



Cerritos Resident

MELINDA KIMSEY FINED \$20,000 for Falsely Accusing Teacher of Pedophilia



Kimsey admitted in court documents that there was "no evidence to support my allegations." "It was two years of hell," said Larry Costa, the BUSD teacher whom Kimsey maliciously accused.

Kimsey also falsely claimed sexual harassment in the explicitly graphic complaint filed in 2008.

Staff Report

Hews Media Group-Community News has obtained court documents that show Cerritos resident Melinda Kimsey, owner of the Gateway Guardian, a publication that Cerritos Mayor Carol Chen and former Cerritos Mayor Bruce Barrows advocate and sup-

port, deliberately and maliciously lied in a lawsuit complaint when she falsely accused Larry Costa, a fellow male teacher at the Bellflower Unified School District (BUSD), of sexual harassment.

And in what can only be called an equally vicious and brutal fabrication, Kimsey also claimed that Costa was a pedophile.

In addition, Kimsey accused two principals at the school, Judy Rafferty and Jose Alarcon, of "knowing Costa had harassment tendencies" and for allowing the harassment to occur without taking action.

Lastly, and in an apparent effort to get the maximum monetary award, Kimsey included the BUSD in the lawsuit.

After it was revealed that she had no facts to support anything she alleged, Kimsey had to pay almost \$20,000 to the BUSD for attorney's fees.

Kimsey's attorneys, Long Beach based Carlin and Buchsbaum, LLP, filed the sexually explicit 10-page complaint in Los Angeles County Superior Court,

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'Drug Kingpin' Arrested at his Cerritos Home

By Brian Hews



Derrick Turner lives in Cerritos.

In what police say is a leading dealer on Skid Row, Derrick Turner was arrested this week at his home in Cerritos.

Authorities said Turner provided one of the largest supplies of the cocaine and heroin to the infamous

Los Angeles downtown drug area.

Evidence taken at the house was \$600,000, all in one-dollar bills.

Police said the fact it was one-dollar bills "tells you a lot about his business on Skid Row."

In all police arrested 16 people and seized \$1.8 million in cash.

Turner's house was located in a cul-de-sac and raided around 3:30 AM.

Turner was charged with possession of narcotics for sale, receiving the money for

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Residents Irate About Frontier Switchover Problems

By Brian Hews

The Hews Media Group-Community News switchboard has been inundated the past few weeks with messages from Cerritos residents who are irate about the Frontier Communications takeover of Verizon services in the area.

Frontier took over Verizon Fios, TV, and Internet a few weeks ago and resi-

dents have been experiencing outages in every category, sometimes for days.

Many residents called to say that the email system is not working correctly with one resident telling HMG-CN that "the email you (HMG-CN) sent out at seven in the morning, I didn't get till 10 hours later."

One of the problem areas seems to be Rancho Verde Park where long-time resi-

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NLMUSD Middle School Music Students Perform With La Mirada Symphony

Thirty Norwalk-La Mirada middle school musicians, all District Honor Band members, got their first experience performing on the big stage when they joined with the La Mirada Symphony for a pair of performances April 19 at the La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts, with more than 1,000 District students in the audience.

The Youth Enrichment program performance is a showcase for the District's stellar Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) program. Two District music teachers – Vanessa Trevino from Benton Middle School and David Yamamoto from Corvallis Middle School – served as guest conductors.

“The opportunity to perform with some of the best musicians in the world is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and serves to show our students that anything is possible if they establish a goal and stay dedicated to achieving it,” NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said. “This is a wonderful event. They played

beautifully.”

La Mirada Symphony conductor Alan Mautner began the program by giving the audience a brief tutorial on the four components of a symphony orchestra – percussion, wind, brass and strings. Then, assembled the honor band musicians on stage to play “Into the Clouds” and “The Thunderer.”

“This is my first time getting to play with the symphony,” said Julissa Flores, a Corvallis seventh-grader who plays double bass. “I am looking to improve myself and my classmates. We can all learn from each other.”

Next, two La Mirada High School guitarists were introduced as winners of the Blanche Nissim Memorial Competition. LMHS senior Kayla Harrell and sophomore Alyssa Salas performed a guitar duet of a Domenico Scarlatti sonata and received both a medal and a \$100 cash prize.

“This is pretty cool,” said Harrell, who will continue her music education at Vanguard University and has collaborated with Salas for two years. “This is such a great opportunity to learn from professionals.”

In a light moment, Mautner invited four NLMUSD elementary school students on stage to play a variety of unlikely percussion instruments – a slide whistle,



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a bike horn and a bird whistle – with the symphony. This prompted a large cheer from the audience, which consisted of the entire District fifth-grade class, as well as advanced band, orchestra and guitar class students from all the middle schools.

“This is a really fun day, and it serves as an excellent recruitment tool for the

music program,” District VAPA coordinator Karen Calhoun said. “For the fifth-grade class, it presents an achievable goal for them upon entering middle school, and for the middle school musicians, it shows what can be accomplished if they apply themselves.”

Music instruction is offered to every NLMUSD student – from transitional kindergarten to grade twelve – as part of the VAPA curriculum. The Youth Enrichment Program began in 2001 as a way to bring orchestral music to the schools.

“Our collaboration with the La Mirada Symphony continues to be a jewel of our performing arts program, and we thank their board of directors for their enthusiasm and support for our VAPA program,” NLMUSD Board President Karen Morrison said.

LA MIRADA ARTS COLONY MEETING

The Arts Colony of La Mirada will hold its May meeting on Monday, the 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. in the La Mirada Resource Center, 13710 La Mirada Blvd. This meeting will feature a demonstration by Rosario Grint, formerly of Panama. Rosario, a fine oil painter, has won many prizes at local art shows. She accidentally discovered her talent in drawing at the age of 13, and has been an artist since then.

The meeting is open to the art appreciating public, artists or not. For more information call 562-941-4116, 562-448-3427 or find us at www.acolm.com



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Lakewood Volunteer Day Helps Residents



Mother and daughters weed and plant fresh flowers in a Lakewood resident's planter. "It's just a nice feeling," said one of the girls, "I do it just because I want to be nice."

By Tammy McDuff

Lakewood residents met bright and early Saturday April 16 for Lakewood Volunteer Day as dozens of volunteer teams came together at the Lakewood Youth Center to paint, clear yards and assist with much needed exterior home improvements throughout the city.

Lakewood's tradition of volunteering goes back to its early founding days. It was volunteers who established the Lakewood Youth Sports program that continues to thrive today. For years, Lakewood residents have heeded the call to help others. They show their concern for the community and neighbors by volunteering.

Volunteer groups range from boys scouts to service clubs, churches and even entire families that roll up their sleeves and lend a neighborly hand.

Crews began clean up at 8:00 a.m. and worked into the early afternoon. Volun-

teers then meet up at the Youth Center for a BBQ lunch made possible by community sponsors.

"We are here to help this lady clear her yard and help her heal," said one Crew Leader, "she has been in an accident and has recently lost her husband. She can't get around very well and we want to help her heal by cleaning and clearing her garden and front yard. I have been volunteering for five years and I have my entire family signed up to help in whatever way we can."

One mother and city employee brought two of her five daughters to help replant flowers in an elder woman's front yard. "It's just a nice feeling," said one of the girls, "I do it just because I want to be nice."

Volunteer Day is held each April, to ask about helping, sign up through the volunteer online form at Lakewood Online or call the Burns Community Center at 562-925-7512.

Cerritos Civic Leader Celebrates 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood



Congratulating Father Ara at his 60th Anniversary were Cerritos residents Dr. Steve and Dr. Mary Sherman.

By Larry Caballero

Long-time Cerritos resident and civic leader Charlie Ara celebrated his 60th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood Apr. 24 at St. Matthews Ecumenical Catholic Church in Orange where more than one hundred clergy, family members and friends joined to congratulate him

Ara was ordained a Roman Catholic priest by Cardinal James Francis McIntyre on April 25, 1956 at St. Vibiana's Cathedral in Los Angeles, California. From 1956 to 1970, he served as associate pastor in five large parishes in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

On October 10, 1970, Ara added love and marriage to his priesthood. He and his wife Shirley have been blessed with five wonderful children: Martin, Jose, Rana, Dawna and Matthew. Ara is also a proud grandparent. They will be celebrating 46

years of marriage in October.

Attending the ceremony to congratulate Ara were Cerritos Optimists member Bob Hernandez and his wife Linda, and several members from the Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club of Cerritos where he was President for several years. He now is President of a Democratic Club in Palm Desert.

Ara is available to preside over weddings for Catholics who for one reason or another are not being married at their parish church. He also presides over non-denominational weddings, and sometimes he joins with a Jewish rabbi for an inter-faith ceremony. In addition, Ara also conducts funerals and baptisms when requested.

He is a licensed psychotherapist with a marriage counseling office in Cerritos, California.

Ara can be reached at (562) 865-4075 or e-mail him at cara@sprintmail.com



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Artesia Chamber of Commerce Hosts State of the District Luncheon

By Tammye McDuff



The Artesia Chamber of Commerce held their Business Networking and State of the District luncheon April 26, 2016 at Wok N Tandoor restaurant in Artesia. The keynote speaker was Dr. Mary Sieu, Superintendent of the ABC

Unified School District.

“Each day, ABC Unified School district strives to provide the best educational experiences for students and families,” said Dr. Sieu, “we are working hard to achieve our mission. For the past three years, we’ve had a concrete road map to guide us and it is paying off.”

Sieu began by making reference to a comment she received stating that she was in the rich district, “that’s just not so,” she stated. There are 30 schools within ABC USD, 19 elementary schools, five middle schools, five high schools, one adult school and 10 preschools. Low income families make up 51% of students. English learners make up 20% with the EL reclassification rate being 13.6%.

The district holds fast to their District Strategic Plan – Schools for 21st Century Learners, and it is making a difference. The attendance rate is at 97% while the suspension rate dropped to 1.1% for the 2015-2016 school year. The annual

dropout rate has gone from 5.2% in 2011 to 2.3% in 2015 and the expulsion rate is at 0%.

“The strategic work we do each year is focused on accomplishing our five year plan directive,” said Sieu, “they are Academic Achievement for All, Professional Growth for Employees, Family and Community engagement, System to Support Student Success and Effective Resource Management.

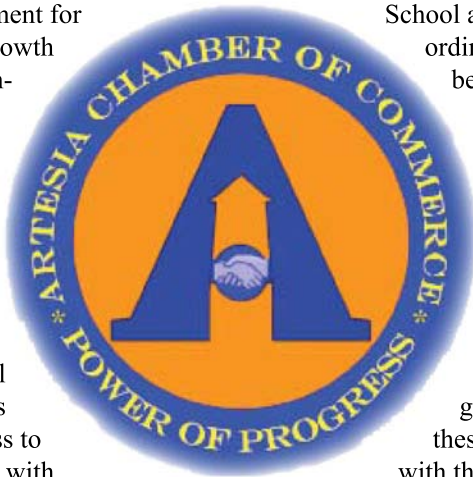
Academic Achievement for All provides all students with equitable access to rigorous curriculum with aligned instructional materials and assessments by continuing to implement the California state standards in English Language Arts and Math.

Providing staff with high quality professional development in training for 2,078 Pre-K to 12th grade teachers and school leaders. ABC has trained 213 teachers, added 8,000 mobile devices, and offered technology workshops to 188 classified personnel.

Family and community partnerships are mandatory in supporting student learning. In collaboration with the Adult School and PTA, Parent Leadership Conference and Academy Workshops were provided to 943 participants.

ABC has partnered with the Cerritos-Artesia Rotary club to host a Japanese Exchange Program this summer.

Opportunities have been expanded for 13 elementary schools to engage in STEM programs through a Boeing Grant and the Teacher Track Program has been implemented with Cerritos College for



Cerritos High School and Artesia High School.

Also through community collaborations, 13 Wellness Coordinators now serve all elementary and middle schools, with a social worker at each High School and eight Wellness Coordinators. PlayWorks have been implemented at 14 elementary schools as well as wellness events.

By partnering with the ABC Education Foundation, numerous services have been added to support the district goals. By optimizing these resources, schools with the ABC USD has been awarded with the California Gold Ribbon, California Distinguished Schools, National Blue Ribbon, California Schools to Watch, NSBA Magna Grand Prize Award, NSBA Honorable Mention and the Golden Bell Awards.

Dr. Sieu has been with the ABC USD since 1989, prior to coming to ABC, Sieu was a Clinical Supervisor of the Teacher Education Lab at UCLA.

She began her career as an elementary teacher in the Chicago Public Schools and later in the Chino Unified School District in California.

She spent several years as a foreign language teacher in the People’s Republic of China and has served as an adjunct professor at the Rossier School of Education at USC.

The event was generously sponsored by State Bank of India, Wok N Tandoor, Meiyen Chang, Apel Construction, Preferred Bank, Southland Polymers, ABC Adult School, Artesia LIVE and Cathay Bank.

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Season passes for Splash! are on sale now for \$54.

The 2016 season opens to the public beginning with weekends on May 21 and open daily beginning June 10.

As always Splash! offers free parking and free use of life jackets and tubes.

“The pre-season sale price ends May 31, so be sure to purchase your pass at our lowest price of the season,” says Community Services Director Lori Thompson. “Make memories at Splash! all summer long with your 2016 season pass.”

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Scholarship Foundation of John F. Kennedy High School Celebrates 20th Anniversary

By Brian Hews

The Scholarship Foundation of John F. Kennedy High School commemorates their 20th anniversary this year.

Founded in 1995, the Foundation has awarded over \$103,000 in scholarships to 167 graduating seniors from John F. Kennedy High School.

Join the Foundation as they celebrate their annual fundraising dinner. The event will be a fun filled evening with proceeds bringing significant support to the Foundation’s mission.

Resident’s attendance will help contribute to the Foundation’s endeavors that provides students with opportunities to

continue their education at college or professional/trade school level.

The date of the event is Saturday, May 7th and will be celebrated at the Knott’s Berry Farm Resort Hotel in Buena Park.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. There will be a silent auction/raffle, dinner, entertainment & awards.

The cost is a very modest \$45 per person or \$300 for a table of 8.

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Stowers Elementary Holds Open House

By Tammye McDuff

Cecil B. Stower's Elementary School held their annual Open House and Student Exhibition, Thursday April 21, 2016. Stower's Elementary Magnet School of International Studies is an International Baccalaureate World School. Their mission is to develop a sense of international awareness, based on six transdisciplinary themes. The idea is to educate students to interact, converse with, and understand their own, as well as other cultures, while instilling in them a passion for lifelong learning and appreciation for the world as international citizens.

Transdisciplinary themes include: who we are; where we are in place and time; how we express ourselves; how the world works; how we organize ourselves and taking care of our planet. Each one of these six steps is presented appropriately to each grade level. Beginning at kindergarten level, each student becomes knowledgeable about these themes and then they have to practice the skills associated with them. It teaches students how to be responsible for their learning.

This type of learning increases their vocabulary skills," said Dr. Tom Tracy, Principal, "and they become more aware of the world around them and more understanding of others." The curriculum is very much about exploring, learning and researching. A concept is taught and then it is up to the children to discover how to implement it. "A grade point average is not necessarily a factor," said Tracy, "we don't look at the grades, we look at the learning. Some kids can't get a 4.0 because it is not in them, but their depth of understanding is truly what we are measuring." Tracy goes on to add that sometimes the child that gets the "D" is more intelligent than the one that



Anthony, David, Missael and Arturo deliver a presentation on terrorism and how kids can address possible incidents. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

gets the "A". "We meet the child where they are in September, and by June we have increased their understanding and knowledge, by an incredible percent," added Tracy.

Through a forward thinking international academic program and meticulous evaluation, students are encouraged to become active, compassionate learners who understand that other people, with their differences can also be right.

The curriculum was created in Switzerland in 1968 for students in international schools, IB is now offered in 3,460 schools across 143 countries — with 1,370 public and private schools in the U.S. Stower's is the only IB school within the ABCUSD.

Stower's gained popularity for setting high standards and emphasizing creative and critical thinking. Students are responsible for their own learning, choosing topics and devising their own projects, while teachers act more as supervisors or mentors than sources of facts. The curriculum emphasizes

research and encourages students to learn from their peers, through students actively critiquing one another's work.

Beyond critical thinking and college-level work, the full IB program calls for students to express themselves through writing, requires community service, and aims "to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect."

Sixth grade students base their reports on world events. One young sixth grader based her report on animal abuse, focusing on homeless dogs. Another team had a display discussing terrorism, learning disaster plans and how to make a difference, while the Trevor Project discussed the LGBT community civil and social rights and how to support them.

The school is four years in the making; the school is currently running over 600 students, is adding an additional classroom in the fall of 2016 and has a waiting list.

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dent Jim McMahon told HMG-CN that he is still experiencing problems on all platforms. Residents are also irate about Frontier's customer service, as many have told HMG-CN that customer service indicates that they will come out to their home tomorrow and they never show up.

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Staff Report

Over 200 guests comprised of local civic leaders, business people and groups, non-profits, and residents gathered at the Cerritos-based Trinity Worldwide Repro-

graphics' monthly Speakers Forum at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts for a Christ-centered message and enjoyed 70's music sensation Jason Lohrke, better known as the "Next Real Neil Diamond," who shared some classic songs along with a background of Neil's faith and Jason's own faith.

The morning began with delicious breakfast burritos from El Atacor Taqueria in Whittier and inspirational worship music by the Trinity praise band. It was a great time of praise that transitioned into more music brought by Lohrke, who was a real crowd pleaser making his way throughout the hall singing, dancing, and interacting with the guests.

Lohrke went on to share how everything he does is for the glory of God. Whether he is impersonating a musician, being a father to his children, leading worship, or being a loving husband to his wife,



Jason Lohrke, better known as the "Next Real Neil Diamond," sings to guests of Trinity Reprographics at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

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he shared how it's all about our heart's positioning towards God the Father. "When I get to heaven and God asks me, 'What did you do with the time I gave you?' I'll respond, 'I impersonated famous musicians and shared Your love!'"

Guests joined in the singing as Lohrke performed Neil Diamond's songs such as "Shilo," "I am... I said," "America," "Thank the Lord for the Night Time" and, of course, the ever-popular "Sweet Caroline." The resemblance in appearance and sound was so alike the real Neil that it was as if everyone in the room had time-traveled back to the 1970's.

Trinity told HMG-CN that February and March's Love Thy Neighbor campaign, Loose Change to Save Lives, was a huge success. They wanted to thank all the churches, businesses, and individuals who helped make this possible.

After Lohrke finished his message,

Trinity, on behalf of all the donors, presented a check in the amount of \$4,535 to Jeanette Kuiphof, the President of Women's Pregnancy Care Clinic.

For April and May 2016, Trinity invites you to join them as they raise funds to walk in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. You can find more information on their website at www.Trinity3in1.net/love-thy-neighbor, email khuizar@trinity3in1.net, or call them at (562) 567-2050.

Join Trinity next month on May 27th at 9 a.m. at the CCPA as they honor our veterans and hear a powerful message presented by U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Pastor Joe Enriquez from Point Man International Ministries.

Please note that for this one month only, the Speakers Forum will be held on the 4th Friday of the month.

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MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY UPDATE

Dear Parents,

Susanna Contreras Smith MUSD Superintendent.

The Montebello Unified School District (MUSD) always puts our students and employees first. We are pleased to announce that we have settled contracts with the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Montebello Chapter 505, and the Montebello School Police Officers Association.

We are currently negotiating an additional salary increase with the Montebello Teachers Association (MTA). MUSD is proud of the fact that our teachers are the fourth highest paid in Los Angeles County. The average teacher in our district makes \$90,000 for working a 10-month school year. On average, our MUSD teachers earn up to \$500 per instructional day; meanwhile veteran teachers make even more.

Unfortunately, the Montebello Teachers Association is attempting to mislead the general public into believing that the district does not care about our teachers. The union leadership has been utilizing deceitful propaganda to spread false information about the district and the Board of Education that represents you.

The goal of the union leadership during this negotiation is to mislead the public in order to pressure the School Board into increasing the average teacher salary to nearly \$100,000 per year for 10 months of work. Keep in mind that the average median household income in our hard working community is \$50,000 for 12 months of work by comparison.

MUSD has a history of consistently providing its teachers with a generous employee compensation package. In the last three years, teachers have been given a 10.4% wage increase, excellent insurance benefits, and increased district contributions to one of the finest retirement systems offered in California -CALSTRS.

The school district plans to continue to reward all of its employees again this year while being fiscally responsible and maintaining sound financial practices. We strive to be a high performing district while being fair to all of our employees. Our vision is to redirect our budget towards providing updated computer technology, expanding after-school programs, beautifying our school facilities which our children deserve, and enhancing safety for our students and employees.

It is essential that MUSD is in clear and constant communication with our parents and students, to ensure that everyone knows exactly what our plans and goals are-to be fully transparent in the community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Angel Gallardo at (323) 887-7900, extension 7924.

Thank you for your continued support of the Montebello Unified School District.

Sincerely,
Susanna Contreras Smith
Superintendent of Schools

Da' Hawaii Seniors Club Performs at Cerritos' 60th Anniversary Spring Festival



Photo by Edna Ethington

Members of Da' Hawaii Seniors Club posed for a group picture after their performance on Saturday, April 23, 2016, at the City of Cerritos 60th Anniversary Spring Festival at Cerritos Regional Park. Pictured kneeling in the front row on the far right is Hedy Harrison Anduha, Kumu of the hula dancers and Director of the musicians.

Ribbon Cutting and Grand Re-Opening in La Palma



La Palma liquor on La Palma Avenue in the Walmart Neighborhood Market Center held its grand re-opening this past week. The owner is Ganpat Patel, a La Palma resident, who purchased the store in 1993. Mr. Patel is the father of Cerritos' Ave 3 owner Ash Patel. State Lottery Officials were on hand as store ranks 34th out of 22,000 outlets statewide. In the picture from left to right are LP Mayor pro tem Michelle Steggell, Owner Mr. Pat Patel, Mrs. Patel, LP Mayor Gerard Goedhart, City Council member Peter Kim, City Manager Laurie Murray, and Senator Huff Representative Cecelia Iglesias. Photo courtesy City of La Palma.

AAUW LONG BEACH ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

Long Beach- The American Association of University Women Long Beach Branch's Annual Garden Party will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 1-3 p.m. at the home of AAUW Long Beach Branch member Michelle Kiss.

All members are encouraged to bring a friend, as well as any prospective member interested in enjoying the event.

The annual event is planned for everyone to see the opportunities available as a member with the branch.

Display tables will showcase the organization's programs and special interest groups.

A variety of light snacks, desserts, and appetizing finger foods will be served. No reservations or cost are required to attend

this event.

Please email the AAUW Long Beach Branch at AAUWLongBeach@gmail.com for questions.

The AAUW Long Beach branch has been actively involved in the community since 1911.

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Contact Gail Morrison, Co-Communications Director or Brittani Santini-Bolanos at (562) 438-0597, or (818) 590-6665.

Morrison's email is gail7go@gmail.com, Santini-Bolanos' is Brittanir-enee119@gmail.com.

FRIENDS OF LA PALMA LIBRARY 'HUGE' BOOK SALE

The Friends of La Palma Library will have a book sale on Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to raise funds for library programs.

The sale is at the library at 7842 Walker St., La Palma, CA 90623

Hardback fiction and non-fiction start at \$1. Paperbacks are 50 cents. Children's books start at 25 cents. Biographies and memoirs are as little as 5 cents. Also available will be Coffee table books, references, dictionaries, study guides, child-rearing guides, self-help

books, diet and fitness guides, DVDs, CDs, recorded books and a variety of magazines.

A large selection of Korean- and Japanese-language books also are being sold.

The materials in the sale have been donated by area residents or culled from the library collection to make way for new books.

More information is available on the Friends' website at friendsoflapalma.wix.com/home. The email is friendsoflapalma@gmail.com

MAY EVENTS FOR OLDER ADULTS

Cerritos

All programming is for patrons 50 years and older. Cerritos residents receive priority registration. For programs that require registration and have a fee, visit the Cerritos Senior Center. Drop-in programming is open to all patrons 50 years and older and is usually free, unless otherwise noted. For more information, call (562) 916-8550.

The Cerritos Senior Center does not allow soliciting nor endorse any agency, partner, instructor, vendor or presenter. Seniors should gather information to make the best personal decision on presented information.

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Driving Drowsy
Free Reg. by phone Mon., May 9 1 p. m.

Preserving Your Memory
Free Reg. by phone Mon., May 9 10 a. m.

Norwalk

All events are FREE, unless indicated, open to seniors 50 years of age and older, and take place at the Norwalk Senior Center, located at 14040 San Antonio Drive. Please call (562) 929-5580 for event registration or more information.

Bereavement Support Group
Every Friday in May, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., this group, led by a trained mental health professional from Tele-care Corporation in Norwalk, provides

seniors who have experienced the loss of a spouse, family member or friend, a forum to share their experience in a safe and supportive environment.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings
AppleCare and Pioneer Medical Groups provide this monthly service to seniors, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 9 and Tuesday, May 17. Screenings are performed by licensed/certified medical staff, with results discussed afterward.

CalFresh Outreach Assistance
Individuals 65 years of age and up can now qualify for CalFresh services, which help to put healthy food on the table. Qualification information and application assistance will be provided by a CalFresh representative on Wednesday, May 11 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Limited to the first 20 people.

Neighborhood Watch: Travel Safely on Public Transportation
Public transportation is great way to get around. For seniors, extra precautions may be in order to keep the ride easy and enjoyable. On Wednesday, May 11, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., a City of Norwalk Public Safety Officer will talk about steps seniors can take and tips to follow while on public transportation to keep their travel safe.

Managing Long-Term Care and Medical Expenses

As we get older, issues arise that may cause concern for those on a fixed income. On Thursday, May 12, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., a staff member from the Heartland Institute of Financial Education will discuss long-term care, medical expenses and how to best prepare for and deal with these challenges.

Stroke Awareness Education
Strokes can be devastating at any age. On Tuesday, May 17, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Coast Plaza Hospital staff will teach seniors symptoms to look for,

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Cerritos Celebrates 60th Anniversary

By Tammye McDuff

In honor of its 60th anniversary, the City of Cerritos held a three-day festival of carnival rides, games and food at the Cerritos Sports Complex from Friday, April 22nd to Sunday, April 24th. Featured entertainment was a brilliant showcase of local talent and professional acts which were held on the main stage and the children's stage.

2016 marks the anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Cerritos from a small dairy community to a progressive suburban city. The City supplied a display of early city history, of old news-

paper announcements and original farm equipment. Several old City tiles were on display as well as awards presented to the city throughout its sixty year history. Members of the Cerritos City Hall were on site to answer questions and provide information at the Town Hall display.

The Leal Elementary Choir kicked off Friday's festivities on the main stage, followed by the Cerritos High School Taiwanese Club – yoyo demonstration. Nixon Elementary Dance club, Valley Christina jazz Band, and the Kennedy Elementary choir rounded up the evening.

Saturday was highlighted by a vintage car show featuring classics of the early 50's to infamous T-bucket roadsters of the 60's and 70's. Beginning at high noon, a variety of entertainment was featured on the main stage from the opening act by Four Seasons Autoharp to the Captain Cardiac and Coronaries rocking well in the late hours. The children's entertainment stage featured young winners from the Cerritos Talent Show.

Saturday evening was anchored by a spectacular fireworks display commemorating the city anniversary. A lively musical performance with a Back-to-the-Future was choreographed to the fireworks all provided by Pyro Spectacular Fireworks Display.

Spring dance recitals festivities, Tetzlaf Middle School Jazz band and 'Abbit the Average' magic show entertained Sunday carnival goers.

A variety of gourmet food trucks were on site providing an array of specialty menu items from the ever favored funnel cake to grass-fed Angus hamburgers, and of course the usual corn dogs, waffle cones and cotton candy were available.



CAR SHOW: Saturday was highlighted by a vintage car show featuring classics of the early 50's and 60's. Photo by Tammye McDuff.



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The City supplied a display of early city history, old newspaper announcements, and original farm equipment. Several old City tiles were on display as well as awards presented to the city throughout its sixty year history. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

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ARTESIA HOLDS EARTH DAY EXPO



The Gahr High School band served hot dogs and refreshments as a fundraiser for the school band. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

By Tammye McDuff

The city of Artesia held their annual Earth Day Expo, Saturday April 23, 2016 at Artesia Park. The Earth Day Expo showcased hydro cell vehicles, electric vehicles, artificial turf, gardening tips, and solar panels. "The Expo is a great place to get ideas on how to conserve, be sustainable, and save money in the process for our residents," said Artesia Mayor Pro Tem Ali Taj.

The Expo highlighted companies and programs where home owners and local agencies can save energy and money. Southern California Edison, The Gas Company, South Coast Air Quality Management District, and CR&R, were in attendance with informational booths about

their many cost-saving programs. The Gahr High School band served hot dogs and refreshments as a fundraiser for the school band.

Visitors earned free raffle tickets by visiting each booth, driving electric cars, participating in fun eco-workshops and creating at the crafts table. Raffle prizes included restaurant gift cards, eco-friendly goodies, and solar toys.


The Eco-Artesia Contest was made available to all youth. Contest prizes included bikes, skateboards, hover boards, Six Flags Magic Mountain tickets, and Disney Store gift cards. Entries had to be posted on social media with the hashtag #ECOARTesiaContest.

Eco-ARTesia Contest grade divisions

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SUBURBAN LEAGUE SOFTBALL:

NORWALK'S VASQUEZ CALM AS THEY COME, NEARLY PERFECT AGAINST CROSSTOWN RIVAL

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

The type of performance Norwalk High's Breanna Vasquez had against John Glenn High last Friday was nothing new for the sophomore pitcher. In fact, it's becoming somewhat of a usual thing, something that could just propel the Lady Lancers to a Suburban League championship.

Vasquez took a perfect game into the top of the sixth and settled for a two-hitter, striking out 13 as Norwalk got past Glenn 2-0. It was the fourth shutout of the season for Vasquez and in all four of those games, she has allowed six combined hits.

"It was my teammates," Vasquez said. "They were behind me, they were helping me, they were getting the hits when we

needed to, they were playing solid defense. Them being behind me pushed me and really helped me to stay calm and to stay in the game."

"As a pitcher, she's dominant," said Norwalk head coach Paulette Gasporra. "She knows what to do in order to help as far as our defense and she's pretty in the circle."

Vasquez, who had thrown a no-hitter last season against El Rancho High and again earlier this season against Bishop Montgomery High, was in a zone from the very first pitch. She struck out seven of the first nine batters she faced and did not get a Glenn batter to send the ball to the outfield until there were two outs in the top of the fourth.

But more importantly, Vasquez was getting ahead in the count a lot, throwing a first-pitch strike to 16 of the 22 batters she faced. And through the first 15 batters she faced, she never threw more than five pitches to any batter.

"It's kind of nerve wracking but I just have to stay calm in there and throw my strikes," Vasquez said. "I have to hit my spots so no one gets on," Vasquez said.

"Breanna is one of the best that we've faced," said John Glenn head coach David Cruz. "To me, her and [Alyssa Olague] over at Whittier are the two best pitchers we've faced this year. They just have great command of their pitches and have great location every single time. That makes it hard on the batters where they go to chase the pitches."

After striking out junior catcher Devany Esparza looking on seven pitches to begin the sixth, she threw another seven pitches to junior left fielder Alize Lopez. But this time, Lopez connected and sent a base hit to left field. However, she would get caught trying to steal second and Vasquez ended the frame by striking out sophomore pinch hitter Christina Shryock.

Vasquez posted two more K's in the last inning before yielding a single to junior first baseman Maria Enriquez. But she ended the contest with her 13th strikeout, this one to junior third baseman Daisy Vargas.

The 13 strikeouts push her season total to 148, tops in the league and 26th in the state at the beginning of week according to the statistics posted on MaxPreps.com. Last season, Vasquez had 195 strikeouts and she has now reached double digits in strikeouts 21 times in less than two full seasons.

"I know they were trying to keep their hands high because I would throw [a lot of balls] high," Vasquez said of the Glenn hitters. "So I was trying to keep my balls low and get a lot of grounders instead of pop-ups. That worked out pretty well."

"All day yesterday, all we did was work on changing our swings at the plate," Cruz said. "None of it seemed to carry over on to today. It just seemed our girls didn't shorten up their swings, didn't widen their stance, didn't get quicker with their hands. Those are the ways you hit fast pitchers and we didn't make those adjustments."

As for the Norwalk offense, it got the only run it needed in the bottom of the third. Senior center fielder Serena Nicolas reached on an error went to second on a wild pitch and came home on a base hit from senior left fielder Briana Lopez that just got under the diving arms of freshman second baseman Dalia Morones. In the sixth, Vasquez helped herself out with an infield single and two batters later, a double from senior right fielder Andrea Villalta plated sophomore courtesy runner Valerie Zavala.

As Vasquez was stepping into the batter's box, there was an uninvited guest on her bat as a drinking cup was attached to the top, drawing a couple of laughs from the home plate umpire and both dugouts.

"I didn't even know there was a cup on the bat," Vasquez said. "I was up there ready to hit to start off the inning. Then I hear, 'timeout' and there's a cup at the top."

Not to be outdone was Glenn senior pitcher Destiny Enriquez, who struck out seven and gave up two hits to the first five batters in Norwalk's lineup.

"[Destiny] just needs backup," Cruz said. "She's a groundball pitcher; she gets a lot of balls hit to the infield and we just keep making mistakes. We don't back her up, we don't make the plays in crucial situations and that seemed to be the difference today."

With three weeks remaining in the regular season, the final six games will be critical for both Glenn and Norwalk for different reasons. The Lady Lancers (10-7 overall, 6-1 in league) began the week one full game behind league-leading La Mirada High with the Matadores taking their bye this week. Norwalk blasted Artesia High 16-0 this past Wednesday behind a three-hitter from Vasquez and will host the Pioneers today before welcoming La Mirada on Wednesday in what will be the first of two games that will most likely decide the league title.

"Obviously we just take it one game at a time," Gasporra said. "I told the girls to come out here focused, be ready and let's do what we need to do. We have to get the win. This league is a tough league. Everyone is pretty competitive. We just have to go one game at a time."

"The next three weeks we have to keep practicing and keep pushing because I know we all want that title," Vasquez



Norwalk High sophomore pitcher Breanna Vasquez pauses for a moment before delivering one of her 93 pitches against John Glenn High last Friday. Vasquez was perfect through the first 16 batters she faced and allowed two hits while striking out 13. She also went two for three as Norwalk edged Glenn 2-0.

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Bullying is not just for Kids

Bullying is not isolated to children and school playgrounds. Most seniors do not expect to face this issue, yet it happens more often than think. According to research, senior-to-senior bullying can happen in senior centers, nursing homes or any place where seniors spend a lot of time. On Thursday, May 19 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., a staff member from Pacific Clinics will present information to help seniors identify senior bullying and how to handle threatening behavior.

Advance Planning Seminar

Thinking and talking about final arrangements can be uncomfortable, but it's important for surviving loved ones to know what we want when that time comes. Join other seniors and a representative from Forest Lawn on Tuesday, May 24 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. to hear about issues that affect us all, regardless of where final arrangements are made.

Free Dental Screening

On Friday, May 27 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Northeast Dental provides seniors with a basic dental health screening. The Dental Assistant will discuss findings with the senior, who can then address issues with his or her regular dentist.



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SUBURBAN LEAGUE BASEBALL: CERRITOS OVERWHELMED BY BELLFLOWER'S RAMOS, SHIFT FOCUS TO THIRD PLACE

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

BELLFLOWER-The final three weeks of the regular season, a.k.a. the stretch drive, didn't begin on a good note for the Cerritos High baseball team with its top hurler on the mound. Head coach Scott Parsonage gave the ball to senior Jamriel Rodriguez opposite Bellflower's ace Ricky Ramos and the former had a game he wishes he had back.

Rodriguez went into the fourth inning, giving up five hits, walking three and striking out three as Bellflower scored in only two innings during a 7-2 decision. The Dons, who are trailing the Buccaneers in the Suburban League standings, dropped to 11-11 overall and 4-3 in the circuit. Bell-

flower improved to 8-1 in league action. Rodriguez had pitched on the back end of the home and home series against Artesia High and Mayfair High but because the game against Mayfair was on a Monday, he didn't have a chance to start against league-leading La Mirada High two weeks ago. Rodriguez last pitched at Royal High on Apr. 21 prior to the Bellflower game. "If you're going for second place, you have to win one before at least [getting] a split," Parsonage said. "He didn't have his best stuff. He threw 55 pitches, I got him out of there and we still have him for six [innings] on Friday." The Dons were looking good in the top of the first inning and with one out, senior center fielder Tyler Beyer singled and stole second. Then with two outs, Rodriguez

doubled to the centerfield wall. Ramos would walk senior third baseman Kyle Suzaki and the visitors were looking good. But Ramos struck out freshman Bernardo DeLeon for the first of his six strikeouts in the game. After that, Cerritos would not get a runner past second until the sixth inning. "In the first inning, we were alright," Parsonage said. "We just didn't get another two-out hit to score that other run. Then in the next inning, we had a batter up with a 3-1 count and instead of having a quality hack, he has a lazy foul off hack on a 3-1 count when he should be driving the baseball." Ramos entered the game allowing nine runs in 44 innings and had consecutive complete game shutouts against Nor-

walk High and Artesia on Apr. 11 and 15 respectively. From the second through the fifth innings, Ramos gave up two hits and walked one but still faced the minimum during that time. A double play ended the third and a runner in each of the next two frames would get caught stealing. Meanwhile, the Buccaneers gave Ramos all the support he needed in the bottom of the second. Anthony Garcia singled and advanced to third on an error on the same play. On the next pitch, he came home on a sacrifice fly from Ramos. Later in the inning, Joseph Borges tripled in two more runs to make it 4-1. Bellflower added to its lead two innings later when Aaron Orozco singled and Da-

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM PRESS ROW: VALLEY CHRISTIAN'S OFFENSE STRUGGLES AGAIN AGAINST VILLAGE CHRISTIAN

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

For the second time this season, Valley Christian High's baseball team had good enough pitching beat Village Christian but came away with another loss to the Olympic League's first place team. Valley Christian was limited to three hits and was blanked by the visiting Crusaders 5-0 this past Tuesday.

Valley Christian fell to Village Christian, the fourth ranked team in the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division V top 10 poll, 5-0 on Mar. 24 despite a complete game, three-hitter from junior Zach Krossschell. This time around, sophomore Brett Garcia went six innings, scattering five hits and striking out four while issuing four walks. Two of the five runs Garcia allowed were earned.

Village Christian scored in the top of the first inning as Garcia walked Cameron

Wetherby, who would score on the first of four wild pitches. It remained 1-0 until the fourth inning when Garcia's counterpart, Gordon Ingebritson, doubled and came home on the second of four errors. Eric Os-eguera, who would be hit by a pitch, also scored on an error.

Village Christian runners would steal seven bases while the host Crusaders could only get a second inning double from senior left fielder Roger Ramos and fifth inning singles from Krossschell and junior shortstop Travis French for its three hits. Valley Christian would also have two runners reach on walks in the bottom of the first but one was caught stealing and the other would be doubled up.

Valley Christian (15-7, 4-3) visited Village Christian on Apr. 28 and will travel to Maranatha High on Tuesday in the front end of a home and home series with the league's third place team.

In other baseball action, Artesia High

saw its losing streak extend to 13 games following a 5-1 loss to Norwalk High this past Wednesday. The Pioneers (5-16 overall, 0-7 in the Suburban League), whose last win was on Apr. 19 against St. Anthony High, will visit Norwalk (6-13, 1-6) today before coming back home to face Mayfair High on Wednesday. Norwalk will host league-leading La Mirada High on Wednesday as well.

Gahr High continues to be streaking along and has now won nine straight games. The Gladiators (17-5 overall, 5-0 in the San Gabriel Valley League) edged Warren High 5-4 last Friday, outdueled Lakewood High 10-6 in nine innings last Saturday in the semifinals of the Redondo Tournament and knocked off Paramount High 9-4 this past Tuesday. The Gladiators, who hosted Paramount on Apr. 28, will entertain Downey High on Tuesday in the first of two game with the Vikings that will decide who wins the league. Downey

is also 5-0 in league action. After sweeping Norwalk the previous week, John Glenn High dropped its mark to 11-11 and 2-5 in the Suburban League following a setback to Mayfair this past Wednesday. The Eagles will host the Monsoons today before going to Cerritos High on Wednesday.

SOFTBALL
The Suburban League continues to stay tight as six teams are still jockeying for four automatic playoff berths. Norwalk blanked Artesia 16-0 this past Wednesday and a home win over the Pioneers today will put the Lady Lancers in a first place tie with La Mirada. Norwalk improved to 10-7, 6-1 while the Pioneers fell to 5-6, 2-5. Artesia and Glenn are tied for fifth place, a game behind Cerritos, which knocked off Bellflower High 7-3 this past Wednesday. Cerritos improved to 6-13-1, 3-4 and will host Bellflower today while Glenn, a 1-0

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Kimsey: "It is with great sincerity that I regret filing my lawsuit... there is no evidentiary basis to support my allegations."

case number BC388465, on April 8, 2008.

Kimsey sued for monetary damages alleging, "a hostile work environment, harassment, sexual harassment, and failure to prevent and remedy a hostile work environment."

The shocking 2008 complaint contained extremely graphic sexual harassment descriptions of what Kimsey claimed, and later recanted, Costa said and did to her over a four-year span.

When contacted by HMG-CN Costa said, "We had been friends for a long time. Some time after her husband died, she wanted to have a relationship with me, but I said no, sometime after that is when she filed her lawsuit."

Costa went on, "In that time she told me about friends of hers who would file fabricated lawsuits and end up settling, and how she was going to do that. She had about 4-5 other lawsuits filed while mine was in court, she really loves money."

Some descriptions of the harassment are in this article; other statements are far too sexually graphic to publish.

Kimsey stated in the complaint, later recanting, "beginning in 2004, Costa began to sexually harass (me) including routinely displaying a banana and two oranges to resemble a penis."

Kimsey claimed in the document that Costa said he, "openly described his love for pornography and watched it often at home, 'getting his rocks off' while watching pornographic movies.

She also said that Costa asked her if she was "getting (expletive referring to the 'f' word) at all lately."

In addition, in an extraordinarily malicious set of allegations, Kimsey accused Costa of being a pedophile.

She indicated that Costa told her "he had tendencies in the direction of pedophilia, and that he was attracted to some of the 'very cute little girls' in Kimsey's

Beginning in or about 2004, Defendant COSTA began to sexually harass Plaintiff. Such harassment included, but was not limited to, the following conduct: COSTA routinely displayed to Plaintiff a banana and two oranges which formed what resembled a penis and testicles; COSTA asked the client if she was "getting f* at all lately;" COSTA told Plaintiff that her badge she wears around her neck was her "trying to hide [her] COSTA openly described his love of pornography, telling Plaintiff that he enjoyed "draining and "getting his rocks off;" COSTA talked about "spla after watching pornography in his home; COSTA made remarks to Plaintiff that he had tendencies in the direction of pedophilia and that he was attracted to some of the "very cute" little girls in Plaintiff's class; and COSTA handed Plaintiff a note that said she got an "A+ in heavy petting." Plaintiff clearly did not reciprocate COSTA's sexual advances, and COSTA became very hostile towards Plaintiff as a result of her rejection of him on a romantic level. COSTA began to routinely call Plaintiff a "f*cking "a whore," a "f*cking whore," and a "f*cking bitch

Page from the complaint filed by Kimsey, she later recanted everything. Complete unredacted documents can be found online at loscerritosnews.net.

class."

Kimsey bizarre fabrications went on alleging in the complaint that she "did not return Costa's advances, and that Costa then became hostile towards (me), and as a result of (my) rejections, began calling (me) a whore, a f***ing whore, a bitch, and a f***ing bitch."

"I could not believe what she filed," said Costa, "she asked me to have a relationship with her and I said no. How can someone be so malicious towards

another person?"

Kimsey indicated she complained to former Principal Judy Rafferty and current Principal Jose Alarcon, in addition to officials at the BUSD about Costa, but "nothing was done to remedy the situation."

As a result, Kimsey claimed, but later recanted, that she began "to suffer from stress, anxiety, and depression, as well as physical injuries resulting from the emotional distress, incurring a substantial

loss of earnings, medical expenses, future medical expenses, and attorney's fees."

Kimsey also claimed, but later repudiated, that Rafferty and Alarcon had prior knowledge that Costa had a "predisposition to harass female coworkers" but did not investigate her complaints.

The complaint ended saying that, "all defendants committed the acts maliciously, fraudulently, and oppressively with the wrongful intention of injuring Kimsey from an improper and evil motives amounting to malice and in conscious disregard of (Kimsey's) rights."

Kimsey Admits She Lied-

The case dragged on in court for 17 months until September 1, 2009.

That is when a settlement conference between all parties took place one week prior to the beginning of the trial.

"The judge saw right through her," said Costa, "he knew she was lying about the whole thing."

During the conference, Kimsey shockingly admitted that she had no facts to support any allegation set forth

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NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that judgment be entered against

Plaintiff Melinda Kimsey by which she takes nothing and in favor of Defendant Larry Costa.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that judgment of dismissal be entered against

Plaintiff Melinda Kimsey and in favor of Defendant Bellflower Unified School District.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant Bellflower Unified School District

be, and is hereby declared, the prevailing party and entitled to its costs in the amount of \$19,961.72;

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that with respect to the resolution of Plaintiff

Melinda Kimsey's claims against her and in favor of Defendant Larry Costa and the agreement of the

Parties, Kimsey and Costa, Plaintiff Melinda Kimsey to the extent not already provided shall

- (1) provide Larry Costa with a check for \$100.00, made payable to "Larry Costa," and,
- (2) provide Larry Costa with a dated letter signed by Melinda Kimsey and stating only:
"It is with great sincerity that I regret filing my lawsuit against Larry Costa. In
hindsight, I now realize that my lawsuit against Mr. Costa should not have been filed,
and there is no evidentiary basis to support my allegations against him."

Last page of the Motion to Enforce Settlement in favor of Larry Costa where Kimsey admitted she had no evidence to support her allegations.

KIMSEY

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in her complaint.

She later signed a settlement agreement confessing to exactly that.

“She told the judge she lied about everything,” said Costa, “four days of depositions and she lied the entire time.”

It appears that Kimsey was extremely fortunate that Costa or the BUSD did not want to file a lawsuit against her for malicious prosecution.

Kimsey agreed in the settlement that within ten days she would write a \$100 personal check “made out to Larry Costa.” “She was so motivated by money, I just wanted her to pay me something just to rub salt in the wound,” said Costa, “she put me through hell.”

Kimsey was also ordered to give Costa a dated, signed apology letter.

The letter stated, “It is with great sincerity that I regret filing my lawsuit against Larry Costa. In hindsight, I now realize that my lawsuit against Larry Costa should not have been filed, and there is no evidentiary basis to support my allegations against him.”

The settlement should have signaled the end of the court battle and the sexually explicit, but factually unsupported, allegations that Kimsey leveled against an innocent 4th grade elementary school teacher and two principals, but it did not, and the saga took several more bizarre twists in the months to come.

Additional court documents filed seven months later on April 6, 2010 called for a hearing in Los Angeles Su-

perior Court because Kimsey had not yet fulfilled the simple settlement agreement made in September 2009.

Costa was forced to file a Notice of Motion and Motion to Enforce Settlement Agreement to compel Kimsey to issue the \$100 personal check and a “correct” letter of apology as ordered.

According to the Motion, Kimsey and her attorneys blatantly defied the agreement, with Kimsey giving Costa \$100 in cash, and not a personal check.

The apology letter was barely legible with several watermarks covering the words of the apology.

“Plaintiff and her counsel have intentionally designed the letter so as to signal to any reader that plaintiff is not sincere, not sorry, and that she does not believe a word of the letter and was coerced into writing it,” said Costa’s counsel.

“On its’ face, it suggested a prank, a joke or a mockery.”

After “two months of silence” Costa’s attorneys requested a meet and confer on Dec. 29 in advance of the filing of the Motion.

Kimsey’s counsel never responded and Costa was forced to file the Motion.

The hearing commenced on April 29, 2010 and the court ordered Kimsey to pay \$19,961 to BUSD for court costs, provide the personal check and the correct letter of apology to Costa.

“This was a two year nightmare for me,” said Costa, “but through all that, my colleagues knew I was not capable of what Kimsey claimed, and their support got me through it.”

Calls and emails into Ms. Kimsey went unreturned.

BASEBALL

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vid Izarraraz was walked on four pitches. Joshua Montero then came up and put down a bunt up the third base line to plate Orozco and signal the end for Rodriguez.

Junior Jonathan Estrada replaced Rodriguez and walked Borges to load the bases before a walk and an error led to the final two runs.

Cerritos tried to mount a late rally in the sixth when junior shortstop Trevor McInerney singled and went to second on a groundout from Beyer. Junior catcher Brett Wells had a base hit to put runners at the corners and that was followed by a groundout from Rodriguez, plating McInerney.

The Dons, who split with Bellflower last season but has five wins over the Bucs since 1999, will host Bellflower today before welcoming John Glenn High on Monday in the front end of that home and home series. Suezaki is expected to start today. Four of those five wins against Bellflower have come at home. Cerritos will conclude the regular season against Norwalk, which entered this week tied for sixth place with Artesia. Entering today’s action, Cerritos is a full game ahead of Mayfair for fourth place. The Monsoons went to 4-5 in league play following a win against Glenn this past Wednesday. Glenn dropped to 2-5 and needs a lot of help to crack the top four in league.

“Bottom line is we need to win three games out of our last five,” Parsonage said. “If we win three out of five, we’re in pretty much. That’s the numbers that I kind of figured out. If we win four, we’re in for sure. If we win three, we’re in the tiebreaker, probably against Mayfair and we own the tiebreaker on them.”

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loser to Mayfair this past Wednesday, is 8-10, 2-5. The Lady Eagles are home to Mayfair today before visiting Cerritos on Wednesday.

Gahr had a rough going at North Torrance High this past Monday in a doubleheader. The Gladiators allowed the Saxons to score in the bottom of the sixth in a 3-2 loss, then squandered leads of 5-0 and 9-6 in the final two innings as the nightcap ended in a 9-9 tie. Gahr came back to blast Lynwood High 11-0 this past Tuesday to improve to 18-5-2 overall and 6-0 in the San Gabriel Valley League. Gahr travelled to Warren High on Apr. 28 in a first place battle with the Bears and will come home to face Paramount High on Tuesday before going to Downey High on Thursday.

Valley Christian picked up its third win on the season and is still alive for a play-off berth. The Lady Crusaders, who trailed Whittier Christian 8-3 after four innings this past Tuesday, rallied for five runs in the top of the fifth and scored the game winner in the seventh in a 9-8 win. The Lady Crusaders swept the Heralds this season and were in third place in the Olympic League with a 2-3 mark, a game behind Maranatha High. V.C. will visit league-leading Heritage Christian High on Tuesday and host Village Christian High on Thursday.

Whitney High lost to Crean Lutheran High 4-3 this past Tuesday and saw its record drop to 7-9 overall, 1-3 in the Academy League. The Lady Wildcats will host Samueli Academy today and make up a doubleheader at Newport Harbor on Saturday before returning to league action on Tuesday with a road meeting against Oxford Academy.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a public hearing in the City Council Chambers of the Artesia City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, and Artesia at 7:00 p.m. on, Monday, May 9, 2016 to consider the following item:

Artesia Live Project, 17610-17618 Pioneer Boulevard, CA 90701

The project consists of the adoption and implementation of the Artesia LIVE Specific Plan and related amendments to the Zoning Code, General Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map. Additional entitlement requests include approval of a Conditional Use Permit, Tentative Tract Map 73667, and Design Review applications. The Artesia LIVE Specific Plan is a site-specific, City-initiated Specific Plan, which authorizes the development of an existing vacant project site at 17610 – 17618 Pioneer Boulevard with a seven (7)-story mixed-use building containing the following land uses: 111 hotel rooms, 54 residential condominiums, 1,330 square of retail, and 9,590 square feet of restaurant land uses and a subterranean parking structure with 183 parking spaces (Artesia LIVE Specific Plan). The Artesia LIVE Specific Plan provides guidance for implementing development within the project limits. The Specific Plan provides required development standards and allowable uses for properties within the Specific Plan area. The specific plan also includes design guidelines and an implementation action plan that identifies near and long term actions necessary to achieve the Plan’s goals and objectives. The specific plan furthers the objectives of the general plan by implementing a proposed development project that incorporates project densities, uses, and features consistent with general plan goals for mixed-use developments within this area of Artesia.

If you challenge any of these proposals in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the public hearing.

All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and express their opinion on the matters listed above.

If you challenge this action 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 City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and express opinion on the matter listed above.

For additional information, please contact the City Clerk’s office at Artesia City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia (562) 865-6262.

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Gloria Considine, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
BETTY JANE MATTHEWS AKA BETTY J. MATTHEWS
CASE NO. BP172873
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of BETTY JANE MATTHEWS AKA BETTY J. MATTHEWS.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DENNIS M. MATTHEWS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DENNIS M. MATTHEWS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/23/16 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL will receive up to, but not later than **11:00 AM** of the **23rd of May 2016**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

Bid #ABC- 1468 Exterior Siding Replacement at Wittmann Elementary and Whitney High School

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may obtain bid documents at a **mandatory pre-bid meeting on May 9, 2016 at 9:00 AM sharp to meet at Wittmann Elementary School 16801 Yvette Ave., Cerritos 90703**. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, DIR Registration, Valid License Class B will be required.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
LISA RENEE MARIN
CASE NO. BP172961
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LISA RENEE MARIN.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by AUSTIN JOHNSON AND INA M. DAVIS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that AUSTIN JOHNSON AND INA M. DAVIS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/18/16 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL will receive up to, but not later than **2:00 PM** of the **23rd of May 2016**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

Bid #ABC- 1469 Surveillance Cameras at Cerritos High School

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may obtain bid documents at a **mandatory pre-bid meeting on May 9, 2016 at 11:00 AM sharp to meet at Cerritos High School 12500 183rd St., Cerritos 90703**. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, DIR Registration, Valid License Class B or C-7 will be required.

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We – the union, all of us – are looking for a candidate to support in a run for a seat on the Cerritos College Board of trustees.

Ideally, the candidate would understand

- the Board's role in setting college policy, not intruding in the day-to-day operations of the college, which already attracted a warning from our accrediting agency,
- "ten plus one," the faculty senate's role in academic affairs,
- Education Code, specifically AB 1725,
- the hallowed importance of Academic Freedom, and
- the union's collegial, supportive, collaborative role in education.

Of course, the CCFF would love to support an educational super-person, a dream candidate, from Cerritos, Downey or Norwalk, but the faculty would be ecstatic to find someone who is intelligent, reasonable, and dedicated to serving the students of Cerritos College – someone who may surprise himself or herself and all of us as the super-person we're looking for.

Contact: Dr. Solomon Namala (310) 871-0393