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National competition

Virtual Enterprise's Highrise Gardens moves on to competition in New York City

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On Jan. 17-18, the two business plan teams from Virtual Enterprise competed in two rounds at the regional competition with hopes of making it to the state competition. The regional competition consisted of 106 teams throughout the state. Forty-two teams advanced which consisted of both BHS teams. Highrise Gardens and Novel Pursuit placed in the top 16 out of 106 schools.

On Jan. 17, both teams competed in the 3rd round and advanced again. The 4th round consisted of 16 teams. After this round, the groups had to wait anxiously for a phone call to see if either of the teams moved onto the top 8.

Virtual Enterprise students start from scratch and start their virtual businesses on the first day of school. Novel Pursuit was developed last year while the pathway was doing their final presentations. Natalia Peralta was presenting in a marketing plan and she decided to create an interactive board game based on a book.

Mrs.(Robin)Buckles thought it was a great idea and everyone in Virtual Enterprise loved it. Novel Pursuit competed in four rounds at the Bakersfield competition, Novel Pursuit placing top 16 out over 100 teams is huge.

"Competition season for me has always been exciting for me. I've been in Virtual Enterprise since I was a sophomore and the first time I stepped foot on the trade show floor I fell in love with the atmosphere. The opportunity to meet new people and network, and the feel-

ing of knowing that anything is possible kept me going despite what the results were," said Giselle Hernandez."

Even though Novel Pursuit did not place in top six their CEO Giselle Hernandez said, "I am proud of my company for being able to face their fears of presenting and placing in most of their presentations, they proved that they were paying attention to class discussions and were dedicated. Although we didn't make it as far as I wanted to, as CEO I am more than proud of what my business plan team accomplished, top 16 out of over 100 teams is a huge accomplishment that we should be proud of."

The other company, Highrise Gardens, it's an agricultural engineering corporation specializing in aeroponic technology. Aeroponics is a plant cultivation technique in which the roots hang suspended in the air while nutrient solution is delivered to them in the form of a fine mist.

Enrique Moreno, chief operating officer (COO) was on Youtube one night and he came upon a video on Buzzfeed that talked about this company that was building rooftop gardens. Enrique Moreno then brought the idea to the class which was unanimously selected as the idea for the company. Abraham Padilla, chief information officer (CIO) then added on to the idea, which developed the idea of aeroponics and that is how they made the switch.

"During competition, I was nervous but I tried to hold back from making my teammates feel nervous because it's like a domino effect," said Alejandro Contreras.

Highrise Gardens business plan team will be competing in New York, Alejandro could not believe he will be going along with his team; Abraham Padilla, Enrique Moreno, Roxanna Canales, and Daniela Lopez.

"It has been such an incredible experience to go to national level and it is all thanks to the team of Highrise Gardens and Mrs. Buckles for making this possible," continued Alejandro.

Back row: Ezra Zaroff-Hernandez. **Third row:** Alexis Rodriguez-Gomez, Maritza Barajas, Gabriel Huerta, Malachi Gonzalez, Gyselle Mendoza, Lizzandra Perez, Angela Tello, Angela Aguilar, Nereida Chavez. **Second row:** Jocelyn Villalobos, Christian Garcia, Vernice Gutierrez, Natali Carmona, Andrea Gonzalez, Ariana Gamez, Briana Perez-Pulido, Sabrina Escalante, Victoria Martinez. **Bottom row:** Abraham Padilla, Enrique Moreno, Alejandro Contreras, Roxanna Canales, Daniela Lopez.



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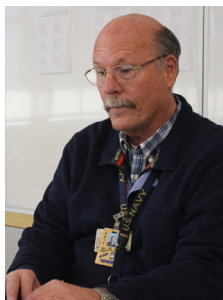
Saying goodbye

Several teachers leaving at the end of the year

In November, the Colton Joint Unified School District offered what is called a "Golden Handshake" to all faculty and administration in the district. "The golden handshake is another name for what they call a SERP; it's a service or a school employer retirement program and it's an incentive to get teachers or public school staff to retire sooner. Teachers who have been teaching for a while make more money than newer teachers, by replacing older teachers the district frees up money. The golden handshake gave the teachers 75% of their salary above what they would normally get for their retired benefits for the next five years," said Principal Sandy Torres.

Several teachers have decided to take the district's offer and will be retiring in June. There is one more surprise teacher that will be retiring, we will feature her in our next issue.

Mr. Michael Finn



Picture this. Joining the Navy because it had been your dream for all your life only to realize that your true calling is teaching. Mr. Finn, who has been teaching for 21 years, was in this exact situation. He chose to leave the military to pursue his second career.

"I'm looking forward to retiring, I think it's time I've paid my dues."

Most people know who Mr. Finn is, but what they don't know is how Mr. Finn ended up teaching high school math.

After being in the military for 13 years, he started to train kids just entering the service and by doing this he became

passionate about teaching. He wanted to get his PhD in economics and teach college.

"I was a young lonely lieutenant in the Navy and the admiral asked me to work with Upward Bound kids and take them on tours in the afternoon. It was the first time I had ever worked with high school students and I fell in love with it and so I got out of the Navy and went to college to get my teaching credential for high school."

However, he's not completely retire. "I loved every minute of teaching and continue to love every minute of and that why I am going to continue keeping my fingers in it as a substitute teacher."

Mrs. Laurel Jolliff

Year after year, hundreds of kids graduate from Bloomington High School. They stay the time that's required then



leave and live their lives. For Mrs. Jolliff, a biology and zoology teacher, her situation is no different. After teaching for 24 years, she believes her time to retire has come.

Traveling and family is what comes after retirement.

"For now I'll just travel to visit friends and family here in the states, I don't know about international travel. Just spending time with friends and family, things I don't have time to do now."

Despite her excitement for the future, Mrs. Jolliff will always remember the good times she has spent with her fellow colleagues in the science department.

"We've had a really good group of science teachers, everyone helps each oth-

er and that makes it a really nice place to work. We have parties once a year, Christmas time we have a big luncheon, and we have even started doing the white elephant gift exchange. It's been a really fun time."

Mr. Michael Branch



Traveling is also on Mr. Branch's agenda once he retires. He has been teaching for a total of 14 years, 11 on this campus. He teaches consumers math and Algebra 1.

Prior to teaching, he worked as a computer technician for a company that closed. "Honestly and truly I became a teacher because I needed a job and besides everyone kept telling me that I would make a good teacher, that I knew how to teach," said Mr. Branch.

After 14 years Mr. Branch has finally decided it's time to retire and pursue what he has always wanted to do, travel.

"It's about time, I put in my dues. After retiring, I will move into Orange County just to be a little closer to my friends and I'd like to travel if the money affords," said Mr. Branch.

Mr. Branch is no stranger to traveling. He has visited very popular countries like Scotland and Rome but exotic locations like Antarctic as well..

"I will travel almost anywhere, but I'd like to try New Zealand for a month. I've been to several places in Europe and I probably would go back. But the main place I would like to go to would be Nova Scotia... way on the edge facing all the storms in the Atlantic. Adventures, overall I like adventures," said Mr. Branch.

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Four winter sports go to playoffs

The last home game on Feb. 7 the boys soccer team had to fight, fight, fight. Fight for the Sunkist League title. Fight against Kaiser. Fight for a playoff berth. That final game determined if the Bruins would win Sunkist League back to back. The varsity players were feeling the pressure and it was all up to them to defend their title and they did.



"I had high hopes for this season and we actually did pretty well. We had to fight until the very last game to win Sunkist League title," said captain Issac Zuniga.

The boys had to win in order to be Sunkist League champions back to back and at least tie to go to playoffs. For Kaiser, they wanted to play the spoiler. The stands were packed.

"The crowd cheering on both sides of the stadium helped us maintain our momentum. FoHi guys even showed up. If we lost, they are league champs," said Isaac "Hash" Davila.

The boys fought and won the game 1-0. Everyone was hyped, you could feel the energy from the stands and the team members on the bench. Every single player in the field giving it their all, they didn't want it, they

Varsity player Sarai Montoya, center back, lets go on a free kick against Montclair.

needed it.

"We were ready for this game to happen, I knew whatever happened I was going to be proud of my team," said Divian Falcon.

Unfortunately, the happy feeling was shorted lived for the Sunkist League Champs. Their first playoff game was against La Quinta on Feb. 16. The boys lost 1-3.

Powerhouse. Dynasty. Empire. It seems that the girls soccer team doesn't know how to lose. For the second year in a row and the fifth time in seven years, the girls have taken first place in league and qualified for playoffs.

"An important thing I've learned while being a part of this team is that the only reason we're gonna get beat, is not because we got beat by another team, but because we're gonna beat ourselves," said Xochitl Montoya.

"I'm excited for CIF, we've worked so hard and I know

we're ready. It's a whole new team, we've lost a lot of seniors and now there's a bunch of freshman so we started off fresh," said Jocelyn.

The first playoff game was Feb. 15 against Montclair. Unfortunately, another CIF game was not in the cards. They lost in penalty kicks 2-3.

The boys basketball team has been like no other. Coming out in third place in league; going into playoffs with a record of 6-4.

"Marvelous. Simply Marvelous. Our players have put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into this season. These young men have been committed to winning since last June and it shows in our record and how we play on the floor. We have a lot of work to do to accomplish our goals but I know we can get there with this group of young scholar athletes. Phenomenal season, thus far," said Coach Eric Aubry varsity head coach. Coach

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It's about time

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The cafeteria is scheduled to be done by Feb. 20 but we also have to wait for Nutrition Services to get settled in. Other than that it should be open by late February and early March," said Mr. Torres.

The construction of the cafeteria began back in May, 2017. The ribbon cutting for the new cafeteria is set to be on Wed. March 14 at 8:15AM. The band and ROTC will be performing. The cafeteria is scheduled to start serving food on April 2, right after spring break.

"We plan to have parent meetings, community meetings, and school banquets take place in the cafeteria," said Mr. Torres.

Also there will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the George Eddings baseball field renovations on Wed., April 11 at 3:00PM.

Taking the time

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Some of you may have went to change your schedule after break but realized your counselor Mrs. Heather Butterworth was replaced by a friendly man. His name is Alan O'Neal.

Mr. O'Neal is not new to the school. He started working here in 1980 as a math teacher and counselor officially retiring in 2010. Mrs. Heather Butterworth has taken a leave of absence for medical reasons and Mr. O'Neal is the only substitute teacher in the district that can take over.

Mr. O'Neal is 80 years old. Before teaching he has proudly served in the Air Force. He said his first priority is to make sure seniors graduate and are never late to class. "I'm here for the students not the paycheck," said Mr. O'Neal.

Monica Gonzalez said, "Mr. O'Neal is a very energetic man who genuinely cares about the students. He also will run around campus and make calls to see we have the classes we need."

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2017 A Year in review

2017 was a year for highs and lows for US and the world

The Women's March took place on Jan. 21, 2017 at 7 AM. The purpose was to advocate legislation and policies regarding human rights, women's rights, immigration reform, healthcare reform, reproductive rights, and more. It is estimated that over 500,000 participated in the march in Washington, D.C. The first march was held to send a message to the president on his first day in office to show that women's rights are human rights.

Mary Tyler Moore, age 80 died on Jan. 25. The star of TV's beloved **The Mary Tyler Moore Show** whose comic realism helped revolutionize the depiction of women on the small screen.

On Feb. 25, Bill Paxton, 61, died due to complications of heart surgery. A prolific and charismatic actor who had memorable roles in such blockbusters as **Apollo 13**, **Titanic**, **Tombstone**, **Twister** and HBO's series **Big Love** among many other famous movies. **The Circle** was released after his death.

Judge Joseph Wapner, died Feb. 25 at age 97. The retired Los Angeles judge who presided over **The People's Court** with steady force during the heyday of the reality courtroom show.

Rock 'n' roller Chuck Berry died March 18 at age 90. He was rock 'n' roll's founding guitar hero and storyteller who defined the music's joy and rebellion in such classics as **Johnny B. Goode**, **Sweet Little Sixteen** and **Roll Over Beethoven**.

On April 20, China successfully launched the Tianzhou-1 into space. The Tianzhou-1 is the first unmanned cargo spacecraft that China has launched. China hopes to build their own space station by 2022 that will go into orbit for at least ten years. The Tianzhou-1's purpose is to fuel the current space station with six astronauts on board.

On May 22, there was a bombing at an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester, London. The bomber was 22-year old

Salman Abedi. The bombing was ruled as a suicide attack. Abedi's sister believes the reason he did this is because he wanted revenge for the deaths of Muslim children in the Middle East.

On May 23, Roger Moore died at age 89. He was the suave star of seven James Bond films from 1973-1985. Moore's version of Bond was known for his sense of humour and witty one liners.

Infamous dictator Manuel Noriega died on May 29 at age 83. A former Panamanian dictator and onetime U.S. ally who was ousted as Panama's dictator by an American invasion in 1989.

On June 4, helicopters circling the venue, tons of security checks, police dogs on their leashes, lines of fans, One Love Manchester hit the Old Trafford Cricket Ground in Old Trafford, Manchester. Two weeks after a bomb killed 22 Arianators; Ariana Grande held a concert to raise money to help those in need. The sold out benefit concert raised more than \$13 million. "I want to thank you so much for coming together and being strong," Ariana Grande told the crowd.

Actor Adam West best known as his straight-faced portrayal of Batman in campy 1960s TV series and lifted the tight-clad Caped Crusader into the national consciousness, died on June 9 at age 88.

Early morning on July 20, band members of Linkin Park (1999-2017) gather to retrieve Chester Bennington (lead singer) whom they found lifeless. There to pick him up for a pre-tour photo shoot, they were surprised to find his body hanging from the ceiling. At the age of 41, Bennington took his own life at his home in Palos Verdes Estates. Some speculation to his death includes the fact that he committed suicide on the birthday of a former band member, Chris Cornell (also committed suicide). Though his life ended incredibly soon in the eyes of his die-hard fans, he accomplished several great things such as a successful marriage with six kids both of whom he left

all his money and possessions to.

In July, North Korea had a missile called Hwasong-14 with a potential range of 6,200 miles, not quite able to reach North America. Then, in November, North Korea launched a intercontinental ballistic missile capable of reaching US mainland. In addition, an ICBM launched from North Korea could take half an hour to reach the U.S. mainland.

With the increased tension between the US and North Korea, nuclear fear seems reasonable. The Doomsday Clock was at two minutes and thirty seconds to midnight; the closest it has been since 1984.

On Aug. 8, Glen Campbell died at age 81. He was known as an affable superstar singer of **Rhinestone Cowboy** and **Wichita Lineman** whose appeal spanned country, pop television and movies. Complications due to Alzheimer's disease.

On Aug. 17, Hurricane Harvey hit Texas and was the costliest tropical cyclone on record, inflicting approximately \$125 billion in damage, primarily from widespread flooding in the Houston metropolitan area.

Rat packer Jerry Lewis died Aug. 20 at age 91. The manic, rubber-faced showman who rose to fame in a lucrative partnership with Dear Martin, settled down to have an even greater following as the host of the annual Muscular Dystrophy telethons who raised billions of dollars for the cause.

The nation was divided over football players taking a knee during the National Anthem to protest police brutality and racism in America. Colin Kaepernick started the movement in the end of 2016, and many other NFL players also began kneeling this season. High school and college athletes have also began following suit. Those against this form of protesting boycotted the NFL, saying it was allowing the players to 'disrespect' the flag.

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On Sept 10 with 134 mph wind speeds, Hurricane Irma slammed into southern Florida with 185 mph wind speed making it the strongest Atlantic storm recorded. It flooded major cities, including Jacksonville. There was a total of 134 fatalities.

Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic on Sept. 16 with 175 mph wind speed. It was the second category 5 storm this year. It left a total of 112 fatalities and \$91 billion in damage and Puerto Rico was left with no electricity for several months.

On Sept. 27, Hugh M. Hefner died at age 91. The Playboy magazine founder revved up the sexual revolution in the 1950's and built a multimedia empire of clubs, mansions, movies, and television.

Oct. 1 was the night a mass shooting took place in Las Vegas at county music festival Route 91. The shooter was identified as Stephen Paddock. He was staying at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino which overlooked the gathering of 22,000 people. During the time of the shooting, singer Jason Aldean was performing. Paddock opened fire, shooting out of his 32nd floor window, onto the crowd. The result of the shooting ended with 58 people dead and 546 wounded. Shortly after the incident, police found Paddock dead in his hotel room.

Rock-n-roller Tom Petty unexpectedly died on Oct. 2 at age 66. An old-fashioned rock superstar and everyman who drew upon the Byrds, the Beatles and other bands he worshiped as a boy and produced new classics such as **Free Fallin**, **Refugee** and **American Girl**. Accidental drug overdose was the cause of death.

Harvey Weinstein, American film producer and executive gained fame producing independent films as co-founder of Miramax Films and The Weinstein Company. In October, dozens of women accused Weinstein of sexual abuse over a period time of at least 30 years. By Oct. 31, over 80 women had made allegations against Weinstein. The allegations triggered the **#MeToo** social media campaign and many similar sexual abuse allegations against powerful men around the world, called the

"Weinstein effect."

Following Weinstein, Academy award winner Kevin Spacey was accused of sexual misconduct by Anthony Rapp on Oct. 30. He claims that Spacey was making sexual advances towards Rapp when he was only 14. Since then, 15 people have come forward and have accused him of sexual misconduct. Spacey apologized for his actions but was forced out of his popular role in Netflix's **House of Cards** and dropped from other movies.

Singer and actor David Cassidy died at 67 on Nov. 21. The teen and pre-teen idol who starred in the 1970s sitcom **The Partridge Family** and sold millions of records as the musical group's lead singer.

On Nov. 27, Prince Henry of Wales confirmed that he was engaged to Meghan Markle. It was on May 6 that Meghan announced herself as the royal girlfriend of Prince Harry. The two lovers are said to be wed on Sat., May 19, 2018.

In Dec., the Santa Ana winds arrived causing six of the most destructive fires across Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ventura, San Diego, Riverside, and Santa Barbara counties. The largest of the wildfires was the Thomas Fire starting on Dec. 4 in Ventura county and Santa Barbara counties. It caused 1,343 structures to be destroyed with two killed and 281,893 acres burned. It is the largest wildfire in modern California history.

On Dec. 5, another wildfire started in Los Angeles, Santa Clarita, Glendale and Tujunga Canyon. The Creek Fire burned 15,619 acres and destroyed 115 structures.

California residents were amazed by the strange, bright lights that lit the sky leaving everyone wondering if UFO's had landed. It also caused a few car accidents. It wasn't space aliens but Elon Musk's continuation of conquering space. On Dec. 22, SpaceX launched a rocket from Vandenberg Air Force Base, north of Santa Barbara, carrying 10 satellites. The launch was only one of more than a dozen launches SpaceX has done throughout the year as Musk continued toward his ultimate goal of colonization of Mars.

Sportscaster Dick Enberg died at

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Aubry pushes them to their limits.

Their first playoff game was against Apple Valley Christian. The boys cut through them from the beginning of the game, final score 79-32.

They continued the march against Orange Vista. The game was intense especially being on the road and playing in front of 200 people. Jacob Barajas who scored 30 points last game got injured early in the 1st quarter and the team had to adjust. McKinley Tarpley picked up two quick fouls in the 1st. They were in trouble. The boys took an early lead and maintained it until the 4th quarter. From then on it was back and forth down the court. Down by 5 in a double overtime thriller with less than a minute remaining, we managed to come out on top. Tyler Hullett finished with an astonishing 40 points

10 rebounds 5 assists with 3 blocks and steals. Tarpley added 20 points and 10 assists. This was a hard fought team win. Final score: 88-87.

They met up with Fairmont Prep on Feb. 20 in the third round and won again, 39-36.

The Bruins pulled out a tough one, winning by three points against the ranked 4th team in division 5AAA. Fairmont had an advantage having a 6'10 center and a 6'8 shooting guard but the boys didn't give up.

The Bruins were up 30-32 going into the fourth quarter in the last 50 seconds they were tied 36-36 it came down to a three pointer by Nickolas Perez to put them up three points with 10 seconds to go.

On Feb. 23 the boys went to the semi-finals against Santa Clarita Christian. This was the first time in Bruin history that the boys basketball team made it to the semi-finals.

Unfortunately, the Bruins were out of magic as their incredible season ended at home 54-77.



As for wrestling, the team took first place in the Sunkist League, they have been league champs since 2010.

Amy Gathings (137 lbs) continues on to Nationals after taking 1st place in Masters. "I feel frustrated because I'm not where I want to be. I just feel like I've been putting in a lot of work, a lot more work than people see. I'm disappointed but it's going to help me work harder. Basically, in all or most of my matches, people aren't able to score on me. But I'm having a lot of fun. I've been learning a lot of new moves and have been experimenting. It's really cool,

Nice shot: Junior Nickolas Perez sets up for a free throw in the game against Fairmont Prep. Nick shot the game winning 3-pointer in the game on Feb. 20.

you surprise people because they would have never seen it coming. I go to Nationals at the end of March.

For the boys side, 182 lb weight class Joel Avila went to Masters on Feb. 24. "It's hard. Tiring. Coming to practice everyday with injuries. Just taking shots everyday, your knees hurt, you get all bruised up, it just hurts. The hardest thing would be just the conditioning, matches are fun but conditioning is horrible. For league, I thought it would be harder, some of the guys are pretty easy over there. But I got a hard match in the end. Even though on my hardest match, both of us were tired, I just kept trying to shoot and I think that's how I won."

Mohamed Shalabi is the other Bruin who qualified for Masters. At 120 lb., Mohamed plans on wrestling in college. "This time I got placed top 6 at Masters. After wrestling at Downey, I felt pretty accomplished then on Sunday I was just like, 'Wow I'm done.' Our league isn't that hard so just going to CIF is like another tournament, but state level wise, it's going to be a big difference."



Winning ways: Mohamed Shalabi, Coach Edwin Schaefer, and Joel Avila show-off their medals at Northern Division playoffs. They both qualified for Masters.

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the age of 82 on Dec. 21. A Hall of Fame broadcaster known as much for his excited calls of "Oh, my!" as the big events he covered during a 60-year career.

The first heavy rains of the year brought what everyone feared after the great Thomas Fire, mudslides. On Jan. 9, 2018 a torrent of mud came crashing down in Montecito in Santa Barbara county with 21 dead and 2 still missing.

Wed., Feb. 14, 2018 there was

another school shooting. Nikolas Cruz has been accused of killing 17 people and injuring 14 others. A student who previously attended Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Cruz gunned down students and staff with an AR-17 semi-automatic rifle that he bought legally. The shooting brought to the forefront discussions of gun control, mental health treatment, teachers with guns, and the failure of the FBI and local police to stop the rampage after they had been notified of Cruz's Facebook page threatening to shoot up the school.

Born on Nov. 7, 1918 in Charlotte, North Carolina, Billy Graham was the first televangelist and often called the "President's Pastor" for his spiritual guidance to every president since Harry Truman. Graham was credited with preaching to more individuals than anyone else in the world over his 40 year career. On Feb. 21, 2018 Graham died at the age of 99 of natural causes. So beloved, his body was allowed to lie in the Capitol Rotunda, an honor only given to 35 others, mostly presidents.

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