



COURTESY PHOTOS

Carlsbad Girls Softball League opens its season

The Carlsbad Girls Softball League recently opened its new season with pomp, colors and fun. An Army and Navy Academy color guard started things off, followed by Taylor Tollack singing the National Anthem. League President Leland Peneku made the introductions for each team, and Tairia Mims-Flowers, a member of the Gold Medal winning 'Team USA' in the Athens Olympics spoke to the crowd. 'Be flexible,' said Mims-Flowers, 'Play wherever your coaches want you to play. Learn new positions. That's what it's all about.'

A team procession was held, with each one being introduced and displaying their banners. Mims-Flowers was given the honor of judging the banners. A silent auction and basket raffle topped off the morning, with basket themes of, 'Family Movie Night, Sports Fan, Hair and More, Girls Slumber Party, Pet Lovers and Coffee Break.'

Above left, 'Purple People Eaters' from left,

Jacee, Hannah, Tess, Riley, Melissa, Grace, Brianna, Stevie, Kasandra, Emily, Audry, Cierra, Oliva and Coach Brad. Above right, the 'Red Diamond Devils' kick off the parade.

Right, Taylor Tollack sings the National Anthem.

Below left, Carlsbad Softball Association members, from left, Reggie Bonilla, Connie Matkaluk, Rob Mekjan, Chris Powers, Cindy Kasper, Mike O'Laughlin, Jeff Schnieder, Christi Johnston, Michelle Pahl, Ken Yarnell and Craig Pahl.

Below right, Tairia Mims-Flowers speaks to the crowd.

