



IS ARTESIA RECALL USING POLITICAL OPERATIVE WITH TRASH HAULER TIES?

By Brian Hews

Once again proponents of an Artesia recall, who, according to Artesia residents, deliberately misled them during a failed May 2017 recall attempt, have resurrected another recall campaign in an effort to oust Mayor Ali Taj and Councilmen Victor Manalo and Miguel Canales.

Disgruntled former Artesia Parks and Recreation Commissioner Rene Trevino, along with a few angry vocal business owners in Artesia, are once again behind

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ABC BOARD MEMBER LYNDA JOHNSON FILED FALSE INCIDENT REPORTS WITH CERRITOS SHERIFF'S AGAINST HMG-CN PUBLISHER

Staff Report

Hews Media Group-Community News has obtained documents that show ABC Board Member Lynda Johnson filed two false incident reports in late 2016 alleging Publisher Brian Hews threatened and harassed her.

In the reports Johnson alleged Hews sent "threatening electronic communications," which is a violation of California Criminal Code section 653-m(b).

"I was shocked when I found out about the reports," said Hews, "I was even more shocked about Johnson's accusations."

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FORMER GAHR STANDOUT FARIA BEGINS HIS MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL CAREER ON A RECORD PACE

By Loren Kopff

David Faria, the father of Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Jacob Faria couldn't have said it better when he said that watching his son face the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim was icing on the cake. Jacob Faria, the ex-Gahr High standout, became the latest of stellar pitchers to come out of the high school and make it to the Major Leagues.

In front of well over 200 family and friends scattered throughout Angels Stadium, Jacob Faria made his seventh start of the season last Friday night, pitching into the seventh inning, allowing five hits, striking out four, walking two and throwing 110 pitches. He got a no-decision but lowered his earned run average from 2.11 to 2.00. And, he grew up five minutes from the stadium.

"It was weird at first," Jacob Faria said. "I tried to make it feel like it was just another game. But then after being in the outfield stretching and running and just looking up...it was pretty awesome."



Former Gahr High star Jacob Faria made his seventh start of the season last Friday night, pitching into the seventh inning, allowing five hits, striking out four, walking two and throwing 110 pitches. He got a no-decision but lowered his earned run average from 2.11 to 2.00. Courtesy L.A. Angels

The 2011 San Gabriel Valley League Pitcher of the Year and two-time Los Cerritos Community News Pitcher of the Year, made his pro debut on June 7 against the Chicago White Sox and ever since, has not disappointed. Including the game against the Angels, he had allowed one earned run in five of the seven starts and lasted at least six innings in every start.

Against the Angels, he worked a perfect bottom of the first, fifth and sixth innings. The lone run he allowed in a 2-1 Tampa Bay win in 10 innings was a home run to Albert Pujols to lead

off the second. Jacob Faria would get into trouble in the next two innings as the Angels were threatening to take the lead. But the 6' 4", 235-pound hurler with a mild-mannered personality got Cameron Maybin to line out to end the threat.

"I think it was a matter of mindset," Jacob Faria said. "Early in the game...I had the same problem before, making non-competitive pitches early in the at-bats and having to really throw pitches in the zone when I don't want to throw them in the zone."

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INTERVIEW: ABC PTA COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAQUISHA ANDERSON

By Julia Bok

LaQuisha Anderson is a mother of two and a business owner, managing a beauty salon and event planning company. She is also the ABC PTA Council President and she provides support to teachers, parents, and students daily. Anderson, who was born and raised in Compton, first became involved in the



Julia Bok
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PTA when her eldest daughter was in kindergarten at Juarez Elementary. She then advanced from PTA member to Unit President to Council Vice President to Council Mentor before reaching her current position.

July 1, 2017 marked her second year as ABC PTA Council President. Anderson shared her vision for ABC PTA, "Most people think of PTA as a fundraising organization, which we are not. We are an advocacy organization. We are here to be informed on the legislation that is affecting education and to advocate for children and families across the country."

Anderson believes it is important for the PTA to be more active on the national level where the decisions about education are being made. If the PTA can be active past the local level, par-



ABC PTA Council President LaQuisha Anderson at the National PTA Convention in Las Vegas.

ents can ensure that their children are receiving everything that they deserve.

Many people are intimidated to join the PTA because they are misinformed. Anderson said, "Parents are working and they have this idea that they have to be there all the time to be a member. I am trying to get them to understand what it means to be a part of PTA and how they can change the lives of children by being a part of PTA." Anderson would like parents to recognize that they have the power to shape their children's future and that the PTA exists to support them.

There are currently 25 schools in the district that have PTAs and Anderson aims to increase the number. At the moment, the ABC PTA Council is working to open PTAs at Tracy High School, Hawaiian Elementary School, and Artesia High School Children's Center. Along with starting PTAs at more schools, the ABC PTA Council is attempting to recruit more translators to overcome

language barriers with parents and distribute a survey to ask teachers how the PTA can improve.

Anderson expressed, "I just love to see kids just blossom and flourish and learn new things and know that no matter who your parents are, where you come from, what your dream is, you can achieve it and you have people in your corner that are going to motivate you and push you to make it there."

The ABC PTA Council is holding a Leadership Training and Vendor Fair on August 25 at 4 PM at the ABC Adult School. The event will have six workshops and vendors including Blaze Pizza, Polly's Pies, and more. The Food Drive and Grand Opening Celebration for the ABC PTA Parent Center at Hawaiian Elementary School will occur on November 16. Anderson wishes that the new Parent Center will be a safe and welcoming place for families to receive information and resources.

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City Moves Patriot Day Celebration to Every Five Years

By Tammye McDuff

Los Cerritos News received communications from an avid reader that Cerritos City Council decided to remove Patriots Day Celebrations, in remembrance of September 11th, from the events calendar due to low attendance, budget challenges and 'immigrants showed no interest in participating'. It was also conveyed to HMG "the lack of diversity is really taking a toll on the city".

Last year, Cerritos residents and community members were invited to attend a special 'Evening of Remembrance' on Sunday, September 11 at Heritage Park. The event honored those victims and heroes affected by the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 and included performances, a formal ceremony with the Cerritos City Council, a candlelight memorial and a moment of silence. In recognition of National Preparedness Month in September, representatives from the City's Volunteers on Patrol also provided information about how to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters.

In the United States, Patriot Day, observed as the National Day of Service and Remembrance, occurs on September 11th of each year in memory of the people killed in the 2001 September 11th attacks. In the immediate aftermath of the attacks, President George W. Bush, proclaimed Friday September 14, 2001, as a National Day of Prayer and Remem-

brance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks. A bill to make September 11th a national day of mourning was introduced in the U.S. House on October 2001, by Rep. Vito Fossella (R-NY) with 22 co-sponsors, among them eleven Democrats and eleven Republicans. The bill passed the Senate unanimously and was signed into law December 2001. The first Patriot Days was held September 11, 2002.

The flag of the United States is to be flown at half-staff at the White House and on all U.S. government buildings and establishments throughout the world; flags are also encouraged to be displayed on individual American homes. Additionally, a moment of silence is observed to correspond with the attacks, beginning at 8:46 AM [Eastern Daylight Time], the time the first plane, American Airlines Flight 11, struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Patriot Day is not a federal holiday; schools and businesses remain open in observance of the occasion, although memorial ceremonies for the victims are often held. Volunteer and service opportunities are coordinated by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The Cerritos City Council did have budget challenges for the event, and voted to have a Patriot Day every five years. The next event held by the City will occur in 2021.

ABC SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES SPEAK TO A FULL HOUSE



Photo by Lou Delgado

Thanking Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club members for their continuous support were (l-r) ABC School Board candidates Armin Reyes, Lynda Johnson and Danny Fierro.

By Larry Caballero

When the Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club held its July 17 meeting at Mimi's Café in Cerritos, it was standing room only for attendees who wanted to hear from incumbent Lynda Johnson, past Board member Armin Reyes and newcomer Danny Fierro.



Larry Caballero
Social Editor

They are running in November for the Area 3 ABC School Board seat that extends as far north as 166th Street and as far south as South Street in Cerritos.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn thanked the more than 60 club members and supporters for their activism in local campaigns and issues, and she encouraged everyone to keep resisting the dangerous agenda coming out of Washington, D.C. since Trump became President.

Artesia Mayor Ali Taj praised the three candidates for their willingness to run and to serve their communities.

All the candidates said that they want to represent the teachers, staff and families of ABC.

Reyes repeatedly mentioned that he would have supported the school bond

that recently appeared on the ballot, Fierro said he is always ready to support the teachers and staff, and Johnson said she did not support the bond because it didn't give enough details on how the money was to be spent.

Reyes has the endorsements of several office holders including ABC Boardmembers Olympia Chen, Maynard Law and past Boardmember Celia Spitzer, while Fierro has the endorsements of ABC School Board President Chris Apodaca and President of the ABC Council PTA LaQuisha Anderson.

Supervisor Hahn and other local officials have endorsed Johnson.

Reyes was proud of his military service and the time he spent as an ABC Boardmember, but he had to leave because of a change to district area elections. Both he and Johnson live in the same area, so Reyes had no place to go in 2015 when his term expired.

Fierro was proud that he was a product of ABC schools, and he promised to bring new ideas and a fresh face to the Board.

Also in attendance were Cerritos Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Pulido, Councilmember Frank Yokoyama, Cerritos College Boardmember Martha Camacho Rodriguez, and former ABC School Boardmembers Sally Havice, Celia Spitzer and Louise Dobson.

COUNCIL APPROVES AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT CODE, REHABILITATION OF SHOEMAKER AVE TO OCCUR SOON

By Julia Bok

At the Cerritos City Council meeting on July 13, the city council discussed various points including plans to rehabilitate Shoemaker Ave.

After appointing Tracy Winkler to the Fine Arts and Historical Commission, council members listened to public comments. Both Case van der Linden and Ram Kakkar addressed the city's recently increased tree trimming budget. van der Linden requested that the tree maintenance district map on the city website be updated while Kakkar stated that there were other issues that cosmetic trimming could not resolve. Kakkar shared his per-

sonal experience dealing with damaged underground water pipes and sewage systems because of overgrown roots. He asked that whenever new trees are planted, the city use proper root barriers and have plans to remove trees in a timely manner if necessary.

During public hearings, Economic Development Manager Kristen Aguila introduced Development Code Amendment 2017-4. The ordinance proposed to amend various sections of the Cerritos municipal code to specify that the Los Angeles County's expedited permitting process for charging stations shall be the process of

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MOSKOWITZ FOUNDATION DONATES \$10,000 TO YOUNG SENATOR'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Irving I. Moskowitz Foundation donated \$10,000 to State Senator Tony Mendoza's (D-Artesia) Young Senator's Program in June. Mendoza is with Sal Flores with the Moskowitz Foundation. Behind them is the YSLP students attending a Financial Literacy meeting.

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ST. IRENAEUS SCHOOL SUPPLIES REACH GHANA SCHOOLS

By Edna Ethington

In January of 2017, Fr. Rudolph "Rudy" Alumam, a priest from the diocese Ghana, Africa, who was serving as a Parochial Vicar at St. Irenaeus Church in Cypress, conducted a Ghana School Supplies Drive for two weekends. He hoped that the drive would provide students in his village of Vea in Ghana with tools to improve their education. He said that there were 100 pre-school students, 1,000 students in two elementary schools, and 250 students in middle school. High school students had to travel to other towns for high school. Fr. Rudy said that most families in Vea were too poor to provide school supplies and uniforms and often the students would come to school hungry without breakfast. He hoped that by improving the students' education, they would have better opportunities in their lives in the future.

St. Irenaeus parishioners responded with great generosity and filled 80 boxes with their donations of school supplies of pens, pencils, notebooks, scientific calculators, shoes and clothing for men, women and children, and even soccer balls. Parishioners Dave and Dawn Gallagher offered to put all the boxes on shipping pallets and trucked the boxes from Cypress to Oakland. Other parishioners donated funds to pay for shipping all the boxes from Oakland to his village of Vea, Ghana which included 450 miles of ground transportation at a cost of approximately \$3,500. Fr. Rudy thanked and blessed everyone for their gifts in February in the parish bulletin.

It was thought that the supplies would reach Ghana within six weeks, but the shipment was delayed by two weeks and it finally reached Ghana in mid-April. When it arrived in Ghana, the people from the Vea village in Ghana came to oversee the transfer of all the boxes to a commercial truck. Fr. Rudy said that the truck had to travel 450 miles from the port to the village of Vea. Once everything was secure in storage in the village, a group of village leaders and teachers supervised the sorting of the school supplies, clothing and other items received. Fr. Rudy's cousin, who is a teacher in Vea, helped to deliver



Pictured the students, teachers and families in the village of Vea, Ghana, with posters that said "Thank You" and "We Love You" to St. Irenaeus parishioners.



Pictured are Fr. Rudy Alumam with St. Irenaeus Parishioners Dave and Dawn Gallagher with the 80 boxes of school supplies and clothing ready to ship to Vea, Ghana.

supplies to the different schools using his motorbike. He said that it must have taken many trips back and forth to deliver everything, but it was done "with joy to be able to help other people."

Fr. Rudy said that five schools, including pre-schools, elementary schools and junior high schools, have been served with books, pens, crayons, soccer balls, clothing and other supplies. Additional school communities as well as seminarians will benefit from some of the donations.

Fr. Rudy received many photos from the students, teachers and villagers of Vea in June. The students posed with some of the school supplies they received and made posters with messages that said "Thank You St. Irenaeus Catholic Church. We love you," and "We Are Proud of Your Good Intentions. We love you." Fr. Rudy shared these posters with St. Irenaeus parishio-

ners and thanked everyone again.

Fr. Rudy came to St. Irenaeus in 2015 through a special partnership with the Diocese of Ghana and the and was expected to serve parishioners of St. Irenaeus for four years. However, circumstances have changed. The Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann, Bishop of Orange, has assigned Fr. Rudy and St. Irenaeus' current Pastor, Fr. Patrick Moses, to serve parishioners of Holy Family Cathedral in Orange starting on July 1, 2017. Fr. Patrick will become the Rector at Holy Family Cathedral and Fr. Rudy will be a Parochial Vicar. St. Irenaeus parishioners said their farewells to Fr. Rudy and Fr. Patrick on June 24 and 25.

St. Irenaeus parishioners will miss Fr. Rudy and Fr. Patrick, but they repeated what Fr. Rudy said to them before, N puse ya, Yine wa songe! Thank you, God bless you!

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The Wiernerschnitzel Wiener Nationals consists of 50-yard dashes for dachshunds over the racetrack, the same one where the horses run. A total of 102 dogs will compete in the Wiernerschnitzel Wiener Nationals with the winners of 10 trial races moving on to the final for a chance to earn cash prizes and the coveted title of "Fastest Wiener In the West." First place prize to the winning owner is \$1,000. The champion wiener will also receive a doghouse in the shape of a Wiernerschnitzel restaurant plus the "Fastest

Wiener in the West" trophy. The pups in action will include defending champion Darcy, who will race in the fifth trial for owner Julie Woods, and 2015 champion Finn, who will be in action in the third trial.

This fun event will have all the pomp and circumstance of the Kentucky Derby, including the post parade, call by the track announcer and winner's circle photo. In addition to the fun of the Wiernerschnitzel Wiener Nationals, live horse racing will be held in addition to the dachshund races. VIP seating to enjoy the event is available by calling 714-820-2681. General Admission tickets on the day of the event at Los Alamitos are \$3 per person. Children 17 and under are admitted free. Los Alamitos Race Course features free general parking.

The Seal Beach Animal Care Center is also selling tickets to the event for \$5 each, with ALL proceeds from the sale of tickets going to the Care Center.

ABCUSD COMMUNITY DRIVE PROVIDES BACKPACKS FOR HOMELESS OR LOW INCOME STUDENTS

Staff Report

Providing backpacks and school supplies for all ABCUSD students as the new school year begins is a signature goal of the ABC Education Foundation, which kicks off its annual Backpacks for Homeless or Low Income Students drive on August 23, 2017 at the office in Cerritos provided by Rancho Southeast Association of Realtors. Staff volunteers from LBS Financial Credit Union, Century 21 ASTRO, and Soroptimist International Artesia-Cerritos and community leaders will stuff backpacks with school supplies and deliver them to all ABC schools that day. Cerritos-based firms such as Century 21 ASTRO; First Choice Bank; LBS Financial Credit Union; Macerich Corporation (Los Cerritos Center); Cerritos Optimist Foundation, and Pacific City Bank, all provided funds for backpacks and supplies.

In 2016, the ABC Education Foundation provided 500 backpacks, and Kaiser Permanente staff donated 150 backpacks, to schools all over the district prior to the beginning of the school year. Based on requests from the schools, the Foundation expects to deliver over 700 backpacks with school supplies again this year to ABCUSD schools.

"Starting the year off with confidence is important for students," said Cindy Yen Chen, chair of the Foundation's Backpack Initiative, and ABC Education Foundation board member and former Chair. "Providing backpacks with school supplies can help these kids learn and do better in school!"

If you are interested in supporting the Foundation this year in their efforts to raise funds and provide backpacks and supplies to students, and/or help stuffing the backpacks on August 23, 2017, please contact Cindy Yen Chen at (562)762-6750 or Email CindyChen@zencon.com.

The ABC Education Foundation was founded in February 2012 to support district programs in jeopardy due to budget cuts. Since its inception, the Foundation has funded over \$260,000 in programs for ABC schools, the majority given to schools through an annual grant program as well as their annual school backpack initiative. The ABC Education Foundation also provides educational opportunities for local students through their Enrichment Academy, where all funds raised also support ABCUSD schools. The Foundation also helped secure \$3.5 million in additional grants for the district over the last several years.

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the City of Cerritos.

One exception to the county's code involves the application submittal requirements: Cerritos currently lacks the technological capabilities to accept electronic submittal and electronic signature so applications must be submitted in person at City Hall. The council approved DCA 2017-4.

The council discussed Shoemaker Ave street improvements with Kanna Vancheswaran, Director of Public Works. The construction will replace 1,500 square feet of curbs and gutters, 1,000 square feet of sidewalks, and 18 handicap access ramps. Around Towne Center, the project will also replace painted striping and install raised tops. The construction is expected to take three weeks and to end before the school year commences.

The council stressed the importance of completing the work before school begins and Vancheswaran assured, "There could be elements of work which do not directly impact traffic, things like raising route covers, adding striping, those kinds of things can be performed between the hours of nine and two when the schools are in session, minimizing impact on traffic. But, our hope is to complete everything by the third week of August."

Towards the end of the meeting, council members struggled to agree on new meeting dates. Mayor Grace Hu wished to change the dates of future meetings because they had been set before she was

elected, while Councilman Jim Edwards pushed to keep the scheduled dates since he had already made plans around those dates.

Councilman Edwards stated, "In 30 years, on commission and committees and council, I have never missed a meeting and I take pride in that."

Mayor Hu said in response, "In 1990s, for nine years, I never missed any council meeting so I feel bad to miss any council meetings." Ultimately, Mayor Hu stated that she understood and would not want to make Councilman Edwards be absent in any meetings. The council agreed to not make any changes to the scheduled meeting dates.



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the controversial recall attempt.

Even though they have both voted very similar to Taj, Manalo, and Canales, neither Mayor pro tem Sally Flowers nor Councilman Tony Lima is included in the recall.

Both are Republicans while the Mayor and Councilman are Democrats.

Helping Trevino is Gurpal Sood, Dorothy Kane, local editor Melinda Kimsey.

Sources are also telling HMG-CN that the group is using outside campaign consultant Chris Robles.

Robles, who operates the Pericles Group, is a long time consultant with a very checkered past, his inclusion will have many local residents wondering why he has joined the recall effort.

Sources are telling HMG-CN that Robles and the new recall could be backed by trash hauling companies angry that CR&R landed Artesia's trash contract in 2015.

Their endgame is a referendum to recall and then vote on a new trash contract, but they need to clear out the Council first.

Robles checkered history is connected to several local trash haulers.

In 2008, Robles' established a political committee Save Our City and began receiving contributions, mostly from trash hauling companies.

Those companies include well-known trash haulers NASA Enterprises, Serv-Wel Disposal, Universal Waste Systems, AAA Rubbish, American Reclamation, Haul-Away Rubbish, Key Disposal, and Commercial Waste Enterprises.

Robles reportedly collected over \$128,000.



Rene Trevino and Editor and Cerritos resident Melinda Kimsey were seen together posting the intent to recall petitions at Artesia City Hall. Consultant Chris Robles was with them.

Robles and Save Our City funded a recall of Robert Urteaga & Kathy Salazar, all on the Montebello City Council in 2010.

Similar to Artesia, the two council members were part of a three-person majority that voted for an exclusive trash-hauling contract.

Robles' company, Pericles Group, was paid for the campaign literature and mailings, campaign consultation, and even a salary during the recall.

The committee also owed Robles money for the recall petition circulation.

Robles financial activities as a consultant have also been called into question.

In 2007 Lynwood Councilwoman Aide Castro agreed to pay \$3,500 to settle violations by her campaign.

Castro paid the fine after state regulators ruled that a political action committee, Voters Against Corruption, established to recall Lynwood city council members, was connected to her campaign group.

Durkee & Associates was the treasurer for Castro's and for Voters Against Corruption.

The FPPC said Robles worked as

a campaign consultant to both Castro's Group and VAC.

Durkee was accused of campaign fund mismanagement from politicians across the state, such as Senator Diana Feinstein. She was arrested in 2011 and later sentenced to 8 years in prison for fraud.

In 2009, the FPPC found that Robles failed to file his Assuming and Leaving Office Statements of Economic Interests as a Montebello Planning Commissioner.

These forms are used to spot any monetary conflict of interest relationships between an appointed officials and local companies.

In 2010, the FPPC found that Robles failed to properly report contributions and timely file campaign statements of his own campaign.

More serious, the FPPC also found Robles violated the Political Reform Act by coordinating an expenditure with a candidate.

Finally, the investigation found that Robles deposited monies intended for a committee into his own Pericles Group business bank account.

The motives of Trevino, who is the "proponent," or "leader" of the recall, have been called into question as Trevino resigned under controversy as the Artesia Parks and Recreation appointee of Mayor Ali Taj.

The May 2017 petitions submitted by Trevino and Sood contained fraudulent signatures and signatures that were obtained by false and misleading statements.

Many Artesia residents told HMG-CN, and bombarded Artesia City hall with phone calls, that Trevino and Sood told them the petition was to stop the Pioneer Blvd. project not to recall the officials.

19 of the 29 May signatures, over 60%, were withdrawn by the residents who signed the petition that invalidated the entire recall.

Sources are now telling HMG-CN that in the May recall process, while misleading residents into signing the petition, Trevino and Sood gathered over 300 signatures.

The group took 30 signatures from the May gathering and then cut and pasted them onto new petitions, submitting the months old signatures to the City Clerk to begin another recall.

Using even more questionable tactics, the group served Mayor Taj and Councilman Manalo while both were on vacation, giving the two very little time to answer the petitions.

Upon receipt of the petition Artesia Mayor Taj went out and immediately gathered three request for removals, but time is running out.

The Mayor and councilmen have until Friday July 21, 2017 to file an answer in objection to the petitions.

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Staff Report

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located at 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 (Alondra/Studebaker), will begin on August 14. Enroll online at www.cerritos.edu.

"By expanding our services to the La Mirada site, we look forward to a closer engagement with more of our neighbors. Residents will have greater access to education through these resources available in the heart of La Mirada," said Zurich Lewis, president, Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

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CRIME SUMMARIES

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There were 27 Part I felony crimes reported in Cerritos this past reporting period, resulting in a decrease of one from the previous week. The following is a breakdown of crimes by category: one robbery, one aggravated assault, seven residential burglaries, two commercial/other structure burglaries, two grand thefts, two vehicle thefts, and 12 vehicle burglaries. Cerritos Station deputies made four felony arrests, four misdemeanor arrests, two warrant arrests, and issued 93 citations. The Sheriff's dispatch center also received a total of 472 calls for service.

Robbery:

11300 block of South Street (06/27 – Evening): The victim was sitting outside at a table when the unknown suspect came up from behind and grabbed the strap of her purse. The victim held onto her purse as the suspect continued to pull on the strap, causing her to fall on the ground. The suspect dragged the victim by the purse for a few feet before finally giving up and fleeing in a vehicle.

Aggravated Assault:

239 Los Cerritos Center (07/01 – Evening): The victims were driving through the parking lot to exit the mall, when the known suspect came up from behind them and started ramming the victim's vehicle with his vehicle. After making the victim's vehicle spin out, the suspect fled the location.

Residential Burglary:

17300 block of Maria Avenue (06/30 – Morning): The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering a rear window. It is currently unknown if anything was stolen.

13600 block of Rose Street (06/28 – Evening): The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering the rear sliding door. It is currently unknown if anything was stolen.

12800 block of Arabella Street (06/28 – Evening): The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering the rear sliding door. A pistol was stolen.

18900 block of Rochelle Avenue (06/28 – Evening): The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering the rear sliding door. It is currently unknown if anything was stolen.

12400 block of Eckelson Street (06/27 – Morning): The suspect(s) entered the attached garage of the home by kicking in the side garage door. It is currently unknown if anything was stolen.

13300 block of Rose Street (06/26 – Evening): The suspect(s) entered the attached garage of the home via the garage door that was left open. A pressure washer, lawn mower, and tools were stolen.

4600 block of Santiago Drive (06/18-25 – Unknown): The suspect(s) entered the home by kicking open a second story balcony door. Valuables were stolen.

Commercial/Other Structure Burglary:

19100 block of Bloomfield Avenue (07/01-02 – Unknown): The suspect(s) entered the location by breaking the lock off of a rear door. U.S. currency and a credit card machine were stolen.

11400 block of South Street (06/25-26 – Overnight): The suspect(s) entered the location by shattering a side door. Beauty products were stolen.

Grand Theft:

11500 block of South Street (06/28

– Afternoon): The suspects stole various items from the store. Store loss prevention detained the suspect and recovered the items. The suspects were arrested.

15900 block of Indian Creek Road (06/28 – Afternoon): The suspect stole makeup products from a package that had been delivered.

Grand Theft Auto:

239 Los Cerritos Center (07/01 – Evening): The suspect(s) attempted to steal a 2004 Chevrolet Express parked in the parking lot.

17900 block of Laurelbrook Place (06/27-28 – Overnight): The suspect(s) stole a 2015 Dodge Ram 1500 parked in the driveway of the residence.

Vehicle Burglary:

13000 block of Carolyn Street (06/30 – Morning): The suspect(s) entered a 2006 Acura TSX, parked at the residence, by shattering a window. A wallet and backpack were stolen.

18600 block of Bloomfield Avenue (07/01 – Afternoon): The suspect(s) entered a Kia Sorento, parked at the location, by shattering a window. A tote bag, backpack, and lunch bag were stolen.

12700 block of Caravel Place (07/02 – Morning): The suspect(s) entered a 2010 Honda Element, parked at the residence, and stole a tote bag, tools, and vehicle paperwork. It is unknown how entry was made as there were no signs of forced entry.

12900 block of 183rd Street (07/01 – Day): The suspect(s) entered a 2009 Honda CRV, parked in the parking structure, by shattering a window. Nothing appeared to be stolen.

11800 block of Del Amo Boulevard (06/26 – Evening): The suspect(s) entered a 1997 Toyota 4Runner, parked in the parking lot, by shattering a window. A wallet was stolen.

13100 block of Acoro Place (06/30 – Morning): The suspect(s) entered a 2016 Lexus SUV, parked at the residence, by shattering a window. A backpack was stolen.

11800 block of Del Amo Boulevard (06/26 – Evening): The suspect(s) entered a 2011 Honda Civic, parked in the parking lot, by shattering a window. A purse was stolen.

11900 block of South St (06/27 – Evening): The suspect(s) entered a 2017 BMW 340I, parked in the parking lot, and stole golf clubs. It is unknown how entry was made as there were no signs of forced entry.

19700 block of Bloomfield Avenue (07/01 – Unknown): The suspect(s) entered a 2015 Honda CRV, parked in the parking lot. It is unknown how entry was made or what was stolen.

19700 block of Bloomfield Avenue (07/02 – Unknown): The suspect(s) entered a 2009 Mercedes ML350, parked in the parking lot, by shattering a window. It is unknown what was stolen.

19700 block of Bloomfield Avenue (07/02 – Unknown): The suspect(s) entered a Subaru Forester, parked in the parking lot. It is unknown how entry was made or what was taken.

LA MIRADA

Notable Arrests

• Two suspects involved in a robbery on the 13500 block of Beach Blvd were arrested.

• A suspect who attempted to rob a bank on the 12700 block of Valley View was arrested.

• Four suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various war-

rants and narcotics violations.

Robbery

• A late night robbery was reported on the 13500 block of Beach Blvd. Two suspects entered and stole several cases of Red Bull from the location. No injuries were sustained during the incident.

Aggravated Assault

• A suspect was arrested for assaulting a peace officer near the intersection of La Mirada Blvd. and Tacuba Dr. No major injuries were sustained.

Residential Burglary

• An overnight burglary was reported on the 16200 block of Glen Adler Ct. A purse and a vehicle was taken.

Other Structure Burglary

• Various tools were reported stolen from a shed during an early morning burglary on the 15100 Cordova Dr.

Vehicle Burglary

• Two late night window smash vehicle burglaries were reported on the 14300 block of Firestone Blvd. A laptop was reported stolen.

• A bag, headphones and sunglasses were reported stolen from late night window smash burglary on the 13700 block of Capistrano Dr.

• A daytime window smash burglary was reported on 16100 block of Rosecrans Ave.

• A window smash burglary on the 12700 block of Santa Gertrudes Ave.

• A duffel bag with various work related items were stolen from a window smash burglary on the 16500 block of Dundee Ct.

• A purse and passport were reported stolen on the 14800 block of Beach Blvd.

Grand Theft

• Cash and jewelry were reported stolen on the 16100 block of Rosecrans Ave.

• Two commercial propane tanks were stolen on the 12800 block of La Mirada Blvd.

• Cash was stolen under fraudulent pretenses on the 13500 block of Beach Blvd.

• A commercial filter was reported stolen on the 15000 block of Firestone Blvd.

• Cash was stolen from a safe on the 14500 block of Watkins Sr.

• A laptop was reported stolen on the 14200 block of Firestone Blvd.

Grand Theft Auto

• A commercial van was recovered on the 13300 block of Beach Blvd. The vehicle was stolen out of Brea P.D. area.

• A SUV was reported stolen on the 16800 block of Trojan Wy.

LA PALMA POLICE RECEIVE GRANT TO START BICYCLE PATROL

La Palma Police Department is putting three officers on two wheels to better access areas in the city patrol cars cannot, such as homeless encampments and apartment complexes.

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FRIENDSHIP PARK PLAYGROUND UPGRADED



NEW PLAYGROUND: From (l-r) Councilmen Jim Edwards, Naresh Solanki, Mayor Grace Hu and Mayor pro tem Mark Pulido. Photo courtesy city of Cerritos.

The Cerritos City Council recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate new playground improvements at Friendship Park. The playground received new climbers, interactive elements, slides and swings. New playground surfacing also was installed. A Candy color palette was selected for the playground equipment and the new

surfacing is blue.

“We are pleased to have completed playground improvements at yet another City park,” said Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu.

“We hope that families, children and all members the community will enjoy this new playground and everything it has to offer.”

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LOWER LA RIVER REVITALIZATION A TOP PRIORITY FOR SPEAKER RENDON

By Tammye McDuff

Hundreds of families from the Southeast district attended a summer showing of Disney's animated movie Moana, Saturday evening, July 15th.

Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon and the Lower L.A. River Working Group held a special treat inside the L.A. River channel to celebrate and learn about efforts to revitalize the Lower L.A. River.

"With the cooperation of all of the partners who have been working tirelessly for the AB 530: Updating the L.A. River Master Plan – we have been thinking how we want this river to be incorporated into our community," said Rendon, "What is exceptional about today is that we the opportunity to make this a new tradition A decorated tree at Christmas Fireworks on the 4th of July and movies now can come down to the river to see a movie."

The L.A. River originally ran freely along a floodplain in what is today the City of Los Angeles. Destructive flooding plagued the region in the 1930s, leading to the Army Corps of engineers to line most of the river with concrete as a mechanism for flood control. In 1989, Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley set up the first task force to look at restoring the river by developing a

framework for managing the river for values other than flood control, including public trust uses like wildlife and parks. In 1996, the County of Los Angeles adopted the L.A. River Master Plan, which included limited restoration funding. Since then, the City of Los Angeles adopted its own Revitalization Master Plan focusing on the river within city limits, but leaving out the Lower River that is not in the city's jurisdiction.

Green spaces and community parks play a vital role in the quality of life for urban individuals and neighborhoods. Multiple studies have shown that communities with natural spaces have significantly reduced health risks, including lower rates of cancer, asthma and obesity. A restored Lower River would provide communities of the Southeast an opportunity to reap these benefits.

"What makes our lives special, our friends and family and our community" noted John Chiang, California State Treasurer, "We have this jewel here and we have revitalized and repurposed it so that community can celebrate the environment and parks."

For many years, the City of Los Angeles has created a revitalization plan and invested considerable resources into restoring the portions of the L.A. River that flow through its borders, primarily the Upper River. Work on the Lower River, much of which falls in L.A. County and Army Corps of Engineers jurisdiction, has lagged behind. In 2014, voters approved Proposition 1, the state water bond that allocated \$100 million for the L.A. River, including for the Rivers and Mountains



Families attended a summer showing of Disney's animated movie Moana, with Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon and the Lower L.A. River Working Group. They also learned about efforts to revitalize the Lower L.A. River.

Conservancy which has responsibility for the Lower River.

"This is right in line with our mission to bring people to open spaces and enjoy a passive recreation in their own community," added Commissioner Mark Stanley of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

In 2015, Governor Brown signed Assemblymember Rendon's AB 530, which authorizes the creation of a local working group to develop a Lower River revitalization plan. Utilizing water bond funds, the Lower River plan will update the L.A. River Master Plan, beginning a conversation about how the entire river watershed can be managed collaboratively.

"Movies in the L.A. River in our Southeast communities was incredible and we need to advocate for more

events like this in the Southeast! Don't let outsiders try and dictate the needs of our communities," says Raul Alvarez, "The real Southeast progressives have been here from day one! We were here before the fake Southeast advocates and we'll be here after they leave. Let's stay united and keep fighting the good fight. It's about making our communities better at every level."

The working group's goal is to create a robust restoration plan that lays the groundwork for a revitalized Lower L.A. River that connects residents to the river that flows through their communities. The event was brought to the community by the Lower L.A. River Working Group, the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, State of California, and L.A. County.

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JOHNSON

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The allegations were likely in retaliation for a series of articles published by Hews outlining Johnson's tumultuous tenure as a Board member including taking thousands from the cash-strapped district for health insurance instead of giving the money back to ABC.

Johnson, a registered Democrat, has also drawn criticism when HMG-CN documented her questionable collaboration and recent endorsement of Melinda Kimsey, a staunch Republican and local newspaper editor who herself has a history of filing lawsuits against a school district.

In 2008, Kimsey falsely accused a 4th grade teacher of pedophilia and sexual harassment, putting the teacher "through hell" for two years.

The exposé was entitled *Cerritos Resident Melinda Kimsey Fined \$20,000 for Falsely Accusing Teacher of Pedophilia*

Ten days before trial, Kimsey withdrew her entire story in front of a judge and paid a \$20,000 fine.

Kimsey, like Johnson, was also vehemently against the ABC infrastructure bond that failed to pass, leaving the district in a state of disrepair at almost every school.

An indignant Hews said, "It seems as if Johnson and Kimsey like to blatantly lie to authorities to financially and psychologically hurt innocent people."

Johnson said in the incident report,

"regarding annoying emails, Hews sent several emails to Johnson regarding a statement given by another Board member."

"I did not send several emails, it was two, and I was very accommodating to Ms. Johnson during that time," said Hews.

The emails were related to an altercation Johnson had with ABC President Chris Apodaca in the district parking lot after a Board meeting.

Witnesses told HMG-CN that Johnson was extremely angry and hurled several "F-bombs" at Apodaca, while Apodaca tried to walk away and diffuse the situation.

Johnson said she would bring her own witnesses to refute the story but she never produced them.

Hews sent emails starting Aug 18 asking Johnson for comment on the parking lot incident; Hews then published the story online.

Johnson emailed Hews, "I am disappointed that you did not allow me to comment."

"I told her I was publishing the story in my print newspaper and I would include her comment, which I did," said Hews.

"There was no harassment, I waited for and then published her comment in print," said Hews.

"Johnson lied in the incident report to the Cerritos Sheriff's."

On August 18, after the article was published online, HMG-CN was sent a screen capture of Johnson's Facebook page on which she posted the story asking for comment.

Immediately below a comment by Cerritos resident Brad Beach, an avid



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Brian Cook
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Johnson Facebook page and post showing threat by Brian Cook. Cerritos resident and avid Johnson and Kimsey supporter Brad Beach "liked" Cook's post.

supporter of both Johnson and Melinda Kimsey, was a comment from Brian Cook, a friend of Johnson's.

Cook posted under Beach's post, "um...do you need my service? (pat-

ting my right hip.)"
"We all know what 'patting the right hip' meant," said Hews, alluding to someone patting a firearm in a

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CLASSIFICATION 2 (LEVEL, STAT CODE):

The report showing Johnson wanted the emails under 653M(b) of the penal code which is much harsher than normal "prank call code." 653M(b) involves obscene language or threats. Often Penal Code 653M charges are filed in connection with cases that also involve domestic violence or California stalking.

holster on their hip.

"And Johnson left the comment up for everyone to see, I should have filed a report on Cook's threat and Johnson's tacit approval of the post."

The next day Hews received unsolicited phone calls from ABC staff asking specifics about HMG-CN's print newspaper, its circulation, and legal adjudication.

"I emailed her back asking if the inquiry was coincidence with the Aug. 18 article publishing," said Hews.

After that email, Johnson asked Hews not to email her and to contact the district office for comment.

"I complied with her request, even though I don't have to. Johnson is an elected public figure, all publishers and reporters know what that entails," said Hews.

From August to December 2016 Hews sent all emails to district staff to obtain comments.

But Johnson once again filed another incident report and told detectives Hews threatened her with emails Dec. 6 and Dec. 26.

Hews first emailed ABC staff in December on two issues; Johnson did not answer either request.

The first request (Dec. 6) asked if Johnson would comment on her new job with Supervisor Janice Hahn.

The second request (Dec. 26) asked

for her comment on a legal opinion by ABC's law firm ruling that a conflict of interest existed between her Hahn job and her elected ABC position.

Subsequently, Hews was forced to send emails to Johnson, which Johnson told the Cerritos Detective was "threatening."

The Dec. 6 email said:

"Greetings Lynda:

Would like a comment from you on your new job.

Do you see a conflict of interest between your Board position and the Deputy position? You are representing the same cities.

For instance tonight will you give a proclamation to Chen as a rep for Hahn?

You are against unions, abstained from Prop 55, and wanted to close two schools in Haw Gardens and Artesia yet you are working for progressive Hahn?

Thank you. Publishing article at 4 today."

At the time, many openly questioned that hiring, as Johnson's political views and vindictive actions against the ABCUSD union and teachers were in sharp contrast to those of Supervisor Hahn's.

Later, HMG-CN exclusively obtained the opinion from ABC's law firm that said Johnson was in violation

of Government Code 1126 and should either resign her ABCUSD Board position or quit her job with Supervisor Hahn.

Hews sent another email to Johnson on Dec. 26, 2016 for comment.

Hews wrote, "I have the Dec. 22 opinion letter, would you like to provide me with a quote? Publishing later today. Brian."

Four hours later at 4:33 p.m. Hews asked for comment once again writing, "No quote? You should say something..."

Johnson's response to the emails was to file an incident report and call the emails "threatening."

Johnson told the detective, "I never responded to Hews and discovered he posted an article (about the opinion letter) online."

"Johnson felt Hews' emails were harassing and threatening in nature."

Approximately one month after Johnson filed the second report, a detective at the Cerritos Sheriff Station left a voice mail for Hews about "an criminal incident filed against you."

"Obviously I was very alarmed and apprehensive when returning the call, I have never been called by a detective I did not know what it was about, I did not know Johnson filed the report," said Hews.

"The detective asked me about

Lynda Johnson and told me about her report, I told him I was a newspaper publisher and that her allegations were baseless."

The detective then said, "if you are a newspaper publisher there is no case here, it can't be threatening or harassment. I'm closing this case right now, have a nice day."

"He shut the conversation down after he learned I was a newspaper publisher," said Hews.

"But that was secondary, my emails were not threatening or harassing yet Johnson told the detective that, she lied on police report.

In California, P.C. § 148.5(a) defines the offense of making a false police report.

"Every person who reports to any peace officer that a felony or misdemeanor has been committed, knowing the report to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

The penalty is 6 months in the county jail; the court could also impose probation, counseling classes, and community service or community labor. In addition, the court may impose restitution and court fines.

Other documents can be found at loscerritosnews.net

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ARTESIA PUNISHERS TO BE WELL REPRESENTED IN TWO NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

By Loren Kopff
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The end of the travel ball softball season is here and with that comes the final national tournaments that teams will participate in, trying to win one final championship for the 2016-2017 season. The Artesia Punishers will send five teams to the West Coast American Fastpitch Association Nationals in Fontana July 24-30 and two more to the Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championships July 22-28. Listed below are rosters of four of the seven teams (the other three were not received as of press time) as well as other information regarding their respective tournament.

ARTESIA PUNISHERS

18 GOLD

Manager: Bob Medina

4. Alexis Lopez

C/3B Los Osos High

8. Casey Moritz

OF Villa Park High/Southwestern

University

14. Yamila Evans

P/UT San Marino High/Siena College

15. Kieren Lopez

3B/UT (Bakersfield) Frontier High

17. Allie Udell

OF/P Whittier Christian High/Cerritos College

25. Jessica Carmo

OF/P El Dorado High/Southwestern Oklahoma State University

27. Samantha Mancillas

SS/CF Santa Fe High

32. Jessi Alvarado

1B/RFGahr High

42. Quincy Greenwood

P/1B San Pedro High

43. Sa mantha Ramirez

C/3B Villa Park High/North Carolina A&T University

44. Anessa Quiroz

C San Pedro High

55. Brianna Garrett

P/MI Quartz Hill High/ Siena College

72. Alianna Orduna

3B/1B Villa Park High/Manhattanville College

88. Angie Porcayo

C Bellflower High/Spokane College Pool play games (all on Field 7 at Fountain Valley Sports Park)

Saturday, July 22, 2:00 a.m. vs. (Las Vegas) Lil Rebels-Gordie

Sunday, July 23, 8:00 a.m. vs. (West Covina) Heybucket

Sunday, July 23, 11:30 a.m. vs. (Oxnard) Ashley Creamer Elite Softball

Monday, July 24-first of double elimination bracket games (bracket to be revealed on July 22)

Monday, July 24, 5:00-7:00 p.m.,

Opening ceremonies at Huntington Beach Central Park

Tuesday, July 25-second of double elimination bracket games

Friday, July 28, 8:30 a.m. @ Deanna Manning Stadium, Bill Barber Park, Irvine

This is the fifth straight year that Bob Medina has sent a team to the PGF National Championships. After

failing to win a playoff bracket game the first three years, the Punishers won their first two games before losing the next two. It marked the first time since 2010 that a Medina-coached Punishers team had won the first two games of a National Championship tournament.

ARTESIA PUNISHERS

18-UNDER

Manager: Armando Canizales

2. Nicoal Magdaleno

OF La Habra High/Cerritos College

3. Samantha Noriega

3B/OF Carson High

6. Aliana Carrazco

2B Paramount High/Cerritos College

7. Kirsten Hernandez

P/1B Lakewood High/La Sierra University

16. DeAndria Lockett

P Hawthorne Math and Science Academy/La Sierra University

20. Nikki Aldecoa

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"I didn't think Jake was as sharp as maybe we've seen him," said Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash. "But it looked like the command was a little bit of an issue for him. [Pitching coach Jim Hickey] made the point maybe he was trying to do a little bit too much early in the game and especially with his off-speed pitches. A lot of his balls were in the dirt. But give Jake Faria a lot of credit for making an adjustment and being able to overcome, maybe not feeling his best."

Through the first four innings, Faria had thrown 76 pitches. But in the fifth inning, he struck out Cole Calhoun, got Mike Trout to fly out on one pitch and induced Pujols in a groundout. The next inning, he got Yunel Escobar to fly out on one pitch, struck out Andreton Simmons and received a comebacker from Luis Valbuena.

"I thought he did a really nice job of that," Cash said of bouncing back in middle innings. "We've said that from day one; since we've seen Jake, whether he's putting himself into those jams or we didn't make a play behind him, or whatever it is, it seems like it doesn't rattle him too much. He just

continues to get back on the mound, focus on the batter and not what's taken place before that.

"He got into a pretty good rhythm there," Cash added. "That was his best stretch when he already had 85 pitches under his belt. He continues to impress for a young guy who has [seven] starts in the big leagues. His presence on the mound and the way he carries himself seems like more of a veteran who has been out there a lot more than he has."

According to David Faria, the family had season tickets for four or five years when Jacob was growing up and his first baseball game he saw was an Angels game. They would see roughly 50-60 games a season and their seats were down the right field line because Jacob was a Vladimir Guerrero fan. Jacob also modeled the pitching delivery of Jared Weaver and learned how to play baseball by watching the Angels play.

"I really didn't focus on a major league baseball career," David Faria said. "The focus was on [Jacob] getting seen by college coaches. He committed to California State University, Fullerton and that was what we were looking for. It was his senior year [at Gahr] when all of a sudden he had all of these scouts following him throughout his senior year and he ended up getting drafted."

David Faria said he left it up to Jacob on draft day to decide what he wanted to do as he weighed the pros and cons of going to CSUF.

Jacob Faria was drafted in the 10th round of the 2011 MLB Amateur Draft but it wasn't until 2015 that his ascension towards the Rays began to take off. After pitching in 31 games through his first three seasons in the minors with 14 decisions, Jacob Faria started 23 games in 2014 for Bowling Green, pitching close to 120 innings. Then the real fun began for him, and the Rays organization.

He was the 2015 co-Florida State League Pitcher of the Year as he went 10-1 with an earned run average of 1.33. The next season, he shared time with the Montgomery Biscuits in AA ball and the Durham Bulls in AAA and had a combined 5-10 record in 27 starts. He began this season in Durham

where he went 6-1 with an ERA of 3.07 in 11 starts with 84 strikeouts.

David Faria recalls that he was at work when Jacob called after a Durham Bulls game and thought it was weird that he would call at that time of day. He had told his father to get a ticket for Tampa because he was starting on June 7. In his debut, he lasted into the sixth inning, allowed three hits, struck out five and walked two. He left with the Rays up 3-1, which would be the final score.

"Just overall excitement," Jacob Faria said of his emotions. "Not to say that I was sitting there expecting [to be called up] because there are so many guys who can go up there in front of you."

As it related to last weekend, David Faria said he had planned on getting a block of tickets for Friday and Saturday, then decided to reserve a block for the entire weekend. He figured his son would start Saturday or Sunday but had until July 10th to let the Angels know which day he needed for the tickets. He received a call from Jacob on the 8th to let him know he was pitching the first game out of the All-Star break.

"Just to see where he has gotten to, from starting when he was a little kid until high school and to the minor leagues... I never missed a minor league season traveling up to see him... to where he's at now is awesome," David Faria said. "He's worked so hard; been through the ups and downs of the minor league system and his hard work has really paid off."

"On the plane trip, I didn't really start thinking about it until we started to land," Jacob Faria said of coming home for the first time as a major league player. "It feels like I'm coming home but I'm coming here three months early. A lot of things came into my mind but it was really fun."

The fast start to his professional career has already made its way to the Elias Sports Bureau. Before last Friday's game, there were only two other active pitchers-Weaver and Zach Duke, who had started 4-0 or better with an ERA of 2.11 or lower through their first six starts. He is the first pitcher since Masahiro Tanaka of the New York Yankees to begin his career with half

a dozen quality starts and became the first player in Tampa Bay history go at least six innings in his first six starts.

"I really don't know what to say about that," Jacob Faria said. "I'm just trying to take it and run with it and as long as I keep doing good and everything is going well, I'm just going to ride it out."

"He's a young guy who has been, for the most part, really quiet," Cash said. "Every fifth day he probably speaks volume for what he does on the field. But this organization, fortunate for the Rays, has developed a lot of really good pitchers and it seems like he's falling in line right with a lot of those big names."

Three days before Jacob Faria made the start against the Angels, another former Gahr pitcher was basking in the national spotlight. Houston Astro pitcher Chris Devenski, who also was in the same draft class as Faria, pitched a perfect inning in the All-Star Game. While they were never Gahr teammates, they have the same pitching coach. The Rays and Astros will see each other in a four-game series July 31-Aug. 3 in Houston with Faria projected to start the third game of that series.

Before those two, it was 2003 graduate Kris Medlen who was called up to the big show in 2009 with the Atlanta Braves. After spending the past two seasons with the Kansas City Royals, Medlen is back with the Braves organization.

"It's been great," Jacob Faria said of the Gahr connection. "We go to Houston in two weeks and I'm looking forward to seeing buddies of mine. It's just cool. Guys like Devo... we didn't go to high school together. He was a senior when I was a freshman at a different school. But we work out together in the offseason. Just to see those guys doing so well is awesome."



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 Tuesday, July 25, 1:00 p.m., Field 6 vs. (Garden Grove) American Pastime-Yslas
 Tuesday, July 25, 4:40 p.m., Field 6 vs. (Diamond Bar) Powernet Southern

California Hawks
 Wednesday, July 26, 6:00 p.m., Field 4 vs. (Concord) Ladyhawks
 Friday, July 28, 9:30 a.m., Field 4 vs. Quickturn
 Friday, July 28, 1:30 p.m., Field 3 vs. (Ontario) Sudden Impact
 Saturday, July 29-double elimination playoff games begin

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19. Elizabeth Alarcon C/INF/OF
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24. Jaela Ruiz INF
27. Alexis Duenas C
28. Aryanna Signoretti OF/INF
42. Jessie Lopez SS
77. Jasmin Ochoa 2B

Pool play games at Jack Bulik Park
 Tuesday, July 25, 11:10 a.m., Field 2 vs. Corona Angels Red-Perez
 Tuesday, July 25, 4:40 p.m., Field 3 vs. Southern California Victory
 Wednesday, July 26, 12:30 p.m., Field 4 vs. Firecrackers Eastside
 Wednesday, July 26, 4:10 p.m., Field 4 vs. Orange County Elite-Cook
 Thursday, July 27, 7:20 p.m., Field 4 vs. Orange County Warriors
 Friday, July 28-double elimination playoff games begin
 The team qualified for the Nationals by winning an AFA qualifier in Fontana in May

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The La Mirada Rotary Club has a new meeting place at Sizzler Restaurant at 15252 Rosecrans Avenue. Business and community leaders meet to network, hear interesting speakers, and plan service projects during lunch at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Visitors are welcome to attend.

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La Mirada's annual Stroll in the Park event will be held Thursday, July 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Creek Park. Enjoy live music, food, games, and fun at one of La Mirada's most popular summer events.

"This free event is perfect for all ages to relax and spend the evening strolling through the park and listening to great bands," says Supervisor Oliver Osuna.

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