedral opened debt-free.

"One of the things that people wanted most was a place of peace," Schuller wrote. "They were able to get away every weekend, so they needed a church that would be a refuge from the stresses and strains of urban life."

THE MESSAGE

His followers loved the campus and the traditional religious music.

They also loved Schuller's positive message. "God loves you," he would tell them. "And so do I."

Some critics equated Schuller's teachings with prosperity gospel, linking him with televangelists such as Paul Crouch and Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker. Schuller's friend Nason disagreed: "Schuller ... was talking about the possibili-



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ties in your life. Period. Not attaining wealth."

"He was a rare moment in history for the Christian church," Nason said.

Schuller's message appealed to all types of Christian denominations, Nason said. And high-ranking Catholic leaders, including Pope John Paul II and cardinals, "liked him because he came from the Dutch Reform theology and they saw his intellectual capacity for the Bible."

Schuller broke a barrier when he took his message to Russia. Later, Russia's leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, would be a guest on the "Hour of Power."

But when he wasn't schmoozing – either on



SANG H. PARK, FILE PHOTO

The Rev. Robert H. Schuller speaks to church members and visitors during the celebration service for the installation of his son Robert A. Schuller as senior pastor at Crystal Cathedral in January 2006.



DANIEL A. ANDERSON, FILE PHOTO

Schuller and his son Robert stand in front of a lifetime of memorabilia in 2005.

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stage or on camera, or behind the scenes with leaders and others - Schuller could be introspective, said Nason, who produced the "Hour of Power."

"Put him on the pulpit with 3,000 people listening, he was fine," Nason said. "Put him in a room with 3,000 people, it was very different."

"You could see how shy he really was."

But Nason says Schuller, spiritual leader to millions, had to summon energy every Sunday morning, regardless of how he felt about it.

Mouw, the professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, said another reason for Schuller's success was his ability to grasp American pop culture.

Schuller, Mouw said, spoke "the language of therapeutic culture," while maintaining the traditional dignity of the church in his television program and service.

"His message spoke to people in tough times," Mouw said.

THE CATHEDRAL'S FALL

On Jan. 1, 2006, Schuller announced he would step down from the pulpit and turn the ministry over to his son, Robert A. Schuller. But a power play within the family, including Schuller's daughters and their spouses, led to the younger Schuller's resignation two years later. The church never recovered from ensuing controversies.

Congregation numbers went down. So did donations.

In 2010, Schuller's church filed for bankruptcy. The beloved annual "Glory of Christmas" pageant, featuring live animals, flying angels, elaborate sets and hundreds of volunteers, was over. Vendors were left unpaid. And the future of the ministry became uncer-

tain.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange bought Schuller's Crystal Cathedral campus in 2012, and is converting it into Christ Cathedral.

Some blame Schuller directly for the downfall of the Crystal Cathedral. Others put the blame on some of his children.

In a 2013 interview with the Register, Nason said several factors were responsible, including expensive projects, a bad economy and a power struggle among Schuller's children and their spouses.

Meanwhile, the elder Schullers said their future was uncertain, too.

In 2012, Schuller's Facebook page featured a video in which he said his finances were at risk. The video laid out claims that would become a lawsuit he and his wife filed against the ministry he founded. In November 2013, the Schullers lost the bulk of their multimillion-dollar claims dealing with breach of contract and copyright infringements.

On Monday, Schuller's request that the U.S. Supreme Court hear an appeal about whether his last contract with Crystal Cathedral Ministries was an employment or retirement agreement - the difference between the \$615,000 he was awarded by a bankruptcy court and potentially \$5 million - was denied.

When her parents' health began to fail, daughter Carol Milner and her family moved into the Schullers' home in Orange to assist them. When they ran out of money, she said, they found an assisted-living home in Artesia that accepts Medi-Cal. That's where Schuller was Thursday when he died.

Schuller's church continues under a new name, Shepherd's Grove, and meets about a mile away from the former Crystal Cathedral. That church, plus the televised "Hour of Power," are under the leadership of Schuller's grandson, Bobby.

The Rev. Bobby Schuller fondly recalls growing up attending weekly meetings with his grandfather in the elder Schuller's 12th-floor office in the Tower of Hope.

"We'd talk about reaching people, writing sermons. We'd debate theology."

"I'd leave each one of those meetings uplifted."

Even though their styles are different, Bobby Schuller says the core belief of "possibility thinking" is very much the same.

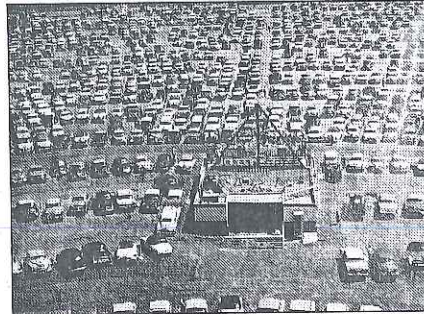
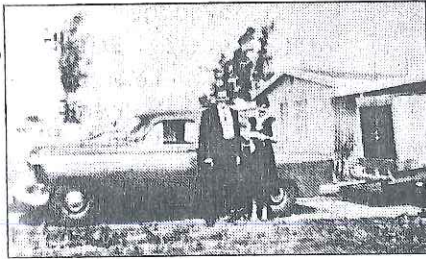
"It's about believing that the impossible is possible if God asks you to do it, and allowing your hopes to shape your future, not your fears," he said. "That's never going to change."

Schuller is survived by his children, Robert and Schuller, Sheila Coleman, Jeanne Dunn, Carol Milner and Gretchen Penner. Several of his children and grandchildren work in ministry. Information on services is pending.

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PHOTOS: COURTESY OF THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

1955: The Rev. Robert H. Schuller and his wife move to Garden Grove from Chicago with \$500 to establish a Reformed Church in America congregation. Schuller delivers sermons from the rooftop of the Orange Drive-in snack bar.

1961: First building designed by midcentury modern architect Richard Neutra.

1968: Second Neutra-designed structure, the Tower of Hope, is constructed, housing the ministry's 24-hour suicide-prevention telephone counseling center.

1970: Schuller starts "Hour of Power," which goes on to become one of the most popular religious TV programs in the United States. At its peak, the show claims an audience of 15 million to 20 million.

1980: Architectural masterpiece of Schuller's Orange County campus opens, with the dedication of an all-glass building designed by architect Philip Johnson.

1997: Schuller denies allegations that he placed a flight attendant in a headlock on a flight from Los Angeles to New York. He later settles the case, completes six months of federal supervision and pays a \$1,000 fine.

June 2000: Schuller and his wife,

Arvella, share a golf cart ride after renewing their vows in the Crystal Cathedral. The couple were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

April 2005: Schuller celebrates his 50th anniversary of preaching in Orange County.

November 2008: Schuller tells his congregation that his son the Rev. Robert A. Schuller will no longer be the preacher of the church's weekly "Hour of Power" TV broadcast or the cathedral's senior pastor.



EUGENE GARCIA, FILE PHOTO

June 2009: Robert H. Schuller announces that his eldest daughter, Sheila Schuller Coleman, right, will take over the ministry's leadership.



JOSHUA SUDOCK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

May 2010: Crystal Cathedral Ministries sells its 170-acre property in Rancho Capistrano to Hobby Lobby Stores Inc. of Oklahoma City, which leases it to Saddleback Church.

July 2010: Robert H. Schuller announces he is retiring from his lead pastor duties after 55 years, passing the reins to Schuller Coleman.

Oct. 18, 2010: Crystal Cathedral Ministries seeks Chapter 11 protection after talks with creditors break down. It owes about \$7.5 million to unsecured creditors.

July 5, 2011: Creditor committee offers a plan to sell the campus, leasing back some church buildings to the ministry. Chapman University would buy most of the buildings for \$46 million. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange expresses interest a day later.

Nov. 17, 2011: The ministry selects the diocese, which bids \$1.5 million less than Chapman; a judge orders the sale closed by Jan. 31, 2012.

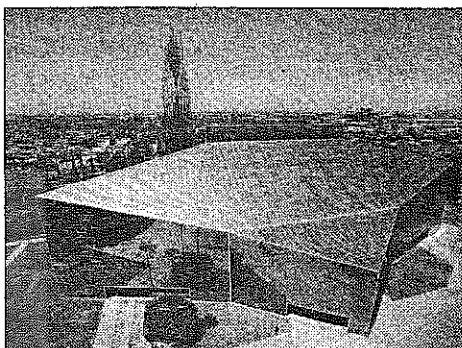
Feb. 3, 2012: Escrow closes on the sale to the diocese for \$57.5 million.

Feb. 15, 2012: Senior Pastor Sheila Schuller Coleman steps down as CEO and president of the ministry. John Charles, a former church spokesman, is named interim leader.

Feb. 28, 2012: Citing "an adversarial and negative atmosphere" on the board of directors, the Rev. Robert H. Schuller and his wife, Arvella, resign from their posts.

March 18, 2012: Crystal Cathedral holds its first service without a Schuller as pastor when Schuller Coleman opens her new church in a movie theater.

May 2012: Bobby Schuller, grandson of the founder, begins to preach on Sundays as a volunteer pastor.



H. LORREN AU JR., STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

June 9, 2012: The Catholic Diocese of Orange renames the Crystal Cathedral as the future Christ Cathedral.

November 2012: Robert H. and Arvella Schuller go to court seeking more than \$5 million. Most of the case involves claims for breach of contract and copyright infringements.

Nov. 26, 2012: The Schullers lose the bulk of their multimillion-dollar claims. A U.S. bankruptcy judge awards Robert H. Schuller \$615,625. In March 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court declines to hear the Schullers' appeal.

January 2013: Bobby Schuller, grandson of the founder, is named the new pastor for the Crystal Cathedral's "Hour of Power" television program.

May 12, 2013: The Crystal Cathedral Ministries congregation agrees to a new name: Shepherd's Grove. But the corporation will keep its name for the television program.

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Schuller saw 'possibilities'

His optimism resonated in Orange County.

Along with Walt Disney, the person who put Orange County on a national map was the Rev. Robert Schuller, who died Thursday at age 88. First assigned to Chicago, the Dutch Reformed Church in which he was ordained soon sent him West. Car-centric Orange County seemed the natural home in 1955 for his innovative drive-in Garden Grove Community Church.

In 1980 he built Crystal Cathedral, a global landmark designed by famed architect Philip Johnson. It was the longtime home of the weekly Hour of Power TV broadcast as well as two productions beloved of Orange County residents and visitors of many faiths, the Pageant of Easter and the Pageant of Christmas.

He preached a hopeful message of "possibility thinking" and wrote a string of best-selling books with such titles as "Tough Times Never Last but Tough People Do." He had to put the philosophy into action when, during the Great Recession, in 2010 Crystal Cathedral went bankrupt.

Although sometimes criticized for putting a too-happy face on life's difficulties, the Rev. Schuller's optimism resonated with the Orange County sunshine during its people's rise to national prominence. May he rest in the peace he helped bring to others.

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Ongoing

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

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

Grief support

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

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

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

Learn about Alzheimer's

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

Dance Center hosts social

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

Eco-friendly storytime

Family storytime all through the summer will highlight books about our environment and the animals that live in rivers, oceans

and icy places. All ages are encouraged to attend at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-530-0711.

Rotary Club to meet

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

GG Kiwanis to meet

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

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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT REVIEW
REGARDING SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NUMBER
ONE
TO THE 2014-2015 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DE-
VELOPMENT ACTION PLAN
The City proposes to amend the 2014-15 Action Plan for
the Use of HUD Funds to allocate those funds as follows:

Activity
Current Budget
New Budget
TBRA
\$500,000
\$815,000
New Construction
Of Affordable Housing
\$2,000,000
\$1,685,000

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
From April 3, 2015 through May 4, 2015, the draft Sub-
stantial Amendment Number One to the Fiscal Year
2014-2015 Annual Plan will be available for public review
during regular business hours at the Community Devel-
opment Department, located in City Hall, at 11222 Acacia
Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840. Also available at the
Garden Grove West Library, located at 11200 Stanford
Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840. At the close of the
Public comment period, the amended Annual Action Plan
will be submitted to HUD and will remain available for
public review throughout the program year.
The public is invited to comment on the proposed amend-
ment for a 30-day public comment period from April 3,
2015 through May 4, 2015. Please direct any questions
or comments to Allison Mills via 714-741-5139, allisonj@
garden-grove.org, or 800-735-2929 (TDD to voice).

/s/ Kathleen Bailor, CMC
City Clerk

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

On Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon there-
after as the matter may be heard, The City of Garden
Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agen-
cy for Community Development (Successor Agency) will
hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Health and Safety
Code Section 33431, at the Garden Grove Community
Meeting Center located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Gar-
den Grove, California. A Property Transfer (Transfer)
pursuant to the approved Long Range Property Manage-
ment Plan, between the Successor Agency and City of
Garden Grove of certain real property located at 12361
Chapman Avenue, 12222 Harbor Boulevard, 12252 Har-
bor Boulevard, 12262 Harbor Boulevard, 12272 Harbor
Boulevard, 12292 Harbor Boulevard, 12551 Twintree
Avenue, 12571 Twintree Avenue, and 12239 Choisser
Road, Garden Grove, will be considered.

All interested persons or organizations may attend the
Public Hearing or submit written comments on the pro-
posed Transfer prior to the meeting. Please submit any
written comments to the Garden Grove City Clerk, 11222
Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, Cali-
fornia, 92842-3070. Written correspondence received
before 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Public
Hearing will be given to the Successor Agency prior to
the meeting. Information received after that time will be
given to the Successor Agency at the time of the meeting.
If you challenge the action taken at this Public Hearing,
you may be limited to raising only those issues you or
someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in
this Notice, or in written comments delivered to the City
Clerk's Office prior to or at the Public Hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if
you need special assistance to participate in this meet-
ing, you should contact the City Clerk at (714) 741 5040.
Notification by Noon on Thursday, April 9, 2015, will en-
able reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to
this meeting.

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

Kathleen Bailor, CMC
Secretary

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April 3, 2015

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

On Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, The Oversight Board to The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (Oversight Board) will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34181(f), at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California. A Property Transfer (Transfer), pursuant to the approved Long Range Property Management Plan, between the The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development and City of Garden Grove of certain real property located at 12361 Chapman Avenue, 12222 Harbor Boulevard, 12252 Harbor Boulevard, 12262 Harbor Boulevard, 12272 Harbor Boulevard, 12292 Harbor Boulevard, 12551 Twintree Avenue, 12571 Twintree Avenue, and 12239 Choisser Road, Garden Grove, will be considered.

All interested persons or organizations may attend the Public Hearing or submit written comments on the proposed Transfer prior to the meeting. Please submit any written comments to the Garden Grove City Clerk, 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, California, 92842-3070. Written correspondence received before 2:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Public Hearing will be given to the Oversight Board prior to the meeting. Information received after that time will be given to the Oversight Board at the time of the meeting.

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

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at (714) 741-5040. Notification by Noon on Thursday, April 9, 2015, will enable reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

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

Kathleen Bailor, CMC
Secretary

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GREAT WOLF ON TRACK FOR 2016

The hotel-water park complex is on schedule; several pieces of water slides are visible from Harbor Boulevard.

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

The landscape along Harbor Boulevard between Lampson Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard looks a lot different than it did a year ago.

Construction of the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, a 603-room hotel and 121,000-square-foot water park in the city of Garden Grove, is moving along swiftly. The lobby, hotel and park structures are up, several water slide segments visible from the street are in place, and the interior of the facility is starting to take shape.

The \$250 million project is on pace to open in early 2016.

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

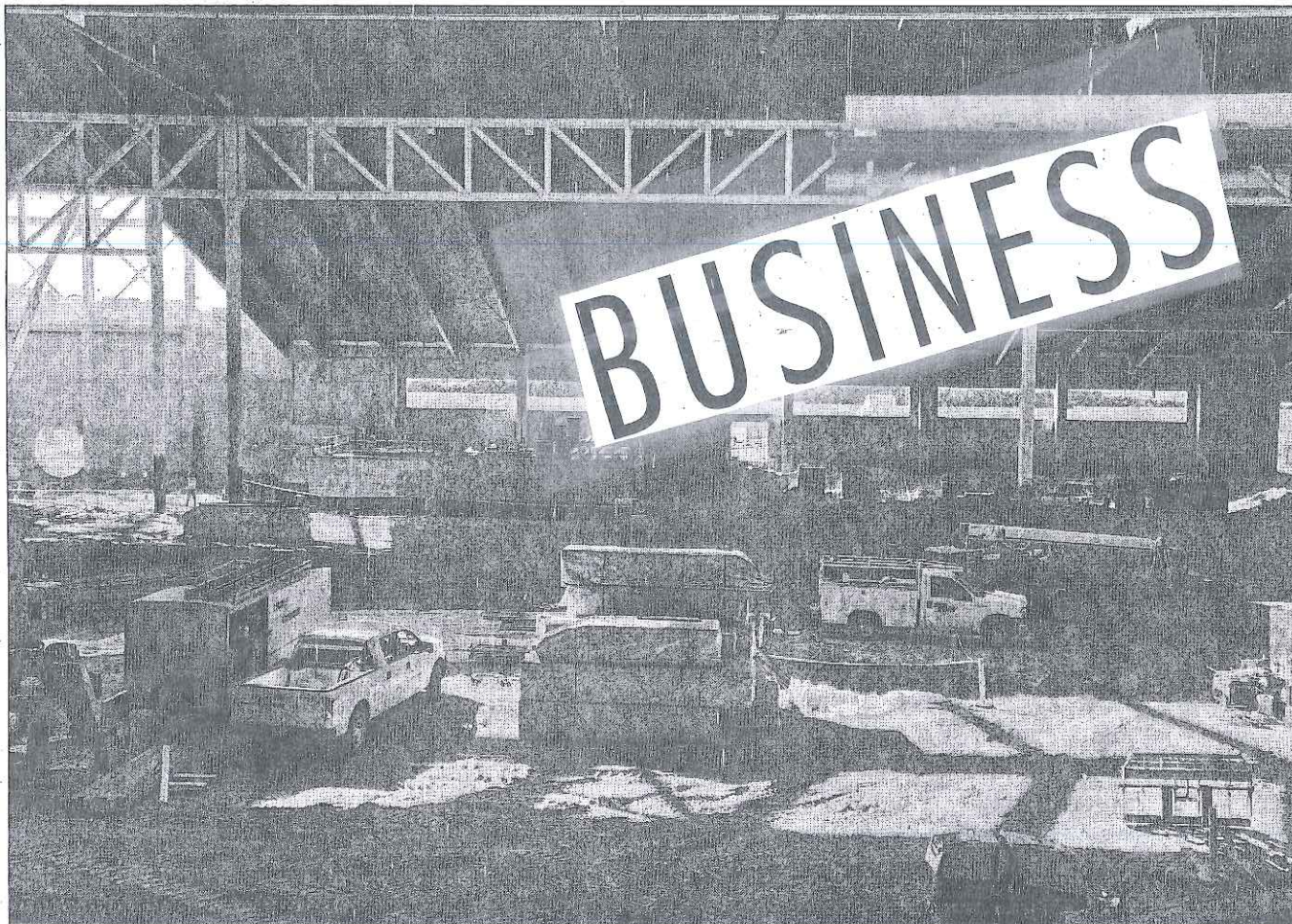
Garden Grove officials have advertised Great Wolf Lodge, which has been about a decade in the making, as an economic boon for the city. It is estimated the resort will bring in about \$8 million annually in tax revenue, the most of any hotel in Garden Grove.

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

It will not escape the notice of many people that Great Wolf is building its big new complex in the middle of a severe drought.

"We're a water park, so we're very conscious of the drought," Storey said. "We have a state-of-the-art water conservation system."

As its 13th water park-hotel complex springs from the ground, Wisconsin-based Great Wolf Resorts Inc. - which has 11 other locations in the U.S. and one in Canada - announced last week it has agreed to be acquired by Centerbridge Partners, a private investment firm. The value of the



JOSHUA SUDOCK, FILE PHOTO

Great Wolf Lodge Southern California is an indoor water park and hotel complex being constructed on Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove. The 121,000-square-foot attraction, scheduled for completion next year, will be the largest of Great Wolf Resort Inc.'s resorts.

AT A GLANCE

Location: 12681 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove
Operator: Great Wolf Resorts Inc., Madison, Wis.
Hotel: Nine stories, 603 rooms
Water park: 121,000 square feet of water rides indoors
Cost: \$250 million
Total employees: 600 to 700 full- and part-time
Opening: Early 2016
Source: Great Wolf Resort Inc.

deal is \$1.35 billion, according to Bloomberg.

The Garden Grove location, which broke ground in May, will be the largest of Great Wolf's resorts - 50,000 square feet bigger and with about 200 more rooms than most of the

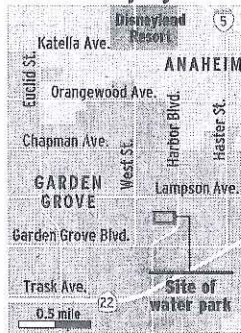
OTHER LOCATIONS

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

company's other facilities.

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

Great Wolf resort project



STAFF GRAPHIC

Every room in the hotel will be a suite, with a typical room housing six people and the largest capable of accommodating 12.

"We're family-oriented,"

DID YOU KNOW ...

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

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

Room prices will range from about \$250 to nearly \$600 per night.

Even though Southern California is chock full of other tourist attractions, Great Wolf Lodge says its resort will complement the area's offerings.

"The water park is exclusive to our guests so you have to stay at the resort," Storey said. "But families can enjoy the water park and also enjoy the other attractions in the area. ... Our mentality is, 'If you build it, they will come.'"

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heritage and habitats

Native Americans, environmentalists convene for Panhe.

who want to take care of Mother Earth," said Tahuka-Nunez, a self-described "master storyteller" who emceed the day's cultural presentations.

Those at the 250-person gathering found an equal number of organizations promoting the preservation of local trout and butterflies as there were groups teaching about the dwellings, tools and lives of the Acjachemen. That union - joining people fighting to preserve habitats with those fighting to preserve their heritage - emerged nine years ago to battle a common enemy.

The annual gathering began in 2007 as a protest against a plan to extend the 241 toll road through San Onofre State Beach. The park, created by presidential decree in 1971 on property leased from the Navy, is home to both an Acjachemen burial site and numerous endangered or threatened species.

California sued the toll road agency in 2006 to block the proposed tollway, and in 2013, the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board denied the agency's request for a required water quality permit. Just two weeks ago, the water quality board voted unanimously to uphold its 2013 decision, but toll road officials said they are still reviewing options.

The Panhe gathering has evolved over the years from a protest into an annual opportunity to celebrate and

Moses Avila of Santa Ana drums with his 1-year-old son Ikal during a performance by Aztec dancers Sunday during the ninth annual Panhe celebration at San Onofre State Beach.



ANA VENEGAS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

educate. So, as a San Diego Acjachemen man performed an eagle dance on one end of the gathering, elsewhere Silverado Canyon's Joel Robinson, 37, explained how he, his wife and 11-year-old daughter eat bugs, hunt squirrels and forage for berries and wildflower bulbs for sustenance. His lifestyle, he said, can at times be more akin to the Acjachemen's ancient ways than modern living.

"To inform people of this lifestyle can connect people to the heritage of this area," Robinson said. "You have only a couple hundred years of living in an industrial way versus thousands of years living in a way that sustained both the people and the land."

Domingo Belardes, 45, explained how his ancestors turned abalone shells into necklaces, used rocks to grind acorns into flour, and wove yucca fibers into shoes and nets.

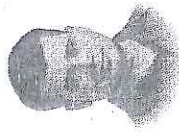
"Without a landscape, we can't show how we use the resources," said Belardes, who curates an Acjachemen museum in San Juan Capistrano. "The land goes with the culture. You can't

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Celebrating

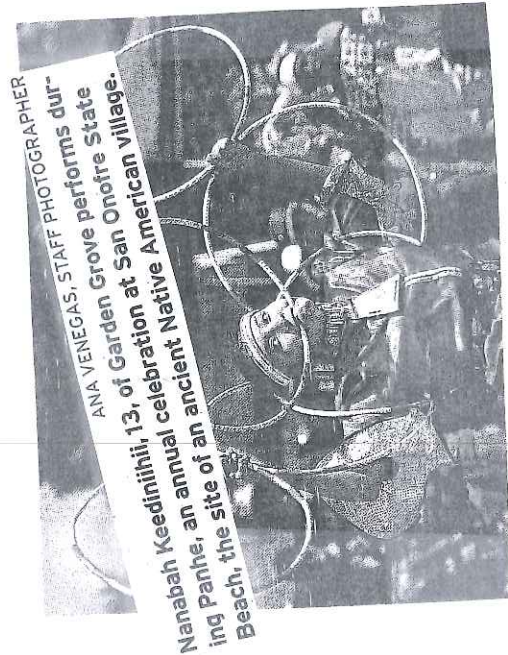
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On the outskirts of San Clemente, in the wide valley harboring San Mateo Creek, Jacque Tahuka-Nunez sang an Acjachemen Native American song about the planting season Sunday, while exploding Marine artillery shells from Camp Pendleton thundered in the background. This is where Tahuka-Nunez's ancestors lived for 9,000 years, in a gathering of many people



JORDAN GRAHAM STAFF WRITER

"It morphs into a family gathering of many people



ANA VENEGAS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Nanabah Keedinihii, 13, of Garden Grove performs during Panhe, an annual celebration at San Onofre State Beach, the site of an ancient Native American village.

Supreme Court weighing whether to hear Schuller case

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Robert H. Schuller may learn Monday if the U.S. Supreme Court will hear his appeal over whether the last contract he signed with Crystal Cathedral Ministries, in 2005, was an employment or retirement agreement.

At stake is \$5 million he is seeking from the ministry as a retirement package. A bankruptcy court awarded him \$615,625, which would be the cap under federal law if the contract was an employment agreement. That decision was upheld by higher courts.

Schuller, 88, the founder of the former Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove - now the Catholic-run Christ Cathedral - became

world famous through his "Hour of Power" television ministry. He argues the agreement with the ministry was meant to compensate him for the rest of his life. All payments stopped after Crystal Cathedral entered bankruptcy in 2010.

The Supreme Court was scheduled to discuss on Friday whether to hear his appeal. Those discussions are private and are announced



Schuller

the following Monday.

Four of the nine justices must agree the case is worth hearing.

"It's very up in the air," said Jessica Rosen, one of two attorneys representing

Schuller. "Our position is that the agreement can't be considered an employment contract."

Schuller's attorneys argue there is inconsistency among the bankruptcy and appellate courts over how - or if - the law capping compensation for employees should apply to retirement packages.

The attorneys representing the ministry could not be reached. They had written in their reply to the Supreme Court that Schuller's lawyers use of two separate appellate courts' decisions to show inconsistencies is trying to "manufacture a conflict" where one does not exist.

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Garden Grove to set ban on pet sales through breeders

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • Pet stores in this city soon will no longer be allowed to sell dogs or cats from commercial breeders, only from shelter programs or rescue groups.

The city is set to become another Orange County community – and the 18th in the state – to institute such a ban. Sellers will have one year to comply, according to the ordinance.

The City Council this month approved the law, 4-1, with Mayor Bao Nguyen dissenting. The council unanimously approved the ordinance on its final reading last week.

“It’s the best thing to do, and it’s the most humane thing to do,” said Councilman Kris Beard, who had asked staff to draft the law.

The law, at present, will affect one business, The Pet Shop, 12500 Valley View St. Owner Donald Foster argued in a letter to the City Council that the law may force his business to close, with residents going elsewhere to buy specific purebred dogs.



TERRY PIERSON, FILE PHOTO

A puppy is seen at the San Bernardino Animal Shelter in San Bernardino. Pet stores in Garden Grove soon will no longer be allowed to sell commercially bred dogs or cats.

O.C. cities with puppy mill bans

Aliso Viejo
Dana Point
Huntington Beach
Irvine
Laguna Beach

Foster wrote that his store follows laws regulating puppy and kitten sales.

“We absolutely abhor the existence of so-called puppy mills and would never do business with them,” he said.

Nguyen said he initially voted against the law because it targets a single small business.

“I know the intentions are good and solid,” Nguyen said. “But this is a small business in our city and there’s only one. And from what I’ve heard, it operates in a very professional and very dignified and respectful way to their animals.”

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System test: Residents will receive a phone call between 3 and 4 p.m. on April 7 to test the county's mass notification system, AlertOC. This is the sixth such test since 2008. The system allows thousands of residents and businesses to be called simultaneously across 31 cities and unincorporated areas.

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iPad Air: Recent or soon-to-be college graduates have the opportunity to win an Apple iPad Air if they attend the city's College Graduates Reception, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. April 28 in the Community Meeting Center. The deadline to RSVP is April 8. Information: 714-741-5280.

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Garden Grove Interim City Manager

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Thursday, April 9, 2015

NEW FIRE CHIEF NAMED

Tom Schultz, Deputy Chief of Operations for the Fullerton and Brea Fire Departments, has been appointed as Garden Grove's 13th Fire Chief. Schultz, a 30-year Fire service veteran, will assume his new position with the City of Garden Grove on April 29, 2015. The announcement was made by Garden Grove Interim City Manager Allan L. Roeder earlier today.

"I'm very excited about building on the great foundation of the Garden Grove Fire Department and working with the department members, staff, city officials, and community to accomplish great things in an inclusive and collaborative manner," says the new chief.

Schultz began his Fire career at the age of 21 as a Fire Prevention Specialist with the Fullerton Fire Department. He soon became a firefighter and a firefighter paramedic, which ascended him to captain status. After 20 years with the department, he became the Training and Disaster Preparedness Officer, responsible for the department's overall professional Fire training and for updating and implementing the citywide disaster preparedness program.

In 2007, he was promoted to Shift Battalion Chief, overseeing the daily activities of the department, including obtaining and managing grant funding, and directing the department's Urban Search and Rescue program.

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New Fire Chief Named
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In 2011, while serving as Deputy Chief of Operations, the Fullerton and Brea Fire Departments consolidated their command staff and placed Schultz at the helm of facilitating the management integration of both departments. He also worked extensively with both Fullerton and Brea labor groups, authored new policies and developed several new programs, and served as acting Fire Chief.

For more than 25 years, Schultz has been an instructor at Santa Ana College, training college students and academy recruits in Fire technology. He has been very active in regional committees and has been the past president of both the Orange County Fire Chiefs Training Officers and Operations Sections groups and chaired the committee that developed the county's Active Shooter Policy, now being used by all Orange County fire departments. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Sciences from Brandman University.

After an established 30-year City career, Schultz explains why he chose to make the transition to Garden Grove.

"Garden Grove has a rich history of serving the community with pride. By all of us working together, I know we can create a positive impact and accomplish so much. I'm excited and eager to get on board."

Commenting on Schultz's selection as the new Garden Grove Fire Chief, Interim City Manager Allan L. Roeder says, "I am confident that with Tom's leadership skills and the talent Garden Grove possesses, from entry level firefighter through Division Chief, the residents can be proud of their Fire Department."

New Fire Chief Named
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The interim City Manager added, "I would also like to express my appreciation for everyone having faith and confidence in the professional recruitment we conducted that resulted in Chief Schultz's selection. With the challenges the City and its fire department faced over the past year as backdrop, we could not have accomplished this without the participation of the City Council, the Firefighter's Union, our executive personnel, and the diligence of our Human Resources team supported by executive recruiter Bob Murray & Associates."

Chief Schultz has been married for 27 years to his high school sweetheart, Kim, and they have two college-aged daughters and a son. Besides spending time with his family, he also enjoys mountain biking and fishing.

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Jueves, 9 de abril de 2015

NUEVO JEFE DE BOMBEROS NOMBRADO

Tom Schultz, director adjunto de operaciones de los departamentos de bomberos de Fullerton y Brea, ha sido nombrado como el decimotercero jefe de bomberos de Garden Grove. Schultz, un veterano del servicio de bomberos por 30 años, asumirá su nuevo cargo con la ciudad de Garden Grove el 29 de abril de 2015. El anuncio fue hecho hoy por Allan L. Roeder, Gerente Municipal Interino.

"Estoy muy entusiasmado de poder crecer la base sólida del Departamento de Bomberos de Garden Grove y trabajar con los miembros del departamento, personal, funcionarios de la ciudad, y la comunidad para lograr grandes cosas de una manera inclusiva y colaborativa," dice el nuevo jefe.

Schultz comenzó su carrera de bomberos a la edad de 21 años como especialista en prevención de incendios con el Departamento de Bomberos de Fullerton. En poco tiempo llegó a ser bombero y paramédico bombero, lo cual lo ascendió a estatus de capitán. Después de 20 años con el departamento, se convirtió en el oficial de entrenamiento y preparación para desastres, responsable por el entrenamiento profesional de bomberos del departamento y para la actualización y ejecución del programa de preparación para desastres en toda la ciudad.

En 2007, fue ascendido a jefe del batallón, supervisando las actividades diarias del departamento, incluyendo la obtención y administración de subsidios y dirigiendo el programa de búsqueda y rescate urbano del departamento.

Nuevo Jefe de Bomberos Nombrado
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En 2011, cuando se desempeñaba como subjefe de operaciones, los departamentos de bomberos de Fullerton y Brea consolidaron su personal de mando y colocaron a Schultz al frente para facilitar la integración de ambos departamentos. También trabajó extensivamente con los grupos de unión de Fullerton y Brea, fue autor de nuevas políticas y desarrolló varios programas nuevos, y sirvió como jefe de bomberos.

Durante más de 25 años, Schultz ha sido instructor en el Colegio Santa Ana, de estudiantes universitarios y reclutas de la Academia de Bomberos en tecnología de incendios. Ha sido muy activo en los comités regionales y ha sido presidente anterior de los grupos Orange County Fire Chiefs Training Officers y Operations Sections, y presidió el comité que desarrolló política sobre el programa "Active Shooter" lo cual ahora es utilizado por los departamentos de bomberos del Condado de Orange. Tiene una licenciatura en ciencias aplicadas de Brandman University.

Después de una carrera municipal establecida por 30 años, Schultz explica por qué eligió hacer la transición a Garden Grove.

"Garden Grove tiene una larga historia de servir a la comunidad con orgullo. Trabajando juntos, sé que podemos crear un impacto positivo y lograr muchísimo. Estoy entusiasmado y ansioso por subir a bordo."

Comentando sobre la selección de Schultz como el nuevo jefe de bomberos de Garden Grove, Allan L. Roeder, Gerente Municipal Interino dice, "Estoy seguro que con las habilidades de liderazgo de Tom y el talento que posee Garden Grove, desde los bomberos de nivel de entrada a los jefes de división, los residentes pueden estar orgullosos de su departamento de bomberos."

Nuevo Jefe de Bomberos Nombrado
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El gerente municipal interino agregó, "Me gustaría también expresar mi agradecimiento a todos por tener fe y confianza en la contratación profesional realizada que resultó en la selección del Jefe Schultz. Con las complejidades de la ciudad y del departamento de bomberos que enfrentamos el año pasado, no podríamos haber logrado esto sin la participación del Consejo de la Ciudad, la Unión de Bomberos, nuestro personal ejecutivo, y la diligencia de nuestro equipo de recursos humanos apoyado por el reclutador ejecutivo Bob Murray & Associates."

El Jefe Schultz ha estado casado por 27 años con su novia de escuela secundaria, Kim, y tienen dos hijas de edad universitaria y un hijo. Además de gozar de tiempo con su familia, también disfruta de ciclismo de montaña y la pesca.

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Từ Thành Phố Garden Grove

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GARDEN GROVE THÔNG BÁO BỔ NHIỆM SỞ TRƯỞNG SỞ CỨU HỎA (FIRE CHIEF)

Ông Tom Schultz, Deputy Chief Operations cho Thành phố Fullerton và Sở Cứu hỏa Thành phố Brea đã được bổ nhiệm làm Sở trưởng thứ 13 Sở Cứu Hỏa Thành phố Garden Grove. Ông Schultz, với 30 năm kinh nghiệm phục vụ trong ngành, sẽ đảm nhận vị trí mới của mình tại Thành phố Garden Grove vào ngày 29 tháng 4, 2015. Thông báo này được Giám đốc Quản lý tạm thời Thành phố, ông Alan L. Reeder đưa ra ngày hôm nay.

Ông Schultz chia sẻ, "Tôi rất lấy làm hào hứng về việc sẽ bắt tay làm việc với Garden Grove cùng những thành viên của các bộ môn và cộng đồng để mang những phục vụ tốt nhất đến cho người dân ở đây."

Ông Schultz bắt đầu tham gia vào Sở Cứu Hỏa khi 21 tuổi như một chuyên gia phòng chống chữa cháy với Sở Cứu Hỏa Thành phố Fullerton. Ông nhanh chóng trở thành một lính cứu hỏa và nhân viên y tế cứu hỏa, và sau này trở thành đội trưởng. Sau 20 năm làm việc với các bộ phận, ông trở thành người huấn luyện cho các lớp để phòng thiên tai, chịu trách nhiệm tổng thể đào tạo chuyên nghiệp phòng cháy chữa cháy của các bộ phận cũng như toàn Thành phố.

Năm 2007, ông được thăng làm Shift Battalion Chief, giám sát các hoạt động hàng ngày của các bộ phận cứu hỏa, bao gồm việc thu thập và quản lý các khoản tài trợ và chỉ đạo chương trình Urban Search and Rescue program.

Trong hơn 25 năm, Ông Schultz từng là một giảng viên tại đại học Santa Ana College, huấn luyện các sinh viên đại học, đào tạo và tuyển dụng liên quan đến công việc phòng cháy chữa cháy. Ông đã rất tích cực trong các ủy ban khu vực và từng là cựu chủ tịch của cả hai nhóm Orange County Fire Chiefs Training Officers và Operations Sections. Ông cũng là thành viên ủy ban đã sáng lập ra Active Shooter Policy, hiện nay đang được sử dụng bởi tất cả các Sở cứu hỏa tại Quận Cam. Ông có bằng Cử nhân Khoa học ứng dụng tại Đại học Brandman.

Ông Schultz giải thích lý do tại sao ông đã chọn để chuyển về làm việc cùng Thành phố Garden Grove, "Garden Grove có một lịch sử phong phú về sự phục vụ cộng đồng với niềm tự hào. Khi chúng tôi bắt tay cùng làm việc với nhau, chúng tôi hy vọng có thể tạo ra một tác động tích cực và đạt được nhiều thành quả tốt. Tôi vui mừng và mong được làm việc chung với Thành phố."

Quản lý tạm thời của Thành phố ông Allan L. Roeder chia sẻ, "Tôi tin tưởng rằng với kỹ năng lãnh đạo của ông Tom Schultz và những tài năng Garden Grove đang sở hữu, từ những nhân viên cứu hỏa đến các cấp bậc quản lý, cư dân Garden Grove có thể tự hào về Sở Cứu Hỏa."

Ông Allan chia sẻ thêm, "Tôi cũng xin bày tỏ sự biết ơn đối với tất cả mọi người có niềm tin và sự tin tưởng trong việc tuyển dụng Sở trưởng Cứu hỏa lần này. Với những thử thách mà Thành phố và Sở cứu hỏa phải đối mặt trong năm qua, chúng tôi đã không thể thực hiện điều này mà không có sự tham gia của Hội đồng Thành phố, Firefighter's union, nhân viên điều hành của chúng tôi cùng đội ngũ nhân viên cố vấn từ văn phòng tuyển dụng Bob Murray & Associates."

Ông Schultz đã kết hôn được 27 năm với người yêu thời trung học của mình, Kim, và họ đã có hai cô con gái ở tuổi học đại học và một người con trai. Ngoài việc dành thời gian với gia đình của mình, ông cũng rất thích đạp xe lên núi và đi câu cá.

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Đội Cấp Cứu Cộng Đồng Khẩn Cấp Garden Grove (Community Emergency Response Team) sẽ có một khoá huấn luyện trong 4 tuần sắp tới để hướng dẫn, tập luyện miễn phí những cư dân muốn rèn luyện thêm khả năng phòng bị, phản ứng khi đối đầu với thiên tai.

Đội CERT Thành phố Garden Grove là một tổ chức phi vụ lợi, được sáng lập do sự phối hợp từ Cảnh sát và Sở cứu hỏa, với mục đích huấn luyện cho cư dân để chuẩn bị ứng phó, khả năng tự vệ nếu có biến cố thiên tai xảy ra. Lớp huấn luyện C.E.R.T sẽ bắt đầu từ ngày 11 tháng 4, 2015 đến ngày 2 tháng 5 là ngày kết thúc khóa trình. Các lớp được học vào ngày Thứ Bảy mỗi tuần, từ 8:00 giờ sáng đến 4:00 giờ chiều ở địa chỉ 2400 E. Orangewood Avenue, Anaheim 92806.

Các phần huấn luyện sẽ bao gồm những kiến thức về phòng bị thiên tai, chữa cháy, phòng chống khủng bố, cũng như căn bản về các trị liệu y tế trong trường hợp khẩn cấp. Điều kiện để gia nhập chương trình huấn luyện là phải đủ 18 tuổi, và đang làm việc/ hoặc sinh sống trong Thành phố Garden Grove.

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Luật sư thành phố Garden Grove tuyên bố nghỉ hưu

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GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – Trong phiên họp thường lệ của Hội Đồng Thành Phố hôm 24 Tháng Ba, Luật Sư Thomas Nixon tuyên bố nghỉ hưu kể từ ngày 31 Tháng Bảy, sau chín năm làm việc trong vai trò luật sư thành phố, theo thông cáo báo chí của thành phố Garden Grove.



Luật sư Thomas Nixon. (Hình: City Garden Grove cung cấp)

"Sau lễ sinh nhật thứ 60 của tôi gần đây, vợ chồng tôi muốn đi du lịch và theo đuổi các chương trình khác. Sau 30 năm làm việc, đã đến lúc chúng tôi bắt đầu một giai đoạn mới trong đời," ông Nixon được trích lời nói.

Thị Trường Bảo Nguyễn, nhân dịp này, "cảm ơn sự phục vụ thành phố và cư dân của Luật Sư Nixon, và chúc ông vui hưởng hưu thật lâu dài," cũng theo bản thông cáo.

Luật Sư Nixon, thuộc tổ hợp luật sư Woodruff, Spradlin và Smart, được bổ nhiệm là luật sư thành phố năm 2006. Ông đại diện về pháp lý, bệnh vực thành phố, các ủy ban và hội đồng, cũng như có văn cho cảnh sát và nhân viên thành phố. (L.N.)

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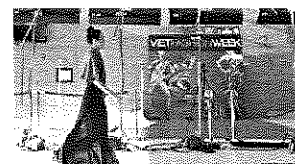
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"30 Tháng Tư, 1975 - 2015: Tị Nạn và Hội Nhập" là trang mục đặc biệt trên Người Việt Online và Nhật Báo Người Việt, trong chương trình tưởng niệm 40 năm biến cố 30 tháng Tư, 1975.

Tòa Soạn xin mời quý độc giả cùng chia sẻ những hồi ức của quý vị về biến cố này cũng như kinh nghiệm trải qua trong những ngày đầu định cư tại quê hương mới. Mỗi cá nhân, cho đâu rồi Việt Nam bằng phương cách nào, tị nạn, thuyền nhân, H.O. hay đoàn tụ gia đình, đều có những kinh nghiệm rất riêng, cần được kể lại.

Chẳng hạn, quý độc giả có thể viết về cảm tưởng của mình khi nghe Tổng Thống Dương Văn Minh đọc lời đầu hàng ngày 30 tháng Tư, 1975. Thời khắc đó, quý vị đang làm gì, ở đâu, và nghĩ gì?

Quý vị cũng có thể viết về những kỷ niệm, kinh nghiệm, trong những ngày đầu ở trại tị nạn, ở trại tiếp cư hay khi hội nhập vào đời sống ở Mỹ hay các quốc gia đến tị nạn.

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Bài viết vui lòng không quá 3,000 (ba ngàn) chữ, cùng với hình ảnh đính kèm, nếu có.

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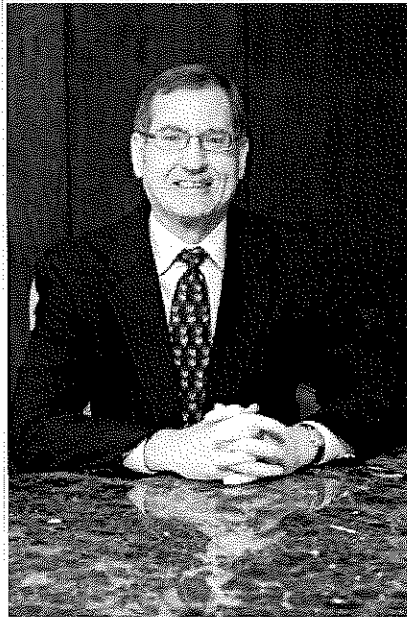
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GARDEN GROVE -- Sau 30 năm miệt mài phát triển trong ngành Pháp luật, Luật Sư Thành Phố Thomas Nixon đã thông báo kế hoạch nghỉ hưu sau chín năm phục vụ cho Thành phố Garden Grove, sẽ có hiệu lực vào ngày 31 tháng 7, 2015. Thông báo này được cập nhật đến Thị trưởng Bảo Nguyễn cùng các Nghị viên Thành phố sau buổi họp Hội đồng vào ngày 24 tháng 3, 2015.



Ông Thomas Nixon.

Ông Thomas Nixon, người đảm nhiệm cố vấn pháp luật cho Thành phố, cũng như cộng tác với các văn phòng luật của các công ty Woodruff, Spradlin và Smart đã được bổ nhiệm làm Luật sư Thành phố vào năm 2006. Ông Nixon đã chịu trách nhiệm đại diện và bảo vệ quyền lợi Thành phố, đại diện cũng như cố vấn pháp lý cho nhân viên cảnh sát và nhân viên Thành phố.

Ông Nixon chia sẻ, "Gần đây, sau kỷ niệm sinh nhật thứ 60 của tôi, vợ tôi và tôi bắt đầu nói chuyện về du lịch và lên những kế hoạch khác, và chúng tôi quyết định sau 30 năm, đó là thời gian để bắt đầu một hành trình mới trong cuộc sống chúng tôi."

Thay mặt cho Hội đồng Thành phố Garden Grove, Thị trưởng Bảo Nguyễn cho biết, "Chúng tôi muốn cảm ơn ông Tom Nixon vì những cống hiến và phục vụ của mình tới Thành phố và cư dân. Chúng tôi chúc ông sẽ trải nghiệm một cuộc sống thú vị sau khi nghỉ hưu."

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Garden Grove kiểm tra DUI và bằng lái tối 11 Tháng Tư

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GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) - Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove sẽ đặt trạm để kiểm tra người say rượu lái xe (DUI) và xét bằng lái xe từ 9 giờ tối Thứ Bảy, 11 Tháng Tư, tới 3 giờ sáng ngày hôm sau, theo thông báo của cơ quan công lực này.



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Thông báo không cho biết sẽ kiểm tra DUI và xét bằng lái tại địa điểm nào.

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

Cảnh sát sẽ kiểm tra nồng độ rượu và bằng lái của người lái xe đi qua trạm kiểm soát. Người vi phạm DUI sẽ bị ở tù, giam bằng lái, tăng tiền bảo hiểm, đóng tiền phạt và lệ phí, học lớp cai rượu và trả một số chi phí khác có thể lên tới hơn \$10,000, chưa kể đến việc gây hồ thẹn cho bạn bè và gia đình.

Trong năm 2011, gần 10,000 người bị thiệt mạng khắp Hoa Kỳ do các tai nạn liên quan đến người uống rượu lái xe có nồng độ rượu trong máu tương đương hoặc vượt quá .08%.

"Tại California, tai nạn giao thông liên quan đến DUI làm 802 người thiệt mạng và gần 24,000 người bị thương trong năm 2012. Trong ba năm qua, tai nạn liên quan đến DUI tại Garden Grove làm 9 người thiệt mạng và 144 người bị thương, và tai nạn thương tổn đến 211 bạn hữu và lối xóm của chúng ta," Trung Sĩ J. Fletcher được trích lời nói.

Các trạm kiểm soát DUI được đặt tại các địa điểm thường xảy ra tai nạn, dựa theo thống kê, để ngăn ngừa người say rượu lái xe, và được chọn theo tiêu chuẩn an toàn cho nhân viên cảnh sát và công chúng.

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

Kinh phí cho đợt kiểm tra lần này do văn phòng An Toàn Giao Thông California, thông qua NHTSA, tài trợ. (L.N.)


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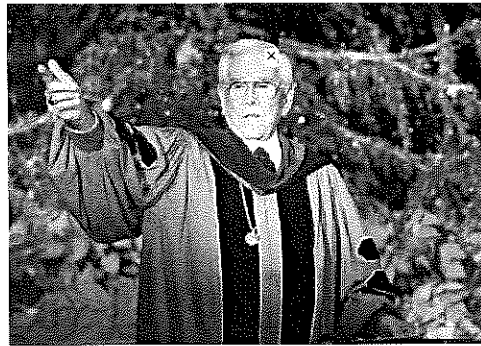
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Người sáng lập Nhà Thờ Kiếng ở Garden Grove qua đời

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GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) - Mục Sư Robert H. Schuller, người sáng lập Nhà Thờ Kiếng (Crystal Cathedral) nổi tiếng ở Garden Grove, vừa qua đời sáng Thứ Năm, nhật báo The Orange County Register dẫn lời gia đình ông cho biết.



Mục Sư Robert H. Schuller, người sáng lập Nhà Thờ Kiếng. (Hình: AP Photo/Kevork Djanselian, File)

Báo OCR dẫn lời bà Carol Schuller-Milner, con gái của vị mục sư cho biết ông qua đời sáng Thứ Năm, hưởng thọ 88 tuổi.

Nhà thờ Tin Lành này hiện nay thuộc quyền sở hữu của Giáo Phận Orange và bây giờ mang tên nhà thờ chính tòa Chúa Giê Su (Christ Cathedral).

Bà nói ông Schuller bắt đầu bị hôn mê tối Thứ Ba, và hai ngày sau thì ra đi bình an trước sự hiện diện của nhiều thành viên trong gia đình.

Trước khi bị hôn mê, Mục Sư Robert H. Schuller vẫn còn nghe được tiếng nói của người anh, sắp được 100 tuổi, qua điện thoại, gọi từ tiểu bang Iowa.

"Ông có một cuộc đời rất đáng sống," người con gái nói. "Chúng tôi không có gì để tiếc nuối cả. Ai rồi cũng phải đi đến giai đoạn này."

Người sáng lập Nhà Thờ Kiếng bị ung thư thực quản từ năm 2013, theo lời người con gái.

Mặc dù ông được chữa trị nhiều lần và trải qua nhiều xét nghiệm cách đây hai tháng, các bác sĩ nói rằng đây là ung thư thời kỳ cuối, theo bà Carol Schuller-Milner.

"Ông là một trong những lãnh đạo tôn giáo xuất sắc nhất của thế kỷ 20," ông Richard J. Mouw, một giáo sư tại Dòng Thần Học Fuller ở Pasadena được trích lời nhận xét.

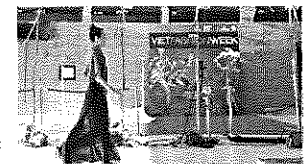
Ông Bảo Nguyễn, thị trưởng Garden Grove, được trích lời nói: "Thế giới vừa mất đi một nhà sáng lập lỗi lạc là Mục Sư Robert H. Schuller. Qua chương trình truyền hình 'Hour of Power' của ông, thành phố Garden Grove được cả thế giới biết đến vì là nơi Nhà Thờ Kiếng tọa lạc. Trong hơn 55 năm hiện diện tại thành phố chúng ta, ông Schuller đã khuyến khích mọi người đạt được nhiều điều lớn lao và tin vào ước mơ của mình. Câu khẩu hiệu của ông, 'Nếu các bạn có ước mơ, các bạn có thể thành công,' là một thông điệp khích lệ tất cả chúng ta làm tốt nhất trong khả năng của mình. Tôi xin chia buồn với gia đình ông Schuller."

Mục Sư Schuller qua đời hơn một năm sau khi vợ ông, bà Arvella, qua đời hôm 11 Tháng Hai, 2014 ở tuổi 84.

Hồi Tháng Bảy, 2011, sau một thời gian dài bị khó khăn tài chánh, Nhà Thờ Kiếng tuyên bố phá

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Thursday, April 2, 2015

NEW CITY WEBSITE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES

Today marks the official launch of the City of Garden Grove's new, re-designed, and re-enhanced website. A slicker look, new features, and technological enhancements allow users to easily view stories, find City services, and navigate through the website using a PC or any smart device. The website can be found at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

For the last eight months, the City's Information Technology team, along with an outside consultant, have focused on integrating new software upgrades for front- and back- end users, and making the site more smart device compatible. Web pages now adjust in size to accommodate all smart phones, tablets, and even pages on the City's Mobile App.

"The new site uses a responsive design allowing it to reformat its content based on the size of the device used to view it. This is a necessity as more and more people view our site from smart phones and tablets. We also will continue to offer more services through our website over the next year," says Kalil.

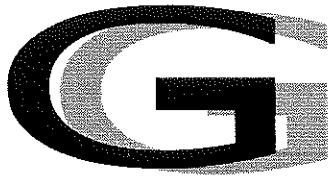
Larger, and easier to view videos, and more convenient access to the City's social mediums also enhances information accessibility for users. The site also maintains compliance with ADA guidelines.

In February, the City organized a community focus group to obtain comments and ideas for the new site. Overall, the group found the new site to be cleaner, more attractive, more technologically advanced, and offering a more useful tool for City transparency.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

April 9, 2015

1. Calendar of Events
2. Planning Commission Agenda for the April 16 meeting along with the minutes from the March 5, 2015 meeting.
3. Cities Advocates dated April 3 and 8, 2015.



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 9, 2015 – April 21, 2015

Thursday	April 9	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room CANCELLED
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting Council Chamber
Thursday-Sunday	April 9-12		One More Productions presents "Anything Goes" Gem Theater
Saturday	April 11	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
Tuesday	April 14	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	April 15	5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	Nestegg Insurance Services Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 12866 Main Street
		5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.	Garden Grove Chamber Mixer 12866 Main Street, Ste. 102
Thursday	April 16		Casual Day – Garden Grove Spirit Day (Blue or GG Shirts)
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday-Sunday	April 16-19		One More Productions presents "Anything Goes" Gem Theater
Friday	April 17		City Hall Closed
		10:30 a.m.	Garden Grove Lions Club 2015 Charity Golf Tournament, Willowick Golf Course
Saturday	April 18	Noon- 4:00 p.m.	8 th Annual Family Festival presented by Orange County Head Start, Inc. Atlantis Play Center
Tuesday	April 21	8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Viejias Indian Casino Trip coordinated by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center



A G E N D A

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 16, 2015

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

STUDY SESSION – 7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. CONSTITUTION ROOM

ROLL CALL: CHAIR O'NEILL, VICE CHAIR KANZLER
COMMISSIONERS MAI, MARGOLIN, PAK, PAREDES, ZAMORA

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

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

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

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. STAFF STUDY SESSION - DISCUSS AND RECEIVE INPUT ON A PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENT TO THE AR (ADAPTIVE REUSE) AND CC-1 (CIVIC CENTER MIXED USE 1) ZONES.
- C. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- D. MATTERS FROM STAFF
- E. ADJOURNMENT

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair O'Neill
Vice Chair Kanzler
Commissioner Mai
Commissioner Margolin
Commissioner Pak
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Zamora

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair O'Neill.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: Mr. Craig Durfey commented on the development of a Bicycle Master Plan for the City, the need to increase bike sales, housing and transportation, tripping hazards, and the mobility and safety of bikes. He also distributed a handout on distracted driving.

FEBRUARY 19, 2015 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.
Motion: Margolin Second: Zamora
Ayes: (7) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes,
Zamora
Noes: (0) None

PUBLIC HEARING – VARIANCE NO. V-010-2015. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12461 HARBOR BOULEVARD, WEST SIDE OF HARBOR BOULEVARD, NORTH OF LAMPSON AVENUE.

Applicant: Inge Realty
Date: March 5, 2015

Request: A request by Inge Realty/Sophie Inge, for Variance approval to deviate from the sign design and removal requirements of Garden Grove Municipal Code Section 9.20.045, in order to allow the existing nonconforming freestanding pylon sign, located at 12461 Harbor

Boulevard (Assessor's Parcel No. 231-455-33), to remain in its current location, partially within the Harbor Boulevard right-of-way. On May 13, 2014, the Garden Grove City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2837, enacting Municipal Code Section 9.20.045 and adopting specified standards for the placement of design of freestanding signs ("Sign Standards") for specified properties located along or near Harbor Boulevard, north of the Garden Grove Freeway, including the applicant's property. Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 9.20.045, existing freestanding signs that have been in place for 15 years or more prior to the effective date of Ordinance No. 2837, and which do not conform to the Sign Standards, are subject to removal and replacement, provided the City pays the owner fair and just compensation to remove and replace the sign with one that conforms to the Sign Standards. The subject sign is an approximately forty-foot (40'-0") tall pylon sign that does not conform to the Sign Standards and which has been in place since approximately 1965. The subject sign is also partially located within the existing public right-of-way. The applicant is requesting relief from the provision of Municipal Code Section 9.20.045 authorizing the City to require the removal of its nonconforming sign upon payment of fair and just compensation by the City and to keep the sign in its current location. The sign is in the PUD-121-98 (Planned Unit Development) zone. The City of Garden Grove has determined that environmental action is not necessary at this time.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speakers: Mr. Michael Shonafelt, Ms. Susan Inge Callahan, Ms. Maureen Blackmun. G. Hassman wrote a letter supporting denial of the Variance, and one letter was written to support the Variance by Attorney Michael Shonafelt of Newmeyer & Dillion, LLP.

Action: Resolution of Denial No. 5842-15 approved.

Motion: Margolin Second: Pak

Ayes: (6) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes,
Noes: (1) Zamora

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Zamora asked for a Study Session on the General Plan. Staff responded that a Study Session would be scheduled for June. Commissioner Zamora then asked staff to explain the role of the Planning Commission in formulating development policy. Staff stated that the Planning Commission does not set City policy, however, it responds reactively and to advanced planning policy such as the new Mixed-Use Zoning Code. Staff added that future Study Sessions would include the Bicycle Master Plan, the General Plan, Conditional Use Permits, Alcohol Licenses, and Traffic.

Commissioner Zamora also mentioned that for several weeks, the Claws restaurant, located near the corner of Brookhurst Street and Chapman Avenue, had overfilled

dumpsters, water in the parking lot from cleaning, and a grease smell. She also added that kids were being dropped off at the gym to ride their skateboards and that their presence was a hazard for drivers. Staff stated that the restaurant matter would be looked into and that the owners of the gym could post signs for riders to leave the property.

Commissioner Paredes asked staff if there were joint Study Sessions with other Commissions. Staff responded that such a meeting rarely occurred and would need to be agendized, and that the Bicycle Master Plan might warrant a joint session.

Vice Chair Kanzler asks if the City had a park master plan. Staff replied no, that the only park plan would be the Open Space Element of the General Plan.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff stated that the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2015 would be cancelled and that the April 2nd meeting would have two items. Staff's handout was a glossary of planning terms and acronyms.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:40 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Grove Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion: Margolin Second: Zamora

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

Noes: (0) None

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary

California City Solutions: Temecula Forms Collaborative Partnership to Provide Resources for Autism and Special Needs

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](#). Temecula's Southwest Riverside Autism Task Force was submitted in 2014 for the CCS Partnership Intergovernmental Collaboration award category.

The city of Temecula has an increasing number of children with special needs. Population rates within the school districts of Temecula and Lake Elsinore have increased dramatically during the last five years. Realizing the need to provide solutions and resources for these children became a larger concern and prompted public leaders in Southwest Riverside County to form a task force in 2010. Today the task force provides a guidebook, roadmap of services available and incorporates inclusionary activities and education in all of its city youth centered events and programs.

Autism is a complex developmental brain disorder which generally appears in the first three years of life and causes impairments in a person's ability to communicate and socially interact. After seeing the alarming statistics from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in 2010 that 1 in 88 people are diagnosed with autism, the Temecula City Council came together to address the epidemic and formed the Southwest Riverside Autism Task Force (SRATF).

A more recent CDC study released March 20, 2013 found that 1 in 50 school-aged children are now diagnosed with autism. While there is no medical detection or known cure for autism, thousands of children have shown significant improvement resulting from early diagnosis and use of effective interventions. Provided with the proper developmental education and support, autistic children can grow into healthy and more independent adults will economically benefit society.

During a council meeting in April 2009, Temecula Council Member Mike Naggar shared his family's experience with autism following the diagnoses of his son. As a father, he had the same questions as many other families who are affected by autism, but as public figure he was a voice for a cross-jurisdictional epidemic. How can these children get the proper public education in an underfunded California school system? How can we educate the typical community (including law enforcement, peers at school, friends and family) to understand what an autistic individual cannot express? How can we best prepare autistic children and teens to function as independently as possible for adulthood? Where do parents go to find all of the various autism services that are available to them?

SRATF is a collaborative effort of multiple jurisdictions and stakeholders working together to address the growing need to provide services and programs for those affected by autism and special needs. The task force comprises elected officials from eight cities (Temecula, Murrieta, Perris, Wildomar, Lake Elsinore, Hemet, Canyon Lake and Menifee) and the county of Riverside. It taps into the expertise of the school districts, nonprofit organizations, professional and medical experts in the field of autism, as well as community feedback. Meeting every two months, the task force reviews programs, services, and resources provided through government and non-government agencies to ensure that it is providing the most current roadmap of services to its residents.

The task force:

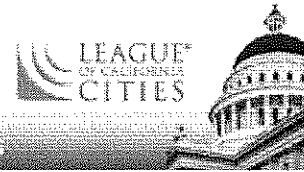
- Assesses the availability of services currently provided through the region to help understand common screening measures, early diagnoses, and treatment options;
- Reviews current services that have been effective with providing the best practices of treatment service options;
- Reviews effectiveness and accessibility of programs and services provided to individuals and families with autism;
- Reviews concerns and issues in programming and services and how they can be readily addressed;
- Provides individuals and families a forum and platform to address concerns;
- Assesses availability of services with respect to cost, location, and types of services provided;
- Identify funding sources, social welfare programs, and fundraising opportunities;
- Locates and discuss jobs and post-secondary educational options for transitional independence;
- Raises awareness through local and countywide communities and agencies; and
- Builds partnerships with service providers, nonprofit organizations, and county and state agencies.

The objectives of the task force are continually being met by increasing public awareness of the autism disorder, publishing informational resources and enhancing or creating programs for children with special needs entering school and eventually the work force.

The task force has had a significant impact on families, the community and local business. Some of its ongoing efforts include:

- A resource guide, the "Southwest Riverside County Special Needs Resource Guide", which is available on the city's website;
- Creating a city position for an Inclusion Services Specialist;
- The "Community Playbook - Paving the Way for Youth with Special Needs, the Roadmap to Raise Awareness", intended to provide a model and roadmap on how the community's regional efforts come together;
- Creating an inclusive play structure;
- Collaboration of Our Nicholas Foundation and Inland Empire Autism Society to create the "Exceptional Diners" program for local area restaurants to provide expedited service, or call ahead seating and ordering;
- Collaboration of Our Nicholas Foundation and Inland Empire Autism Society to create the Temeku Theatre Sensory Friendly Movie Night for children and families affected by autism;
- Target Holiday Shopping for families affected by autism;
- Provide training to city staff to incorporate inclusion at all city events and programs;
- City of Temecula's Learning Enriched Autism Program;
- City of Temecula's Supporting Kids Involving Parents program;
- Inclusive youth services programs;
- Adaptive aquatic lessons;
- Inclusive College Internship Program;
- Youth Summer Employment Program;
- Post-secondary educational opportunities;
- Autism awareness workshops/seminars;
- Temecula Special Needs Resource Fair;
- 2014 viticulture program to teach youth, ages 16-22 years, about the viticulture and hospitality industry in Temecula's wine country, assisting with future employment.

SRATF welcomes members of the community who are affected by or knows someone that is affected by autism to attend meetings and provide valuable feedback that will help enhance services and resources, and hopes to become a model for other regions to replicate.



April 8, 2015
Issue #33

2015 League Hot and Priority Bill List — April 8

With the 2015 Legislative Session underway, the League has sifted through hundreds of bills and is working on those of most import to cities. *For more, see Page 2.*



Cities Encouraged to Comment on Drought Emergency Regulations *Comments due by April 13*

The California State Water Board is requesting comments and ideas from cities on its newly released draft regulatory framework to implement the required 25 percent potable urban water savings called for in Gov. Jerry Brown's [April 1, 2015 Executive Order](#). Comments are due by Monday, April 13. *For more, see Page 3.*

The following is a list reflecting bills of current priority interest to the League. These are bills that the League has taken an official position on by writing a letter. This is only a preliminary list; many bills are being amended; others will be reviewed later this week by League policy committees. Cities should expect this list to be updated frequently in the coming weeks of heavy legislative action. Positions are subject to change as bills do while winding their way through the legislative process.

Titles are linked to more information about a bill's status, as well as to sample letters that cities can use.

SUPPORT

HOT AB 2 (Alejo): Community revitalization authority.

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

HOT AB 35 (Chiu): Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocation increase.

This bill would increase the state's Low Income Housing Tax Credit by \$300 million to build and rehabilitate affordable housing.

HOT AB 185 (Garcia, Eduardo): Income taxation: insurance taxation: credits: California New Markets Tax Credit.

AB 185 creates the California New Markets Tax Credit Program, with the goal of stimulating private sector investments into lower income communities by providing a tax incentive to qualified entities.

HOT AB 266 (Cooley) Medical marijuana.

This bill provides a framework for medical marijuana distribution that upholds local control, addresses public safety concerns, and includes important health and safety requirements. The League is a co-sponsor of this measure with the California Police Chiefs Association.

AB 323 (Olsen) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: roadway improvement.

AB 323 would extend the sunset date for current law that exempts city roadway improvement projects from California Environmental Quality Act requirements if the project is within the existing right-of-way, improves safety and is within a jurisdiction with a population of less than 100,000 people.

AB 327 (Gordon) Public works: volunteers.

This bill would eliminate the sunset date on Labor Code Section 1720.4, permanently enabling local governments to use volunteer labor on public works projects. Examples include tree planting, park maintenance and playground construction.

HOT AB 1335 (Atkins) Building Homes and Jobs Act.

AB 1335 would generate up to \$700 million per year for affordable rental or ownership housing, supportive housing, emergency shelters, transitional housing and other housing needs via a \$75 recordation fee on real estate transactions. This fee would not apply to home sales.

HOT ACA 4 (Frazier) Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.

This bill would lower the voter threshold requirements for special taxes by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for transportation projects from 2/3rds approval to 55 percent approval.

HOT SB 321 (Beall) Motor vehicle fuel taxes: rates: adjustments.

This bill would infuse more stability into the variable gas tax rate set by the Board of Equalization by taking into account fuel prices of the previous four years in addition to the estimated fuel price of the current year.

OPPOSE

HOT AB 278 (Hernandez): District-based municipal elections.

This measure would require that a city, with a population of 100,000 or more, switch to a by-district election system.

HOT AB 1220 (Harper): Transient occupancy taxes: residential short-term rentals units.

This bill would prohibit cities, counties, or a city and county from levying a transient occupancy tax (TOT) on residential short-term rental units, including single family homes, apartments, condos or other residential real estate in which the public pays for accommodations for less than 90 days.

HOT AB 1347 (Chiu) Public contracts: claims.

AB 1347 would mandate a new claims resolution process on all public contracts. It would require payment due on any undisputed portion of the claim to be made within seven days after the public agency issues its written response to a written demand or assertion. By comparison, current prompt payment law requires public agencies to make progress payments within 30 days after receipt of an undisputed and properly submitted payment request. Under AB 1347, if a public agency failed to respond to a written demand, a 10 percent per annum would be applied.

HOT AB 1301 (Jones-Sawyer): Voting rights: preclearance.

AB 1301 creates a statewide pre-clearance system requiring that all changes to an election system within a qualifying jurisdiction obtain approval by the Secretary of State before implementation.

'Water Regs' Continued from Page 1...

A [Fact Sheet](#), [Proposed Framework](#) and a [spreadsheet](#) that provides the residential gallons per capita per day information (R-GPCD) for each urban water supplier can be found on the Water Board [website](#) under the "Documents" tab. Please review the Fact Sheet for information on the emergency rulemaking including the schedule and how to provide feedback.

Send written comments and questions to [Jessica Bean](#).
