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SUMMARY:

We begin with a story empowering youth; The Chicano Youth Leadership Conference. An event which first started back in 1963 and continues to inspire Latino youth to graduate from college and become leaders in their community. Vista L.A. recently visited the 3-day conference in Malibu, California. The show features interviews with educator and school reformer Sal Castro, actor Michael Peña, high school student conference participants and other conference alumni including film producer Moctesuma Esparza and California Supreme Court Justice Carlos Moreno. Then our next story takes us to the city of Commerce, which sits just six miles east of downtown, Los Angeles is commonly known for its industry. What is less known about Commerce is its competitive youth water polo club, which is funded entirely by the city and is grooming some remarkable young athletes. We talk to head water polo coaches, Gabriel Martinez and Bobby Contreras as well as water polo players Laura Lopez, Gisselle Naranjo, and Ivana Castro about the sport. We also talk to three boys who are now playing on the team for the prestigious prep school Harvard-Westlake, and their coach Larry Felix. Next up, a close look at the community of Echo Park, one of the oldest neighborhoods in Los Angeles, nestled among the hills just west of Dodger Stadium and north of Downtown and a few miles east of Hollywood. Vista L.A. took a tour of this eclectic neighborhood, rich in diversity and we discovered a community that is a charming marriage of the old and new. Christina Peters, a member of the Echo Park Historical Society, spoke to Vista L.A. about the neighborhoods history dating back to the early 19th century and the many changes that the community has undergone. Residents talk to us about what they enjoy about Echo Park and what makes this place unique. Then our following story is about a young talented 28 year old fine artist America Martin, who has Columbian roots, is beyond her years. She has been painting since she was just a child and now her pieces are in the homes of collectors and celebrities. Last, The Oprah Winfrey Show is always looking for new ways to connect with its audience and it now has a new way to reach its viewers. The show is now available to Spanish-speaking viewers in Spanish, via Secondary Audio Programming -- or SAP -- here on ABC7.

HOSTS:

Jovana Lara; ABC7 Anchor/Reporter, Danny Romero; ABC 7 Weather forecaster

GUESTS:

Sal Castro; educator /school reformer, Michael Peña; actor, Moctesuma Esparza; film producer, Carlos Moreno; California Supreme Court Justice, Gabriel Martinez; Water Polo Coach, Bobby Contreras; Water Polo Coach, Laura Lopez; water polo player, Gisselle Naranjo; water polo player, Ivana Castro; water polo player, Larry Felix; Harvard-Westlake Coach, Cesar Velazquez; Harvard-Westlake athlete, Bryan Jimenez; Harvard-Westlake athlete, Julian Casillas; Harvard-Westlake athlete, Christina Peters; Member/Echo Park Historical Society, Ara Hajian; Echo Park Resident, Erin Smith; Echo Park Resident, Joshua Guerrero; Resident, Jonathan Guerrero; Resident, Veronica Gelakoska, John Egan; Captain/Commanding Officer/Rampart district/L.A.P.D., Rhonda Reynolds; Owner/MASA Restaurant, Alex Eusebio; head chef/“15” Restaurant, Genevieve Ostrander; Owner/Delilah’s Bakery, America Martin; Artist.