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~Donald Trump on Fox News' Hannity

La Mirada Chamber Invited Alt-Right Racist to Moderate School Board Debate

Gracey Van Der Mark is a known white supremacist and advocate of violence.

HMG-CN Staff Report

The La Mirada Chamber of Commerce pulled a fast one Thursday Sept. 15 at the NLMUSD Candidates Forum introducing as the moderator Critical Race Theory espousing alt-right, anti-vax, election denying known Proud Boy supporter Gracey Van De Mark to the surprise of many at the event.

LM Chamber executives were giddy, as was the clones who knew she was coming in advance, who were ready to pounce on attendees with their divisive right-wing statements about teachers in the classroom, what they're teaching, abortion, birth control, and how they are enabling LGBTQ+ kids.

Others, including HMG-CN Publisher Brian Hews, had no

idea Van De Mark was going to be the moderator.

The Cerritos Republican Club invited Van De Mark to speak at the Cerritos Library, which was attended by then Vice President of ABCUSD Board Soo Yoo; HMG-CN learned of the event and publicized it, which drew many protesters to a Cerritos City Council meeting; but the City Council still allowed the library event.

"She's a right-wing white supremacist whack job who needs to stay in Orange County, said HMG-CN publisher Brian Hews, "I did not find out she was the moderator until I got several texts during the forum from people attending who were very angry. Extremely bad judgment on the part of the La Mirada Chamber to invite her."

And its not just Hews' view of Van Der Mark, "She's a disruptor, she's a bigot, and she has no place in public governance. None," Gina Clayton-Tarvin,

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Firefighters Save Blind Dog Who Fell in Hole



FIREFIGHTERS with Cesar, a blind dog that was rescued from a hole in Pasadena this past Tuesday. The 13-year-old Cesar lives next to the site with his owner Mary who declined to give her last name. Courtesy Pasadena Fire Department.

By Brian Hews

This past Tuesday around 7 p.m., the Pasadena Fire Department rescued Cesar, a blind dog who wandered onto a construc-

tion site and fell into the hole; the hole was about 15 feet deep and 3 feet wide.

Cesar's owner Mary was alerted by the barking of her

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Photo by Brian Hews

LASD CAR SHOW AT CERRITOS CITY HALL

THE 6TH ANNUAL LASD Motorsports Car Show occurred on September 10 at Cerritos City Hall in collaboration with the L.A. County Sheriffs. Over thirty cars were on display, including Jay Leno's mint condition Capri. Several sheriff's vehicles and rescue equipment were also on display.

Result of HMG-CN Article

Supervisor Hahn Pulls Out of 'Unite For Progress' Event in Cerritos

Hahn pulled on Monday. Wednesday, LA vs. Hate pulled out. Later, a new informational flyer showed Cerritos Mayor Vo and LAC Sheriffs had pulled out.

By Brian Hews

Last week Hews Media Group Community News reported on an anti-hate event occurring at Don Knabe Park in Cerritos Sept. 24; one of the major sponsors was Supervisor Janice Hahn.

Other sponsors included Torrance Police Officer and Cerritos Mayor Chuong Vo with a logo that included the City of Cerritos- the Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Alex Villanueva, with whom Cerritos Councilwoman Lynda Johnson is employed.

In addition, the Founder of AAPI United, James Mai, was also a major sponsor of the anti-hate event.

In an article by an Orange

County blog, Mai was found to have Instagram posts showing him committing a hate crime against an Indian restaurant in May of this year, depicting Mai as a vengeful, hate-filled political operative capable of using his contacts and bogus social media accounts to threaten and intimidate detractors.

Supervisor Hahn was unaware of Mai's background until she read the HMG-CN article; immediately thereafter, Hahn told the organizers to remove her as a sponsor.

After Supervisor Hahn pulled out of the event, the woman who posted Mai's Instagram posts, going by the moniker LoveCameron, showed her true self as the same as Mai.

Posts on her Twitter account show her as a racist, election-denying, anti-vax, MAGA supporter who is proclaiming Supervisor Hahn had "sided with her" in pulling out of the event.

In a conversation, Supervisor Hahn made it very clear she is not siding with the woman; Hahn pulled her sponsorship because of the revelation of

Mai's hate crimes.

Despite knowing about Mai's background due to the HMG-CN article Cerritos Mayor Vo and the LASD did not pull their sponsorships.

HMG-CN emailed Vo Tuesday asking if he was pulling

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TikTok Challenge Spurs Stolen Kia & Hyundai Car Spree

By Brian Hews

A dangerous challenge spreading on TikTok and other social media platforms has car owners and police departments on alert challenging young teens to steal certain cars off the street using a USB cord.

The target is certain makes and models of 2010-2021 Kia and Hyundai vehicles that use a mechanical key, not a key fob and push-button to start the car.

Los Angeles officials say the viral trend has led to an 85% in-

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Cerritos Joins Fight as 'Friend of the Court' in Housing Bill Battle

The city will spend taxpayer money to provide "advice" to the judge on SB 9 and SB 10.

By Brian Hews

At its September 12 meeting, the Cerritos City Council voted to authorize the City Attorney to participate as an amicus curiae in the case of Redondo Beach et al. v. Bonta, challenging the validity of Senate Bill 9 which mandates lot-splits or duplexes in certain single-family residential zones if certain conditions are met.

Redondo's legal challenge alleges Senate Bill 9 violates a city's charter and land use authority.

SB 9, the California Housing Opportunity and More Efficiency (HOME) Act, is a California state law that aims to alleviate the housing crisis by providing new ways to increase housing supply and diversify housing types available.

Amicus Curiae, literally translated

from Latin, is "friend of the court" and refers to a person or group who is not a party to an action but has a strong interest in the matter.

The City Council also voted to authorize the City Attorney to participate as a friend of the court in the case AIDS Healthcare Foundation & City of Redondo Beach v. Bonta, challenging Senate Bill 10.

SB 10, recently signed into law by Gov. Newsom, provides that local agencies may adopt an ordinance to allow up to ten dwelling units on any parcel, at a height specified in the ordinance, if the parcel is within a "transit-rich area or urban infill site."

The legal challenge is an interesting argument, alleging SB 10 violates voter initiative rights in cities by enabling a city council to override land use limitations adopted by voters.

The court ruled in favor of Bonta, with plaintiffs filing an appeal.

In other news, the council voted 5-0 to award the printing of the 2023 Cerritos Community Calendar to Advantage Mailing, LLC in the amount of \$35,599.

The La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women asked to use council chambers and waive costs to conduct the ABC USD School Board election for Trustee Areas 2 and 3 scheduled on November 8, 2022. Council voted 5-0 to approve.

Hawaiian Gardens to Consider Oversized Vehicle Parking Ordinance

By Brian Hews

Hawaiian Gardens will hold an initial public hearing concerning the adoption of an ordinance amending various provisions of the city's municipal code regarding oversized vehicle parking.

The meeting will also determine that the ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, known as CEQA.

Another public hearing will concern establishing a schedule of civil penalties.

If adopted, the oversized vehicle parking ordinance and civil penalties for violations will apply citywide.

The city is stating that the proposed ordinance is not subject to the CEQA because "the ordinance does not qualify as a 'project' under CEQA and because the ordinance will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

The civil penalties are also not subject to CEQA.

The meeting is October 11, 2022 at 6 pm at City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Blvd. in Hawaiian Gardens.

NTSB Wants New Vehicles to Check Drivers For Alcohol

Technology would prevent movement if data showed motorist was impaired.

The National Transportation Safety Board is recommending that all new vehicles in the U.S. be equipped with blood alcohol monitoring systems that can stop an intoxicated person from driving.

The recommendation, if enacted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, could reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes, the biggest causes of highway deaths in the U.S.

NHTSA said this week that roadway deaths in the U.S. are at crisis levels. Nearly 43,000 people were killed last year, the greatest number in 16 years, as Americans returned to roads after pandemic stay-at-home orders.

Early estimates show fatalities rising again through the first half of this year, but they declined from April through June, which authorities are hoping is a trend.

The NTSB, which has no regulatory authority and can only ask other agencies to act, said the recommendation is designed to put pressure on NHTSA to move. It could be effective as early as three years from now.

"We need NHTSA to act. We see the numbers," NTSB Chairman Jennifer Homendy said. "We need to make sure that we're doing all we can to save lives."

The NTSB, she said, has been pushing NHTSA to explore alcohol monitoring technology since 2012.

"The faster the technology is implemented the more lives that will be saved," she said.

The recommendation also calls for systems to monitor a driver's behavior, making sure they're alert. She said many cars now have cameras pointed at the driver, which have the potential to limit impaired driving. But Homendy says she also understands that perfecting the alcohol tests will take time.

"We also know that it's going to take time for NHTSA to evaluate what technologies are available and how to develop a standard."

The agency and a group of 16 automakers have been jointly funding research on alcohol monitoring since 2008, forming a group called Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety.

The group has hired a Swedish company to research technology that would automatically test a driver's breath for alcohol and stop a vehicle from moving if the driver is impaired, said Jake McCook, spokesman for the group. The driver wouldn't have to blow into a tube, and a sensor would check the driver's breath, McCook said.

Another company is working on light technology that could test for blood alcohol in a person's finger, he said. Breath technology could be ready by the end of 2024, while the touch technology would come about a year later.

It could take one or two more model years after automakers get the technology for it to be in new vehicles, McCook said.

Once the technology is ready, it will take years for it to be in most of the roughly 280 million vehicles on U.S. roads.



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Cerritos College Culinary Arts Ranks Sixth in the Nation

Cerritos College earned another honor with its culinary arts program ranked 6th among the best culinary arts colleges in the U.S. by Universities.com.

The program prepares students to work in the professional food service industry. All students start at the bottom tier, taking classes and earning degrees along the way, and have the option of exiting the program after earning a certificate or continuing to earn higher certificates and/or degrees. The Culinary Arts Department offers certificates and associate of science degrees in professional cooking, professional baking & pastry, and culinary arts management, and two associate of science for transfer degrees in foodservice man-

agement and hospitality management. Students who earn an AS-T degree are ready to transfer to CSULB or Cal Poly Pomona to complete their bachelor’s degree in hospitality management.

Students who pursue an associate degree in culinary arts graduate with more than 800 hours of hands-on learning by operating the on-campus Falcon Room Restaurant, Café, and Banquets. By working in a real-world restaurant setting, students hone their culinary and hospitality skills and prepare for employment in the hospitality industry.

For more information about the Cerritos College Culinary Arts Program, visit www.cerritos.edu/culinary-arts/

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Expo in Lakewood

Learn valuable information at Lakewood’s annual Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Expo this Saturday, Sept. 24 from 11- 3 in the Civic Center parking lot.

This free event is a chance for community members of all ages to learn about the latest in emergency preparedness.

The event includes:

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Local artists are invited to submit proposals for the City of La Mirada’s 2nd annual Traffic Control Box Art Contest.

Artists may submit an entry for consideration to have their original art applied to one of several traffic control boxes in La Mirada.

All entries must incorporate the theme “Community Life” into their art proposal.

To participate, artists must live, work, or attend school in La Mirada. Selected winners will receive a prize of \$250 each.

Entry forms with contest rules will be available at cityoflamirada.org on Monday, September 26. Entries are due online by 4 p.m. on Friday, December 16.

For information, contact the La Mirada Community Services Department at (562) 943-7277.



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Cerritos College Bids Farewell to Trustee Carmen Avalos



CERRITOS COLLEGE Trustee Carmen Avalos, center, with her family at her farewell celebration at the College Performing Arts Center Sept. 14.

Cerritos College Offers Chinese Language and Culture Course

A Chinese language and culture course is coming to Cerritos College this fall. Taught by renowned professors from the University of Taipei, the online course is open to adults and youth in grades 3-12 at \$109. Participants can virtually attend the University of Taipei, learn the traditional Chinese language, and explore Taiwanese culture through 10 sessions from October 4 to December 6. **No experience or level of Chinese language fluency is needed to take the classes.**

The online course was made possible through a partnership with the Cerritos College Trustee Dr. Shin Liu, the Taipei City Government, the University of Taipei, and the Cerritos College Adult Education and Community Education departments.

“I’m excited to bring this cultural program to our students and the community,” said Dr. Liu, who has championed global education on the board for years. “This program will help add a global perspective to participants’ lives and educational journeys.”

Cerritos College also offered the Taiwan Experience Education Program, a study abroad and teaching internship program, in 2018-19, thanks to the partnership with Trustee Liu, Taipei City, and the University of Taipei.

Classes will take place Tuesdays, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. October 4 – December 6 total cost is \$109

To register or for more information, contact Cerritos College Community Education at (562)467-5098 or CommunityEd@cerritos.edu.

By Samuel Chacko

Cerritos College held a reception for longtime Board Trustee Carmen Avalos on Sept. 14 in the new Performing Arts Center to honor her 14 years of accomplishments as one of the members of the board of trustees.

Dr. Fierro, the Cerritos College president, said, “Carmen is someone who I consider a friend after so many years. The representation on campus has changed and mirrors our community and students, Carmen was the precursor of that.”

It was also announced that the seat that Trustee Avalos was sitting on, was named after her and is the first chair named in the Performing Arts Center.

Representatives from Rep. Linda Sánchez and Senator Bob Archuleta’s office

came to give Avalos awards for her hard work.

“Thank you to everyone for being here,” Avalos said, “first of all not only saying goodbye but thank you.

“I like to thank my colleagues. May we never forget why we serve and do the right thing,” she said, “You are the best group of people to work with.”

Avalos thanked to Dr. Fierro and the board members but also gave a huge thanks to her family.


“When I think about the legacy I will leave behind, I don’t know what that will be,” Avalos chuckled, “I hope it inspires the students.”

Avalos ended her speech when she said, “It has truly been my privilege to serve you and all the students as your trustee. Thank you so much, go Falcons!”

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Crime Summaries September 12-18

Cerritos

Part 1 crimes were 34 for the week, down from 38 the week before; YTD 2022 average was 38, 2021 YTD average is 36.1, **an increase of 8%.**

Miscellaneous crimes were 11 for the week, up from 7 the week before; YTD 2022 average was 11.1, 2021 YTD average is 9.7, **an increase of 9%.**

Alarm calls were 42 for the week, down from 62 the week before; YTD 2022 average was 47.3, 2021 YTD average is 37.4, **an increase of nearly 22%.**

Calls for service were 311 for the week, down from 327 the week before; YTD 2022 average was 324.8, 2021 YTD average is 289.3, **an increase of 12%.**

Aggravated Assault

11200 Blk Bigelow St, suspect is the brother of victim's girlfriend, suspect punched victim and was arrested.

Grand Theft

13200 Blk. Cantrege; cat.converter
18900 Blk. Vickie Ave.; scooter
13400 Blk. Droxford St; cat. converter
19900 Blk. Bloomfield Ave Park; business; two catalytic converters

Grand Theft Auto

11700 Blk. Christy St 2006 Chev/Silverado, recovered
19900 Blk. Bloomfield Ave; park;
2007 Lexus/Es350, recovered
10930 Alondra Bl store 2006 Chev/Silverado attempt only
10900 Blk. Alondra Bl store 1986 Toyota/Truck not recovered
10900 Blk. Alondra Bl store 2006 Chev/Silverado not recovered.

12700 Blk. Center Court Dr business
2020 Kia attempt only
11300 Blk. Sharon St 2016 Honda civic recovered
19525 Georgina Cir 2006 Jeep/Cherokee not recovered

La Mirada

It was an active week in LM, twenty suspects were arrested throughout the city for various warrants and narcotics violations; five suspects were arrested for **weapon charges**; two suspects were arrested for **theft**; one suspect was arrested for **attempted burglary**; one suspect was arrested for **trespassing** and during a traffic stop, one suspect was arrested for possession of a **stolen vehicle**.

Aggravated Assault

An aggravated assault was reported on the 14500 block of Los Fuentes Rd. This incident is still under investigation.

Other Structure Burglary

An early morning burglary was reported on the 13900 block of Imperial Hwy. Miscellaneous merchandise stolen.

An afternoon burglary occurred on the 14300 block of Firestone Blvd.

Grand Theft

Merchandise was reported stolen on the 15800 block of Imperial Hwy.

An afternoon theft was reported on the 14200 block of Rosecrans Ave.

Gardening tools were reported stolen on the 14800 block of Alondra Blvd.

A bicycle was stolen on the 14800 block of Telegraph Rd.

A catalytic converter theft on the 16200 block of Avenida San Miguel.

Grand Theft Auto

A van was reported stolen on the 15200 block of Ocaso Ave.

Interior Department Gives \$7.5M to Fight Fires in CA.

SACRAMENTO, Calif — This week, the Department of the Interior announced that it has invested over \$7.5 million from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to advance wildfire resilience work and support fuels management projects in California on 9,969 acres of land across the state. This is part of \$103 million allocated by the Department earlier this year to reduce wildfire risk, mitigate impacts and rehabilitate burned areas. The additional funding will help complete fuels treatments on nearly 2 million acres nationwide this fiscal year, a substantial increase over the prior year.

"Through President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we are investing in California communities, advancing wildfire resilience work across the country, improving resources for the heroic firefighting workforce, and reducing the risk of wildfire," said Deputy Secretary Tommy Beaudreau.

The announcement comes as Beaudreau is in the Western U.S. this week to highlight how investments from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act are advancing wildfire resilience and drought resilience. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is bringing much-needed support to communities across the country to increase the resilience of lands facing the threat of wildland fires and to better support federal wildland firefighters. The law includes \$1.5 billion for the Department over the next five years to invest in preparedness, fuels management, post-fire restoration, and fire science. It also directs major reforms for federal wildland firefighters, including temporary pay increases and a new occupational series classification more specific to firefighters.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law investments in wildland fire management in California will increase fuels treatment in areas with high wildfire hazard potential, helping to protect homes and businesses in the wildland-urban interface and public drinking water. These efforts will promote climate resiliency across landscapes and communities and will employ Tribal members, youth, and veterans.

A portion of this year's wildfire resilience funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will be used to continue development of a wildfire risk mapping and mitigation tool, which is being developed jointly with USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. The tool will assist land managers in collectively identifying potential wildfire risks and sharing planned and accomplished mitigation activities. The law also provides increased support to the Joint Fire Science Program, an interagency partnership with the USDA Forest Service that funds wildfire science research projects.

The Department's recently released Five-year Monitoring, Maintenance, and Treatment Plan to address wildfire risk laid out a road map for achieving these objectives in coordination with federal, non-federal, and Tribal partners. In combination with the USDA Forest Service's 10-Year Wildfire Crisis Strategy, these plans outline the monitoring, maintenance, and treatment strategy the agencies will use to address wildfire risk, better serve communities, and improve conditions on all types of lands where wildfires can occur



Trustee Area #2 Vacancy

The Cerritos Community College District Board of Trustees invites applications from interested candidates who reside in Trustee Area #2 to fill a Board vacancy. Area #2 includes portions of the cities of Bellflower, Downey, and South Gate.

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, October 6, 2022.**

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



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Carmenita Middle School and Wittmann Elementary School Named Blue Ribbon Schools

Only 29 schools in Calif. share the honor and 297 in the United States.

The U.S. Department of Education has recognized outstanding schools through the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program for 39 years. This year, the program recognizes two ABC Unified School District schools - Carmenita Middle School and Wittmann Elementary School.

"We are proud to have two schools named National Blue Ribbon Schools this year," said ABC Unified School District Interim Superintendent Toan Nguyen. "I congratulate both Mr. Castillo and Mr. Marco, along with their teams of educators and staff, for earning this prestigious designation."

Both Carmenita Middle School and Wittmann Elementary School received recognition in the Exemplary High Performing Schools category, meaning they are among the state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. Carmenita Middle School has received this recognition before, in 1991. This is Wittmann Elementary School's first National Blue Ribbon.



"This is an amazing honor," said Carmenita Principal Rober Castillo. "This recognition is a reflection of our school community's strong commitment to academic excellence. I couldn't be more proud."

"We are beyond excited about this recognition," added Wittmann Principal Miguel Marco. "Our families, teachers and staff work together on a shared goal - student achievement. This honor is the result of our dedication to that shared goal."

This year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes schools for their overall academic performance and for closing the achievement gap. Only 13 middle schools and 11 elementary schools were recognized in California. The National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of educators, families, and communities in creating school environments where students are challenged and engaged.

"I applaud all the honorees for the 2022 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award for creating vibrant, welcoming, and affirming school communities where students can learn, grow, reach their potential, and achieve their dreams," said Secretary Cardona.

You can learn more about the 2022 National Blue Ribbon Schools at www.nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov.



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Festival of Arts Adds New Art to its Permanent Collection



REOPENING: Joining the opening was NLMUSD Board Members Chris Pflanzer, and Jesse Urquidi, Cerritos College President Dr. Jose Fierro, College Trustees Zurich Lewis, Marisa Perez and Vice President Dr. Shin Lu.

Staff Report

The Festival of Arts of Laguna Beach announced the acquisition of four new pieces from longtime Festival exhibiting artists to its Permanent Art Collection. Artwork from Molly Hutchings, Chris Bliss, Ray Brown, and Carolyn Machado will join the over 1,000 two-dimensional and three-dimensional works featured within the FOA's Permanent Art Collection, some dating back to the early 1900's.

The FOA, celebrating its 90th anniversary, is an art institution dedicated to collecting, preserving, and exhibiting artwork significant to the Festival's and Laguna Beach's rich cultural history. Housing over one thousand diverse and eclectic pieces, the Permanent Art Collection is valued by the organization for its cultural and historical significance in relation to the art, culture, and ability to

tell the story of the birth of the Festival and local art scene. The Permanent Art Collection showcases how the Festival became a major influence in the art world of Southern California, and many deem the collection a time capsule of art from the last century.

The new additions include a watercolor painting titled "Raven" by Molly Hutchings, a photograph titled "Times Square Saturday Night" by Chris Bliss, a charcoal drawing titled "Great Gray Day" by Ray Brown, and a mixed media assemblage titled "Passing Time" by Carolyn Machado.

Molly Hutchings is a long time Festival artist who has consistently created extremely colorful paintings inspired by the history of quilting. As a local high school student, one of Hutching's paintings was selected for the Festival's Junior Art Exhibit. Today, she has been exhibiting and selling her paintings for the last 29 years

at the Festival of Arts.

Like Hutchings, Chris Bliss has been an exhibitor at the Festival for over 25 years. His work is in high demand both for his fine art and as a commercial photographer serving clients throughout the United States. Bliss finds inspiration in urban skylines and in the challenging and invigorating lifestyles of cities- a focus that he has directed to an ongoing New York City photography project for over 30 years. His photograph "Times Square Saturday Night" is a strong example of Bliss's ability to capture the vitality and color, while also capsulating a moment in time through the show titles on the Mar-quees.

Ray Brown's "Great Gray Day" is a reflection of his experiences in the field. Brown shared, "Each time I go into the wilderness I am amazed. I use only my own experiences to procure reference for my work." Another longtime exhibitor, Brown's preferred medium is the simple charcoal. His "Great Gray Day" combines the innocence of an owl enduring the extreme elements that surround it, illustrating an atmosphere that expresses strength and determination.

Also acquired into the Permanent Art Collection is a mixed media assemblage titled "Passing Time" by Carolyn Machado. Machado has exhibited at the Festival of Arts for over twenty-five years. She creates her assemblage pieces with recycled materials, collected and carefully curated over the years. Sparkuhl noted that, "This particular work shows Carolyn's abilities to take a narrow vertical structure and create a complex totemic-like composition. The use of materials in this compact structure was very effective." Machado added, "

To learn more about the Festival of Arts, and the Permanent Art Collection visit www.LagunaFestivalofArts.org.

NLMUSD Meetings For By-Trustee Area Election System

The Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District has set dates for public hearings regarding the transition to a By-Trustee Area election system set to begin in November 2024.

The first two hearings will be special Board of Education meetings, oone occurred yesterday the next is Sept.29th at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of these two meetings is to set the criteria for drafting trustee area maps.

The next two hearings will be added to the agenda of the open session of regularly scheduled Board meetings on Monday, October 10th, and Monday, October 24th scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. These hearings will be dedicated to reviewing trustee areas that have been drawn by demographers for approval. Community members may also submit user-generated maps based on the criteria set by the Board of Education. This interactive tool will be available on the By-Trustee Area homepage at www.nlmusd.org/trusteearea/.

Additional meetings may be scheduled to finalize trustee areas. The selected trustee area map would be submitted to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Reorganization for community feedback and approval.

NLM community members can submit feedback on the transition to TrusteeAreaFeedback@nlmusd.org. Updated information will be housed on the District website at www.nlmusd.org/trusteearea/.

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WEEK FOUR FOOTBALL

HERRERA, MUELLER BROTHERS DOMINATE JOHN GLENN
IN ANOTHER ROMP AS NORWALK KEEPS MAYOR’S CUP

By Loren Kopff
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The first quarter of last Friday night’s 56th annual Mayor’s Cup game was uncharacteristic of host Norwalk High. Heavily favored to crush their city rivals, the Lancers fumbled on their opening possession, needed one play to score the first touchdown of the contest, then ran one play to end the stanza.

But you can’t keep Norwalk’s high octane offense grounded for a long time and the Lancers turned it around in the second quarter, running 10 plays before halftime and scoring three times on their way to a 59-6 dismantling of John Glenn High. Norwalk now leads the series 39-17, has scored over 50 points against Glenn eight times, all since 2000, and has limited the city’s east school to a touchdown or less in three straight meetings and 12 times since 2004.

“I think the kids might have let the game get a little bit bigger than it was and we tried to keep a good frame of mind,” said Norwalk head coach Ruben Guerrero. “We had to really work at settling down, and once they did, they got into a groove.”

“You can tell I’ve been gone for a couple of weeks,” said Glenn head coach David Cruz. “We just didn’t look crisp offensively. We had quite a few mishaps... fumbles, interceptions and we just never got clicking. One thing or another, it seemed like we were shooting ourselves in the foot. We had chances, but we just didn’t capitalize on them. I don’t know if it was because Norwalk played us well. The offense is going to score a lot of points, but

defensively, I thought we had some opportunities to score points and we didn’t.”

Although Glenn dominated in the possession department throughout the contest, it had trouble gaining much yardage and the Eagles crossed midfield twice in the first half but not until the midway part of the second quarter.

The first score of the game, a 15-yard run from senior running back David Herrera, came after a loss of 17 yards on what would have been Glenn’s second punt. On Glenn’s next possession, senior outside linebacker Nelson Vasquez recovered a fumble at the 30-yard line and five plays later, senior quarterback Caden Barnhill went in from two yards out. With just over two minutes into the second quarter, the Lancers were back to their usual selves with a 16-0 lead.

“I’m not actually happy with what happened [in the beginning],” said senior Michael Mueller. “I think we should have come in here and swing the momentum early and just blow them out. It was a lot of rivalry and it got to our heads, and it caused a lot of flax. We changed it though.”

Another three and out paved the way for another one play possession for the Lancers where Herrera scored on a 50-yard run and with 4:10 left in the half, Vasquez picked off sophomore quarterback Raymond Acosta at the nine-yard line where 12 seconds later, Mueller added a touchdown as the Lancers were beginning to run away with a 32-0 lead.

The first break for Glenn (2-3) came on the ensuing possession when Norwalk

was called for a running into the punter infraction at the 30-yard line. Then a pass interference call moved the ball to the Norwalk 40-yard line. But a pair of negative rushes and an incomplete pass led to a Herrera interception at the Norwalk 15-yard line where the offense ran out the half.

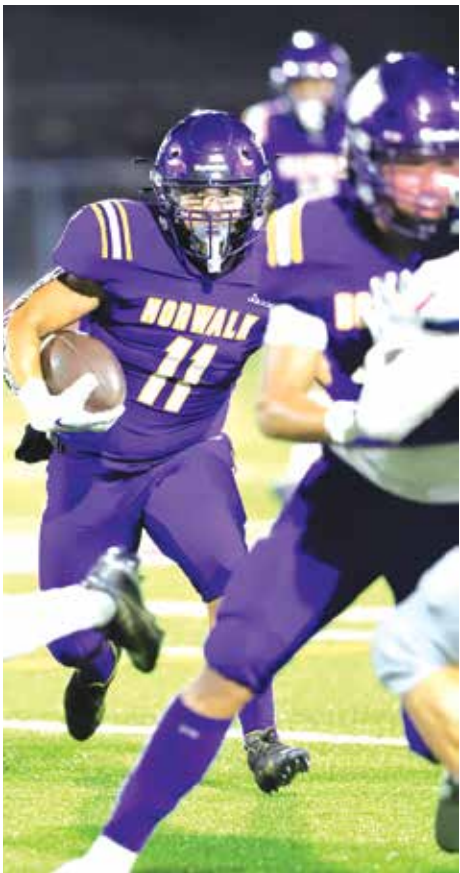
In the half, Glenn ran 31 plays for 20 yards with senior starting quarterback Emmanuel Enriquez going seven of eight for 37 yards and had the ball for nearly 17 minutes. But of those 31 plays, 10 went for negative yardage and it didn’t help that nine starters were injured, including Enriquez. Meanwhile, the Lancers racked up 177 yards on 17 plays, all but one of those plays coming on the ground.

“When we got into the locker room, our coaches straightened us up,” said Mueller. “They gave us the truth and told us what we needed to do.”

“It’s all because of injuries to our key personnel,” said Cruz. “We lose our quarterback; we didn’t have him. Any of our starting four running backs...we had to put in our fifth running back. And then two of our wide receivers got hurt. We’re just injury-plagued and it really hurt us today.”

It would be more of the same in the second half when Mueller scored on a 55-yard run on the first play. Three plays later, junior linebacker Jesse Lopez returned Acosta’s third interception 45 yards for a touchdown and on Glenn’s second play on the ensuing possession, sophomore cornerback Ezra Mueller went 51 yards on a pick six to make it 52-0 with 4:13 left in the stanza.

“I put a challenge to them this week,” said Guerrero. “We started out with defense, and they’ve been working really hard at getting better throughout the year and I think it showed tonight. I think their hard work paid off and that was some-



NORWALK HIGH senior linebacker Nelson Vasquez returns a second quarter interception 36 yards to set up a nine-yard touchdown run from senior running back Michael Mueller in last Friday’s 59-6 rout of city rival John Glenn High in the latest installment of the Mayor’s Cup. **Armando Vargas photo.**

thing that we had wanted to gauge; to see where we were at defensively.”

Ezra Mueller would complete Norwalk’s scoring with a 27-yard run at the 8:15 mark while Glenn avoided being shutout for the 12th time in the rivalry when Acosta tossed a 20-yard pass to se-

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Cerritos trying to find the positives from long season, get trounced by Troy on homecoming

By Loren Kopff
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Offensively, the young Cerritos High football team is holding its own midway though the season. Defensively, head coach Brad Carter believes it will get better despite the Dons allowing at least 35 points in four games and the combined record of their opponents being 12-13.

Last Thursday night on homecoming night, Cerritos was in a funk on both sides of the ball, suffering a 49-6 loss to Troy High, sending the Dons to 1-4 into their bye week.

“They just controlled us in the middle; we couldn’t really get anything going inside offensively or defensively,” said Carter. “They were just pounding us, so we wanted to try to spread them out. We got some quick passes out there, but they were really good. They’re very strong and fast and it makes it tough when they’re flying around. We tried to switch it up and get some positive plays.”

The Warriors scored on all six of their first half possessions, building a 42-0 halftime lead as they ran 22 plays and gained 280 yards of offense. Meanwhile, the Dons fumbled on the second play of their first drive and had a bad snap on a would-be punt go for a 17-yard loss at the end of the first quarter. Signs of some momentum were clear in the second quarter when Cerritos was stalled at fourth and one from its 47-yard line after an eight-play drive.

The best drive of the game for the Dons came after a Fischer Huss 53-yard score made it 35-0. Beginning at its five-yard line, Cerritos was about to punt on fourth and four before the Warriors were

CERRITOS HIGH sophomore running back Kalib Moran cuts through the Troy High defense in last Thursday night’s 49-6 setback. Moran gained 77 yards on 14 carries and caught two passes from senior quarterback Dylan Burton for 16 yards. **Photo Cerritos High Yearbook Staff.**

called for being offside. Then a 74-yard pass play from senior quarterback Dylan Burton to sophomore running back Kalib Moran was called back because of offsetting penalties. Instead of first and goal at the 10, it was second and 10 from the Cerritos 16 and they never recovered from that the remainder of the half.

“[The officials] said there was a hold, but my thing was there’s the letter of the law and the spirit of the law,” said Carter. “It was our first play of the [drive] and I thought they could have eaten the flag there. But they disagreed and it was unfortunate we had a penalty on that play.”

By halftime, the Dons had negative yardage on the ground while Burton, who threw the ball 14 times, completed nine passes in a row for 44 yards. Knowing that the running clock would be used the entire second half, Carter’s halftime speech was plain and simple.

“We said the game is 0-0, we’re trying to score a touchdown and we’re trying to get a stop,” said Carter. “You can’t laminate on the score. Obviously, they were better tonight. We were trying to get some positives. We went down [the field] and scored at the end of the game, which was positive. Every team, every coach... they’re going to find themselves on the wrong side of one of these. So, you have to find the positives from these.”

Cerritos got on the board with 4:37 remaining in the game when Burton scored on a 10-yard run, which was setup by a 30-yard gain from Moran. Stymied in the first half, Moran finished the game with 77 yards on 14 carries as he continues to shine as an up and coming player.

“He is a really good football player,”



said Carter. “He just has to work on staying positive to the highs and lows of the game. But in terms of running and catching and tackling, he’s a special player.”

While the Dons are enjoying their bye, Carter added the team needs to find a rhythm offense and create turnovers on defense to be successful in the second half, which begins with a visit to Chino High on Sept. 30, followed by the city rivalry with Gahr High on Oct. 6.

“They call it preseason for a reason,” said Carter. “We learned a ton, and I’ll be honest with you, I don’t think I really realized how young of a team we really are. We have a really core group of sophomores and juniors that are learning how to play varsity football. But I just told them I’m really confident we’re going to finish the second half strong.”

In other football action:

Artesia High (0-3-1) @ Los Amigos High (3-1)-Artesia is coming off a 46-5 loss to Valley Christian High last Friday as the offense continues to struggle. In four games, the Pioneers have scored three offensive touchdowns, all against Marquez High in a shortened game, one defensive touchdown, against Garden Grove High, and the five points against the Defenders.

Los Amigos doubled up Viewpoint High 28-14 last Friday for its second

straight win. The Lobos aren’t an explosive offensive team, having scored 77 points. But defensively, the Lobos are sound and have yielded 16 points a game.

Prediction: Los Amigos 24, Artesia 10.

Gahr (0-4) @ Crean Lutheran High (4-0)-For the fourth time this season, Gahr scored a touchdown, but it wasn’t enough in a 14-7 loss to Santa Ana Valley High last Thursday. The game was played at Norwalk as all four games for the Gladiators, which have been home games, have been played at other sites. Gahr has another daunting task as it goes to East Irvine to face a Saints team that knocked off Laguna Beach High 35-37 last Friday and has now scored 151 points while allowing 48.

Quarterback Gavin Rogers has completed 51 passes for 749 yards and 14 touchdowns while running back Eli Bray has picked up 360 of the team’s 490 ground yards and has scored four touchdowns.

Prediction: Crean Lutheran 42, Gahr 7.

El Rancho High (3-2) @ Norwalk High (5-0)-See Glenn @ Norwalk game story.

Prediction: Norwalk 35, El Rancho 21.

*Last week: 5-0
Season to date: 21-7-1*

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nior wide receiver Tony Jefferson with 1:28 left in the game.

Norwalk’s top two running backs this season, Herrera and Michael Mueller, combined for 13 carries and 213 yards on the ground while the rest of the team picked up 49 yards on six rushes.

“They get better, and a score here, a score there...as soon as we get the ball, they’re off and running,” said Guerrero of his star backs. “They are getting better and better every game. They’ve also worked very, very hard to be where they’re at. Kudos to them; they deserve all the achievements that they’re reaching.”

Meanwhile, Glenn finished the game with 71 yards in offense with Acosta throwing for 69 yards and Jefferson catching eight passes for 108 yards. There were only eight rushes that went for positive yardage with half coming from senior running back Manuel Sigala, who gained 13 yards.

After Glenn had won two straight meetings, Norwalk has answered that by a combined score of 110-13. The Eagles have also had a stretch of three straight wins (1987-1989) and four straight wins (1999-2002) in the history of the Mayor’s Cup while Norwalk has won at least five straight three times, leaving many to wonder if it’s really a rivalry.

“We’re two schools in the same city with past history and look at the crowd, look at the turnout,” said Guerrero. “I really like having this game. I think it’s big for the city, I think it’s big for the schools.

The crowds come out and the kids have fun. The alumni come out; we had alumni here from years back come out. It’s a draw of all kinds of different things that makes this a special night.

Michael Mueller added that it’s important to win the Mayor’s Cup and he predicts the program and is going to hold it for a long time, too.

“I’ve always downplayed the rivalry thing just because I think other teams should be our rivals,” said Cruz. “I really think our rivals should come from league. But it prepares our kids for the big game, and this is a big game for most schools. We get a lot of fans out; the student body gets involved. So, it’s great for the city and it’s great for both schools. But the last few years, we’ve been on the short end of the stick, and it gets a little frustrating.”

Norwalk, which improved to 5-0 and has scored no fewer than 48 points in any game, will host El Rancho High tonight. The Dons are 3-2 after a 35-22 loss to Mayfair High last Friday and have lost two of the last three games. El Rancho is a well-balanced team as Ryan Vasquez has passed for 985 yards and 13 touchdowns while he and three others have gained over 100 yards on the ground as part of the team’s 834 yards. Since 2-16, El Rancho and Norwalk have split their four meetings.

Glenn is just hoping for no more significant injuries in the second half of the season. With the four 605 League teams down this season with a combined three on the field victories in 19 games, they all know that whoever can win two out of their last three games are heading to the CIF-Southern Section playoffs. The



NORWALK HIGH senior cornerback David Herrera (#31) and senior linebacker Nelson Vasquez team up to tackle John Glenn High junior wide receiver Raymond Breslin in last Friday night’s annual Mayor’s Cup game, easily won by Norwalk 59-6. **PHOTO BY ARMANDO VARGAS, Contributing photographer.**

Eagles were to have hosted Hawthorne High tonight for their homecoming game, but the school cancelled all homecoming activities this week after Hawthorne double booked the date. Instead, the Cougars have their bye tonight and Glenn will not have a game tonight.

“I won’t be satisfied until we get the majority of our personnel back,” said Cruz. “I don’t feel comfortable until we get those guys back. It’s tough to throw

the ball when we have our fourth and fifth wide receivers in there. We can’t run the ball, and then when we had our backup quarterback in there...but they’re all getting experience and they’re all getting better. It’s all for the last few games in league that matter and hopefully we have all our guys by then, and I think we will. We’re a really good team when we have all our guys.”

OLYMPIC LEAGUE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Valley Christian navigates through Maranatha's tough defense in hard fought four-set victory

By Loren Kopff
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Since 2016, the Valley Christian High girls volleyball team has had their way against Maranatha High, sweeping the Minutemen eight out the last nine meetings entering this past Tuesday evening's home match. If you go by the records of both teams in 2022, V.C. was sure of another win, and another sweep. But this time, it wasn't easy, and you can credit Maranatha's defense for that, as it flustered the Defenders all night. In the end, V.C. pulled out a 25-16, 27-29, 25-17, 25-21 victory. V.C. head coach Jeff Ornee admitted he wasn't surprised of how close the match was, one that saw the teams combine for 27 ties and 11 lead changes. On top of that, Maranatha's largest lead in the match was three points while V.C. never led by more than nine points at any time. "I got to see some film of them play and they're able to hang with a lot of quality

teams," said Ornee. "They are a quality team just because of their scrappiness and defense. I think it's really hard to put balls down against their defense, which extends rallies. They did a really good job extending plays and making it hard for us to side out."

With the score tied 13-13 in the first set, the Defenders (11-8 overall, 2-1 in league) got a little breathing room as sophomore outside hitter Cameron Warner had four kills and a block and senior libero Francie Leffler added an ace. Then, Warner closed out the set with three straight aces. In the second set, V.C. jumped out to a 5-1 lead, aided by three aces from senior outside hitter Ariana Schmidt and held an advantage until an ace from Belen Casillas put Maranatha in front 16-15. The Defenders had a few opportunities to put the set away, leading 22-18 and again at 24-22 following a serve into the net. Then, they had to tie the set three times before Nicole Timour's consecutive kills tied the match. "I think they had a couple of good streaks of good servers go back there that went on a couple runs against us late in that set," said Ornee. "I always stress late in sets, and really all the time, that if you're the team that plays with fewer errors towards the end of games, you give yourself a better chance of winning. I think towards the end of set two, we had some unfortunate hitting errors and some unfortunate serving errors that kind of pulled us back away

from that lead we had built. But credit to them for serving tough."

Once again, the two teams played tight through the first rotation of the third set with neither team leading by more than two points. But trailing 14-11, a block from senior middle blocker Lauren Thorpe allowed Leffler to serve four straight points. Then at 16-16, a kill from junior middle blocker Abby McGuyre and a pair of aces from junior opposite hitter Samantha Van Duyn gave the hosts that edge they needed. The set ended with senior outside hitter Chloe Westra serving five consecutive points. "We have some good servers on our team as well," said Ornee. "Francie did a really good job consistently from back there. I feel like we had some stretches where serving errors kind of added up against us. But Francie is one of our more consistent players from back there, and Chloe too." In the final set, a 13-8 V.C. lead was quickly erased and just like that, Maranatha had tied things up at 15-15 after an ace from Tori Coates. While the Minutemen couldn't regain the lead, which they last had at 7-6, they stayed close until a net violation ended the match. Schmidt led the Defenders with 12 kills while Van Duyn and Warner each added nine kills and McGuyre another six kills, giving V.C. a potent offense the remainder of the season for this senior-laden team. Senior setter Carissa Kamstra had

39 assists. "She got pulled up even halfway through the season last year when we had a girl go down with an ACL [injury]," said Ornee of Warner. "Cameron is experienced, and she's played a long time. She's a club player and her age is not indicative of her skill level at all. I think she's ready for the varsity level. I think when she's aggressive, she can overpower and take over a match against anybody."

The Defenders will participate in the Bellflower Tournament today and Saturday, then get back into Olympic League action on Tuesday as they host Whittier Christian High. Two days later, V.C. will welcome Immaculate Heart High in the final non-league match. Through the first 19 matches this season, V.C. has played 66 sets and has been swept only once, that coming in the season opener on Aug. 13 against Canyon High. "I kind of structured this schedule a little bit around the team I knew I was going to have with as many seniors I did," said Ornee. "I just wanted to play; I think they wanted to play. We've been pretty overloaded towards the beginning of the season. We've played a lot of matches and we haven't been swept by anybody since our first match. We're taking games off St. Joseph, off Village [Christian], off Millikan. We're playing some pretty quality teams that are in divisions above us and we're hanging with them."

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clerk of the board of trustees at Ocean View School District told the Daily Beast in 2021.

A simple internet search by the chamber would have revealed Van Der Mark's long involvement with the alt-right, even attending violent events.

In April 2017, according to a Facebook post, she shared a picture from an event with Kyle "Based Stickman" Chapman who is a far-right brawler and leader of the Proud Boys' paramilitary wing the "Alt-Knights."

Chapman had earned his nickname when video footage showed him hitting a leftist protester with a stick, leading to his arrest and eventual plea deal on a weapons charge.

"My son got a few tips from Based Stick Man on how to protect himself against the Antifa masked cowards at rallies and patriot events. [sic]" Van Der Mark wrote on Facebook.

In another selfie, Van Der Mark can be seen with Antonio Foreman who marched in the deadly white supremacist rally in Charlottesville in August 2017.

Van Der Mark can also be seen attending an anti-Islam event in San Bernardino. Photos from the day show her wearing a gun-print shirt, standing behind far-right figure "Johnny Benitez," who is wearing a Proud Boys uniform and holding a poster with a meme about ethnic cleansing of Muslims.

But that history did not matter to the La Mirada Chamber. Van Der Mark was introduced, smugly strolled up to the podium and immediately began her alt-right line of questioning, not knowing that it was traditional to allow the customary two minutes for each candidate to intro-

duce themselves.

Van Der Mark's first question was predictable, "will you teach CRT in the NLMUSD.?" Her second question was, "will you fight against the state trying to include CRT in school curriculum?"

It is a proven fact in all reputable media reports that CRT is only taught in college law-school graduate courses; it is a right-wing racist meme meant to frighten parents and divide school boards.

All candidates could be seen as taken by surprise, with all answering the question in the negative.

Van Der Mark then asked if the board members would allow a Planned Parenthood clinic, but that was a moot subject and yet another divisive question.

An item had been put on the NLMUSD's Board agenda weeks ago to discuss a clinic, but it was pulled and never discussed, the board making it clear in a statement they were not considering the clinic.

By the time Van Der Mark began asking abortion questions, a visibly upset NLMUSD Board Member Dr. Robert Cancio, who is endorsed by HMG-CN, objected to Van Der Mark's line of questioning.

Van Der Mark asked, "a minor in school cannot be given an aspirin or Neosporin without permission from their parents; however, a child of any age, without permission or knowledge of their parents, can consent to have an abortion as well as be given birth control, do you approve of this?"

Cancio responded, "I almost feel like I'm not in a friendly debate for school board with these questions."

Many attendees could be overheard on a microphone saying "yes what is this? Why are you asking these questions?"

Cancio continued, "as the only prod-

BRINGING RACISM TO SCHOOL BOARD DEBATE- A simple internet search of Van De Mark would have produced several pictures such as this one. Behind Van De Mark (front) is a woman flashing a white supremacist sign



uct of the Norwalk La Mirada School District on the stage, I can assure you that we are in the business of teaching our students to be lifelong learners, we do not provide services and it's inappropriate you keep asking these questions."

A debate moderator's job is to be objective and control the situation, but Van Der Mark could be overheard saying after Cancio's comment, "actually it's [abortion services] happening in a lot of schools I've seen it myself."

Cancio responded, "not in this school district."

Curent Board President Norma Amezcua spoke up and said, "your [Van Der Mark] questions are ridiculous and have no place in this debate, can you ask pertinent questions?" That statement drew a loud response from the attendees.

Undaunted, Van Der Mark continued asking other candidates the abortion question, with the attendees becoming increasingly angry and yelling in her direction.

The last question caused chamber executives Noel Jaimes and McDuff, who invited her, to call a break and end Van Der Mark's questioning.

"Does anyone believes a six-year-old is cognitively prepared to understand the concept of being assigned a gender?"

In an email, Jaimes told HMG-CN, "yes I approved her [Van Der Mark] as the moderator, I did some research and found a few articles on her in Orange County, but your [HMG-CN's] stuff did not pop up in my search. Why?"

Like the Daily Beast article, a search of Van Der Mark will produce many unflattering Orange County articles pointing out her alt-right Proud Boy supporter background, her controversial run for Huntington Beach City Council [she came

in fourth] and her association with ex-HB Councilman Tito Ortiz, another right-wing Proud Boy supporter who called the Jan. 6 insurrection a "false flag," and the pandemic a "plandemic."

The information in those OC articles was used as background information when HMG-CN published an article outlining how ABC Board President Soo Yoo and the Cerritos Republican Club invited Van Der Mark to speak at the Cerritos Library. But Jaimes "could not find the article."

That meeting ended with Yoo, Van Der Mark, and ABC Board Member Michael Eugenio pictured under the California Department of Education with a circle/slash through the logo, picture below.



Van Der Mark dressing her son for a protest.

"My son got a few tips from Based Stick Man on how to protect himself against the Antifa masked cowards at rallies and patriot events. [sic]" Van Der Mark wrote on Facebook.



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other dog calling for Cesar; Mary could tell he was no longer in her yard so she called the PFD, who responded with a search and rescue team.

Pasadena Fire Chief Chad Augustin told the Associated Press that confined-space rescues present unique challenges for firefighters. "There's a lot of steps we need to do to make it as safe as possible. For not just the dog but also our rescuers," Augustin said.

The team hooked up a series of ropes and pulleys to lower one team member into the hole. It took the team member about twelve minutes to reach the dog, secure him in a harness and bring him back to the surface.

Cesar appeared healthy and uninjured after he was retrieved from the hole. He shook off a heavy coat of construction dirt and dust and was reunited with his owner at the scene.

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his sponsorship without a response; it is nothing out of the ordinary; since he became Mayor, Vo has never answered emails from HMG-CN.

Later that Tuesday, another sponsor, L.A. vs Hate, emailed HMG-CN concerned about Mai. By Wednesday morning, representative Teresa Villa-McDowell had emailed a statement indicating the organization was pulling its sponsorship; HMG-CN immediately posted the statement on its website.

It took until late Wednesday night, nearly a week after learning about Mai's hate crimes, for Cerritos Mayor Vo and the L.A. County Sheriff to pull their

sponsorship.

It is another embarrassing setback for Vo, who did not take the mayor appointment two years ago, proclaiming he was "too inexperienced."

Ditto for newly elected Councilwoman Lynda Johnson, who is employed by Sheriff Alex Villanueva and secured the sponsorship for the event; Johnson violated the Brown Act in her second meeting when she discussed the Cerritos Sheriff's budget.

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crease in car theft of Hyundais and Kias compared with last year.

The trend challenges teens to steal a car off the street by breaking into the car, popping off the steering wheel column and hot wiring the vehicle using a USB cable, similar to the wire used to charge a phone.

Lakewood resident Brad Carihfield is one of the latest victims of a growing trend after he had his car stolen out of his driveway while he was just feet away in his garage office. The entire robbery was caught on video.

"I was probably five feet away from him and it was 11 in the morning," Carihfield told KTLA.. "And my wife and kids [were] right there in the kitchen and all you have to do is look out the window to see it... But he was in and out in 60 seconds."

LASD has put out a community bulletin advising car owners to install a steering wheel lock, battery disconnect switch, kill switch, car alarm or GPS, and reminding car owners to always lock all windows and doors and park in a well-lit secure area.

A Hyundai spokesperson said the company is pursuing a similar effort to distribute steering wheel locks and that the company will begin selling a security kit next month.

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