Environmental Charter High School Hosts Earth Carnival

By Haleemon Anderson

More than 600 K-12 students from LA area schools attended the Earth Carnival at Environmental Charter High School in Lawndale on June 2. (Note: Inglewood is home to Environmental Charter Middle School.) The students designed and led booths of custom-made sustainable action and healthy living games and activities. In the photo from left: R. Christopher Loye, Ricardo Victorio, Monica Martinez Bautista, Alice Pennington, Kevena More, and Penado (all 10th graders). Students "Speak for Trees" at their booth educating their younger counterparts about deforestation. They played Jenga to demonstrate the more trees you remove to build up, the more unstable the environment would be. Photo by Julie Yo

Council Says Lawndale Legacy Grevillea Gardens Expansion May Proceed

By Haleemon Anderson

The Lawndale City Council passed a balanced budget at this week’s meeting and, in a move fraught with contention for months, approved initial go-ahead for a mixed-use expansion at Grevillea and West 153rd Street. The project is under development by Awad Investments and would add 42 condo-style units to the Lawndale landscape. The construction was most recently challenged at the April 17 Council meeting when a longtime resident filed an appeal citing objections to the building’s design. The appellant did not appear at Monday’s meeting.

The Council heard public comment for and against the project, including an impassioned plea from a resident and representative of KTLA news station, who opposed the project. Most complaints against the development were the basis of [the] appeal.” Shawn Moore, Director of Community Development, pointed out staff’s revised report and a list of 12 concessions agreed to by the developer, including increased parking and storage space. The developer agreed to add two onsite “tot lots” and pursue a coffeehouse or similar type fast-casual store within the commercial space. Perhaps the most sweeping concession is the request for $1,500 per unit to fund a traffic study in the vicinity. Ultimately the Council voted unanimously to adopt staff’s findings and approve the special use permit, design review and density bonus sought by Awad to begin construction.

The Mayor noted this decision was not without trepidation. State mandates require new developments be designed for high-density occupancy, especially near mass transit. Then too, the property owner has rights that must be balanced with the City’s rights. “It’s a delicate balance for us as policymakers. The law and regulations dictate how these projects are developed and what concessions have to be made,” said Pullen-Miles. "Those findings are going to drive our conclusions.”

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In November 2016, the voters of Lawndale approved Measure L, a general obligation bond that will provide the Lawndale Elementary School District (LESD) with $27 million to improve outdated and worn facilities. This summer, the District will embark on the first of several projects to utilize those bond funds. The first projects will be to replace leaking and worn roofs and provide a fresh coat of exterior paint on the buildings. Because we offer student improvements and more appealing appearance and provide a protective coating to all exterior walls.

Overview of Summer 2017 Measure L Projects

Roofting: This project involves the complete re-roofing of FDR Elementary, William Green Elementary, and William Anderson Elementary. The re-roofing being installed will come with a 30-year warranty and will help to mitigate the water damage we saw at those sites during the heavy rains last year.

Painting: William Green Elementary, William Anderson Elementary, Will Rogers Middle, and Jane Adams Middle will all receive a fresh coat of paint this summer. This will provide an improved and more appealing appearance and provide a protective coating to all exterior walls.

The District has worked diligently with the construction companies to make them aware of both the City’s noise ordinance, as well as dust control and mitigation requirements during the course of the projects. LESD indicated that every effort will be made to reduce inconveniences caused by the construction project on the general public.

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Zulema Chavez was the only female recruit to graduate from the El Camino Fire Academy this spring, a motivating factor for the future female firefighter. “I honestly loved it,” said Zulema, one of 31 recruits in Fire Academy Class 148. When people see a female in a program like this with a bunch of guys, I guess they can’t help but judge. But I think it pushes me to do better, maybe even try harder than any of the guys. It’s a good thing.”

The graduation celebration also featured a demonstration of the recruits’ skills in controlling a structure fire and a vehicle fire. For more than 50 years, the El Camino Fire Academy has trained approximately 8,000 graduates who are employed in fire departments across Southern California and the United States. Many stay in the South Bay to serve their community.

Zulema, who will be the first firefighter in her family, said she hopes to one day work as a medic in an area fire department. She said the Fire Academy was both a mental and physical challenge, and a diverse learning experience. “You have to be 100 percent dedicated,” she said. “It’s really rewarding.”

The Fire Academy’s core content meets the highest level of training for firefighters. Graduates receive California State Fire Marshal Certificates for their studies in fire control, auto extraction, confined space awareness and HAZMAT first responder operations. The Fire Academy facility in Inglewood features a 30-seat classroom and an engine-four story fire training tower, and a fire environment building in which students combat live fires.

Academy instructors are from the Los Angeles area and represent nearly a dozen professional fire departments. In addition, many instructors are training officers in their own departments.

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**Frankie**

Frankie is a friendly, playful, 10-month-old Russian Blue who was rescued off the streets of LA and quickly became accustomed to living the life of luxury! Frankie likes to cuddle and purrs like a lion, makes biscuits and drools like a puppy. He’s an active teenage boy who needs to have lots of fun and attention. Playing fetch with his people is his favorite game! After a short intro period, Frankie is good with new humans and other kittens. He has met a couple of small dogs before and could possibly consider living with the right one.

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Nina is an adorable delight! This gorgeous Maine Coon lady is very social and friendly with everyone. Easily adaptable and curious, she doesn’t hide in fear like some cats. Nina comes running to the door when you enter the room and enjoys having company over too! She likes attention, but is not needy and enjoys her independence. Nina prefers to be the only pet. When you tell her no, she understands and listens. She is the perfect cat for someone looking for an adorable, playful companion. She likes getting petted and chin scratches, and has a whiskey girt communication. Confident and content, she is happy to lounge around and check out the world from her chill perspective. Our fabulous Nina would love a peaceful home with cool people and would be content as an office kitty, or in a quiet studio greeting visitors.

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Callie is affectionate and full of love. Callie and her brother, Dash, are both purr machines and great for cuddling. Dash is basically the sweetest boy on the planet and Callie is a real hoot! They’re also very shady and love to let loose and play. Callie is the friskier one of the two, but that doesn’t mean Dash isn’t always down for a good time. They love wrestling with each other, trying to swipe their feather teaser toys, playing with stuffed chew mice and anything that rolls and makes noise. Callie and Dash are very bonded and rely on each other for comfort (the love that these two have for each other will melt your heart!), so a home willing to adopt them both is a must! Their little faces and fluffy tummies are the cutest thing you will ever see in the morning—and once they feel comfortable, Callie and Dash will drown you in love, snuggles and kitty kisses.

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Ducks Fly South for Summer

By Adam Serrao

Amidst all of the current hoopla surrounding the NBA Finals and Major League Baseball, there remains the long seemingly forgotten sport of hockey. Ducks always seem to get overshadowed by sports like basketball and baseball — but during that relative eclipse, local professional teams like the Los Angeles Kings and the Anaheim Ducks have their way of advancing into a Stanley Cup Final or two.

While the Kings had their runs in 2012, 2014, the Ducks’ last cup victory was 10 years ago in 2007. Anaheim has come close to enjoying an appearance in two or in the Final since then, but after being knocked out and taken down by a predator this year, the Ducks find themselves left with nothing but empty hands and an offseason full of questions on what comes next.

Nothing quite gets Los Angeles buzzing like the off-season for the Ducks. As the Ducks kick off another post season run through the playoffs by the Los Angeles Kings. Bars are packed, banners are flying, and every game that Dustin Brown scores, Drew Doughty, Anze Kopitar and Jonathan Quick take the ice becomes an event. The Ducks, on the other hand, came and went from the post season with a whimper, and with the Cup playoffs without creating much of a buzz in L.A. at all.

Sure, Anaheim made it into the conference finals to face off against this year’s Stanley Cup participant, the Nashville Predators. With that most precious spot in the Final up for grabs, though, the Ducks admittedly failed to execute in positions that mattered the most on a continuous basis. “I don’t think our competitive level was where it needed to be,” Ducks captain Ryan Getzlaf explained after a pivotal Game 5 loss at home. “I think they came out and worked harder than we did in the second and third periods. That was another difference in the game.”

Getzlaf pointed out to be the difference in the series and in Anaheim’s season as well. The Predators went on to oust a 6-3 win in Game 6 of the series to clinch a victory in the Western Conference Finals and advance to the Stanley Cup Final for the first time in their 18-year existence. The Ducks didn’t go down without a fight, but the second in a three year team that ultimately stacked off the ice with the same feeling of a team that is going to be seemingly getting ever so used to nowadays.

“This is the worst feeling in hockey,” Getzlaf said once his team’s history was finally bitten by the playoffs, which could take the series to the next level. “It’s the worst.”

With injuries across the roster and a guisade in Jonathan Bernier who was making his first career playoff start, Anaheim put together a valiant effort in an impressive comeback attempt that tied Game 6 at 3-3. Nashville’s speed and execution were ultimately too much for a Ducks team that, despite their grit, wound up taking a 6-3 loss. “There’s a lot of fight in this room,” dejected Perry related. “This one’s going to sting for a while,” he said, surely echoing the sentiments of all Ducks fans alike.

There is certainly no reason to believe that the Ducks don’t have the team structure to remain competitive next season, but with every loss of the Stanley Cup Final also comes the inevitable call for change. With the expansion draft waiting in the wings, the Ducks face the real possibility that they may not be able to keep all of their top talent. Kevin Bieksa is a player who has been mentioned in trade talks, but he has no no-movement clause built into his contract. Great defense players like Hampus Lindholm and Sami Vatanen will be sidelined for extended periods of time that could bleed into the beginning of next year’s regular season.

Bernier could be off to other teams on the trade market as well. That being said, an already difficult Anaheim offseason may be even more challenging than originally planned.

If none of the aforementioned players on the roster become available, the Ducks may have to look into moving a player like Cam Fowler who, despite having his best season in years, still had subpar numbers this past year. Fowler should be difficult to fit under the cap in future years, so don’t be surprised if Anaheim tries to move him in a trade now.

If not Fowler, then Josh Manson could also fit into a possible trade scenario that would work out for Anaheim in the long run.

No matter what happens in the offseason to the roster, the facts remain that last year’s Anaheim Ducks came close, but simply didn’t have enough to reach the Stanley Cup Final. One way or another, the Ducks will be forced to lose at least one quality player on the roster, forcing the team to take a different look into its chase for the Cup next season.

As the NHL season officially winds down, Anaheim is now left sitting at home to watch the Ducks—the team that beat them face-to-face against the Pittsburgh Penguins in what has already been an extremely exciting Stanley Cup Final. How much the Ducks, there are two other squads battling it out to decide the league’s best hockey team once again.

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