



Je f Garner was born and raised in Hanford, California. He attended Kings River Hardwick School and then went on to Hanford High School. After high school graduation, Garner went on to Fresno State University. He lives in Hanford with his family.

Garner currently works for Kings Community Action



SPORTS

By Je erson journalism class

On December 11, 2023, Yael Palomera interviewed Gina-Bella Mata’afa. Mata’afa is currently the head coach for men’s and women’s water polo at Penn State Behrend. Mata’afa started coaching her nephew in soccer when she was 15 years old. She began coaching college water polo in 2021. Mata’afa was inspired by her dad because he coached her and her siblings when they were younger.

Mata’afa was raised in Hawaii. When Mata’afa was three, she started wrestling. She started her water polo career during high school. Mata’afa played water polo at Notre Dame College in Ohio. Then, she continued playing water polo at Durham University in England. There she earned her master’s degree. After, she played professionally in Italy for fve years.

Gina Bella coaches to be a part of helping athletes reach their goals. Her goals for the season are for the teams to have fun, win games and make it to a National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) championship. Mata’afa said to reach those goals, she has team bonding events, such as attending other sporting events together. Eventually, the team bonds and goes on their own to events. Some of her favorite parts of coaching are making memories and having fun, outside of the pool. Mata’afa’s most challenging part of coaching is doing hard paperwork, including collecting receipts during all the travel. Her fve-year plan is to get to a national championship. She also plans to leave the program better than she found it and continue to bring in great athletes. Mata’afa’s advice for possible college athletes is to listen to your parents. She also says to call your parents because they have been through the process.**Con-@hlfa.**

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Maná comes to Fresno

By **Je erson journalism class**

On February 1, 2024, Camila Cuellar interviewed Maricela Cuellar. Cuellar went to a concert on December 2, 2023. She went to the concert with her husband, Juan Diego Cuellar. The concert was at the Save Mart Center in Fresno. The group that performed is called Maná.

The Maná group was formed in 1980. The concert was two and a half hours. Cuellar went to this concert because it is one of her favorite groups. It was her frst time seeing them. The group played her favorite song, The San Blas Pier. On stage there was a simulation of a pier. During the song The Cuckoo Clock, Maná was transported to another part of the stage. All the lights went out. They projected a clock.

Before singing, they talked about a foundation called Selva Negra. The foundation works to protect animal species such as sea turtles. Also, it helps rebuild ecosystems. Additionally, they educate people to create a healthy environment.

Cuellar said she would prefer to be in the VIP section because she wanted to see them closer. Cuellar also said that she did like the concert. “They sound just like they do on the radio,” Cuellar commented.



Maná llega a Fresno

Por clase de periodismo de **Je erson**

El primero de febrero de 2024 Camila Cuellar entrevistó a Maricela Cuellar. Cuellar fue a un concierto el 2 de diciembre de 2023. Ella fue al concierto con su esposo Juan Diego Cuellar. El concierto fue en el Savemart Center de Fresno. El grupo que presentó se llama Maná.

El grupo Maná se formó en 1980. El concierto tardó dos horas y media. Cuellar fue a este concierto proque es unos de sus grupos favoritos. Fue su primera ves que los vio. El grupo tocó su canción favorita, El muelle de San Blas. En el escenario había una simulación de un muelle. Durante la canción El Reloj Cucú, Maná se transportó a otra parte del escenario. Todas las luces se apagaron. Proyectaron un reloj.

Antes de cantar, hablaron de una fundación llamada Selva Negra. La Fundación trabaja para proteger a especies de animales como las tortugas del mar. También, ayuda a reconstruir ecosistemas. Además, educa para tener un ambiente saludable.

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mainly works with adults. “I love working with students and providing help. I also like to see kids learn and smile.”

Piña’s favorite part of his job is seeing kids grow and learn. He likes to see kids succeed in life. People helped him grow and learn in life and he wants kids to have the same help. Piña wants to help kids but sometimes the students don’t make the right choices. For example, some kids get into fghts. As a superintendent, he has to make decisions about these students. Sometimes his decisions are not liked by parents and students.

Piña spends his free time traveling and playing golf. He also like going to sporting events. One of his favorite team is the Dodgers. Piña enjoys hanging out with his friends.

Piña’s plans for the future are to make a di ference in his work. At one point he plans to retire and do other things. Piña’s advice for students is to never give up because there are going to be challenges in life. He said, “Have a goal and create the path to get there.”

Conozca al Dr. Piña

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Xavier Piña se crió en Hanford en una lechería. Su papá trabajaba en la lechería y su mamá era ama de casa.

Piña asistió a la escuela Kings River Hardwick y estuvo en el programa Migrante desde jardín de infantes hasta tercer grado. Él recibió tutoría adicional durante los días escolares y asistió a la escuela de verano. Piña se divirtió yendo a nadar varias veces a la semana. También él conoció a estudiantes migratorios de otras escuelas. Además, Piña obtuvo muchas experiencias de aprendizaje que lo ayudaron a tener éxito en la escuela.

Piña se graduó de la escuela preparatoria Hanford. Él continuó en el College of the Sequoias para obtener un título asociado en artes liberales. Después de eso fue a la Universidad Estatal de Fresno donde obtuvo su bachillerato en español. Luego,