



JOHNSON REFUSES TO CONCEDE ABCUSD RACE

By Brian Hews



LYNDA JOHNSON

ABCUSD Board Trustee Lynda Johnson, who lost her election by 167 votes when only 1,441 votes were cast, has said that she would not concede until the ballots are officially certified and all provisional ballots have been counted.

HMG-CN talked with local city clerks who indicated the chances of anything wrong or miscalculated are extremely unlikely.

Most of the time, any vote by mail or provisional ballots left to be counted would adhere to the same percentages of

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LA MIRADA CHEER PLACES 2ND IN BIG TOURNAMENT



Pictured bottom row (l-r), Jenessa, Reagan, Sabrina, and Bridget; top row (l-r), Julia, Alexa, Maily, and Destinie. When they started, some of the girls were not able to perform cartwheels, they are now executing back hand springs and cartwheels.

By Brian Hews

The La Mirada Matadors Cheer Team, part of La Mirada Pop Warner, recently placed 2nd out of 92 teams in a recent Orange County cheer competition.

The 2017 OEC Cheer Competition was held Oct. 22 at the Bren Events Center on the campus of UC Irvine.

The team is now on their way to a regional competition with an eye on the Florida Cheer Nationals Competition in December to compete against the top teams in the nation.

This is the first time in years that a La Mirada cheer team has made it this far in the competition which is considered intermediate.

The team includes eight hard work-

ing nine and ten year old girls who are all residents of La Mirada. Some of the girls were not able to perform cartwheels at the beginning are now are executing back hand springs.

The team practices outside so injuries are part of the process as is the weather.

But as hard as it is to practice, it is much harder financially to get to the finals in Florida.

The team is in the middle of a campaign to raise money to travel to Florida starting a gofundme page titled La Mirada Cheer.

The team is asking for area resident's help in raising \$6,000 to travel to Florida and represent La Mirada.

Anyone interested can go to their gofundme page, La Mirada Cheer, and donate.

SEARCH WARRANT SERVED ON FRAUD SUSPECT IN CERRITOS



A man in his mid-twenties, (against black and white vehicle), who hid under a parked RV, was arrested near Squaw Valley and Denny in Cerritos. Witnesses said it took multiple police units and one undercover unit to apprehend the suspect. HMG-CN was told that another police agency served the warrant on the man for fraud and forgery charges. Photo by Jim McMahon.

ABCUSD AREA THREE WINNER NISHII STUNS OPPOSING CAMPAIGNS

By Larry Caballero

Few Americans predicted Trump's victory in 2016, and fewer Cerritos voters thought that ABC School Board candidate for Area 3, H. Ernie Nishii, would win on Nov.7. He was running against the incumbent, Lynda Johnson; former ABC Board member and labor representative, Armin Reyes; and a young man who received the endorsement from ABC School Board President Chris Apodaca.

The turnout was low—only 1,441 votes were cast. Yet Nishii garnered 39

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H. Ernie Nishii

HIGH LEVELS OF LEAD FOUND IN FIDGET SPINNERS

Lab results indicate unhealthy amounts of lead in popular toys available nationwide.

From CLAPIRG Education

Oakland – CALPIRG Education Fund found fidget spinners with high levels of lead for sale at Target stores across the country.

Parents and consumers need to know about these lead-laden toys, especially because we alerted Target and the toy's distributor, Bulls i Toy, to our findings, but they refused to address the problem.

The toxic fidget spinners are still available both in toy aisles at Target stores and on its website.

Incredibly, Target and Bulls i Toy defend their inaction by pointing to the Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) declaration that fidget spinners are NOT technically "children's products" subject to legal limits for lead.

"Saying fidget spinners aren't toys defies common sense, as millions of parents

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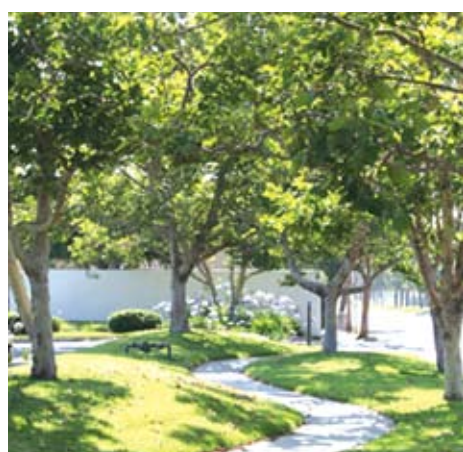
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OLYMPIA CHEN RETIRES FROM ABCUSD AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE



Numerous elected officials and community leaders—past and present—attended the Nov. 8 event at the ABC School District Boardroom to recognize retiring ABC School Board member Olympia Chen for twenty years of dedicated service to ABC. Included were (l-r): from the Office of Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, Senior Field Representative Irma Gorrocinco, State Senator Tony Mendoza's representative Ana Perez, Hawaiian Gardens City Councilmember Reynaldo Rodriguez, former Cerritos Mayor Laura Lee, former ABC Trustee Celia Spitzer, Hawaiian Gardens Mayor Hank Trimble, ABC Trustees Lynda Johnson, Soo Yoo, Sophia Tse, Maynard Law, Chen, ABC Board President Chris Apodaca, Superintendent Mary Sieu, ABC Trustee Leticia Mendoza, Artesia Mayor Ali Taj, Lakewood Councilmember Steve Croft, Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia's representative Christopher Craig, Artesia Councilmember Miguel Canales, and Cerritos Councilmembers Frank Yokoyama and Mark Pulido.

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Please check with local restaurant participation before you go, most require valid military id.

Stop into a participating **Applebee's** on Saturday, November 11, 2017 to get your Veterans day free meal.

Olive Garden Veterans Day Free Meal (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

Chili's Veterans Day Free Meal (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

Denny's Veterans Day Free Grand Slam (Friday, November 10, 2017)

Red Lobster Veterans Day Free Appetizer or Dessert (November 11, 2017)

TGI Fridays Veterans Day Free Lunch (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

Red Robin Veterans Day Free Meal (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

LongHorn Steakhouse Veterans Day Free Appetizer or Dessert (Nov. 11, 2017)

Free Veterans Day Pancakes at **IHOP** (Friday, November 10, 2017)

Outback Steakhouse Free Bloomin' Onion & Beverage (Saturday, November 11, 2017) Outback Steakhouse is also giving out a military discount of 15% off the total check from Nov. 12 to Dec. 31, 2017.

BJ's Restaurants & Brewhouse Veterans Day Free Meal (November 10-11, 2017)

Carrabba's Free Appetizer for Veterans Day (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

Krispy Kreme Veterans Day Free Doughnut and Coffee (November 11, 2017)

Dunkin' Donuts Veterans Day Free Donut (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

Bonefish Grill Free Veterans Day Appetizer (November 11, 2017)

Famous Dave's Veterans Day Free Meal (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

Golden Corral Veterans Day Free Meal (Monday, November 13, 2017)

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Little Caesars Pizza Free Veterans Day Pizza (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

Ruby Tuesday Free Veterans Day Appetizer (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

IKEA's Free Veterans Day Meal (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

Sizzler Veterans Day Free Lunch (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

Coco's Bakery Veterans Day Free Pie (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

Charlie Brown's Veterans Day Free Lunch (Friday, November 10, 2017)

Wienerschnitzel Veterans Day Free Chili Dog (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

Chevys Free Veterans Day Food (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

Free Slice of Pie at **Carrows** (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

Free Coffee/Tea on Veterans Day at **Peet's Coffee & Tea** (November 11, 2017)

Bruegger's Bagels Veterans Day Free Coffee (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

Bakers Square Free Veterans Day Breakfast (Saturday, November 11, 2017)

Farmer Boys Free Veterans Day Cheeseburgers (Friday, November 10, 2017)

Claim Jumper Veterans Day Free Meal (Monday, November 13, 2017)

Margaritas Mexican Restaurant's Free Veterans Day Meal (November 11, 2017)

Hooters - Stop into Hooters on November 11 to pick something off their Hooters Veterans Day Menu when you purchase a beverage. Military ID or proof of service is required.

Mimi's Cafe - With the purchase of any non-alcoholic beverage, veterans and active duty military with proof of military ID can get a free meal at Mimi's Cafe on November 11. Breakfast choices include Four Buttermilk Griddlecakes, Brioche French Toast, and Farmhouse Tacos. Lunch and dinner options include Slow Roasted Turkey, Asian Chicken Chopped Salad, and Brioche Cheeseburger.

Uno Pizzeria & Grill - Uno Pizzeria & Grill thanks military members for their service by offering a free meal or individual pizza on Veterans Day, November 11, with the purchase of a meal or pizza. This deal does not require a coupon of any type, but you do need to show valid military or veteran ID.

Boston Market - Get a second meal free this Veterans Day weekend (Nov 10-12) when you purchase an individual meal with a drink. This is valid for active and retired military, as well as their families. No military ID required but a coupon is needed, which you can get from the Boston Market website through the link above.

Freebirds World Burrito - All day on Saturday, November 11, vets and retired military members get a BOGO meal that can include burritos, bowls, tacos, nachos, quesadillas, and salads. Military ID is necessary.

Creamistry - On Saturday, November 11, all Creamistry locations are offering veterans and active military 50% off any ice cream from their menu. Retired or existing military ID is necessary.

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LAKWOOD CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY



Assemblyman Anthony Rendon standing for the Pledge of Allegiance with WWII veteran Sam Sachs. Photo courtesy of City of Lakewood

By Tammye Mc Duff

In honor of Veterans Day, Lakewood's state Assembly Member Anthony Rendon held a free breakfast honoring "The Heroes Among Us."

The event was held Tuesday, November 7th at The Centre at Sycamore Plaza, 5000 Clark Ave., Lakewood.

Lakewood's 102-year-old World War II veteran Sam Sachs delivered the keynote address.

Also being honored was Lakewood resident Allen Cooper, featured in Lakewood CityTV's video, "Patriotic Letter Writer." Cooper has written thousands of letters to U.S. servicemembers from World War II through today.

RAISING CANE'S TO OPEN IN LAKWOOD

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers, the Louisiana-based restaurant company with legions of loyal fans known as "Caniacs," has broken ground on its first Lakewood restaurant at 4634 Candlewood St.

When the Lakewood restaurant opens across the street from the Lakewood Center, it will be the ninth Raising Cane's in California and among more than 370 na-

tionwide. The company will begin hiring 120 crewmembers for the new restaurant in the months ahead.

"We are thrilled to continue our growth in California," said Area Director Cheryl Reed. "We're looking forward to assembling a great crew and getting involved with the schools and other organizations all across this great community."

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the vote cast in the election.

H. Ernie Nishii tallied 39% of the vote (562 votes), Johnson 27.41% of the vote (395 votes), Armin Reyes 24.64% of the vote (355 votes), and Daniel Fierro tallied 8.95% (129 votes) of the vote.

The pattern would reflect those percentages: if 100 votes were left to be counted, 39 would go to Nishii, 27 would go to Johnson, 25 would go to Reyes, and 9 would go to Fierro.

In essence, Nishii would still be the winner.

HMG-CN contacted Al Gaff, campaign manager for Johnson, who said, "It doesn't harm the process to tabulate all ballots. Based on turn out, I would agree Lynda faces headwinds on over taking Ernie."

HMG sent Miss Johnson an email for comment, which went unanswered.

In other local election news the controversial Measure S .75% tax increase in Montebello went down handily, with 62.13% voting no on the tax, while 37.87% voted yes.

Allegations surrounded the election, with those in support of the measure accused of stealing No on Measure S signs.

Also, the tax was first proposed at 1%, then reduced when city officials "found out" they were over the state limit, which reduced the tax to .75%

Montebello voters also placed term limits on council with 85% voting yes.

A council-person can now serve three consecutive terms, 12 years, then is required to sit out for four years.

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CITY COMMITS TO IMPROVED TREE TRIMMING MAINTENANCE



Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu

The City of Cerritos has approximately 28,000 trees in its urban forest. Of this total, approximately 25,000 trees are located in medians and parkways, with the remaining trees located in parks or at other City facilities.

Mature, well-maintained trees enhance the value of homes and neighborhoods. They help moderate temperatures, lower energy costs and provide oxygen.

Several years ago, the economic downturn resulted in Citywide budget cuts. However, since March 2016, the Cerritos City Council has committed to an increase in tree trimming maintenance. Between March and June 2016, 1,607 trees were trimmed by the City's contractor, Golden West Arborists. In the 2016-2017 fiscal year, 6,980 trees were trimmed by the City's contractor and 1,500 trees were trimmed by City staff, resulting in a total of 8,480 trees trimmed. This fiscal year, the City Council approved a budget of \$950,000 for tree trimming. So far 1,936 trees have been trimmed by the City's contractor and 408 trees have been trimmed

by City staff, for a total of 2,344 trees trimmed.

The City is comprised of 20 tree trimming districts of roughly the same geographical size. The City follows standard tree trimming guidelines provided by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), which recommend that, in general, trees be trimmed on average every four years. ISA standards also dictate that no more than 25 percent of a tree be removed during trimming. Severe overpruning is prohibited.

In October, the Cerritos City Council approved additional tree trimming services to facilitate the Citywide tree trimming project. A contract was awarded to Great Scott Tree Service for \$350,000 to cover tree trimming in three districts through June 2018. This will result in the trimming of approximately 2,590 trees in the current fiscal year.

An additional \$204,795 was awarded to Great Scott Tree Service for the removal of 369 residential trees. These trees are in need of removal due to various reasons. Staff removes approximately 300 trees annually that are determined to be hazardous. The City's Municipal Code dictates that staff can only remove trees for health and safety purposes. In 2014, the City Council approved a

modification to the City's Tree Removal Policy, which allows for tree removal if a parkway tree has caused significant damage to private property as supported by an approved claim. The policy also allows residents to pay for parkway tree trimming and/or tree removal by contracting directly with a tree maintenance company that meets City-specified qualifications.

The City's comprehensive tree management program, which has been allocated \$1,504,795 in fiscal year 2017-2018, includes trimming, removal, replacement, disease management and the identification of problematic trees in urban settings. Our overall goal is to encourage a park-like community through the development of landscaped public areas and open spaces, and to preserve and protect our trees to provide valuable benefits to our community.

Updated tree trimming district maps that track the progress of the City's tree trimming project are available on the City's website at cerritos.us. Click on the "Residents" bar on the left-hand side, then select "Public Works" and "Tree Trimming." For more information on street-tree care or the City's tree ordinance, call the Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220.

SPINNERS

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whose kids play with spinners can tell you," said Emily Rusch, Executive Director of CALPIRG Education Fund. "The CPSC, Target, and Bulls i Toy need to acknowledge the obvious -- that all fidget spinners are toys. So, Target needs to immediately stop selling the toys that contain high amounts of lead, and issue a recall for those that they've already sold."

Lab results showed two fidget spinners contained extremely high levels of lead, well over the federal legal limit of 100 parts per million (ppm) for lead in children's products:

Fidget Wild Premium Spinner Brass: The center circle tested for 33,000 parts per million (ppm) of lead.

Fidget Wild Premium Spinner Metal: The center circle tested for 1,300 ppm of lead. Alarmingly, when CALPIRG Education Fund notified the CPSC about the elevated lead levels in the fidget spinners, the CPSC responded in an email that these fidget spinners are general use products, not children's products. Simply stated, the CPSC will not hold these fidget spinners

to federal lead standards applicable to toys. The CPSC's public position is that it only considers a fidget spinner a toy if it is labeled for 12 or under.

"All fidget spinners have play value as children's toys regardless of age labeling," added Rusch. "The buck has to stop with someone. CPSC stands for the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Now is the time for it to stand up for consumers. We can't sit idly by while children play with these toxic toys -- and yes, common sense dictates that these are toys."

CALPIRG staff reached out to Target, Corp. and Bulls i Toy, L.L.C with our test results. Both companies along with the CPSC, claim that these fidget spinners are general use products, and not children's products subject to legal limits for lead, because they contain a 14+ label. Therefore, neither company will issue a recall or remove them from store shelves. Ironically, how Target markets the spinners -- in the toy aisle and also on its website --, belies its claim to us that the spinner is a general use product, not a toy. Neither company refuted our high lead test results.

Lead exposure is particularly damaging for young children because of its impact on development. Even low levels of lead in blood have been shown to undermine IQ, attentiveness, and academic achievement. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) makes clear that any amount of lead in a child's blood is unsafe. Moreover, since the effects of lead exposure cannot be reversed, it is especially important to prevent lead exposure to children in the first place.

"Even small amounts of lead in toys can be ingested when transferred from fingers to mouth or from fingers to food," said national lead expert Helen Binns, MD, pediatrician at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and Professor of Pediatrics at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. "Lead harms the developing brain and is easily ingested through normal hand to mouth behaviors. Beware of these 2 fidget spinners, as they have dangerous amounts of lead."

CALPIRG Education Fund has the following recommendations:

For consumers:

- Adults and children alike should immediately stop using these fidget spinners.
- Call on Target to immediately recall these fidget spinners.
- Subscribe to email recall updates from the CPSC and other U.S. government safety agencies available at <http://www.recalls.gov/>.
- For Target and fidget spinner distributor Bulls i Toy, L.L.C.:
- Immediately recall these fidget spinners and remove them from store shelves and websites.
- Issue a public statement about the recall due to high lead content.
- Investigate how these toys came to contain such extremely high levels of lead and make those findings public.
- Ensure that other fidget spinners sold or manufactured do not contain high levels of lead.
- Notify customers who purchased these fidget spinners, where contact information is available, that they should stop using the fidget spinners due to high levels of lead and offer a return for full refund.
- For the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC):
- Ensure that all fidget spinners are classified as toys and that they must meet federal regulations for children's products.
- Address the flaws in its 2002 Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Toys that place too much emphasis on manufacturer statements and marketing and not enough on play value or whether a product is "commonly recognized" by consumers as a toy.
- Investigate any misleading marketing by Target, Corp. and Bulls i Toy, L.L.C. and take appropriate action. Although the labels on the toy boxes say 14+, they're clearly being marketed to children under 12 years.
- Conduct testing of other brands of fidget spinners, especially those labeled "brass" or "metal", for lead.
- The fidget spinners were tested for lead content by a CPSC-accredited laboratory. The toys that tested for high lead levels were re-tested to confirm the results. Both test results were given to the CPSC, Target, Corp., and Bulls i Toy, L.L.C.

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CALIFORNIA STATE TREASURER IS READY TO FIGHT



California State Treasurer John Chiang (center) and OCYD officers and members welcome more than 60 guests for attending their Nov. 3 Law & Politics event.

By Larry Caballero
On Politics

Political campaigns can be uncomfortable sometimes, for both the candidate and the voter, especially when one campaign begins to attack the other.

Recently, 2018 Gubernatorial candidates Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom and California State Treasurer John Chiang have begun to voice their criticisms on social media. Chiang said Newsom started it, and it was his duty to respond.

“While Mayor Gavin Newsom’s San Francisco was called “the Worst-Run Big City in the U.S. by the San Francisco Weekly, I fought to make government more accountable and efficient.

I identified over \$9 billion in waste, fraud, and abuse, and saved billions of taxpayer dollars that is now going towards education, healthcare, affordable housing and other priorities for California.”

Chiang continued to praise his accomplishments while attacking another perceived opponent—Donald Trump—at the Orange County Young Democrats’ (OCYD) Nov. 3 event, entitled “An Evening on Law & Politics in the Age of Donald Trump”, held at the Traut Law Firm offices in Santa Ana.

Chiang shared his personal story growing up as a child of immigrant parents who worked very hard to give their children a shot at the American Dream.

While experiencing bigotry as the first Asian American family who moved into a middle class neighborhood, “my parents never gave up on a better life for their family, and that’s why I will never give up on the same for you.”

Conducting the State’s business as State Treasurer, overseeing trillions of dollars in transactions each year, Chiang knows that the State may have recovered from the Great Recession, “but there are millions of Californians who are still economically

dislocated and not within reach of the opportunities enjoyed by past generations of Californians.

Chiang promised to continue fighting for the security of Californians for generations to come.

“California is ground central, and it’s up to us to come together and stop what is happening in Washington,” said Chiang. “We are the Resistance, and we must advance arguments when hot button issues arise with no resolution.”

Chiang believes that regardless of social or economic class, everyone deserves a quality education.

We are sending a powerful signal that Trump and the Republican Congress are sending the wrong message. We must be crystal care that we need to stand together to support our values for the public good.

Chiang continued, “We need an all hands on deck approach when conflict arises over a woman’s right to choose, accessible health care, immigration reform, homelessness or affordable housing. The Republican tax proposal, for example, is attacking the poor and people of color while giving huge tax cuts to the wealthy.”

Chiang believes that the tax plan authored by House GOP leaders would wipe out billions of dollars in funding for low-income housing in California.

Under the GOP’s tax proposal, part of a tax credit program that reduces what companies owe in taxes in exchange for investing in low-income housing projects would effectively be eliminated, and so would a federal bond program that also funds housing developments.

Chiang said the proposal is unacceptable. “We can do better.”

He is looking forward to combat the problems that are ahead for California, and he is prepared to take on the Trump Administration if it attempts to take away funding from the state because of its current policies.

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By Larry Caballero
On Politics

"I am not running for Governor because I am a woman. I'm running for Governor because I'm the best candidate," said gubernatorial candidate and former Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin. She spoke Nov. 4 at the Anaheim Democratic Club monthly meeting where she thanked those in attendance "for being engaged and involved. This is a dire time for the nation, and we all need to stand up and be counted."

She said, "There seems to be a lack in faith in democracy and in each other whether they are the Dreamers, LGBT

community, immigrants, poor, people of color or the homeless."

Eastin said, "The country needs to stop wringing its hands and start dreaming a good case of optimism. We need to start thinking big, that we can accomplish anything if we try."

She believes Americans need to fight the Trump agenda and policies while fighting for better schools, clean air and water. "And I believe in health care for all."

Eastin believes that Trump "is lying in the pockets of the rich with his tax policies, yet the state and country can move forward, and there is no excuse for California having the largest number and



Gubernatorial candidate Delaine Eastin tells local community activists that she is ready to do the job that the office requires.

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highest percentage of poor children in the country. California also has a record number of poor women and children who are homeless."

She supports class size reduction in the public schools and more funding for academic and career technical education. "We are number 39 in per pupil spending, 49 in class size, and dead last in the number of nurses and counselors in our public schools. Yet we are number one in the money spent on prisons. We can do better."

Since 1965, California has built six colleges and twenty-three prisons.

"This should not be happening in Cal-

ifornia that is the sixth largest economy in the world. We need new leadership that has values. We need leadership that has a backbone. We need to invest in our kids' education."

Eastin believes part of the solution is long range planning and a maintenance plan to address the issues of today and far into the future. "The world is changing so we must create new jobs that will be needed in the future."

While some have believed that Eastin is only interested in education issues, she says no. "I'm not a one note Samba. I know a lot about a lot of subjects."

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CITY CRIME SUMMARIES

Cerritos

There were 23 Part I crimes reported in Cerritos this past reporting period, resulting in an increase of five from the previous week. The following is a breakdown of crimes by category: two robberies, five residential burglaries, two commercial/other structure burglaries, two grand thefts, four vehicle thefts, and eight vehicle burglaries. Cerritos Station deputies made two felony arrests, six misdemeanor arrests, four warrant arrests, and issued 51 citations. The Sheriff's dispatch center also received a total of 339 calls for service.

Robbery:

Bertha Street & Gridley Road (10/25 – Evening): As the victim was standing by a park table, the suspects came up from behind. One of the suspects shouted to get the victim's attention. When the victim turned around, the suspect demanded his property. The victim refused. The suspect lunged towards the victim, grabbing the victim's keys and phone from the table. The victim demanded his property back. The suspect told the victim he should leave before he gets assaulted, then reached towards his waistband as though he were grabbing a weapon. The victim fled to his vehicle and the suspects fled on foot towards Gridley Road.

Ashworth Street & Gridley Road (10/24 – Afternoon): The victim was walking towards the mall with her cellphone in her hand when she was approached by the suspects. One of the suspects asked the victim if she had a problem. The suspect then grabbed the phone out of the victim's hand. The victim feared being assaulted by the suspects so she did not attempt to retrieve her phone. The suspects fled on foot down Ashworth Street.

Residential Burglary:

18600 block of Clyde Park Avenue (10/22-23 – Unknown): The suspect(s) attempted to enter the home by punching holes in a rear window. Entry was not made.

19300 block of Stefani Avenue (10/24 – Morning): The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering the glass to the rear sliding door. Valuables were stolen.

19400 block of Crossdale Avenue (10/24 – Day): The suspect(s) entered the home by shattering the glass to the rear sliding door. It is unknown if anything was stolen.

19100 block of Allingham Avenue (10/24-27 – Unknown): The suspect(s) entered the home via the rear sliding door, while the home was being fumigated. Stolen were valuables.

12000 block of Felson Place (10/21-24 – Unknown): The suspect(s) attempted to enter the home by prying open the rear windows. Entry was not made.

Commercial/Other Structure Burglary:

13300 block of Artesia Boulevard (10/29 – Morning): The suspect(s) entered the location by shattering the glass to the rear side door. It is unknown if anything was stolen.

12500 block of Artesia Boulevard (10/29 – Morning): The suspect(s) entered the location by shattering the glass to the rear side door. It is currently unknown if anything was stolen.

Grand Theft:

239 Los Cerritos Center (10/25 – Morning): The suspects entered the store while it was open for business and stole pairs of underwear and shorts.

10900 block of Alondra Boulevard (10/26 – Evening): The suspects entered the store while it was open for business and stole several tools.

Grand Theft Auto:

10900 block of Alondra Boulevard (10/27 – Evening): The suspect(s) stole a 2003 Ford E150 parked in the parking lot.

12700 block of Towne Center Drive

(10/27 – Evening): The suspect(s) stole a 2000 Honda Civic parked in the parking lot.

19600 block of Jeffrey Avenue (10/28 – Overnight): The suspect(s) stole a 2016 Honda Pilot parked at the residence.

18300 block of Studebaker Road (10/20 – Evening): The suspect(s) stole a 2018 Volkswagen Tiguan parked in the parking lot.

Vehicle Burglary:

13500 block of Elgers Street (10/26-27 – Unknown): The suspect(s) entered a 2013 Nissan Leaf, parked at the residence, by prying open the door handle. Stolen was a revolver and keys.

13800 block of Acoro Street (10/28 – Morning): The suspect(s) entered a 2008 Ford Expedition, parked at the residence, and stole an electronic device and flashlight. It is unknown how entry was made as there were no signs of forced entry.

10800 block of Alondra Boulevard (10/25 – Evening): The suspect(s) entered a 2015 GMC Savana, parked in the parking lot, by punching the door lock. Stolen was a backpack.

18400 block of Studebaker Road (10/26-27 – Overnight): The suspect(s) entered a 2016 BMW M3, parked at the residence, by shattering a window. Stolen was an electronic device.

10800 block of Alondra Boulevard (10/26 – Evening): The suspect(s) entered a 2017 Honda Civic, parked in the parking lot, by shattering a window. Stolen was a purse.

18400 block of Studebaker Road (10/26-27 – Overnight): The suspect(s) entered a 2011 Mercedes GLK350, parked at the residence, by shattering a window. Stolen was an electronic device.

18400 block of Studebaker Road (10/26-27 – Overnight): The suspect(s) entered a 2011 Honda CRV, parked at the residence, by shattering a window. Stolen was a bag containing water.

18400 block of Studebaker Road (10/26-27 – Overnight): The suspect(s) entered a 2004 Dodge Caravan, parked at the residence, by shattering a window. Stolen was a bag containing paperwork.

La Mirada

Notable Arrests

Two suspects were arrested for negligent discharge of replica weapon and animal torture on the 15900 block of Alicante Rd.

Five suspects were arrested throughout La Mirada for various warrants and narcotics violations.

Aggravated Assault

An assault was reported on the 14800 block of Dunnet Ave. The victim was treated for a laceration to the head and forearm. The case is still under investigation.

Residential Burglary

Jewelry was reported stolen during a nighttime window smash burglary on the 13800 block of Foster Rd.

Other Structure Burglary

A late night burglary was reported on the 14500 block of Telegraph Rd.

An early morning door smash burglary was reported on the 15000 block of Alondra Blvd.

Vehicle Burglary

An afternoon burglary was reported on the 15200 block of Rosecrans Ave.

An afternoon burglary was reported on the 14300 block of Firestone Blvd.

Two bags with various books were reported stolen during an overnight window smash burglary on the 15500 block of Grove Hill Ln.

A cell phone charger and tools were stolen during a morning burglary on the 14700 block of Excelsior Dr.

An early morning burglary was reported on the 14400 block of Industry Cir.

Tools were reported stolen on the 15600 block of Hesse Dr.

Grand Theft

Four suspects stole various items from a business on the 15200 block of Rosecrans Ave. The case is still under investigation.

A theft was reported on the 15600 block of Fada Dr.

A victim was defrauded during a private cell phone sale and paid with fraudulent currency on the 16100 block of Rosecrans Ave.

Grand Theft Vehicle

A sedan was reported stolen on the 15800 block of Imperial Hwy.

A van was reported stolen on the 13000 block of Oakwood Ln.

A truck was reported stolen on the 16000 block of Formby Dr.

A sedan was reported stolen near the intersection of Adelfa Dr. and Ocaso Ave.

A van was reported stolen on the 14800 block of Gagely Dr.

A sedan was reported stolen on the 16100 block of Rosecrans Ave.

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

A truck was reported stolen on the 15100 block of La Mirada Blvd.

An attempted vehicle theft was reported on the 15400 block of La Mirada Blvd.

Bellflower

Over the past two weeks there have been (93) reported Part I crimes in the City of Bellflower, up from (75) incidents during the previous two weeks.

The greatest number of incidents occurred on Saturdays (19) and Sundays (18).

Break-down of crimes:

- Aggravated Assault (2)
- Robbery (5)
- Grand Theft Auto (19)

Theft from Motor Vehicle (21)
Burglary (21, 6 Residential and 15 Commercial)

Other thefts (22)

There were (5) robberies during this time period:

1) Molette St & McNab Ave. (10/17-Evening): The victim was walking when she saw the suspects sitting in their vehicle. As she passed by the car the suspects got out and approached her, demanding her property. The suspects took her items, got back into their vehicle and drove off out of view.

2) Washington St & Flemming Ave. (10/19-Evening): The suspect stole a vehicle in Manhattan Beach, drove off and crashed the vehicle in our area then carjacked an individual at this location. The suspect then drove off and crashed in Long Beach where he was taken into custody.

3) 10000 block of Alondra Blvd. (10/21-Morning): The suspects entered the location and got into a physical altercation with the victim. During this incident one of the suspects stole merchandise before all of the suspects fled the location on foot and out of view.

4) Lakewood Blvd & Rose St. (10/21-Morning): The victim was walking when the suspect approached him from behind, armed with a handgun. The suspect demanded the victim's property and the victim handed over his items in fear of being injured. The suspect then ran off out of view.

5) 9400 block of Artesia Blvd. (10/26-Evening): The suspect entered the location, selected several items and left the location without paying. The victim ran out and attempted to stop the suspect, but as the suspect left in his vehicle he backed up and hit the victim before driving off out of view.

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percent of the vote in a field of four candidates, far surpassing Johnson's 27.41 percent, Reyes at 24.64 percent and Daniel Fierro at 8.9 percent.

The contemporary definition for retail politics is "a type of political campaigning in which the candidate focuses on local events and meeting individual voters. Retail politics is the old-fashioned shaking hands and kissing babies."

All campaigns engaged in it, but Nishii did it the best. Veteran campaign advisors and local supporters attempted to tell Nishii how he should campaign, including the need to get as many endorsements as possible from the local elected officials.

Nishii refused. "I don't need endorsements from them. I want the voters to endorse me," said Nishii. When he was told that he needed to campaign in a more traditional way, he responded, "This is a different type of race. I hope to speak, personally, to most of the voters, my neighbors."

Nishii had been involved in the local schools for several years and was familiar

with many of the parent leaders at each of the schools in his district area. When he finally decided to run, he went to them first.

When they enthusiastically encouraged him to do it, Nishii knocked on every door two and three times.

Nishii said that everywhere he went he was told the same thing. Voters didn't want the same candidates again. They wanted change. Nishii promised to deliver for them.

Nishii thanked all of his supporters and the voters who allowed him to place his campaign sign on their lawns. "I promise I will be there everyday for you and to make ABC an even better District than it is today."

Nishii is looking forward to the challenges ahead, and to build relationships with his fellow Board members. "After all, we're all there for the kids," said Nishii.

In District Area 3 there was no surprise. Total votes were only 378, and labor endorsed candidate Olga Rios received 232 votes for 61.38 percent of the votes, and Louise Dodson received 146 votes for 38.62 percent.

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Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu, Councilman Jim Edwards, Chamber Board members and staff join Four Seasons Buffet officials at the ribbon cutting. Photos courtesy of Cerritos Regional Chamber.

By Tammye McDuff

Community, business, and elected leaders joined the Cerritos Regional Chamber in welcoming Four Seasons Buffet to the community. Four Seasons Buffet is a “Vegas Style” all-you-can-eat buffet featuring a Sushi Bar, a Dim Sum Station, Western Cooking & Grill, Asian Foods, Seafood Station including Crab Legs, Teppanyaki Grill, Salad Bar, Western Bakery and Ice Cream.

Four Seasons Buffet offers a dining experience that elevates the traditional ‘all-you-can-eat buffet’ to a level that is nothing less than spectacular. With more than 30 years of experience Four Seasons offers an impressive variety of entrees that appeal to discriminating tastes of customers who expect the very best.

This buffet is impressive in the diversity and sheer number of offerings. The emphasis is on seafood but a non-seafood eater will find plenty to choose from. Chefs prepare a teppanyaki here and have a large sushi counter, both of which seemed very popular. Some of the more popular dishes being served were teriyaki chicken, fried chicken, a chicken skewer, pork dumplings, pork potstickers and beef ribs. I also tried fried plantains, the salad bar, a cream puff, a macaroon cookie and some butter pecan ice cream.

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YOUTH CENTER'S CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

It's that time of year when folks turn their eyes upon the season of giving to others. In the midst of the festivities, merry-makers can give back by purchasing a holiday tree at the Youth Center's 18th annual tree lot opening Nov. 25 at the Ganahl Lumber parking lot located at 10742 Los Alamitos Blvd., in Los Alamitos.

For a major fundraiser to support local children's programs, schools and youth groups, the top-rated nonprofit sells four kinds of trees, wreaths and other holiday items. The lot is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends, and noon to 9 p.m. on weekend days until trees sell out.

More than 300 volunteers will help in selecting the perfect tree. Listen to Christmas carols, sip free piping hot cocoa or apple cider. Children get free coloring books, crayons and candy canes.

Volunteers are needed and can be as young as 14 (without a parent), with the mandatory orientation on Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center in Los Alamitos. "Ninety-nine percent of those assisting with the tree lot are volunteers," Youth Center Program & Operations Manager Julie Rubin said. "There's nothing like being around the wonderful scent of pine while helping families find the perfect tree."

Hand-pick a tree from any of the types sold onsite including Noble, Nordmann Fir, Grand Fir or Douglas Fir. Best sellers for aroma and long life are the popular Noble, and the Nordmann Fir known for a bluish-green color and strong branches can be bought. The Grand Fir's aromatic scent comes out later towards the holidays, are the most affordable. The Douglas Fir is known to be the longest lasting. All trees arrive from Oregon weekly, are freshly cut



Pictured are Seth Eaker and Scott Newton with the Seal Beach Lion's Club helping to fresh cut a new load of Christmas trees.

again on-site at the lot. Delivery is available within 10 miles for a modest fee. Wreaths, small trees (under 3'), garland, stands, tree preservatives, bags, and holiday knickknacks are also sold.

Selecting a tree from the Youth Center is an annual tradition for many, with every penny raised going directly to their After School Program, RASCALS, Music Program, the Leadership Academy, "Every 15 Minutes" youth drunk driving determent program, and the Rossmoor Park Summer Day Camp and Teen Camps.

"The proceeds fund scholarships for our many programs which enable children to attend the various activities we offer," Executive Director Lina Lumme said. "Over 65 families got scholarships last year from the Christmas tree lot proceeds."

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Trio of Talent Includes Count Basie Orchestra Legends Byron Stripling, and Carmen Bradford

LONG BEACH, CA, November 6, 2017 – On Saturday, November 18 at 8:00 p.m. in the Long Beach Arena (300 E. Ocean Blvd.), the Long Beach Symphony will present an evening of music inspired by the legendary 1930s Harlem jazz clubs featuring greatest hits by Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway, Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Ethel Waters and more!

Veteran conductor and trumpeter Byron Stripling will lead the orchestra with a playlist that includes It Don't Mean a Thing if it Ain't Got That Swing, Stormy Weather, I Can't Give You Anything But Love, St. Louis Blues, a Cotton Club Medley by Duke Ellington, Minnie the Moocher by Cab Calloway and other favorites from that era, while Carmen Bradford and Ted Louis Levy show off their vocal talents and tap dancing. The program, which closes with the hit tune Bill Bailey, will have lovers of swing, jazz and the blues moving and grooving in their seats and cutting it up on the dance floor.

Returning for a second time with the Long Beach Symphony, Byron Stripling's infectious charisma and poise on stage has awarded him solo stints at the

Hollywood Bowl, recording with the bands of Dizzy Gillespie, Dave Brubeck and Lionel Hampton, and showcased internationally at top jazz festivals. Currently, he serves as artistic director and conductor of the highly-acclaimed Columbus Jazz Orchestra but he earned his stripes as lead trumpeter and soloist with the Count Basie Orchestra.

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Tickets to a Long Beach Symphony POPS! concert include options for seats at 10-top or 4-top tables or Loge seating. Regardless of seating preference, patrons are invited to bring their own picnics and libations or to purchase dinner from a list of preferred local caterers. Doors open at 6:30 PM to allow time for dining and mingling with friends and the concert begins at 8:00 p.m. The POPS! Series is sponsored, in part, by Farmers & Merchants Bank.

For this concert, the Symphony will be partnering with the Long Beach NAACP and we will provide a donation back to their organization as a portion of its ticket sales.

Tickets to the concert start at \$26 with student tickets available for \$10 with valid student ID. For more information or to purchase tickets and subscriptions visit www.LongBeachSymphony.org or call 562-436-3203 ext. 1. Tickets are also available on Ticketmaster.

CITY HALL HOLIDAY WINDOW PAINTING PROJECT

It's Going to be a "Grinch-mas" There's a new holiday tradition at City Hall! 5th through 12th grade students living or attending school in the city of Norwalk are invited to spread festive cheer by painting City Hall windows. Window decorating will take place on Sunday, November 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Art supplies and lunch will be provided.

This year's theme is "Grinch-mas," and participating students will have the opportunity to work with renowned hometown artist Joseph Yakovetic, a contestant on Season Five of the Food Network's Halloween Wars whose resume includes work with the Walt Disney Company, Universal Studios and Radio City Music Hall.

The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, November 14. Please contact Theresa Devoy, City Clerk, at (562) 929-5720 or tdevoy@norwalkca.gov.

RUMMAGE SALE TO SUPPORT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CYPRESS

The Boys & Girls Club of Cypress will be hosting a rummage sale on Saturday, November 18th from 8:00am-12:00pm at 10161 Moody St., Cypress, CA 90630. The sale will feature new specialty and designer craft supplies, holiday décor, and home décor at deeply discounted prices. All proceeds from the sale will go to support life-changing pro-

grams for youth in our community at the Boys & Girls Club of Cypress. For more information, visit the Club's Facebook page or call (714) 527-2697.

SAINT IRENAEUS CATHOLIC CHURCH NOEL NIGHT

Saint Irenaeus Catholic Church is having their annual Noel Night Concert on Friday, December 1st. This free concert will feature sing-along carols, soloists, and Christmas favorites performed by the Youth, Teen, and Adult Choirs - all accompanied by talented instrumentalists. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to this festive and spiritual event being held inside the church at 5201 Evergreen Avenue in Cypress.



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fair High in consecutive weeks. But, the Lancers rolled up 132 points and yielded 20 points to close out the season with their bye in between the final two games. Now,

they will visit St. Anthony High tonight in the Division 9 first round playoffs. The Saints are also 7-3 and won the Santa Fe League.

"We just came out and tried to play hard because all week, we've been trying

to fight for a [playoff] spot," Penny said. "After we lost the games to Mayfair and La Mirada, we really went down."

Gladden led the Pioneers with 165 yards on 15 carries and completed four of nine passes for 49 yards to four different

receivers. Yoakum chipped in with another 48 yards on 13 touches. Yoakum, senior cornerback Gustavo Hernandez and sophomore linebacker LaQuan Ware-Morales all had four tackles for the Pioneers.

SUBURBAN LEAGUE CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

NORWALK'S DIAZ, CERRITOS' SAWIRES YAGER HELP RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS TO TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Loren Kopff
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The Cerritos High boys cross country team will leave the Suburban League the same way it entered the circuit back in 1988-as champions. The Dons, behind sophomore Cole Sawires Yager, picked up 35 points and outlasted La Mirada by 15 points in the league finals last Thursday at Knabe Community Regional Park.

It was the seventh league championship for Cerritos, which will move into the 605 League next season. Last season, La Mirada defeated the Dons 22-39. Sawires Yager came in first place with a personal record of 15:21, barely getting past Christian Santiago of La Mirada by two seconds.

"I knew I had some tough competition with Christian Santiago from La Mirada," Sawires Yager said. "He put up a really, really good race. It's pretty awesome. When we got towards the finish line, I knew I had to beat him.

"Christian was beating me and basically I saw the wall in front of me," Sawires Yager continued. "If I didn't break it, I wouldn't run the time I wanted, and I wouldn't beat him. So, I broke it."

Cerritos seniors Mario Amaro (15:45) and Fredrick Inada (15:48) finished in fifth and sixth respectively while seniors Jaineel Patel (16:01) and Vraj Patel (16:07) crossed the finished line in 11th and 12th respectively to help the Dons claim their first league championship since 2015. In that season, then-junior Bill Chuang took home the individual title with a time of 16:28.

"Getting my PR here was great," Sawires Yager said. "I was actually aiming for a better PR, but I know that now, I'll be able to do that at [the CIF finals]."

After the 1998 title, Cerritos saw Norwalk High reel off eight consecutive championships before the Dons won it in 2007. Cerritos also has league titles in 2008, 2012 (shared with Norwalk) and 2013. Next season, Cerritos will be in the new league with Artesia, John Glenn, Pioneer and Whitney

high schools as well as Oxford Academy.

"It's pretty amazing," Sawires Yager said. "Running in this league last year and this year for me was really fun. I look forward to going into the new league and taking on new challenges there and continuing to improve."

Norwalk finished in third place with 66 points with junior Jacob Castro finishing in third place in 15:36. The next Norwalk runner to cross the line was junior Gregory Tavares, who came in 13th place at 16:12. He was the first of three straight Lancer harriers to finish as juniors Bryan Catarino (16:20) and Joseph Franco (16:22) followed soon after. Junior Marc Marquez (16:53) rounded out Norwalk's scoring with a 21st place finish.

Both Cerritos and Norwalk, situated in Division 2 of the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section, will advance to the preliminaries today and Saturday. Artesia and Glenn were the bottom two teams with 162 and 210 points respectively. The top Artesia runner was junior Daniel Alonzo (16:46) while the Eagles were paced by junior Michael Angelo Davis (18:27).

For the girls, it was status quo once again as Norwalk seniors Misty Diaz and Ruby Galindo reigned supreme, finishing in the top two spots while aiding the Lady Lancers to their third straight league championship. Norwalk picked up 36 points, followed by 48 by La Mirada and 49 by Cerritos.

"It was an interesting year," said Norwalk head coach Ralph Casas. "It was one of the most relaxing years because everybody was on board. Everybody knew what they had to do. They didn't panic. It seems as if they had a unified goal and they accomplished the goal."

Diaz crossed the line at 16:48, a course record as the finals were run on a 5k course instead of the three-mile course that is most commonly used at this location. Galindo came in at 17:36 while sophomore Natalie Juarez was seventh at 19:11. Rounding out the top 15 for Norwalk were juniors Viviana Rios (11th, 19:32) and Elizabeth Gal-



Suburban League individual cross country champions: Norwalk senior Misty Diaz and Cerritos sophomore Cole Sawires Yager.

lardo (15th, 19:47).

"From the beginning, I never expected to get this far," Diaz said. "But I just kept pushing and kept wanting to improve my times. Today I really wanted to break 17:00. That was my plan from the beginning of the season and I hadn't broken it and I was getting upset. So, today was my day; I had to make it my day."

"It certainly doesn't hurt to have two of the fastest girls in the area on the team," Casas said. "And the rest of the team thinks that's normal. They think that's where they want to be because that's what they grew up with; that's what they've seen. They're not afraid to work hard because they see them modeling that type of work ethic. It's gotten to the point where success has become contagious."

Diaz, regarded as one of the top runners in the Southern Section and quite possibly the state, ends her league campaign with six straight first place finishes. Last season, Diaz won the league finals at La Mirada Regional Park with a time of 18:37. Before last season, you have to go back to 2004 to find a Norwalk first place runner in the league finals-Jessika Cos.

"I'm going to miss them," Casas said of Diaz and Galindo. "And it's not just their athletic ability. They are such good people. They're kind, they work well with the rest

of the team, they lead by example, they don't show off, they don't brag about their accomplishments. They always expect themselves to do better. I don't know what else to say.

"Misty had a goal all season and that goal was to break into the 16s," he later added. "We weren't supposed to run this course today. It was a last-minute change. She knew going in, because we were planning to run the 5K course that she would have to work really hard today. When she found out we were running this course, she just got a boost of enthusiasm and adrenaline that I think catapulted her to that time. She was not going to miss running that time today."

"We're like glue, I guess," Diaz said of herself and Galindo. "During the races, sometimes I rely on her and sometimes she relies on me."

Cerritos junior Jaide Lin (18:45) and freshman Sofia Vasquez (18:53) finished in fifth and sixth places respectively while senior Laura Sato came in eighth place at 19:19. The other two Cerritos runners who contributed to the 49 points were junior Lauren Park (14th, 19:45) and senior Marie Chu (16th, 19:50).

Glenn, which had to recruit runners 24 hours before the race, finished with 199 points while Artesia mustered 207 points.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW: TRIO OF AREA FOOTBALL TEAMS PREPARE FOR NEW SEASON

By Loren Kopff
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It is often said that a high school football season, as well as other high school sports, can be divided into three seasons. You have your non-league season, which is always used to prepare teams for the league season. And if you're fortunate enough, then the third season is the post-season.

Three area football teams have advanced to the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section divisional playoffs, which kicks off tonight. Listed below are previews of the three games.

DIVISION 8

Notre Dame/Riverside High (7-3) @ Valley Christian High (8-2), 7:00-The three-time Olympic League champions face the Titans for the second straight season in the playoffs. Last season in the Division 9 quarterfinals, the Crusaders posted a

12-0 shutout on their way to a divisional championship. V.C. can hurt opponents in many ways. On offense, senior running back Gianni Hurd rushed for close to 1,200 yards and 16 touchdowns while senior running back Darian Green picked up nearly 500 yards and found the end zone seven times. In the passing department, senior quarterback Isaac Joseph threw for over 1,600 yards and 27 touchdowns opposite just three interceptions. He targeted a dozen players with senior wide receiver Jaylon Tucker leading the way with 25 receptions for 681 yards and 13 touchdowns. The Crusaders, who won three straight league titles for the first time in school history, scored 450 points and are on a seven-game winning streak

Defensively, the Crusaders allowed an average of 19 points per game and sacked opposing quarterbacks 30 times, led by senior lineman Tevita Makaafi (14 sacks). Green also led the defense from his line-

backer spot with 104 tackles.

Notre Dame's defense is solid as well, yielding 171 points and posting a pair of shutouts. In fact, the Titans have outscored their last four opponents by a combined score of 190-31. Anthony Solis leads Notre Dame with 103 tackles while 15 players have combined for 27 sacks. On offense, Mac Fennell has passed for 1,406 yards and 13 touchdowns, but has been picked off nine times. Kavon Fulgham rushed for 840 yards with a dozen touchdowns while Ashton Authement caught 25 passes for 719 yards and eight touchdowns. The Titans are the second place representatives out of the Ambassador League.

The winner of this game will face the winner of the Antelope Valley High-Righetti High game in the quarterfinals.

DIVISION 9

Norwalk High (7-3) @ St. Anthony High (7-3), 7:00-The Lancers, who finished in third place in the Suburban

League but scored 132 points in their last two games, face a tough task in visiting the Santa Fe League champions. But Norwalk has shown all season that it can go up against the best with a punishing rushing attack that has averaged well over 200 yards a game. Norwalk likes to spread the wealth around in the backfield, led by senior running back Billy Moore. Junior quarterback Brionne Penny doesn't pass a lot, but is valuable with his legs as he is the team's second-leading rusher with over 10 touchdowns, tops on the squad.

The Saints have allowed 143 points, so the game will be won by either their defense or Norwalk's offense. Like Norwalk, St. Anthony's offense has been string in the past two games, racking up 99 points while allowing only a touchdown. The Saints are also riding a five-game winning streak.



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