



HMG-CN INVESTIGATION: COMMERCE CANDIDATES BACA DEL RIO, ALTAMIRANO, AND LEON PAID EAST LOS ANGELES POLITICAL OPERATIVE \$35,000 TO MANAGE CAMPAIGNS

By Brian Hews

An examination of campaign documents by Hews Media Group-Community News related to the city of Commerce City Council race shows incumbents Tina Baca Del Rio, Ivan Altamirano, and Lilia Leon paid a staggering \$35,000 to long-time Los Angeles Republican operative Luis Alvarado to manage their respective campaigns.

It is an eye-opening amount given the election winners will likely garner only 300-400 votes.

In an interview with HMG-CN in his Whittier office, Alvarado confirmed he is working for the three and that he was paid \$35,000 to “advance the interest of the incumbents and move the city of

Commerce forward.”

Alvarado said that he was aware of the corruption, as reported exclusively by HMG-CN since 2012, perpetrated by all three incumbents on the City and its residents during their tenure saying, “that is not pertinent to their current respective races.”

Baca Del Rio, Altamirano, and Leon’s time on the Commerce City Council have been marked by a multitude of corrupt actions including embezzling campaign funds and a reported FBI investigation.

Their time on Council has also seen Baca Del Rio convicted of over 25 violations of the Political Reform Act governing campaign finance laws while garnering a record \$104,000 fine.

One of the violations was the aforementioned embezzlement of

campaign funds.

Altamirano racked up 22 violations of the Act and was fined \$15,500.

HMG-CN also learned that Altamirano, Baca Del Rio, and Leon were paying for each other’s campaign expenses.

Their tenure has also included abusing the City’s car policy, approving what was called by some observers “no bid contract amendments” to the Washington Blvd. project which is \$1 million over-budget, and voting to give themselves a 35% raise.

The raise boosted their pay \$371 to \$1,434 per month and cost taxpayers \$22,300 a year.

The state guideline for Commerce City Council compensation is \$12,191, but the raise took their total pay to

\$17,208.

Adding other perks, such as health benefits and payment for sitting on special boards, total pay increased from \$26,000 to over \$31,000.

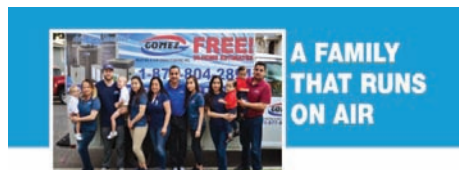
In contrast, council members in the neighboring city of Norwalk, a city 15 times the size of Commerce, earn only \$1,000 per month.

But all that did not bother Alvarado who walked the company line in justifying why he decided to manage the campaigns of Baca Del Rio, Altamirano, and Leon.

That is until HMG-CN questioned Alvarado on his current relationship with the three.

When questioned, Alvarado did

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City of Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu (left) and Gigi Fusco Meese, Director of Community Relations for 3-D Theatricals. Photo courtesy city of Cerritos.

Staff Report

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts’ (CCPA) Broadway Performance Partner, the award-winning 3-D Theatricals, presents an exhibition paying tribute to musical theater productions based on books and stories at the Cerritos Library throughout May and June.

The library display features costumes, props and set pieces from Stephen Sondheim’s “Into the Woods,” Disney’s “Tarzan,” “Seussical, the Musical!,” “Hello Dolly!,” “Once on This Island,” “Monty Python’s Spamalot” and Disney’s

“Beauty and the Beast.”

The recipient of several Ovation awards and L. A. Drama Critics Circle Award nominations, 3-D Theatricals has built a reputation for producing Broadway-caliber musicals.

Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu said, “The City of Cerritos thanks 3-D Theatricals for sharing the company’s wonderful collection for the Cerritos Library exhibition. I encourage members of our community to enjoy this delightful display.”

3-D Theatricals presents Rodgers

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LA MIRADA CANDIDATE AIELLO DONATED \$1,781 TO LA MIRADA COUNCILMAN SEREGA

By Brian Hews

An examination of La Mirada City Council campaign finance documents shows that candidate Tony Aiello, who lost to eventual District 1 winner John Lewis, paid \$1,781 to District 2 winner Andrew Serrega’s campaign on March 17, ten days after the City Council election was decided.

Aiello has been vehemently denying heavy involvement with Serrega or his campaign.

The payment was reported as a “CTB” on Aiello’s report, which is classified as a contribution, and noted the payment as a “Donation to Serrega for Council.”

The report was filed on April 19, 2017, 32 days after Aiello paid Serrega’s campaign.

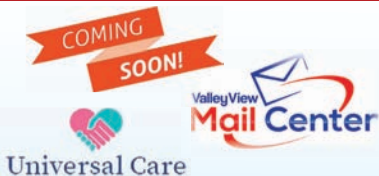
The March La Mirada City Council campaign was marred with election improprieties as reported by the Lamplighter in several investigative articles. Campaign documents obtained by the Lamplighter showed that a large sum of obscure campaign money had

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DOWNEY HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL RIDE N’ STRIDE

By Tammye McDuff

On Sunday, May 7th over four and half miles of Downey streets were completely closed to vehicular traffic, and instead filled with activities for all ages. Along the route were nine stops featuring music, games, vendors, food, and entertainment. In spite of the threat of rain almost 40,000 people came out to walk, jog, ride bikes, skates or scooters to explore the city. There were three different food stops along the route. Visitors could choose from a variety of food trucks offering refreshments from Shaved Ice to gourmet grub or hot dogs and hamburgers from local Scout Troupes.

Beginning at the Columbia Memorial Space Center and free admission, attendees could explore the wonders of science, watch rocket launches and participate in robotics demo sessions. With a special salute to Veterans, a variety of military vehicles, military recruiters, Veterans organizations and presentations allowed the public to interact up close with all branches of the military. A special booth gave walkers the opportunity to write a letter to a serving soldier across seas thanking them for their service. The City of Downey Parks and Recreation Department's annual Kids Day offered information booths, food booths, carnival games, scouting village, and a local talent competition at the main stage located at the Discovery Sports Complex. Art on the Move was located at the Transit Depot and Taylor Entertainment featured face painting, henna tattoos and caricature drawings. POP! Fitness was a new addition this year with stretching exercises and



Roaming street entertainment was provided by Mango and Dango, a one-of-a-kind talent theatrical performance duo who danced on stilts and rode the streets in colorful vehicles. Ride N' Stride drew over 40,000 participants. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

nutritional information supporting an active lifestyle. Robert Castillo's BMX Freestyle Team performed at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm showing off BMX tricks at the 'Fun-Topia Hub' at our event presenting amazing tricks, while spreading the importance of bike safety. Stay Healthy Downey Hub made their first appearance at Ride and Stride this year. The hub provided a variety of free services including a various of screenings for cholesterol, glucose, BMI, eye exams, chiropractic information and massages. Downey Unified School District joined as a participant this year with a showcase of talents from Downey youth. Downey

students could participate in "You've Got Talent?" competition, contending for real cash prizes for singers, musicians, dancers or comedians. Adding to the excitement was the annual Chamber of Commerce Downey Street Faire. Their hub was located on Downey Avenue where live entertainment, crafters, and vendors were provided by Downey businesses. Roaming street entertainment was provided by Mango and Dango, a one-of-a-kind talent theatrical performance duo who danced on stilts and rode the streets in colorful vehicles.

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Those interested may submit an application package directly to Dr. Jose Fierro, president/superintendent, Cerritos Community College District, 11110 Alondra Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650-6298 **no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2017.**

For more information, visit www.cerritos.edu/boardvacancy, contact the President's Office at (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2204 or email awittig@cerritos.edu.

UNSTOPPABLE EVENT RAISES FUNDS FOR KIDS



Unstoppable 5K runners get set to go at the starting line. On Saturday, April 30th the organization held their first annual Unstoppable 5k to help raise funds for scholarship assisting underprivileged and foster youth at Don Knabe Community Regional Park. The event featured nine sponsors.

By Tammye McDuff

“Our mission is to provide scholarships to foster youth who have a B-C grade point average, have overcome significant challenges, and have been accepted to trade school, college, or a university. Our goal is to provide education scholarships to assist foster youth in creating a sustainable life” says Unstoppable Founder and CEO Dr. Anissa McNeil.

Saturday, April 30th the organization held their first annual Unstoppable 5k to help raise funds for scholarship assisting underprivileged and foster youth at Don Knabe Community Regional Park in Cerritos.

More than 25 people and nine sponsors

walked, ran or jogged to raise monies. Crunch Fitness, Cerritos provided a warm up Zumba lesson, while BJ's and Lucille's BBQ provided refreshments.

McNeil added that the event was a huge success with the support from the businesses of the Cerritos community. She also encourage residents to keep April 2018 available for the second annual 5k event to help make foster youth unstoppable.

Maggie McKay of 94.7 the Wave
will be our Mistress of Ceremony for the
2017 Unstoppable Awards on June 10th
at the Brookside Golf and Country Club
in Pasadena. Purchase your tickets today
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***PASSINGS*: FORMER CERRITOS MAYOR ALEX BEANUM**

Alex Henry Beanum, 81, born on August 8, 1935, in Woodlawn, Tennessee, passed away April 29, 2017.



ALEX BEANUM

was not easy but he continued to work in the field he loved, continued his political career, and continued to support and raise his family.

He is survived by his wife Vicki, his siblings, Marie, Arthur, Denise, Ju-Dee, and Charlotte, stepson Trey (Dana), daughter Felicia (Harold), son John (Alison), and grandchildren Lincoln, Zora, Tori, Tahlia, Garran and Osten. He resided in Cerritos, California at the time of his passing.

Former Cerritos Mayor and Councilwoman Diana Needham commented, "Alex and I made history together in 1978 when I was elected the first woman and Alex the first black to serve on the Cerritos City Council, and later, each as we were elected as Mayor. Alex was a dear friend, like a brother. He was a wonderful father, husband, and grandfather and a caring, thoughtful and effective Council Member and Mayor. I will miss my dear friend Alex."

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Downey City Planner William Davis Retires



Davis (holding proclamation) is joined by his mother, wife, children and grandchildren along with City Council to receive his recognition. Just a few of the projects Davis has over seen are Portos Bakery; Downtown Downey Gateway; View Apartments, and Kaiser and PIH campuses.

By Tammye McDuff

“I have known this man for a good ten years,” began Mayor Fernando Vasquez, “When I saw that he was retiring it really hit home. He has been a mentor of mine that I highly respect. He is a man of the highest ethics and standards you could imagine.”

Vasquez went on to say that coming from an Urban Planning Commission and background he had the opportunity to spend countless hours reviewing plans, amendments and ‘talk shop’.

“I know this man is going to move on to greater things,” added Vasquez.

For over 16 years Davis has served the Community Development Department, originally hired as a Business Development Manager. He has led the City Planning department for most of that time. During Davis tenure, Downey has seen economic change,

growth and prosperity.

Just a few of the projects Davis has over seen are Portos Bakery; Downtown Downey Gateway; View Apartments, Kaiser and PIH campuses; Downey Landing; Downey Promenade; Southern California’s first drive through Dunkin Donuts; and updating the City’s drought tolerant landscaping and these are just a few.

“Thank you City Council, I want to thank you very much for the opportunity to serve this community. I have been in city government since 1981, and in all that time, I am most proud of what we have been able to accomplish in Downey,” stated Davis,

“On a personal note, what is most important are the relationships that I have received from employees and the Downey residents.”

Area History :ORIGIN OF DOWNEY'S ORANGE ESTATES

By Jim McMahon, HMG-CN Contributor

In a letter to the editor regarding the newly christened Orange Estates in Downey, the anonymous author wrote that the area should be designated as "Avocado Pits."

With a bit of sass, it provides a way to say with ironic pride, that residents on the other side of the train tracks are well aware of the locale and just as proud of their place in Downey as their neighbors to the north.

This writer researched the history of the area and wanted to provide a description of how the area became known as Orange Estates.

Back in the 1940’s, when property was purchased in Downey, the area grew a majority of orange groves, thus the name Orange Estates. Properties North of Firestone Boulevard, were more large land lots while south of Firestone Boulevard developed more track like homes.

The original Orange Groves signage was demolished in the late 1950’s. Developers began construction of homes on De Palma and a few other feeder streets. McMahons family property had 22 orange trees in the backyard, plus over 150 formal rose bushes.

When the original Orange Estate sign was erected, that section of Rives had not



The entrance to Orange Estates in Downey. Photo by Tammye McDuff.

been finished, no curbs or gutters, just very deep, earthen wash basin ditches; Rives was basically a country road with drainage ditches. Many of the palm trees close to the intersection of Rives and Firestone had to be moved in order to re-align Rives to what it is today.

That is where the Orange Estate sign was erected.

As an aside, on the corner of Luxor and Rives Avenue stood a large 100 year old olive tree farm. Around 1965, one of the

oldest olive specimen trees on that farm, was airlifted to the quad at Warren HS and still stands today, but is falling ill to multiple diseases.

McMahon says Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center houses a few original photos of the area, showing many of the old orange groves in the late 1800’s to early 1900’s. Unfortunately between the modernization of the City and a statewide blight, many of the orange and lemon trees have died off.

ARMED MAN CAUSED ROSS MS TO BE PLACED ON LOCKDOWN TUESDAY

Authorities had to search for a suspect who ran from sheriff's deputies during a traffic stop in Artesia this past Tuesday afternoon.

The suspect, described as a 24-year-old Hispanic man wearing black clothing, was believed to be armed, Sgt. Edward McDonald of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station said.

The incident started around 2:45 p.m. and deputies never located the man but there have been reported sightings of him, McDonald said. Deputies set up

a containment area around Norwalk and Artesia Boulevards, he said.

Nearby Ross Middle School was placed on brief lockdown as a precaution, the school said. McDonald, however, said a lockdown has not been ordered, but authorities did ask the school to hold students as it was close to dismissal time.

Parents were asked to pick their children up on the 178th Street side of the school, school officials said.

It was unclear what prompted the traffic stop, he said.

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& Hammerstein’s “Oklahoma! ” at the CCPA on Friday, June 30 and July 7 at 8 p. m.; Saturday, July 1 and 8 at 2 p. m. and 8 p. m.; Sunday, July 2 and 9 at 2 p. m.; and Thursday, July 6 at 7:30 p. m.

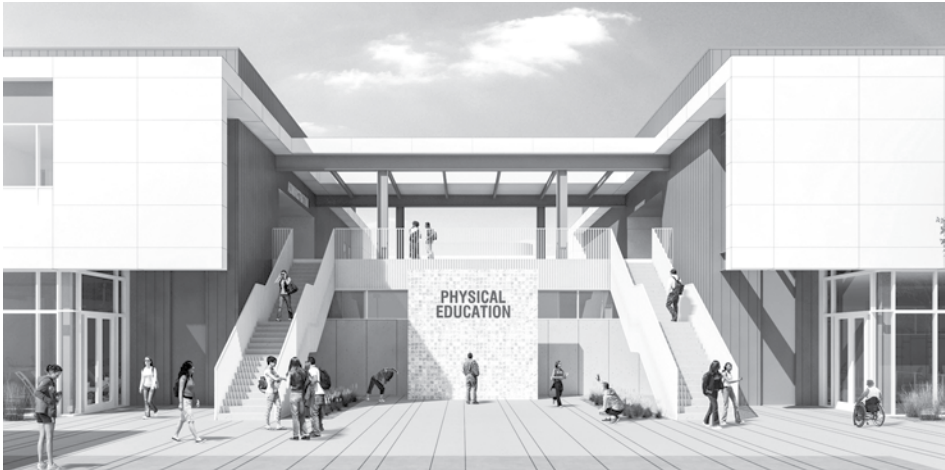
“Month Python’s Spamlot” comes to the CCPA on Friday, August 18 and 25 at 8 p. m.; Saturday, August 19 and 26 at 2 p. m. and 8 p. m.; Sunday, August 20 and 27 at 2 p. m.; and Thursday, August 24 at 7:30 p. m.

For more information about the performances or to purchase tickets to the shows, call (562) 916-8500 or visit cerritoscenter.com. For more information about the Cerritos Library exhibition, call (562) 916-1342.

Cerritos College Breaks Ground on Health & Wellness Complex



Pres. Dr. Jose Fierro (far right) and College Trustees officially break ground on the new complex.



Artist's rendition of the Cerritos College Health & Wellness Complex.

By Tammye McDuff

Cerritos College held an official groundbreaking for the new Health & Wellness Complex on April 5, 2017. The new facility is estimated as a \$51 million project which is funded by Measure G Bond dollars. The Complex will be located south of Falcon Gymnasium, along the western edge of the campus' athletic precinct. The 76,000 square foot facility will integrate functions including fitness labs, cardio workout rooms, training rooms, multi-purpose studios, offices, and the Student Health Center that are currently dispersed around campus, into an accessible, more efficient, state-of-the-art

building. The complex will consist of five new buildings: Athletic Team Room Building, Dance Building, Fitness Building, Hall of Fame Building, Health Services Building, and Physical Education Building. Construction is expected to be completed summer of 2020. Functioning as the home base for all athletic and physical education activities, the new Health & Wellness Complex will provide a much needed expansion of laboratory, classroom, office and support spaces tailored to the needs of the College's robust physical education and athletic programs.

Rep. Roybal-Allard Visits Downey Chamber Street Faire



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (second from left) speaks with a group including Downey Chamber of Commerce President Laurie Tyler (third from right) and Downey Chamber of Commerce President-Elect Joanna Peterson (third from left).



Left to right: Past Downey Chamber of Commerce President Cindy Kovach, Downey Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Michael Calvert, Roybal-Allard, and former Downey Mayor Mario Guerra. Photos courtesy Rep. Roybal's office.

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Metro Seeks Input on 2018 Fiscal Year Budget

Metro's annual budget sets transportation priorities across LA County for the coming year. Metro will gather comments on the 2018 fiscal year proposed budget at a public hearing on May 17th, before formal adoption by the Board of Directors. For hearing information or to provide your comments, go to metro.net/budgetcomments.

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Norwalk Unified SkillsUSA Chapter Brings Home Third Model of Excellence Award

Staff Report

Norwalk High School has earned national recognition for intensive hands-on community service projects that include planning and building an adaptive bicycle for a disabled 8-year-old, creating a community garden at the Norwalk Senior Center and constructing a mobile community food trailer.

This marks the third consecutive year that Norwalk High has received the SkillsUSA Gold Chapter of Distinction and the nationally acclaimed 2017 Model of Excellence Award.

“I’m proud that I’ve accomplished something for my school and for helping make our name known as a nationally celebrated chapter,” Norwalk High senior automotive student Kimberly Sanchez said.

Sanchez, a SkillsUSA member for three years, won first place for collision repair at the 2017 SkillsUSA Region Three Contest.

Norwalk High has earned two

previous Model of Excellence Awards, one of only 12 chapters across the nation to do so and the only California school to receive the Model of Excellence Award in 2015.

“Winning the award doesn’t make the Norwalk chapter great; the work we do makes us great,” ROP teacher Ken Cook said. “The award is validation to the students who put in the hard work, and in recognizing student success, more community support and encouragement is the result.”

SkillsUSA’s Chapter of Excellence Program awards chapters that have a strong mission in creating a community impact through their program and projects. Model of Excellence award winners are judged based

on criteria that includes technical, personal and workplace skills. Chapters are tasked with creating community service projects that reflect each skill.

Norwalk High built the adaptive bicycle for the technical skill category.

The Norwalk Center Community Garden falls under the personal skills category. Norwalk-La Mirada Unified partnered with the City of Norwalk to build the garden, as well as a local Lowe’s store that provided funds and 10 volunteer landscaping professionals.

The final workplace skill was fulfilled by participating in the 2017 Corvallis Middle School Career Fair.



Norwalk High School ROP teacher Ken Cook (right) assists students in 2016 creating a second community mobile food trailer, one of three community projects that earned Norwalk the SkillsUSA Gold Chapter of Distinction and the nationally acclaimed 2017 Model of Excellence Award.

Norwalk High students catered the event out of their community mobile food trailer, created by the automotive student team, known as the Race Team, and operated by the culinary club. Like a food truck without a roof, the mobile trailer functions as a cooking and food preparation space, equipped with a barbecue, fridge and hot water tank.

Norwalk High SkillsUSA members cater Lowe’s functions, college fairs and recently participated in an autism awareness event with their mobile trailer. Due to high demand, the Race Team built a second trailer in 2016 that included a handicap-accessible sink.

“Congratulations to Norwalk High for your state and national

recognitions,” Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said. “Our SkillsUSA teams demonstrate the terrific work our students do throughout all of our schools.”

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry professionals working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce.

The Norwalk High chapter will be honored for the Model of Excellence Award at the National Leadership and Skills Conference, held Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23 in Louisville, Kentucky. The chapter is also eligible to win a \$2,000 grant, sponsored by Lowe’s.

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Artesia

Town Hall Meeting with Sheriff McDonnell

Please join Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell and Artesia Mayor Ali Taj at Artesia's upcoming Town Hall meeting - June 6th. The Sheriff will address increases in crime the past few years and legislative changes that have contributed to them. He will also speak about sanctuary cities. June 6, 2017, 5:00p.m., Artesia Community Center 18750 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia, CA 90701

Miss Artesia and Miss Artesia Teen Pageant

Miss Artesia and Miss Artesia Teen Pageant presents a Night of Magic on Saturday June 3, 2017 at 4 p.m. at the Albert O. Little Community Center located in Artesia Park, 18750 Clarkdale Avenue. RSVP by May 29th to ensure placement on the VIP guest list. For more information contact Executive Director Erin Miranda at 562.397.6430, or email at MissArtesiaPageant@yahoo.com

CERRITOS

Clubs and Organizations

May 14-‘Ahahui ‘O Lili’uokalani Hawaiian Civic Club of Southern California, 10 a. m., John Jensen residence. Contact John Jensen at (562) 926-2286 for more information.

May 15 - Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club, 7 p. m., Mimi’s Cafe, 12727 Towne Center Drive, Cerritos. Contact Elaine Duvali at (562) 924-3583 or hhhdemocrat@gmail.com.

May 17 - City Council meeting, 7 p. m., City Hall Council Chambers. Community Safety Committee meeting, 7 p. m., Cerritos Sheriff’s Station/Community Safety Center. Veterans Workshop Seminars, 8:30 a. m.-12:30 p. m., SELACO Workforce Investment Board, 10900 E. 183rd Street, #392 (3rd Floor), Cerritos. Also on May 23 at the Employment Development Department, 12715 S. Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk. For more information, please call (562) 929-9107.

May 18 - La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women, 6:30 p. m., Cerritos Library Skyline Room. Contact Mary Ann Quinn at (562) 924-1888. Cerritos Optimist Club, 7 p. m., Café n’ Stuff, 9306 E. Firestone Blvd., Downey. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.

May 20 - Family Fun Day and Aquatics Safety Expo, 1-4 p. m., Cerritos Olympic Swim & Fitness Center.

Registration, 10 a. m.-4 p. m., Sports Complex. Also on May 10, 4-8 p. m. and May

ABC ADULT SCHOOL TECH EXPO 10- 2:00 p. m. MAY 26

Please join ABC Adult School and our Community Partners for the First Tech Expo event taking place on Friday, May 26th from 10 am – 2 pm at the Cabrillo Lane Adult School Campus. The fair will feature technology exhibits of programs. The Tech Expo will feature a variety of expert speakers and access to the best tech companies in the area. Visit company booths and learn in-person about what’s new in technology. At the event, you can go to breakout sessions which will cover topics on Internet Safety and iPad/iPhone Essentials. We'll also have a food truck, music, and raffles! Don't miss your opportunity! The event is free to attend for everyone in the community - register now! For more information, please contact: (562) 926-6734 Ami Takanashi, Assistant Principal Nancy Hom, Teacher on Special Assignment

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Fight Human Trafficking in Our Community

Adults, especially parents, and children 14 years of age and older are invited to come to St. Irenaeus Health Ministry’s Free Workshop on “Why Our Community Needs to Join the Fight Against Human Trafficking,” on Monday, May 22, 2017, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Irenaeus Parish Hall, 5201 Evergreen Avenue, Cypress. Susan Patterson, Director of Trough God’s Grace Ministry, Author and Advocate in the Fight Against Human Trafficking, will be the guest speaker. She will be educating people on how they can fight Human Trafficking and giving parents information how they can protect their own children from predators. This is a free workshop for adults and teens 14 years of age or older. Contact, Monica Kovach at 310-490-6113 for more information., Reservations are not required.

Garden Party set for Saturday, May 13

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Garden Party will be from 2 - 4 p.m. Saturday May 13 at the home of member Janice Furman in Long Beach. This is the day before Mother's Day so mothers and daughters are welcome as well as prospective members. AAUW Membership is open to those with an AA degree or higher. To learn more about membership in AAUW, please go to www.aauw-longbeach.org.

LA MIRADA

Relay for Life

The Relay for Life event will be held at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center beginning on Saturday, May 20 at 9 a. m. and concluding at 9 a. m. on Sunday, May 21. Cancer survivors are invited to help open the event by walking the Survivor Lap on Saturday at 9 a. m. The Luminaria Ceremony will begin at 9 p. m. Saturday evening. Fun activities will be held throughout the event including riding down the Splash! Buccaneer Bay waterslides on Saturday from noon to 3 p. m. Admission to Relay for Life is open to the public. Don't miss this opportunity to help fight back against cancer! For more information or to make a team, visit relayforlife.org/lamiradaca or contact Relay for Life Specialist Silvia Constanza at (562) 437-0792.

La Mirada Summer Day Camp Registration Now Open

Registration for the City of La Mirada’s Summer Day Camp and Teen Camp is now open. Summer Day Camp is for children ages five to 11; Teen Summer Camp is for ages 12 to 14. Camps will be held at Neff Park weekdays June 5 through August 11, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with optional extended hours beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m. Weekly registration includes one excursion and a camp T-shirt. Each day of camp will be filled with fun activities, water play, cooking activities, sports and other recreational activities. This year’s excursions include the California Science Center, La Brea Tar Pits, the beach, and indoor inflatable playground. “Children will be busy having fun all summer long, making new friends, and enjoying exciting recreational activities,” says Community Services Director Lori Thompson. “All children are invited to join in the fun of summer camp.” Registration price is \$37 per camper daily; or \$127 per camper weekly. Space is limited so sign up today! For more information or to register, call the Community Services Department at (562) 943-7277.

LA PALMA

La Palma’s Fitness Run for Fun Registration Opens

Start your Fourth of July off with the 37th La Palma Fitness Run for Fun which will be

held on Tuesday, July 4, 2017, starting at 7:30 a. m. near La Palma’s Central Park, 7821 Walker Street. This event features a competitive 5K Run, 10K Run, and a competitive 5K Walk – one of the few in Southern California. Parents can also introduce their children to the joy of running in the non-competitive Yankee Doodle Dash for participants’ ages 2 to 12 years old. Yankee Doodle Dash runners will receive an official race bib and a participation medal.

You benefit by registering early! Register before May 31 for only \$32 or before June 30 for \$37, by registering online you will receive a commemorative race shirt (excludes the Yankee Doodle Dash participants) and all runners finishing the race will receive the first annual finisher medal!

For more information, including pricing and to register, please visit: www.cityoflapalma.org/run or call (714) 690-3350.

LONG BEACH

Last “Hands-On” Hearing Assistive Technology (HAT)

Demonstration May 19

Friday, May 19 will be the last free HAT (Hearing Assistive Technology) Demonstration until fall. The free demonstration is from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Weingart Center in the Weingart Center’s Craft Room, 5220 Oliva Avenue, Lakewood, CA 90712. A representative from captioned telephones will provide information about free captioned phones for those that qualify and Sam Moghadam, Hearing Instrument Specialist from Ascent Hearing Center will also be present to answer questions about hearing aids. The Demonstration is sponsored by the Long Beach/Lakewood Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA). HAT does not sell hearing aids or Hearing Assistive Devices, but provides information on where to purchase items demonstrated. The HAT Demo is the only free “hands-on” opportunity available in Southern California. For information, please call 562-630-6141 or visit www.hlalongbeachlakewood.org .

NORWALK

Kids & Cops Miniature Golf Tournament

On Saturday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m., local Norwalk youth will have an opportunity to join local law enforcement for an afternoon of fun at Golf N’ Stuff, 10555 Firestone Boulevard. The \$10 per player fee includes golf, event t-shirt, barbeque lunch at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, awards, and raffle prizes. The tournament is open to youth ages 8 through 17. Space is limited and registration deadline is Saturday, May 13. To register or for more information, contact the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue, at (562) 929-5566.

Adults Create!

Create a lei made from candy, cellophane, and ribbon. It's the perfect gift for a grad! This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Norwalk Libraries. Thursday, May 18, 2017 from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Norwalk Library 12350 Imperial Hwy. Norwalk, CA 90650 This is a free program for adults. For additional information, please call (562) 868-0775 or visit the County Library website at colapublib.org

WHITTIER

Swedish Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, June 3th, 2017, 8am - 11am Trinity Lutheran Church 11716 Floral Drive, Whittier Vasa Order of America, Whittier Nordic Lodge 660. Adults \$7.00 Child (under 10) \$4.00 2 yrs. & under free Swedish Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Starbucks Coffee Lingonberry, Jam Sausage Juice.

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'THE WIZARDING WORLD OF HARRY POTTER' AT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD

The Park includes the thrill ride 'Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey' in new 4K-HD.

By Brian Hews

If you have kids who are Harry Potter fans, you must schedule a trip to the “The WIZARDING World of Harry Potter” at Universal Studios, Hollywood.

The park includes “Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey” a thrill ride that uses "enhanced 4K-HD" ride film projecting that projects at an astounding rate of 120 frames-per-second.

Forbidden Journey is an achievement in pioneering theme park ride technology. The "multidimensional" ride is inside the park's Hogwarts castle and features a robotics ride system fused with elaborate filmed action.

The ride ushers guests on a journey alongside Harry Potter, Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley as they venture through some of the most memorable scenes from the movie, including a Quidditch match where they narrowly escape a dragon attack, as well as close encounters with Dementors and the Whomping Willow.

A spectacular attraction unto itself, the iconic Hogwarts castle sits at the heart of the park providing access to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Hogwarts castle is a breathtaking reproduction from the movie, housing narrow stone passageways and chambers that invites guests to walk in the famous footsteps of the film’s heroic character where they will encounter many familiar places along the way, including the Mirror of Erised, Professor Sprout’s Herbology class and a selection of baby Mandrakes, Dumbledore’s office, the Defence Against the Dark Arts classroom, the Hall of Talking Portraits, the Fat Lady portrait at the entrance to the Gryffindor Common Room and the Sorting Hat.

The WIZARDING World of Harry Potter is a masterful recreation faithful to the visual landscape of the fiction and films; from its snow-capped roofs and cobblestone streets to the historic British sensibilities that characterize the whimsical look and feel of the land.

Strewn through the park are vendors selling individual well-made wands of each character in the movie. You can buy Harry's, Hermione's, Ron Weasley's and even Draco Malfoy's. The wands are priced at \$40 and \$50. The \$50 wand has a beam projected from the end that activates animatronic scenes all over the park. Wand buyers are given a map that contains the location of the scenes and the correct sequence of wand moves to activate the animatronics.

Also guests can foray through shops that adds to the authenticity of the land with eight retail venues and locations, including Honeydukes™, Ollivanders™, Owl Post™, Zonko’s™ Joke Shop, Wiseacre's WIZARDING Equipment, Dervish and Banges™, Gladrags Wizardwear and Filch’s Emporium™ of Confiscated Goods.



Hogwarts Castle of Witchcraft where the thrill ride 'Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey' in new 4K-HD is housed. Photos by Brian Hews.



The snow-capped roofs and cobblestone streets dedicated to the historic British sensibilities that characterize the whimsical look and feel of the Harry Potter.



A young park attendee in front of the many windows and rooms that have animatronic moving scenes inside the WIZARDING World of Harry Potter. Park-goers must purchase a special wand that activates the scenes. Attendees stand on the marker (inset) and, using the key in a map that comes with the purchase of the wand, performs a series of moves to activate the scene. Each scene has a different set of wand moves.



Park-goers can purchase well-crafted individual Harry Potter character wands complete with a very detailed case that holds the wand.

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been given to a questionable committee to influence the race.

The committee called itself Residents for a Better La Mirada (RBLM) and received only one donation from a La Habra based construction company.

The committee used the money to slam Aiello’s opponent John Lewis using direct mailed “hit pieces.”

The mailers originated from zip code 76161 in Fort Worth, Texas.

HMG-LML examined the campaign documents and direct mail pieces sent out by Aiello promoting his own campaign.

Aiello’s mail pieces were sent from the same zip code and was printed at the same facility in Texas as RBLM.

The similarities between the information on the RBLM and Aiello’s campaign documents, the mail pieces and campaign flyers strongly indicated coordination between the parties.

The Fair Political Practices Commission is now investigating Aiello and Residents for Better La Mirada, along with La Mirada Councilman Andrew Serega.



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Three Cerritos College Employees Honored with Innovation Excellence Awards

Faculty and staff at Cerritos College were selected for the prestigious 2016 John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Award by the League for Innovation in Community Colleges.

The awardees include Dr. Bob Livingston, professor, business administration, Yvette Tafoya, EOPS assistant director, and Andrea Wittig, executive assistant to the president.

The annual, national award annually celebrates outstanding contributions and leadership by community college faculty and staff.

Dr. Livingston was recognized for his leadership in developing an Open Education Resources (OER) project in 2008 to reduce textbook costs for students. The Business Administration Department successfully expanded the College’s OER coursework to 3,200 students each semester at a savings of over \$300,000. More than 80% of the students taking courses in the Business Administration Department save an average of about \$100 per course, saving students over \$1 million per year. The College has a goal of saving that amount per semester in the future. The project received the Online Learning Consortium’s Digital Learning Innovation Award in 2016.

Ms. Tafoya was honored for her leadership in providing support to former foster youth to ensure their successful transition from foster care to independent living, and improve college access for current and former foster youth. She established the College’s Leaders Involved




PICTURED (L-R): Dr. Jose Fierro, Yvette Tafoya, Andrea Wittig, and Dr. Bob Livingston

in Creating Change (LINC) program that provides support and resources to foster youth to be successful in college and beyond. The College currently supports approximately 90 foster care youth in the LINC program.

Ms. Wittig was selected for her contribution to the College’s new Accelerated Instruction in Math and


English (AIME) program, which closes the academic attainment gap to help students complete their remedial, college-level math and English courses faster. The program allows students to move from their basic skills courses to transfer/college level math and English in one academic year by instilling good study skills in students.

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SUBURBAN LEAGUE SOFTBALL

MORINISHI RECOVERS FROM SLOW START, GUIDES CERRITOS TO SUBURBAN LEAGUE CROWN

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

Cerritos High junior pitcher Jennifer Morinishi had a lot to say about the outcome of her team’s win against La Mirada High this past Monday with first place in the Suburban League on the line. Morinishi went two for three with a run batted in, scored once, scattered six hits and recorded an assist on the last out of the game as the Lady Dons edged the Matadores 3-2 this past Monday.

Coupled with a 10-0 win against John Glenn High this Wednesday, Cerritos ends the regular season at 18-5 overall and 11-1 in the league. It’s the first league title for the Lady Dons since 2015, third in the last four seasons and fourth in the last seven. Last season, Cerritos finished in fourth place at 7-5 and had an overall mark of 11-15-1. In addition, Mayfair High defeated La Mirada 7-2 this past season, giving the Lady Dons the league title outright.

“We’ve had this goal from the beginning of the year when I first got here,” said Cerritos first-year head coach Kim Ensey. “We didn’t want to just make an impact on the league. We didn’t want to just be a team that could beat anybody. We wanted to beat everybody. And so now, we have. We’ve put ourselves in a very good position.”

“It’s a great feeling,” Morinishi said. “I’m super proud of my team and the way that we came out today, I think that we all worked together really well. I’m really, really, happy to be a part of this squad. It’s such an amazing team that we have this year.”

With the scored tied 2-2, junior first

baseman Kiara Crockett-Pope led off the bottom of the sixth with a base hit to center. After advancing on a sacrifice from senior third baseman Destiny Lucero and a wild pitch, she scored the game-winner on a single from senior shortstop Lailoni Mayfield. Morinishi then needed 10 pitches to work a perfect seventh with all three outs being groundouts.

The Matadores, who finished in a three-way tie for first last season, took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first as Kayla Gutierrez scored on a base hit from Marissa Velez.

The Lady Dons thought they had a tie game in their half of the frame. But Morinishi would be tagged out a home to complete a double play that ended the threat.

Morinishi was dominant after allowing the first run. She recorded eight straight outs following the Velez single and 14 out of the next 17 until Velez led off the fifth with a double to the left field gap. By this time, Cerritos had forged to a 2-1 lead.

“She’s a little bulldog,” Ensey said. “She wants to win every single pitch, whether it’s offensively or defensively. She’s the type of kid you want in that position because you know she wants it 100 percent of the time. She doesn’t falter just because she gets thrown out at the plate or she has a walk. She executes on both sides of the ball.”

“It was definitely just trusting my team,” Morinishi said. “They were making amazing plays out there. So, it was just knowing that if I put the ball in play or if I hit my spot and there were going to hit the

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SAN GABRIEL VALLEY LEAGUE BASEBALL

GAHR EDGED BY DOWNEY IN EXTRA INNINGS, STILL CLAIMS FIFTH LEAGUE TITLE IN LAST SIX SEASONS

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

Gahr High was hoping to clinch another San Gabriel Valley League baseball championship when the Gladiators hosted Downey High last Friday. The slugfest featured nine pitchers, 24 hits, 15 runs and three errors.

When the three-hour contest had finished with the winning run standing at second, the Gladiators had just fallen short of its third rally of the game and lost to the Vikings 8-7 in eight innings. Gahr head coach Gerardo Perez called the game good, but unusual. It had rallied from a 2-0 first-inning deficit and tied the game in the bottom of the seventh. Then trailing 8-6 with two outs in the bottom of the eighth, senior center fielder Je’Von Ward and sophomore right fielder Andrew Householder each singled. On a full count, sophomore third baseman J.J. Cruz doubled to center to bring in Ward. But on the same play, Householder was trying to tie the contest until he has tagged out at home to end the threat and game.

After beginning league play with five straight shutouts, the Gladiators fell to Paramount High 4-3 on Apr. 28, then outlasted the Vikings 5-2 in nine innings on May 2.

“That demonstrates some growth from a young team,” Perez said. “Obviously, we had a different approach as far as the pitching staff. We didn’t pitch [senior Josh] Haley. We kind of wanted to give some guys an opportunity to not only play, but pitch.”

Junior Darius Garcia was making just his third start of the season and quickly gave up two runs with two outs in the top of the first. But he settled down and had a perfect second and got a key double play behind him in the third. Junior Julian Sotelo then worked into the sixth inning, yielding

just three hits and not allowing a run.

Meanwhile, the offense, which had been silent through the first three innings, got things going in the fourth when Householder was hit by a pitch and advanced on a pair of wild pitches. Jorge Arellano then walked Cruz before sophomore second baseman Tyrese Turner put down an infield single that allowed Householder to come home.

A sacrifice fly from Haley tied the game and Turner, who stole second, would give Gahr a 3-2 lead when he scored on a wild pitch. The Gladiators then added two more runs in the fifth on a run-scoring hit from Householder and a sacrifice fly from Cruz.

In the top of the seventh, the Vikings would score four runs to take a 6-5 lead. The big hits were a two-out double from Adrian Valtierra, making it 5-4 and a two-run double from Emiliano Reyes.

But staying with the two-out theme, the hosts came back in their half of the frame. Thomas Maloney walked Turner, who then stole second. Haley followed that with a single to tie the game and was at second following a single from sophomore catcher Edward Morales. But a fly-out ended that rally.

Cruz, Householder, Turner and Ward all collected a pair of hits but the Gladiators stranded 10 runners on base.

Gahr would still clinch its fifth league crown in the past six seasons after knocking off last place Dominguez High 14-1 this past Tuesday. The Gladiators (13-14, 7-2) would travel to Aliso Niguel High this past Wednesday and come away with a 3-0 victory before ending the regular season at home against Dominguez on May 11.

“That’s one of the goals that we set out to do, and we did that,” Perez said of winning the league. “And I’m very proud of our guys for that. We’ll go to the playoffs; we’ll host a playoff game.”

ALVAREZ, ARTESIA CAP OFF SEASON FOR THE AGES, NIP NORWALK IN FINAL INNING

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

This time last season, the Artesia High softball team had just wrapped up another losing campaign, one that saw the Pioneers finish at 5-11 overall and 2-10 in the Suburban League. At the same time, Norwalk High was celebrating a stellar season as tri-league champions along with La Mirada High and Mayfair High.

Fast forward to the present day and this time, it’s the Pioneers who are celebrating a rare occasion. Two days after defeating Mayfair for the first time in over 19 seasons to clinch their first California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section playoff berth since 1992, the team capped off the successful season with a walk-off victory in fine fashion.

Senior pitcher Destinee Alvarez, who had led off the bottom of the seventh inning with a first-pitch triple to the right field gap, scored on a first-pitch base hit from sophomore third baseman Brenda Duran to give the Pioneers a 1-0 win over Norwalk this past Wednesday. The Pioneers will now enter next week’s playoffs at 10-8 overall and 7-5 in the circuit. The win was very emotional for



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head coach Dayna Feenstra, who played at Artesia and graduated in 2003.

“Absolutely amazing,” Feenstra said. “Every time I come out here at practice and at the games, seeing our crowds... even two or three years ago, we only had a few people in the stands. We had standing room only out here today. It is probably one of the greatest feelings I’ve ever had.”

“It feels really great,” Alvarez said. “You look back and you know you made a difference on the team and the program too.”

Feenstra remembered what it was like during her playing days when the Pioneers won only four league games during her high school career, never won more than five games overall in any season and finished in either sixth or seventh place.

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“It was frustrating,” Feenstra remembers. “I had a good group of friends, but they weren’t true athletes. When I was a senior, coach Porsha [Draper]-she was actually one of the assistant coaches-and I’ll never forget this, she told me I was going to come back and help this program. And I promised her that we would make it to CIF. This was huge for us; this is literally a dream come true.”

In the meantime, the Lady Lancers finished a very disappointing season with seven wins in 24 games and a 4-8 league mark. This will be the first time since 2010 that Norwalk will not advance to the postseason.

Just like the first meeting back at Norwalk on Apr. 11, a 3-2, eight-inning Artesia victory, it was another pitcher’s duel between Alvarez and junior Breanna Vasquez. The former had allowed just one hit through the first four innings but had also walked three batters and had another runner reach on an error. The Lady Lancers would have chances to score in each of the first five innings but were foiled by Artesia’s defense.

The best chance for Norwalk to score came in the top of the third when freshman third baseman Brianna Nunez was hit by a pitch, moved to second on an infield single from senior first baseman Ashley Ponce and went to third when freshman center fielder Destanie Cervantes was safe on an error.

But on the same play, Nunez was thrown out at home on a great throw from sophomore right fielder Beautiena Mataele to senior catcher Alyssa Medina. Then Medina got up and threw

to sophomore shortstop Natalie Luna who got Cervantes out at second for the double play. After that, 11 of the final 12 outs by Artesia were groundouts, including the final 10.

“Today I felt really confident in the circle,” Alvarez said. “It’s my senior game and [my teammates] wanted me to do good. That just made me work harder.”

“She’s been hurt a little bit but we’ve been trying to work low,” Feenstra said. “So, when she works low, she gets the groundballs. And, we have one of the best infields, I think, in league.”

On the other side, Vasquez was pitching like she did in the first meeting against the Pioneers in which she struck out 12 and allowed three hits. Through the first three frames, Vasquez struck out five and yielded only a single to Alvarez with two outs in the first. With one out in the fourth, Alvarez singled but would get caught stealing. After walking Duran, Vasquez got out of danger when Duran was caught stealing as well.

“Breanna is an amazing pitcher and we knew that coming in,” Feenstra said. “She just throws hard and she hits her spots. We weren’t swinging at the right pitches. I think we were overanxious. Every kid wanted that hit. So, in this final inning, we had our more experienced players who are a little bit more relaxed. We just made the adjustment we needed.”

Alvarez, who said that a triple wasn’t even on her mind when she came up in the seventh, went three for three with Duran getting the only other hit. The win also guarantees a winning season no matter what happens in the playoffs, something the program isn’t used to. This will be the fifth time in school history the Pioneers will be advancing to

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La Palma-Cerritos AAUW Elects Officers for 2017-2018



Pictured at the April 20, 2017 meeting of the La Palma-Cerritos AAUW is Sensei Ali Jafari at center with AAUW members after their self-defense exercises at Cerritos Park East. Photo courtesy Edna Ethington.

By Edna Ethington

Members of the La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women (AAUW) gathered at the Newport Room of Cerritos Park East on Thursday, April 20, 2017, to elect their new officers for 2017-2018 and to learn self- defense techniques and strategies from Sensei Ali Jafari, an instructor at the Martial Arts Fitness Center in Cypress.

Members present unanimously elected the following slate of officers for the 2017-2018 Executive Board: President, Joyce Grohmann; Program VP’s, Diane Hutson, Brenda Hicks, and Thea Siegel; Membership VP’s, Joan Flax and Dinah Grimaldi; AAUW Fund VP’s, Gail Ross and Dorothy Edwards; Secretary, Christine Taxier;

and Treasurer, Marilyn Forsstrom. There is still an opening on the slate for a President-Elect. The new officers for 2017-2018 will be officially installed on May 23, 2017 at The Luxe Buffet at 2008 Westminster Mall. Members were asked to contact Nancy Kawamura at 714-901-7688 for reservations by May 19.

The next General Meeting of the La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the AAUW will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Skyline Room of the Cerritos Library, 18025 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos. Guest speaker will be Mary Sieu, Superintendent of ABC Unified School District. For more information, contact La Palma-Cerritos AAUW President Joyce Grohmann at 714-827-2966.

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That same year, Gonzalez was convicted of a felony conspiracy charge — reduced to a misdemeanor at his sentencing — for sending out attack mailers with copies of fake official documents.

Gonzales was also the one time political operative for former Southgate Treasurer Albert “Big Al” Robles who served time in federal prison for his part in a wide- ranging bribery scandal.

In other questionable entries that could indicate campaign money laundering, the campaign documents also show another \$12,000 in payments to other "consultants" related to the candidates.

\$3,000 in payments by Altamirano went to an Ernesto Madueno for “campaign consulting.”

Madueno’s address is shown as 3612 Pickering Ave. in Whittier, an Internet search of the address reveals that 3612 Pickering does not exist.

Altamirano also gave a man named Oscar Castillo \$5,000 for “campaign consulting.”

Castillo’s business address is the same as Alvarado’s, 12501 Philadelphia St. in Whittier.

Finally, Baca Del Rio, Altamirano, and Leon each contributed \$1,333, for a total of \$4,000, to a man named Andrew Yanez for various campaign services, including telephone and print advertising.

Yanez’ business address is the same as Alvarado’s, 12501 Philadelphia St. in Whittier.

GIVE MOM THE GIFT OF HEALTHY COMMUNICATION

By Tammye McDuff

Mother’s Day should be a day to celebrate the mother-child relationship, but for many people, lingering frustrations from a lifetime of challenging communications and interactions can have them limiting the time spent with Mom. Communication expert Josselyne Herman Saccio explains how to recognize why these breakdowns happen and what to do to change them for the better this Mother’s Day.

Often times when someone gets upset, we immediately react and take it personally. When we react, we escalate the situation. By staying calm and getting more information, we can diffuse and even resolve the situation. As Saccio says, “That’s when it’s time to get the facts.”

No one is upset in a vacuum. There are always reasons for the distress, Saccio and the experts at Landmark have worked with more than two million people around the world to discover that this reason typically boils down to one of three things. If you and your Mom find yourselves in a troubled communication, consider which of the following is taking place: 1)

Undelivered Communication: something you haven’t said to Mom or she hasn’t said to you; 2) Thwarted intention: something you or Mom wanted to go a certain way but it went askew and 3) Unfulfilled expectation: something you or Mom hoped would happen but didn’t.

Once you identify the issue, take a moment to press pause, step aside and check in. If you’re the one who is upset, find a good listener who won’t react and share your feelings. If Mom is the one who is upset, become the good listener, commit to not reacting and check in with her to see where her upset is coming from.

You can also be proactive in avoiding potential problems by turning expectations into requests. Rather than being upset that something didn’t happen, take action to create the scenario you want, and then invite Mom to do the same.

How would she like Mother’s Day to go this year? How would you like it to go? Having Mom over for dinner might be great but if you know she’ll feel slighted by the kids playing video games rather than interacting with her, make a request up front that the kids have no screen time during the visit. The idea is to be proactive.

Last but far from least, remember that past events are not occurring in the present. When we respond to people based on past history with them rather than accepting them at face value where they are today, communication breaks down.

Try to catch yourself the moment you notice feelings of upset and return to looking at the cause of your upset. “If



Communication expert Josselyne Herman Saccio.

you can get to the source of the issue,” says Saccio “you can begin to address it.”

Josselyne Herman Saccio is a communication expert and seminar leader for Landmark, a personal and professional growth, training and development company, over two million people using their programs to cause breakthroughs in personal lives, generating more than 100,000 community projects around the world.

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DAISY EILEEN BRISCO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
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A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/30/17 at 8:30AM in Dept. 99 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cerritos, County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby invites sealed proposals for the following:

“CERRITOS ANNUAL ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE.”

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Sealed proposals shall be delivered to the City Clerk of the City of Cerritos at or before **11:00 AM on June 6, 2017**, at the office of the City Clerk, City of Cerritos, First Floor, 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield Avenue at 183rd Street, Cerritos, California 90703 and marked **“CERRITOS ANNUAL ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL, RFP NO. 1304-17, DO NOT OPEN.”**

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The City of Cerritos reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or portions of any and all proposals, or waive any informality or irregularity in a proposal to the extent allowed by law.

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By order of the City of Cerritos.

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The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURE AND EQUIPMENT, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, GOODWILL, TRADE-NAME, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT AND ABC LICENSE and are located at: 18868 NORWALK BLVD, ARTESIA CA 90701
The kind of license to be transferred is: Type: 41-ON-SALE BEER AND WINE - EATING PLACE, License Number: 557677 now issued for the premises located at: 18868 NORWALK BLVD, ARTESIA CA 90701
The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is JUNE 7, 2017 at the office of: TOWER ESCROW INC., 1709 S. NOGALES ST, STE 208, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA 91748
The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including estimated inventory of \$10,000.00, is the sum of \$650,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH DEPOSIT \$13,000.00; DEMAND NOTE \$637,000.00
It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
DATED: APRIL 28, 2017
SELLERS: KARIYA BBQ INC
BUYERS: H&L FOODS INC
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GLENDA SUE EPPLER, aka GLENDA S. EPPLER
CASE NO. 17STPB03421
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GLENDA SUE EPPLER, aka GLENDA S. EPPLER
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by John Richard Hill in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that John Richard Hill be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 22, 2017 at 8:30 A.M. in Dept.: “11” located at: 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative ,as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
OTHER CALIFORNIA statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE CALLING FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ABC Unified School District will receive up to but not later than **11:00 AM** on the **11th day of May, 2017** Bids for:

ABC Bid # 1492 Remodeling at Cabrillo Lane Adult School

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids submitted shall conform to the terms and conditions stated on said form. Bids shall be received in the office of the Purchasing Department at 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above-stated time and place. Bidders may obtain bid documents by written request to Jessica Moon at the Purchasing Department. All public works are subject to prevailing wage payments, Valid License valid Class B Contractor's License and DIR Registration will be required.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Please take notice that on May 9, 2017, the City Council of the City of La Mirada adopted the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 695 REVISING RESTRICTIONS ON SMOKING IN
PUBLIC RECREATIONAL AREAS, CITY FACILITIES, AND CITY
WORKPLACES, AND AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE LA MIRADA
MUNICIPAL CODE

Summary of Ordinance No. 695

Ordinance No. 695 repealed Chapter 9.10 - Prohibiting Smoking in Certain Public Areas of the La Mirada Municipal Code and added a new Chapter 9.10 -Smoking Prohibited in Public Recreational Areas, City Facilities, and City Workplaces of the La Mirada Municipal Code. The new chapter includes revised/new definitions, reflects existing State law, prohibits smoking at all public parks and City facilities, identifies electronic cigarettes, vapors, and marijuana as prohibited uses, and allows enforcement through any method listed in Chapter 1.08 of the Code with fine amounts listed in Section 1.08.090. The purpose of the new Chapter 9.10 is to protect the public’s health and welfare by prohibiting smoking and exposure to second-hand smoke at public recreational areas, City owned, maintained or operated facilities, and City employee work areas.

The names of those Councilmembers voting for or against Ordinance No. 695 are as follows:

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

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

Anne Haraksin, La Mirada City Clerk

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