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USS ARIZONA SURVIVOR & LA MIRADA RESIDENT LAUREN BRUNER'S STORY

By Tammye McDuff and Brian Hews

Most of us know the day, December 7, 1941, as President Franklin D. Roosevelt put it, "a date which will live in infamy."

Pearl Harbor, or the Battle of Pearl Harbor, was also called the Hawaii Operation or Operation AI by the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters.

The surprise military strike by the Imperial Japanese Navy against the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor led to the United States' entry into World War II.

And La Mirada resident Lauren Bruner knows the battle well. SEE BRUNER PAGE 10



ABC Board Member Johnson Tries to Block Public Records Request

By Brian Hews

An HMG-CN Jan. 2012-June 2016 public records request under the Freedom of Information Act has produced thousands of emails between ABCUSD board member Lynda Johnson and ABCUSD administration.



LYNDA JOHNSON

And sources have told HMG-CN that Johnson has hired an

attorney in an attempt to block the emails from being reviewed by HMG-CN, which is a violation of the FOIA.

HMG-CN requested the documents in August, but ABCUSD lawyers took over

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Norwalk High Collision Repair Teacher Committed to Special Needs Students



Norwalk High School collision repair instructor Ken Cook (right) explains how to use a miter saw, including safety protocols, to his students.

HMG-CN News Service

and teacher Ken Cook.

Ethan, an 8-year-old child with special needs, can freely ride a bicycle adapted to his physical needs, thanks to Norwalk High School's collision repair students

Cook's commitment to his special needs students, who make up 40 percent of his classes, earned him recognition

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Election Results

La Palma Sales Tax Passes, Cerritos College Trustee Incumbent Bob Arthur Loses

By Brian Hews

With 99.92% of the vote counted, as usual there are candidates who cruised to a win and others who are stunned.

Long-time Cerritos College Trustee Robert "Bob" Arthur lost in a squeaker to challenger Martha Camacho-Rodriguez.

Incumbent Trustee Carmen Avalos cruised to a victory beating Tammy Ashton 7,238-2,535, 61%-21%.

Also incumbent Trustee Sandra Salazar beat Rosa Barragan 5,636-2,015, and Marisa Perez beat Ken Glenn 9,019-3,440.

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Congresswoman Linda Sanchez Guest Speaker at ABC Adult School

By Larry Caballero

ABC Adult School and the Artesia Chamber of Commerce hosted a Coffee with Congresswoman Linda Sanchez Nov. 4, where more than 200 attended the Cuesta campus to hear the Congresswoman talk about the “gridlock challenges” in Washington.

Sanchez said there is a lot of “election uncertainty about our country’s future, but even so, I believe that better days are ahead for us, and I’m waiting for that breakthrough moment.”

She will soon be moving on from being Chair of the Hispanic Caucus, and the ranking member of both the Ethics Committee and the Select Committee on Benghazi, and she hopes to soon be elected to a leadership position on the Democratic Caucus.

Sanchez will also remain as the first Latina and woman on the House Ways & Means Committee, a powerful committee where issues are addressed that impact millions of Americans.

Sanchez said that she is proud of the work she has done for her communities that she represents, including just recently turning over 15 acres of land to the City of Norwalk.

“This has been a crazy Presidential election year,” said Sanchez, “and 2016 will prove to be a very unproductive year in terms of legislation, and when we return to Washington, we only have 16 legislative days left until the end of this

year.”

Addressing a potential government shutdown is the first priority, and Sanchez believes Congress will pass a short term spending bill to last until early 2017.

Another issue is overhauling the criminal justice system. “We can improve it,” said Sanchez, “if we work together to make America even greater.”

Another serious issue is rebuilding our infrastructure. “If we don’t do it, our whole economy suffers.”

When she’s visiting the District, she loves to meet with local businesses and walk through their shops.

“When I’m in Artesia, I love to stop by boutiques like Sona Chaandi to buy a piece of jewelry or maybe even a sari.”

She was asked about challenges to having access to higher education, and she expressed concern about the exorbitant student loan debt. “It hampers student desires to go to college,” said Sanchez.

She said that student debt is second to mortgage debt, has already surpassed credit card debt, and “it’s a drag on our economy.”

She is worried that states are divesting in education. In the past, states spent up to 30 per cent of tax dollars on education, and now it’s about 9 per cent.

Sanchez is in favor of reducing the interest rates on student loans and in supporting a new GI Bill that will allow funding for a vet when he returns home, or it can be transferred to a dependent.

Sanchez said she had more than \$60,000 in law school debt when she graduated from a public university, and it took her 20 years to repay the debt.

The Congresswoman also supports providing resources for vets so they can find jobs when they return home, and also



Thanking Congresswoman Linda Sanchez (center) for dropping by ABC Adult School and for talking to students and community leaders were (l-r) ABC School Board member Sophia Tse, Artesia Chamber of Commerce Vice-President Shaila Patankar, Cerritos College Board President Dr. Shin Liu, and ABC Adult School Principal and Artesia Chamber President Dr. Paoling Guo.

providing funding for job skill training.

When asked about public safety in our schools and parks, she said that the rise in homelessness in our communities is a growing concern, and more funding is needed to address the problem.

On exorbitant citizenship application fees, Sanchez said that we have a broken immigration system, and more immigration judges are needed.

She advised immigrants to apply for fee waivers if they qualify.

Recognized by her colleagues and the national media as a leading voice for working families, judiciary, and trade matters, Linda Sánchez has represented

California’s 38th Congressional District since 2013.

From 2003 - 2013, Congresswoman Sánchez represented California’s 39th Congressional District, which included many of the communities she currently represents.

The 38th District includes the communities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, East La Mirada, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, La Mirada, La Palma, Los Nietos, Montebello, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, South El Monte, and Whittier.

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ROCK 'N' ROLL COLLECTION AT CERRITOS LIBRARY



Mr. Rock N' Roll® Brian Beirne and his wife Cindee show off vintage posters of an Elvis Presley film and concert. The posters are part of an exhibition of Beirne's music and movie memorabilia, which are on display at the Cerritos Library through the end of 2016.

An exhibit at the Cerritos Library pays tribute to music and movies with rare memorabilia from the collection of Brian Beirne ("Mr. Rock N' Roll"®).

A deejay, concert host and producer, Beirne was the on-air personality at Oldies Radio KRTH-101 in Los Angeles for 29 years.

The library exhibit, which reflects Beirne's career working with the legends of Rock 'n' Roll, includes vintage posters from concerts and films featuring Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra and Jan and Dean. An iconic blue hat worn by rockabilly pioneer Gene Vincent is also displayed with photos of Vincent and his band. Beirne's collection also includes autographed photos of musicians – including Glen Campbell – and tickets (with prices of \$2)

for Alan Freed Rock 'n' Roll shows.

The exhibit will be featured in Cerritos Library's Main Street area until the end of 2016. On Saturday, December 31, the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts presents "Rockin' New Year's Eve," hosted by Beirne. The lineup includes The Kingsmen ("Louie Louie"), The Marceles ("Blue Moon") and The Tokens ("The Lion Sleeps Tonight"). Also performing are Vocal Group Hall of Fame inductees The Four Preps ("26 Miles to Santa Catalina" and "Big Man") and The Chordettes ("Mr. Sandman" and "Lollipop"). The show ends at approximately 10:30 p.m. and will not include a New Year's countdown at midnight. To purchase tickets, call (562) 916-8500 or go to cerritoscenter.com.

LA PALMA MCDONALDS RENOVATION COMPLETE



GRAND OPENING: (l-r) Council member Steve Hwangbo, Council member elect Marshall Goodman, McDonalds Co-owner Peter Horner, Mayor Gerard Goedhart, McDonalds Co-owner Bryan Carmack, Mayor Pro Tem Michele Steggell, and Council member Peter Kim. The new 5,000 square foot McDonalds features a 25 car double drive thru, a McCafe, 110 seat dining room, and indoor play area. The store is open 24 hours a day seven days a week. Photo by Steven Maikoski

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AWARENESS FOR VICTIMS OF HOMICIDE

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REDEDICATION CEREMONY FOR FRIENDSHIP MANOR



Bellflower Councilman Sonny Santa Ines (center), received a plaque from CPP President Anand Kannan.

By Tammye McDuff

A ribbon cutting and open house was held for Bellflower Friendship Manor on Thursday, October 27, 2016. Hosted by Community Preservation partners [CPP] and L+M Development Partners [L+M] the celebration marked the successful completion of a major rehabilitation at the 144 unit affordable housing community for seniors.

CPP teamed up with L+M to purchase the aging apartment building, which was built in 1973, from the nonprofit Bellflower Friendship Church and turn it into a modern facility loaded with amenities.

The project cost approximately \$32 million with \$7 million in renovations including a movie theater, pet area, putting green, art room, computer room, WiFi,

library, game room, private events room, barbecue grills, community gardens and a fitness center. By investing in the property, CPP and L+M prevented the units from converting to market rate rents for decades to come, keeping residents in their homes while improving their living conditions.

A comprehensive energy assessment was performed by Energy Partners to evaluate options for saving energy and conserving water, while making electric appliances safer. The amount of electricity taken from the regional power grid will save the average Manor resident about \$120 a year.

Presentations to the city and investors concluded the event being and a reception, catered by Fronks, was held in the new Hollywood Lounge.

MELISSA URIBE SELECTED AS LA PALMA AMBASSADOR



AMBASSADORS: [l-r] Ashlee (Yejin) Noh, Melissa Uribe and Daisy Martinez

The City of La Palma held their annual Ambassador Ceremony on Monday, November 7, 2016. After participating in the short answer program section and delivering their speeches on "How the Ambassador

Program has impacted them and how they will give back to the community", Melissa Uribe was selected as the 2016-2017 Lead Ambassador, and Daisy Martinez and Ashlee (Yejin) Noh, were

selected as Supporting Ambassadors of La Palma. The three participants successfully completed the eight week Candidate Program leading up to the Ceremony. La Palma Ambassadors, Melissa Uribe, Daisy Martinez and Ashlee (Yejin) Noh will attend Business Grand Openings, City functions and Community Events and represent the City of La Palma throughout this coming year.

SHOP LA MIRADA NOV. 26

The City of La Mirada will be hosting a "Shop La Mirada Holiday Edition" event on Small Business Saturday.

Participants who spend at least \$100 at La Mirada retail stores and restaurants on Saturday, November 26 will receive a free gift bag with gift cards and coupons for La Mirada restaurants and businesses that can be used during the holiday season.

Residents participating in the event can receive their free gift bag at La Mirada City Hall on November 28 and 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with proof of receipt. Limit one gift bag per person, while supplies last.

For more information on the "Shop La Mirada Holiday Edition" event, contact the City's Economic Development Team at (562) 943-0131.

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QUARTERMANIA EVENT NETS \$5,500 FOR LOCAL CHARITIES



The Soroptimists take time out for a picture during the event.

By Diana Needham

Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos held its very successful Quartermania fundraiser event on November 6 with 150 attendees, resulting in \$5,500 in revenue. It was a fun, fast-paced event featuring a series of small raffles where attendees “bid” quarters to win prizes. “We are very pleased at the strong community support that resulted in Quartermania’s great success”, said Jennifer Kimble, event Chairwoman. Proceeds will support local charities, awards/scholarships/programs for women and girls, and Soroptimist education.

To learn about becoming a Soroptimist member, contact President Pat Law at 562-537-9117. The local service club welcomes new members.

The Club celebrated its 45th year of founding and a successful past year with over \$21,000 in giving through its Soroptimist Award programs, and donations to many local charities including Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence and Community Family Guidance Center.

On November 17, the Club will host an all-day career-mentoring program for over 60 local high school girls. Earlier in the year, the Club hosted a large event at the teen-parent center in Cerritos to assist teen parents and their children.

In spring of 2017, the Club will give cash awards of over \$3,000 and provide career mentoring to three women who are head of household, low income and seeking a college or vocational degree.

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CERRITOS RESIDENTS LINE UP TO VOTE



Cerritos residents line up at Fire Station 35 on Artesia Blvd. Tuesday morning, where the wait, according to two residents, was only about ten minutes. Photo by HMG-CN.

LA PALMA POLICE CAPTURE ESCAPED SUSPECT STILL WEARING HANDCUFFS

LA PALMA – Police captured a suspect Sunday morning who escaped overnight from custody in a La Palma hospital while wearing handcuffs.

Javier Anguiano, 30, of Santa Ana, was found hiding in a residential La Palma neighborhood, and still had the handcuffs on, said Police Sgt. Ron Wilkerson.

Anguiano had been arrested Saturday night and charged with suspicion of possession of a stolen vehicle and dangerous drugs, police said. He was being treated at La Palma Intercommunity Hospital for injuries from a traffic collision.

At around 1:15 a.m., Anguiano escaped from the hospital, Wilkerson said. Though he was cuffed with his hands in front of him and wasn't armed, he still was considered dangerous, authorities warned.

Police called off their search for Anguiano at 3:45 a.m., Wilkerson said. Then, Sunday morning, police patrolling a residential neighborhood about half a mile from the hospital spotted Anguiano, who

they said ran away.

About 20 officers, including a few from the Buena Park and Cypress police departments, set up a perimeter at about 8 a.m. in the neighborhood southeast of La Palma Avenue and Walker Street and searched for Anguiano.

They found him hiding in the backyard of a home in the 8000 block of Sundance Street.

"He was really muddy and dirty," Wilkerson said. "It appears that he had been hiding in bushes and whatnot all night."

Once discovered, Anguiano was taken into custody. He will be booked at the La Palma Police Department and transferred to the Orange County Jail.

Anguiano was arrested on charges of escape and outstanding warrants, in addition to the earlier charges, Wilkerson said. The nature of the warrants and the type of drugs he is suspected of possessing were not immediately available.

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Union Station Patsaouras Plaza Upgrades Now Complete

Renovations to Patsaouras Bus Plaza on the east side of Union Station are now complete. Since opening, the plaza is restricted to buses and shuttles only. Private vehicles should use the new Union Station East Pick-up/Drop-off Facility, accessible on Vignes St. For more information, visit metro.net/busplazaclosure.



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LA MIRADA LIBRARY DEDICATION AND TOUR EVENT

The Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe and the County of Los Angeles Public Library have announced a dedication and tour event of the remodeled La Mirada Library on Monday, November 21 at 1:30 p.m.

The Library is currently undergoing a \$4 million renovation project. The funds for the project were provided by Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe as part of the Supervisor's "Operations Library" campaign. Through the campaign, five

libraries in the Los Angeles County 4th district have been upgraded.

Renovations to the 45 year-old library include new flooring, ceilings, paint, lighting, furniture and equipment. The library will also feature a teen work room, study rooms, an extensive children's area, a conference room, and a space for the Friends of the Library group.

For more information, contact the City of La Mirada at (562) 943-0131.

THANK YOU

I want to give a BIG THANK YOU to the voters of the Cerritos Community College District 6 for re-electing me with a strong margin. I am grateful for the confidence placed in me. Thank you to the many supporters, friends and team members who worked arduously to make this possible.

We must continue the good fight & never be silent to injustices to anyone anywhere.



Sandra Salazar
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LA PALMA CELEBRATES RED RIBBON WEEK



La Palma's Red Ribbon Week Challenge consists of a competition among all local schools to see which school can generate the most participation. George B. Miller Elementary School took home the trophy this year. Over three hundred local students participated in the event.

Staff Report

On Saturday, October 29, 2016, the La Palma Police Department held its annual Red Ribbon Week Challenge event at Central Park. The annual event caps off the week-long celebration of the national campaign which promotes drug abuse awareness and education, and helps the youth choose a drug-free lifestyle. La Palma's Red Ribbon Week Challenge consists of a competition among all local

schools to see which school can generate the most participation. The school with the most students participating wins the coveted Red Ribbon Challenge trophy. Congratulations to George B. Miller Elementary School who took home the trophy this year. Over three hundred local students participated in the event and made their pledge to stay drug-free. The La Palma Kiwanis Club cooked over 500 servings of free pancake breakfasts for all in attendance.

ARTS COLONY OF LA MIRADA-MIRRORS OF YOUR MIND

By Tammye McDuff

The City of La Mirada Community Services and the Arts Colony of La Mirada presents 'Mirrors of Your Mind' their annual juried open art show which runs from November 7th to November 19th at the La Mirada Activity Center. Over 77 entries from charcoal drawings to oil abstracts and even photographs are on display including pieces from local ceramicists.

Established in 1963, the Arts Colony of La Mirada [ACOLM] was formed to raise awareness and interest for visual arts in the La Mirada and surrounding cities and to encourage artists of all ages and skill levels to pursue their passion.

Hosting live art demonstrations free of charge and open to the public ACOLM originally held a huge 'Fiesta of the Arts' back in their heyday, with hundreds of art pieces, mariachis and food vendors. ACOLM President Tom Cherry says, "It was really a big deal with national art coverage and expensive prizes. But times changed, you had to have dual income households and the Colony's membership began to decline." ACOLM has also held showing in La Habra, Norwalk and Whittier.

Currently ACOLM is working with

organizations from Los Angeles to Long Beach to exchange information and offer the chance to connect and learn from other artists.

"Recently we have been lucky to attain some amazing new artists," commented Cherry, "And these new members are actually beginning to make a living by selling their work."

The concept for 'Mirrors of Your Mind' was the brain child of former member Bruce Anderson. "Bruce is a conceptual artist and a bit of genius," says Cherry, "the idea was presented to the organization and everyone loved it."

Any and all local artists were encouraged to enter. Entries were collected and then judged at the beginning of November. The exhibit is open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. excluding weekends and will culminated with the awards reception and presentation will be held Saturday, November 19th and winners of the exhibit will be announced at that time.

You may browse paintings and ceramic pieces located on the second floor at the La Mirada Activity Center, City Hall Complex, 13700 La Mirada Blvd, La Mirada or contact the organization through their website at ACOLM.org or email tlesc@aol.com.

"JOURNEYS TO THE PAST" AT CCPA



The "Journeys to the Past" performance was targeted toward third through sixth graders. It was attended by the ABC Unified School District, Bellflower Unified School District, Compton Unified School District, Long Beach Unified School District, a home school and a private school.

Staff Report

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) presented two performances of "Journeys to the Past" on Thursday, November 10 as part of its arts education efforts to provide programs for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The concert was made possible by the City of Cerritos.

More than 2,500 students and educators participated from school districts that included ABC Unified School District, Bellflower Unified School District, Compton Unified School District, Long Beach Unified School District, a home school and a private school.

The "Journeys to the Past" performance was targeted toward third through sixth graders. It featured Jacque Nunez, a ninth-generation Rios (the name the Spanish gave to the Native

American Tribe the Acjachemen) and an all-tribal cast. Nunez shared stories about tribal life, including indigenous cooking, basket-weaving, children's games and community celebrations. With the re-creation of an early California Native American village on stage, the actress-storyteller took the audience back to a time when the Acjachemen, centered in San Juan Capistrano, flourished along the California coast.

"We are pleased to have been able to present this valuable daytime educational performance for the benefit of the children in Cerritos and the surrounding communities," stated Cerritos Mayor George Ray. "The students were thoroughly entertained by the re-creation of Native American tribal life and all of the wonderful stories that were shared."

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THE GARDENS CASINO IN HAWAIIAN GARDENS OFFERS EXTENSIVE NEW SUNDAY BRUNCH

By Brian Hews



The Gardens Casino recently completed a \$90 renovation to its facility in Hawaiian Gardens. The project, which began in March of 2014, spotlights The Gardens Casino's dedication to provide an elevated gaming and dining experience to its guests.

The key component of the new casino was the construction of a state-of-the-art 200,000 square foot venue housing up to 100 new card tables, which brings The Gardens Casino's total capacity to more than 300 tables. The two-story building also features special amenities, including a 12,365 square foot meeting and events space where The Gardens Casino will host a variety of public and private events.

"Our business keeps growing, so this expansion was designed specifically for our guests so that we can provide the premier gaming and dining experience in Southern California," said Ron Sarabi, general manager of The Gardens Casino. "The new casino provides our guests with a truly elevated experience, including more space, state-of-the-art card tables and amenities, two designated VIP areas and a diverse restaurant and bar all within our new

building."

Led by Food and Beverage Director Peter Lydon, The Gardens Casino's premium casual restaurant features a variety of cross-culture fusion foods. The menu touches on a variety of cuisines, ranging from Vietnamese and Thai to American, Mexican and Italian.

Well now you can add a terrific Sunday Champagne Brunch to the Garden's list of offerings to its guests in their newly renovated restaurant.

The brunch runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and costs a modest \$22 including free valet parking.

Brunch-goers can enjoy unlimited champagne, champagne mimosas, coffee, juice, or soft drinks, yes... unlimited.

The price also includes one choice from their large appetizer menu including Muesli or Oatmeal, and Jacks French Toast, which uses mouth watering

Hawaiian French toast bread served with banana nut and finished with a Jack Daniels whiskey caramel topping.

Fruit Crepes with crème are also included, with your choice of strawberries, peaches, bananas, blackberries or blueberries drizzled with caramel, chocolate and candied walnuts.

I had a large Mexican Shrimp Cocktail, all eight

of them, in a martini glass filled with a jalapeno, cucumber, onion and cilantro cocktail juice, absolutely delicious.

My wife Cora had the Lobster Roll which was huge, filled with tender lobster

meat, celery, green onions, and just the right amount of mayonnaise, all served on a fresh bolilo... with french fries of course...I ate most of them.

Other appetizer choices include Mushroom crepes, Lobster Benedict, Huevos Rancheros, Chilaquiles, Pork Porterhouse w/ Eggs, Fried Chicken, Lahina Pasta or Loco Moco.

The Loco Moco was amazing and included a Wagyu beef patty on a bed of white rice with two eggs cooked to your liking topped with just the right amount of creamy brown gravy.

But wait there's more!

Also included in the price is unlimited (yes unlimited) trips to their "action stations" which include an Omelette bar, a Prime Rib station and a Waffle buffet.

The Prime Rib was tender and juicy and they offered both raw and creamy horseradish, along with au-jus; vegetable and mashed potatoes complemented the Prime Rib nicely.

The chef made the waffle and omelettes to order with a large selection of toppings for the waffle and ingredients for your omelette.

And all this included free valet parking, making it a short walk from your car to the restaurant!

I highly recommend the Sunday Brunch at The Gardens Casino, the price is right, the ambiance is great, and the service is terrific.

With the renovation, The Gardens

Casino added over 400 new jobs to its current workforce of more than 1,800 employees, serving as the largest employer in the City of Hawaiian Gardens and the surrounding area.

"With the opening of our new building, we provided even more jobs and financial support to our local citizens, charities and community organizations," Sarabi said.

"With a population of approximately 15,000 residents, The Gardens Casino is pleased to sustain the majority of the City of Hawaiian Gardens'

annual budget.

Showing our support both physically and fiscally to our local community is extremely important to The Gardens Casino and we value our strong working relationship with the City of Hawaiian Gardens."

The Gardens Casino is committed to being a responsible corporate and community citizen and supports a number of local organizations including the ABC Unified School District, Tri-City Health Group, Children's Hospital (Long Beach and Orange County), and Hawaiian Gardens holiday events and youth sports, among others.

The Gardens Casino welcomes guests to visit the new casino, and Sunday Brunch, for an elevated casino and brunch experience like no other in Southern California.

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BRUNER

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At 96 years old, fate has been shadowing Bruner his entire life. Bruner was born on Nov. 4, 1920 in Shelton, Washington to Leroy Clarence and Lucille Iowa (Smith) Bruner. When he was only 9 years old, his father died from tuberculosis. Shortly thereafter, due to the depression, his mother gave him up to go live with another family. At eight years old he was arrested for running moonshine and later was burned over 70 percent of his body. He is a cancer survivor.

And he was on the USS Arizona on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941 as a "Fire Controlman 3/c."

Bruner is one of 14 men that survived the attack, and was second to the last to leave the ship. Bruner wanted to tell his story but did not know how. Then he met Ed McGrath.

McGrath is a historian, biographer, and has co-written the accounts of that fateful December day.

"Five years ago, I was doing research on Pearl Harbor and particularly on the history of the USS Arizona." McGrath Googled "survivors of the Arizona." That's when he found Bruner.

At the time there were 14 survivors. McGrath attempted to contact them without response, except for Bruner." Bruner was the only survivor to answer the phone," said McGrath.

"I asked if I could come over and

interview him, and he said sure come on over," recalls McGrath. "I was in awe that I was meeting and speaking with an American Hero and a Navy legend in his living room, in La Mirada no less."

On their first visit, Bruner was hesitant to speak about December 7th. Sensing his unease, McGrath asked if he could return for another visit. Bruner laughed and said, "Many people have interviewed me, most of them say they will come back and they never do. They got the interview they wanted and they never came back."

McGrath made it a point to come back, and the two men have been gathering every Thursday morning, rain or shine, for the past four years. "It has been great adventure," said McGrath, "I didn't start out wanting to be an expert, I started out to be in awe of an American hero."

As the two men became friends, Bruner slowly began to open up and talk about Pearl Harbor. From those meetings the book "Second to the last to leave: USS Arizona,

12.7.41" was published.

The book begins the day Bruner turns 18 and enlists in the Navy, after which he was assigned to the crew of the USS Arizona. Thee book takes the reader into the life of sailor on the USS Arizona, through the attack on Pearl Harbor, through Bruner's fight to survive after he was wounded and burned, finally escaping with four of his crew members as the Arizona was sinking to its grave with over 1,170 men aboard.

McGrath and Bruner have travelled all

over the country, ultimately returning to Hawaii seven times. The two have started a foundation called the Lauren F. Bruner / USS Arizona Memorial Foundation which is dedicated to honoring the crew of the Arizona for future generations.

The last reunion of the five survivors of the Arizona will be held in Hawaii on December 1, 2016 coinciding with the release of his book.

Bruner has given HMG-CN an exclusive look into his life and the book written by McGrath. HMG-CN will take you through the book for the next three weeks, through different stages of Bruner's life aboard the USS Arizona, ending with Bruner as the "Second to the Last to Leave."

RESULTS

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In La Palma, Gerard Goedhart tallied 3,033 votes, Peter Kim garnered 2,934 votes, and Marshall Goodman clocked in at 2,474 votes.

La Palma's one cent sales tax Measure JJ passed by a margin of 959 votes, 2,730 to 1,771.

In Downey, Blanca Pacheco beat Alma Marquez 2,424- 1,248, Rick Rodriguez beat Friné Medrano 2,698- 1,789, and Alex Saab trounced Art Gonzales garnering a massive 17,247 to Gonzalez' 3,817 votes.

In Central Basin Municipal Water races, Pedro Aceituno squeaked out a victory over Bob J. Archuleta 23,896 -22,288, Letcia Vasquez beat Maria Santillian Beas 23,026-9,789 and Phillip "Phil" Hawkins beat Judy P. Roldan 30,991-20,227.

In local measures, Bellflower Measure W proposing the City sell the Bellflower Municipal Water System to California-American Water Company 7,339-6,140.

In local State Assembly races, Ian C. Calderon beat Rita Topalian 64,515 -38,865 and incumbent Cristina Garcia beat Ramiro Alvarado 72,728-24,522.

In Water Replenishment races Robert "Rob" Katherman beat Jim Kennedy 68,429-49,080 and Albert Robles bested Ricardo "Rick" Pulido 46,456-32,144..

In the Supervisorial race for Don Knabe's seat, Janice Hahn beat Steve Napolitano 1,028,021-724,055.

Congresswomen Linda Sanchez and Grace Napolitano both retained their seats. Grace F. Napolitano beat Roger Hernández 80,977-49,567, Linda T. Sánchez beat Ryan Downing 110,347 - 46,359.

TEACHER

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from collision repair industry print and online magazine Fender Bender.

"This is a tremendous honor, but I owe it all to my students," Cook said. "The kids come to class and are ready to work on a project, whether it's an adaptive bicycle, a mobile catering unit or seeing what's under the hood of a 2005 Corvette."

Cook's students took an existing bike apart and examined the project from different angles to build Ethan's bike, which was customized with a shorter frame to decrease the distance between the pedals and the seat, a passenger backrest, safety harness and training wheels. To top it off, the bike was decorated in a "Minions" theme, Ethan's favorite movie.

"It was my students who told me, 'Hey, Cook, this has to be the coolest looking bike in the neighborhood,'" Cook said. "My students with special needs

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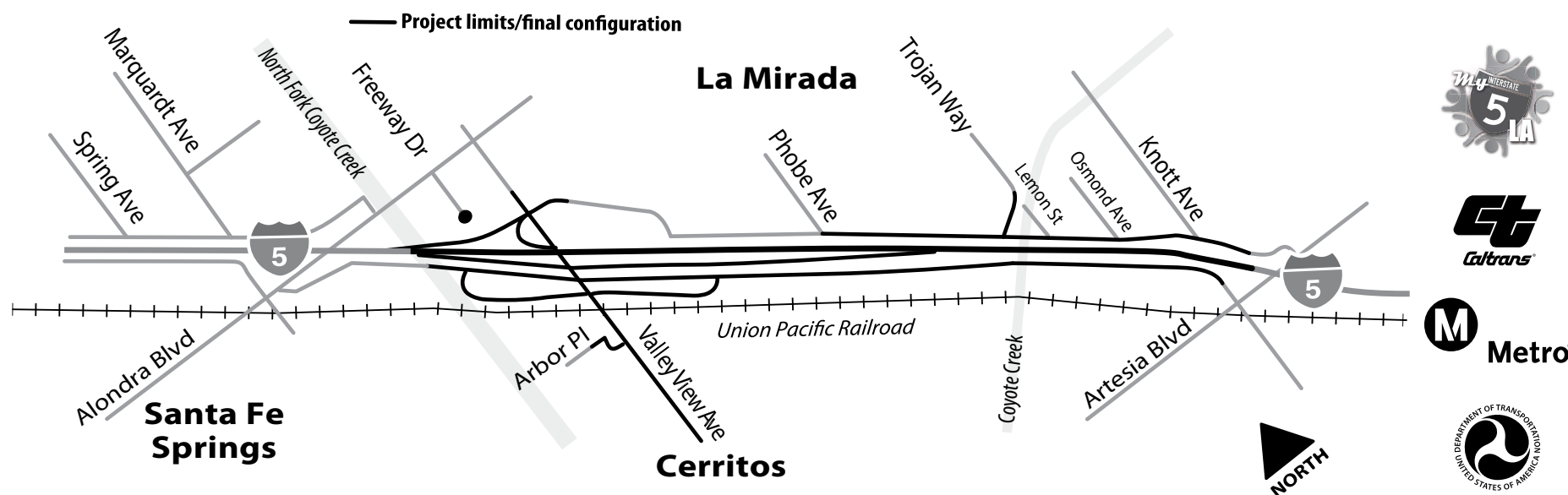
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came up with the best ideas, because they wanted to build a bike they would ride.”

Backed with the support a \$97,000 State Farm Youth Advisory Board grant, Cook created Inspired Inventions in 2015 as a service learning project to build customized mobility devices, including wheelchairs, bicycles and walking apparatuses for special needs students.

Cook’s students used class materials in addition to \$60 in parts to renovate Ethan’s bicycle, which took six weeks to complete. Cook’s students plan to create 10 more adaptive bicycles by the end of the school year.

Cook continues to inspire his students to generate more projects based on their needs and the needs of others. As an example, in March he took 45 Norwalk High students – 20 from his class, and 25 from the Functional Academic Skills Training (FAST) program – to the Abilities Expo, which focused on assistive technology. His students met with exhibitors, attended workshops and networked with numerous businesses in the field of adaptive mobile technology.

“Ken Cook is an inspiration to us all, a teacher who is devoted to his students and uses his ingenuity and dedication for our students who need extra support,” NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said. “We look forward to seeing what inspired inventions he and his students design and create in the next year.”

JOHNSON

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45 days to gather the emails.

ABCUSD lawyers said there was “so many emails that they had to write a program to retrieve the emails.”

“It was necessary for the district to engage in data compilation, extraction, and programming to produce the records.”

Scott Kline, an IT professional told HMG-CN, “as an IT professional for over thirty years, there is no way that it can take so much time to recover even archived emails. Most email servers are based on a database type storage system. With that in mind, a simple search or Boolean search would pull up the results in a matter of minutes, regardless of the size of the database. Unless of course, they are still running pre-80’s computers as their servers, which is highly unlikely.”

The lawyers also want to charge for the retrieval, which, according to HMG-CN attorney Kelly Aviles, is illegal.

“The lawyers cannot charge you, if they do we can sue them and get the money back,” said Aviles.

When emails are requested, they are reviewed by attorneys for sensitive personal information such as email addresses, phone numbers, and driver’s license numbers; that information is redacted. The remaining text of the email is public record and cannot be redacted or withheld.

But that did not stop Johnson from hiring an attorney, with sources telling HMG-CN that Johnson was extremely angry and agitated that the emails would be released to HMG-CN.

There is corroboration from high-level ABCUSD officials that the emails will show Johnson as a very angry and

vindictive official, starting shortly after she was snubbed and not appointed as President of the Board.

“I have heard there is over 5,000 emails,” said one ABCUSD official, “I know she emails me all the time.”

One reason why Johnson is attempting to block the emails is that time stamps could show Johnson sending emails to ABCUSD administration during regular working hours.

A highly unethical practice in any employer/employee situation, made even more questionable given that Johnson works as a paralegal with the Los Angeles District Attorney in their Compton office.

A second larger reason could place Johnson in legal and political hot water.

A few weeks ago, the ABCUSD was informed that the Los Angeles District Attorney was opening an investigation for possible Brown Act Violations.

Sources told HMG CN at the time that the complaint had “Johnson’s fingerprints all over it.”

The highly questionable investigation was dropped two weeks later due to lack of evidence.

HMG-CN requested the complaint letter under the FOIA, but the D.A.’s office refused to give HMG-CN the document.

The D.A. also refused a specific public records request of Johnson’s emails to the ABCUSD under her D.A. office email address from 2014 to the present.

On Sept. 23, the D.A. first indicated that there were “over 900 emails, can you please narrow your search.”

HMG-CN complied by asking for any emails containing the words School District, Dr. Mary Sieu, ABCUSD, Maynard Law, Olympia Chen, Sophia Tse, ABC Unified School District, Jim Baca, or Lynda Johnson.

The D.A. answered “all of the emails

we found are exempt from disclosure because they contain investigative records, witness statements....and investigative complaints.”

HMG-CN then asked for any emails sent or received by Lynda Johnson to any email ending in @abcusd.us stipulating that “the emails could possibly be exempt, unless some emails concern the now dropped investigation of ABCUSD, which would be highly questionable communications.”

The D.A. responded, “our response would be repeating verbatim what we provided to you on September 23rd.”

In researching other cases, the Miami-Dade state attorney’s office released a search warrant affidavit saying the bodies of Marlins pitcher Jose Fernandez and two of his friends had a strong odor of alcohol on them when they were recovered by divers following a boat crash off Miami Beach.

When HMG-CN asked what the difference was between the ABCUSD complaint and the Miami-Dade warrant that was released, the D.A. responded, “I understand your complaint, but we still cannot release the emails or the complaint letter.”

When the ABCUSD investigation was announced, everyone, except for Johnson, was surprised.

Dr. Mary Sieu told HMG-CN after the investigation was dropped, “I along with our attorney, board members, and many others were baffled that it even occurred, there was nothing there.”

Dr. Sieu went on, “we were very disturbed that the complaint painted a picture of negativity around our award-winning district that has only had positive outcomes for our student, teachers and staff.”

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WEEK TEN FOOTBALL

STREAKS ARE BROKEN AS JOHN GLENN COMPLETES BOOK-END SEASON

By Loren Kopff
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When the John Glenn High football team defeated Magnolia High back on Aug. 26, it snapped a 16-game losing streak. The Eagles then proceeded to lose their next eight games before wrapping up the season at Cerritos High.

That's when the Eagles snapped even a longer losing skid. Behind solid performances from junior running back Carlos Pulido and sophomore quarterback David Sanchez, Glenn crushed the Dons 39-7 last Friday night at Hanford Rants Stadium, ending a 28-game Suburban League on the field losing streak. The last on the field win for the Eagles in league play came on Nov. 4, 2011, a 26-20 home win against Artesia High. Glenn did pick up a forfeit victory against Cerritos the next season.

"When you're building a program from down in here where we've been the last many years, little things help," said Glenn head coach Vince Lobendahn. "There were a bunch of kids that decided to commit to the 6:00 a.m. workouts, get that extra effort in the passing leagues and just really start to know the offense, and defense. When it started to count, they showed up at periodic times.

"It's like going in to vote and realizing the onslaught of all the votes are not going to go in your favor," Lobendahn later said on getting a rare league win. "Maybe there's a just in the one win. But it's going to take a few more wins to get me totally to understand what it's like in the [league]. But that was what was big for us, a [league] opportunity."

A scoreless first quarter ended when Glenn junior defensive back Gabriel Martinez intercepted Cerritos sophomore backup quarterback Johnathon Cortez at the Glenn four-yard line. It marked the first interception by a Glenn defensive back this

season and the second team interception. Two plays into the second quarter, Sanchez scampered for a 57-yard run and following a blocked extra point attempt, the visitors had a 6-0 lead.

Midway through the stanza, another turnover would lead to Sanchez tossing a 59-yard touchdown pass to junior Carlos Manriquez. Two plays later, junior safety Randolph Adams intercepted a Cortez pass and the miscue would lead to another Sanchez to Manriquez scoring connection, this time for 24 yards.

Glenn's defense would rise to the occasion again as Manriquez picked off Cortez just under three minutes remaining in the half and a Pulido 19-yard score made it 25-0. The Dons would have the ball for close to eight minutes in the second quarter, but ran 19 plays.

Cerritos was already in a big hole before the game began as it was missing two key players-senior offensive lineman and linebacker Sterling Thompson and junior quarterback Colby Nielsen. Both of them were involved in a serious car accident on Oct. 29. Nielsen has some bruised ribs and a fractured nose while Thompson has a concussion and lacerations on his face.

"Not to take anything away from [Glenn], but Colby not being in the game was obviously really huge," said Cerritos co-head coach Barry Thomas. "They do not quit. I said that specifically about them [in

August]. Injuries tonight didn't help. Sterling Thompson was huge. He had a breakout game last week as far as his physicality and really putting things together."

To make matters worse, Cerritos senior running back Kaliq Hatcher, who quietly picked up 118 yards on 25 tough carries, didn't practice all week due to leg injury. Senior lineman Abel Perez, who had 16 tackles the previous week at Bellflower High, was lost in the first quarter to an injury and senior lineman Peter Lee broke his leg later in the game.

One bright spot for the Dons was senior defensive end Timothy Merritt, a special needs student, who got some playing time.

But this night was all about the Eagles, who added a touchdown early in the third quarter when Pulido went in from 18 yards, and finished the onslaught on the second play of the fourth quarter when sophomore running back Allen Parrish scored from 12 yards out. Pulido finished with a game-high 160 yards on 18 carries while Sanchez completed six passes for 126 yards with Manriquez catching the two touchdown passes for 83 yards.

"[Cerritos has] been on film watching our inside zones," Lobendahn said. "So we went base on this game. Base opened up a lot of run opportunities for the running back. Carlos, they were going man press with nobody over the top. So, if you're going to do that, the tight end is going to be wide open on the seam.

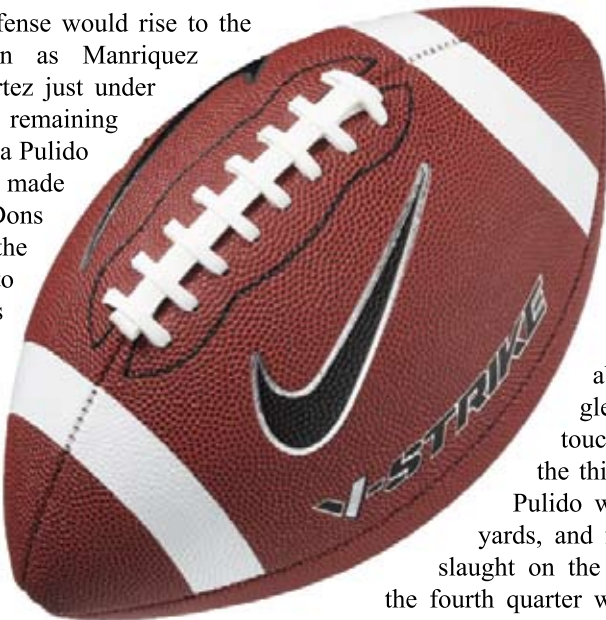
"Then David has just been David throughout this year," he continued. "I think he's one of the best quarterbacks in the area and I'm going to build upon that."

The Eagles have followed a familiar pattern for the past five seasons, going 2-8 in 2012, 2014 and in 2016 while finishing without a win in 2013 and again in 2015. Lobendahn hopes that trend will be broken next season as Glenn will graduate just nine players.

"Last year just hurt in so many ways," Lobendahn remembered. "We kind of put in the time and it didn't show up in the win column. It was nice that the win column changed [this year]. But we were interested in making Division 13 playoffs and that isn't going to happen. So, some of those dreams went away. Yet, we know eventually if we do things right, maybe we can get a shot to get out there and represent the division."

Meanwhile, Cerritos got on the board with less than two minutes left in the game when Cortez threw an eight-yard pass to senior wide receiver Jordan Farrell. The Dons wrapped up this season at 2-7 and went winless in league for the first time since 2012. In the six league games, the Dons scored 45 points.

"I was proud of our kids for fighting all year long," Thomas said. "Regardless of what the score was, they came out to play. Regardless of who the opponent was, they came out to play. So I'm proud of that. A lot of coaches around the league were giving us kudos for the things we we're trying to do on offense. It's an uphill battle, but I feel our underclassmen are really talented. We relied on them a lot this year."



CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 5 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS

MAYFAIR'S WILLIAMS STRIKES FAST AND EARLY AGAINST VALLEY CHRISTIAN IN SWEEP

By Loren Kopff
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LAKEWOOD-Valley Christian High was hoping the third time would be the charm for its girls volleyball team against Mayfair High. But as every opponent who has faced Mayfair this season has seen, it's a challenge going up against Skyler Williams.

Williams had five kills and a block as part of Mayfair's eight points of the first set, with the other two coming in the form of aces from Sarah Clausen, and the Monsoons used that momentum to sweep the Lady Crusaders 25-13, 25-16, 25-20 last Thursday night in a California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Division 5 second round match. V.C., the Olympic League champions, end its season at 18-11 overall.

V.C. was unable to recover from the 8-1 deficit getting as close as five points (13-8) following a kill and an ace from junior outside hitter Madison Holmes. But the Monsoons scored the next four points, and after a serving error, reeled off five consecutive points to put the set away.

"I think it kind of got us back on our heels a little bit, which is common for anybody going into a match [against a team] which they've already lost twice before," said V.C. head coach Melody Nua. "Having that, it was a little tough. And then you have to give credit to their hitters.

Skyler's a big kid, a big [NCAA] D-1 player. We have a bunch of kids who don't even want to play college volleyball."

The two teams would trade points in the first part of the second set until Williams spiked her 12th kill and Kanana Fuimaono had an ace to give the division's top ranked team a 10-8 lead. V.C. would not get closer than a point the rest of the way as a four-point scoring spree seconds later off the serving of Clausen was all Mayfair needed to put away the set.

The match was already taking a different direction than the previous two meetings between league champions. They faced each other in a non league tilt, then saw each other again two days later in the first round of the Lakewood Tournament. Both times, the Monsoons won in five sets with the margin of victory by either team being less than five points five times.

"CIF, that's the difference," Nua said of the third meeting. "It's playoffs. Everything and anything different happens all the time. Sometimes it goes your way, sometimes it doesn't. Things happen and we didn't have

an answer tonight."

Again, V.C. was right with Mayfair in the opening moments of the third set and was trailing 9-7 after kills from junior defensive specialist Hannah Buckley and senior middle blocker Trisha Howland.

But a serve into the net allowed Joy Umeh to reel off five consecutive points. The Lady Crusaders continued to fight back and trailed 19-15, 20-17 and 24-20. But there would be no comeback against the Monsoons as Fuimaono's fourth kill ended the match.

"The entire time we were just waiting, waiting, waiting," Nua said. "Even at 24, [I was thinking] maybe now we go forward with a three or four-point run. We never really executed on a lot of our serving that we normally do. We got caught back on our heels on serve receive. It was just a lot of random things that happened that normally don't happen."

Sophomore outside hitter Aubrey Schwiager led the Lady Crusaders with nine kills while Holmes added eight kills. Opposite hitter Chloe DeVries, one of six seniors that will graduate in June, pitched

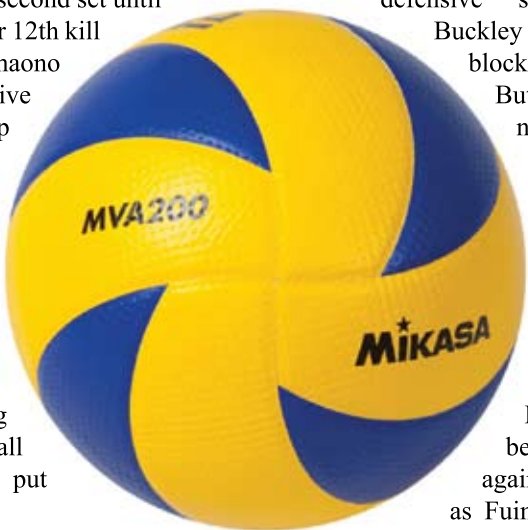
in with four kills.

"I told them in the beginning it was going to be a team effort," Nua said. "We're not going to rely on two people in the front row to kind of get our points. We're going to need all six servers going in the back row and executing their zones and doing what they have to do."

Even though they're not in the same league, one glaring difference between Mayfair and V.C., as far as next season is concerned, is the fact that the Lady Crusaders will return the bulk of their offense while Mayfair loses its 6'3" middle blocker, among other role players. On the other hand, Nua will have to find a new libero to replace Kaylee Westra, another senior.

"I think that's another thing that comes into play," Nua said. "Mayfair has their big kids who are seniors. So this is their last hurrah. To be able to have senior outsides and a senior middle...that's different. It's totally different than having some juniors go out there and whack balls, because they come back next year. They'll be here again next year doing this all over again.

"Our libero, that's going to be the toughest position for us to fill for sure," Nua continued. "We've always had solid defense and a lot of it is tracked behind Kaylee. Kaylee is just a great leader for us and when she wasn't talking, it was always by example, which is what made her our libero this season and why she's so good in what she does."



CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 5 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS

CERRITOS WASTES GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY EARLY, FALLS IN THREE TO SECOND RANKED QUARTZ HILL

By Loren Kopff
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QUARTZ HILL-From the first serve of the match until the very end of the opening set, the Cerritos High girls volleyball team was in a perfect position to steal a set from Quartz Hill High. The Lady Dons got out to a fast start against the second ranked team in the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section's Division 5 and nearly went wire to wire.

But the Rebels held off set point three times and proceeded to sweep the Lady Dons 27-25, 25-16, 25-16 last Saturday night. Cerritos, which tied for second place in the Suburban League, concludes its season at 17-8 overall. It was just the third time all season that the Lady Dons were swept with the other two times coming against league champion and top ranked Mayfair High.

The first two serves of the game were aces from freshman setter Emily Pasion and moments later, sophomore outside hitter Samantha Oh served five straight

points, three of which were aces as the Lady Dons built a 9-1 lead. Later in the set, Cerritos went up 18-12 on a block from junior middle blocker Kelly Amalu and still had a six-point lead at 20-14 when the Rebels were called for an over the net violation.

But Quartz Hill ran off four consecutive points and got to within a point when Jordyn Baccus served her team's second ace of the set. After a serve into the net put Cerritos at set point, the Rebels bounced back with a kill from Melina Lee, then two straight aces from Abigail Adams.

Cerritos head coach Davis Cuthbert would call a timeout and when play resumed, the hosts took their first lead on a kill from Megan Taflinger. Senior outside hitter Andrea Diaz tied the set with a kill before the Rebels stole the set with Taflinger's sixth kill and an ace from Taylor Mobley.

"It certainly gave us some confidence that we could play," Cuthbert said of the fast start. "I think it shook the other team and they were a little surprised of how well

we started.

"We struggled passing the ball and they got their best server on the line at the right time," Cuthbert added on Adams' late rally. "She's just a really good server and we just couldn't get the ball to the people we wanted to get the ball to in that type of setting. We played a little tight and they took advantage of it. I think that set the tone; those last five points for the rest of the game."

Cerritos was hoping to build back its momentum in the second set when it led 7-4 after a Diaz ace. But Taflinger, who was a thorn in Cerritos' side, spiked her ninth kill, then served seven straight points and the Rebels never looked back. Then in the third set, the Lady Dons were never in it, trailing 4-0 and 14-3. Cerritos would score three straight points three times. But in was simply too much of Taflinger, who led everyone with 19 kills. Oh had a team-high 10 kills while junior outside hitter Amber Han added seven kills.

"We kept going all the way but that's a good team we played," Cuthbert

said. "They exposed us in a couple of matchups and they got the ball where it needed to go. We couldn't seal with some of the things they did. I was really proud of my girls for sticking it out and continuing to play, continuing to try and do what has been successful for us." Cerritos was looking to advance to the semifinals for the first time since 2009 when the program went all the way to the Division III-A finals. The 17 victories are the most since 2011 when that team finished 21-6. The Lady Dons will lose four players to graduation and are expected to challenge for a league title next season.

"I'm really proud of what we did," Cuthbert said. "In my four years here, this has been the best group that we've had and this has been the most fun I've had coaching. I think our record reflected that. We had two fabulous wins in the first two rounds of the playoffs against higher seeded teams and we played really tough in five to come out of those. There are so many highlights for this year."

SUBURBAN LEAGUE CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

NORWALK GIRLS GO BACK TO BACK, LA MIRADA BOYS END LONG CHAMPIONSHIP DROUGHT

By Loren Kopff
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LA MIRADA-The La Mirada High girls cross country team had dominated the Suburban League last decade, winning 10 straight league championships. Now, its former coach, Ralph Casas, is hoping to do the same with a new school.

For the second straight year, Norwalk High ran away from the competition, picking up 22 team points last Thursday afternoon at La Mirada Regional Park, as the program is slowly building up to becoming a major force in the league as well as the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section's Division 3.

"When I came into the Norwalk program, there was loads of talent," Casas said. "And the only thing I really had to do is work with them and show them that if they work together and combine their talents, they would be that much stronger. And then if they held each other accountable and if they practiced those habits of champions, then inevitably they would become champions. That's all I did."

Casas, who was at La Mirada for 17 years where he won 14 league titles, is now in his fourth year Norwalk and witnessed juniors Misty Diaz (18:37) and Ruby Galindo (18:55) easily distance themselves from everyone else with the top two spots. The third place runner, Aleah Brooks of La Mirada, crossed the finish line at 19:35.

Norwalk would get the fifth and sixth place runners in senior Alejandra De La O (20:17) and junior Jessica Robles (20:40) while freshman Natalie Juarez was eighth with a time of 23:05.

"I'd like to talk about [Natalie Juarez] too," Casas said. "This young lady is a freshman and came out halfway through the summer and moved up to a varsity spot. She has more talent as a freshman than any other freshman I've ever coached."

"It's probably no coincidence that Misty and Ruby have both put in the most miles and have had the fewest absences and just are competitors more so than the other girls on the team," he continued. "They have that competitive nature."

La Mirada finished in second place with 39 team points while Cerritos, which won the league finals in 2013 and 2014,

came in third place with 81 points. The top Cerritos runner was sophomore Jaide Lin, who came in 10th place with a time of 21:25. The next Lady Don harrier was junior Brianna Katsuda, a 15th place finisher at 22:19 while junior Laura Sato was two spots behind her at 22:38.

But the story of the day, as well as the past few seasons has been centered on Norwalk, which is ranked fourth in Division 3. Casas said that the program has never had as many as 40 girls come out as was the case for this season. In fact, before last season, no Norwalk girls team had won a league title since 1994.

"One of the hooks I used to sell them on buying into working hard and growing as a team was look at what the guys have done," Casas remembered. "How are you any different for them? What makes them better? That really hit them hard because they realized that if they wanted it, they could do it as well."

As for the upcoming weeks, the Lady Lancers have a solid chance of doing something special in the CIF finals as well as the state finals. Diaz and Galindo are ranked in the top 10 in Division 3 and Diaz is in the top 10 in the state for Division 3. However, Casas is quick to remind people that the league is still very competitive as La Mirada and Cerritos still have the potential to win a league crown in any given year.

"I just told the girls before the race, fear no one but respect everyone," Casas said. "That's what we do. As a matter of fact, we don't race to beat these teams. We race to get to state. That was our goal from day one and the league title just happened to be a stepping stone along the way."

On the boys side, Cerritos senior Bill Chuang did something that no other Cerritos boys runner had done before-win back to back races in the league finals. After coming in first place last year with a time of 16:28, Chuang was the top harrier at 16:15. But it was La Mirada that won the race with 22 points. The Dons were second with 39 points with Norwalk coming in at third with 95 points. La Mirada's league championship was its first since 1996.

"After being injured throughout the beginning of the year and facing the tough competition from La Mirada this year, it was a great accomplishment for

Bill to finish with back to back league championships," said Cerritos head coach Jason Watanabe. "He has always been a hard worker who always asks to do more, to stay in the weight room longer, or takes it upon himself to do what is necessary."

After La Mirada had the next four runners cross the finish line after Chuang, Cerritos freshman Cole Sawires Yager (16:43) and junior Jaineel Patel (16:51) took the next two spots.

Senior Edwin Munoz was the first Norwalk runner with a time of 16:58 while sophomore Antonio Calderon was John Glenn High's leading runner, finishing in 13th with a time of 17:09. Glenn racked up 126 points and finished in fifth place.

Going into the season, Watanabe predicted Cerritos to finish in third place based on the returners he had. He said that the team made some improvements, but La Mirada did as well.

"While we did improve, it's difficult knowing that we did not have a league race where all of our varsity boys ran well on the same day," Watanabe said. "At every [league] cluster, someone different was ailing from hips to fatigue and I even had an athlete who was recovering after being hit by a car on his bike before league finals. We didn't have any luck on our side in that regard, but I give a lot of credit to La Mirada as they made it so we would have to run our best to have a chance."



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CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission of the City of Artesia will hold a Regular Planning Commission Meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Artesia City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday November 15, 2016 to conduct a Public Hearing to consider the following item(s):

Case No. 2016-32 Code Amendment
City Wide

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE REGULATION OF SECOND DWELLING UNITS (ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS), AMENDING THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA Resolution No. 2016-28P

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 this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Artesia Planning Commission 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.

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CITY OF CERRITOS

ORDINANCE NO. 1009

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA, MOVING THE DATE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FROM THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH OF ODD-NUMBERED YEARS TO THE SECOND TUESDAY OF APRIL IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS

WHEREAS, the City's General Municipal Election is currently scheduled for the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of odd-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1994, the electors of the City of Cerritos approved a Charter amendment authorizing the City Council to establish by ordinance, the date for general municipal elections; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Cerritos and California Elections Code Section 1301 and 10403.5 authorize the City to reschedule its General Municipal Election;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the Charter of the City of Cerritos and California Elections Code Section 1301 and 10403.5, the date of the General Municipal Election of the City of Cerritos is moved from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each odd-numbered year to the second Tuesday in April of each odd-numbered year.

SECTION 2. In accordance with the change of election date, the terms of office of those members of the City Council presently serving shall be extended for a period of approximately one (1) month until election results are declared by the City Council.

SECTION 3. Section 2.40.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2.40.010 Date of General Municipal Elections

General municipal elections shall be held on the second Tuesday in April of each odd-numbered year commencing in 2017.

SECTION 4. The next general municipal election to be held in the City of Cerritos shall be scheduled for April 11, 2017.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and cause same to be posted as required.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of November, 2016.

George Ray, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vida Barone, City Clerk

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CITY OF LA MIRADA
NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of La Mirada on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, for two members of the City Council for full terms of four years.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by Section 10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk
City of La Mirada

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. 102498-GK
(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: B & E INTERNATIONAL CORP, 19100 GRIDLEY RD, CERRITOS, CA 90703
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:
(4) The name and business address of the Buyer(s) are: GRIDLEY PROPERTY LLC, 14328 LOMITA AVE, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91746
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND ABC LIQUOR LICENSE of that certain business located at: 19100 GRIDLEY RD, CERRITOS, CA 90703
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: THE CORNER PLACE KOREAN BBQ CERRITOS
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is DECEMBER 2, 2016, at the office of ESCROW WORLD INC, 1055 WILSHIRE BLVD, STE 1555, LOS ANGELES, CA 90017, Escrow No. 102498-GK, Escrow Officer: GINA KIM
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.
(9) The last date for filing claims is: DECEMBER 1, 2016
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE
DATED: AUGUST 22, 2016
TRANSFEREES: GRIDLEY PROPERTY LLC
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Please take notice that on November 8, 2016, the City Council of the City of La Mirada adopted the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 684 PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL BY FIVE DISTRICTS, ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES AND IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF EACH DISTRICT, ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION ORDER OF EACH DISTRICT AND ADDING CHAPTER 2.02 TO THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE

Summary of Ordinance No. 684

The ordinance adds Chapter 2.02 to Title 2 of the La Mirada Municipal Code. The ordinance declares that the change of method of electing City Councilmembers is being made in furtherance of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001. The ordinance identifies Council districts and established boundaries. City Councilmembers shall be elected by district, and a person shall not be eligible to be elected a Councilmember for a specific district unless he or she resides in the geographical area comprising the district at the time nomination papers are issued. Additionally, registered voters signing nomination papers or voting for a candidate shall be residents of the geographical area making up the district from which the Councilmember is to be elected.

The names of those Councilmembers voting for or against Ordinance No. 684 are as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Deal, Mowles, Sarega, Mayor Pro Tem Eng, Mayor De Ruse
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of the Ordinance is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Please take notice that on November 8, 2016, the City Council of the City of La Mirada adopted the following Ordinance:

INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 685-U PROHIBITING ALL COMMERCIAL NON-MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACTIVITY IN THE CITY, PROHIBITING OUTDOOR MARIJUANA CULTIVATION ON PRIVATE RESIDENCES AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

Summary of Interim Ordinance No. 685-U

Interim Ordinance No. 685-U prohibits, in all zones and all specific plan areas, commercial non-medical marijuana activity. No person shall be permitted to establish, operate, maintain, conduct or allow commercial non-medical marijuana activity anywhere within La Mirada. No application for a building permit, business license, or any other entitlement authorizing the establishment, operation, maintenance, development, or construction of any use that allows for commercial non-medical marijuana activity shall be approved during the term of the prohibition established in the ordinance. Indoor marijuana cultivation is allowed consistent with State law, which permits no more than six live marijuana plants to be planted, cultivated, harvested, dried, or processed within a single private residence or inside an accessory structure located upon the grounds of a private residence that is fully enclosed and secured. The ordinance takes effect immediately and the prohibition it establishes terminates 45 days after the date of adoption unless extended by the City Council pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858.

The names of those Councilmembers voting for or against Ordinance No. 685-U are as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers Deal, Mowles, Sarega, Mayor Pro Tem Eng, Mayor De Ruse
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of the Ordinance is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 686 ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDUCTING MOTION PICTURE FILMING, AND AMENDING TITLE 4 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, the City Council of the City of La Mirada will consider adopting its Ordinance No. 686 entitled "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Mirada Establishing Procedures and Requirements for Conducting Motion Picture Filming, and Amending Title 4 of the La Mirada Municipal Code."

Summary of Ordinance No. 686

Ordinance No. 686 of the City Council of the City of La Mirada amends Title 4 of the La Mirada Municipal Code and establishes procedures and requirements for conducting motion picture filming. The ordinance authorizes commercial filming and limited filming in all zones subject to a film permit. The ordinance defines commercial filming as motion picture, television, or still photography at the same location more than six days out of a period of 90 consecutive days for any purpose other than news purposes. Limited filming is defined as motion picture, television or still photography at the same location for six or fewer days out of a period of 90 consecutive days. A film permit would be required for commercial or limited filming on any City street, alley, sidewalk, park, off-street parking facility, public right-of-way or other public property.

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of Ordinance No. 686 is available in the office of the City Clerk, City of La Mirada, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California, and is available for public inspection at that location.

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to sections 21700 - 21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, CA Commercial Code Section 2328, Section 1812.600 - 1812.609 and Section 1988 of CA Civil Code, 353 of the Penal Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Tuesday the 22nd day of November, 2016 at 3:00 P.M., on the premises where said property including: household goods, tools, electronics, and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at Cerritos Self Storage, 16515 Valley View Avenue, City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, the following:

Table with 2 columns: Unit#, Customer Name. Rows include: 120 Brenda Colon, H78 Rosanna del Rosario, F17 Paul Radke, H39 James Sevillano, K10 Salvador Soto, H13 Rod Villanueva Sr., I27 Rod Villanueva Sr., M034 Jose Zepeda

Purchases must be paid for at the time of the purchase in cash only. All items are sold "as is", "where is" and must be removed at the times of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party without notice.

Dated this 11th day of November 2016 and the 18th day of November 2016.

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