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ARTESIA LIVE II USES HIGH-TECH METHODS TO CALM PARKING FEARS

By Brian Hews

It was reported last week that the Artesia City Council, at its February 12, 2018 meeting, will consider Cornerstone Artesia Development, LLC's (Cornerstone) second project in the City, Artesia Live II, to be built across from the Los Cerritos Center Mall at 18600 Gridley Rd.

Similar to Artesia Live, the project will bring much needed revenue into the City, with Cornerstone paying a City Development Fee of \$3 million. The company will also invest \$1.5 million to upgrade Artesia's Public Utility System.

Ongoing revenue to the City will be generated by sales tax, commercial fees, residential fees and is estimated to be over \$500,000 annually.

Cornerstone will even make a one-

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LA MIRADA POP WARNER PEE WEE BLUE TEAM HONORED BY COUNCIL

The La Mirada City Council recognized the La Mirada Pop Warner Pee Wee Blue team for its Athletic achievements while competing at local and championship levels.

For the past two regular seasons, the Pee Wee Blue team has gone undefeated. The team has won the Orange Empire Conference and Southern California River Bowl Conference, which include teams from across Southern California. After earning the championship title in both conferences, the Pee Wee Blue team advanced to the Wescon Conference where they competed against teams from throughout California. Through their dedication and hard work, the team earned the California Wescon Championship.

The team composed of players ages 11 and 12 includes 18 boys and one girl. Players are also taught the importance of academics; each player is required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average. The majority of players maintain a 3.8 grade point average or higher. Two players,

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BELFLOWER'S MAYNE FIRE MUSEUM AND EVENT CENTER OPENS TO THE PUBLIC



Former LA County Supervisor Don Knabe (center) accepts a Certificate of Appreciation for all his help in acquiring funds for the Mayne Fire Museum and Events Center. With him are (l-r) Council members Juan Garza and Sonny Santa Ines, Knabe, Councilman Dan Koops Mayor Pro Tem Ray Dunton, and Mayor Ron Schnablegger. Courtesy city of Bellflower.

By Tammy McDuff

The City of Bellflower and the Los Angeles Fire Department [LAFD] hosted the long awaited opening of the Mayne Events Center and Fire Museum this past Thursday, January 25th, 2018, attended by many local city officials as well as former LA Supervisor Don Knabe and U.S. Representative for California's 40th Congressional District Lucille Roybal-Allard.

Plans are underway to fill the first floor with the heroes, history, vehicles and real life legends of the LAFD.

Some of the vehicles currently housed at a warehouse in Bellflower include the original 1888 Silsby from Seneca Falls, NY and the vehicle used in the Atlanta burning scene from movie epic "Gone With The Wind" and the popular television series "Emergency!" as well as antique equipment, toys, fire suits and memorabilia.

One flight up is a beautifully designed floor for group gatherings and parties with a winding staircase that is sure to be a photo favorite.

The space can accommodate 300 people with room for a dance floor or speakers stage.

Events at The Center will be exclusively catered by 'Thank Goodness It's Sofia' [TGIS], the award-winning caterer located out of Long Beach.

Finally, on the adjacent grounds is a garden setting as well as the Pacific Electric Railway original depot and museum.

The new Mayne Events Center is destined to become a centerpiece in the resurgence, revitalization and redevelopment of the City of Bellflower.

The Center is currently taking inquiries and reservations for 2018 events.

You can email what kind of event you're planning, how many attendees, and the dates of the event to aavelar@tgiscatering.com.



A 1915 Ford ALF, one is on display at the museum.

MONTEBELLO CITY MANAGER BLAMES HEWS MEDIA GROUP FOR CITY'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

Staff Report

A letter obtained by Hews Media Group sent to the members of the California State Legislative Joint Audit Committee from Montebello acting City Manager Montebello Andrew G. Pasmant is asking the committee to deny the State Auditor's request to conduct a full audit of the city of Montebello.

Pasmant listed the reasons for the audit as: 1) city expenses exceeding revenues, 2) the city's growing pension burden, 3) adherence to 2011 State Comptroller's audit findings, 4) concerns over internal controls and the impact of Montebello's directive to freeze positions, 5) the profitability of Montebello's enterprise funds.

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EL RANCHO TEACHER AND PICO RIVERA COUNCILMAN CALLS ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL DUMBSH***

HMG-CN was first media outlet
in the U.S. to break the story,
attributed by the L.A. Times.

By Brian Hews

Last week, El Rancho Unified School District teacher and Pico Rivera city councilman Greg Salcido, in a expletive feel diatribe, called all military personnel dumbshits and not talented.

One of his students recorded the rant and uploaded it online to Facebook last Friday, January 26.

Salcido said, "we have night vision goggles and we can't control these people wearing robes and chanklas" said Salcido to his class.

"It's a lie our military is talented," he said.

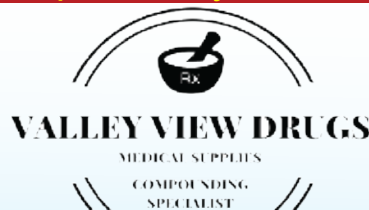
"Because we have a bunch of fricken dumbshits over there. They [the military]

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Connect with Public Safety and Sheriff's Department personnel to help make neighborhoods safer at the next Coffee with a Cop event scheduled on Thursday, February 8.

The Coffee with a Cop program provides community members the opportunity to meet with local law enforcement in an informal setting to help build partnerships that enhance safety and improve quality of life. Events are scheduled every quarter at locations throughout the City.

The event takes place from 9 to 11 a.m. at Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant at 10640 Rosecrans Avenue.

For more information, contact the Public Safety Department at (562) 929-5732.

ARTS COLONY OF LA MIRADA MEETING

The Arts Colony of La Mirada will hold their next meeting on Monday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the La Mirada Splash facility, 13806 La Mirada Blvd. directly at the rear of the Civic Center complex.

Artist Le Roy Schmalz, of Whittier will be our demonstrator. Mr. Schmalz is an established master of a variety of media and has become a sought-after pop-icon of all things "Tiki." The meeting is free to the art appreciating public. For information call 562-941-4116 or check our website at www.acolm.com.



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COLUMBIA MEMORIAL HONORS FALLEN ASTRONAUTS



Gerry Blackburn of the Apollo 1 Program speaks to the attendees at the memorial for fallen astronauts. This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Columbia disaster, the 32nd anniversary of the Challenger disaster, and 51st anniversary of the Apollo 1 fire.

By Tammye McDuff

The Columbia Memorial Space Center [CMSC] held an Astronaut Commemoration on Saturday, January 27th, honoring the astronauts of the Challenger, Columbia, and Apollo I, all of whom were lost in accidents.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Columbia disaster on February 1, 2003; the 32nd anniversary of the Challenger on January 28, 1986 and 51st anniversary of the Apollo 1 fire on January 27, 1967. All three NASA tragedies happened within the same week, and in memory CMSC held a special program that included an engineer who worked on the Apollo program.

"I think it is important that we remember these missions," said Executive Director Ben Dickow, "Each one had a very strong thread about education, inspiration and opportunity running through it. That is what we try to do here." He went on to say that we are always looking forward, "Many of the young people here today, could be the next astronauts on a Mission to Mars. As much as today is one of remembrance, it is also one of the future." A brief moment of silence was held in tribute of the three disasters.

The CMSC site is the national memorial to the Columbia Shuttle. A special exhibit is on display feature photos and bios of each astronaut as well as newspaper headlines, special books and memorabilia. "As NASA's official memorial to the Columbia shuttle and crew, CMSC is the appropriate place for these commemoration events," adds Dickow.

Special speaker Gerry Blackburn, worked on Apollo program, "I remember astronauts saying they wanted the space projects to continue, and in their memory we need to cherish that." The term derives from the Greek words ástron meaning "star", and nautes meaning "sailor". "Every one of these individuals were star sailors," says Blackburn, "They took the road less traveled and paid the ultimate sacrifice to sail the stars."

The Space Center opens at 10am. Admission to the Center was free, as part of its participation in SoCal Museum Free Day. The first 10 CMSC members received a commemorative coin.

For more information about the Columbia Memorial Space Center, please call (562) 231-1200 or visit www.columbiaspacecenter.org. The Columbia Memorial Space Center is located at 12400 Columbia Way, in Downey.

LAKWOOD SHERIFF'S STATION OFFERS ITS PARKING LOT TO EXCHANGE ONLINE ITEMS

Buying and selling items online has become very popular. With the internet and smart phone apps you can take pictures and post items for sale in seconds.

This convenience that people will come to you to buy your items has caused this type of purchasing to increase considerably.

The majority of the people utilizing these apps are good, honest people.

However, meeting a complete stranger and exchanging money for items could pose some inherent risks. So what can you do to increase your safety when meeting people to buy/sell items? Consider some of the suggestions below and click on the links to learn more.

First, Lakewood Sheriff's Station welcomes our community to use our parking lot as a safe place to meet regarding your online transactions.

Meet at a reasonable time of day, preferably during daylight.

Don't meet alone or with children present. Have someone accompany you.

Avoid meeting at your home. If you must, due to the size of an item, consider placing the item in the garage or on the

porch/entry way.

If you agree to meet at a neutral location consider a well-lit area with people around and possibly video surveillance cameras.

A grocery store or your nearest police/sheriff's station parking lots are good options.

Don't meet in an area that's unfamiliar or uncomfortable to you. If the other party is not willing to meet you in a place you feel safe, don't meet.

When purchasing items, inspect them for accuracy and be sure you're getting what you want. It's okay to change your mind and not purchase the item(s). Also, if a deal seems too good to be true, it usually is. There are a lot of stolen items sold online. Drug users oftentimes sell things at extremely discounted prices just so they can get money for a fast high. Contact your local law enforcement if you think something is stolen.

Be careful with your money. Don't open your wallet and pull money out in front of the seller. Consider having the exact amount agreed upon in a specific pocket.




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ABC EDUCATION FOUNDATION PRESENTS GRANTS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

By Larry Caballero

The ABC Education Foundation, at its Donor Acknowledgement & Grant Awardee Dinner, presented \$38,000 in grants to twenty ABC elementary, secondary and academies Jan. 30 at Cerritos Park East.

Foundation Chair Joseph Porter III acknowledged and welcomed the community leaders in attendance, ABC teachers and staff, and the generous donors “who are responsible for this evening being a success.”

2017 donors who donated either money or in-kind items or both included Donor of the Year (\$10,000) Los Cerritos Center, and Gold Donors (5,000) Browning Automotive, Felicitas Quezada Lopez, First Choice Bank and Los Cerritos Community News.

ABC Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu said, “It is always an honor to attend this event and to thank such an extraordinary group of people who give so much support and scholarships to our schools, classrooms and teachers.”

From 2012-2017 the Foundation has funded more than \$270,000 in programs for ABC schools. As a 501c3 non-profit, it has also acquired more than 3.5 million dollars in grants from outside sources for the ABC School District.

ABC School Board President Soo Yoo thanked donors “for giving our students and teachers access to 21st century learning with your generosity. This is definitely a community that cares.”

She also thanked “the hundreds of volunteers who have given so much of your time to support our students and teachers.” Foundation President Heather



Thanking more than 100 supporters at the Grant Awardee Dinner Jan. 30 were (l-r): ABC Education Foundation Board member Cindy Yen Chen, ABC Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu, ABC Board President Soo Yoo and Board member Ernie Nishii.

Summers presented a Year in Review, highlighting the many projects supported by the Foundation that included mentoring programs, community based learning and positive reinforcement incentives.

Other classes included Providing Students with Special Needs Real Life Skills to Succeed and Daytime Astronomers.

The Foundation also supports its Enrichment Academy that offers high quality and fun enrichment classes for a fee. Classes include a Robotics Camp, Video Production, Jazz Ensemble/Jazz

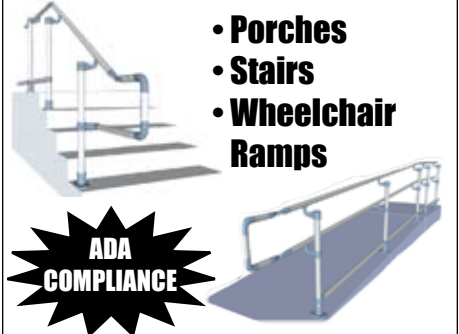
Techniques and Success Camp.

All proceeds raised from the Academy go back to all students at ABC. Enrollment for its 2018 summer program will start in April at enrichment.abced-foundation.org.

Another major fundraiser is the ABC Fun Run & Community Expo scheduled for May 5 at the Los Cerritos Center. More than 2,000 participants, from professional runners to aspiring athletes to families and community members, are expected to attend.

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OBITUARY: FORMER LA PALMA MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN RICHARD THOMAS

Former Mayor Richard Thomas Polis, who served on the La Palma City Council from 1984-1992 passed away January 30, following an extended illness.

Mayor Polis' family members informed city officials of his passing.

He was 76 years old.

Richard Polis, born on June 7, 1941, lived a life of service to his country and his City. He served the United States in the 6th Army from December 1963 through November 1969 where he was an E5 expert rifleman and earned a Letter of Commendation.

In 1984, Polis was elected to the La Palma City Council, where he served as Mayor in 1986-1987.

He campaigned on the promise of bringing cable television to La Palma. Polis was one of the founders of the La Palma Days Parade and Festival, and served on the Parade Committee for over 25 years.

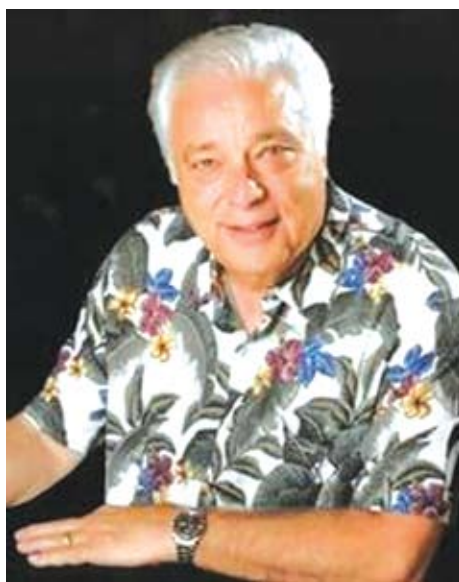
He also served on the Centerpointe Committee where he was instrumental in the development and building of La Palma's largest commercial center.

In 1986, while serving as Acting Mayor, he led the recovery effort for La Palma during the Cerritos Air Crash.

He also served on the League of California Cities.

In addition, Polis served the John F. Kennedy High School marching band from 1982-1987, where he was a member of the Board.

In 1986 he served as an Ambassador to Ireland, where he received a Key to the City, traditionally given to dignitaries, in exchange for a key to La Palma, while



Former La Palma Mayor Richard Thomas Polis also served on the City Council. He is survived by his wife, Jacklyn L. Polis of 52 years, his two children Gina and Todd, and six grandchildren.

chaperoning the Kennedy High School's performance in Ireland.

Mayor Gerard Goedhart stated “La Palma mourns the passing of former Mayor Richard Polis. He served the City well during his time on the City Council. He worked hard in seeing the development of Centerpointe which remains the focal point of the city's business district. He deeply cared about the City and we are better off because of his service to it.”

He is survived by his wife, Jacklyn L. Polis of 52 years, his two children Gina and Todd, and six grandchildren.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NORWALK TRASH HAULER TAKES EXCEPTION TO HMG-CN ARTICLE

Dear Editor:

Next week the Norwalk City Council will be making a decision relating to a long-term waste hauling and recycling contract and after a long, drawn out process; there are two finalists. We are one of the two finalists, Athens Services. We wanted to shed some light on the article your published last week.

Athens is a 60 year local family owned company that operates just 14 miles north of City Hall. We are a fourth generation company in which the principal family members still operate and manage the company vision. We provide waste and recycling services to the majority of the cities in the San Gabriel valley, and the greater Los Angeles area. In fact, we were just awarded the largest portion of Los Angeles in a similar RFP process. We finished number one in that process and was selected to haul waste in three zones; the largest award in the city.

CR&R was disqualified in that process as their score fell below the acceptable range. The same happened recently in the city of Whittier. Athens Services was selected as the number one hauler after the RFP process, and CR&R was not selected as one of the final haulers.

This caused us to investigate the fact that maybe "the lowest bid is not the best bid". In fact, after further review, we find that we were the only hauler that did not take any "exceptions" to the RFP process

and this carries particular interest in the City of Norwalk.

We have all been the victim of buying something that was a low cost leader, or choosing the lowest bid, and the contractor took "exception". Those exceptions are like Change Orders, and the more change orders start flying your way, the more the price escalates out of control. On that note, you failed to point out that CR&R took three major exceptions that relate to the new legislation regarding organics hauling, changes of legislation that affect their costs, and diversion (recycling costs).

In taking those exceptions, CR&R did not disclose what the price might be, they just said they want the opportunity to come and ask the city for a raise in price. This, coming from a vendor who currently hauls waste in the city.

How can they not know the tonnage of organics in a community they haul waste in; or do they know, and they put a low limit of 100 tons on this knowing they can throw out a low price and later come and ask for more of our precious cash. We asked around and found out from waste hauling experts that Norwalk probably has over 250 tons of organic waste, and in the next two years as the legislation tightens, that will rise to over 500 tons. No wonder the price is so low. They have built in a chance to change it later! The Athens proposal takes all of this into consideration, with no exceptions.

In addition, we have some great ideas and inventive ways to improve our quality of life, such as working with local law enforcement to eliminate scavenging and

rid our city of those annoying abandoned items. Three of our Managers are active Reserve Deputy Sheriffs and an Executive is a former law enforcement officer. They will be active in our community. In addition, we have discounted rates for not only our precious Seniors, but for Deputy Sheriffs and County Firefighters that live in our community. We take their commitment very serious, and makes sure all of our service clubs, boys and girls clubs, and other non-profits are well-served. We found that community involvement is an integral part of the executive management.

Part of the RFP process is just that, a process. Looking at the process, and knowing the process clearly spelled out what the City of Norwalk wanted, we find it curious that there were exceptions taken. In fact, your city council eliminated three other haulers last week because of those exceptions taken. In looking at the CR&R proposal, it all seems a little foggy to us. Our proposal seems straight forward and the City of Norwalk may be well served to enter negotiations with us. We will give Norwalk residents exactly what they want; predictable rates, great service, high diversion (recycling), and NO EXCLUSIONS.

We believe the City of Norwalk needs some fresh air as it relates to the waste hauling business. We have all seen what CR&R and Republic services have done. It's time for a change. It's time for the "Athens Advantage."

Gary Clifford
Executive Vice President
Athens Services

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are not high-level bankers, they are not academics, they are not intellectuals... they are the lowest of the low, think about the people you know over there, stupid uncle Louis', they are not talented people, they are dumbshits. The data is in, we don't have a talented military, we have not been able to beat people with robes."

HMG-CN was alerted of the recording and published an article with the recording that night.

HMG-CN was the first media outlet in the United States to publish the recording, finally getting attribution by the Los Angeles Times in their article related to General Kelley and his anger towards Salcido.

The article generated over 300,000 hits on HMG-CN' website, over 10,000 likes on Facebook, and over 40,000 views on the groups' YouTube channel.

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publishing what was said by Greg Salcido. This is disgusting behavior and defamation of the military community.

My husband is an Air Force pilot with a bachelor's in engineering and finishing his master's in alternative energy sources. Myself, a Navy Brat and now Air Force spouse, have a BBA in Accounting, a MS in accounting, am a licensed CIA and licensed CFE. I am also a high level auditor for one of the top Banks in the US.

We, the military community, are not dumbasses and do not deserve to be disrespected. The next generation should not to be subjected to this spread of hate in a public school.

K. Hatfield

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your covering and exposing the outrageous behavior of Councilman/teacher Greg Salcido.

As a former junior and high school teacher myself, I am appalled by Salcido's conduct.

I don't know Salcido personally, but based upon your story and various student and parent complaints that I am aware of, he needs to be immediately removed from the classroom.

Please keep the public posted as to what actions the district takes (or doesn't take) in dealing with this individual.

R. Ewing

Dear Editor:

Salcido has parlayed his teaching position at El Rancho into 18 long years on the City Council. Salcido allegedly teaches 11th & 12th grade history at the city's only high school but in reality he has constructed a never-ending annual voting factory of 500 newly-minted graduating 18 year olds that worship Salcido's generous grading tendencies and his "too cool dude" dribble (I'm mean

"chanclas"? Really, this guy doesn't even speak Spanish)

At the polls Salcido can't be beat with his army of young voters that receive their diplomas in June and vote in November along with their very grateful parents who Salcido has brainwashed into believing he's the answer to all of society's ills. It's an excellent scam but the hard cold truth is that Salcido has been worthless on the City Council where he hasn't achieve a necessary alliance with any voting majority in 15 of his 18 years in office.

The results is that Salcido has made absolutely zero positive contributions in his years in office and multiple turns as Mayor and simply sits on the sidelines stirring the pot and playing to the ever-present malcontents and gadflies that haunt every body of government. In fact, to gain attention (like a little child), Salcido began refusing to recite to the Pledge of Allegiance as well as not placing his hand over his heart and then progressed to boycotting participating in the simple prayer that opens each meeting. Why, because he gains the attention he so craves while knowing he can count on his young minions to check his name on the next ballot.

The truth of the matter is that Salcido's personality dictates that he demands attention and will battle with anyone who doesn't agree with his point-of-view. Of course Salcido gets away with this in his classroom where the more a student worships him the greater guarantee of nailing an "A" whereas those that don't Praise this egomaniac can expect a "C" or worse. That game doesn't translate on the City Council where his colleagues won't play his silly games and consistently shut him down by "calling for the vote" and ending his verbal diarrhea.

I pray the School Board will take into consideration Salcido's sordid work history

S. Carmona

LA MIRADA POP WARNER PEE WEE BLUE TEAM HONORED



The La Mirada Pop Warner Pee Wee Blue team was recognized by the La Mirada City Council for its achievements within the sport youth football.

Justin Contreras and Larissa Robles, have earned the All American title, which is the highest scholar athlete acknowledgement within Pop Warner National.

“La Mirada is proud to be represented by a phenomenal team that excels both on and off the field,” says Community Services Director Lori Thompson. “The young talent combined with the amazing work of the coaches and parents create an environment of success for these athletes.”

LA MIRADA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The deadline to submit all required documents is Thursday, April 12, 4:30 p.m. at La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard.

Staff Report

The annual La Mirada Community Foundation is now accepting applications for their Scholarship Program from qualified high school seniors.

Applications are available at La Mirada City Hall, the Resource Center, and local high schools. They are also available on the City’s website cityoflamirada.org.

The Foundation offers three scholarships: the Bob Jenkins Community Service Scholarship, the Ray Haugh Vocational Scholarship, and Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship.

The Bob Jenkins Scholarship is available to students who have provided significant community service, reside in La Mirada, and have applied to an accredited college.

Applicants must complete an essay on the value of community service and their involvement in the community.

The Ray Haugh Vocational Scholarship is available to students who have provided community service and/or volunteered in La Mirada, reside in La Mirada, and are enrolled in a vocational training program or trade school.

The Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship is available to students who plan to major in Business, Computer and Information Systems, Engineering, Mathematics, Engineering Technology, Natural Resources and Conservation, and Physical Science.

The STEM scholarship is available to students who reside in La Mirada and have applied to an accredited college.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on meeting academic requirements, the scope and duration of their community service, and their impact in

the La Mirada community.

The deadline to submit all required documents is Thursday, April 12, 4:30 p.m. at La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard.

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LA MIRADA ROTARIAN TOM ROBINSON ATTENDS LEADERSHIP SEMINAR FOR ROTARY PRESIDENTS

Staff Report

Management Consultant Tom Robinson has been selected to lead the Rotary Club of La Mirada in the coming fiscal year. As part of his preparation for the position, Robinson will attend the Southern California/Nevada Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) in Los Angeles from February 9 through 11.

Robinson and hundreds of other Rotary Club presidents-elect will attend the leadership program, which is designed to prepare them to have an effective and successful year. Presidents-elect will hear addresses by top Rotary leaders and motivational speakers, attend numerous group discussions and roundtables on topics led by expert facilitators, and network to exchange ideas with other leaders from numerous Rotary districts.

This unique Rotary training session is designed to provide incoming Club Presidents with the necessary skills, knowledge, motivation and enthusiasm to effectively lead their Rotary clubs in their efforts to benefit their communities and the world at large. In advance of the three-day training session in February, Robinson also participated in training that addressed the responsibilities of club presidents, the workings of The Rotary Foundation, and planning for his term as president.

A certified management consultant, Robinson is the founder TR Management Services, Inc. Prior to forming his consulting firm, he served as City Manager for the City of La Mirada and later as Acting City Manager in La Habra Heights. He also worked in the cities of Cerritos and Commerce earlier in a public service career that spanned more than 40 years.

“Rotary does an exceptional job of developing the leadership and organizational skills of business and community leaders,” says Robinson. “This Rotary training is an excellent opportunity to learn from the experience of accomplished leaders, and design a more successful program for Rotary’s activities in La Mirada in the coming year.”

“Tom Robinson is a proven leader, and we are very pleased to have him bring his leadership talents to advancing the work of Rotary in our community,” says current Rotary Club of La Mirada President Zurich Lewis. “We encourage local residents and business people to share in the Rotary experience, further develop their leadership skills, and enhance our community.”

The Rotary Club of La Mirada meets at the Sizzlers Restaurant on Rosecrans Avenue at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Meetings feature guest speakers and roundtable discussions. Interested persons are welcome to attend



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CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC CHAIR WELCOMES PARTY LEADERS

By Larry Caballero
On Politics

More than 100 Democratic Party Chairs and Board members from all fifty states were welcomed by California Democratic Party Chair Eric Bauman at the Jan. 27 Association of State Democratic Chairs Reception at the Maya Hotel in Long Beach.

The event was part of a four-day conference, where party leaders prepared for the upcoming elections in November, when they are hoping for huge Democratic victories in their hopes of taking over the House of Representatives and perhaps the Senate as well.

Bauman and Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia thanked them for their concerted efforts to work together "and to support

one another in every state in the country," said Bauman.

"A blue wave is coming in November!" said Garcia.

California Democratic Party leaders, including Orange County Chair Fran Sdao, are working tirelessly with grassroots leaders and activists so that Republican Congressional seats, several in Orange County, will be flipped this year.

Long-time serving Congressmen Ed Royce and Daryl Issa have already announced their retirements, and several well-financed Democratic candidates have announced their interest in taking over their seats.

"Garcia talks about a blue wave coming," said one attendee, "I think it's going to be a tsunami!"



Photo by Lou Delgado

Greeting Democratic Party leaders from all fifty states Jan. 27 in Long Beach were (l-r): California Vice-Chair Alejandra (Alex) Gallardo Rooker, Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia and California Chair Eric Bauman.

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"These additional ALPR-equipped patrol vehicles are a welcome tool that will assist our deputies in keeping our community safe," remarked Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu. "Three of the five ALPR-equipped patrol vehicles are assigned specifically to the City's residential burglary abatement efforts, with the other two assigned to Cerritos' commercial districts."



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The next meeting of the Norwalk Tank Farm Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is scheduled for **Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, Hargitt Room, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue.** This meeting is open to the public.

The RAB is an advisory committee made up of citizens from the Norwalk area and representatives of Defense Logistics Agency-Installation Operations Energy (DLA), Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. (KMPEP), state regulators, and the City of Norwalk. The RAB reviews and comments on documents related to the environmental cleanup of the former Tank Farm.

The meeting's agenda tentatively includes updates on remediation system, semiannual monitoring results, site activities, and the ongoing remediation of shallow soil by DLA. Documents relating to the cleanup are available for public review at the information repository located in the Norwalk Public Library reference section.

For more information, contact Lisa Graves: (562) 597-1055 x1801, lisa.moreno@apexcos.com or visit www.norwalkrab.com.

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time donation of \$500,000 to the AB-CUSD.

At 75 feet tall, Artesia Live II will be seven-story mixed-use building consisting of 130 high-end residential condominiums with almost 30,000 square feet of commercial and restaurant space.

Cornerstone Vice President Betsy Lee told HMG-CN that the company is consulting with many long-time local residents to make sure the look and feel of the development is consistent with the City's history.

"We have plans to build the restaurant dining area in a similar fashion as that of the Anaheim Packing House," said Lee, "we will work with residents and the City to make sure it has the look and feel of Artesia's history."

The project will also include a rooftop garden, a swimming pool, fitness center, and outdoor seating and dining on the ground level, both on 186th and Gridley roads.

Similar to Artesia Live, the project will generate 600 jobs from the construction and operation of the development and will certainly have an impact on the City's economy.

And the project will follow green energy guideline for "green structures."

Features will include solar energy, electric car charging stations, a sustainable roof top garden to reduce heat, and water conservation fixtures & LED lighting throughout the building.

Cornerstone is even going the "extra mile" making certain the project clears City parking requirements by building surface parking and a two-level subterranean parking structure that exceeds City

requirements.

Cornerstone commissioned renowned traffic engineering firm Kunzman Associates to advise on the number of parking spots needed to minimize, and even eliminate any parking on side streets.

The city of Artesia uses specific number for every development and commercial property in the City, and has been doing so, without protest, for many years.

The City dictates parking requirements are based on the number of living units and unit size.

A one bedroom plus den unit requires 1.25 parking spaces, a two bedroom requires 1.75 spaces, a two bedroom plus den and three bedroom requires 2 spaces. Guest parking requires .25 space per unit.

Artesia Live II will have 63 one bedroom units and 67 two and three bedroom units for a total of 130.

The number of parking spaces required, and the number that will be built by Cornerstone, including guest parking, is 243.

Parking requirements for commercial land, including restaurant/food uses by the City are based on square footage.

For restaurant/food use, the City requires one parking space per 200 square feet of seating area. For commercial/general retail, the City requires one parking space per 250 square feet of sales area.

Artesia Live II will have 6,519 square feet of restaurant space and 13,108 square feet of commercial/retail space.

The City dictates a total of 85 parking spaces for that square footage; add that to the 243 for the living units and the development will be required to build 328 parking spaces.

But Cornerstone wants to make sure there is adequate on-site parking, so the developers are adding 11 additional parking spots to the project.

But developers never want to install too much parking.

Studies have shown that there are issues when too much parking is provided.

Surface level parking commonly results in increased water run-off, unused parking spaces increase security concerns and result in the inefficient use of the land resources.

Also, other studies have shown that providing excess parking can actually increase parking use.

Visitors who can choose to drive rather than take public transit will drive if they know there will always be parking.

To alleviate the harshest of critics, Cornerstone is also asked Kuzman for a Valet Parking plan, and they are also negotiating with their neighbor, Union Bank, to use those spaces for overflow after the bank's business hours.

CERRITOS RECEIVES CALTRANS GRANT

The Caltrans Highway Safety Improvement Program awarded the City of Cerritos a \$360,000 grant for traffic signal improvements at Bloomfield Avenue and 166th Street.

The project calls for modifying the existing traffic signal to make it a fully protected signal for drivers making left turns.

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CONGRESSWOMAN LINDA SANCHEZ HOLDS IMMIGRATION FORUM

By Larry Caballero
On Politics

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, in collaboration with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), held an immigration forum Jan. 12 in Hawaiian Gardens at the Mary Rodriguez Senior Center to discuss the naturalization process, permanent resident card renewals, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and filing for family-based petitions.

“We’re in very uncertain times, and I know everyone is feeling it,” said Sanchez.

“Right now, there is a lot of fear and

misinformation swirling around our community. Children and families in our community are living in a state of constant anxiety.

And it has been going on for too long.”

Sanchez said she is doing everything she can to get some relief for immigrant communities.

“This is something I really believe that we can get done in a bipartisan way. We just have to have the tough conversations.”

Sanchez also said that there is not a week that goes by that she is not fighting to protect the immigrant community.

“My office has received dozens of



Greeting more than 100 guests for an immigration forum Jan. 24 in Hawaiian Gardens were (l-r): Mayor Reynaldo Rodriguez, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez and Councilman Hank Trimble.



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calls from immigrants – documented and undocumented – as well as family members, community leaders and school administrators, who are worried about what is going on in our communities,” said Sanchez.

“We are here to debunk some of the myths circulating out there and get you the facts. It is important that everyone knows their rights and is prepared.”

Sanchez said the main problem is the Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, many Republicans and President Trump.

“The Speaker won’t schedule a bill for a vote on the House floor. If he would, a fair immigration bill to protect

the Dreamers would be passed. Another issue is the sentiment of this Administration towards a certain group of immigrants.”

Sanchez thinks that the immigration system needs a complete overhaul, and that family reunification needs to be considered.

Several attendees were concerned about future actions from Washington, and she agreed.

“I share your frustrations,” said Sanchez.

Before the forum ended, a representative from USCIS was also available to answer case specific questions.

NEW EAGLE SCOUT HONORED BY CERRITOS COUNCIL



The Cerritos City Council recognized Micah Bendicion of Boy Scout Troop 72 for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Only 6 percent of the organization’s membership holds the distinction, which is the highest award in the Boy Scouts of America. Bendicion organized, planned and painted the backstops at all four baseball diamonds at Artesia Park. The project took 35 volunteers approximately 244 hours to complete. COURTESY CITY OF CERRITOS.

FESTIVAL OF FRIENDSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Celebrate Cerritos’ rich cultural diversity at the City’s Festival of Friendship from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 3. The City of Cerritos and the Let Freedom Ring Committee, in conjunction with the Los Cerritos Center, are presenting the event. The festival will be held in the Los Cerritos Center.

The Festival of Friendship will feature a variety of cultural entertainment on two stages. Local groups will perform an assortment of songs and dances.

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REGULAR SEASON APPROACHING THE END AS AREA TEAMS GET READY FOR PLAYOFFS

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

With one week left to go in the regular season for the area basketball and soccer teams, several teams are still vying for league championships as well as playoff spots. At the same time, the rest of the teams are just playing out the season with the obligatory 'wait until next season' thought in their heads.

ARTESIA

Even with an 83-62 loss to Cerritos High last Friday, the Artesia High boys basketball team is still in position to lock down fourth place and the Suburban League's final automatic berth in the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section playoffs. The Pioneers trailed by two points after the first quarter but were outscored 22-12 in the second quarter as the Dons led 41-29 at the half and never looked back. Junior Heder Gladden led all scorers with 21 points and grabbed six rebounds along with four steals. Gladden has led Artesia (14-9 overall, 4-5 in league) in scoring in 17 of the 23 games. Sophomore Princeton Hoang added nine points. The Pioneers are battling with Norwalk High for fourth place.

The girls basketball team saw Cerritos score the first 18 points of the game, all in the first quarter, and lost 61-34 to remain winless in all nine league contests. Artesia (8-13 overall) has now lost nine straight games. Senior Cassidy Valle-Marinias led Artesia with 13 points and senior Jessica Tibayan pulled down seven rebounds.

Both basketball teams will visit John Glenn High tonight, host Mayfair High on Tuesday and visit La Mirada High on Thursday.

The boys soccer team posted a 5-1 win over Cerritos last Friday to improve to 15-6-1 overall, 7-2 in league and six points behind first place La Mirada. However, the Pioneers are tied with Norwalk for second place and can finish anywhere from first to fourth in league. Artesia will be at the opposite site of the basketball teams on the same days.

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Any chances of the boys basketball team winning, or at least sharing a piece of the league title took a major hit as the Dons were edged by La Mirada 68-67 this past Wednesday. Cerritos (17-6, 7-2) led virtually the entire game and had a 47-28 lead in the third quarter. The Dons are still in second place but now two games behind Mayfair with three games remaining.

The girls won their 12th straight game following a 56-26 win against La Mirada this past Wednesday. The Lady Dons improved to 19-4 overall and are undefeated in nine league games, thus setting up what plans to be an epic contest at Mayfair on Thursday, which will also be the last game

of the regular season. Before that, Cerritos will visit Norwalk tonight and host Glenn on Tuesday.

Against Artesia, all but two players scored in the 27-point win and all but one player attempted at least one shot and had at least one rebound. Sophomore Minh-Thy Vo led the Lady Dons with 11 points while junior Lindsay Fujihiro added eight points.

The boys soccer team was shutout by La Mirada 8-0 this past Wednesday and have lost eight straight games. The Dons (2-18, 0-9) will host Norwalk today, travel to Glenn on Tuesday and entertain Mayfair on Thursday.

GAHR

The boys basketball team stayed alive for the playoffs by blasting Lynwood High 77-50 this past Wednesday to improve to 10-12 overall and 3-4 in the San Gabriel Valley League. The Gladiators, who have not missed the playoffs since 1997, are in fourth place and need to win their remaining three games to make sure they make it 21 straight trips to the playoffs.

The girls lost to Lynwood 67-52 and are 10-11, 3-4 and in fourth place. Both basketball teams will visit Warren High tonight, host Paramount High on Tuesday and travel to Downey High on Thursday.

The two soccer teams will sit home once again for the playoffs as the boys are 0-8 overall while the girls have an overall mark of 6-10-3, 2-4-1 in league. The boys host Paramount on Monday and go to Downey on Wednesday while the girls are at the opposite sites on the same days.

JOHN GLENN

The boys basketball team was blocked of any chances of sweeping arch rival Norwalk as the Eagles fell 68-51 this past Wednesday. Glenn (5-16, 1-8) has now lost seven straight league contests. Senior Peter Punsalan scored 16 points and has led the Eagles in scoring in 14 of the 21 games. Senior Chris Murray added 11 points.

The girls basketball squad also lost to Norwalk, this one a 54-48 contest. Senior Dalilah Mendoza paced the Lady Eagles (11-14, 2-7) with 18 points. The only chance of Glenn making the playoffs is if they win their final three games, beginning tonight against Artesia. Glenn will also visit Cerritos on Tuesday and host Bellflower on Thursday.

The girls soccer team lost its 14th straight contest after an opening-season tie and has been blanked 13 times following a 4-0 setback to Norwalk. The boys lost its third consecutive 1-0 decision to drop to 5-11-1 overall, 1-8 in league and will be at Bellflower on Thursday.

NORWALK

Sophomore Christopher Herrera led the Lancers with 16 points while seniors Justin Schulthuis and Richard Lozano added 15 and 12 points respectively in the win over

Glenn. Norwalk improved to 9-15, 4-6 and enters tonight contest with Cerritos a half game behind Artesia for fourth place.

Senior Bjanka Torres scored a career-high 21 points in the narrow win over Glenn. The Lady Lancers (12-10, 6-4) are in third place, one game ahead of La Mirada. Both basketball teams will visit Bellflower on Tuesday.

Just like the Glenn boys soccer team has lost three straight 1-0 decision, the Norwalk boys have won three straight 1-0 contests to improve to 12-6, 7-3. The Lancers will host Bellflower on Tuesday in their regular season finals while the girls (6-14, 3-7) are at Bellflower on Tuesday which may decide fourth place and the final automatic playoff berth.

VALLEY CHRISTIAN

The boys basketball team has won three straight games to improve to 16-7, 3-2 in the Olympic League following a 77-60 win at Village Christian High last Friday. Senior Julio Martinez scored 17 points while senior Chris Woodard added 11 points. The team is in third place, a game out of first place and can finish anywhere from first to fourth.

The Valley Christian girls, who have struggled all season, dropped a 59-48 decision to Village Christian to fall to 7-14, 2-3. Both Valley Christian teams will visit Maranatha High tonight before hosting Whittier Christian High and Heritage Christian High on Tuesday and Thursday respectively. The girls are currently tied with Maranatha for third place.

The boys soccer team blanked Village Christian 2-0 last Friday to improve to 7-7-2, 3-1-1 and have a key game with first place Maranatha tonight at home. The girls haven't played since Jan. 23 but have won nine straight games. The Lady Crusaders enter tonight's contest at Maranatha at 16-3-1, 3-0 and will host Whittier Christian and Heritage Christian on Tuesday and Thursday respectively while the boys will be on the road against those teams.

WHITNEY

The boys basketball team picked up a 60-27 win against Brethren Christian High this past Monday to improve to 6-17, 3-5 in the Academy League. Senior Heaven Flores paced the Wildcats with 13 points while junior Jonan Baladjay grabbed 10 rebounds and junior Adi Jahic had six steals. Whitney yielded five points in the second quarter and three in the fourth quarter.

Earlier in day, the Lady Wildcats crushed Brethren Christian 56-20 behind 16 points and six steals from junior Christine Hamakawa and 13 points from fresh-



Cerritos High senior Melody Fu (#45) attempts a fourth quarter shot as Artesia High senior Kimberly Servin puts pressure on Fu in last Friday night's contest at Artesia. The Lady Dons easily won, 61-34, to remain undefeated in Suburban League action. Overall, Cerritos is 19-4 while Artesia dropped to 8-13. PHOTO BY ARMANDO VARGAS, Contributing photographer

man Julianna Lee. Whitney improved to 15-8, 6-2. Both Whitney teams will visit Oxford Academy tonight before traveling to Calvary Chapel Downey High on Tuesday and hosting St. Margaret's High on Thursday. The boys will need to win at least two of those games and get some help to claim fourth place while the girls can do no worse than third place.

The boys soccer team (4-13, 4-5) was blanked by Crean Lutheran High 3-0 this past Wednesday and will be at the opposite sites of the basketball teams. It will need to pull off two upsets to advance to the playoffs.

The girls soccer team was all but knocked out of playoff contention after a 3-1 loss to Crean Lutheran this past Wednesday. The Lady Wildcats dropped to 8-7-1, 4-5 and fifth place in league with Crean Lutheran and Sage Hill High tied for third place at 6-3-1. The Lady Wildcats host Oxford Academy today and Calvary Chapel Downey on Tuesday before going to St. Margaret's on Thursday.

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ARTESIA'S DAVIS COMES BACK FROM INTERNATIONAL BOWL WITH TONS OF MEMORIES

By Loren Kopff
@LorenKopff on Twitter

Two and a half months after the high school regular season ended, Artesia High junior running back Travys Davis was still playing football, but with another team. Davis, who was recently selected to play for an USA National Football team, participated in the International Bowl in Dallas last month.

Davis was on one of 14 USA teams that played against other teams around the world in the ninth International Bowl.

"I can say it was honestly a good experience because the coaching and the variety of people from all over different states...everybody comes together as a solid brotherhood for only a week," Davis said. "In only a week, you learn a lot about your teammates, the coaches, and it's really good coaching as well."

During the spring of his freshman year, Travys' father, Tony, found a USA camp in

San Juan Capistrano and wanted Travys to sign up for it. Since then, Travys would go to one camp after another. When he went to one of the camps, he found out it wasn't just a regular camp. In his words, the camp was bigger than what it was. There, he learned there were two more camps; the first camp, which was for two days last spring, and a second camp, which was last June and lasted for a week, was held at University of California, Davis. There was a third camp, in which everyone plays together, but it was the second camp where you are really noticed and based on your performance, if all goes well, then you are invited to be a member of an USA National team.

Travys says the selection process for the International Bowl comes from the UC Davis camp and is based on your character, if you're listening well and if you can handle yourself on your own because there are no parents at the camp. In September, Tony Davis received an email in but Travys, who

didn't realize about the email, found out he was selected in early December.

"It was great," Travys recalled. "Me and my dad looked at each other and it was like, 'we're going to Dallas baby'. I gave him a high-five. And he's a huge Dallas [Cowboys] fan, so he was happy that [the game was there]."

Travys was on the U17 Stripes team and was one of three Californians out of 49 on this team and one of four running backs from across the U.S. to be invited to play. The Davis' left for Dallas the morning of Jan. 13 and the team had a scrimmage with a Japan National team on Jan. 15, then played Japan in a regular game on Jan. 17. Later that night, the Davis' came back home. Other non-USA teams that participated in the International Bowl were from Canada, Mexico and the Nordic nations.

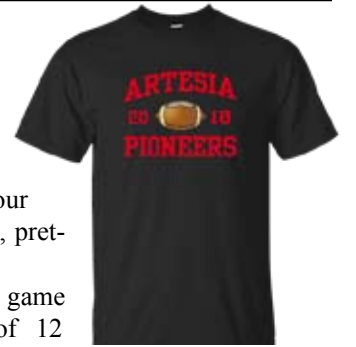
"It was football pretty much most of the time until the end of practices," Travys said. "While you have down time, it

was building your friendship [with your teammates], pretty much."

The game was one of 12 that was played at AT&T Stadium.

Travys, who was third for Artesia with 671 rushing yards with 10 touchdowns and second with 17 receptions for 242 yards last season, said he hopes to make it to the next International Bowl in two years so he can travel around and learn other cultures. He added that once you're on a team, you're a part of USA Football. The only thing that's next is the waiting game until the next camp occurs.

"I think everybody should be able to do it," Travys said. "I'm trying to bring my friends out; trying to include everybody into it so we can rise up together."



SUBURBAN LEAGUE GIRLS SOCCER

CERRITOS SCORES FAST AND EARLY WHILE ARTESIA RALLIES FOR TIE

By Loren Kopff
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Within the first 20 minutes of the first half of its key soccer game against host Artesia High, Cerritos High was in a good position for a high-scoring blow-out. Three goals in the first 18 minutes was exactly what the Lady Dons needed as they had an outside chance of chasing down Mayfair High for second place in the Suburban League.

But the Lady Pioneers closed out the first half with a pair of goals, then scored the equalizer two minutes remaining in regulation for a stunning 3-3 tie. Cerritos saw its mark fall to 9-6-3 overall, 5-2-1 in the circuit at the time and began this past week five points behind Mayfair with four games left in the regular season. Despite the tie, Cerritos head coach Robert Adams wasn't too disappointed of the tie against a team that is still on life support for the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section playoffs.

"No," he said. "[Artesia head] coach [Valerie] Blomquist's group is very young, as are we to a lesser extent. We expected them to play hard, with a lot of pride, and to improve given their youth. We were confident that we would also be better and could handle Artesia's improved play."

Five minutes into the game and on Cerritos' first shot, sophomore forward Shamara Barsana took a pass from sophomore midfielder Valerie Sandoval

and scored her third goal of the season. Then four minutes later, freshman midfielder Marisa Couto fed a pass to Sandoval and took a long shot that got past Artesia junior goalkeeper Julia Calderon for her first tally of the season.

In the 18th minute and on the third shot of the game by the Lady Dons, sophomore midfielder Cassidy Valtiera centered a pass to Couto who tapped the ball in at the left post for her fourth goal of the season. At that point, it looked as if the Lady Dons were on their way to a rout and in the process, all but eliminate Artesia (5-11-2, 2-5-1) from playoff contention.

But Cerritos couldn't generate much offense after that, getting just two more shots the remainder of regulation while the Lady Pioneers turned up the heat in a heartbeat. With eight minutes before halftime, Artesia's top threat, senior midfielder Brittany Llanes, scored her eighth goal with junior forward

Michelle Arbaca getting the assist. Then with time running out in the half, sophomore midfielder Kimberly Flores notched the back of the net for the time this season and just like that, it was 3-2 at the break.

"All year we have struggled to maintain a level of urgency in the front third of the field," Adams said. "At this point in the season, I think it has gotten into our heads and we are not playing with creative expectations of success in our attack. We will certainly continue to address it as we move forward. We have enough talent to be scoring more than we are currently."

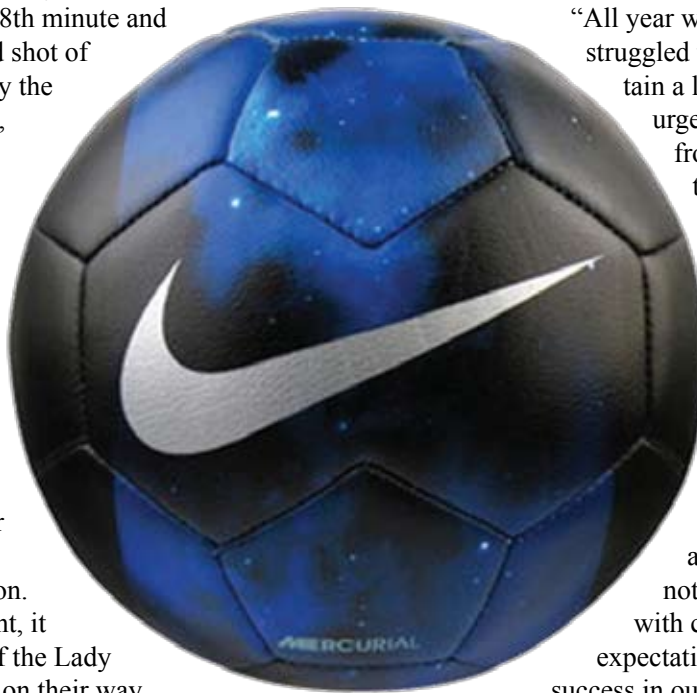
While the Cerritos offense was floundering in the second half, Artesia couldn't take advantage despite getting five more shots to match its first half output. But in the 78th minute, Llanes, Artesia's leader in goals, rocketed a long distance shot that just got underneath

the arms of sophomore goalie Shelby Dykes, who had dove to her right. The Pioneers thought they would have one last chance in the final seconds, but the referees blew the whistle just as they were attempting a corner kick.

"Good players with a high work rate make good plays," Adams said of Llanes. "It was a team breakdown on our part and she took advantage of it. I see a team which is improving," he added on Artesia's program. "More specifically, I see Llanes beginning to trust some of her teammates and doing a very good job at leading her team in attitude and desire."

Cerritos hosted league-leading La Mirada High this past Wednesday and was on the short end of a 1-0 decision to see its record go to 9-7-3, 5-3-1. The Lady Dons will travel to Norwalk High today before ending the regular season with a home game against John Glenn High on Tuesday and a visit to Mayfair on Thursday. Artesia will travel to Glenn today, host Mayfair on Tuesday and wrap of the season at La Mirada on Thursday.

"We need to see this as an opportunity to understand the importance of continued focus for an entire contest," Adams said. "The league this year started off as unbalanced as I have ever seen it on the girls side. We need to understand that teams can, and will, improve. If we remain complacent, we will be at risk of dropping points when we feel we are the favored team."



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CERRITOS TO HONOR MERITORIOUS MARINE FROM CAMP PENDLETON ON SATURDAY FEB.10

Staff Report

The City of Cerritos "Adopted" the Marines and Sailors of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, stationed in Camp Pendleton, on November 11, 2007. Lance Corporal Nicholas R. Cole, a member of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (1st CEB), will be hosted and honored by the City of Cerritos on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 11:30 at the Sheraton Hotel Fountain Court. The public is cordially invited to attend the event, wherein the Mayor and City Council will present him with a proclamation to honor him for his service. You will have an opportunity to personally meet and express your appreciation to L/Cpl Cole for his service.

L/Cpl Cole and his wife, Maria, will spend the weekend in Cerritos with lodging and meals complements of our sponsors: Sheraton Hotel and restaurants Grille 91, Mimi's, TGI Friday, Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill, STACKED, and the Macaroni Grill. The City of Cerritos is providing tickets to a performance of Bostyx, at the Cerritos Center. In addition, L/Cpl Cole will be offered free bowling at the AMF Cerritos Lanes.

Nicholas R. Cole enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in March

2015 and completed recruit training at MCRD Parris Island in June 2015, graduating with the rank of Private First Class (PFC). His advanced training included Marine Combat Training followed by Combat Engineer school at Camp Lejeune, NC. Upon completion of his Marine Corps schooling, he was assigned to the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (1st CEB), Bravo Company, Camp Pendleton, California.

Even before PFC Cole joined the Marines, he was a proficient carpenter, trained by his highly accomplished grandfather, a skill he would put to good use as a Combat Engineer. In April of 2016, PFC Cole deployed with Bravo Company, 2nd Platoon on Marine Rotational Force Darwin (MRF-D). He was promoted to Lance Corporal (L/Cpl) during this deployment in May 2016. L/Cpl Cole is an

extremely motivated Marine who can always be depended on by his seniors and peers to complete any task assigned to him. He is an outstanding Combat Engineer, setting an excellent role model for his peer Marines. L/Cpl Nicholas Cole has distinguished himself through his dedication, exemplary work ethics, high standards, and performance in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.



EXOTIC ORCHIDS HEADING TO SANTA BARBARA

Staff Report

Santa Barbara, CA. – The unmatched collection of rare and alluring orchids at the 73rd Annual Santa Barbara Intl. Orchid Show (www.SBORchidShow.com) is cause for excitement. Growers from around the globe take the opportunity to gather and exhibit the pride of their world-class specimens, and the public is invited to join in the melding of knowledge, beauty and prestige.

This year's event from Friday, March 9 to Sunday, March 11 at the Earl Warren Showgrounds in picturesque Santa Barbara doubles as the semi-annual conference of the American Orchid Society (AOS), guaranteeing the best-of-the-best in horticulturists in the field will contribute to the panoply of beauty and wonder. The theme this year's expo is "Orchids—The World's Greatest Show" which explores and celebrates both domestic and international cultivators, combining passionate hobbyists and commercial leaders.

Among the groups exhibiting will be premier California growers: Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, CalOrchid, and Huntington Gardens. Throughout the year, these flower and plant experts host visitors to their separate gardens and showrooms, and the SB Intl. Orchid Show joins them to achieve unrivaled variety in a single location.

- Santa Barbara Orchid Estate specializes in cultivating the healthiest orchids and providing expert advice for the home gardener. This grower of one of the world's foremost collections of species and hybrids will host an open house at its nearby estate simultaneous to the show.

- Cal-Orchid prides itself in growing hard-to-find species at its Santa Barbara nursery. The family-owned business

conducts an active breeding program responsible for an ever-changing and exciting variety of flowers at its greenhouse. CalOrchid is at the cutting edge of the field and is known for their innovative hybrids for indoor, greenhouse, or outdoor growers. They specialize in their in-house bred, and internationally recognized 'Pacific' line of reedstem epidendrums.

- Huntington Gardens is synonymous with horticultural prestige at its opulent Pasadena property, a year-round destination for exotic plant lovers. The talented garden managers will bring a specially cultivated collection to Santa Barbara.

Representing the "international" in the SB Intl. Orchid Show, a representative A-team of world-class cultivators will contribute species and hybrids rarely seen in the U.S.

It's fitting that such a world-class Orchid Show is set in Santa Barbara. Over the years the region has boasted the largest pocket of commercial orchid growing in the country. Today, many local greenhouses open their doors and host sales during the weekend event as well as throughout the year, to demonstrate how accessible the once rare flowers have become. A map to local growers open during the Santa Barbara Intl. Orchid Show can be found by searching for The Orchid Trail, Santa Barbara.

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show is open Friday, March 9 through Sunday, March 11, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at Earl Warren Showgrounds, located in Santa Barbara at Highway 101 and Las Positas Road. General admission is \$14; seniors, students with ID and advance group sales (minimum 25) are \$12; and children 12 and under are free with an adult. Tickets are available in advance at www.SBORchidShow.com/.

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ABC EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$38,000 IN MINI-GRANTS

Staff Report

The ABC Education Foundation recently completed its fifth annual mini-grant program to return funds to schools in ABCUSD from Foundation fundraising efforts throughout the year. Over \$38,000 was awarded to support 30 programs at 17 ABCUSD schools (plus one program affecting all ABCUSD schools) at a January 30, 2018 presentation event at Cerritos Park East in Cerritos. 2017-2018 grant winners include:

- Aloha, Juarez, & Willow Elementary Schools**
- Education Mini-Grant, \$1,900 (Eveline Huh-Willow Principal; Danielle Saldavia-Aloha Principal; Christine Balbuena-Juarez Principal) BEST Mentoring Program - Building Excellence & Success for Today & Tomorrow
- BRIDGES: BRIDGE Academy, Haskell Middle School, Kennedy STEM Academy**
- Special Mini-Grant, \$900 (Edie Hernandez) Building Responsible Independent Determined Goal-Oriented Engaged Students (BRIDGES) Community Based Learning and Positive Reinforcement Incentives
- Carver Academy**
- Special Mini-Grant, \$366.03 (Winnie Lee) "Learning to Cook, Cooking to Learn" Providing Students with Special Needs Real Life Skills to Succeed
- Cerritos High School**
- Special Mini-Grant, \$482.01 (Amy L. Huang) Training & Resources for Promoting Student Wellness
 - Special Mini-Grant, \$888 (Viki Yamashita) Restore & Relax Fedde Middle School
 - Special Mini-Grant, \$900 (John

- Laird & Tien Vo) Daytime Astronomers
- Furgeson Elementary School**
- Special Mini-Grant, \$900 (Oralia Rojas and Ana Ashkar) Let's Play
- Gahr High School**
- Sue Rausch Grant & Education Mini-Grant, \$2,380 (Darren Loney) Time for a "Tune Up"
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 - Special Mini-Grant, \$900 (Christina Moreau) ACT (AVID Connect Team) Leaders Juarez Elementary School
 - Education Mini-Grant, \$1,900 (Stephanie Luna- Primary SDC; Skylar Lenox Ibarra-Social Worker; Christine Balbuena-Principal) Improving Classroom Behavior and Increasing Self Management Schoolwide with Sensory Intervention Resources
- Melbourne Elementary School**
- Special Mini-Grant, \$900 (Sara Robinson) Benefits of Play in the Kinesiology Lab
- Niemes Elementary School**
- Education Mini-Grant (funded by Employees Community Fund of Boeing), \$1,900 (Gabriela Monterosa-Ibarra) 5th Grade Engineers Bring Designs to Fruition

- Education Mini-Grant, \$1,000 (Paige Larkin) Readers Become Leaders
 - Education Mini-Grant (anonymous donor), \$244.71 (Tricia Hora) Movement to Music
- Nixon Academy**
- Education Mini-Grant, \$1,100 (Kristina Whiteman) Walking Classroom Walk Kits
 - Education Mini-Grant, \$600.41 (Nadja Ellis) Ancient Egyptian Mummification Lab
 - Special Mini-Grant, \$900 (Dianne E. Kiedrowski) Flexible/Alternative Seating Palms Accelerated Learning Academy
 - Education Mini-Grant, \$2,000 (Nataly Navarro) Taking 21st Century Learners into Virtual Reality
 - Special Mini-Grant, \$900 (Jennifer Germata) Starting a Maker Space
- Safe Schools Program**
- Education Mini-Grant, \$1,072.50 (Tina Porter) Intern Play Therapy Project: Play is the Conversation of Children and Games Provide the Words
 - Education Mini-Grant, \$1,900 (Kendall Fujjoka) Teaching and Supporting Socio-Emotional Learning
- Stowers Elementary School**
- Education Mini-Grant, \$1,900 (Kristin Andaya) Enhancing Every Child's Educational Experience: Releasing the Artist Within
- Willow Elementary School**
- Special Mini-Grant (funded by Ernie Nishi, ABCUSD Board of Education), \$800 (Monique Erece) Imagine the Possibilities Through Dramatic Play
- Wittmann Elementary School**
- Education Mini-Grant (partially funded by Employees Community Fund of Boeing), \$1,900 (Lucy Pineda, Leigh Tomooka, Cybil Vidal, Miguel Marco---

Principal) Robotics/Drone Racing Team

Whitney High School

- Special Mini-Grant (funded by Employees Community Fund of Boeing), \$900 (Aileen Perry) Probeware & Sensors for Active Data Collection in Science
- Special Mini-Grant, \$900 (Eamon Marchant) Hands-On Earth Science

Ernie Nishi, ABCUSD School Board Member, said, "The Foundation mini-grant program is one of those programs that makes you wish you were back in school to experience these wonderful teachers with creative ideas," said Ernie Nishi. "It is part of our "special sauce" that creates a real partnership between the community and teachers. For those who don't like government but want to contribute in a real way--this is the ideal program. It's not just the money, because of how it motivates teachers and treats teachers like the professionals that they are--the Mini-grants program enables the District to excel far beyond the influence of the monies that are granted. "

The ABC Education Foundation was founded in 2011 to support ABCUSD programs in jeopardy due to budget cuts. From inception through 2017, the Foundation has funded over \$270,000 in programs for ABC schools, the majority given to schools through an annual grant program as well as their annual school backpack initiative. The ABC Education Foundation also provides educational opportunities for local students through their Enrichment Academy, where all funds raised also support ABCUSD schools. The Foundation also helped secure \$3.5 million in additional grants for the district over the last several years.

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And in an insult to the freedom of the press and investigative journalism, the letter also listed the "bad press" the City received from local newspapers as a reason the Auditor was seeking a full audit.

"Interesting use of words," HMG-CN Publisher Brian Hews said, "I guess 'bad press' is what Pasmant and the ruling City Council, led by Mayor Vanessa Delgado, call good investigative journalism which uncovered graft and corruption in Montebello that led to the audit."

"I don't think Pasmant had much influence in writing the letter," said Hews, "the letter places blame on everyone except the City Council."

Pasmant, who was hired last year after Francesco Tucker Schuyler was placed on leave, argued for denial of the audit.

In his letter, Pasmant immediately patted himself on the back, writing in third person, "the City hired a manager with over 30 years experience in city operations and balancing budgets."

Pasmant cited a housing project that will inject \$5 million to City coffers and "one-time" business opportunities that would "increase revenues."

And in a statement that directly contradicts former city manager Francesco Tucker-Schuyler, Pasmant indicated that City "has \$9.3 million in reserves as of June 2016."

In an April 2016 article, Tucker-Schuyler was quoted as saying, "certain unforeseen revenue decreases would diminish the \$8 million in reserves the city built up in the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The city's surplus is expected to fall to \$2.1

million [to \$5.9 million] at the end of the fiscal year, June 2016.

By the end of the fiscal year in 2017, that surplus will turn into a \$5.4 million deficit."

Addressing the pension crisis, Pasmant indicated that the City "has a property tax override to offset pension costs."

Citing the 2011 State Controller audit findings, a majority of which was not followed by the City Council, Pasmant promised to hire experienced people, and implement the auditor's findings regarding timely budget compliance.

Pasmant also indicated he would clean up the Finance Department with experienced personnel despite the hiring freeze the City has implemented.

In relation to the profitability of the City's enterprise funds, Pasmant indicated he is contemplating additional increases in the City's water rates, after a 30% increase since 2017, and possible increase in green fees at the golf course.

He also projected major revenue increases from the recently approved Hotel Project and cited earnings prior to taking depreciation expense as an argument that the City's bus line is not losing money.

Pasmant then slammed the local paper for negative press.

"Montebello has been burdened with the same style of reporting from local paper [sic] for years. The reporter has a negative view towards city officials."

"A lot of residents have a negative view of City officials," said Hews, "we just report on what is going on in the City, get both sides of the story and let our readers decide. To blame the City's chronic financial, operational, and corruption problems on the 'local paper's negative views' is ludicrous."

Pasmant then argued why the committee should reject the State Auditor's

recommendation for a full audit.

Even though he has been at the post for only 4 weeks and most of the high-level financial employees fled under Tucker-Schuyler, Pasmant stated, "Montebello has and will continue to have issues, another audit would only restate what Montebello knows is a problem. This will continue to exacerbate a negative city image, feed political agendas, and contribute to the city's problems. [sic] Auditor's preliminary assessment and request adds nothing new and is an unnecessary expense (waste) of taxpayer funds."

Contradicting all published data Pasmant stated, "the City has been moving forward with many of the 2011 corrections." He also said, "audits only provide direction not necessarily realistic solutions, the real issue is how to implement sustainable solutions, that is what the new City Manager is working on."

Hitting residents hard Pasmant said, "the City tried to sell the water company, the voters rejected it; the City tried to implement a sales tax increase, unfortunately the voters rejected it."

"City Council is not ignoring....but voter actions have left limited options. Montebello does not need another audit to tell us what we know."

An angry Montebello Councilman Bill Molinari told HMG-CN, "it's unbelievable they would straight-up lie to the audit committee. We all know why they don't want the books looked at, because there are a lot of issues that would raise serious questions. Just ask Charlie Pell, he was fired for uncovering the issues. It is important these issue gets resolved, you can't lie to an audit committee."

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(UCC Sec. 6105)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: RMRT, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION 11767 SOUTH ST, CERRITOS, CA 90703

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The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: DETAIL ESCROW, INC, 13737 ARTESIA BLVD. #105 CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the anticipated sale date is FEBRUARY 21, 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: DETAIL ESCROW, INC, 13737 ARTESIA BLVD #105, CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the last day for filing claims shall be FEBRUARY 20, 2018, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

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