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POLY HIGH SCHOOL

Lara resigns as football coach

Man who led Jackrabbits to 142-30 record during his 13-year tenure says it's time to go

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LONG BEACH » A fruitful era is coming to an end at Long Beach Poly, as longtime football coach Raul Lara confirmed Friday he is resigning. In 13 years as the head coach

of the Jackrabbits, Lara won five Southern Section titles, more than any other coach in school history, and 12 Moore League titles. His overall record of 142-30 gives him the second-highest winning percentage (.826) of any football coach in Poly's 106-year history, and second-most wins overall. His Jackrabbits went

74-2 in league play. "This has been in my heart for a couple of years," said Lara, after informing his team and staff of his decision in a weight-room meeting Friday. Following last season's roller coaster ride, which saw Poly go from 1-3 to a Pac-5 CIF championship, and then a one-point loss in the state title game, Lara said he was ready to step away — but after a conversation with school administrators, decided to come

back for one more year. "I had a good group of guys, not meaning football-wise, but as people, and I wanted to coach them their senior year," said Lara, 47, who kept the secret of this being his last season from everyone but his wife, Margarita. "I didn't want to be the focal point this year, because the kids are what this is all for," he said. "Poly isn't about me, and I didn't want this year to be about me."



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I-5 EXPANSION

Project: Lengthy \$1.6 billion freeway-widening will make corridor 10 lanes wide
A long road: Cities, local residents will have to manage varying street closures



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Widening work on the 5 Freeway near the Carmenita Bridge in Santa Fe Springs is already underway. But come Monday, construction on a long stretch of the I-5 is scheduled to begin in earnest and may not wrap up until 2017 or 2018.

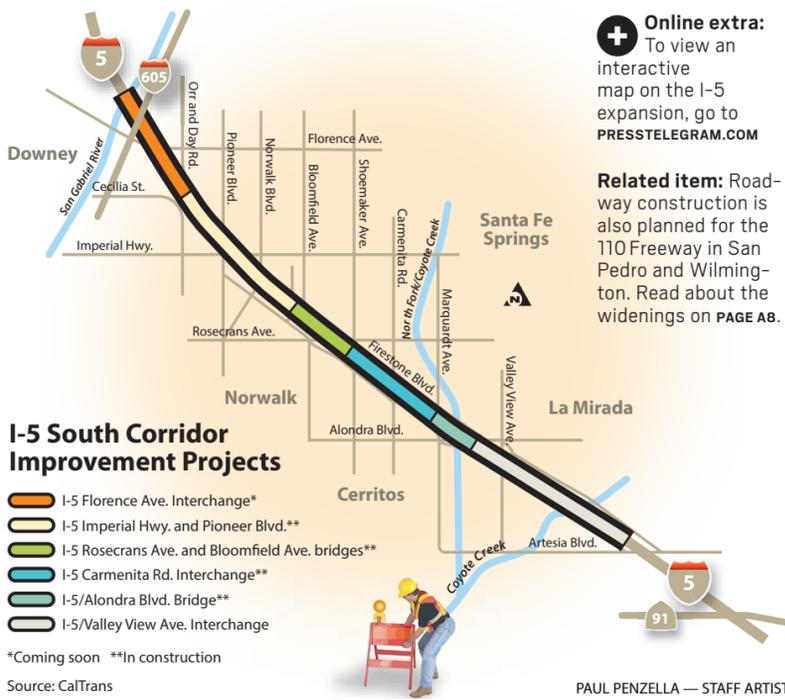
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Pick a live traffic map, any app. Click the 5 Freeway in southeast Los Angeles County. You will be seeing red.

"I don't care if you use SigAlert, Google Maps or Caltrans' QuickMap, that area is always red. Why? It's here where the freeway is three lanes," explained John Yang, the new I-5 construction manager for Caltrans, pointing to the seven-mile bottleneck stretching from the 605 Freeway to the Orange County line.

Caltrans began the widening project in 2012, but construction activity will intensify starting Monday. The project will add two lanes to the 5 Freeway in each direction: four mixed-flow lanes plus one HOV or car-pool lane.

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Online extra: To view an interactive map on the I-5 expansion, go to PRESSTELEGRAM.COM

Related item: Roadway construction is also planned for the 110 Freeway in San Pedro and Wilmington. Read about the widenings on PAGE A8.

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LONG BEACH POLICE

Ex-detective is accused of helping gang

Former policewoman and relative are arrested after investigators found information was leaked

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Yvonne Robinson: The former detective is accused of divulging information in a case.

LONG BEACH » A 13-year veteran of the police department was arrested for allegedly providing investigative information from a homicide case to a family member who is part of a criminal street gang, police officials announced Friday. Yvonne Robinson, 42, a former detective, was arrested Thursday on suspicion of conspiracy to obstruct justice and knowingly aiding a criminal street gang. Also arrested was her brother-in-law's brother, Prentice Andre Jones, 24, who was also booked on suspicion of obstruction of justice, Long Beach Police Chief Jim McDonnell said during a Friday press conference. Both have since each posted \$60,000 bail.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

U.S. employers add 203,000 jobs in November

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LOS ANGELES » The nation's job market gained more steam last month as employers added 203,000 jobs, pushing the U.S. unemployment rate to a five-year low of 7 percent.

7%

November's U.S. unemployment rate; down from 7.3 percent in October.

The economy has added a four-month average of 204,000 jobs from August through November, up sharply from 159,000 a month from April through July, the Labor Department reported Friday.

198.69

Points the Dow Jones industrial average rose Friday after the jobs report. The Nasdaq and S&P 500 also rose.

Friday's report also revised the two previous month's job gains. September's gain was bumped to 175,000 from 163,000, but October fell slightly to 200,000 jobs from 204,000. Those revisions boosted the total two-month gain

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Survivors look back on attacks 72 years ago

These Southland residents, now in their late 80s and 90s, reflect upon the date that still lives in infamy. PAGE A3



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