GARZA SLIDES INTO HOME

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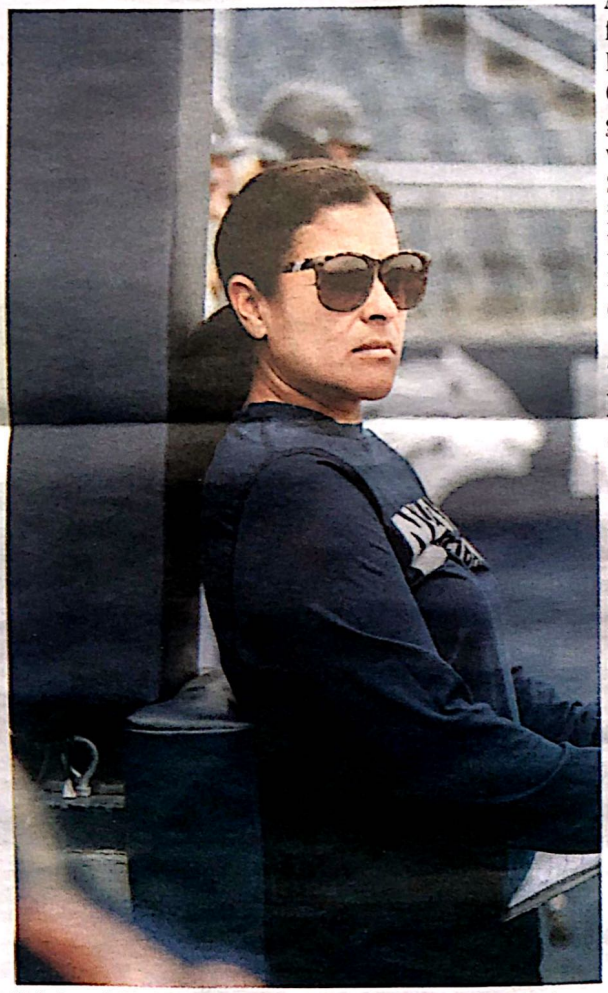
Linda Garza, the new Fresno City College softball coach, is returning to Fresno after recently coaching at the University of Nevada and when the opportunity of coaching softball at FCC came along, she knew it was time for a change.

"I don't know if it will ever be open again, and if I want a chance to come back home, this is the chance to come back home," Garza said.

The transition from coaching at the university level to community college level isn't the easiest, but Garza is more than prepared for the role.



Linda Garza pictured at the Christina M. Hixson Softball Park at the University of Nevada, Reno. Photo/Courtesy of Linda Garza

After graduating from Hoover High School, Garza wanted to get out of Fresno, which she did. She went to live in Ohio and Arkansas, but never forgot where she came from.

"No matter how far you go, and what you do, there's just something about the valley for some of us, that it's home and you want to go back," Garza said.

Garza believes as much as she would have loved to stay in her hometown for as long as she could have, she knows how important it was to leave her home and experience different places, but ultimately coming back home.

With more than half of the players returning, Garza is happy to have the foundation that most new coaches wouldn't get, but also knows that since most of her players are graduating this semester, it won't always be like this.

She hopes to not only get her players to where they want to be sports-wise, but also to learn different skill sets that will help them in life in general.

Like any other coach, Garza wants to win as a team, but knows that winning isn't always the important outcome.

"I'm not going to lose sight that at the end of the day, I am an educator," Garza said. "I don't have a job unless I have student athletes."

Throughout her journey as a coach and in her education, Garza was able to have support from her family. At the press conference where her position was announced, most of the support was from her friends and family.

Although Garza knows her family may not be perfect, they are still her backbone and what keeps her together.

"My parents have put me in positions to be successful, and I've taken advantage of all of those opportunities," Garza said.

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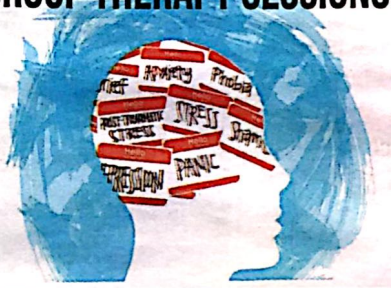

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