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CRISTINA GARCIA TOOK \$7,000 FROM PUBLISHER LARRY FLYNT AND THE HUSTLER EMPIRE

By Brian Hews

Last week, the San Diego-based Gil-
 leon Law Firm sent a letter to the California State Assembly Rules Committee outlining graphic and explicit sexual harassment allegations against Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia from four former employees.



CRISTINA GARCIA

The new allegations roiled what was once a promising career for Garcia.

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HOME BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM RETURNS TO LAKEWOOD

By Tammye McDuff

After a three-year hiatus, the City council has agreed to bring back the Lakewood's beautification programs.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, cleaning up and reinvesting in properties improves and protects the environment, economy, and surrounding community's health and well-being. Upkeep and beautification by caring, committed residents helps to keep crime rates low and property values high.

Residents who go above and beyond in order to keep their home and yards in top condition deserve recognition.

Lakewood has three ways to honor your home or one of your neighbor's through the Lakewood Beautiful Program.

The Beautiful Home Award is the city's traditional award, honoring hundreds of homes over three decades. This award recognizes the front-facing exterior and landscaping of a home which displays extraordinary care and pride of ownership.

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CHARITY EFFORT BY NORWALK HIGH HELPS OUT SCHOOL CHILDREN IN UGANDA



Pictured are children in Uganda offering thanks to Norwalk High for its donation through the non-profit Drop in the Bucket. Norwalk High School seniors raised \$13,000 this school year for thirteen charity organizations including Drop in the Bucket. The nonprofit provides fresh water and sanitation systems for schools in Africa. Photo courtesy Drop in the Bucket.

By Richard de la Torre

For past the six years Dean Gray, an American government teacher at Norwalk High School, has organized a student-led program known as Giving Charity to Charities.

The program calls for 12th-grade students in social studies classes to select a local, national or international charity organization to receive the proceeds from campus fundraising drives held by the students.

The selections are based on the personal interests or connections the students have to issues or causes. Since 2013, the program has raised a total of \$75,000 that have gone to 54 different charities.

In addition to an annual winter student assembly on campus where the classes present their donations of \$1,000 to charity group representatives, there are usually also acknowledgement letters or phone calls received by the school from each of the charity groups.

But this year, there was a special sort of thank you that was offered by Drop in the Bucket, which received a \$1,000 donation from the students.

Drop in the Bucket, a Los Angeles-based organization that provides drinking water and sanitation systems to schools in African countries, passed along some photos of young students in Uganda

expressing their gratitude. The shots showed the African youths with warm smiles holding a sign that said: "Thank You Norwalk High School."

Gray was happy but not entirely surprised to see the kind messages. "It's another success story of our kids making a difference in people's lives. Fresh water. How awesome is that?" he said.

Bailey Martinez, 18, is the student who did the research to find a water-related charity to propose to classmates as a donation recipient. He found out that unlike some groups that just passed along funds to other organizations that perform the work, Drop in the Bucket was different. The nonprofit was directly involved with staff on-ground in the countries doing the labor to plan and develop the systems.

"That's was one I really liked. I felt that they did the most and they're based here in L.A. and thought that was convenient," Martinez said. "I think clean water is something we take for granted and it's not something everyone has."

Over a three-week period, Martinez along with more than 300 other seniors hawked chewy energy bars on campus to fellow students and then also sold them off campus. All of the teams did fundraising in the same way for the same amount of time. A total of \$13,000 was raised for 13 charities. An additional

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CONTROVERSIAL JULIET HOUSING PROJECT DENIED ON A 4-1 VOTE

The building, in need of retrofitting, could remain vacant for years and become a homeless/transient magnet.

By Brian Hews

The Juliet housing project at Shoemaker and Artesia, the former home of Hews Media Group-Community News and several other small businesses, was denied by the Cerritos City Council on a 4-1 vote, with Councilman Jim Edwards casting the lone approval vote.

The future of the building is now in question, HMG-CN is getting conflicting

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INVESTIGATION INTO LA MIRADA COUNCILMAN ANDREW SAREGA 'REMAINS ACTIVE'

By Brian Hews

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) has confirmed that the campaign finance investigation involving La Mirada Councilman Andrew Sarega, started after the La Mirada City Council election in March 2017, continues to be active and ongoing.

The investigation was a result of a series of articles exclusively published by Hews Media Group-La Mirada Lamplighter prior to the March 2017 election and centers around losing District 1 candidate Tony Aiello, current Republican congressional candidate Stelian Onufrie, and Sarega,

In an email, FPPC spokesperson Jay Wierenga told HMG-CN, "I was forwarded an email from Enforcement regarding your inquiry, I can say the case is active."

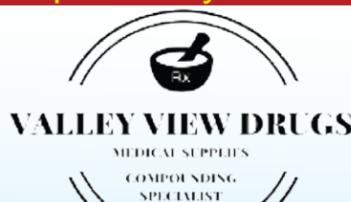
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CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION: 'NO CONSENSUS' IN KEY RACES



PICTURED LEFT: At the convention last weekend was (l-r) candidate for Governor and current State Treasurer John Chiang with ABC Board member Ernie Nishii. PICTURED RIGHT: Eric Bauman, Chair of the California Democratic Party (r) with Congressman Ted Lieu. Photos by Lou Delgado.

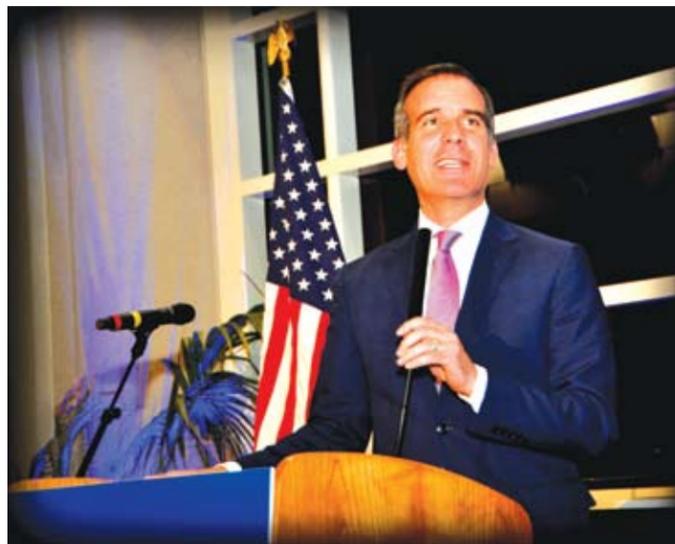
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PICTURED LEFT: Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, who is exploring a Presidential run in 2020, stirs up the delegates with an emotional speech. PICTURED RIGHT: Billionaire Tom Steyer founder of Needtoimpeach.com that calls for the impeachment of Donald Trump. Photos by Lou Delgado.

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By Larry Caballero
On Politics

As thousands of California Democratic Party (CDP) delegates attended their annual state convention Feb. 23-25 in San Diego, they were hoping to meet many of the candidates who will be on the June primary and on the November ballot. They were not disappointed.

Candidates spoke at the podium, held hospitality suites that offered everything from appetizers and ice cream to Margaritas and tacos, and were very agreeable to have their photos taken.

Unfortunately, many of the candidates were so popular, it was difficult for any one to garner the 60 per cent threshold needed for endorsement.

United States Senator Dianne Feinstein, who had not attended a Democratic Party Convention in more than twenty-five years, showed up to give a very persuasive argument why Democrats need to take over Congress in 2018.

"Today, more than ever, California's and our nation's progress are threatened on many fronts by Donald Trump and the Republicans in Congress...immigration, healthcare, women's rights, LGBT rights, voting rights, environmental protection...to name just a few," said Feinstein.

"And daily, we have witnessed a President whose behavior shocks, divides, and appalls."

Her opponent, California Senate President Pro Tem Kevin De Leon, listed the state legislature's many accomplishments in recent years. "We've defended family values—because no government should separate parents from children or DREAMers from the only home they know," said De Leon.

"We've reaffirmed health care as a human right, we've grown our economy while protecting workers, wages, pay equity and retirement security. We've invested in

public schools and doubled down on California's global leadership on climate, and we've refused to cower or capitulate to a President without a soul or a clue."

Both speeches were well received by the delegates, but in the end neither candidate was endorsed—De Leon received 54% of the votes to Feinstein's 37%.

Candidates for Governor also had their supporters and gave great speeches.

Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom said, "If California is America's future, than California Democrats are its conscience. As a party and a state, we're engaged in an historic battle against a cynical right-wing establishment which has sold its soul to a President without one."

California State Treasurer John Chiang said, "For so many, the California dream remains out of reach. Our moral compass is challenged by a President and Congress that don't share our values and believe our diversity is a weakness, not our strength."

Former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin also gave impassioned speeches,

At the end of the day though, there would be no consensus for Governor with Newsom receiving 39% of the votes, Chiang received 30%, Eastin 20% and Villarigosa 9%.

They were not alone since there was also no consensus for Lt. Governor, Attorney General or Insurance Commissioner.

There were some happy candidates though. Secretary of State Alex Padilla garnered 78%, Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate Tony Thurmond 89%, and State Treasurer candidate Fiona Ma 92%.

Locally, Tony Mendoza did not receive enough votes at a pre-endorsement conference. Of the 45 votes counted, there were 35 for no endorsement.

Even so, Mendoza has announced that he has filed to run again for the state senate.

FRIENDS OF 1ST CEB SHIP CARE PACKAGES TO TROOPS



Pictured are 1st CEB volunteers at the packing area at the Cerritos Senior Center before assembly. The group sent a total of 46 packages.

Staff Report

The Friends of the 1st CEB (USMC) assembled and shipped 46 individual care packages to a platoon of Marines from the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, deployed with the Fleet Marine Force Pacific.

The volunteer group assembled the packages at the Cerritos Senior Center last Saturday

Each care package included 24 comfort items which included books, magazines, letters, socks, toiletry items, food-on-the-go, beef jerky, a box of Girl Scout Cookies, and "seasonings."

Each bag weighted about 5 pounds

and shipped in four large, seventy pound boxes plus one small box of 'to-share' items.

The boxes were delivered to the Artesia Post Office and usually take about two weeks for packages to arrive.

The care packages bring a reminder of 'home' to the troops who are deployed overseas for seven months at a stretch.

The 1st CEB wants to thank all the individuals and organizations who donated items to these care packages and helped assemble them.

For more information on the Friends of the 1st CEB, visit them on the internet at www.friendsofthe1stceb.org

ARTESIA MAYOR SALLY FLOWERS BRIEFS SACRAMENTO LEGISLATORS ON WATER ISSUES

Staff Report

This past Wednesday, Artesia Mayor Sally Flowers spoke at a legislative briefing in the State Capitol Building hosted by Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL). Flowers was joined by Yorba Linda Mayor Gene Hernandez

Flowers and Hernandez were invited to speak as members of the inaugural class of WELL's UnTapped Fellowship, a selective, year-long program for local elected leaders. They also presented water policy proposals on how the state could fulfill its commitment to a human right to water.

As part of the UnTapped Fellowship program, Mayor Flowers worked to establish a citywide water conservation campaign known as "H2Love". The campaign collaborated with the Metropolitan Water District's "Be Water Wise" campaign and resulted in significant earned media, PSA placements, and a billboard on the Artesia freeway.

"WELL Untapped helps create synergies across elected officials and local leaders," said Mayor Flowers. "Using WELL as a platform, we share best practices and knowledge, and work together to spread the word that water conservation is key."

"Knowledge and collaboration are key," says Yorba Linda Mayor Gene Hernandez, "WELL UnTapped helps us educate our communities by increasing capacity at the local level to make water a priority."

As part of the UnTapped Fellowship program, Mayor Hernandez's focused on

building groups of local leaders to serve as "Water ambassadors" to convey accurate and important information about water to the community.

The WELL UnTapped Fellowship was launched in 2017 to help local elected leaders make an impact in California water policy while addressing community water challenges.

In addition to educating fellows about water policy and infrastructure, the UnTapped program helps elected officials develop local water projects in their own communities.

"Water is one of the most important public policy issues in California, and local elected officials are at the frontlines of managing water policy," said Victor Griego, a board member and founder of WELL. "Many local elected officials also go on to serve in state and federal positions and will need to be prepared to address water issues in these new roles."

Through programs like the UnTapped Fellowship, we are able to train the next generation of water policy leaders at every level."

Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) was formed in 2012 to educate, engage and empower Latino lawmakers to build a sustainable water future for all Californians.

WELL believes that through leadership and action, California can effectively and responsibly manage its limited water resources and combat the growing threat of climate change.

For more information, visit: LatinosForWater.org.




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SOROPTIMIST MONTE CARLO NIGHT RAISES OVER \$44,000

By Diana Needham

With over 240 attendees, Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos' Monte Carlo Night fundraiser on February 24 was a huge success. The event raised over

community members, sponsors, and prize donors, as well as the many dignitaries that were in attendance including Artesia Mayor Sally Flowers; Cerritos Councilmember Frank Yokoyama; a representative of State Assembly Member Christina Garcia; Martha Camacho, Cerritos College Board of Trustees Member; Dr. Shin Liu, Cerritos College Board of Trustee Member; Dr. Jose Fierro, Cerritos College President/Superintendent; Maynard Law, Board Member, ABC Unified School District; Ernie Nishi, Board Member, ABC Unified School District; Sophia Tse, Board member, ABC



TOP: Members of Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos. ABOVE: Monte Carlo event leaders (l-r) Sandy Fikse, Co-Chair; Jennifer Elliott, Club President; and Susan Green, Co-Chair.

\$44,000. Casino games (black jack, craps & poker), a delicious buffet dinner and prizes totaling over \$35,000 highlighted the event. A "Soroptimists On The Move" theme transported partygoers to an elegant and fun evening with black, gold and red decor including lovely red flower centerpieces with beautiful lighted four-foot tall hot air balloons in the center of each.

"We are thrilled with the support from

Unified School District; and Laurel Latham, Governor-Elect of Soroptimist International Desert Coast Region," said Sandy Fikse, event-Co-Chair.

"This Monte Carlo event was one of our best ever; and as our major fundraiser for the year, it will fund most of our important programs and donations," said Susan Green, event Co-Chair. The proceeds of the event will fund the Club's awards/scholarships to college women, career training for high school girls, a Needy Family project, and donations to community organizations (Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence, Community Family Guidance Center, etc.) and Soroptimist education.

"We are thankful to the community for their overwhelming support of this awesome event," said President Jennifer Elliott. "As a result of its success, we are able to improve the lives of many women and girls as well as help make our community a better place."

To learn about becoming a Soroptimist member, contact President Jennifer Elliott at 267-257-8504. The local service club welcomes new members. Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos celebrated its 45th year of founding and a successful past year with over \$24,000 in giving through its Soroptimist programs and donations to many local organizations/charities.

ARTESIA COUNCILMAN TAJ WILL RUN FOR 32ND SENATE SEAT

Staff Report

Artesia City Councilmember Ali S. Taj declared that he will run for California's 32nd senate district on Monday morning. "An entire senate district is without representation at the moment, this is unacceptable," said Taj. "Our communities do not simply need representation, we need leadership, transparency, accountability and we need economic growth. I am capable and prepared to bring all of this to the table when elected."

Taj is currently a councilmember in the city of Artesia. Taj was elected in 2013 where he beat an incumbent and brought a new era to Artesia. He brought an era of budget reserves that never existed before, lowered unemployment and increased public safety. "With my background in finance and experience in government, I know I can bring our district economic growth by working with local businesses, bringing jobs, advocating for education, transportation, affordable housing, addressing homelessness and ensuring a future for our communities," said Taj.

Councilmember Taj has been endorsed by Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva, Artesia Mayor Sally Flowers, Artesia Councilmember Victor Manalo, Mayor of Sierra Madre Rachele Arizmendi, Commerce Mayor Oralia Y. Rebollo, Mayor of Downey Sean Ashton, Hawaiian Gardens Councilmember Myra Maravilla, Irvine Councilmember Melissa Fox and expects endorsement by many other organizations and representatives.

The district includes: Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Commerce, Downey, East La Mirada, Hacienda Heights, Hawaiian Gardens, La Habra Heights, Lakewood, La Mirada, Montebello, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Rose Hills, Santa Fe Springs, South Whittier, West Whittier-Los Nietos, Whittier and Buena Park.

COMMISSION WILL MEET ON PINE TREE REFORESTATION

The City of Cerritos Property Preservation Commission will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers (18125 Bloomfield Avenue) to discuss the City's pine tree reforestation plan. The meeting will be broadcast on Cerritos TV3.

LA MIRADA ARTS COLONY MEETING

The Arts Colony of La Mirada will hold their next meeting on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the La Mirada Resource Center, 13710 La Mirada Blvd. The demonstrating artist will be Elsa Van Leuven of Downey. Elsa's speciality is painting such amazing roses, they almost emit a fragrance. The meeting is free to the art appreciating public. For information call 562-941-4116 or check our website at www.acolm.org.

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ROSE HILLS ANNUAL WELCOME HOME VETERANS EVENT

By Tammye McDuff

It's that time of year when Rose Hills hosts their annual Welcome Home Veterans event. This marks the eight year for the event, which is set for Sunday March 18, 2018 from 2:30 – 5:00 pm at Memorial Chapel.

The annual exhibition features a resource fair, car show, live band, food trucks and family activities. "We host this event as part of our ongoing support for our veteran community," said Bruce Lazenby, Executive Director of Business Development, "currently we are seeking booth participants, sponsors and community partners to assist in our efforts. We are also pleased to say that all profits from this event will be donated back to local veterans organizations such Rio Hondo College Veterans Center, Mt. San Antonio College Veterans Center, and Working Wardrobe, to name a few."

For years Rose Hills Corporate had a traveling Vietnam War Memorial. The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall was a three-quarter size replica of the memorial in the nation's capital that remained at Rose Hills from 2012 to 2014. It was the first state-recognized 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Holiday'. Lazenby, "Just like the original, the wall is engraved with the names of the more than 58,000 men and women killed or missing in action in the Vietnam War, stretching 240 feet and standing 8 feet tall."

In 2009, Lazenby travel to Yonkers where the wall was on display, "While I was there, I saw the importance of the Wall and the community involvement and the difference it was making in people's lives. As a veteran myself, this became my passion."

After hosting the wall for two years, Rose Hills decided to create a resource fair that would serve veterans and their families. "Sometimes veterans can be



Veterans from different wars gather at the annual Welcome Home Veterans event at Rose Hills. The annual exhibition features a resource fair, car show, live band, food trucks and family activities

embarrassed by having to ask or not knowing where to go to find needed information like family counseling," said Lazenby, "so Rose Hills decided to have all these resources together in one place."

The fair is a specific outreach to veterans, in the hope that a difference can be made, "If we make a difference in only one life of a veteran, that's all the reason we need to this," Lazenby added.

The fair has evolved to the point, where attendance has grown to over 1,000 veterans. The theme for 2018 is "Reaching the Families". This year will be the third year for the Classic Car Show, with over 70 vintage and restored vehicles on display.

The fair will house more than 50 businesses and organizations that can provide information, support and services to the veteran community. Organizations such as the American Legion, the East LA VA Clinic and Marine Corps League Teufel Hunden Detachment are a non-profit Veterans organization open to all Marines and to Navy Corpsmen who served in the Fleet Marine Force (FMF) and served

honorably. Patriots and Paws will also be on site to provide Veterans/Active Military/Reservists and their families throughout Southern California basic home furnishings for newly acquired residences. Additionally, at Patriots and Paws for those Veteran/Military service folks that are interested, they can be matched up with a rescued companion-ship animal.

Guest speaker this year will be Sylvia Ramos, widow of Jose Ramos, Vietnam veteran, Army combat medic and founder of the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day project. Musical entertainment will be provided by local Santa Fe Springs The Killer West playing classic live roots and rockabilly music. A variety of food trucks will be on site with items for purchase.

For more information please contact Antoinette Lou, Community Relations Manager for Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary at (562) 692-1212, ext. 4656.

VINTAGE MARKET RETURNS TO COSTA MESA WITH MORE THAN 75 EXHIBITORS

The event will feature the **Potting Shed by Carlisle and "She Sheds" Author Erika Kotite as special guests. Event is at the Hangar at the OC Fair & Event Center.**

COSTA MESA, Calif., ~ Four times a year, one of the best vintage markets in the United States, FLYING MIZ DAISY, takes up residency at The Hangar at the OC Fair and Event Center located at 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa.

The spring market, March 2-3, 2018 (10 am to 4 pm), will offer a whole new crop of truly authentic vintage and repurposed wares with a carefully curated list of new and returning vendors displaying recently uncovered treasures.

Interior designers, decorators, vintage enthusiasts and nostalgia seekers can expect a trove of distinctive furniture and accessories including home décor, specialty jewelry, clothing, furniture and art. Each market also includes exclusive special guests, demonstrations and workshops.

For March, The Potting Shed by Carlisle will provide an on-site driftwood succulent planter demonstration and workshop on Friday, March 2nd. And, best-selling "She Sheds" author Erika Kotite will create a "She Shed" installation for customers to enjoy firsthand and offer a meet and greet/book signing.

With a background in antique procurement and sales, Flying Miz Daisy Founder Charlene Goetz saw a void for artisans and exhibitors specializing in custom and unique décor items. "This isn't a swap meet or a flea market," says Goetz. "We carefully select our vendors and require the goods sold are truly authentic. We see fine pieces from Europe or Americana treasures from the Midwest.

The sellers featured are small businesses at their creative best, setting up shop in this centrally located Orange County venue four times a year."

Gourmet food trucks will offer sustenance outside on both days featuring comfort food and specialty treats.

Beer, wine and complete bar service will be available inside. And, childcare will also be offered.

Recently voted as one of the Top 10 Vintage Markets in the United States, Goetz says: "What we try to offer up for the thousands of shoppers that have visited so far, is a comfortable shopping experience with exceptional customer service as a priority. Buyers can store their purchases and drive up for loading service. This is something you won't find anywhere else. These small touches make us stand out."

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seniors, and children 12 and under are free.

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RANCHO LOS AMIGOS LAUNCHES NEW CLINICAL TRIAL FOR FUNCTIONAL RESTORATION IN STROKE PATIENTS

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center has just launched a new clinical trial to evaluate a transformative approach to upper limb functional restoration in stroke patients.

This new approach seeks to augment traditional neurorehabilitation by adding neuromodulation to help the brain “rewire” more effectively.

Stroke continues to represent a major cause of permanent neurological disability in patients worldwide. The trial currently seeks to enroll patients who have suffered a stroke at least 9 months ago but within the last 10 years.

The neuromodulation is delivered to vagus nerve using a novel implanted device (the Vivistim® system) made by Microtransponder, Inc., the sponsor of the multi-institutional clinical trial.

The Rancho team is led by principal investigator Dr. Charles Y. Liu, Chief of Neurosurgery at Rancho Los Amigos and Director of the USC Neurorestoration Center of USC Keck School of Medicine.

Rancho has begun enrollment and today has surgically implanted the first American patient in the new clinical trial.

In total, 15 centers are involved in this effort, with 12 in the United States and 3 in the United Kingdom.

After receiving the Vivistim® device, the participants will receive intensive physiotherapy each week for six weeks

either with or without vagus nerve stimulation to help improve arm and hand function.

The trial is designed to evaluate the synergistic effects of the neuromodulation and physiotherapy.

This new clinical trial follows two smaller trials conducted previously, the first in the USA, and the second in the USA and UK.

Patients can find more information about the study at the official website: <http://vnsstroketrials.com/>.

Furthermore, those interested in participating in the trial can contact Nicole Bayus of Rancho Research Institute at 562-385-7049.

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BEAUTIFICATION: A home in Lakewood that won an award over three years ago. Lakewood has three ways to honor your home or one of your neighbor’s through the Lakewood Beautiful Program.

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The new Jackie Rynerson “Transformation Award” will honor homeowners who have remodeled the front-facing exterior and landscaping of their property within the past three years.

The renovations need not be costly or complicated, but something that enhances the property.

To be eligible, the bulk of the improvements must have been done or overseen by the current homeowner, not a prior homeowner. Homes being marketed for sale are not eligible.

Jackie Rynerson was an original Lakewood resident who helped organize her fellow citizens to form the City of Lakewood. Rynerson served as a city council member for over a decade, creating the original Lakewood Beautiful Program to inspire Lakewood homeowners.

Also new for 2018 is the Water-Wise Award. This honors attractive homes with striking yards that have taken great care to install landscaping that utilizes water-conserving irrigation devices and plants.

Each nominated home will be visited by a professional photographer and a photo taken of the street-facing portion

of each home and yard. A judging panel that includes city council, an architect and landscape designer will then review the photos.

Winners will be notified and honored at the Lakewood Celebrates Reception.

Winning homes are chosen by style, exceptional care and pride of ownership.

Having a neat, clean and well-maintained exterior as well as a landscaping design that is in harmony and balance with home is considered along with use of plant variety, texture, color and attention to detail.

Water-wise winners will be selected from among the Beautiful Home and Jackie Rynerson “Transformation Award” honorees.

Excellent candidates for this award would be homes that include plants grouped according to water needs, drought-tolerant or native plants, use of low-water-use irrigation system, minimal turf in landscaping and water-permeable ground covering and hardscape

To nominate a property visits www.lakewoodcity.org/LakewoodBeautiful-Form or contact City Hall at 562-866-9771, extension 3123.

Nomination forms will be included in city utility bills in March and April. The nomination deadline is May 8, 2018.

Santa Fe High Senior Receives Posse Foundation Scholarship to Pepperdine University



Santa Fe High School senior Kyla Moore has earned a four-year, full-ride Posse Foundation scholarship to Pepperdine University, where she will study public relations. The Posse Foundation identifies students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential, but who may be overlooked by traditional college selection processes. Moore has earned straight A’s every semester at Santa Fe and carries a 4.39 GPA. The scholarship is worth a reported \$200,000. Go Waves!



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ABCUSD HIT BY RASH OF STUDENT THREATS

15 Year-Old Gahr High Student Arrested

By Brian Hews

A 15-year-old girl was arrested Friday on allegations of posting to social media violent threats against Gahr High School in Cerritos.

Deputies arrested the girl, whose name was withheld because of her age, about 12:30 p.m. at the school at 1111 Artesia Blvd., according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The arrest was made following an investigation that began after students alerted school officials of the social media posts, Lt. Steven Marella of the sheriff's Cerritos Station said.

"The post contained a text threatening violence at the school," Marella said.

It was unclear if the youth remained in custody. She was booked at the Cerritos Station.

A rash of school threats have emerged in Southern California since Feb. 14, when a 19-year-old gunman killed 17 people at a high school in Parkland, Fla.

President of the ABC School Board Soo Yoo told HMG-CN, "Our Superintendent, principals, and staff sent out messages about this incident to assure the parents that we are doing everything to guard the safety of their children-our students-and staff at every school. We are all trying manage all the rumors also. This causes great distress to all involved, we need to educate our children not to no abuse social media."

Student Arrested at Ross Middle School in Artesia

By Brian Hews

Hews Media Group-Community News obtained an alarming email sent out last Friday, Feb. 23. to the parents of Ross Middle School in the ABC Unified School District writing about yet another threat of violence on campus by a student.

The Lakewood Sheriff's Department immediately responded and investigated the situation and arrested a student for making a criminal threat.

The same Friday, a 15-year-old girl was arrested on allegations of posting violent threats on social media against Gahr High School in the ABC in Cerritos.

The actual Ross MS email is below:

This morning a Ross Middle School student reported to the school principal that on Friday, February 23rd another student made a threat that put the school's safety into question.

The Lakewood Sheriff's Department immediately responded to Ross Middle School and investigated the situation.

As a result of the investigation, the police determined that the student made a criminal threat and was arrested.

Your students' safety is of our utmost concern and we investigate all threats in a thorough manner.

If you have any questions, please contact our office directly"

LOCAL TEACHERS HOLD SAVE OUR STUDENTS RALLY



Attending the Save Our Students Rally Feb. 22 at Los Alamitos High were (l-r): Marilyn Barnett, Marlys Davidson, Del Clark and Olaina Anderson. Photo by Lou Delgado.

By Larry Caballero

More than 100 teachers, parents and community leaders from Los Alamitos and surrounding areas gathered in front of Los Alamitos High School Feb. 22 to demand more action from their elected officials to act on gun violence and school shootings.

The event was called a Save Our Students (SOS) Rally against gun violence.

"This is not about fences, police on campus, metal detectors, or any other action by schools, but about the absolute need for fundamental change in our laws and society," said teacher, parent and student advocate Jessica Riegert.

Parent and community activist Louise Larsen said, "We have to stop the wor-

shipping of guns. I fear for my daughter's safety unless we change the culture."

A Women Against Gun Violence supporter Marilyn Barnett is a teacher with grandchildren in the District.

She is not against the second amendment. "I'm not for taking their guns away, but they should be used only for hunting and not killing people."

Riegert said, "Despite the school's work to keep us safe, Parkland students showed us all that we need to do more as a country. This action builds upon events from Parkland and the thousands of violent acts caused by guns and the continued inaction by our leaders. And we need help, that while our school is doing all it can, it isn't enough."

WOMAN CAUGHT ON VIDEO STEALING PACKAGE IN ARTESIA



HMG-CN was sent a video by a homeowner hoping to identify a woman who stole an amazon package from his home this past Sunday. The video can be found on loscerritosnews.net, anyone with information can call the Lakewood Sheriff's Department at 562-623-3500.

ATM STOLEN FROM CHASE BANK IN ARTESIA

By Brian Hews

Sheriff's deputies are searching for the driver of dump truck who stole an ATM and led them on a chase along the Century (105) Freeway. Deputies were able to follow the truck because of a tracking device on the cash machine, which was

taken from a bank in Artesia.

The bank was Chase Bank located at Artesia and Pioneer.

The truck drove down a freeway embankment and then crashed into parked cars near Flower and State streets before the driver fled on foot, possibly with another suspect, the reports said.

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charity, Race to Erase Multiple Sclerosis, received \$1,000 donated from a local golf tournament organized by teachers and staff.

“Every year it’s unique,” said Gray about the program. “The kids find new charities and new ways to help people. It’s very personal for them. And 54 total charities are impressive. It’s amazing to be a part of it.”

Nineteen students representing the teams, along with teachers involved in the program, were recognized at the Feb. 26 meeting of the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Board of Education.



FUNDRAISERS: Teacher Dean Gray on the campus quad at Norwalk High School with one of his Advanced Placement American Government classes that participated in the school’s Giving Charity to Charities program this year. The program has existed for six years.

anti-development movement told council, “I just happened to be near a project like MLC in Diamond Bar and took pictures, the MLC homes are not like single family homes.”

Cerritos Chamber CEO Scott Smith was for the project saying that the number of residents “would make our local economy stronger.” Smith talked about other developers afraid of coming to Cerritos in the future.

Carol Rayburn owner of Century 21 Astor was for the project. “The City is becoming stagnant as far as the number of houses for sale in the City. The City is not growing, the turnover is diminished. If we don’t bring in new housing we will become stagnant, we will lose revenue and activity.”

Gail Grossman who has been a vocal opponent of the project, complained about the traffic. She specifically targeted Councilman Yokoyama and Mayor pro tem Pulido. She said the school district might get new students, but that the Cerritos Chamber will lose members.

Grossman also created unwarranted controversy when she stated at the end of her speech, “we ‘heard’ [Planning Commissioner Tatiana Yokoyama] Bui does not live in the City.”

That elicited an angry outburst from Councilman Yokoyama.

Yokoyama slammed Grossman and others, who post on an obscure Facebook page, writing that Bui does not live in Cerritos.

“Madame Mayor,” Yokoyama said in a loud voice, “I am very upset about these lies about my sister, Chair of the Planning Commission Tatiana Yokoyama Bui. They are saying she does not live in Cerritos, that is a lie, I wish that lie would stop being repeated. My sister, Mayor pro tem Pulido’s appointee, lives in Cerritos. The Charter of this City requires Planning Commissioners to be Cerritos residents.”

“You [Grossman] had a great statement but you ended it with a lie. It’s pathetic.”

Another vocal critic and frequent Council meeting attendee, Mel Cortez, who lives on the Westside of Cerritos, proclaimed, “the letters submitted to an MLC website approving the project were fake. Once they build they will leave to their next victim.”

Resident Jay Gray asked why MLC purchased the property knowing the zoning requirements of the City. “What happens when the next developer comes in?”

Gray then took aim at his favorite target, Councilman Yokoyama, clarifying the word heard as used by Grossman in her statement about Commissioner Bui not living in the City.

Gray said, “Gail ‘heard’ that Bui did not live in the City, she did not say Bui did ‘not’ live in the City, she ‘heard’ that she did not live in the City.”

Cerritos resident Daniel Fierro read a statement from ABC Board Member Chris Apodaca who favored the project.

Fierro then blasted Mel Cortez’ statement that the letters from residents were fake. “The idea that they are fake residents is insulting as a resident. They might not be here, but there are equal residents here tonight.”

Mayor pro tem Pulido said the City needed housing. He then said the attacks on Commissioner Bui “saddened me, I am proud of her and the work she has done. Cerritos is better than that, I am surprised it went there.”

Mayor Hu, Councilmen Edwards and Yokoyama also commented on the project.

Councilman Solanki then made a motion to deny the appeal.

Roll call vote: (a “no” vote was a vote to approve the project) Edwards no, Solanki yes, Yokoyama yes, Pulido yes, Hu yes.

JULIET

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signals who will be the owner of the building on March 1.

Current building owners have told HMG-CN that the developer MLC did not have a contingency, an unusual position for such a large company, and that they will be the owners on March 1.

Public comment lasted for more than two hours and became testy at a few points during the meeting.

The discussion started with Mayor Grace Hu asking if the Mayor pro tem or any Councilmembers had “communicated with the developer” MLC Holdings or any MLC agents prior to the meeting.

“Before this meeting we all received communication from the applicants, so before Council asks questions, I want to have my colleagues disclose if you talked to them.”

Councilman Yokoyama said he took a phone call from Daniel Fierro, a MLC representative. “I took the phone call but refused to meet with him, we did not discuss the project at all.”

Mayor pro tem Pulido said he met at City Hall with MLC, “they provided a letter transmitting the concept designs, there was nothing else that was provided to me.”

Councilman Edwards said he received phone calls but did not return them and Solanki said he briefly talked to the Realty Board about the project. Mayor Hu did not take any calls.

Hu then opened the matter for public comment but only after she tried to stop people who had “took donations from MLC” or who “were not from the city.”

City attorney Mark Steres politely suggested that Hu allow everyone to speak.

The first speaker objected to the traffic the development would create. Marlene Rofe was happy to hear they were keeping the Artesia driveway was open and seemed to be for the project.

Sam Desai, a vocal critic of the project, said there was “nothing new,” in the revised project, and that “this proposal is destroying the city.”

Maryanne Hughlette said “no one has come to talk to me about the project even though I lived in the area.” MLC agent Moses Kim later refuted that statement. Hughlette was worried about the traffic also.

Dianna Coronado spoke for the building industry and was for the project.

Stephen Chen was in support of the project. “We have been renting a house here, we are waiting to purchase the right home and Juliet would be that home.”

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LOMA PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED



Pictured (l-r) Cerritos Councilmen Frank Yokoyama, Jim Edwards, and Naresh Solanki at the newly renovated Loma Park. Over \$110,000 was invested into the play area. Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu said, "The City looks forward to continuing to make similar improvements at all of our neighborhood parks." Photo courtesy city of Cerritos.

Staff Report

The Cerritos City Council recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate new playground improvements at Loma Park.

New playground equipment and surfacing were installed. A Shine color palette of orange, blue and green was selected for the playground equipment. The equipment incorporates six key elements into the design: balancing, spinning, brachiating, sliding, climbing and swinging. The surfacing portion (\$50,000) was

covered under Community Development Block Grant funds.

The equipment was purchased using California Park and Recreation Society Healthy Play Initiative Funding (\$60,000).

"This new playground structure will promote physical fitness and socialization among the children in our community," remarked Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu. "The City looks forward to continuing to make similar improvements at all of our neighborhood parks."

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GARCIA

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The allegations included Garcia drinking in her office while on official business, bragging about her sexual activity while describing various sex acts in detail, stating she had sex in her office with other elected officials to leverage information, using vulgar language, harassing employees, and disparaging other high-level elected officials.

In addition, they alleged Garcia asked the staffers to fundraise and ask for donations during regular working hours.

Just days later, a second POLITICO report wrote about other Garcia staffers alleging sexual harassment, including Garcia demanding they play "spin the bottle" after a fundraiser and drinking from a "Kegeator" at her office.

The reports and Gilleon letter came just days after Garcia had sent out a statement as Chair of the Legislative Women's Caucus demanding a zero-tolerance policy on sexual harassment allegations against other legislators.

"We appreciate the commitment to publicly release the outcomes of the sexual harassment and misconduct investigations so that we can ensure transparency. With this information comes the ability to act and uphold the zero tolerance policies of both the Senate and Assembly that have not always been followed."

"The transparency will foster an environment that enables the culture change we must have in our Capitol community where harassment of any kind is not tolerated or excused for any reason."

Garcia appeared on CBS This Morning and denied all allegations of sexual harassment saying, "That's definitely not anything that happened. I'm not engaging

in sex for information or for votes."

Now, Garcia will have to explain why she took donations from a known anti-feminist porn publisher.

A Hews Media Group-Community News investigation has found that the embattled Assemblywoman, who has claimed she is a feminist and a silence breaker, took \$7,000 from Larry Flynt's anti-woman empire, Hustler, as well as from the infamous pornographer himself, Larry Flynt, a man who once said, "I've always felt that feminism is an excuse for ugly women to march," and who publishes other porn magazines including "Barely Legal."

The donations were made in May of 2013 for \$1,000; Sept. 2013 for \$1,500; Mar. 2015 for \$2,500; Sept. 2015 for \$1,000; and April 2016 for \$1,000.

Flynt claims to be a champion for women's rights but his brand of pornography is uniquely damaging to women. He is known to promote images portraying violence against women; Gloria Steinem has repeatedly taken Flynt to task for publishing disturbing anti-woman images.

Flynt attempted to give money to Hillary Clinton in her bid for the presidency but once detected, Clinton's campaign promptly returned the funds.

In a response to a request for comment, Garcia's Communications Director Teala Schiff told HMG-CN, "the [sic] member is on leave from her position in this office so how would you suggest she give comment when she's gone?"

HMG-CN contacted Dan Gilleon of the Gilleon Law Firm who is representing four former Garcia staffers. When told about the donations Gilleon said, "to me it is more of the same Garcia hypocrisy, it is why my four clients came out in the first place, it shows Garcia is not the #MeToo feminist she claims to be."

HAWAIIAN GARDENS OFFICIALS ENDORSE RUDY BERMUDEZ FOR STATE SENATE 32

Staff Report

Former Democratic Assemblyman and 30-year law enforcement officer Rudy Bermudez today announced receiving the endorsement of three members of the Hawaiian Gardens City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry Bruce, City Councilmember Mariana Rios and City Councilmember Hank Trimble have all pledged their support to Bermudez in his run for Senate District 32.

Bermudez represented Hawaiian Gardens in the State Assembly from 2002-2006.

As a legislator Bermudez wrote the law barring sex offenders from practicing medicine in California. To protect children, he worked to increase the minimum distance sexual predators must live away from schools.

Bermudez also wrote the law permitting California schools to offer full-day kindergarten, which gives our children their best chance at a good start and makes it easier for working parents to have their young children in school.

The 32nd Senate District includes Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Commerce, Downey, East La Mirada, Hacienda Heights, Hawaiian Gardens, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Lakewood, Montebello, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, South Whittier, West Whittier-Los Nietos, Whittier, and Buena Park.

CERRITOS COMMUNITY SPRING FESTIVAL SET FOR APRIL 27-29

Staff Report

Cerritos residents are invited to attend the City's Community Spring Festival at the Cerritos Sports Complex from Friday, April 27 to Sunday, April 29.

The festival takes place Friday from 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday from 1 to 10 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 to 9 p.m.

Entertainment features local talent and professional acts. Gourmet food trucks will provide specialty items for purchase.

The Cerritos City Council will officially recognize the City's 62nd anniversary during a formal ceremony on Saturday, April 28 at 4:30 p.m.

Fireworks will commemorate the special occasion that evening at 8:30 p.m.

The Spring Dance Recital will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 29.

Admission is free, but there are nominal fees for some attractions. Individual ride tickets are 50 cents each.

All-day wristbands are available for \$20 at Cerritos City Hall if purchased by Thursday, April 26. Starting Friday, April 27, all-day wristbands cost \$35.

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CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 3 BOYS SOCCER PLAYOFFS

ARTESIA'S SHORTHANDED SECOND HALF RALLY COMES UP SHORT AGAINST TOP-RANKED UNIVERSITY

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

IRVINE-The Artesia High boys soccer program has made 11 trips to the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section divisional quarterfinals since the 1976-1977 season and one trip to the semifinals. For the Pioneers to make a second trip to the semis, they would have had to play their best game of the season to upend University High, the best team in Division 3.

Artesia head coach Octavio Marquez had received a scouting report from Long Beach Poly High personnel, which had played the Trojans in the first round. But that wasn't enough to help the Pioneers, who had to play the final 33 minutes down a man to an ejection. In the end, Artesia lost 2-1 despite becoming the first team to score against University in the playoffs and just the sixth all season.

"We knew [about University]; we got a scouting report," Marquez said. "We knew they were going to be quick. I think we did a fairly good job. We were able to get

through the [first] half 0-0. I'm just proud of these guys. We go down with 10 [players] in the second half and we're on them. It's unfortunate, but that's how the game is."

University's quickness became apparent very early as three minutes in, Giorgio Conta raced through the defense to take a shot that was stopped when junior goalkeeper Jason Gomez made a diving save at the right post. Three minutes later, senior forward Martin Razo took Artesia's first shot, which was thwarted by Jimmy Choi, who made a diving save at the left post. Not much happened in the first half after the early moments despite both teams combining for 11 saves and six goalkeeper saves. But the second half would be a different story.

Two minutes in, senior forward Sergio Flores took a free kick from 27 yards out, but Choi came up huge again, making a diving save to his right. Later in the contest, junior defender Felipe Morales had a free kick from 26 yards out punched away by Choi.

"That was part of our scouting report;

the goalie is good," Marquez said. "We knew it was going to be tough to get one through and it showed today. He made some great saves and that kept them in the game."

University broke the scoreless match in the 43rd minute on a Pedro Palmaka tally, but four minutes later, the game turned south for the Pioneers when senior defender Javier Gonzalez, a key part of Artesia's defense, was issued a red card. The Trojans, who entered the contest at 18-1-3, took advantage and scored what eventually turned out to be the game-winner on a Darius Abdollahi goal off a free kick from 19 yards out in the 54th minute.

"It's big," Marquez said. "Anytime you're down a payer against the number one seed...it's a good organized team. But it's tough. When you lose a player like that with his experienced senior leadership, it's hard. It changes the whole perspective of the game."

Artesia, the ninth ranked team in the division, was far from throwing in the towel as four minutes after University's second goal, junior forward Sammy Valle had a

shot saved. Then in the 67th minute, after a corner kick, junior defender Romel Burgos got the ball past Choi for his third goal of the season. Artesia outshot the Trojans 11-10 but Choi had half a dozen saves. The game was also very physical with the Pioneers being whistled 17 times opposed to 15 for the hosts.

Artesia (19-8-1) was vying for its 20th win, which would have been the third time in the past seven seasons that would have been accomplished. The Pioneers, who were tied with Norwalk High for second place in the Suburban League, went 13-12 last season and will lose eight seniors to graduation, but are slated to return 11 players for next season.

"Last year, we had no leadership," Marquez said. "We had more individuals than...we were super talented, but talent's not going to take you anywhere. This year, we were not as talented, we were not as deep, but we played as a team. The kids worked hard, they played as a team and it showed."

SAREGA

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The FPPC is looking at an independent expenditure committee called Residents for a Better La Mirada, (RBLM) and whether the independent expenditure committee colluded with Sarega and Aiello in sending out campaign materials, a major FPPC violation that carries heavy fines.

Independent expenditure committees are just that, by law they have to be independent from any candidate and cannot be controlled by anyone running for office.

Onufrie was the only person who donated to RBLM, an eye-opening \$6,500, hiding under a construction company that listed it's address as a PO Box at a UPS store in La Habra.

RBLM spent almost the entire amount, a record for La Mirada politics, on campaign mailer's supporting Aiello and Sarega and slamming their opponents John Lewis and Pauline Deal in vitriolic material not seen in La Mirada City Council elections.

Deal lost to Sarega, but the other part of their plan was foiled, Lewis beat Aiello.

The attack campaign mailers against Lewis and Deal were strikingly similar in

graphic design and content. They were also printed and mailed from the same post office in a remote city in the state of Texas.

The revelation of the campaign information triggered the FPPC investigation.

Adding more evidence to the investigation, after the FPPC started its investigation, Onufrie announced his congressional candidacy and hired Sarega as "campaign manager."

Soon after that, Sarega and Onufrie hired Randy Economy, who attempted to shut down social media platform after he resigned from HMG-CN, and gave a defamatory and libelous declaration in the recent defamation lawsuit by Leticia

Vasquez, a lawsuit she lost and now must pay over \$70,000 in fees.

A few years ago, Economy was arrested, charged with 3 drug violations and plead guilty to methamphetamine possession. The other two counts, under the influence of a controlled substance, and possessing a device used for unlawfully injecting or smoking a controlled substance were dropped.

Economy omitted the information when he applied for employment at HMG-CN, it was only a few years later when the fact he was arrested was revealed which triggered his eventual resignation.

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2018 SOFTBALL PREVIEW: GAHR STACKED AGAIN WITH TALENT TO WIN DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP

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Once again, the 2017 Gahr High softball team had a plethora of talent that most teams would dream of, and the Lady Gladiators put themselves in the best position possible to win a California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section divisional championship. But going undefeated in the regular season doesn't mean anything unless you can win the final softball game. Cerritos High is primed again to win its final Suburban League title while Artesia High is hoping last season wasn't a one-year wonder.

Returning players in italics

ARTESIA LADY PIONEERS

10-9 overall last season, 7-5 in the Suburban League, fourth place, lost to South Torrance 11-7 in the Division 5 first round playoffs

Head coach: Dayna Feenstra (fifth season, 28-47)

Team's record previous five seasons: 38-65

Last time missed the playoffs: 2016

Key losses: Destinee Alvarez, Alyssa Medina, Alyssa Rios, Michaela Benzor-Smith

Projected lineup:

P-Shelby Hile (FR)/Eliza Carillo (FR)/Shaine Hile (FR)/Valerie Joaquin (SO)

C-Charlene Fregoso (SO)

1B-Brenda Duran (JR)/Leilani Pati (SO)/Shaylin Riddell-Perez (FR)/Fregoso

2B-Zoey Williams (FR)/Natalie Luna (JR)

3B-Joaquin/Duran/Fregoso/Pati

SS-Joaquin/Luna/Williams

OF-Isabel Navarro (FR)/Shelby Hile

OF-Camryn Thompson (SO)/Riddell-Perez

OF-Miranda Williams (SR)

The wait was over for Lady Pioneers, who finally made their first playoff appearance since 1992, and came close to upsetting South Torrance High on the road. Now, Artesia must prove that it can remain a playoff contender as the school departs the Suburban League and moves into the 605 League next season. In fact, throughout last season, the team had the date of the South Torrance game on their warmup shirts as motivation. This season, "Raise The Bar" reads proudly on the back of their shirts as a reminder that higher expectations will be needed to exceed the success of last season.

"Last season was absolutely crucial for our program," said head coach Dayna Feenstra. "We had the talent and we had the leadership together for the first time in a very long time. Ever since I graduated back in 2003, it was always my mission to make Artesia High softball a competitive program and make it to CIF."

The seven league wins last season were the most since the combined total from 2008-2016 and the winning record was the first time in over 20 seasons. But as the Lady Pioneers embark on the new campaign, they'll have to do it with a new and very, very young pitching staff. Freshman Shelby Hile has been tabbed as the number one hurler while a pair of ninth graders will serve as the backups, thus giving the program something to build on for at least the next four seasons. Feenstra says that all four pitchers have their own strengths and that it's exciting to have multiple options in the pitching rotation.

The infield is solid with junior power hitter Brenda Duran (.439 last season) and freshman Zoey Williams, who Feenstra says is a scrappy player and can hit from both sides of the plate. Sophomore outfielder Camryn Thompson is a speedster who hit over .360 last season while the most improved player is sophomore Charlene Fregoso, who has put in more time and effort in her hitting, conditioning and fielding.

Artesia will participate in the Santa Fe Tournament, the only time it will be on the road outside of league action and will have a total of 12 regular season home games on

the docket.

CERRITOS LADY DONS

20-6 overall last season, 11-1 in the Suburban League, league champions, lost to Fullerton 4-2 in the Division 3 quarter-finals

Head coach: Kim Ensey (second season, 20-6)

Team's record previous five seasons: 84-44-1

Last time missed the playoffs: 2008

Key losses: Celeste Borza, Destiny Lucero, Lailoni Mayfield

Projected lineup:

P-Jennifer Morinishi (SR)

C-Alyanna Hernandez (SR)

1B-Kiara Crockett-Pope(SR)

2B-Lauren Lejano (FR)

3B-Alazea Herrera (FR)

SS-Niki Ibarra (JR)

LF-Elise Gibbs (JR)

CF-Essence Gibbs (SO)

RF-Sydney Arevalo (SR)/Kristina Mendez (JR)

For head coach Kim Ensey, last season couldn't have gone better, except a longer run in the playoffs. The Lady Dons won the Suburban League for the third time in the last four seasons, each time winning 20 games, and advanced to the quarterfinals for the second time in three seasons. Now, the Lady Dons are hoping to have their best stretch of winning league titles since the late 1990s and 2000.

"Last season was about creating a winning culture," Ensey said. "We only had a short period of time, but I knew that had to be the focus. The players bought in. I brought in a great assistant coach in Adam DeLeon, who brings great balance to my style and the girls respect him. I walked into the program knowing we had the pieces to win but possibly not the depth. There was no selfishness and every player had a team first mentality and did their job for the team. That was the key to our success."

Carrying the load in the circle was, and remains senior Jennifer Morinishi, who pitched virtually every inning and had a no-hitter against Rio Mesa High. The big pop in the lineup will come from senior first baseman Kiara Crockett-Pope, who was second on the team in home runs with five and batted over .400.

According to Ensey, sophomore center fielder Essence Gibbs is the most improved returning player whose development as a player and leader by example have been huge.

"Her confidence at the plate and decision making in the outfield has improved drastically since last season and will be a key to our success this year."

Junior Niki Ibarra moves from second base to shortstop to make room for freshman Lauren Lejano while senior Sydney Arevalo and junior Kristina Mendez will platoon at right field until one can step up and win the job on a more consistent basis.

"This season's squad definitely has the talent, but we will need to consistently execute both offensively and defensively to match last season's success," Ensey said. "We are getting stronger with each game and our pre-league schedule is pretty tough. So, I think we will be prepared. We are working hard to get our newcomers into their important roles and developing our team depth."

GAHR LADY GLADIATORS

26-1 overall last season, 10-0 in the San Gabriel Valley League, league champions, lost to St. Lucy's 4-2 in the Division 2 second round playoffs

Head coach: Shawn Quarles (sixth season: 102-40-2)

Team's record previous five seasons: 102-40-2

Last time missed the playoffs: 2013

Key losses: Alyssa Kumiyama, Hannah Kumiyama (JR), Malia Quarles, Paloma Usquiano (JR)

Projected lineup:

P-Danielle Martinez (JR)/Vanessa Fore-

man (SR)/Daisy Torres (FR)/Skylar Sanchez (FR)

C-Grace Rivera (FR)/Madison Huskey (SR)

1B-Jade Wittman (SR)/Johanna Rodriguez (SO)

2B-Giselle Tapia (JR)/Irene Dorado (JR)/Sydni Jones (SO)

3B-Taylor Stephens (FR)/Rachel Loranger (SR)

SS-Dejanae Davis (SR)

OF-Jazmine Hill (JR)/Malia Luna (SO)/Jones

OF-Huskey

OF-Ariell Romero (SO)/Kristalyn Romulo (FR)

The best team in the area last season was four wins away from going wire to wire and in turn, capturing the school's first divisional championship. Head coach Shawn Quarles says he has never been that fired up about being undefeated because, the chances of your next loss is going to be likely. He also felt the team overachieved, even with the losses of senior shortstop Dejanae Davis for virtually the entire season and catcher Alyssa Kumiyama, who tore her ACL late in the season but is already off to a solid start at the University of South Carolina. Quarles also said it was a testament to how the deep the team was.

"It was more disappointing," Quarles said of last season. "I don't think we've been unlucky; I just think you have to have a little bit of luck. I never blame it on luck that we lost, for sure."

The Lady Gladiators, who won over 20 games for the third straight season and have moved up to Division I, will have more speed to compensate for the power that was lost from the departures of Kumiyama and Malia Quarles, a pair of .545-plus hitters who combined for 20 homeruns. In fact, Gahr hit .424 as a team and that number could easily go up this season. The left side of the infield is rock solid with senior first baseman Jade Wittman and junior second baseman Giselle Tapia (.469, 12 doubles).

But the strength could very well be in the pitching department where Shawn Quarles believes senior Vanessa Foreman and junior Danielle Martinez are equally number one pitchers instead of a one and two, or even one and 1A. Martinez struck out 98 batters in just over 90 innings and had an earned run average of 1.39 while Foreman, in half a season, struck out 43 in just over 32 innings.

"I think both of my [returning] pitchers have stepped up both of their games," Shawn Quarles said. "They're very serious about their work ethic and they're very serious about this year. I think they're both very hard to hit."

Freshman Grace Rivera replaces Alyssa Kumiyama behind the plate while freshman Taylor Stephens fills in the void at third vacated by Malia Quarles, who is now at the University of California, Los Angeles. Davis is slated to be the leadoff hitter and is even faster than she was last season. The Lady Gladiators will be seeking their fifth straight San Gabriel Valley League championship and has reached the semifinals only twice.

"There are a lot of good coaches out there and the staff that we have here is good," Quarles said. "In any situation when you have success, you have to put it on the back of the girls who do it. We just have good talent and you have to create an environment where good talent wants to come and I think we know how to do that."

JOHN GLENN LADY EAGLES

6-17 overall last season, 1-11 in the Suburban League, tied for sixth place

Head coach: David Cruz (third season, 16-30)

Team's record previous five seasons: 45-70

Last time made the playoffs: 1990

Key losses: Ashley Armas, Maria Enriquez, Devany Esparza, Aliza Lopez, Jocelyn Ortiz, Destiny Rangel, Daisy Vargas

Projected lineup:

P-Melissa Fernandez (SR)

C-Emily Gramajo (SR)

1B-Miranda Chaidez (SO)

2B-Darlene Ayala (SR)

3B-Jesse Sun (JR)

SS-Dalia Morones (JR)

OF-Anela Kramer (SO)

OF-Savannah Pineda (JR)

OF-Christina Shryock (SR)

Just when the John Glenn High program was starting to make some waves as far as getting to .500 and possibly get to the playoffs, the Lady Eagles took a few steps backwards last season, failing to get double digit victories for the third straight season and fourth in the last five. Instead, head coach David Cruz saw a team have its worst record since 2012 and its worst league placing since 2011.

"After that terrible accident to our pitcher and our catcher quitting last season, I was able to witness our team's fighting spirit that kept us in most games and helped us to win a few," Cruz said.

He was referring to Ashley Armas, who only began the season as the team's number one pitcher, but had one decision in the last 17 games, and Devany Esparza, who was batting .371 before she quit in early April.

Struggle might be the operative word for this season. Senior Melissa Fernandez moves from the outfield to the circle while senior Emily Gramajo was at second base in 2017 but is now the new catcher. Senior right fielder Christina Shryock, junior shortstop Dalia Morones and junior centerfielder Savannah Pineda are the other returning players who are in the same positions as last season.

Junior Adriana Vargas, another returning player, will be used as a utility player and is one of the three best hitters, according to Cruz, with Gramajo and Morones (.328 last season) being the other two.

"Losing Ashley and Alize (Lopez) to graduation and losing my freshman pitcher this year to grades will hurt us this entire season," Cruz said. "Melissa Fernandez pitched our first two games and has control issues which results into a lot of walks. She is getting better but will struggle for a while."

Cruz says the top two newcomers, both sophomores, are first baseman Miranda Chaidez and left fielder Anela Kramer and should be solid players by midseason. He also admitted that it will be hard for his team to win games this season, but that improving is their goal play by play and game by game. Pitching will be Glenn's biggest issue this season.

NORWALK LADY LANCERS

7-17 overall last season, 4-8 in the Suburban League, fifth place

Head coach: David Gonzalez (first season)

Team's record previous five seasons: 57-63

Last time made the playoffs: 2016

Key losses: Alejandra De La O, Samantha Navarrete, Mercedes Orozco, Ashley Ponce

Projected lineup:

P-Breanna Vasquez (SR)Destanie Cervantes (SO)

C-Estefania Perez (FR)

1B-Angelina Perez (SO)

2B-Samantha Campos (JR)/Yulissa Zavala (JR)

3B-Allison Conrad (FR)/Campos

SS-Brianna Nunez (SO)

OF-Jocelyn Rosiles (SR)

OF-Valerie Zavala (SR)

OF-Natalie Juarez (SO)

David Gonzalez replaces Paulette Gasporra as Norwalk High's new head coach and although the Lady Lancers have had success in the past, last season's absence from the postseason was the school's first since 2010 and third since 2005. Gonzalez previously coached junior varsity softball

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at Norwalk the past two seasons and before that, three seasons at John Glenn High.

"It's really exciting because for the better part of the last 10 to 12 years, I've actually been coaching in the community," Gonzalez said. "It's just exciting. I care about the area, I care about the kids here. So, it's just really exciting that they'll give me the opportunity.

"It's going to be big in just making the girls excited about playing for their home school," Gonzalez later continued. "We all know that it's a real big thing to transfer to the powerhouse schools and the schools that are known to be good. And Norwalk has always been good with their own kids; kids from the community."

The Lady Lancers will only have 11 players, but none is bigger than senior pitcher Breanna Vasquez, who has wowed the rest of the Suburban League since she set foot on the Norwalk campus. She had close to 200 strikeouts and is capable of throwing no-hitters and one-hitters. She also had an ERA of 1.40 last season.

"She's fantastic," Gonzalez said. "I've been watching her from a far. Just being able to know her is just a pleasure because she's a good kid. It's always nice to see a Division 1 caliber athlete do what they do. But then when you see the background and know that they're just fantastic...she's just pleasant company."

Backing her up more than last season for preventative measures so that Vasquez doesn't get hurt will be sophomore Destanie Cervantes. Norwalk will be somewhat young and will need to improve its hitting as the team batted under .200 last season. Sophomore Angelina Pere moves from second to first and is the leading returning hitter (.286). While the Lady Lancers will have speed on the bases, they will be experimenting a lot in non-league. Getting to the playoffs with a roster of 11 will be tougher, especially with the emergence of Artesia and already knowing the league has

been historically dominated by Cerritos, La Mirada High and Mayfair High.

"It is a bit of a concern," Gonzalez said of the small team. "Some girls that were a part of the program previously decided not to come out this year. So, it was a big hit. But we're going to work around it."

VALLEY CHRISTIAN LADY CRUSADERS

6-15-1 overall last season, 1-7 in the Olympic League, fifth place

Head coach: Nicole McGahey (third season, 10-34-1)

Team's record previous five seasons: 44-77-2

Last time made the playoffs: 2016

Key losses: Kylie Carr, Jessica Maxwell

Projected lineup:
P-Caitlyn Azevedo (SO)/Katie Morewood (JR)

C-Quinn Livesay (FR)

1B-Moriah Easley (SR)/Morewood

2B-Morgan McGahey (JR)

3B-Kyla Nunez-O'Leary (JR)

SS-Kate Van Kampen (SO)/Azevedo

OF-Angie Pool (SO)/Alexandria Burgess-Allen (JR)

OF-Gemma Bulthuis (SO)/Morewood

OF-Kayla Hoxie (SR)/Bella Richards (SO)

It was a strange second season for head coach Nicole McGahey, who won more games than her first season but missed the playoffs, unlike two seasons ago. She said that defense wins games and the team struggled with defense

"I think last year was another tough season with the injuries we had, and some girls out we didn't expect to be out and putting girls in positions they had not played before," McGahey said. "We saw them improve as they went but it just wasn't enough because it was already midseason."

Despite the struggles, the program got to see its future with the number of freshmen and sophomores. One of those players is sophomore pitcher Caitlyn Azevedo, who was a workhorse and got the decision in just about every game. That may change this season as McGahey plans to use junior Katie Morewood more but keep Azevedo in the lineup as a designated player or possibly at shortstop.

"It was pretty amazing," McGahey said. "We were so proud of her and what she brought to the team. Even as a freshman at her maturity and wisdom, she did a fantastic job for us.

"As we saw her play and be able to handle more and more, sometimes in the middle of an inning when our team was falling apart, she was one of the leaders that was pulling that together," she continued, "I always look for well-rounded players that aren't just great in the circle, but they can do more than that."

McGahey says that one of V.C.'s strengths will be the pitcher-catcher combination even though Quinn Livesay is the only freshman and one of two new players to varsity. The other strength will come from the outfield where sophomore Angie Pool moves from center to left and sophomore Gemma Bulthuis moves from right to center. Another change will be junior Kyla Nunez-O'Leary, who goes from catcher to third base. The hitting has to improve as the Lady Crusaders didn't bat .200 and were shutout in their final three games last season.

"I think our first year, our record showed that we looked better than last year, but records doesn't always tell," McGahey said. "Our girls played better together last year than they did the year before.

"At this stage in the season, I don't look at it like we're doomed or that we've already been beaten, because I think every chance you get on that field is an opportunity to grow and to get better," McGahey added. "That's what I expect out of the girls."

WHITNEY LADY WILDCATS

7-14 overall, 1-7 in the Academy League, tied for fourth place

Head coach: Luis Lavayen (13th season, 93-108)

Team's record previous five seasons: 40-55

Last time made the playoffs: 2016

Key losses: Jocelyn Chou, Ashley Iseri, Karen Kaur

Projected lineup:
P-Taylor Genera (JR)/Susana Toscano (SO)

C-Haley Acosta (JR)/Gabrielle Madjus (SO)

1B- Valarie Villegas (JR)

2B- Victoria Tran (JR)

3B-Kimberly Rossello (SO)

SS-Mia Sun (FR)

OF-Mary Kim (SR)

OF-Janessa Alderete (SR)

OF-Katerin Joachin (SR)

After a playoff appearance in 2016, the program's first in four seasons, the Lady Wildcats tumbled backwards and couldn't recover with just a few pure hitters and an up and coming pitcher who didn't pitch like a freshman in her freshman season. One of the victories was a forfeit victory over Beverly Hills High, two of the losses were forfeits and the team lost by at least 10 runs eight times.

"We did come close in some games," said head coach Luis Lavayen. "We did okay at the [St. Monica] tournament. So, I was pleased with what we had. This year, I have a lot of new girls; they're coming along good. They're really picking it up fast."

Junior Taylor Genera will again be the workhorse in the circle and can pitch every inning of every game. She is also the lone returning player who batted over .300. Senior center fielder Janessa Alderete and sophomore backup pitcher Susana Toscano are the only other established hitters.

Lavayen said the most improved players are Kim, who didn't play last season but is strong and catches everything right now and Alderete, who also has a strong arm which bodes well for a program that has not had very good outfielders in the past.

This will be the last season for Whitney in the Academy League, which will dissolve in June. The Lady Wildcats will move to the new 605 League next year and would love to end their time in the Academy League with a trip to the playoffs.

"I'm pretty confident," Lavayen said. "I think Taylor has gotten faster and that's going to help a lot. This year I'm a little more confident that we're doing better."

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

Notice is given that pursuant to sections 21700-21713 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the Commercial Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code. 1812.607, that Norwalk Self Storage at 11564 E. Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 will sell by competitive bidding by Climer's Auctions (Bond # 5181494), on or after **MARCH 13th, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m.**, property belonging to those listed below. Auction is to be held at the above address. Property to be sold as follows: Table top, table legs, dollie, exercise equipment, chairs, totes, headboard, chest of drawers, boxes, trash bags, back pack, tub, mattress, box springs, night stand, suitcase, speaker, pillow, , bed frame, clothing, and loose bedding belonging to the following.

NAME	UNIT #
MONIQUE NEVELS	B306
JACQUELINE HAYNES-SIMS	A123
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ANJALI ISRANI	A102

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:

10753 Artesia Blvd. Cerritos Ca. 90703, 03/21/2018 2:30PM

Trejo Eduardo household items, Fired Up Records and Entertainment Household Goods, Baldwin Altina household items, Pua Esperanza household goods, Casiano Tomas household goods, Embedded Systems Consulting LLC misc. papers, Maria Jarvis fride, sofa, tv, one bedroom, Cynthia Tran household items furniture mattress, Dawn Hamilton house hold items, appliances, furniture, Drushan Williams Household items, Robert Beazie Household items, Allison Vann House furniture and clothes washer dryer, Connie Celestine clothes, Aaron Gilden Lighting Equipment, Angela Norris household items Elizabeth Perez Household items, Gregory Foreman household items, Chimen Huilar Storing Queen bed,

Box Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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17701 Ibbetson Ave. Bellflower, CA 90706, 03/21/18 at 1:30pm.

Elisa Sandoval- queen bed, twin bed, fridge, boxes entertainment center, Barbara Gordon- boxes, Nechelle Dairy- bed, dresser, clothes, boxes, Darnell Givens- awards, electronic equipment, boxes, Steven Flowers- 1-bedroom set, boxes

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
DISTRICT: MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Unified School District, acting by and through its Board of Education, hereinafter the "District" will receive up to, but not later than the above-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: **Bid No. 23(17-18) Site Work for the New Head Start Buildings, Shade Canopies and Play Structures at Cesar Chavez Elementary School.**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: March 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Facilities Development Department, 500 N. Hendricks Street, Montebello, CA 90640, ATTENTION: Jeff Woods, Acting Director Maintenance & Operations and Facilities Development.

PLACE FOR OBTAINING BID AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Available through ARC/ Planwell at (626) 583-1122 and <http://www.e-arc.com/ca/pasadena>

- Licenses.** Contractors are required to have a Class: B license and/or certification at the time of bid submission.
- Prequalification.** N/A
- Registration with DIR.** Pursuant to Labor Code §1725.5, all bidders and their subcontractors of any tier must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations in order to submit a bid, be listed in a bid proposal, or engage in the performance of this contract.
- Bid Security.** Each Bid Proposal shall be accompanied by Bid Security in an amount not less than **ten percent (10%)** of the maximum amount of the Bid Proposal, inclusive of any additive Bid Alternates. Failure of any Bid Proposal to be accompanied by Bid Security in the form and in the amount required shall render such Bid Proposal to be non-responsive and rejected by the District.
- No Withdrawal of Bid Proposals.** Bid Proposals shall not be withdrawn by any Bidder for a period of **sixty (60) days** after the opening of Bid Proposals. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Bid Proposals.
- Job-Walk.** The District will conduct a **Mandatory Job Walk on March 6, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Bidder's attendance to the Job Walk is mandatory.** Job walk location: **Cesar Chavez Elementary, 6139 Loveland St., Bell Gardens, CA 90201 at parking lot entrance on Jaboneria Rd.** The Bid Proposal submitted by a Bidder whose representative(s) did not attend the entirety of the Mandatory Job Walk will be rejected by the District as being non-responsive.
- Contract Time.** The date(s) for completion of Milestones and for achieving Substantial Completion of the Work shall be as set forth in the Special Conditions. Failure to complete designated portions of the Work, including Milestones, within the time(s) established in the Special Conditions and/or failure to achieve Substantial Completion of the Work within the Contract Time shall subject the Contractor to Liquidated Damages as set forth in the Special Conditions.
- Payment and Performance Bonds.** A Labor and Materials Payment Bond and Performance Bond are required in the amount of 100% of the Contract amount.
- Prevailing Wage Rates.** The Contractor and all Subcontractors performing any portion of the Work shall pay not less than the applicable prevailing wage rate for the classification of labor provide by their respective workers in prosecution and execution of the Work. Pursuant to Labor Code §1773, the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California has determined the generally prevailing rates of wages in the locality in which the Work is to be performed. Copies of these determinations, entitled "PREVAILING WAGE SCALE" are available on the Internet at www.dir.ca.gov/dir/S&R/statistics_research.html. The Contractor awarded the Contract for the Work shall post a copy of all applicable prevailing wage rates for the Work at conspicuous locations at the Site of the Work.
- Substitute Security.** Substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure the Contractor's performance under the Contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the Contractor and in conformity with Public Contract Code §22300. The Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded shall have thirty (30) days following award of the Contract to such Bidder to submit its written request to the District to permit the substitution of securities for retention. The failure of the Bidder to make such written request to the District within said thirty (30) day period shall be deemed a waiver of the Bidder's rights under Public Contract Code §22300.
- Award of Contract.** The Contract for the Work, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Board of Education to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest priced responsive Bid Proposal.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: April 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Facilities Development Department, 500 N. Hendricks Street, Montebello, CA 90640, ATTENTION: Jeff Woods, Acting Director Maintenance, Operations & Facilities Development.

PLACE FOR OBTAINING BID AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: ONLINE ACCESS TO THE DOCUMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

- Licenses.** Contractors are required to have a **Class: C20** license at the time of bid submission.
- Prequalification.** N/A
- Registration with DIR.** Pursuant to Labor Code §1725.5, all bidders and their subcontractors of any tier must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations in order to submit a bid, be listed in a bid proposal, or engage in the performance of this contract.
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- Payment and Performance Bonds.** A Labor and Materials Payment Bond and Performance Bond are required in the amount of 100% of the Contract amount.
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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: April 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Facilities Development Department, 500 N. Hendricks Street, Montebello, CA 90640, ATTENTION: Jeff Woods, Acting Director Maintenance, Operations & Facilities Development.

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- Prequalification.** N/A
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NOTICE

Notification is hereby given that State Bank of India (California), 707 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite #2900, Los Angeles, California 90017 will be filing an application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation by Friday, March 2, 2018 as specified in 12 C.F.R SECTION 303, 7(a), for permission to discontinue its Artesia Branch from its existing location at 18191 Pioneer Boulevard, Artesia, California 90701 and establish a new branch at 17500 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos, California 90703.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its Regional office, 25 Jessie Street at Ecker Square, Suite 2300, San Francisco, California 94105, before processing of the application has been completed no earlier than 15th day following either the last required publication or the date of receipt of application by the FDIC, which ever is later. The period may be extended by the Regional Director for good cause. The non confidential portion of the application file is available for inspection within one day following the request for such file. It may be inspected in the Corporation's Regional Office during regular business hours. Photocopies of information in the non confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the Regional Office.

**State Bank of India
(California)**

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**CITY OF ARTESIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Artesia will hold a Regular City Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Artesia City Hall, 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, California at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, on **March 12, 2018**, to conduct a **Public Hearing** to consider the following item:

Case No. 2016-19
Applicant: Artesia LIVE II Development, LLC
Project Location: 18600 Gridley Road, CA 90701

Project: The project, known as Artesia LIVE II, is a seven (7)-story mixed-use building consisting of 130 residential condominiums, 23,816 square feet of commercial/restaurant uses, and on-site parking consisting of surface parking and a two-level subterranean parking structure for a total of 331 parking spaces. This project seeks approval of the following items: (1) Conditional Use Permits to allow (a) specialty-retail and restaurant uses and (b) construction of a 130-unit residential condominium development; and (2) Design Review approval of a proposed 7-story mixed-use building. On February 12, 2018, the City Council, by a 4-0-1 vote, took the following actions on applications submitted in conjunction with the Conditional Use Permit and Design Review applications: (1) adopted City Council Resolution No. 17-2679, approving a General Plan Land Use Sub-Element Amendment to add residential uses and/or mixed-use projects to the Commercial-General General Plan land use designation at a proposed density of 95 du/acre; (2) adopted City Council Resolution No. 17-2680, adopting the Artesia LIVE II Specific Plan; (3) conducted first reading and introduced Ordinance No. 17-589, adopting Zoning Map and Code Amendments to establish a Specific Plan Zone for the Artesia LIVE II Specific Plan and to acknowledge the Specific Plan; (4) adopted City Council Resolution No. 17-2681, approving Tentative Tract Map No. 74233 to subdivide the subject property into 130 residential condominium lots in order to construct a seven-story vertical mixed-use development that will include 130 residential condominiums and 3,605 square feet of specialty-retail and 20,211 square feet of restaurant uses and 331 on-site parking spaces with 270 in a subterranean parking garage; and (5) conducted first reading and introduced Ordinance No. 17-860, approving a Development Agreement for the project.

Address Where Documents May be Viewed: Copies of the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and supporting documents incorporated by reference in the Final MND are available for public review and inspection during the City's normal working hours (Mon. - Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding City holidays and closed days) at the Planning Department located in City Hall at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701.

Planning Commission Actions: On November 21, 2017, the Planning Commission of the City of Artesia adopted Planning Commission Resolution No. 2017-33P, by a 3-2-0 vote, denying the applications for the proposed Conditional Use Permits and Design Review. On February 12, 2018, pursuant to Artesia Municipal Code Section 9-2.1901(c) and upon receiving notice of the applicant's appeal of the Planning Commission's action on the applications for the proposed Conditional Use Permits and Design Review, the City Council set the proposed Conditional Use Permit and Design Review applications for a public hearing before the Council, at which hearing the Council will hear and decide the case de novo.

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 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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 Development Director

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
 (UCC Sec. 6105)
 Escrow No. 18-41676-SS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: STAR SMOG STATION, INC, 16604 PIONEER BLVD., ARTESIA, CA 90701

Doing Business as: STAR AUTO REPAIR CENTER

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: NONE

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: AJMAL ALADROOS, 19716 GEORGINA CIR CERRITOS, CA 90703

The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE and are located at: 16604 PIONEER BLVD., ARTESIA, CA 90701

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: TEAM ESCROW INC, 6025 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the anticipated sale date is MARCH 20, 2018

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: TEAM ESCROW INC, 6025 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the last day for filing claims shall be MARCH 19, 2018, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: 2/15/18
 BUYER: AJMAL ALADROOS
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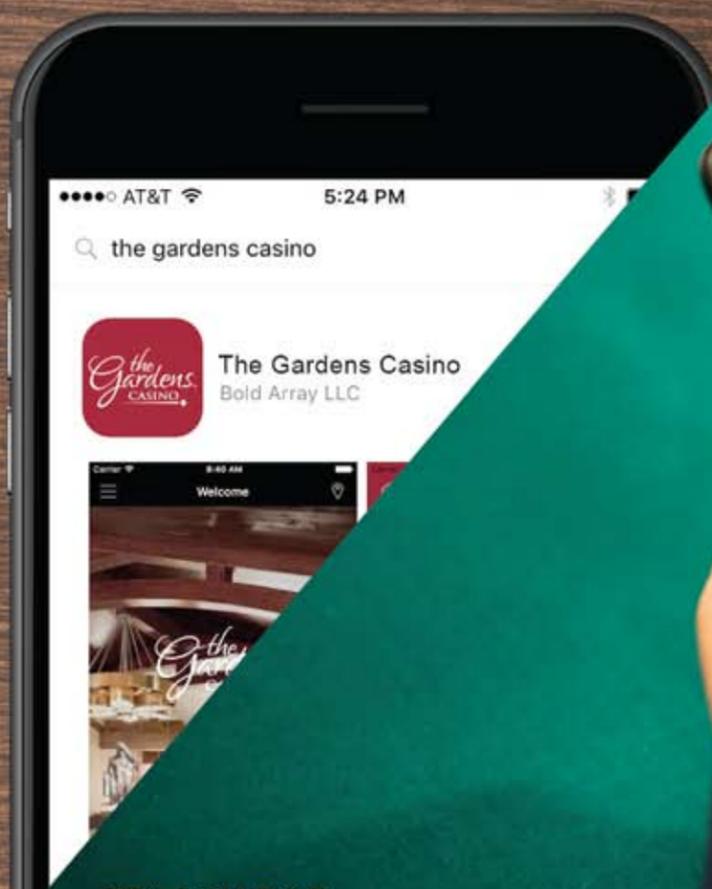


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