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CHARITY EFFORT BY NORWALK HIGH HELPS OUT SCHOOL CHILDREN IN UGANDA

By Richard de la Torre

For past the six years Dean Gray, an American government teacher at Norwalk High School, has organized a student-led program known as Giving Charity to Charities. The program calls for 12th-grade students in social studies classes to select a local, national or international charity organization to receive the proceeds from campus fundraising drives held by the students.

The selections are based on the personal interests or connections the students have to issues or causes. Since 2013, the program has raised a total of $75,000 that have gone to 54 different charities.

In addition to an annual winter student assembly on campus where the classes present their donations of $1,000 to charity group representatives, there are usually also acknowledgement letters or phone calls received by the school from each of the charity groups. But this year, there was a special sort of thank you that was offered by Drop in the Bucket, which received a $1,000 donation from the students.

Drop in the Bucket, a Los Angeles-based organization that provides drinking water and sanitation systems to schools in Africa, passed along some photos of young students in Uganda expressing their gratitude. The shots showed the African youths with warm smiles holding a sign that said: “Thank You Norwalk High School.”

Gray was happy but not entirely surprised to see the kind messages. “It’s another success story of our kids making a difference in people’s lives. Fresh water. How awesome is that?” he said.

Bailey Martinez, 18, is the student who did the research to find a water-related charity to propose to classmates as a donation recipient. He found out that unlike some groups that just passed along funds to other organizations that perform the work, Drop in the Bucket was different. The nonprofit was directly involved with staff on-ground in the countries doing the labor to plan and develop the systems.

“That was one I really liked. I felt that they did the most and they’re based here in L.A. and thought that was convenient,” Martinez said. “I think clean water is something we take for granted here in L.A. and thought that was convenient, Martinez said. “I think clean water is something we take for granted here in L.A. and thought that was convenient.”

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On Politics

As thousands of California Democratic Party (CDP) delegates attended their annual state convention Feb. 23-25 in San Diego, they were hoping to meet many of the candidates who will be on the June primary and on the November ballot. They were not disappointed.

Candidates spoke at the podium, held hospitality suites that offered everything from appetizers and ice cream to Margaritas and tacos, and were very agreeable to have their photos taken.

Unfortunately, many of the candidates were so popular, it was difficult for any one to garner the 60 per cent threshold needed for endorsement.

United States Senator Dianne Feinstein, who had not attended a Democratic convention in more than twenty-five years, showed up to give a very persuasive argument why Democrats need to take over Congress in 2018.

“Today, more than ever, California’s and our nation’s progress are threatened on many fronts by Donald Trump and the Republicans in Congress…immigration, healthcare, women’s rights, LGBT rights, voting rights, environmental protection…to name just a few,” said Feinstein.

“And daily, we have witnessed a President whose behavior shocks, divides, and appalls.”

Her opponent, California Senate President Pro Tem Kevin De Leon, listed the state legislature’s many accomplishments in recent years. “We’ve defended family values—because no government should separate parents from children or DREAMers from the only home they know,” said De Leon.

“We’ve reaffirmed health care as a human right, we’ve grown our economy while protecting workers, wages, pay equity and retirement security. We’ve invested in public schools and doubled down on California’s global leadership on climate, and we’ve refused to cower or capitulate to a President without a soul or a clue.”

Both speeches were well received by the delegates, but in the end neither candidate was endorsed—De Leon received 54% of the votes to Feinstein’s 37%.

Candidates for Governor also had their supporters and gave great speeches.

Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom said, “If California is America’s future, than California Democrats are its conscience. As a party and a state, we’re engaged in an historic battle against a cynical right-wing establishment which has sold its soul to a President without one.”

California State Treasurer John Chiang said, “For so many, the California dream remains out of reach. Our moral compass is challenged by a President and Congress that don’t share our values and believe our diversity is a weakness, not our strength.”

Former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin also gave impassioned speeches.

At the end of the day though, there would be no consensus for Governor with Newsom receiving 39% of the votes, Chiang received 30%, Eastin 20% and Villaraigosa 9%.

They were not alone since there was also no consensus for Lt. Governor, Attorney General or Insurance Commissioner.

There were some happy candidates though. Secretary of State Alex Padilla garnered 58%, Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate Tony Thurmond 89%, and State Treasurer candidate Fiona Ma 92%.

Locally, Tony Mendoza did not receive enough votes at a pre-endorsement conference. Of the 45 votes counted, there were 35 for no endorsement.

Even so, Mendoza has announced that he has filed to run again for the state senate.
The group sent a total of 46 packages.
Pictured are 1st CEB volunteers at the packing area at the Cerritos Senior Center before assembly.

Food-on-the-go, beef jerky, a box of Girl Scout Cookies, and "seasonings." Each bag weighted about 5 pounds and shipped in four large, seventy pound boxes plus one small box of 'to-share' items. The boxes were delivered to the Artesia Post Office and usually take about two weeks for packages to arrive.

The 1st CEB wants to thank all the individuals and organizations who donated items to these care packages and helped assemble them. For more information on the Friends of the 1st CEB, visit them on the internet at www.friendsofthe1stceb.org

**Staff Report**

The Friends of the 1st CEB (USMC) assembled and shipped 46 individual care packages to a platoon of Marines from the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, deployed with the Fleet Marine Force as part of the Fleet Marine Force

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Each care package included 24 items. A selective, year-long program for local elected leaders. They also presented water policy proposals on how the state could fulfill its commitment to a human right to water.

As part of the UnTapped Fellowship program, Mayor Flowers worked to establish a citywide water conservation campaign known as "H2Love." The campaign collaborated with the Metropolitan Water District’s "Be Water Wise" campaign and resulted in significant earned media, PSA placements, and a billboard on the Artesia freeway.

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The WELL UnTapped Fellowship was launched in 2017 to help local elected leaders make an impact in California water policy while addressing community water challenges. In addition to educating fellows about water policy and infrastructure, the UnTapped program helps elected officials develop local water projects in their own communities.

“Water is one of the most important public policy issues in California, and local elected officials are at the frontlines of managing water policy,” said Victor Griego, a board member and founder of WELL. “Many local elected officials also go on to serve in state and federal positions and will need to be prepared to address water issues in these new roles.

Through programs like the UnTapped Fellowship, we are able to train the next generation of water policy leaders at every level.

Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) was formed in 2012 to educate, engage and empower Latino lawmakers to build a sustainable water future for all Californians.

WELL believes that through leadership and action, California can effectively and responsibly manage its limited water resources and combat the growing threat of climate change.

For more information, visit: Latinos-ForWater.org
SOROPTIMIST MONTE CARLO NIGHT RAISES OVER $44,000
By Diana Needham

With over 240 attendees, Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos’ Monte Carlo Night fundraiser on February 24 was a huge success. The event raised over $44,000. Casino games (black jack, craps & poker), a delicious buffet dinner and prizes totaling over $35,000 highlighted the evening. A “Soroptimists On The Move” theme transported partygoers to an elegant and fun evening with black, gold and red décor including lovely red flower centerpieces with beautiful lighted four-foot tall hot air balloons in the center of each.

“We are thrilled with the support from community members, sponsors, and prize donors, as well as the many dignitaries that were in attendance including Artesia Mayor Sally Flowers; Cerritos Councilmember Frank Yokoyama; a representative of State Assembly Member Christina Garcia; Marsha Camacho, Cerritos College Board of Trustees Member; Dr. Shin Liu, Cerritos College Board of Trustee Member; Dr. Jose Fierro, Cerritos College President/Superintendent; Maynard Law, Board Member, ABC Unified School District; Emi Nishi, Board Member, ABC Unified School District; Sophia Tse, Board member, ABC

TOP: Members of Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos. ABOVE: Monte Carlo event leaders (l-r) Sandy Fikse, Co-Chair; Jennifer Elliott, Club President; and Susan Green, Co-Chair.

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Artesia City Councilmember Ali S. Taj declared that he will run for California’s 32nd senate district on Monday morning.

“An entire senate district is without representation at the moment, this is unacceptable,” said Taj. “Our communities do not simply need representation, we need leadership, transparency, accountability and we need economic growth. I am capable and prepared to bring all of this to the table when elected.

Taj is currently a councilmember in the city of Artesia. Taj was elected in 2013 where he beat an incumbent and brought a new era to Artesia. He brought an era of budget reserves that never existed before, lowered unemployment and increased public safety. “With my background in finance and experience in government, I know I can bring our district economic growth by working with local businesses, bringing jobs, advocating for education, transportation, affordable housing, addressing homelessness and ensuring a future for our communities,” said Taj.

Councilmember Taj has been endorsed by Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva, Artesia Mayor Sally Flowers, Artesia Councilmember Victor Manalo, Mayor of Sierra Madre Rachelle Arizmendi, Commerce Mayor Oralia Y. Rebollo, Mayor of Downey Sean Ashton, Harbor Gardens Councilmember Myra Maravilla, Irvine Councilmember Melisa Fox and expects endorsement by many other organizations and representatives.

The district includes: Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Commerce, Downey, East La Mirada, Hacienda Heights, Hawaiian Gardens, La Habra Heights, Lakewood, La Mirada, Montebello, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Rose Hills, Santa Fe Springs, South Whittier, West Whittier, Los Nietos, Whittier and Buena Park.

PINE TREE REFORESTATION
The City of Cerritos Property Preservation Commission held a special meeting on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers (18125 Bloomfield Avenue) to discuss the City’s pine tree reforestation plan. The meeting will be broadcast on Cerritos TV3.

RESPECT YOUR CLOCKS MARCH 11
Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 11. When setting your clocks forward one hour, replace the batteries in your smoke alarms and check the units to make sure they are functioning properly.

A typical smoke alarm has a life span of approximately 10 years. A properly functioning smoke alarm can greatly reduce the risks of death and/or injuries in the event of a fire.
ROSE HILLS ANNUAL WELCOME HOME VETERANS EVENT

By Tammye McDufl

It’s that time of year when Rose Hills hosts their annual Welcome Home Veterans event. This marks the eight year for the event, which is set for Sunday March 18, 2018 from 2:30 – 5:00 pm at Memorial Chapel.

The annual exhibition features a resource fair, car show, live band, food trucks and family activities. “We host this event as part of our ongoing support for our veteran community,” said Bruce Lazenby, Executive Director of Business Development, “currently we are seeking booth participants, sponsors and community partners to assist in our efforts. We are also pleased to say that all profits from this event will be donated back to local veterans organizations such Rio Hondo College Veterans Center, Mt. San Antonio College Veterans Center, and Working Wardrobe, to name a few.”

For years Rose Hills Corporate had a traveling Vietnam Memorial. The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall was a three-quarter-size replica of the memorial in the nation’s capital that remained at Rose Hills from 2012 to 2014. It was the first state-recognized ‘Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Holiday’. Lazenby , “Just like the original, the wall is engraved with the names of more than 58,000 men and women killed or missing in action in the Vietnam War, stretching 240 feet and standing 8 feet tall. In 2009, Lazenby traveled to Yonkers where the wall was on display, “While I was there, I saw the importance of the Wall and the community involvement and the difference it was making in people’s lives. As a veteran myself, this became my passion.”

After hosting the wall for two years, Rose Hills decided to create a resource fair that would serve veterans and their families. “Sometimes veterans can be embarrassed by having to ask or not knowing where to go to find needed information like family counseling,” said Lazenby, “so Rose Hills decided to have all these resources together in one place.”

The fair is a specific outreach to veterans, in the hope that a difference can be made, “If we make a difference in only one life of a veteran, that’s all the reason we need to keep doing this,” Lazenby added.

The fair has evolved to the point, where attendance has grown to over 1,000 veterans. The theme for 2018 is “Reaching the Families”. This year will be the third year for the Classic Car Show, with over 70 vintage and restored vehicles on display. The fair will house more than 50 businesses and organizations that can provide information, support and services to the veteran community. Organizations such as the American Legion, the East LA VA Clinic and Marine Corps League Teufel Hunden Detachment are a non-profit Veterans organization open to all Marines and to Navy Corpsmen who served in the Fleet Marine Force (FMF) and served honorably. Patriots and Paws will also be on site to provide Veterans/Active Military/Reservists and their families throughout Southern California basic home furnishings for newly acquired residences. Additionally, with Patriots and Paws for those Veteran/Military service folks that are interested, they can be matched up with a rescued companion animal.

Guest speaker this year will be Sylvia Ramos, widow of Jose Ramos, Vietnam veteran, Army combat medic and founder of the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day project. Musical entertainment will be provided by local Santa Fe Springs The Killer West playing classic live roots and rockabilly music. A variety of food trucks will be on site for items with purchase.

For more information please contact Antoinette Lou, Community Relations Manager for Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary at (562) 692-1212, ext. 4656.

VINTAGE MARKET RETURNS TO COSTA MESA WITH MORE THAN 75 EXHIBITORS

The event will feature the Potting Shed by Carlisle and “She Sheds” Author Erika Kotite as special guests. Event is at the Hangar at the OC Fair & Event Center.

COSTA MESA, Calif., – Four times a year, one of the best vintage markets in the United States, FLYING MIZ DAISY, takes up residence at The Hangar at the OC Fair and Event Center located at 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa.

The spring market, March 2-3, 2018 (10 am to 4 pm), will offer a whole new crop of truly authentic vintage and re- purposed wares with a carefully curated list of new and returning vendors displaying recently uncovered treasures.

Interior designers, decorators, vintage enthusiasts and nostalgia seekers can expect a trove of distinctive furniture and accessories including home décor, specialty jewelry, clothing, furniture and art. Each market also includes exclusive special guests, demonstrations and workshops.

For March, The Potting Shed by Carlisle will provide an on-site driftwood succulent planter demonstration and workshop on Friday, March 2nd. And, best-selling “She Sheds” author Erika Kotite will create a “She Shed” installation for customers to enjoy firsthand and offer a meet and greet/book signing.

With a background in antique procurement and sales, Flying Miz Daisy Founder Charlene Goetz saw a void for artisans and exhibitors specializing in custom and unique décor items. “This isn’t a swap meet or a flea market,” says Goetz. “We carefully select our vendors and require the goods sold are truly authentic. We see fine pieces from Europe or American treasures from the Midwest.

The sellers feature small businesses at their creative best, setting up shop in this centrally located Orange County venue four times a year.

Gourmet food trucks will offer sustenance outside on both days featuring comfort food and specialty treats. Beer, wine and complete bar service will be available inside. And, childcare will also be offered.

Recently voted one of the Top 10 Vintage Markets in the United States, Goetz says: “What we try to offer up for the thousands of shoppers that have visited so far, is a comfortable shopping experience with exceptional customer service as a priority. Buyers can store their purchases and drive up for loading service. This is something you won’t find anywhere else. These small touches make us stand out.”

Advanced tickets available online for $8, and good for both days. Discount for seniors, and children 12 and under are free. VIP tickets for early bird shopping, 9-10 a.m. on Friday, March 2, are also available.

Visit www.flyingmizdaisy.com for tickets, schedule, a complete list of exhibitors and more information. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @flyingmizdaisy.
Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center has just launched a new clinical trial to evaluate a transformative approach to upper limb functional restoration in stroke patients. This new approach seeks to augment traditional neurorehabilitation by adding neuromodulation to help the brain “rewire” more effectively.

Stroke continues to represent a major cause of permanent neurological disability in patients worldwide. The trial currently seeks to enroll patients who have suffered a stroke at least 9 months ago but within the last 10 years.

The neuromodulation is delivered to vagus nerve using a novel implanted device (the Vivistim® system) made by Microtransponder, Inc., the sponsor of the multi-institutional clinical trial. The Rancho team is led by principal investigator Dr. Charles Y. Liu, Chief of Neurosurgery at Rancho Los Amigos and Director of the USC Neurorestoration Center of USC Keck School of Medicine. Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center is a premiere facility in the country, providing care to approximately 4,000 inpatients and 71,000 outpatients annually, making it one of the largest rehabilitation centers in the nation.

The hospital specializes in brain, neurology, orthopedic, pediatric, spine injury, and stroke rehabilitation. Recognized as an innovator and premier provider of rehabilitation and acute medical and surgical services for more than 125 years, Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center sets the standard for rehabilitation care.

Patients can find more information about the study at the official website: http://vnsstrokertrial.com/. Furthermore, those interested in participating in the trial can contact Nicole Bayus of Rancho Research Institute at 562-385-7049.

For additional information please visit our website at www.rancho.org.

BEAUTIFICATION: A home in Lakewood that won an award over three years ago. Lakewood has three ways to honor your home or one of your neighbor’s through the Lakewood Beautiful Program.

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The new Jackie Ryerson “Transformation Award” will honor homeowners who have remodeled the front-facing exterior and landscaping of their property within the past three years.

The renovations need not be costly or complicated, but something that enhances the property.

To be eligible, the bulk of the improvements must have been done or overseen by the current homeowner, not a prior homeowner. Homes being marketed for sale are not eligible.

Jackie Ryerson was an original Lakewood resident who helped organize her fellow citizens to form the City of Lakewood. Ryerson served as a city council member for over a decade, creating the original Lakewood Beautiful Program to inspire Lakewood homeowners.

Also new for 2018 is the Water-Wise Award. This honors attractive homes with striking yards that have taken great care to install landscaping that utilizes water-conserving irrigation devices and plants.

Winners will be notified and honored at the Lakewood Celebrates Reception. Winning homes are chosen by style, exceptional care and pride of ownership.

Having a neat, clean and well-maintained exterior as well as a landscaping design that is in harmony and balance with the home is considered along with use of plant variety, texture, color and attention to detail.

Water-wise winners will be selected from among the Beautiful Home and Jackie Ryerson “Transformation Award” honorees.

Excellent candidates for this award would be homes that include plants grouped according to water needs, drought-tolerant or native plants, use of low-water-use irrigation system, minimal turf in landscaping and water-permeable ground covering and hardscape.

To nominate a property visit www.lakewoodcity.org/LakewoodBeautiful-Form or contact City Hall at 562-866-9771, extension 3125.

Nomination forms will be included in city utility bills in March and April. The nomination deadline is May 8, 2018.
ABCUSD HIT BY RASH OF STUDENT THREATS

15 Year-Old Gahr High Student Arrested
By Brian Hews

A 15-year-old girl was arrested Friday on allegations of posting to social media violent threats against Gahr High School in Cerritos.

Deputies arrested the girl, whose name was withheld because of her age, about 12:30 p.m. at the school at 1111 Artesia Blvd., according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The arrest was made following an investigation that began after students alerted school officials of the social media posts. Lt. Steven Marella of the sheriff's Cerritos Station said.

"The post contained a text threatening violence at the school," Marella said.

It was unclear if the youth remained in custody. She was booked at the Cerritos Station.

A rash of school threats have emerged in Southern California since Feb. 14, when a 19-year-old gunman killed 17 people at a high school in Parkland, Fla.

President of the ABC School Board Soot Yoo told HMG-CN, "Our Superintendant, principals, and staff sent out messages about this incident to assure the parents that we are doing everything to guard the safety of their children-and staff at every school. We are all trying manage all the rumors also.

This causes great distress to all involved, we need to educate our children not to contact our office directly”

Student Arrested at Ross Middle School in Artesia
By Brian Hews

Cerritos Media Group-Community News obtained an alarming email sent out last Friday, Feb. 22, to the parents of Ross Middle School in the ABC Unified School District warning about yet another threat of violence on campus by a student.

The Lakewood Sheriff's Department immediately responded and investigated the situation and arrested a student for making a criminal threat.

The same Friday, a 15-year-old girl was arrested on allegations of posting violent threats on social media against Gahr High School in the ABC in Cerritos.

The actual Ross MS email is below:

This morning a Ross Middle School student reported to the school principal that on Friday, February 23rd another student made a threat that put the school’s safety into question.

The Lakewood Sheriff’s Department immediately responded to Ross Middle School and investigated the situation.

As a result of the investigation, the police determined that the student made a criminal threat and was arrested.

Your students’ safety is of utmost concern and we investigate all threats in a thorough manner.

If you have any questions, please contact our office directly”

LOCAL TEACHERS HOLD SAVE OUR STUDENTS RALLY

By Larry Caballero

More than 100 teachers, parents and community leaders from Los Alamitos and surrounding areas gathered in front of Los Alamitos High School Feb. 22 to demand more action from their elected officials to act on gun violence and school shootings.

The event was called a Save Our Students (SOS) Rally against gun violence.

"This is not about fences, police on campus, metal detectors, or any other action by schools, but about the absolute need for fundamental change in our laws and society," said teacher, parent and student advocate Jessica Rieger.

Parent and community activist Louise Larsen said, "We have to stop the worry of guns. I fear for my daughter’s safety unless we change the culture."

A Women Against Gun Violence supporter Marilyn Barnett is a teacher with grandchildren in the District.

She is not against the second amendment: "I’m not for taking their guns away, but they should be used only for hunting and not killing people."

Riegert said, "Despite the school’s work to keep us safe, Parkland showed us all that we need to do more as a country. This action builds upon events from Parkland and the thousands of violent acts caused by guns and the continued inaction by our leaders. And we need help, that while our school is doing all it can, it isn’t enough."

WOMAN CAUGHT ON VIDEO STEALING PACKAGE IN ARTESIA

HMG-CN was sent a video by a homeowner hoping to identify a woman who stole an Amazon package from his home this past Sunday. The video can be found on loscerritosnews.net, anyone with information can call the Lakewood Sheriff’s Department at 562-423-3500.

ATM STOLEN FROM CHASE BANK IN ARTESIA

By Brian Hews

Sheriff’s deputies are searching for the driver of a dump truck who stole an ATM and led them on a chase along the Century (105) Freeway. Deputies were able to follow the truck because of a tracking device on the cash machine, which was taken from a bank in Artesia.

The bank was Chase Bank located at Artesia and Pioneer. The truck drove down a freeway embankment and then crashed into parked cars near Flower and State streets before the driver fled on foot, possibly with another suspect, the reports said.

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ing on March 1. Current building owners have told

HMG-CN that the developer MLC did not have

a contingency, an unusual position for

such a large company, and that they will be

the owners on March 1.

Public comment lasted for more than
two hours and became testy at a few points
during the meeting.

The discussion started with Mayor

Grace Hu asking if the Mayor pro tem or any

Councilmembers had “communicated with the
developer” MLC Holdings or any

MLC agents prior to the meeting.

“Before this meeting we all received

communication from the applicants, so

before Council asks questions, I want to

have my colleagues disclose if you talked
to them.”

Councilman Yokoyama said he took a

phone call from Daniel Fierro, a MLC rep-

resentative. “I took the phone call but re-
fused to meet with him, we did not discuss

the project at all.”

Mayor pro tem Pulido said he met at City

Hall with MLC, “they provided a letter

transmitting the concept design, there was

nothing else that was provided to me.”

Councilman Edwards said he received

phone calls but did not return them and

Solanki said he briefly talked to the Realty

Board about the project. Mayor Hu did not

take a call.

Hu then opened the matter for public

comment but only after she tried to stop

people who had “took donations from MLC” or who “were not from the city.”

City attorney Mark Steres politely

suggested that Hu allow everyone to talk.

The first speaker objected to the traf-
cic the development would create. Marlene

Rofe was happy to hear they were keeping

the Artesia driveway open and seemed to

be for the project.

Sam Desai, a vocal critic of the proj-
ect, said there was “nothing new,” in the

revised project, and that “this proposal is

destroying the city.”

Maryanne Hughlette said “no one has
come to talk to me about the project even

though I lived in the area.” MLC agent

Moses Kim later refuted that statement.

Hughlette was worried about the traffic

also.

Diana Coronado spoke for the build-
ing industry and was for the project.

Stephen Chen was in support of the proj-

ect, “We have been renting a house here,

so we are waiting to purchase the right

home and Juliet would be that home.”

Charlie Joslin, one of the leaders of the

anti-development movement told council,

“I just happened to be near a project like MLC in Diamond Bar and took pictures, the MLC homes are not like single family homes.”

Cerritos Chamber CEO Scott Smith

was for the project saying that the number of residents “would make our local econ-
omy stronger.” Smith talked about other
developers afraid of coming to Cerritos in

the future.

Carol Rayburn owner of Century 21 Astar was for the project. “The City is be-

coming stagnant as far as the number of

houses for sale in the City. The City is not
growing, the turnover is diminished. If we
don’t bring in new housing we will become stagnant, we will lose revenue and activ-
ity.”

Gail Grossman who has been a vocal

opponent of the project, complained about

the attacks. She says that “The Mayor pro tem Councilman Yokoyama and Mayor pro tem Pu-

lido. She said the school district might get

new students, but that the Cerritos Cham-

ber will lose members.

Grossman also created unwarranted

controversy when she stated at the end of

her speech, “we ‘heard’ [Planning Com-

missioner Tatiana Yokoyama] Bui does not live in the City.”

That elicited an angry outburst from Councilman Yokoyama.

Yokoyama slammed Grossman and others, who post on an obscure Facebook page, writing that Bui does not live in Cer-

ritos.

“Madame Mayor,” Yokoyama said in a loud voice, “I am very upset about these lies about my sister. Chair of the Planning Commission Tatiana Yokoyama Bui. They are saying she does not live in Cerritos, that is a lie, I wish that lie would stop being re-

peated. My sister, Mayor pro tem Pulido’s appointee, lives in Cerritos. The Charter of this City requires Planning Commissioners to be Cerritos residents.”

“You [Grossman] had a great statement but you ended it with a lie. It’s pathetic.”

Another vocal critic and frequent Coun-

cil meeting attendee, Mel Cortez, who lives

on the Westside of Cerritos, proclaimed,

“the letters submitted to an MLC website

approving the project were fake. Once they

build they will leave to their next victim.”

Resident Jay Gray asked why MLC

purchased the property knowing the zoning

requirements of the City. “What happens when the next developer comes in?”

Gray then took aim at his favorite tar-

get, Councilman Yokoyama, clarifying the

word "hear" as used by Gail Grossman in her

statement about Commissioner Bui not liv-

ing in the City.

Gray said, “Gail ‘heard’ that Bui did not live in the City, she did not say Bui did ‘not’ live in the City. She ‘heard’ that she did not live in the City.”

Cerritos resident Daniel Fierro read a

statement from ABC Board Member Chris

Apodaca who favored the project.

Fierro then blasted Mel Cortez’s state-

ment that the letters from residents were

fake. “The idea that they are fake residents is insulting as a resident. They might not be here, but there are equal residents here tonight.”

Mayor pro tem Pulido said the City

needed housing. He then said the attacks

on Commissioner Bui “saddened me, I am

proud of her and the work she has done. Cerritos is better than that, I am surprised it went there.”

Mayor Hu, Councilman Edwards and

Yokoyama also commented on the project.

Councilman Solanki then made a mo-

tion to deny the appeal.

Roll call vote: (“no” vote was to approve the project) Edwards no, Solan-

ki yes, Yokoyama yes, Pulido yes, Hu yes.

FUNDRAISERS: Teacher Dean Gray on the campus quad at Norwalk High School with one of his Advanced Placement American Government classes that participated in the school’s Giving Charity to Charities program this year. The program has existed for six years.
The Cerritos City Council recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate new playground improvements at Loma Park.

New playground equipment and surfacing were installed. A Shine color palette of orange, blue and green was selected for the playground equipment. The equipment incorporates six key elements into the design: balancing, spinning, bra- chiating, sliding, climbing and swinging.

The surfacing portion ($50,000) was covered under Community Development Block Grant funds.

The equipment was purchased using California Park and Recreation Society Healthy Play Initiative Funding ($60,000).

“This new playground structure will promote physical fitness and socialization among the children in our community,” remarked Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu. “The City looks forward to continuing to make similar improvements at all of our neighborhood parks.”
GARCIA
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The allegations included Garcia drinking in her office while on official business, bragging about her sexual activity while describing various sex acts in detail, stating she had sex in her office with other elected officials to leverage information, using vulgar language, harassing employees, and disparaging other high-level elected officials.

In addition, they alleged Garcia asked the staffers to fundraise and asked for donations during regular working hours. Just days later, a second POLITICO report wrote about other Garcia staffers alleging sexual harassment, including Garcia demanding they play “spin the bottle” after a fundraiser and drinking from a “Kegerator” at her office.

The reports and Gillelen letter came just days after Garcia had sent out a statement as Chair of the Legislative Women’s Caucus demanding a zero-tolerance policy on sexual harassment allegations against other legislators.

“We appreciate the commitment to publicly release the outcomes of the sexual harassment and misconduct investigations so that we can ensure transparency. With this information comes the ability to act and uphold the zero tolerance policies of both the Senate and Assembly that have not always been followed.”

“The transparency will foster an environment that enables the culture change we must have in our Capitol community where harassment of any kind is not tolerated or excused for any reason.”

Garcia appeared on CBS This Morning and denied all allegations of sexual harassment saying, “That’s definitely not anything that happened. I’m not engaging in sex for information or for votes.”

Now, Garcia will have to explain why she took donations from a known anti-feminist porn publisher.

A News Media Group-Community News investigation has found that the embattled Assemblywoman, who has claimed she is a feminist and a silence breaker, took $7,000 from Larry Flynt’s anti-woman empire, Hustler, as well as from the infamous pornographer himself, Larry Flynt, a man who once said, “I’ve always felt that feminism is an excuse for ugly women to march,” and who publishes other porn magazines including “Barely Legal.”

The donations were made in May of 2013 for $1,000; Sept. 2013 for $1,500; Mar. 2015 for $2,500; Sept. 2015 for $1,000; and Apr 2016 for $1,000.

Flynt claims to be a champion for women’s rights but his brand of pornography is uniquely damaging to women. He is known to promote images portraying violence against women; Gloria Steinem has repeatedly taken Flynt to task for publishing disturbing anti-woman images.

Flynt attempted to give money to Hillary Clinton in her bid for the presidency but once detected, Clinton’s campaign promptly returned the funds.

In a response to a request for comment, Garcia’s Communications Director Teala Schiff told HMG-CN, “the [sic] member is on leave from her position in this office so how would you suggest she give comment when she’s gone?”

HMG-CN contacted Dan Gillelen of the Gillelen Law Firm who is representing four former Garcia staffers. When told about the donations Gillelen said, “to me it is more of the same Garcia hypocrisy, it is why my four clients came out in the first place, it shows Garcia is not the #MeToo feminist she claims to be.”

HAWAIIAN GARDENS OFFICIALS ENDORSE RUDY BERMUDEZ FOR STATE SENATE 32

Staff Report

Former Democratic Assemblyman and 30-year law enforcement officer Rudy Bermudez today announced receiving the endorsement of three members of the Hawaiian Gardens City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry Bruce, City Councilmember Mariana Rios and City Councilmember Hank Trimble have all pledged their support to Bermudez in his run for Senate District 32.

Bermudez represented Hawaiian Gardens in the State Assembly from 2002-2006.

As a legislator Bermudez wrote the law barring sex offenders from practicing medicine in California. To protect children, he worked to increase the minimum distance sexual predators must live away from schools.

Bermudez also wrote the law permitting California schools to offer full-day kindergarten, which gives our children their best chance at a good start and makes it easier for working parents to have their young children in school.

The 32nd Senate District includes cities such as Bellflower, Cerritos, Commerce, Downey, East La Mirada, Hacienda Heights, Hawaiian Gardens, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Lakewood, Montebello, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, South Whittier, West Whittier, Los Nietos, Whittier, and Buena Park.

CERRITOS COMMUNITY SPRING FESTIVAL SET FOR APRIL 27-29

Staff Report

Cerritos residents are invited to attend the City’s Community Spring Festival at the Cerritos Sports Complex from Friday, April 27 to Sunday, April 29.

The festival takes place Friday from 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday from 1 to 10 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 to 9 p.m.

Entertainment features local talent and professional acts. Gourmet food trucks will provide specialty items for purchase.

The Cerritos City Council will officially recognize the City’s 62nd anniversary during a formal ceremony on Saturday, April 28 at 4:30 p.m.

Fireworks will commemorate the special occasion that evening at 8:30 p.m.

The Spring Dance Recital will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 29.

Admission is free, but there are nominal fees for some attractions. Individual ride tickets are 50 cents each.

All-day wristbands are available for $20 at Cerritos City Hall if purchased by Thursday, April 26. Starting Friday, April 27, all-day wristbands cost $35.

For more information, call the City’s Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

To volunteer, call Heritage Park by Sunday, April 1 at (562) 916-8570.

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CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 3 BOYS SOCCER PLAYOFFS

ARTESTAS’S SHORTHANDED SECOND HALF RALLIES UP SHORT AGAINST TOP-RANKED UNIVERSITY

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

IRVINE—The Artestas High boys soccer program has made it 11 trips to the Californian Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section divisional quarterfinals since the 1976-77 season and one trip to the semifinals. For the Pioneers to make a second trip to the semis, they would have had to play their best game of the season to upset University High, the best team in Division 3.

Artestas head coach Octavio Marquez had received a scouting report from Long Beach Poly High personnel, which had played the Trojans in the first round.

But that wasn’t enough to help the Pioneers, who had to play the final 33 minutes down a man to an ejection. In the end, Artestas lost 2-1 despite becoming the first team to score against University in the playoffs and just the sixth all season.

“We knew [about University]; we got a scouting report,” Marquez said. “We knew they were going to be quick. I think we did a fairly good job. We were able to get through the [first] half 0-0. I’m just proud of these guys. We go down with 10 [players] in the second half and we’re on them. It’s unfortunate, but that’s how the game is.”

University’s quickness became apparent very early as three minutes in, Giorgio Consta raced through the defense to take a shot that was stopped when junior goalkeeper Jason Gomez made a diving save at the right post. Three minutes later, senior forward Martin Razo took Artestas’s first shot, which was thwarted by Jimmy Choi, who made a diving save at the left post. Not much happened in the first half after the early moments despite both teams combining for 11 saves and six goalkeeper saves. But the second half would be a different story.

Two minutes in, senior forward Sergio Flores took a free kick from 27 yards out, but Choi came up huge again, making a diving save to his right. Later in the contest, junior defender Felipe Morales had a free kick from 26 yards out punched away by Choi.

“That was part of our scouting report,” Onufrie said.

Onufrie was the only person who did not rate to RBLM, an eye-opening 56-50, hiding under the radar the offense and defense combination that listed it’s address as a PO Box at a UPS store in La Habra.

RBLM spent almost the entire amount, a record for La Mirada politics, on campaign-mailer’s supporting Aileo and Sarega and slamming their opponents John Lewis and Pauline Deul in vitriolic material not seen in La Mirada City Council elections.

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2018 SOFTBALL PREVIEW: GAHR STACKED AGAIN WITH TALENT TO WIN DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP

By Loren Kopff

Once again, the 2017 Gahr High softball team had a plethora of talent that most teams would be green with envy of, and the Lady Gladiators put themselves in the best position possible to win a California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section divisional championship. However, the road to that championship in the regular season doesn’t mean anything unless you can win the final softball game. Certainly, they made it to the Division I final, but winning that final Suburban League title while Artesia High is hoping last season wasn’t one-a-year wonder.

Returning players in itals.

ARTESIA LADY PIONIERS

10-9 overall last season, 7-5 in the Suburban League, fourth place, lost to South Torrance 2-1 in the Division I final in the first round playoffs

Head coach: Dayna Feenstra (fifth season, 40-2 overall last season, 10-0 in the San Gabriel Valley Suburban League, first in the Suburban League, league champions, lost to Fullerton 4-2 in the Division 2 quarterfinals)

2018 Projected Lineup:

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26-1 overall last season, 10-0 in the San Gabriel Valley Suburban League, subdvision champions, advanced to the quarterfinals of the Division 2 playoffs, the school’s first divisional playoff win

For head coach Kim Ensey, last season couldn’t have gone better, except for a longer run in the playoffs. The Lady Pios won the Suburban League for the third time in the last two seasons, each time winning 20 games, and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Division II playoffs. However, the Lady Pios are hoping to have their best stretch of winning league titles since the late 1990s and 2000s.

“Last season was about creating a winning culture,” Ensey said. “We only had a short period of time, but I knew that to be able to do what we did, every player bought in. I brought in a great assistant coach in Adam DeLeon, who brings great balance to my style and the girls respect him. I walked into the program knowing we had the pieces to win but possibly not the depth. There was no selflessness and every player had a team first mentality and did their job for the team, and we were successful to our success.”

CARRYING the load in the circle was, and remains senior Jennifer Moorish, who pitched virtually every inning and had a new hitter against Rio Mesa High.

The big pop in the lineup will come from senior first baseman Ka’ara Crockett-Pope, who was second on the team in home runs with five and batted over .400.

According to Ensey, sophomore center fielder destiny Alvarez, the only returning player whose development as a fielder Essence Gibbs is the most improved player is sophomore Charlene Fregoso.

Head coach: Kim Ensey (second season, 20-6)

Team’s record previous five seasons: 84-44

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- SS-Dalia Morones (JR) (FR)/Madison Huskey (FR)
- OF-Isabel Navarro (FR)/Shelby Hile
- OF-Camryn Thompson (SR)/Riddell-Perez (FR)/Miranda Williams (SR)

Projected Record:

26-1 overall last season, 10-0 in the San Gabriel Valley Suburban League, league champions, lost to Fullerton 4-2 in the Division 2 quarterfinals

Head coach: Kim Ensey (second season, 20-6)

Team’s record previous five seasons: 84-44

Last time missed the playoffs: 2008

Key losses: Celeste Borza, Destiny Lucero, Essence Gibbs.
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“As we saw her play and be able to handle more and more games in the circle, it became a bit more of a dilemma when our team was falling apart, she was one of the leaders that was pulling that together,” she continued.

That may change for what we’ve played that aren’t just great in the circle, but they can do more than that.”

They say that one of V.C.’s strengths will be the pitcher-catcher combination even though Quinn Livesay is the only freshman and one of two new players on the field. The second strength will be from the outfield where sophomore Angie Pool moves from center to left and sophomore Alanna Bulthuis from left to center. Another change will be junior Kyla Nunez-O’Leary, who goes from catcher to third base.

The hitting to improve this season is the Lady Crusaders that didn’t bat 200 and were shutout in their final three games last season.

“I think our first year, our record showed that we looked better than last year, but records don’t always tell,” McGahey said.

“Our girls played better together last year than they did the year before,” McGahey said. “We saw them improve as they went but it just wasn’t enough because it was already midseason.”

“I think last year was another tough season with the injuries we had, and some girls out we didn’t expect to be out and putting girls in positions they had in years gone by before,” McGahey said.

“They were just up more than last season for preventative measures so that Viquez doesn’t get hurt will be sophomore Des- aneur Cattive. Norwalk will be somewhat young this year but hopes to continue as the team batted under 200 last season. Sophomore Angelina Pere moves from second to first and is the leading returner girls in positions they had not played before. “Some girls that were a first-year player,” she added. “It was pretty amazing,” McGahey said. “We were so proud of her and what she brought to the team. Even as a fresh- men at her matriculation, she was a fantastic job for us.”

“Valley Christian Lady Crusaders

Player of the Year: Katie Vang
(SO)

Head coach: Nicole McGahey (third season)

2017-18 Season stats:

• Last year’s record was 7-14 overall, 1-7 in the Academy
• Seven of the losses were by 10 runs eight times.
• One of the victories was a forfeit victory over Beverly Hills High, two of the losses were forfeits and the team lost by at least 10 runs eight times.
• “We did come close in some games,” said McGahey. “We did okay at the [St. Monica] tournament. So, I was pleased with what we had. This year, I have a lot of new girls; they’re coming along good. They’re really picking it up fast.”

Junior Taylor Genera will again be the workhorse in the circle and can pitch every inning of every game. She is also the lone returning pitcher who batted over 300. Senior center fielder Janessa Alderete and sophomore backup pitcher Susana Toscano are the only other established hitters.

Norwalk said the most improved play- ers are Kim, who didn’t play last season but is strong and catches everything right now and Alderete, who also has a strong arm that was a key component of a program that had not had very good outfielders in the past.

This will be the last season for Whit- ney in the Academy League, which will dissolve in June. The Lady Wildcats will move to the news league and would love to end their time in the Acad- emy League with a trip to the playoffs.

“I’m pretty confident,” said Lavaren. “I think Taylor has gotten faster and that’s go- ing to help a lot. This year I’m a little more confident that we’re doing better.”

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