



ASSEMBLY RE-OPENS SEXUAL HARASSMENT INVESTIGATION OF CRISTINA GARCIA

BY BRIAN HEWS



A Hews Media Group-Community News article questioning of the veracity of Cristina Garcia's investigation has triggered the Assembly Rules Committee to reopen the sexual harassment inquiry against the embattled Assemblywoman.

The article entitled "Was the Garcia Investigation Rigged From the Very Beginning" outlined how the Assembly hired an attorney to investigate Garcia, creating an attorney-client privilege, thereby prohibiting all supporting documents from disclosure.

The investigation was conducted by outside counsel Vida Thomas of Stoel

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LAKWOOD COUNCIL PASSES CITY BUDGET

BY BRIAN HEWS

The Lakewood City Council on June 12 passed a two-year budget for Fiscal Years 2018-2020.

The City's fiscal year starts July 1.

The budget maintains full funding for key city services such as public safety and recreation, but also addresses long-term financial challenges that Lakewood is facing.

The Council reported that the City is beginning to "feel the pressure" from several factors that have impacted other California cities in recent years.

The factors include Sacramento's take-away of local redevelopment funding, costing Lakewood over \$2 million a year; the rising cost to California cities of retiree pensions because of the weakness of the state pension system; and the prospect of only modest sales tax growth as more shoppers go online for their purchases instead of shopping in Lakewood.

"We are ending the current fiscal year with a small surplus, but we can see a

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HAWAIIAN GARDENS AWARDS \$55,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS



ATTENDING THE SCHOLARSHIP GALA were (l-r) Hawaiian Gardens Mayor Rey Rodriguez, Council member Marianna Rios, Princess Tyler Williams, Miss Hawaiian Gardens Contestants Lelie Trejo and Lorena Tinajera, New Miss Hawaiian Gardens Evangelina Romero, Miss Hawaiian Gardens 2017 Carla Torres, Council members Myra Maravilla, and Hank Trimble. Photo courtesy city of Hawaiian Gardens.

BY BRIAN HEWS

Hawaiian Gardens held their annual scholarship dinner this past Saturday awarding \$55,000 in scholarships completely funded by the City.

Mayor Reynaldo Rodriguez congratulated the students and said that the city would continue to support educational

programs such as the scholarships.

The scholarship winners must be residents of Hawaiian Gardens, and also must be graduating seniors with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Candidates apply and go through a rigorous panel interview and must complete 20 hours of volunteer service with the City.

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STATE AUDITOR'S TEAM QUESTIONS MONTEBELLO MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

BY BRIAN HEWS

Hews Media Group-Community News has learned that members of the California State Auditor's team descended on Montebello City Hall this past week questioning City Council, City Staff, several community activists and residents in an effort to gather information on the City deemed "high risk" by the state.

Government Code section 8546.10 permits the California State Auditor to utilize an audit program for the purpose of identifying, auditing, and issuing reports on cities that the State Auditor identifies as being at high risk for the potential of waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement.

Sources are telling HMG-CN that the audit, which was ordered a few weeks ago on a 13-0 Joint Legislative Au-

dit Committee vote, could last up to five months and could eventually end up with criminal charges being filed.

"They are very serious," said longtime Montebello City Councilman Bill Molinari, "they questioned me for over an hour."

The serious questioning of Montebello's finances started in 2016, after City Treasurer Charlie Pell exposed the waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement of public funds.

Months later Pell "resigned" from his elected position.

The audit has been postponed several times since January 2018 due to intense "stop the audit" efforts led by Mayor Vanessa Delgado, Mayor pro tem Jack Hadjinian, and Councilman Art Ba-



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NORWALK'S OWN LINDSAY MENDEZ WINS TONY AWARD

Mendez wins for Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Role in a Musical.

BY BRIAN HEWS

Norwalk's own Lindsay Mendez took to the stage Sunday night at Radio City Music Hall to accept a Tony Award for her role as Carrie Pipperidge in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel" on Broadway.



LINDSAY MENDEZ

Mendez won Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Role in a Musical, the top award in the industry, an award comparable to an Oscar for Best Actress.

The other nominees in the category were Ariana DeBose for Summer: The Donna Summer Musical; Renée Fleming for Carousel; Ashley Park for Mean Girls; and Diana Rigg for My Fair Lady.

Mendez joins an exclusive club of Latina Tony winners including Karen Olivo, Priscilla Lopez, Sara Ramirez, Rita Moreno, and Chita Rivera.

The daughter of former Norwalk Mayor Mike Mendez, Lindsay has gone through ten years of high profile Broadway roles including "Grease," "Godspell," "Wicked," and "Significant Other."

Mendez attended the Orange County School of the Arts, before moving to New York to pursue her career. "We always knew she would go to New York," said her father Mike, "she wanted to be on Broadway and in the theater."

A joyous Mendez took the stage to thank her producers, and her cast then told a story about how she was told to change her name from Mendez to Matthews "or I wouldn't work."

"I remember her calling me," said her father, "I can't do that Dad, it's not right, besides grandma would kill me."

Mendez finished her awards speech saying, "I want to say how proud I am to be part of a community that celebrates diversity and individuality, to all of you artists out there, be your true self and the world will take note."

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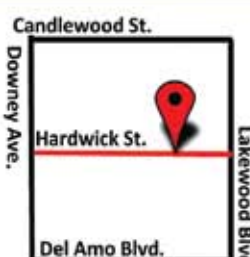


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HMG-CN EXCLUSIVE

RIO HONDO COLLEGE DEAN LEFT LOADED HANDGUN IN CAMPUS BATHROOM, SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTEMPT COVER UP

BY BRIAN HEWS

Hews Media Group-Community News has learned that a loaded handgun was found, left unattended in the restroom of the Campus Inn building at Rio Hondo Community College (RHCC) on May 31, with evidence showing that college officials attempted to cover up the incident while failing, up to this point, to take any disciplinary actions.

HMG-CN confirmed with Pico Rivera

Sheriff's today that they "are waiting for word from RHCC officials on direction."

The incident occurred when RHCC Dean of Research and Planning Dr. Howard Kummerman, who is also the head of the Campus Safety Committee, brought the handgun on campus and somehow left it on top of a magazine in a stall inside the campus bathroom.

Sources tell HMG-CN that Kummerman said he has a permit to carry a concealed weapon but that he "never produced the permit."

A research assistant entered the bathroom, saw the gun, wisely left it in the bathroom, and immediately told Kummerman's secretary Rebecca Reyes.

Word of the gun incident quickly circulated inside the building and several research assistants later wrote in anonymous statements that they "sheltered in place," not knowing if another gun or gunman was in the building.

Reyes, rather than calling the police, calmly informed Kummerman, who retrieved the loaded Smith and Wesson 9 MM M&P3 handgun and went back to his office.

The handgun holds eight bullets; one in the chamber and seven in the clip.

Kummerman then took the highly questionable step of calling each research assistant individually into his office to "talk about the incident."

The frightened students later wrote that they did not know if Kummerman still had



LOADED GUN left in bathroom by Dean Kummerman. The gun was a Smith and Wesson 9MM M&P3 holding seven bullets in the clip and one in the chamber.

the gun in his possession.

Each assistant said that Kummerman "looked upset" and that they "felt anxious and fearful" both during and after the meeting.

Kummerman strongly indicated to the students that he wanted to "keep this in the family."

The next day on June 1, Kummerman held another "rah-rah" staff meeting trying to calm the students down, once again requesting to "keep it in the family."

He told the students that RHCC President-Superintendent Teresa Dreyfuss "was aware I was carrying a gun," and said that both Dreyfuss and the head of Human Resources Loy Nashua were aware of the incident.

But Pico Rivera Sheriff's were yet to be notified.

Later that day, the students met with California School Employees Association Chapter President Sandra Rivera who told them to report the incident to the Sheriff's. The two students immediately drove to the Sheriff's and filed the report dated June 1.

But school officials tried to keep the issue quiet for three days, and the frightened students continued to work for Kummerman until it became unbearable, at which time they followed up with the Sheriff's.

The date was June 4, five days after the incident, and RHCC officials had yet to take action on the frightening incident.

The students indicated in their statements that the Pico Rivera Sheriff's said they were "waiting on Nashua for direction to pursue criminal charges or let administration handle the situation."

On June 5, word apparently reached both Dreyfuss and Nashua that the situation was about to explode, so they called a meeting with some of the students.

During the tense meeting, Dreyfuss unequivocally stated she knew about the incident and, contrary to Kummerman's statement in staff meetings, did not give Kummerman permission to carry the gun.

"He (Kummerman) misunderstood me," said Dreyfuss.

Dreyfuss was explaining the situation when Nashua interrupted her indicating the investigation is a personnel matter and he has informed (CSEA President Sandra) Rivera asking, "what more do you want."

When contacted, RHCC Board President Madeline Shapiro told HMG-CN, "I really can't speak about it because it is a personnel matter, but I did meet with people involved in the incident and to the best of my knowledge the college is following protocol to keep everyone safe on campus."

She also indicated that President Dreyfuss told her about the incident, "the very

next day."

Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Board President (Madeline Shapiro) cannot contact more than one Board Member when an incident such as this occurs. Shapiro is required to call President-Superintendent Dreyfuss who can legally inform all Board Members.

But according to a letter obtained by HMG-CN, Dreyfuss did not inform at least one Board Member of the incident.

On June 11, RHCC Board Member Gary Mendez blasted Schapiro and Dreyfuss asking why he was not contacted about the incident.

"We get emails when water lines break on campus," Mendez told HMG-CN, "somehow I don't get an email or phone all about a gun on campus? I do not know anything about this incident, it's shocking."

Mendez wrote, "To this day and time I have not been officially notified of such incident by you, the Board President, or the college Superintendent President. In my nineteen years of service, it has been a standard practice to notify the governing board immediately when an emergency or incident occurs involving the safety of students, staff, faculty, the administration and members of the public. Why have I not been notified? Why has the board not been notified?"

"This incident warrants an immediate special/emergency meeting. Why has this not occurred? As officials on the Board of Trustees, we have a right to know when a loaded gun is found on campus, immediately."

HMG-CN has learned that a Board meeting has been called for tomorrow, June 12, to address the issue.

Mendez continued, "what is the status of affected employees? Has the well-being of employees been taken care of? If so, how?" Have the appropriate law enforcement agency been notified by the district? If so, when and what is the status? Is law enforcement conducting an investigation? Is Rio Hondo Community College District conducting an official investigation? If so, what is the status?"

Mendez finished, "this is a very serious issue concerning the safety of students, staff, faculty, the administration and the public we are elected to serve, I demand you contact me."

HMG-CN left a message on President Dreyfuss' voice mail, only to receive a response from her assistant inviting HMG-CN to tomorrow night's Board meeting.

"We can give you a parking permit," Ms. Ruthie Flores said in a voicemail, "we will be discussing this incident in closed session and during public comment."

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VANESSA DELGADO'S 32ND SENATE CAMPAIGN RECEIVED OVER \$600,000 IN FINAL FOUR DAYS



BY BRIAN HEWS

An examination of the California Secretary of State's website shows that Montebello Mayor Vanessa Delgado, who lost her 32nd Senate race, received over \$606,000 in the final four days of the campaign, bringing the total support to over \$1.5 million dollars.

Delgado will be in the Aug 7 runoff to earn the right to serve until December, when either Democrat Bob Archuleta or Republican Rita Topalian will take the seat.

Three years ago, HMG-CN exclusively reported that Delgado had personal ties with the Calderon family, and in particular with former California Assemblyman Tom Calderon, who was indicted for bribery and money laundering charges along with his brother Ron in 2014.

HMG-CN was first to report that Delgado worked with Arman Gabae, the Beverly Hill real estate developer who was arrested two weeks ago on felony charges of bribing a Los Angeles County employee to secure a \$45 million government lease.

And the lure of the Charter School

The final tally for each PAC:

Keeping Californians Working, Dentists, Housing Providers	\$144,541
Restore California's Middle Class, Oil Company PAC	\$305,601
California Charter Schools Association PAC	\$1,056,396

\$575,633, 94%, came from the California Charter Schools Association; the remaining 6%, \$31,036, came from the Keeping Californians Working, Dentists, Housing Providers PAC.

Many observers are wondering why Delgado received such massive support since she is only in her third year on the Montebello City Council, has very little state-level political experience, and has been involved in several controversial actions before and during her term in Montebello.

Just a few weeks ago, the state ordered an audit of Montebello's finances with Delgado at the helm. The review was approved by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee in Sacramento on a 13-0 vote, and placed the City under the "high-risk" category.

Additionally, Delgado was just served recall papers, with sources telling HMG-CN that the recall is close to the signature gathering stage.

gravy train enticed local elected Republicans from Downey to endorse Delgado and had many observers scratching their heads.

Last week, HMG-CN reported that Downey residents were thrust into Montebello politics, courtesy of Downey Mayor pro tem Rick Rodriguez and Council-persons Alex Saab and Blanca Pacheco.

Rodriguez and Saab, both staunch Republicans, were found on Delgado's website endorsing the Montebello Mayor, subbing local Republican and eventual winner Rita Topalian.

Voters in Downey Districts one and five will be quite surprised at that endorsement, given they voted for Republicans Rodriguez and Saab.

Many on social media lashed out at the two for the endorsement, which will only get louder now that Delgado lost and is looking at a recall from her Montebello City Council seat.

LA PALMA-CERRITOS AAUW INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS



ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS Pictured at the May 31 Installation Dinner of the La Palma-Cerritos AAUW are, left to right, President Harriet Moses, Program Co-VP Beverly Zwick, Secretary Christine Taxier, AAUW Fund VP Joan Pylman, Program Co-VP Brenda Hicks and Treasurer Marilyn Forsstrom. Photo by Tobi Balma.

The La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) installed new officers for the 2018-2019 year this past May 31, at the Peking Wok Restaurant in Cerritos.

Installing Officer Thea Siegel started the evening by thanking the entire members of the 2017-2018 board for their hard work this year. She especially thanked the five members on the board for serving as President Pro Tem for two months at a time. She presented gifts from the five Presidents pro Tem to the outgoing appointed board members for their service.

Many past-presidents of the branch and current branch members were present at the Installation Dinner and were ready to support the new president. The new elected board is working with appointed board members and leaders of the branch's inter-

est groups to plan interesting new programs and service activities. With the advice and assistance of members, they hope to reach their goals and also enjoy fun and fellowship with each other.

The La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the AAUW works to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Members usually meet on the third Thursdays of the month alternating between evenings and afternoons and at different venues according to availability of meeting rooms. The first meeting of the new AAUW year will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at the Cerritos Library from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Persons interested in joining the La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the AAUW can contact President Harriet Moses at 714-994-1487 for more information.

Cerritos City Council Adoption of the Combined Financial Program for Fiscal Year 2018-2019



The Cerritos City Council and members of the Successor Agency to the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency will review the following item at the City Council meeting to be held on **Thursday, June 28 at 7 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers:

- Review and consideration to waive full reading of and adopt a joint resolution of the City Council of the City of Cerritos and the Successor Agency to the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency, approving and adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019, appropriating the funds necessary to meet the expenditures set forth therein, and approving the investment policy for the fiscal year 2018-2019 for the City of Cerritos and the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency.

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CERRITOS COLLEGE TO HOST COMMUNITY FORUM ON NORM REEVES LOT AT 166TH

STAFF REPORT

Cerritos College will host its second community forum of the year to update residents about changes to its property located at the 166th Street and Studebaker Road corner lot, Monday, June 25th at 5:00 pm.

On September 18th the Cerritos City Council approved the College's Temporary Use Permit [TUP] for four years.

The TUP authorizes the College to convert the property at 166th Street and Studebaker Road into an automobile storage facility.

The Cerritos College Board of Trustees passed a resolution on September 6th to address issues raised by residents and the City, including dust and light mitigation, hours of operation, loading of vehicles, security, and landscaping.

The College continues to work closely with the City of Cerritos to meet the requirements outlined in the TUP.

The Forum will be held in the Cerritos College Science Building S-202 at 11110 Alondra Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

Parking passes are available in parking Lot 4 and 5, off Studebaker Road for \$2.00 or email the President's Office at awittig@cerritos.edu for a free parking permit.

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Summer fun and safety are the focus of two classic and free Lakewood events on Saturday, June 16 at Mayfair Park.

Lakewood Youth Sports (LYS) kicks off its opening day ceremonies on Saturday, June 16 at 10 a.m. at Mayfair Park's Lisa Fernandez Field. At 10:30 a.m. the same day, all Lakewood youth can enjoy a range of free activities, including bouncers and a rock-climbing wall.

The annual Lakewood Public Safety Expo also starts at 10:30 a.m. on June 16 at Mayfair Park and concludes at 1:30 p.m.

Scheduled this year are demonstrations by the L.A. County Fire Department using a search and agility dog demo, and a live demonstration by L.A. County Sheriff's Department K9 Unit. Kids can also visit the Shakey-Quakey House to

experience what an earthquake would be like so they learn how to react safely.

Please note that demonstrations could change if the units involved are called away for an emergency response.

New to the Public Safety Expo this year are American Red Cross displays that will feature the PrepareKids Puppet Show and Sidewalk CPR.

Sheriff's Department and Fire Department agencies and their specialized vehicles will also be on site, as well as Lakewood's Robinson-44 Sky Knight helicopter.

Parents can talk with representatives from Neighborhood Watch and other crime prevention teams to learn about home and auto security, disaster preparedness and volunteer opportunities in Lakewood's crime prevention programs.

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rajas who traveled, on taxpayer expense, to Sacramento to plead their questionable case.

The three spoke to the audit committee indicating "the City was cleaning up its' act," and that "cash was coming in, and the right personnel are in place."

But in May, several residents traveled to Sacramento with over one hundred letters from other residents, to refute Delgado, Hadjinian, and Barajas' story.

It was their testimony that finally convinced the committee to deem the city high risk and order the audit.

"We all know why they don't want the books looked at," said Montebello Councilman Bill Molinari "because there are a lot of issues that would raise serious questions."

The audit team of four questioned Delgado and others about issues first reported by HMG-CN.

The first issue they questioned was the "Garfield Financial claim." The City was on solid legal ground, and documents showed Garfield owed the City \$600,000.

Yet the council, led by Hadjinian, voted to give Garfield another \$1 million.

The auditor's also questioned the attempted sale of the Montebello Water Company to San Gabriel Valley Water Company which was clouded in controversy and questionable legislative maneuvers.

The team is also looking at the sham JCS Construction deal that was exclusively reported by HMG-CN in 2016.

The investigation found that the City paid almost \$500,000 from 2013 to 2016 to JCS, a one-man obscure construction company, using sole source no-bid con-

tracts – while fabricating documents using sham companies with false names and addresses and suspended state contractor's licenses – so JCS could win the lucrative jobs.

The revelation led to City Manager Francesca Tucker Schulyer's eventual departure.

The audit team is also looking at the approval of Hilton Homes2Suite construction contracts between KPRS, the general contractor; Brad Perrin, the project manager; and the City.

Ties between KPRS, Delgado, and Perrin were also included in the questioning.

Years ago, KPRS worked with Primestor on a South Gate project shopping center called Azalea. At the time, Delgado was an executive with Primestor and worked closely with KPRS on the Azalea project.

With KPRS at the helm, Delgado's brother was reportedly given a \$50,000 no-bid contract related to the Hilton Homes2Suite project.

Finally, sources are telling HMG-CN that KPRS and Perrin exaggerated their hotel building experience to secure the lucrative Hilton Homes2Suite construction contract, claiming they were highly experienced in building hotels when it was actually only 5% of overall projects for KPRS and none for Perrin.

Meanwhile, the Hilton Homes2Suite project is five months behind schedule, costing the City precious revenues.

According to the contract, fines started at \$1,000 per day in January, increasing to \$3,000 per day on Feb. 15.

KPRS and Perrin are blaming rain and soil contamination for the delay but will not return phone calls when asked to elaborate.

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Educator Honored for 25 Years of Classroom Experience

STAFF REPORT

Josie Hernandez, an educator with a quarter century of service at the same elementary school, has been selected as the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District's Teacher of the Year for the 2018-19 academic year.

Hernandez, a kindergarten teacher at Moffitt Elementary School in Norwalk, was recently announced as the district's top educator by NLMUSD Supt. Dr. Hasmik Danielian during an employees' recognition ceremony.

Hernandez began as a paraeducator at the Moffitt campus in 1993 and four years later, after receiving a teaching credential, she became a full-time teacher for the school, starting as a 2nd-grade bilingual instructor.

"I am incredibly humbled and grateful for this experience," said Hernandez, a resident of La Mirada, about her selection. "I'll give it my all. I'm proud to represent all the teachers who stand behind me and work just as hard."

Hernandez is now an entrant in the Los Angeles County Teachers of the Year contest. A total of 16 winners will be announced in September by County Supt. of Schools Dr. Debra Duardo. All of the county winners will automatically advance, along with other county finalists from around the state, to the California Teachers of the Year competition in the



fall. The top state winner will advance to the National Teacher of the Year contest that takes place next spring.

Last year, Jennifer Hodge, a visual arts teacher at NLMUSD's Benton Middle School in La Mirada, was named an L.A. County Teacher of the Year. She finished as a finalist in the state TOY contest.

"Josie is another excellent example of the caring and high-quality teaching staff we have in our district," said Chris Pflanzner, president of the NLMUSD Board of Education. "The community has benefited so much from her classroom work and professional dedication. Every day she has made the most of a precious opportunity — to make a positive difference in the lives of her students."

Hernandez, 44, a native of Orange County with four children of her own, is the first born of working class parents who emigrated from Mexico. She is the first in the family to attend and graduate from college. She earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish linguistics and culture from California State University, Long Beach and a master's degree in reading intervention from National University.

"It's so special to have Josie be our teacher of the year and represent our district," said Dr. Danielian. "She is known for her passion in the classroom and has been a wonderful role model for a generation of students."

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY'S BOX LUNCH BLITZ



BOXING LUNCHES led by kitchen committee chairwoman Carolyn Gissell (2nd from left) Liz Brassell, Mina Carrasco (Carolyn) and Shannon Aguilar cooked and assembled 184 hot dog boxed lunches.

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Recently the American Legion Auxiliary [ALA] volunteered for a "box lunch blitz" in support of the American Legion District 19 Boys State candidate introduction. Two representatives from each of the 49 Boys States represent their state at Boys Nation in Washington, where the young leaders receive an education on the structure and function of federal government.

The ALA invited 184 Boys State Candidates and their families to Lakewood American Legion Post 496 for the introduction of the Boys State process and selection committee.

Only young males who have successfully completed their junior year of high school and who have at least one more semester remaining are considered. Choosing those young men who illustrate leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty and service in their schools and community are considered. Merit and ability are the basis for evaluation during the actual

citizens' selection process.

At the event, each delegate acts as a senator from his Boys State. The young lawmaker's caucus at the beginning of the session then organizes into committees and conducts hearings on bills submitted by program delegates.

Senators learn the proper method of handling bills, according to U.S. Senate rules. Participation in the political process is emphasized throughout the week, including organization of party conventions and nominating and electing a president and vice president.

The week of government training also includes lectures, forums and visits to federal agencies, national shrines, institutions, memorials and historical sites. On Capitol Hill, Boys Nation senators meet with elected officials from their home states.

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ARTESIA AWARDS 2018 STUDENT ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The Artesia City council recognized and awarded certificates of recognition to three 2018 Student Academic Scholarship recipients at their Monday meeting June 11, 2018.

In partnership with the Cerritos Presbyterian church, the City of Artesia awarded three \$1,000 academic scholarships to three high school seniors. High school seniors and current college students that had an overall GPA of 3.0 or better, had the opportunity to apply for the 2018 Academic Scholarship, eligibility was open to all Artesia residents.

The City encourages all students to pursue higher education and find their passion and along with Cerritos Presbyterian Church is passionate about helping the local community. For the second year the City provided Artesia residents with the prospect to earn a scholastic scholarship in order to assist student's educational pursuits.

The scholarship Committee reviewed all of the applications and selected the three winners. Scholarship winners were evaluated based on their essay submission, academic success and community service experience.

The 2018 Student Academic Scholarship recipients are Erin Jimenez, Mason Hernandez and Melinda Garcia.

For more information, or to apply for the scholarship in 2019, please visit www.cityofartesia.us, scholarship application for the form and scholarship qualifications.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS with Artesia City Council from left, Mayor pro tem Tony Lima, Councilman Ali Taj, Mayor Sally Flowers, and Councilman Miguel Canales. Winners clockwise from top (holding certificates) are Melinda Garcia, Mason Hernandez, and Erin Jimenez. Each winner was awarded \$1,000.




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MERITORIOUS MARINE from (l-r) Trevor Larned-Stark (guest), Mickey Christiason (co-host), Connie and Councilman Jim Edwards, honoree Sgt David Stark, Councilman Naresh Solanki, Laurie Forward (Vice President), and Dorothy Owen (President of the 1st CEB Adoption Committee). Please note that Trevor has just recently been discharged from the US Army with two combat tours in Afghanistan.

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Mendez' speech garnered a raucous standing ovation from the crowd.

After the awards, Mendez spoke at the backstage press conference, "just because you're a minority, doesn't mean you only have to play roles that are set to be a minority. I love getting to play this crazy Maine girl in New England — an accent I'd never thought I'd have to hone."

Back home, the proudest of fathers, Mike Mendez could not contain his joy. "I am just so proud of her, we all are. She

always wanted to be on Broadway from the very beginning, she worked very hard to get there, and now she reaches the pinnacle of her industry, I can't be any happier."

Mendez' wife and Lindsay's mother Beckie Mendez died in 2013 after battling cancer, "We all of course wish she was here, we miss her very much," Mendez told HMG-CN. "But I know Beckie is looking down on Lindsay from heaven, jumping up and down saying 'way to go

NEW NORWALK FIREWORK REGULATIONS COME WITH HEAVY FINES FOR VIOLATORS

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

The City of Norwalk, together with the Los Angeles County Fire and Sheriff's Department held a press conference Wednesday, June 13, 2018 to discuss the City's newly revised fireworks regulations and enforcement program.

Mayor Jennifer Perez stated, "Every year illegal fireworks wreak havoc in our community. We receive numerous phone calls from frightened residents. Because of the complexity of this issue, it has been difficult to control. However at our Tuesday meeting, Council and I responded to the voices of our residents passing a resolution amending penalties for fireworks violations."

At the City Council meeting held on Tuesday evening, City Council considered and passed a resolution to increase fines and widen the sphere of personal responsibility for the possession, sales, discharge and use of illegal fireworks. The circle of responsibility and fines will include more than just the person lighting off the fireworks.

"We want the public to know that our community will not tolerate illegal fireworks," noted Perez, "They cause harm to individuals, children and pets, every year. We are encouraging the public to report any sale or discharge of illegal fireworks to our city."

In April 2018, City Council approved Ordinance No. 18-1702 to include holding property owners, tenants, parents and other parties accountable for the discharge of illegal and dangerous fireworks on their respective properties.

City Manager Jesus Gomez added, "Violation summaries will have first, second and third offense penalties' which responsible parties being fined up to \$3,000."

Call the fireworks hotline at 562.929.5333 or report via email at fireworks@norwalkca.gov, "Help us protect our community and our citizens," added Perez.

LA MIRADA

CRIME SUMMARY

June 04 - June 10, 2018

Notable Arrests

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

Other Structure Burglary

- Three suspects were caught on surveillance breaking into a business on the 16900 block of Valley View Ave. The case is still under investigation.

- An early morning door smash burglary was reported on the 12200 block of La Mirada Blvd.

Vehicle Burglary

- Three window smash burglaries were reported on the 14300 block of Firestone Blvd.

- A purse was reported stolen during a window smash burglary on the 13300 block of Beach Blvd.

- A daytime window smash burglary was reported on the 14500 block of Telegraph Rd. A laptop was reported stolen.

- A bag and wallet were stolen during a daytime burglary on the 13800 block of Larwin Rd.

- A first aid kit and computer software were stolen on the 15200 block of Crosswood Rd.

- A wallet and sunglasses were stolen during an overnight burglary on the 15200 block of Borda Rd.



HEAVY FINES-Norwalk City Manager Jesus Gomez explains the new fine structure. Fines can reach \$3,000. With Gomez is Norwalk Sheriff's Deputies, front from left, Councilman Leonard Shryock, Vice-Mayor Margarita Rios, Gomez, and Mayor Jennifer Perez.

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RAISING AWARENESS WHILE RAISING MONEY

BY TAMMYE MCDUFF

Living Help Center held their annual Walk for Life on Saturday June 9, 2018. ‘Pound the Ground for Life!’ met in the parking lot of Living Help Center at 9:00 am to walk and raise donations in order to carry out their mission of helping women through unplanned pregnancies.

Participants walked the length of Firestone Boulevard, carrying signs saying ‘love = life’ or ‘life = hope’ then congregated back at their brand new location at 8345 Firestone Boulevard, the Wells Fargo building for drinks, snacks and information on mental health wellness.

“Every year we walk and raise donations to help carry out our mission of helping women through an unplanned pregnancy by addressing their physical, emotional and spiritual needs in truth

and love,” said Director Mary Wingate, “in the past, Lou Ugliano raised the most money at the young age of 82, however this year we walked in her memory. Lou passed away January 2018. We know that she is now celebrating eternal life and pounding heavenly ground.”

The highest earning walker this year was Joan Miller and received a gift basket and dinner for two. Last year the Center raised over \$8,000 and looks to surpass that this year.

Living Help Center offers all of its services at no charge to the patient. They are able to do what they do, with the support of local organizations and individuals who donate their resources. The Center holds three annual fundraisers the walk, annual golf tournament and the Spirit of Life Gala.

For those who would like to help out, each month the Center partners with a local restaurant for a ‘night out’. A percentage of the profits made are donated to the Living Help Center. In order to receive the monthly flyer subscribe to the electronic newsletter at lhcdirector@



POUND THE GROUND-participants walk in the Pound the Ground event in Downey. The event will raise over \$8,000 to help with unplanned pregnancies and mental health. Photo courtesy of Living Help Center.

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A Psychiatric Social Worker, Maria Vaquerano was available on site for anyone wanting to talk about life, mental health issues or resources. Wingate noted, “Life is precious! Don't give up on

yours or anyone else's! We also walked in memory of Kate Spade and Anthony Bourdain; we are here for anyone struggling with depression or who needs to talk.” For more information visit www.livinghelpcenter.org.

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NEW EAGLE SCOUT HONORED BY CITY COUNCIL



EAGLE SCOUT- The Cerritos City Council recognized Charles Taylor from local Boy Scout Troop 888 for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Only 6 percent of the organization's membership holds the distinction, which is the highest award in the Boy Scouts of America. Taylor restored and repainted the walls of the Berean House. The project took 21 volunteers about 124 hours to coordinate and execute.

CERRITOS RANKS 20 OUT OF 482 CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS

The City of Cerritos has ranked No. 20 out of 482 California cities in the “Senator John Moorlach Ranks California’s 482 Cities for Financial Soundness” report released this year. The document analyzes the audited finances of the state’s 482 cities, examining each city’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the per-capita share for a city’s Unrestricted Net Position (UNP).

Senator Moorlach utilized a simple metric available in the CAFRs to calculate the range of a city’s financial status. He divided each city’s UNP by its population. Cities with a positive result were considered financially sound. The City of Cerritos’ UNP per capita was calculated at \$2,619.

“The City of Cerritos is pleased by the results of this report, which reflect the City’s strong financial position,” remarked Cerritos Mayor Mark E. Pulido. “We are honored to be in the company of

the top 20 California cities with the best per capita unrestricted net positions.”

The report ranked Cerritos higher than such neighboring cities as Rolling Hills, West Hollywood, Carlsbad, Malibu, Cypress, La Mirada and Irvine.

A copy of the study is available on Senator Moorlach’s website at <https://district37.cssrc.us/>. The City of Cerritos’ 2017 CAFR is posted on the City’s website at http://www.cerritos.us/GOVERNMENT/_pdfs/CAFR_2017.pdf.

CERRITOS NUMBER TWENTY

WHAT: Senator Moorlach's Financial Soundness Ranking.
WHO: Ranked 482 California cities' Unrestricted Net Position.
HOW: Divides UNP by population, Cerritos UNP was \$2,619, ranking 20th.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EARN ART AWARDS

STAFF REPORT

Five exemplary high school students took home recent victories in the Congressional Art Competition and earned an art and design scholarship, highlighting Lynwood Unified's exceptional visual and performing arts [VAPA] program.

Senior Evelyn Granados earned the top prize in the 44th District Congressional Art Competition for her work, "Love is Love." Honorable mentions for the contest went to Lynwood High seniors Emily Medrano, Miguel Sanchez and Malaysia West.

"I couldn't believe that I won because I saw the quality of work on my peers' pieces," Granados said. "I was inspired by protest art and I wanted to show in a positive light people showing strength to fight for what is right."

Using images from the Women's March and Black Lives Matter, Granados took more than a month to create a layered piece that depicts equality and togetherness. The painting will be on display in the U.S. Capitol for one year and will compete nationally with high school winners from other congressional districts across the country.

Granados and her older sister will attend the opening reception of the Congressional Art Exhibit in Washington D.C., with airfare and accommodation provided. Sponsored by the Congressional Institute since 1982, the national art

competition recognizes and encourages artistic talent among aspiring high school artists.

"We believe in nurturing a community of artists at Lynwood High School," said art teacher Luis Vega, "Lynwood Unified has been recognized for its commitment to arts education and its top-quality programs, and these achievements come through in student success."

Katherine Espinoza, a visual art student from Vista High School, was awarded the Otis College of Art and Design Scholarship to attend the college's Summer of Art program. Espinoza earned the \$5,300 scholarship for her high-quality portfolio and academic performance in artworxLA – a nonprofit organization that combats the high school dropout rate by creatively engaging students with alternative arts education.

"This is a really cool opportunity for me to spend my summer learning about different art tools and techniques," said Espinoza, who hopes to pursue a career in animation.

Summer of Art, a pre-college program, helps students strengthen and enhance art and design skills over the course of four weeks through hands-on studio work and personalized classes.

"We are very proud of our students for earning these commendable titles and awards," stated Lynwood Unified Board



KATHERINE ESPINOZA (center), a visual art student from Vista High School, was awarded the Otis College of Art and Design Scholarship to attend the college's Summer of Art program. Espinoza earned the \$5,300 scholarship for her high-quality portfolio and academic performance. She is pictured with Lynwood Unified Superintendent Gudiel Crosthwaite (left) and Cynthia Campoy Brophy, founder of artworxLA (right).

President Alfonso Morales, "Our teachers are so supportive of our students and they create an environment in which our students can blossom."

As part of fostering a well-rounded VAPA program, Lynwood Unified offers an array of courses in areas that range from graphic design and art history to ceramics and theater arts.

"We strongly support enhancing and strengthening the arts in Lynwood by promoting a variety of classes and opportunities for our students to explore their artistic talents," LUSD Superintendent Gudiel R. Crosthwaite said. "Our visual and performing arts program has continued to flourish because of the dedication of our talented teachers and staff."

SCHOLARSHIPS

Continued from page 1

The City also presented their Miss Hawaiian Gardens Queen and Court; the new Miss Hawaiian Gardens is Evangelina Romero and her Princess is Tyler Williams. Miss Hawaiian Gardens is also a scholarship program where contestants went through a four-month training period to help them succeed in their future endeavors including seminars in etiquette, public speaking, dress for success, and interview skills.

Similar to youth scholarships, the City gave away adult scholarships where winners must be residents of the City, pass a panel interview, volunteer at one special event in the City, and be classified, according to CDBG standards, as low income.

The Adult Scholarship recipients for 2018 were Eduardo Anaya, Ramona Arechiga, Felicia Cleaver, Monique Contreras, Marifrey Escobar, Jazmin Figueroa, Celeste Galvez, Alexis Garcia, Yvonne Aide Gonzalez, Nestor Gudino, Kendrick Larios, Alexandra Loaiza, Samantha Lomeli, Marina Alexandra Macias, Carol Marroquin, Diana Ivette Martinez, Marco Martinez, Eduardo Morales, Byron Navarro, Raul Navarro, Rodolfo Pantoja, Efrain Quintero, Stephany Dennys Rodriguez, Carla Torres, Guadalupe Trejo, Cyndie Trejo

The City also gave awards in the Mayor's Youth Walk of Achievement. 2018 recipients were Valerie Acosta, Ricardo Anaya, Marielena Fernandez, Leonardo Garcia, Nazareo David Gonzalez, Alexander Gudino, Eddy Guzman, Fabian Jacinto, Katerin Joachin, Julia Mutschler, Fabian Perez, Annabel Sanchez, and Anayali Sepulveda

The guest speaker at the event was ABCUSD Board Member Dr. Olga Rios. Rios encouraged the students to continue with higher education as way out of poverty, and stay engaged in the community.

ZOOM INTO JUNE TOURNAMENT

ARTESIA PUNISHERS 18-U TEAM ENDS SHOWCASE TOURNAMENT ON HIGH NOTE, READY FOR PGF QUALIFIER

BY LOREN KOPFF
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CHINO HILLS-With their respective high school seasons now completed, the members of the Artesia Punishers 18-Under travel softball team were in action for the first official time this summer, participating in the Triple Crown Sports Zoom Into June Tournament. It's not only a showcase tournament where unsigned players have an opportunity to let hundreds of college scouts/coaches see what they can do, but a tune-up for this weekend's Premier Girls Fastpitch Southern California Qualifier.

Unlike previous years where the Zoom Into June event was held at the Diamond Valley Sports Complex in Hemet, the five games the Punishers played were held at the Big League Dreams Sports Park in Chino Hills. After a pair of 2-2 ties and a 10-2 loss last Saturday, the Punishers rebounded for a pair of victories this past Sunday.

"We ended on a really strong note and everyone is happy and has good feelings," said Punishers head coach Bob Medina. "This team is really, really good. This is one of my better teams I've had. They can hit, they can play and they all like each other. They're doing a good job and they support each other 100 percent.

"My biggest focus was trying to shake the high school stuff out of them," he continued. "They all had different habits; different coaches who told them different things."

This past Sunday, the Punishers rallied for three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning and held on to edge the (Moreno Val-

ley) USA Athletics-Morgan 4-3. Artesia was down 3-1 when right fielder Alexis Lopez (Los Osos High, Mitchell College) was safe on an infield single and moved to third on a double from first baseman Jessi Alvarado (Gahr High, Manhattanville College).

Pinch hitter Monica Deherrera (Ellen Ochoa Prep) then singled to the right field gap to plate Lopez. On the play, Alvarado scored on an error to tie the game and following the first out, a sacrifice fly from pitcher Yamila Evans (San Marino High, Siena College) brought in Deherrera for the game-winner.

The Punishers were down 1-0 in the bottom of the third when Alvarado was walked and scored on a two-out double from Evans. In the circle, Evans would strikeout eight batters and scatter half a dozen hits. In the second game this past Sunday, the Punishers found themselves down again, this time 2-0 to the Whittier-based Orange County Batbusters-Bretado after the first inning. But the Punishers tied the game in the top of the third inning, then erupted for six runs the next inning for an 8-2 victory.

Left fielder Megan Soto (Santa Fe High) was hit by a pitch to begin the third and with one out, advanced on a single from left fielder Anessa Quiroz (San Pedro High, Monroe College). Back to back run-scoring singles from third baseman Samantha Noriega (Carson High) and shortstop Stephanie Jimenez (Santa Fe High, Weatherford College) tied the game.

The big blows in the fourth were a three-run home run to center from Quiroz and a two-run shot over the left center

ARTESIA PUNISHERS 18-Under starting pitcher Yamila Evans (San Marino High, Siena College), delivers one of her 8- pitches last Saturday against the (San Tan Valley, AZ) Mizuno Storm in the first game of the Zoom Into June Tournament. Evans gave up three hits and struck out five as the Punishers rallied for two runs in the top of the fourth inning to end up tying the Storm 2-2. Photo by Armando Vargas.



fence from Jimenez. Pitcher DeAndria Lockett (Hawthorne High, La Sierra University) was stellar in the circle, allowing two hits and striking out seven. In the two wins and the two ties combined, the Punishers collected 18 hits and made seven errors on defense. But the pitching staff of Evans and Lockett yielded 15 hits and struck out 31 batters while walking

seven. "The pitching we have," Medina said. "We have good pitching. I've always had a plan every time I've done this and my plan this year was to come out in a short period of time because this [past] weekend, the second game was the first game

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GAHR BASEBALL, SOFTBALL TEAMS ENJOY NEAR CHAMPIONSHIP SEASONS

BY LOREN KOPFF

After several disappointing exits in the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section playoffs, the Gahr High softball team finally broke through. The 2018 season will be a memorable one for the Lady Gladiators, who had the best team pitching in recent school history. Cerritos High, in its final season as Suburban League members, captured yet another league title while a late season surge put Valley Christian High in the postseason. On the baseball diamond, Gahr excelled once again with another 20-plus win season while Norwalk High made strides and competed for a playoff berth in the final week of the season. Here are the recipients of the 2018 HMG-Community News Spring All-Area Teams.

BASEBALL

FIRST TEAM

P-Humberto Chiquito (John Glenn)
 P-Jason Dressel (Gahr)
 C-Alexis Martinez (John Glenn)
 1B-Jayden Cruz (Gahr)
 2B-Joseph Figueroa (John Glenn)
 3B-Delvan Gomez (Gahr)
 SS-Michael Perez (Gahr)
 LF-David Urzua (Norwalk)
 CF-Damone Hale (John Glenn)
 RF-Matthew Polk (Gahr)
 DH-Julian Mungarro (Gahr)

SECOND TEAM

P-Anthony Diaz (Gahr)
 P-Evan Vazquez (Cerritos)
 C-James Stirton (Valley Christian)
 1B-Bernie DeLeon (Cerritos)
 2B-Tyrese Turner (Gahr)
 3B-Nick Hill (Cerritos)
 SS-Brett Garcia (Valley Christian)
 LF-Xavier Estrada (Gahr)
 CF-Brandon Shiota (Gahr)
 RF-Jose Llamas (John Glenn)
 DH-Jacob Guzman (Cerritos)

THIRD TEAM

P-Joseph Angulo (John Glenn)
 P-Matthew Pinal (Cerritos)
 C-Jonathan O'Neill (Cerritos)
 1B-Rafael DeAvila (John Glenn)
 2B-Adrian Perez (Norwalk)
 3B-Pete Tagle (Valley Christian)
 SS-Kevin Ramirez (Norwalk)
 LF-Matthew Aguinaga (Cerritos)
 CF-Raul Garcia (Cerritos)
 RF-Richard Lozano (Norwalk)
 DH-Sergio Burgos (John Glenn)

HONORABLE MENTION

P-Anthony Gonzalez (Norwalk)
 P-Joel Martinez (Gahr)
 C-Kaiser Lin (Whitney)
 1B-Allen Castro (Artesia)
 2B-Alex Manibusan (Cerritos)
 3B-Alex Alcaraz (John Glenn)
 SS-Jason Shin (Whitney)
 LF-Ryan Lasiter (Valley Christian)
 CF-Gonzalo Sosa (Norwalk)
 RF-Xavier Medina (Cerritos)
 DH-Brandon Azzato (Artesia)

Player of the Year:

It's no surprise that Gahr High can punch out talent after talent every year. That's the recipe for success and the Gladiators have been good at it for a very long time. In 2018, Gahr was paced by senior shortstop Michael Perez, whose next stop will be UCLA. Perez led the Gladiators with a .447 batting average and 38 hits. He scored 25 runs, drew a team-high 16 walks and was hit by a pitch eight times. Perez also led Gahr with 19 stolen bases.

Pitcher of the Year:

Like most of the Suburban League this past season, John Glenn High's pitching staff was deep and senior Humberto Chiquito was a huge part of the team's success. Chiquito went 7-3 with an earned run average of 1.14. He had a decision in all but one start and went the distance five times. Chiquito also had two shutouts and in two other games that he started, the Eagles did not allow a run.

Coach of the Year:

For the past three seasons, Norwalk High had finished in sixth place in the Suburban League, going a combined 5-31 in league action. But the Lancers began to put the pieces together with a solid senior class and head coach William Wenrick saw his team bolt out to an 8-4 start. Why is that record significant? Last season, Norwalk went 9-13. The Lancers finished 2013 at 10-13, the most wins the program has had since 2013, and the team was in contention for a playoff spot on the last day of the regular season. The Lancers also lost three league games by one run.

SOFTBALL

FIRST TEAM

P-Danielle Martinez (Gahr)
 P-Jennifer Morinishi (Cerritos)
 C-Estefania Perez (Norwalk)
 1B-Kiarra Crockett-Pope (Cerritos)
 2B-Giselle Tapia (Gahr)
 3B-Brenda Duran (Artesia)
 SS-Dejaenae Davis (Gahr)
 LF-Jazmine Hill (Gahr)
 CF-Madison Huskey (Gahr)
 RF-Isabel Navarro (Artesia)
 DP-Samiya Jones (Cerritos)

SECOND TEAM

P-Vanessa Foreman (Gahr)
 P-Breanna Vasquez (Norwalk)
 C-Alyanna Hernandez (Cerritos)
 1B-Jade Wittman (Gahr)
 2B-Natalie Luna (Artesia)
 3B-Taylor Stephens (Gahr)
 SS-Brianna Nunez (Norwalk)
 LF-Elise Gibbs (Cerritos)
 CF-Camryn Thompson (Artesia)
 RF-Sydni Jones (Gahr)
 DP-Johanna Rodriguez (Gahr)

THIRD TEAM

P-Caitlyn Azevedo (Valley Christian)
 P-Taylor Genera (Whitney)
 C-Grace Rivera (Gahr)
 1B-Moriah Easley (Valley Christian)
 2B-Lauren Lejano (Cerritos)
 3B-Kyla Nunez-O'Leary (Valley Christian)
 SS-Niki Ibarra (Cerritos)
 LF-Angie Pool (Valley Christian)
 CF-Katie Morewood (Valley Christian)
 RF-Kristina Mendez (Cerritos)
 DP-Leilani Pati (Artesia)

HONORABLE MENTION

P-Shelby Hile (Artesia)
 P-Valerie Joaquin (Artesia)
 C-Quinn Livesay (Valley Christian)
 1B-Charlene Fregoso (Artesia)
 2B-Zoey Williams (Artesia)
 3B-Destiny Ochoa (Norwalk)
 SS-Dalia Morones (John Glenn)
 LF-Anela Kramer (John Glenn)
 CF-Essence Gibbs (Cerritos)
 RF-Christina Shryock (John Glenn)
 DP-Allison Conrad (Norwalk)

Player of the Year:

No one wanted to face Cerritos High first baseman Kiarra Crockett-Pope,

especially the Suburban League pitchers. Despite leading the Lady Dons in batting this season, including an astonishing .739 in league, opposing pitchers intentionally put the California State University, Northridge signee on base 19 times in a dozen league contests. When she wasn't walked, she hit four home runs in league action and drove in 13 runs while scoring 15 times.

Pitcher of the Year:

Cerritos senior Jennifer Morinishi made the most of her last season of high school ball by being the ultimate workhorse. The future Biola University hurler got a decision in all but three games in 2018 (one of those was a forfeit victory) and pitched in every inning of every Suburban League game. Morinishi, who won this award last season, went 17-5 overall, had 65 strikeouts in 12 league games and had a league earned run average of 1.37.

Non-pitcher of the Year:

Kiarra Crockett-Pope

Coach of the Year:

The playoff jinx is over for Gahr High head coach Shawn Quarles, who guided the Lady Gladiators to its second ever trip to the CIF-Southern Section divisional championship game. Gahr went 24-6 this past season, the fourth straight season that the program had won over 20 games. In six seasons at the helm of the Lady Gladiators, Quarles is now 126-46-2. Gahr posted 13 shutouts and allowed more than five runs four times.

PUNISHERS

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they all had to play together again. So, I put a tremendous amount of pressure on them, and I constantly pushed them."

The Punishers began the tournament with a 2-2 tie against the (San Tan Valley, AZ) Mizuno Storm-Stolze as Evans hit a solo home run down the left field line to begin the top of the fourth and Alvarado's base hit to right allowed Noriega, who had earlier singled, to come home. All four hits the Punishers collected came in the inning. Shortly after the conclusion of that game, the Punishers were again down 2-0, this time to the (Ceres) Batbusters-Gomes/Clark. But a one-out single from Lopez plated Quiroz in the bottom of the fifth and an error on the same play allowed Noriega to come home to force the tie. Lockett struck out 11 of 15 batters through five innings. The last game of the night was a 10-2 setback to the (Temecula) Athletics-Mercado/Stancil (Temecula).

The Punishers will face the (San Diego) Breakers-Labs this evening in the first game of the PGF So Cal Qualifier. Awaiting the winner of the game will be the (Orange County) Firecrackers-Kimura. Should the Punishers lose against the Breakers, they would need to win seven straight games to gain one of the four Premier berths available to qualify for the PGF National Championships next month.

"We're going to make sure we're focused; I have them for three days this week," Medina said. "Thursday will be the last practice and Friday we'll come into the games. We will probably be as prepared as we can be. If that doesn't work, we'll go to Vegas and try to take it there."

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LAKWOOD

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structural deficit forming in the future for our budget," said Mayor Steve Croft.

"Maintaining a balanced budget every year is a very important value in Lakewood," said Croft, "so the City Council directed our city manager, Thaddeus McCormack, to come up with a series of spending reductions to bring the budget into balance immediately for the coming two fiscal years. The reductions, and the maximum use of outside grant funds, are designed to minimize service changes for residents and to prioritize Lakewood's traditional focus on public safety and recreation."

"The City Council will also oversee an analysis starting this summer to find ways to keep Lakewood's budget in balanced alignment for the long term," said Croft.

"We start from a good position of having healthy reserves to help us through a transition, but we want to quickly get to a fiscal situation where our budget continues to be reliably balanced every year."

With its June 12 budget action and other recent actions, the Lakewood City Council has taken steps to balance the city budget ranging from hiring freezes to cutting special events.

The City is proposing:

- Freeze or delay hiring for seven va-

cant city staff positions

- Reduce city spending for the two fiscal years that run from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020 including:

-Tightening the scope and spending on city special events

-Reducing janitorial maintenance at city hall

-Reducing new tree plantings for residents and city land by 50%, but maintaining a priority for residential needs

-Deferring action for one year on the costly amending of the city's General Plan

-Utilizing unspent surpluses in several public safety accounts

-Aggressively seeking and using outside grant funds to offset the use of the city's general fund

The hiring freeze and spending reductions are designed to save the city \$2.9 million each fiscal year and provide for a balanced budget in the coming two years.

The Council has also instituted a comprehensive review of the city's infrastructure repair and replacement needs over the next 10 years in order to best prioritize, schedule and budget for those needs.

City officials indicated they would maintain full funding for several crucial areas such as:

- Public safety programs, highlighted by Lakewood's use of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, neighborhood watch programs, and civilian safety officers who carry out important tasks that free up deputies for more patrol time.

- Recreation programs for all ages, which have been a hallmark of Lakewood since the city's founding.

An online version of the city's new budget with changes approved at the June 12 council meeting is available at www.lakewoodcity.org/budget.

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Rives, LLP.

In the end, the Thomas investigation could not "substantiate" the explicit sexual harassment allegations even after they interviewed Cerritos resident Daniel Fierro, who filed the complaint against Garcia.

Fierro told HMG-CN, "They interviewed me but they failed to interview another witness who would have corroborated my story, makes me wonder what their methodology was, it certainly was not transparent."

Apparently, the Assembly did not think the investigation was transparent either.

Interestingly, and perhaps in a sign that Speaker Anthony Rendon is weary of the Garcia saga, Garcia did not know about the decision to re-open the investigation until Wednesday.

In a statement Garcia said, "After a four-month process, the original ruling by the independent investigator found that the claims against me were unsubstantiated, which was accurate. I have constantly asked that the independent investigatory process remain independent. It is unacceptable that the letter updating parties was leaked to the news media before it was received by my legal counsel."

Mike Simpfenderfer, who will be running against Garcia in November told HMG-CN, "The elite supporting Cristina Garcia tried to hide the truth just like the elite hid the truth about Bill Cosby. The truth will come out about Cristina Garcia just like it did about Bill Cosby."

HMG-CN asked Garcia if she would "respect the process," as she put it, and take a leave of absence during the investigation, similar to how she demanded other lawmakers. As of publication time there has been no response.



FORMER LAKWOOD COUNCIL MEMBER PAUL ZELTNER PASSES AWAY

STAFF REPORT

Former Lakewood City Council Member Paul Zeltner, 92, passed away in Rancho Bernardo in San Diego County on May 26. Zeltner served on the City Council for nine years from 1977 to 1986, including two terms as mayor. He left the City Council when he was elected to the California State Assembly.

Zeltner was a World War II Navy veteran, and prior to holding elective office, he served with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for 26 years, including serving as the commander of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station. In recent years, Paul had retired to Rancho Bernardo.

The Lakewood City Council adjourned in former Council Member Zeltner's memory at the end of their council meeting on June 12.



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For more information or technical assistance, please visit the Cerritos Library's website at cerritoslibrary.us.

Cerritos Sheriff's to acquire ALPR vehicles

The Cerritos City Council recently approved leasing two additional Ford Explorer patrol vehicles that feature Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology to add to the Cerritos Sheriff's Station fleet. Cerritos deputies will soon deploy a total of seven ALPR-equipped vehicles to aid them in their daily crime suppression efforts. The original two ALPR equipped vehicles were introduced to the Station's fleet in 2016, and three additional ALPR equipped patrol vehicles were added earlier this year. The two additional vehicles will be utilized to abate residential bur-

glaries.

The City's ALPR equipped patrol vehicles feature the most updated version of ALPR technology. The vehicles have four roof-mounted, high-resolution, infrared digital cameras providing 360 degree coverage and a computer that automatically photographs, geo-tags and instantly checks the license plate number of every vehicle that passes within proximity of the ALPR cameras. The ALPR system immediately notifies the patrolling deputy if a scanned license plate belongs to a stolen vehicle, a person with an outstanding warrant or other persons of interest. The Cerritos Sheriff's Station's crime analyst and detectives utilize the scanned license plate data to locate possible witnesses and suspects.

Rabies clinics to be held in Cerritos in June and July

Shelter 1 at Cerritos Park East from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19 and Wednesday, July 18.

Rabies shots for dogs and cats will be available for \$10, and canine bordetella (kennel cough) shots cost \$17 each. Canine coronavirus vaccines are \$15, and Lyme disease vaccines will be \$23. DHPP shots, also known as the "6-in-1" vaccine that protects dogs from distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza and parvovirus, will be available for \$19. The comparable "4-in-1" (FVRCP) shot for cats cost \$18. Feline bordetella (FIP) shots will be \$29, and feline coronavirus (FELV) shots are \$20. In addition to vaccination fees, a \$3 biohazard disposal fee will be charged for each treated animal.

Checks for vaccines should be made

payable to the City of Cerritos. A driver's license number and expiration date are required on all checks. AVID microchipping will also be available for \$25 per cat or dog.

In addition to an annual rabies shot, dogs four months and older are required by law to have a license. Dog licenses will be sold to Cerritos, Long Beach, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach and Signal Hill residents at the clinics. Dog license fees for Cerritos residents are \$20, or \$10 for dogs that are spayed or neutered (a certificate is required to receive the discount). Seniors ages 60 and older may purchase up to three half-price licenses per household for dogs that are spayed or neutered. To obtain a license, dog owners must show a copy of a current rabies certificate, valid for 12 months, and a sterility certificate if the dog is spayed or neutered. Checks for dog licenses should be made payable to City of Long Beach.

For more information, call Long Beach Animal Care Services at (562) 570-7387.

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Sealed bids shall be delivered to the City Clerk at or before Thursday, July 5, 2018. Bids must be submitted on the blank forms, prepared and furnished for that purpose and included in the Notice Inviting Bids on file in the City Clerk's Office. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or delete portions of any or all bids, or waive any informality or irregularity in the bid or the bid procedures.

Anne Haraksin
City Clerk, City of La Mirada

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Trustee Sale No. 15-002940 TSG# 140009828 APN# 7012-014-025 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/13/06. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 07/11/18 at 11:00 am, Aztec Foreclosure Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Fedish L. Ford, and Christine G. Ford, husband and wife as joint tenants, as Trustor(s), in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as Nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, a New York Corporation, as Beneficiary, Recorded on 06/22/06 in Instrument No. 06 1370334 and thereafter loan modification recorded on 4/6/11 at recorder's no. 20110505583 of official records in the Office of the county recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state), By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described as: 16811 MAURICE COURT, CERRITOS, CA 90703. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$980,774.25 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: June 7, 2018 AZTEC FORECLOSURE CORPORATION Elaine Malone Assistant Secretary / Assistant Vice President Aztec Foreclosure Corporation, 3636 N. Central Ave., Suite #400, Phoenix, AZ 85012 Phone: (877) 257-0717 or (602) 638-5700; fax: (602) 638-5748 www.aztectrustee.com NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit the Internet Web site, using the file number assigned to this case 15-002940. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. www.homesearch.com 800-758-8052 or Aztec Foreclosure Corporation (877) 257-0717 www.aztectrustee.com NPP0334199 To: LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS 06/15/2018, 06/22/2018, 06/29/2018

**CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the La Mirada City Council will conduct a public hearing on June 26, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., to consider the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget. Said hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, 90638. All interested persons are invited to attend and public testimony will be heard at that time.

Additional information on the proposed Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget can be obtained by calling the City Clerk's Office at (562) 943-0131. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals in need of special assistance at the public hearing should contact the City Clerk three days prior to the date of the hearing.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk
City of La Mirada

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cerritos City Council will conduct a public hearing at a meeting on **Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** on the following matter:

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION TO WAIVE FULL READING OF AND ADOPT A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CERRITOS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019, APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO MEET THE EXPENDITURES SET FORTH THEREIN, AND APPROVING THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 FOR THE CITY OF CERRITOS AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CERRITOS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY)

This public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers of the Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Civic Center, Bloomfield Avenue and 183rd Street in Cerritos, California 90703. The meeting will also air live on Cerritos TV3 and will be streamed over the City of Cerritos website at www.cerritos.us. A copy of the related staff report will be available for download from the website by 6:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

If you challenge the above mentioned item and related actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the **Cerritos City Council** at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Any person interested in this matter may contact the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 916-1248, for additional information and/or appear at the hearing in person or by agent and be heard.

Dated: June 15, 2018

/s/Vida Barone
Vida Barone, City Clerk

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**CITY OF COMMERCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

CITYWIDE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will conduct a public hearing to consider a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment request to make certain changes to Division 3 – Alcohol Sales, Chapter 19.31.100 (Development standards and use conditions) of the Zoning Code, Citywide. Specifically, staff is considering making adjustments to the Zoning Code to allow for the ancillary sale and dispensing of alcohol when proposed in conjunction with a Restaurant, Sit-Down or Restaurant Drive-through within 500 feet of a residential district and when located on Washington Boulevard or Atlantic Boulevard.

Said public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce in the Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA, on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment will be heard.

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge this Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION
Matt Marquez

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**CITY OF COMMERCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 529**

7400 Bandini Boulevard

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce will conduct a public hearing on a request from ROMAC Supply Company for a Conditional Use Permit to allow an existing electrical equipment manufacturer within the City's M-2 zoning district to expand their operations in order to add powder coating painting within an existing 95,600 square foot building. Specifically, the applicant is requesting to utilize 4,000 square feet area of existing building to allow for powder coating painting of product that are manufactured on-site. Per Section 19.11.030 of the Commerce Municipal Code, electroplating, plating, polishing, anodizing, and coloring are subject to the conditional use permit process within the M-2 Zone.

Said public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Commerce in the Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA, on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the proposed Conditional Use Permit will be heard.

Per Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge this Conditional Use Permit in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION
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**CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the City Council of the City of La Mirada on **Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California to consider the following:

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 48: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING VARIOUS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH "SECOND DWELLING UNITS" AND ESTABLISHING NEW CODE SECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH "ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS" (ADU) WITHIN TITLE 21 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE

At the hearing, the City Council will consider staff's report, the Planning Commission and staff recommendations, as well as all testimony and public input prior to making a final decision. The documents being considered are available for review at the City's Community Development Department offices located at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. You may contact the Community Development Department at (562) 943-0131 should you have any questions concerning this item. This proposed amendment was previously reviewed and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at a duly notice public hearing held on May 17, 2018.

If you wish to be heard concerning the item identified in this Notice, you may appear in person at the public hearing or you may submit your comments in writing to the City prior to or at the public hearing. Mailed comments should be addressed to the City of La Mirada, Community Development Department, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, 90638.

Please notify the City Clerk's office at (562) 943-0131, extension 2302, at least four days prior to this hearing should you require a disability-related accommodation (e.g. sign language interpreter).

IF YOU CHALLENGE ANY OF THE FOREGOING ACTIONS IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL ACTION DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE CITY COUNCIL AT OR PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Gabriel Bautista
Community Development Director

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SOURCES: Asm. Cristina Garcia Allegedly Threatened to Expose Officials Who Had Sex With Her

Tuesday June 5, 2018, 5:45 p.m.

Two weeks ago, the Assembly investigation of sexual harassment against Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia.

The investigation was conducted by Rives, LLP, who was retained by Garcia.

The Thomas investigation surfaced a larger set of extremely embarrassing allegations against staffers who were represented by Rives, LLP.

Thomas substantiated the allegations against several staffers.

But the investigation did not address the harassment allegations levelled against Garcia.

At the time, sources told HMG-CN that the allegations of Garcia bragging about having sex in her office could implicate "five other married elected officials from Central California" and was the reason why the inquiry ended so abruptly.



Assembly Re-Opens Sexual Harassment Investigation of Cristina Garcia

Staff Report

A Hews Media Group-Community News article questioning the veracity of Cristina Garcia's investigation has triggered the Assembly Rules Committee to reopen the sexual harassment investigation against Assemblywoman.

The article entitled "Was the Garcia Investigation a Beginning?" outlined how the Assembly Rules Committee, led by Assemblywoman Garcia, created an attorney-client privilege for supporting documents from disclosure.

The investigation was conducted by Rives, LLP.

In the end, the Thomas investigation substantiated sexual harassment allegations even against Daniel Fierro, who filed the complaint.

Fierro told HMG-CN, "They interviewed me and I was cleared."

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