

Downey council condemns Gascón

Downey joins Norwalk in a vote of no confidence in the Los Angeles District Attorney, criticizing his policies that decriminalize petty crimes.

By Alex Dominguez and Eric Pierce

DOWNEY – The City Council cast a symbolic vote of no confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón on Tuesday, joining 30 other cities in voicing their displeasure with the DA's controversial directives.

A resolution placed on the agenda by Mayor Claudia M. Frometa criticized Gascón for implementing special directives that result in "undermining the criminal justice system's goal of protecting the general public and victim's rights."

However, the move has been criticized by some in the community for its timeliness, as the council has put off making any kind of such action until after Councilman Mario Trujillo retired from his position with Gascón earlier this month.

Before the vote, the mayor emphasized that the council had no power over the future of the district attorney.

"This is not something that cities should necessarily be bringing forth," said Frometa. "When people elect individuals into office, it is the people who need to take it upon themselves to remove an individual; it's not really cities or councils that need to be discussing this sort of situation."

Frometa went on to say that a vote against Gascón "doesn't mean anything."

"It doesn't mean anything because it is a symbolic vote," said Frometa. "Thirty other cities and other councils, in many cases a 4-1 or 5-0 vote has taken place; nothing has changed. As a council, we can't change the fact that DA Gascón will continue to be DA Gascón."

"The reason we have this matter before us is because I have been listening to the concerns of the residents of Downey."

Neighboring cities including Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs and Whittier have all cast votes of no confidence against the DA.

Gascón has drawn scorn from local communities for declining to prosecute lower-level crimes.

According to statistics provided by the Downey Police Department, Gascón has rejected more than 40% of criminal cases presented to the District Attorney's office for prosecution. Most of the cases were for misdemeanors such as larceny, public intoxication, and trespassing.

Narcotic violations have been rejected at a rate of 90.7%.

Councilman Sean Ashton voiced his displeasure with some of the moves taken by the DA but conceded that Gascón had delivered what he promised on the campaign trail.

"I have to think back on some of these issues, and I think as an elected official, he actually said what he was going to do, and then he got elected, and then he actually did what he was going to do," said Ashton. "When you think of elected officials, regardless of what that was, he actually said what he was going to do. I can think of a lot of elected officials that will tell you one thing and do something else."

Trujillo, who served as one of Gascón's special advisors, was largely deflective and defensive in his comments.

"This idea that murderers will be released in the State of California because George Gascón has issued these directives is being exaggerated to the point where now we're saying he's releasing people, dangerous people, and serious people much earlier," said Trujillo.

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Partial vaccination mandate causes controversy at Cerritos College

Cerritos College will mandate the COVID-19 vaccine or a weekly negative COVID test for students and faculty on campus starting today.

By Vincent Medina Staff Writer

NORWALK – Cerritos College will implement a partial COVID-19 vaccine mandate for students and staff on campus effective today.

Under the policy, everyone on campus must show proof of vaccination or weekly evidence of a negative COVID test. Those who refuse or do not submit the proper documents within 30 days will not be allowed on campus and will be subject to disciplinary action.

Since the campus reopened to 50% capacity on Aug. 16, the college reports that 48 COVID-19 cases were found at the school.

Students at the college disagree about the mandate, arguing that vaccination should be a personal choice.

"I feel that people should not be forced to get it," said Cerritos College child development major Bianca Morales. "The test is acceptable so that everyone on campus is healthy, but nobody should be forced to get it."

Morales stated that she is fully vaccinated, and plans to submit her vaccine card to the college.

Some students who expressed favor in the mandate are those who interact with at-risk individuals almost every day.

"It doesn't make sense not to take the vaccine," said Cerritos College physical therapy assistant Brian Fructuoso. "I'm fully vaccinated. I have to be



Cerritos College students check in at a health screening kiosk to ensure they have no COVID-19 symptoms before heading to class. The college will mandate the COVID-19 vaccine or a weekly negative COVID test for everyone on campus starting Oct. 1. (Photo by Vincent Medina)

careful because I could spread it to someone who doesn't have the capability to fight back against the virus."

The policy is also driving a wedge between staff at the college.

During the Cerritos College Board of Trustees meeting on Sept. 15, Cosmetology Instructor Rossitza Petrova expressed her disdain for the mandate.

"What are you going to do with us tenured staff if we refuse to get this vaccine? Are you going to fire us? Are you prepared for the lawsuits coming your way?" said Petrova.

While the tenured faculty member threatened to sue, the Cerritos College Faculty Federation supports the mandate at the college.

Biological sciences instructor Thomas Taylor expressed his support for the vaccine requirement.

"The only way to end the pandemic as soon as possible is to get 90% of the population vaccinated. The only way to reach the goal of 90% coverage is to implement and enforce a vaccine mandate," said Taylor.

Cerritos College president Dr. Jose Fierro supports the

vaccine requirement, saying it will help protect the community. In an Instagram Live video, he encouraged everyone to get the vaccine and continue following safety procedures.

The Board of Trustees will vote on a full vaccine mandate for the spring 2022 semester in their upcoming meeting on Oct. 6. Under the full mandate, the testing accommodation is removed and everyone on campus must receive the COVID-19 vaccine.



Chick-fil-A opening at former Office Depot

NORWALK – A former Office Depot and Starbucks building will soon make way for Chick-fil-A.

The currently empty 23,783 square foot commercial retail building with an attached 2,159 square foot restaurant located at 10710 Firestone Blvd. will be demolished, and a 4,772 square foot fast food restaurant with a double-lane drive through and a 4,005 square foot commercial building will be constructed.

The site shares a parking lot with Target.

Chick-fil-A will operate six days a week, Monday through Saturday, from 6 am to 11pm.

There were some concerns over the traffic that Chick-fil-A might draw to the area. However, both city staff and the project's applicant were confident in the establishment's drive through, which according to staff's report will be able to cater to over 50 cars at a time.

While the occupant of the commercial building has not been determined yet, it has been indicated that the use would likely be a retail use or dental office.

Planning Commission Chair Kim Apodaca said that the project was a "great opportunity for Chick-fil-A."

"I've always thought that was a wonderful location, a prime location," said Apodaca. "It's near the freeway; you can get off the freeway, you can get on the freeway. I think it's prime and I'm surprised no one has ever - up to this point - utilize it to the fullest."

Construction could begin by the first quarter next year.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Trash rates are going up in Norwalk

NORWALK – An amendment to Norwalk's current solid waste franchise contract with Athens Services was approved last week, ushering in increased rates at the beginning of next year.

The changes come in direct correlation to Senate Bill 1383, an unfunded mandate passed in 2016 that requires the city to implement an organics recycling program. Athens proposed the new amendment (the second to the contract) to enable the city to comply with state legislation.

The existing agreement expires Aug. 1, 2033. The new amendment includes a continuous 12-year agreement that is automatically extended by one additional year each year on Aug. 1, commencing Aug. 1, 2033.

Should the city intend to terminate the agreement, they would supply a "Notice of Intent to Wind-Down," however that cannot commence earlier than Dec. 31, 2026.

Under the new agreement, monthly residential, senior, and commercial rates will increase to \$21.35, \$5.58, and \$206.52 respectively, beginning Jan. 1, 2022.

Any future annual rate adjustments will take place on Jan. 1 each year thereafter.

SB 1383 is a sore spot to the council, who expressed frustrations with having to grapple with mandates that would come at the expense of the city and its residents.

"I do not like being mandated by the states," said Mayor Jennifer Perez. "My husband doesn't even get to mandate what I say and do at home, why should the state mandate what we do here in our city? That's one of the biggest reasons we fight for local control."

Alex Dominguez, staff writer



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1908: Henry Ford introduced the Model T automobile to the market; each car cost \$825.

1939: Winston Churchill described the Soviet Union as "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma" during a radio broadcast.

1957: "In God We Trust" first appeared on U.S. paper currency.

1961: Roger Maris of the New York Yankees hit his 61st home run of the season, breaking the record Babe Ruth set in 1927.

1962: Johnny Carson debuted as regular host of NBC's "Tonight" show.

1964: The Free Speech Movement was launched at the University of California at Berkeley.

1971: Walt Disney World opened in Orlando, Fla.

1982: Sony began selling the first commercial compact disc player in Japan.

1993: Polly Klaas, 12, was abducted from her Petaluma, Calif., home during a slumber party and murdered. (Her case inspired California's three-strikes law.)

2001: The Supreme Court suspended former President Bill Clinton from practicing before the high court.

2008: A \$700 billion financial industry bailout won lopsided passage in the Senate, 74-25, after it was loaded with tax breaks and other sweeteners.

Birthdays

Former U.S. President **Jimmy Carter** (97), "Mary Poppins" actress **Julie Andrews** (86), baseball hall of famer **Rod Carew** (76), former British Prime Minister **Theresa May** (65), retired baseball slugger **Mark McGwire** (58), comedic actor **Zach Galifianakis** (52), and film star **Brie Larson** (32).

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“There’s still a concept of danger that we consider in the office, and for anyone to believe that George Gascón or the staff is bent on releasing dangerous criminals is preposterous.

“There are different systems of checks and balances in this system. We still have three branches of government; Mr. Gascón only serves in one.”

“Let’s not forget that there are judges out there looking

out for us, because they have a responsibility to look out for dangerous individuals and not release them.”

Trujillo added that “we are strapped with budget concerns across the board,” pointing to the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors over the shift in how drug charges are approached.

“The office did make a determination that we would not file on first time offenders in some misdemeanor areas. The narcotics charges... We’re being asked to look at narcotics,

addiction, through a public health lens,” said Trujillo. “Most of these addicts are not dangerous; they’re ill, and many of them are in our families, and you know some of them.”

“For you to believe that the best way to deal with that is to incarcerate people is antiquated. We must use our resources in a way that will address the health concern.

“If you want people to be locked up for carrying a meth pipe, being high as a kite on these drugs, LA County is not

the place where that is going to happen, and much of America is no longer doing it.”

Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez suggested that the council should side with the results of the election but stopped short of voting either for or against the DA.

“Our voters voted for Gascon; he won the majority of votes in Downey,” said Alvarez. “We need to stand with the voters.

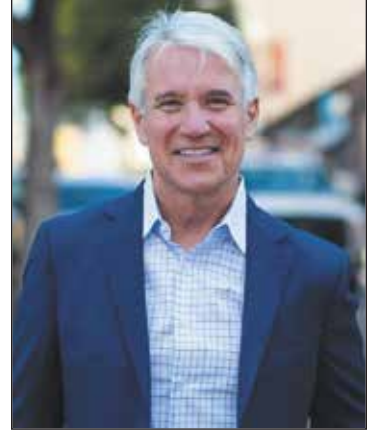
“This is the new way of

thinking about justice. Instead of revenge, let’s give people the opportunity to improve.”

Council members approved the no confidence vote on a 3-1-1 vote, with Trujillo in opposition and Alvarez abstaining.

Shortly after, the mayor asked Trujillo to initiate a dialogue between the city and Gascón.

“What he’s trying to do is commendable; our criminal justice system does need to be reformed,” said Frometa.



George Gascón

Rio Hondo College inspires business acumen in high schoolers at entrepreneur camp

■ Thirty students participated in the two-week camp, learning about the skills necessary to run a successful business.

WHITTIER – Rio Hondo College motivated 30 area high school students to hone their management skills and creative thinking abilities during Entrepreneur Camp Rio, a two-week camp that teaches students the ins and outs of business ownership.

The camp, which ran through Aug. 6, challenged students to think beyond their typical

curriculum by diving into the world of finance, marketing and free enterprise. It was created through a partnership between Rio Hondo College’s Business Division and the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) to inspire the next generation of young business tycoons.

The camp was funded through a \$20,000 California Community College Strong Workforce Grant, allowing all students to participate at no cost.

NFTE, an educational non-profit organization, aims to inspire students to pursue their entrepreneurial goals through

project-based learning. The camp was taught by certified NFTE instructors, who outlined what it takes to create and maintain a business. Students also developed and pitched unique business plans for a competition, with the top three winners receiving cash prizes from Western Governors University.

Whittier High School sophomore Erik Villa won second place for his mobile dialysis e-cart business idea, which caters to dialysis patients with mobility issues. Villa said he was inspired by his father, who suffers from kidney disease and other illnesses.

“I developed an invention that I believe can help many people,” Villa said. “My invention has a deep connection with me, so I was eager to have people interested in my product and see how passionate I am about it.”

Villa said he learned invaluable project development and business management skills thanks to Entrepreneur Camp Rio and plans to someday develop his idea into a real business.

“Entrepreneur Camp Rio is a perfect example of how we’re not only encouraging our students to achieve their career dreams, we’re also encouraging them to positively impact society,”

Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss said. “The students who participated in this camp now have real skills and truly wonderful business ideas that can improve our world.”

Mark Keppel High School junior Kylie Lam saw the Entrepreneur Camp Rio as a great way to fine tune her management skills, oral presentation abilities and overall professionalism. Lam won first place during the camp’s competition for a bubble tea company business pitch.

“As a business major who is undecided on which path to take in the industry, I signed up for this camp hoping that it would

give me a feel of what it was like to be an entrepreneur,” Lam said.

Entrepreneur Camp Rio Coordinator Ivan Leon said he was thrilled to help inspire students to start their own businesses by encouraging their future goals and ideas.

“I think it is imperative to offer a program such as this; it encourages innovation, financial freedom and the further well-being of our economy,” Leon said.

Red Cross hosting blood drive to replenish supplies

NORWALK – Facing its lowest post-summer blood supply since 2015, the American Red Cross has scheduled a series of blood drives throughout Southern California, including one in Norwalk.

“Fall is typically a time when the blood supply rebounds as donors are more available to give than during the busy summer months, but this year has

presented a unique and serious challenge,” said Dr. Pampee Young, chief medical officer for the Red Cross.

“While it’s clear the pandemic continues to weigh heavily on our minds, the Red Cross asks the public to remember donating blood and platelets is essential to the many patients that rely on lifesaving transfusions every

day.”

Locally, a blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Wells Fargo located at 11732 Firestone Blvd.

Donors will receive a digital coupon good for a free Zaxby’s sandwich or a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice.

Make an appointment online

at RedCrossBlood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110

pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

The Red Cross has updated its pandemic safety protocols in alignment with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

and Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Fully vaccinated individuals, including staff and donors, no longer need to wear masks or socially distance.

Unvaccinated individuals continue to be required to wear masks and socially distance.

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Norwalk Community Calendar

MONDAYS

1st Mon., 6 pm - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers

TUESDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1 pm - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall
 1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
 1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - City Council - Council Chambers
 3rd Tues., 5:45 pm - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS

1st & 3rd Wed., 7 pm - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant
 2nd Wed., 10:30 am - Norwalk Woman's Club - Faith Church
 2nd & 4th Wed., 1:30 pm - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
 2nd & 4th Wed., 6 pm - Soroptimist International - Via Zoom
 2nd & 4th Wed., 7:30 pm - Planning Commission - Council Chambers
 4th Wed., 11:30 am - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

7 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church
 2nd Thurs., 6 pm - 605 Kiwanis Club - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant
 2nd Thurs., 7 pm - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm - Golden Trowel - Norwalk Masonic Lodge

SATURDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall
 2nd Sat., 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - 1st Christian Church of Norwalk

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EDNA St. Vincent Millay (19 Across) had an early rise to fame, due to her winning the Pulitzer Prize for poetry at age 31, the first woman so honored. "Big SKY Country" (28 Across) as a nickname for Montana was coined by novelist A.B. Guthrie Jr., in his 1947 novel *The Big Sky*. Glenda Jackson (55 Across) received the second of her two Best Actress Academy Awards for *A TOUCH OF CLASS*.

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| 5 Small research subject | 2 Genesis setting |
| 11 Recipe amts. | 3 Minor glitch |
| 15 European range | 4 Unspoken but implied |
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| 20 Beethoven's 3rd | 6 Timetable abbr. |
| 21 Color akin to teal | 7 More domineering |
| 22 Aerobic maneuver | 8 Durable Oriole great |
| 23 Doris Day/Clark Gable film | 9 __-deuce (dice roll of 3) |
| 25 Zodiac beast | 10 Art of biceps |
| 26 Nickname for Dolores | 11 Proscribed acts |
| 27 Blood-vessel prefix | 12 Soft and yielding |
| 28 Big __ Country (Montana) | 13 Ability to influence |
| 29 Fencing blade | 14 <i>On the Road</i> narrator |
| 30 Does a fall chore | 15 Homogenous |
| 31 Local, to campus folk | 16 "Now see here ..." |
| 34 Cupid equivalent | 17 Global extreme |
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| 36 Sports org for Va. Tech | 24 Something funny |
| 39 Ralph Fiennes Best Picture Oscar film | 29 Pringles alternative |
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La Mirada sweeps Bellflower, 3-0, in Suburban League matchup

■ The Matadores have turned their season around after a slow start and now find themselves competing for the top of the standings.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

BELLFLOWER – After starting the season with 11 consecutive losses, the La Mirada High School girls volleyball team has turned things around and have won eight of the last 13 matches and are 3-1 in the Suburban League.

The Matadores, who are 8-16 overall, defeated host Bellflower (1-17, 0-4) Tuesday, 3-0, to remain in the hunt for first place in league.

La Mirada swept the Buccaneers, 25-22, 25-13, 25-20, in the three sets.

Mayfair, with an 11-5 overall record, remains atop the league with a 4-0 record, followed by La Mirada (3-1), Norwalk (1-3) and Bellflower (0-4).

Junior middle blocker Milan Nimeh (4 digs) and sophomore opposite Alyssa Meraz led the team with five kills each, while senior outside hitter Layla Monteon had four kills.

Senior middle blocker Brooke Gonzalez and junior outside hitter Bailey Mahan (5 digs) had three kills each.

La Mirada Junior setter Alyssa Romero and senior setter Kaelyn Corns had 12 and nine assists, respectively.

Matadores libero Zayetsi Diaz led the team with 13 digs and Monteon had eight.

“It’s been tough (in the beginning),” first-year La

Mirada coach Kim Mahan said. “It’s been tough on the girls and you feel defeated. We started late and we don’t have our gym.

“We only had three or four weeks to practice. We are all walk-on coaches and got started late. In the Kennedy Tournament we won three games in a row. I think just really practicing helped us. We were struggling a lot with our passing and then improved.”

Mahan, who is a 1999 La Mirada graduate and has been a lower division coach for 14 years, was named coach in July, replacing longtime coach Linda Reich.

Reich won three league titles for the Matadores.

“We always say we are a second-set team, because we always start slow and I don’t know what it is,” added Kim Mahan. “It takes a while for the energy and the chemistry to get going.”

“They (Bellflower) are a very scrappy team and they do not give up at all.”

Kim Mahan, who was the freshman coach last year, is now with her longtime friend and last year’s JV coach, Jennifer Patterson. She is now on varsity as an assistant coach.

“It’s really wonderful to work with someone when we have both been in the program for so long,” said Patterson, who is in her 17th year in the program and played with Mahan’s sister April on the La Mirada volleyball team. “We know each other’s thinking and know exactly what to do and have the same routine we’ve had for years.”

“It’s amazing to mesh with somebody (Mahan) already and then come up to varsity.”

In the match, La Mirada briefly led in the first set, 4-3, but the Buccaneers led by as much as five points, 18-13, later in the set.

The comeback by La Mirada then began with a couple of Bellflower errors and a kill by Nimeh and later a kill by Romero and Gonzalez to trail by a point, 20-19.

The highlight of the set, however, was a diving play on a long rally by senior libero Zayetsi Diaz.

“We were all over the place and I saw the ball right in the middle and I knew that I had to get it,” Diaz remembered. “I just went for it. It felt really good to get that ball and pop it up.”

Diaz also said the team wasn’t focused early in the first set.

“I think we weren’t really focusing in the first set,” she said. “We beat (Bellflower) last time and I think we thought, ‘Oh, we beat them before.’”

“We just needed to calm down and get down to the basics.”

They got down to the basics and after a Diaz service ace to lead for the first time since early in the set, 22-21, La Mirada won three out of the last four points for the set-one win.

Nimeh, who had two kills in the first set, gave the Matadores set-point with a tip-over for the 24-22 lead and Bellflower hit the ball out for the last point.

The second set was pretty much all La Mirada, except for a stretch that saw Bellflower win four points in a row from a 12-3 deficit to 13-7.

In that stretch, junior middle Abie Van Nerynen went down with what appeared to be a serious ankle injury.

Just 10 points later with the Matadores building up an 18-10 lead, a second similar injury occurred to senior opposite Mia Rodriguez.

“I think that really rattled us as a team because they are two of our main players,” Nimeh said. “Hopefully, they get back soon and we’re just going to work through it without them.”

Monteon added, “The two injuries took a toll on us during the game and we were out of rotation, and seeing them on the side and we’re still out here playing. That hurt.”

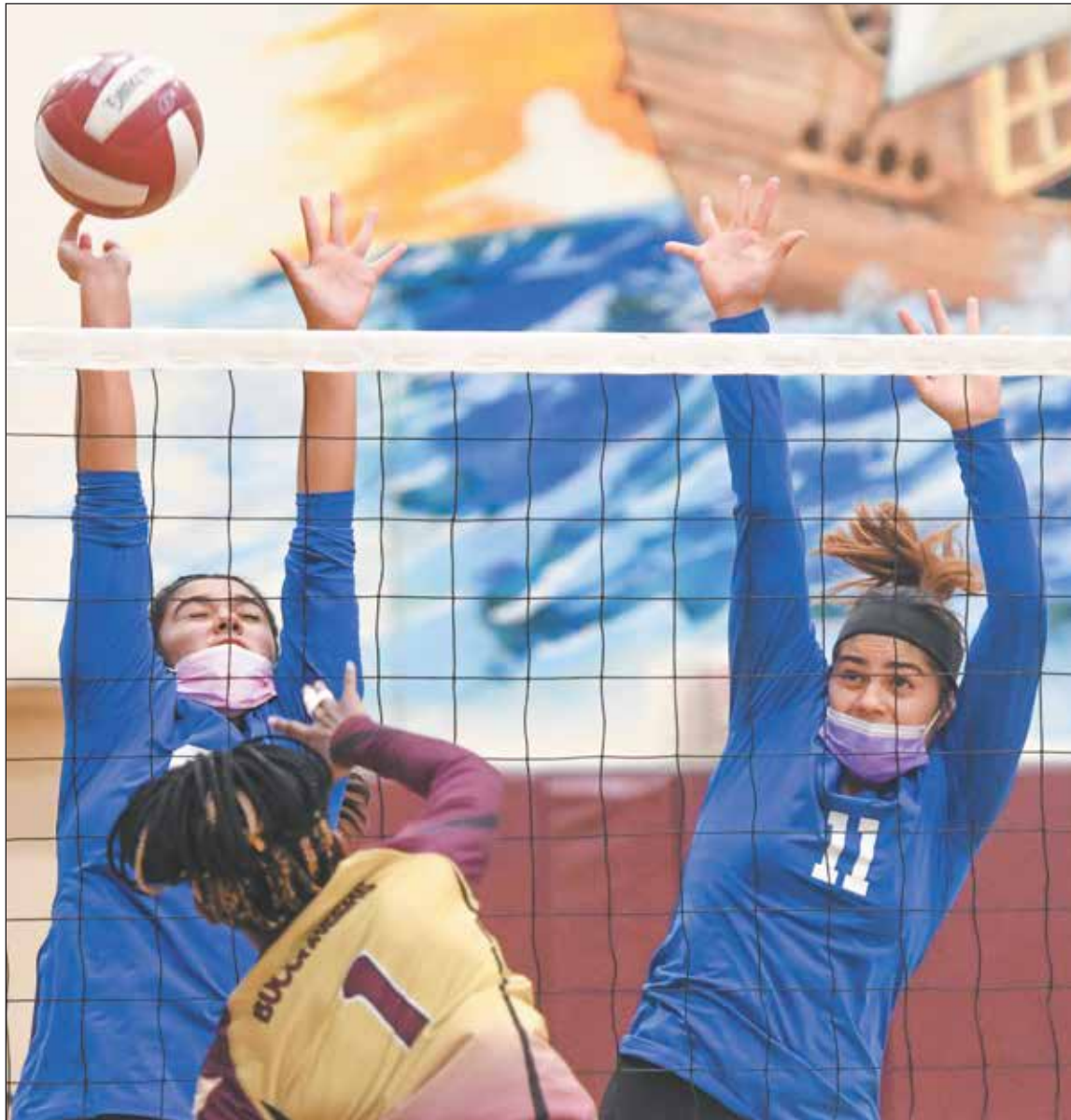
“After we started scoring and we forgot what just happened, we got back into the game again.”

Kim Mahan also said of the injuries: “I’ve never seen two players get hurt that close together.”

The Matadores finished the second set on a roll, outscoring Bellflower, 7-2, for the win.

Highlighting the run was a service ace by junior outside hitter Mikayla Gonzalez and a kill to end the set by Meraz.

In the third and final set, Bellflower had a comfortable lead, 11-5, after a five-point run



La Mirada’s Alyssa Meraz (20) and Brooke Gonzalez (11) leap to block a hit as they play Bellflower in their Suburban League game at Bellflower High School on Tuesday. La Mirada defeated Bellflower 3-0. (Photo by Keith Durflinger)



La Mirada’s Bailey Mahan (5) hits a shot over Bellflower defenders in their Suburban League game at Bellflower High School on Tuesday. La Mirada defeated Bellflower 3-0. (Photo by Keith Durflinger)

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The Matadores began their comeback, highlighted by a kill from Brooke Gonzalez and a service ace by Diaz to tie the game at 12-12.

Nimeh was serving (5 consecutive points) when La Mirada took the lead for good, 16-15, and never looked back, outscoring Bellflower, 9-5, to end the match.

Nimeh had a tip-over for the win.

“We just have a team that doesn’t have a lot of experience,” said Bellflower Volleyball coach Henry Chen, who has been the head coach since 2009. “We run a system that is more complex than most teams and it requires a lot of communication and ball control.

But we’re getting there.

“We know that it’s going to be a battle with La Mirada and they’ve improved a lot too. They are well coached and we’ve always been battling them every year. We’re rivals with everybody. It’s a small league.

“We made a lot of unforced errors. We missed serves and easy swings. But, that’s part of learning. La Mirada is a very solid program. They’re going to capitalize.

“It’s awesome to coach in a normal season. I’m just happy for the kids.”

La Mirada is made up of players from softball, soccer, track, water polo and swimming.

La Mirada, which has four games remaining in the regular

season, has two games left with first-place Mayfair and one game with Norwalk and Bellflower.

What they said:

Bailey Mahan, junior outside hitter: “I’ve danced for nine years and I’m always on my toes and move a lot. We always kind of start off (slow), which I don’t know why we do that. We always come back and need to work on that. In the first tournament, that’s where we started doing a lot better. From there, we just improved a lot. It feels good to be winning.”

Milan Nimeh, junior middle blocker: “I think from us not playing for two years because of Covid and everything, that set everyone back. I knew that we had something when we started, but it just took a while to get it out of everyone. I feel like, now on the court, we have more chemistry as a team and we understand each other. That’s been a big difference.”

Layla Monteon, senior opposite: “(Losing) was scary in the beginning since we’re all athletes from different sports. I play softball. They (Nimeh and Mahan) play soccer. I think in the beginning we all knew where we could go with us being athletic, but it was just hard getting to this point, starting to come together.

“Our first tournament (Kennedy High), we spent the whole day together and that helped. We play super slow in our first game.”

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