

Telephone calls update parents on students

LA HABRA



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Sonora High School is the first school in La Habra to subscribe to TeleParent.

What is TeleParent? TeleParent is an automated parental notification system that allows both teachers and administrators to send student-specific and general messages home whenever necessary over the telephone or Internet.

TeleParent facilitates increase communication, by allowing teachers to send messages concerning each student's behavior, performance, achievement and overall school experience to their parents.

The parent receives a telephone message sent by a click

of a button and it might say, "Your child has a test tomorrow." Another message might inform the parent that their child is improving, or perhaps the child received an "F" that day.

One Sonora parent was told her daughter received a "D" on a Spanish test. Her daughter had told her folks she had gotten a "C." Mom called the girl at the movies and told her to come home because she had lied. She wanted her to study harder for the next test.

Most of the Sonora parents that I interviewed seem to love knowing when the next test is going to be, learning about their child's progress and being informed about what is going on in the classroom. The students aren't quite as crazy about the program.

One student said, "Next thing I know, they will be calling my house and telling my parents when I am going to the



MOMS Debbie Moore and Diane Chrisman listen to a message about their kids from Sonora High School's new teleparent program.

bathroom."

Who will be Sonora homecoming king and queen? The Sonora High Homecoming Court has been named. The Homecoming game is Friday and dance will be Saturday at the school.

The homecoming court includes princesses **Alison Woody, Anna Calmer, Jamie Paik, Pauline Dizon** and **Jamine Minasian**. Princes are **Ian Burnside, Larry Yu, Arsen Dervisian, Kristopher Fierro** and **Dustin Arnold**.

Business news: Hopkins Real Estate Group & Arnel Capital Partners LLC., hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the Imperial Promenade Community Shopping Center at 1000 W. Imperial Highway - the old Kmart site - on Oct. 26.

Guests learned Circuit City and Target should be ready to open in July. California Pizza Kitchen has also shown an interest in coming to the site.



FORMER LA HABRA MAYOR Robin Young discussed her book "For Love and Liberty: The Untold Civil War Story of Major Sullivan Ballou and his Famous Love Letter" at La Habra Friends of the Library's recently meeting for installing new officers. The 800-page book, which took Young four years to write, is in bookstores now.

kets and said he wanted his to be a pinewood box. He was in control to the very end. His casket was a beautiful pinewood box. Seven priests participated in the beautiful service.

huge celebration.

The district serves families in Whittier, La Habra and La Habra Heights.

Linda Wahl and **Jan Jacobsen**, who have been working for months and months on the cel-

