

## Community Remembers Don Gauthier; La Mirada Ticker #10

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### Godfather of La Mirada Football Passes

Longtime active community member, the man who many consider the [Godfather of La Mirada Football](#), has died.

Don Gauthier passed away early Monday morning after suffering a stroke sources tell us.

He was the President of La Mirada Pop Warner Football for over 25 years and was also the La Mirada High School Freshman Football head coach for over 35 years, coming over from Neff High in the mid 70's.

In the early 90's, Gauthier's freshmen teams went undefeated for a span of ten years.

Longtime assistant Kenny Meyer said the kids loved him, "He was an old fashioned, no-nonsense coach."

Gauthier was also very active in La Mirada Little League and was a [well-respected](#), dedicated La Mirada man.

TICKER: Ryan Vargas, 17, of La Mirada has temporarily moved to North Carolina after he signed a deal with [Rev Racing](#). He will compete in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East and the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series. The La Mirada High junior plans on finishing schooling online to devote more time to furthering his career. Go get ém Ryan!

Recently, Judge Rafael Ongkeko ruled in favor of La Mirada Lamplighter Publisher Brian Hews in a [defamation case](#) filed by Central Basin Director Leticia Vazquez by dismissing the case and ordering Vasquez to pay attorney's fees. At last report, Vasquez planned on filing an appeal.

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Beginning this fall (2018-19 school year), Artesia, Cerritos and John Glenn High Schools will leave the Suburban League in athletics competition in major sports and will join Oxford Academy, Pioneer and Whitney to form the new 605 League. At this time, that will leave just four teams in the Suburban League-Norwalk, Mayfair, Bellflower and La Mirada.