



An Interview With Capt. Allen Castellano

By Melinda Kimsey

With the recent focus on law enforcement, it was a real pleasure for me to sit down with Captain Allen Castellano, the unit commander at Lakewood Sheriff's Station, and let him give his view point on where law enforcement has been and where law enforcement is going in the future.

As it turns out, the current captain of the Cerritos Sheriff's Station, Captain Joe Nuñez, and Captain Castellano have known each other for many, many years. Captain Nuñez was an instructor at the Sheriff's Academy when Castellano was a new recruit.

Castellano was the operations lieutenant at Cerritos Sheriff's Station and still has very close ties to the City of



Capt. Allen Castellano

Cerritos. He has been in law enforcement for 23 years and was a city councilman in the City of Yorba Linda.

Based on his experience, he understands there needs to be a balance between what a city needs and the cost of providing services. Captain Castellano recently found out

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Artesia Holds Youth Baseball & Softball Opening Day



(l to r) Artesia Parks and Recreation Commissioner Sharon Stephens, Issac Acuna, President of the Artesia Parent Volunteer Group Rene Trevino, Alex Saavedra, and Commissioner Tim Sagert joined over 200 players, coaches, parents, and members from the community at the Youth Baseball and Softball Opening Day at Artesia Park on March 11, along with the Associate Pastor from New Life Church, Mark Lohman.



Whitney H.S. Names Auditorium for Grace Hu



Whitney High School Auditorium was not only host to a student talent show on March 3 and 4 but also the unveiling of the auditorium's name, the "Grace Hu Auditorium." Participating in the ceremony were (l-r) Whitney Foundation President Abel Avalo, Artesia Councilmember Victor Manalo, ABC Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu, Board Member Sophia Tse, Grace Hu, Whitney Principal John Briquet, Board Vice Chair Soo Yoo, Board Member Linda Johnson, Former Whitney Principal Dr. Rhonda Buss, now Director of Secondary Schools, and Foundation Chair 2014-16 Lu Shi. Mrs. Hu donated \$385,000 to the foundation to pay off the auditorium's mortgage.

At Forum, Cerritos Candidates Focus on Sheriff's Station, City Budget Deficit

By Jerry Bernstein

Seven candidates seeking two open seats on the Cerritos City Council spoke at the March 6 Candidates Forum, sponsored by the American Association of University Woman (AAUW).

The candidates are former Mayor Grace Hu, former State Assembly Member Sally Havice, former Mayor Bruce Barrows, Frank Aurelio Yokoyama, Planning Commissioner Chung Vo, Ashish Kumar and Anatha Ramachandran.

All seven candidates expressed concern about the city's \$6.6 million budget deficit, the need for sidewalk and street repairs and tree trimming. The candidates all expressed opposition to changing the Cerritos Sheriff's Station into a sub station

operating out of Lakewood.

Grace Hu said the city council needs experienced business people on it who know how to resolve such problems. She noted the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts has no mortgage and pays no property tax. "There is no reason it should be operating at a loss," she said, saying an outside contractor is needed to book shows.

She also favors another hotel coming into the city, noting the Sheraton Hotel provides over \$1 million in revenue through the city's transit bed tax.

"Our sidewalks and streets need repairs," she said, "and trees pruned and in some cases, replaced. In addition, street numbers need to be painted on the curbs. They are in terrible shape," she said.

Chung Vo, a member of the Cerritos Planning Commission and an police officer with the Torrance Police Department, said if elected, he would work to keep Cerritos' essential services that include public safety, health, and maintenance of Cerritos infrastructure. "Our city is aging, and we need to maintain and work on our infrastructure so we can continue to deliver our water and electricity without interruption, drive on good roads and walk on descent sidewalks.

"If elected, I would make sure we have a police force that will keep our city secure. Crime is on the upswing in the county," he said, noting Cerritos has a lower crime rate than its neighbors. "Let's keep

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ABC Middle Schools Selected as a 'Schools to Watch'

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced that 11 high performing California middle schools have been newly designated as model middle grades schools in the Schools to Watch - Taking Center (STW-TCS) Stage Program.

Haskell Middle School in the ABC Unified School District was one of the 11 newly designated STW-TCS model middle schools. Carmenita MS and Tetzlaff MS are redesignated STW-TCS schools.

The Schools to Watch - Taking Center Stage Program is sponsored by the California League of Middle Schools and the California Department of Education in partnership with the California Middle Grades Alliance.

On Feb. 23, Board President Chris Apodaca and Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu attended the California Middle Grades Alliance's Annual Luncheon, where State Superintendent Tom Torlakson recognized superintendents and board presidents of the award winning schools.

Camille Lewis, Principal of Haskell Middle School along with Jose Toreces, Dean, Eric Guterrez and Robert Garcia were honored at the Schools to Watch Luncheon. In addition, Superintendent Torlakson also



announced that the sustained progress of 19 previously Schools to Watch schools allowed them to retain their designation that included Carmenita MS and Tetzlaff MS.

The Haskell Team joined by President Apodaca and Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu were acknowledged on the State Senate Floor by State Senator Tony Mendoza at the Capitol prior to the Luncheon. They also paid visits to the Speaker of the House Assemblymember Anthony Rendon and Assemblymember Cristina Garcia during their Capitol tour.

Haskell MS, Carmenita MS and Tetzlaff MS were recognized with a beautiful plaque as part of the California League of Middle Schools Conference on Feb. 24. Haskell MS Principal Camille Lewis, Carmenita MS Principal Robert Castillo, Tetzlaff

MS Principal Kester Song and selected teachers from each school were recognized at the Awards Ceremony.

The Schools to Watch - Taking Center Stage grades schools that are high performing model schools and demonstrate academic excellence, responsiveness to the needs of young adolescents and social equity.

These schools host visitors from California and around the world who are looking to learn practices they can use to improve their middle grades schools and close the achievement gap. Schools must complete an extensive application

that is reviewed by middle grades experts. A validation visit is conducted at the school site at the end of fall. In order to retain their designation, each school must be re-evaluated every three years.

Haskell MS, Carmenita MS, and Tetzlaff MS will also be honored at the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades in Washington, DC at the end of June.

ABC is only one of two school districts in California where every middle school has been selected as a Schools to Watch. Both Fedde MS and Ross MS are also Schools to Watch/National Model Middle Schools.

ABC Board Approves Teachers' Salary Increase

By Jerry Bernstein

The ABC Board of Education approved a 1 percent teacher's salary increase and a 1 percent bonus effective July 1, 2017, following a discussion on whether the funds should be spent on school site needs.

Board member Lynda Johnson said the District's Facilities Committee has been visiting the district's schools and suggested the money should be used to upgrade facilities and also for capital improvements.

She said in the future when the district may want to go to a bond issue, we will have to admit we spent the money on bonuses and not facilities.

Board member Maynard Law said while he sees difficult times ahead and the district needs to retain its reserve, he felt the teachers had earned the increase. He noted you cannot repair a bathroom

for \$50,000. At the same time he would like to see as much money as possible put into the reserve."

One year ago, the District received approximately \$10 million in one-time funds from the state to be used for any purpose, and at that time the board approved a 1 percent bonus. This year the district received another \$4.4 million, and like last year, 1 percent will be used for the teacher bonuses and the remaining funds will be discussed by the board at a future date.

Board member Sophia Tse asked how much money was currently in the District's Reserve. Chief Financial Officer Toan Nguyen said \$15 million. She said, "We have to provide for all, students and our teachers, as well as the school sites. We have this one-time money, and we need to use it wisely"

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Message from the ABC Superintendent

New California School Dashboard



By Dr. Mary Sieu

In March, the California Department of Education will be launching the new California School Dashboard. The Dashboard will affect all public school districts in California.

In an effort to prepare for this new Dashboard, we hosted three Community Forums this past October and November to

explain to the community how to interpret the performance data included in the Dashboard.

The California State Board of Education approved a new accountability and continuous improvement system last fall. The new system includes the eight State priorities that define a quality education from a broader perspective than a single test score.

The State will use a new accountability evaluation rubric to analyze state and local performance standards. The rubric will assist districts in identifying strengths and areas

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Frank Aurelio Yokoyama (in coat and tie), candidate for Cerritos City Council, is pictured with his supporters during his recent Kick-off Rally at the Cerritos Park. He is a descendant of Filipino-Japanese American parents.

Cerritos Leaders Endorse Yokoyama for City Council

By Dan E. Nino

Former Cerritos City Planning Commissioner Frank Aurelio Yokoyama is running for Cerritos City Council for the third time, and he hopes to join his mentor, former Mayor and current Councilmember Mark Pulido on the council.

Yokoyama recently held his Kick-off, where several speakers praised Yokoyama for his credentials and qualifications. Yokoyama is a real estate attorney, real estate broker and youth sports coach. He graduated from Harvard Law School and UC Berkeley Business School.

Councilmember and former Mayor Mark Pulido stat-

ed, "I am very proud to exclusively endorse Frank Aurelio Yokoyama for Cerritos City Council." The election will take place on April 11.

Yokoyama said, "It's nice to serve, but it's better to be nice to everyone." As stated in his flyer, "I am running so your voice will be heard by Cerritos City Hall. I will serve you and your family. As your City of Cerritos Councilmember, I will represent all of you. I promise a leadership that is transparent, ethical and fiscally responsible."

He pledged community safety as his top priority, protect city services for all residents, collaborate with school leaders to serve students and

residents, fix the city's finances and fix the streets, sidewalks, trees and parks.

Yokoyama is endorsed by: California State Senator Tony Mendoza; U.S. Congressman Alan Lowenthal; L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn; former Cerritos Mayors Joseph Cho, Diana Needham and Laura Lee, Daniel Wong; ABC Unified School District past and current members Chris Apodaca, Letty Mendoza, Olympia Chen, Maynard Law, Celia Spitzer and Armin Reyes; Artesia Mayor Ali Sajjad Taj; Councilmembers and former Mayors Miguel Canales and Victor Manalo; Cerritos College Board of Trustees Members Marisa Perez, Sandra Salazar and Tina Cho.

COMMUNITY calendar



ARTESIA:

Cesar Chavez Day Program

Thursday, March 30 • 4:30 p.m. Artesia Park

Family Easter Program

Saturday, April 15 • 12 - 3 p.m. Artesia Park
Fun games, crafts, a magic show, and egg hunt!

CERRITOS

American Association of University Women (AAUW) General Meeting

Thursday, March 16 • 6:30 p.m. Cerritos Library Skyline Room - Guest speaker for the evening will be Janice Woods from Curves in Garden Grove on the topic of "Better Balance Through Strength Training." Members will be collecting donations of toiletries for Micha's Way, a Homeless Shelter in Santa Ana.

Cerritos Resident Talent Show

Saturday, April 8 • 6 p.m. Cerritos Park East

Easter Egg Hunts

Saturday, April 15 • 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Knabe Community Regional Park
Jumpers, games, crafts & the Easter Bunny!



HAWAIIAN GARDENS

Children's Safety Fair

Wednesday, March 22 • 3 - 5 p.m. Clarkdale Park
Fun filled presentations from Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, K9 Unit. Learn about Earth Quakes aboard the Shakey-Quakey.

Moving Forward Together Celebration 2017

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for improvement.

The new California School Dashboard will provide multiple measures of student performance and a more complete picture of the students' educational experience.

The Dashboard will include academic indicators, progress of English learners, college and career indicators, high school graduation rate, suspension rate and chronic absenteeism.

A few of these measures are

still a work in progress at the State level. The academic indicator for measuring progress of student achievement is the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) in English Language Arts and Math for 3rd through 11th grade.

The schools will continue to host meetings to inform the parents and community about the new Dashboard in the spring.

The State will also be



Woman's Club Artesia-Cerritos to Host Candidates Forum

By Gail Grossman

The Woman's Club of Artesia Cerritos will be hosting a Candidates Forum for the upcoming Cerritos City Council elections.

This forum will be held on Wednesday, March 22 at 7 p.m. at the Cerritos City Hall Council Chambers. The forum will be televised on Cerritos TV3. It will be rebroadcast on April 2 at 6 p.m. and April 8 at 7 p.m.

All seven candidates have

been invited and have been informed that there will be one prepared question and all questions will be submitted from the audience and reviewed by members of the club.

All residents are invited and encouraged to come and listen to what these candidates have to say, because they will be representing you in the decision making process of affairs of the city.

For further information, contact Gail Grossman at 562-926-8487.



Dear Cerritos Voters,

My name is Tom Yokoyama, married to Chit Yokoyama. We have four children and seven grandchildren. We have been Cerritos residents since June 1976. I was born in Sacramento in 1939. In 1943-1944, along with the other one hundred thousand plus Japanese Americans who were sent to internment camps, my family and I were interned at Topaz and Tule Lake, Utah. After the internment camp, my family settled in the greater Los Angeles area. I was drafted and served in the United States Army as a missile specialist and a medic from 1963-1969. My son Frank was born at Fort Benning, Georgia. Thanks to the G.I. Bill, I was able to earn my B.S. in Nursing, was a Registered Nurse for eight years, earned a Real Estate Broker's License in 1979 and opened Wise Ol' Owl Realtors, which is now Century 21 Wise Ol' Owl Realtors.



Tom and Chit Yokoyama and family at Frank's graduation from Harvard Law School, 1993.

Fast forward...I am writing to you to humbly ask for your support and vote for **my son, Frank Aurelio Yokoyama**. Frank is a local businessman, attorney, youth sports coach, husband and father. Frank is a great candidate for Cerritos City Council.

Frank grew up in Cerritos, was educated in the ABC Schools, earned degrees from UC Berkeley Business School and Harvard Law School then returned with his wife Wendy Sung-Hee Ha Yokoyama to raise their two children here. Their children attend local ABC schools and play youth sports. Frank and Wendy are very active parent volunteers with the PTA and school foundations; and Frank is a dedicated coach for the Cerritos youth sports program. Frank knows as the father of two children, he believes that the city must partner and collaborate with our school leaders to better serve students and residents.

As a former Cerritos Planning Commissioner, Frank reviewed and approved plans for new businesses and home improvements to strengthen our local economy and increase property values for Cerritos residents. As your elected councilmember, Frank will make sure our city focuses on the safety and livability of our neighborhoods, while maintaining the world-class city services we have all come to expect. Frank knows the importance of community safety, fixing our streets, sidewalks and city trees. He has heard, is listening and will continue to listen to Cerritos residents as to what is important to you in our diverse city. He will bring new leadership that is transparent, hard-working, ethical, open-minded, fiscally-responsible and accountable to you.

That is exactly the type of leadership and experience we need in tough economic times. Frank is endorsed by current Cerritos Councilmember and former Mayor Mark Pulido, numerous Cerritos elected officials, Artesia elected officials and ABC School Board members, plus hundreds of other community leaders.

Thank you for your consideration, talking and sharing this with your relatives and friends. **Please VOTE for my son Frank Yokoyama for Cerritos City Council on April 11th. Absentee ballots went out on March 13th. If you vote by mail, please vote once you receive your ballot.** Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tom Yokoyama

Paid for by Tom and Chit Yokoyama as an in-kind contribution. 11835 South Street, Cerritos, CA 90703.

Don't Forget to Exercise Your Right to Vote



By Melinda Kimsey

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

I would like to thank Capt. Castellano for giving me the opportunity to interview him. We are so fortunate to have such a great leader working in our community. Capt. Castellano has an impressive vision for where law enforcement is going in the future.

Also, I would like to thank Supervisor Janice Hahn for all of her great work in the Fourth District. If you have the opportunity to go to a Java with Janice, please attend. You will have an opportunity to speak with Janice, and the complimentary continental breakfast is so delicious.

Also, thank you, Supervisor Hahn, for honoring the girls wrestling team with some fabulous trophies. Go Girls!

Thank goodness summer

has finally arrived! Wait a minute, it is not even spring. Well, thank goodness that baseball season has arrived in our community. It was so nice to see so many players, coaches and parents at all of the opening day ceremonies. Congrats to Frontier Little League in Cerritos and Youth Baseball in Artesia for some very exciting baseball games.

Also, a special congrats to the ABCUSD middle schools on receiving "Schools to Watch" designation from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson. We are so proud of our students and our teachers! There are some nice photos of various schools where guest readers participated in Read Across America. Some of the volunteers were retired teachers, Lakewood Sheriff's Deputies and parents.

Congratulations to former Mayor Grace Hu on having the Whitney Auditorium named in her honor. Hu donated \$385,000 to the Whitney High School Foundation so that the students would have access to this beautiful and state of the art auditorium.

Something else new for the students in the ABCUSD

is a new testing process called, Dashboard. I am sure that the students will still outperform the rest of the state, and ABC will remain the number one school district.

The third, and last Candidate's Forum for the City of Cerritos is coming up on March 22, which is being sponsored by the Women's Club of Artesia-Cerritos. The election is only a few weeks away, on April 11, and I sure hope everyone is planning on voting for their favorite candidate.

I received my sample ballot with my polling place. Be sure to check your polling place because sometimes the place changes. If you have a vote-by-mail ballot, remember that, even if you forget to mail it, you can always take your ballot to your polling place.

There are still many events going on in our community, specifically the 1st CEB Adoption Committee is having its Bowl-a-Thon, and Cerritos Regional Chamber is sponsoring its golf tournament with some of the funds going to Don Knabe's Safe Surrender Scholarship Fund. Hope to see you at these events!

As always, Happy Trails

Nothing Is Impossible If You Are Determined



By Jerry Bernstein

"Well," my FRIEND FROM FRUITCAKE, FLORIDA, said as he sat himself down in front of my desk. "That was an interesting school board meeting last week."

I looked at him in surprise. "I'm not sure I know what you mean," I replied.

"I don't understand the thinking of your school board when the district receives one-time-only money from the state and what they do with it."

"I'm not sure I understand," I said.

"Last year, the District received \$10,000,000 from the state to be used as the district's discretion."

"True," I said. "What about it?"

"The Board voted to use \$1.2 million of the funds for salary increases, or what I call bonuses, for all District employees."

"So?"

This year the state allocated \$4.4 million to the district to be used at its discretion. The school board voted to give another 1 percent salary increase to District staff."

"What's wrong with that?" I asked.

My FRIEND FROM FRUITCAKE, FLORIDA replied, "With the District looking at aging school facilities, and less funding from the state in the new fiscal year, is it responsible to be giving salary bonuses to District staff, especially when it is thinking about a bond issue?"

"That's a good question," I answered, "Board member Maynard Law warned there was uncertainty about state and federal school funding this coming year and said the

District needs to be prudent on how it spends its money. I believe he was saying it might be wise to wait until the Governor's May budget report."

"Has the District figured out why the bond election failed two years ago?"

"I think so," I answered.

"Why do you think it failed?"

"Because the community-at-large was not sufficiently informed on the school's needs, let alone the new technology now being used in the classroom. Looking back on it, I believe the District concentrated mostly on the parents who have children enrolled in the schools."

My FRIEND FROM FRUITCAKE, FLORIDA sat quietly for a moment. "Didn't the school board appoint a Facilities Committee this time to look at the the school's current needs?"

"Yes it did," I answered, "and it will soon make its final report. The board also authorized the committee to hire a consultant to help them in its recommendations."

"Hmm," he murmured, "It looks like they're on the right track this time. Are they still blaming one or more individuals for the defeat of the bond issue?"

"To a degree, but if they take a good look at its failure, it wasn't one person's fault it failed. The District wouldn't listen to anyone who disagreed with them."

"Well," he said, "It's obvious the schools need to be upgraded and brought into the 21st century, which includes the latest classroom technology. Back in FRUITCAKE, we make it a point to work with everyone. We learn from our mistakes."

"I know what you mean," I said. "I lived in Florida back in the 1950s. True, it was a different time, but I'm glad there are still Fruitcakes there."

My Friend looked at me for a moment. As he arose from his chair to leave he said, "I'm sure there are still Fruitcakes in California, too."

What's Happening in Cerritos?



By Brad Beach

I wanted to start by thanking Principal Miguel Marco and Librarian Margaret Johnson for inviting me to read to three kindergarten classes at Wittmann Elementary recently. It was part of the National Read Aloud Day and connected to the famous author, Dr. Seuss. I participated along with Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputies and community leaders. It was a phenomenal morning, and a few days later the students drew me thank you cards. Thank you, Wittmann students!

Candidates are walking the streets, and they are in full campaign mode. This is an important election for our city, so please choose very carefully and vote by absentee ballot or on April 11 at your local polling place.

Residents are continually updating the survey online, and there are now 1,607 responses. The survey is great and lets our councilmembers

get a good idea of how we feel. It is on the city's website if you haven't completed it yet.

The latest Cerritos sales tax report just came out, and the city is anticipating \$33.3 million in sales tax revenue for the current fiscal year. New businesses at the Plaza 183 and Cerritos Mall, as well as an increase in auto sales, are largely responsible for the strong growth. About 61,800 vehicles were sold in 2016, and I believe that it was a record.

Property crime continues to rise and is up roughly 20 percent statewide. Please join a Neighborhood Watch in your area and if you see something, say something. Aria apartments on Bloomfield and Artesia are 56.8 percent filled, and they are building Sage luxury apartments next door, which will include 132 units.

Baseball and softball leagues are in full swing, and the Council just attended Frontier League's Opening Day. I think the Chick-fil-A cow even made an appearance. The city continues to update the ballfields at CPE.

Approximately 195 trees were trimmed in the last week and nine trees were removed. A big storm recently ravaged our city, and I want to thank staff for getting things cleaned up so fast. Crews also cleaned up 125 individual graffiti lo-

cations.

Island's restaurant in the Town Center is progressing nicely and should be completed by April. PF Chang's is also remodeling the former Red Robin location at the Cerritos Mall and hopes to be open before Christmas. Mod Pizza is coming to the mall and will be located near Chipotle. Frida Mexican Restaurant is developing their space at the old El Torito in Plaza 183 and is anticipating opening in late 2017.

Upcoming events include: Cerritos Sheriff's Car Show on March 18 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Sheriff's Station. March 18 will also be the 8th annual 1st CEB Marines Bowl-A-thon from 1 – 3 p.m. at AMF Cerritos Lanes. Proceeds will benefit the Marine Corps battalion that the City adopted.

March 19 will be Boy Scout Troop 394's 41st annual Green and Gold Ceremony from 12:30 – 5 p.m. at CPE. March 21 will be an evening with Astronauts and NASA Leadership celebrating California's contributions to building the Nation's deep space exploration systems from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the CCPA. The Cerritos talent show is coming up on April 8 at 6 p.m. at the Cerritos Park East. Admission to the show is only \$1.

Stay safe, Cerritos!

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Frontier Youth Baseball Opening Ceremonies



James Yee, Councilmember Carol Chen, Guest Speaker Juan Avena, Former Mayor and Councilmember Bruce Barrows, Mayor Pro Tem Naresh Solanki, Chick-Fil-A Cow, Mayor George Ray, Councilmember Jim Edwards, Planning Commissioner Chuong Vo, and Parks and Recreation Commissioner Joe Frontino.

Cerritos Chamber to Host 37th Annual Fiesta on the Fairways Golf Classic

The Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce will host its 37th Annual Fiesta on the Fairways Golf Classic on May 1 with a 12 noon shotgun start. The event will be held at Los Coyotes Country Club Golf Course, 8888 Los Coyotes Drive, Buena Park. Player packages, foursomes, and sponsorship opportunities are available.

Baby Law allows parents to legally and safely surrender a baby three days old at any L.A. Co. hospital or fire station. Youths adopted through the Safely Surrendered Baby program are eligible for the scholarship which may go towards any higher education.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Don Knabe Safe Surrender Scholarship Fund. Safely Surrendered

Registration must be made in advance. For more information and to register, please contact the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce at 562/467-0800 or visit www.cerritos.org/fiesta/.

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY At Whittman Elementary School



Participating in the Community Read Aloud Event at Whittman Elementary School on March 3 were: Author Victor Costello, Former Whittman Teacher Karen Richards, Former Whittman Principal and now Cerritos High School Principal Patrick Walker and Deputy Ciro Recowschi.

Leal Retired Teachers Attend Annual Luncheon



The Leal Elementary Retired Teachers recently met for their annual luncheon at Carrows Restaurant in Cerritos. Alice Jempsa shared two children's books that she wrote and had published – "Why Does Everything Happen to Me" and Little Bear's Adventures." Front Row: (1 to r) Susan Bloomstine, Sylvia Swift and Alice Jempsa. Back Row (1 to r) Gylene Ornellas, Jennese Irons, Pat Gaspers, Alice Tsou, Millie Hirsh, Barbara Simon and Jeri Pavek. Not pictured: Julietta Williams.

Cerritos Election to be Held April 11

The Cerritos General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 11 for two (2) four-year term City Council seats. The deadline to register to vote in this election is Monday, March 27, 2017.

To register to vote, individuals must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of California, 18 years of age or older by the time of the election and not in prison or on parole from a felony conviction. You must be a resident of Cerritos to vote in the April 11, 2017 election.

Voter registration forms can be obtained at the Cerritos City Clerk's Office located at 18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Voter registration forms are also available at Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, Cerritos Library, City Hall and community centers. For additional information, call (562) 916-1248.

School Board From Page 2

Board member Olympia Chen said, "The best way to address the District's financial needs is through a bond issue that will repair our schools and bring the classrooms into the 21st century."

"Unfortunately, last time we proposed a bond issue, it was defeated," said Chen.

The Board ultimately voted to hold off on spending the one-time funds and will wait until May when the Facilities Committee reports back to the board.

37th Annual
Fiesta on the Fairways
GOLF CLASSIC
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017
Los Coyotes Country Club Golf Course
Buena Park

Shot-Gun Start: 12 p.m.

Register today at: www.cerritos.org
or call (562) 467-0800

Foresomes & Sponsorships Available!

A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Safe Surrender Scholarship Fund.

Home of the Pioneers
ARTESIA HIGH SCHOOL

Now Accepting School of Choice Applications Out of District Permits Welcome

March 16, 2017 from 6:30-8:00pm

SCHOOL SHOWCASE

All members of the community are invited to join Artesia High School for an evening of entertainment, special classroom demonstrations, and delicious food truck options.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *AP Summer Academy *Renaissance *Research-Based Strategies *AVID *All core subjects have 1:1 laptops for students *Grade Level Counseling *PTSA *We are the only school in the district with Block Schedule 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career Technical Education Pathways Biotechnology Engineering International Business Performing Arts Game Design & Integration Welding Systems, Diagnostics Production & Managerial Human Services Healthcare Operational Support Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *After School tutoring *Student Union *Opportunities Program *Report Card Night *Edmentum Credit Recovery Program *Open Door Policy *School Based Wellness Coordinators *Restorative Justice Program *Student Voice & Choice
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