



## Fake News Hews Fined for Withholding Evidence, Proving Conspiracy to Smear Vasquez

Sworn Statements Prove Central Basin Board Members Art Chacon and Philip Hawkins Joined Hews to Stop Vasquez's Central Basin Reform Efforts



Brian Hews

*Press Release - Leticia Vasquez*

After months of refusing to disclose his alleged "sources" for his fake news article about Central Basin Water Board Director Leticia Vasquez, Los Cerritos Community News (LCCN) owner and publisher Brian Hews finally admitted in Los Angeles Superior Court that his sources were third person hearsay from his co-

conspirators at Central Basin, Board members Art Chacon and Philip Hawkins.

On Nov. 6, the court fined Hews and his lawyers \$2,500 for withholding evidence without legal justification and wasting the court's time. Hews, Chacon and Hawkins all now admit that they have absolutely no evidence to support the fabricated article which claimed that Vasquez and Montebello City Councilwoman Vanessa Delgado attempted to extort money from a Newport Beach real estate firm in 2016.

Vasquez, Delgado, the real estate firm officials and several others with first-hand knowledge have all filed sworn

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## Artesia City Council Discusses Removal of Pioneer Promenade

By Jerry Bernstein

Meeting in special session on Nov. 6, the Artesia City Council voted 3-2 to move forward with the removal of the promenade curbs in the center of Pioneer Boulevard between 183rd Street and 186th Street and return the boulevard back to two northbound lanes and two southbound lanes. However, the council noted the remaining area will be reduced in width from approximately 52 feet to 44 feet.

Voting no was Mayor Pro Tem Sally Flowers and Councilmember Tony Lima. Flowers suggested a northbound dedicated left turn at 183rd Street similar to the southbound left turn at the inter-

section. Councilman Lima favored a median strip similar to the one north of 183rd Street and expressed concern about parking on Pioneer.

Speaking before the council, Artesia resident Rene Trevino said the staff report says the median will be removed, but according to the civil engineer, Tony Wong, not the entire median can be removed.

Trevino asked if it would be advisable to consider a northbound left turn lane at 183rd. He stated that without removing the parking down by 186th and 187th, wouldn't dedicating a left turn lane on the north side at 183rd Street

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## Supervisor Hahn Contributes \$110,000 to Co-sponsor CCPA Arts Education Program



LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn presents a check for \$110,000 to the City of Cerritos Councilmembers Frank Yokoyama, Jim Edwards, Naresh Solanki and Mayor Pro Tem Mark Pulido for the Arts Education Program.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn has provided \$110,000 in funding to the City of Cerritos to co-sponsor the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) 2017-18 Arts Education Program. Supervisor Hahn presented a check to the City Council at the Oct. 26 Council meeting.

The Arts Education Program exposes thousands of K-12 grade students to the arts, culture, theater and more. Each season the program serves more than 2,500 students and educators from numerous districts, including ABC, Bellflower, Long

Beach, Los Angeles, Norwalk and Paramount.

This season's CCPA Arts Education Program includes award-winning children's musician Hap Palmer, the acclaimed dance troupe Step Afrika!, The Dallas Children's Theatre's musical "How I Became a Pirate" and the musical "Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site." The first show featuring Hap Palmer will take place on Thursday, Nov. 2 and will serve nearly 2,500 students.

"We know that our kids do better when they have a well-rounded education that does not stop at reading, writing, math and science," said Su-

pervisor Hahn. "That is why I am happy my office could contribute \$110,000 to the Cerritos Arts Education Program. This is a fabulous set of performances that expose elementary aged students to arts, music, and culture in a fun and engaging way."

Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu said, "This joint effort between the city and county is an exciting opportunity for our two organizations to work together to benefit the youths and educators of our communities. We look forward to working with the county to provide valuable arts education to the students and teachers in this region."

## Hawaiian Gardens Celebrates Red Ribbon Week

By Jerry Bernstein

Oct. 24 was a hot day with the temperature hovering at 90 degrees. Hawaiian Gardens city officials and school principals decided to move the Red Ribbon Week program into the air conditioned civic center gymnasium.

With the Artesia High Marching Band providing the music, the students from Furgeson, Hawaiian, Melbourne Elementary Yal Program and Fedde International Academy entered the gymnasium.

Mayor Hank Trimble greeted the students and school officials. He said, "Red Ribbon Week is the old-



Students hold up school Red Ribbon Week poster that says "Your Future-Stay Drug Free."

est and largest drug prevention program in the country. This year's theme is Your Future is key, so stay drug He described the city council as

working very hard, searching for ways to have Hawaiian Garden youth to grow up in a neighborhood that is drug free.

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### Message from the ABC Superintendent

## ABC Honored with 2017 Golden Bell Award



By Dr. Mary Sieu  
ABCUSD Superintendent

ABC Unified School District has received official notification that Bragg Elementary School has been selected as a Golden Bell Award Winner for 2017. The Golden Bell Award is sponsored by the California School Boards Association.

Bragg ES's "Building Bridges Program" is a school-wide initiative designed to cre-

ate a positive, safe learning climate at Bragg ES by providing a complete system of support.

Four pillars build a foundation to create this positive change. They include 1) Restructuring their playground and recess time around Playworks; 2) School-wide implementation of the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) Program; 3) Hiring a Playworks Coach and Wellness Coordinator and 4) Providing training and professional development to support these programs.

These programs have been in place for over five years at Bragg ES and have been a model for other schools in the District.

Bragg ES Principal Annette Janeway, along with a team of teachers, parents, students and Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu, completed their On Site Validation Visit by CSBA on Oct. 18, 2017.



The On-Site Validation Visit verifies that the Golden Bell application is consistent with the program in operation. The program was deemed an official winner after the program received a satisfactory on-site visit and an official letter from CSBA.

The recipients of the 2017 Golden Bell Awards will be honored on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the San Diego Marriott Hotel. This will be the District's 16th Golden Bell Award since 2002.

"Being recognized for an exemplary program by CSBA is always a distinct honor for our school community in ABC. We congratulate the entire Bragg ES school community for this outstanding achievement," said Dr. Sieu.

### Students Say No to Drugs

## Hawaiian Gardens Celebrates Red Ribbon Week

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He described Hawaiian Gardens as a Proactive Community. "Prevention is much easier than intervention. That is why Hawaiian Gardens has so many wonderful programs that keep our youth active and off the streets."

He told the students, "We are fortunate to live in a city that has the Mission Statement 'Our Youth, Our Future.'"

The students filling the bleachers to capacity, were full of excitement, some holding up posters drawn in class. Later that evening at the city council meeting, presentations and awards were made to the 2017 participants and poster award winners.

Guests included Miss Hawaiian Gardens, Carla Torres, and Princess Evangelina Romero, along with Neighborhood Counselor Ernie Vargas, Diana Morales, representing California Assemblyman Anthony Rendon from the 63rd District. Representatives from the Los Angeles Fire Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department also attended.



Mayor Hank Trimble, Councilman Reynaldo Rodriguez, and Mayor Pro Tem Barry Bruce recognize outstanding Red Ribbon Week posters.



Artesia High School Marching Band performs at the Red Ribbon Week event in Hawaiian Gardens on Oct. 26.

**ABC**  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Next School  
Board Meeting**

December 5  
7 p.m.

## Speakers Wanted for TEDx Conference

TEDx is returning to Cerritos College on April 3, 2018. The College hosted its first TEDx conference in March 2017 that featured dynamic faculty and community speakers.

TEDx is independently run and is designed to encourage new ideas. TEDx at Cerritos College is currently seeking speakers with "ideas worth sharing" around the theme Strength in Diversity.

Cerritos College is guided by its core value of celebrating diversity in people, philosophies, cultures, beliefs, programs and learning environments. Online applications will be accepted until Jan. 1, 2018, and speakers will be notified on Feb. 1, 2018.

For more information, requirements, and application, visit the Tedx Cerritos College web page, Presenter's Application or contact Monique Valencia - [mvalencia@cerritos.edu](mailto:mvalencia@cerritos.edu).

TED Talks began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design converged, and today covers almost all topics — from science to business to global issues — in more than 100 languages.

### Cerritos Library

## Author Will Discuss History of Video Games

"New York Times" bestselling author Jonathan Hennessey will discuss his latest book "The Comic Book Story of Video Games" on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in Skyline Room A at the Cerritos Library. The event is free and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

A complete, illustrated history of video games told in a graphic novel format, "The Comic Book Story of Video Games" explores the machines, games and people who have made gaming a worldwide, billion-dollar industry and art form. The book explores the history of gaming's technology, culture and business. Copies will be available for purchase.

A graduate of Syracuse University, Hennessey also wrote the "New York Times" bestseller "The Comic Book Story of Beer," "The U.S. Constitution," "The Gettysburg Address" and the history-based time-travel series "Epochalypse."

A Retro Gaming exhibition will be on display in the Young Adult area of the Cerritos Library throughout November and December.

For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

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Hawaiian Gardens City Hall  
Hawaiian Gardens Library  
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## Hawaiian Gardens Council Approves Clarkdale Skate Park Improvements

By Jerry Bernstein

The Hawaiian Gardens City Council approved plans for the renovation and expansion of Clarkdale Skate Park at its Oct. 24 meeting.

In his report to the council, Community Development Director Joseph Colombo said the project includes the removal of the parks existing skate modulars along with construction of a new expanded concrete pad and skating elements plus other park improvements.

These include a shade canopy, skate park fencing relocation and modifications, perimeter fence height extension (east side), landscape and irrigation modifications and new playground rubberized surfaces replacing wood chips at Clarkdale and at Lee Ware Park and Pioneer Park at a projected cost of \$753,848

The council also authorized staff to prepare plans and specifications for the installation of a re-circulating water system and expansion of the splash pad at Clarkdale Park at an estimated cost of \$550,000 of which \$40,000 is for the expanded portion.

It was noted, as required by law, the Los Angeles Health Department will review the proposed splash pad re-circulating water system plans prior to the project going out to bid. Construction is tentatively scheduled to start in April 2018.

In other business, the council tabled a proposal by Council Member Mariana Rios to rename Pioneer Park to honor the late Sister City, Venustiano Carranza, Presidente (Mayor) Edgar Gill Yoguez.

The council previously directed staff to conduct a city

survey. There were 131 respondents to the survey with 63.36 per cent of the respondents voting against renaming the park and 34.64 per cent voting in favor.

On Oct. 18, the Recreation Commission discussed the item and voted in favor of renaming the park. Cost of replacing the park sign would be approximately \$800.

In other business, the council approved an amendment to the city's lease agreement with Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (FAOF) to expand their existing child care operations to 999 sq. ft. of unused space on the first floor at the Helen Rosas Center.

The additional space will be for additional office and conference space and break room area. The city will receive \$1,098.90 per month rental revenue.

## COMMUNITY calendar



ARTESIA:  
**Veterans Day Ceremony**  
Thursday, Nov. 9 • 6 p.m.  
Veterans Memorial  
Artesia Park, 18750 Clarkdale Ave.



CERRITOS  
**Veterans Day Ceremony**  
Saturday, Nov. 11 • 10 a.m. Cerritos Civic Center  
The event will feature patriotic music, a color guard provided by Southeast Academy Military and Law Enforcement High School, City Council and dignitary comments, wreath laying and a moment of silence. In addition, children's patriotic crafts will be offered.

**Christmas Tree Lighting Event**  
Monday, Nov. 20 • 5 - 7 p.m. Cerritos Civic Center  
Entertainment, crafts for children, & photos with Santa.

HAWAIIAN GARDENS  
**Veterans Day Program**  
Saturday, Nov. 11 • 8 a.m. City Hall Parking Lot  
21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens  
Continental Breakfast will be provided as we honor all who have served in the armed forces.

**City Council, Parls & Rec. Commission Meeting**  
Thursday, Nov. 16 • 6 p.m. • Site of Future Teen Center, 22325 Norwalk Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens  
You are invited to discuss plans for the future Teen Center. Please plan to attend, your input is important to us. Refreshments will be served.

## Cerritos City Council Votes No to Sell Property to B&B Stables

By Jerry Bernstein

In a surprise vote, the Cerritos City Council voted no to a request by Bob and Mary Buell, owners of B&B Stables to purchase the five acres the stable is located on. No reason was given. The property, is located west of Dumont Avenue across from Valley Christian School between 183rd Street and Artesia Boulevard.

In 1992 the Buells leased the property for five years to operate B&B Stables, with the most recent lease effective May 1, 2017 at a rent of \$1,200 a month. The land is currently valued at \$150,000. The city became the owner of the property following the dissolution of the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency.

In her written report to the council, Recreation Service Superintendent Sherri Titus said the property is landlocked and is zoned for open space, thus precluding development. It was originally part of the San Gabriel Riverbed and under state law structures cannot be built on it.

Councilman Naresh Solanki moved to sell the property to the Buells. However it failed to get a second. Councilman Jim Edwards favored a postponement on a vote until all five councilmembers were present. Mayor Grace Hu was absent.

Edwards said he was in favor of tabling it so it could be discussed by the entire council and moved to table it. He also instructed staff to obtain an appraisal of the property. Councilman Solanki seconded it. Mayor Pro Tem Mark Pulido and Frank Yoroyama voted no.

In other business the Council approved a five year lease agreement with Southern California Edison and a concurrent five year sublease with members of the Cerritos Auto Square Dealers to continue existing use of two Edison-owned properties for vehicle storage. City Councilmember Frank Yokoyama asked why Edison didn't negotiate directly with the auto dealers? City Manager Art Gallucci replied Edison does not want to be bothered and basically asked the city to handle it. Councilman Jim Edwards said, "We have repeatedly asked Edison to negotiate with the auto dealers and they said no. "How many time do we have to asked and get the same answer," he said.

In other business the council approved a request by Penske Jaguar Land Rover of Cerritos for a minor addition and remodel of its existing showrooms, offices and service canopy and to refurbish the existing hardware in the parking

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## Cerritos High Band Takes 1st in 3A Division



The Cerritos High School Band, Regiment of Gold, recently won 1st place at the RCC Big Orange Classic 3A Division, receiving the highest score of the night in all divisions – High Music, Visual, General Effect and Auxiliary.

## Overnight Parking Restrictions Relaxed for Holidays

Out-of-town guests visiting family and friends in Cerritos for the Thanksgiving holiday are welcome to park overnight on Cerritos streets without a permit during the City's annual holiday parking moratorium.

No parking permit will be required from Saturday, November 18 through Monday, November 27.

A holiday parking moratorium will also be in effect from Saturday, December 9 through Monday, January 8 for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

Permits are normally required to park on City streets

between 3 and 5 a.m. to help keep streets clear and allow residents and deputies to quickly spot suspicious vehicles. Overnight parking permit renewals will take place beginning in mid-November.

For more information, call the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266.



## Veterans Day Has Special Meaning for Me



By Melinda Kimsey

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

Here is a short history of Veterans Day, which has a special meaning for me because my father was one of the beach commanders on Iwo Jima. Also, my son is in the Coast Guard. Here is a fact about that battle. The flag that flew over Iwo Jima was actually a Coast Guard flag. So, here is my humble way to honor all of the men and women who serve our county, both in the past and in the present.

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to

all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

### WHEN IS VETERANS DAY?

- Veterans Day occurs on Nov. 11 every year in the United States.

- In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

- In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.

- Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and World War II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November).

- In Europe, Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every Nov. 11.

### VETERANS TODAY

The military men and women who serve and protect the U.S. come from all walks of life; they are parents, children, grandparents, friends, neighbors and coworkers, and are an important part of their communities. Here are some facts about the veteran population of the United States:

- 16.1 million living veterans served in at least one war.
- 5.2 million veterans served in peacetime.

- 2 million veterans are women.

- 7 million veterans served in the Vietnam War.

- 5.5 million veterans served in the Persian Gulf War.

- Of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, about 558,000 are still alive.

- 2 million veterans served in the Korean War.

- 6 million veterans served in peacetime.

- As of 2014, 2.9 million veterans received compensation for service-connected disabilities.

- As of 2014, 3 states have more than 1 million veterans among their population: California (1.8 million), Florida (1.6 million) and Texas (1.7 million).

## What's Happening in Cerritos?



By Brad Beach

What is going on in this country? I'd like us all to take a moment of silence for the 26 lives lost at a church in south Texas. It seems like every day there is some violent event in America and it really makes me appreciate our life in Cerritos.

One thing I don't appreciate is the gas tax and the increase in vehicle registration fees. People were filling up at gas stations all over the southland just to save a couple dollars. We pay so much in taxes already in California, and I often wonder where all the money goes.

On a positive note, I noticed a lot more trick or treaters this year in my neighborhood. It is probably because one of our neighbors created an amazing haunted house with a maze and numerous role players. Thank you, Steve and Misty. Our kids loved it, too.

I recently attended a neighborhood watch meeting in zone 54 and was thoroughly

impressed with the turnout. More than 200 hundred local residents brought food and attended the event at Karen's house. Lynda Johnson from Supervisor Janice Hahn's office kicked off the event talking about the Blue Ribbon Commission created to address the increase in crime.

Captain Nuñez from LASD and Fire Captain Beran from Station 35 were there to speak. They also had representatives from Ring doorbell and Emergency Go Bags to help people protect their houses and prepare for an emergency. These events bring the community together and make us safer. I encourage anyone reading this to become a Block Captain and make your neighborhood safer.

Operation Night Lite is still going strong, and I actually changed the bulbs in my motion sensor light in the front of the house to LED lights. You would be amazed at the difference in lighting those 5000K flood lights put out, and they only use 14 watts instead of 90 watts. I turn the light on at night and leave it on until the morning. Criminals don't like the light and will move on to a darker house.

A house burned down near Gonsalves Elementary School. It was possibly due to lint in a dryer so please make sure to clean yours out if you haven't.

Everyone should also have a family plan in the event that you have a fire and make sure your kids know what to do. You should also change the batteries in your smoke detectors since it was just a time change. I sure wish we would do away with falling back and keep the time where it is lighter later into the evening.

Coyotes were sighted at 183rd/Delrose and 166th/Studebaker recently. Remember to haze them by yelling and making noise to drive them off. Please keep small pets in at nights as well.

Congratulations to the winners in ABC Trustee Areas #3 and #6 – Ernie Nishii and Olga Rios. I look forward to the great things you are going to do for our district. Yesterday the Facilities Committee presented an update to the Board about the two town hall events and input from the community on our school facilities. The final report should be in January.

And a special congratulations to my fellow Gahr alumnus, Chris Devinski, for his World Series title with the Houston Astros.

Please come out to the Cerritos Civic Center on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. to celebrate our Veterans. I want to personally thank you all for your service to our country. Stay safe, Cerritos.

## One Does Not Have a Claim on Life, But Only the Right to Use It



By Jerry Bernstein

I've often been asked where Fruitcake, Florida is located. Since I've never had the opportunity to visit it, the best I can say it's in Central Florida. According to my FRIEND FROM FRUITCAKE, FLORIDA, it's a small town. It has town meetings and civic events like most communities, a city manager who answers to the city council who in turn answers to the residents, just like we do here.

We were having lunch. My FRIEND FROM FRUITCAKE, FLORIDA had something on his mind besides his hometown. "Tell me," he asked, what's going on in Artesia?"

"What specifically did you have in mind?" I inquired.

"What's this recall of the mayor and two city council members all about?"

"You know as much as I do," I replied. "Recall petitions are being circulated and if enough residents sign them, and the signatures are verified, there will be a recall election."

"The merchants with stores on Pioneer between 183rd Street and 186th Street are unhappy with the proposed Pioneer Boulevard promenade and claim its curbed outline is hurting business," I added.

"I thought the council agreed to realign it so there

will be two lanes each for north-south traffic and the left turn bay at 183rd Street would be modified. I haven't seen any changes," he said.

"Well, Rome wasn't built in a day," I replied.

My FRIEND FROM FRUITCAKE, FLORIDA gave me an exasperated look. "There has to be more than that?" he said.

"Could be," I answered. "When Artesia incorporated in 1959, its tax base was focused on property tax. Today, due to changes on the state level, the focus is now on sales tax. Pioneer Boulevard is Artesia historic shopping center, but over the years this one area has developed with specialty stores that attract a single market. It requires additional development that will bring new customers to the street."

"So will the recall resolve the issues Artesia is facing?" he asked.

"Only time will tell," I replied. "Artesia is a small city. It doesn't have the land to construct a major shopping center or box stores. It also has a high-water table that prohibits building high-rise structures."

"It seems to me," he responded, "from what I've observed Artesia needs additional retail and/or restaurant use at key locations throughout the city, enabling it to compete with the shopping centers and box stores that offer individualized services and goods not available at the mall or chain stores."

Saying that my FRIEND FROM FRUITCAKE, FLORIDA got up from the table. "I have another appointment to keep. Artesia has a lot of potential. It just has to get its act together," he said.



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SOMETHING,  
SAY SOMETHING.**



Around and About

## Yosemite Nat'l. Park Excursions Pt. 1



By Dr. Bob Hughlett

We drove through the long, rough-hewn tunnel and exited into what is arguably the most spectacular display Mother Nature has to offer. Our daughter and son, Amy and Brian, sat on the stone fence with Half Dome and immense granite rock faces as a back drop for a picture which would be the centerpiece for our annual Christmas letter – in 1984.

Thirty years later once again Amy and Brian – along with wives, husbands and children – exited the tunnel and met Half Dome anew. Yes, it was another opportunity to gather the family for a concentrated visit that last had occurred on the Mexican Rivera and then Oahu over the last eight years. All 11 present posed for pictures, which will hopefully headline our Christmas letter 2017.

This time we were in Yosemite National Park over the long Columbus Day weekend. We stayed at a very nice home booked through VRBO (Vacation Rentals By Owner) in West Yosemite. Our location was one of the few actually within the confines of the park – saving us up to an hour's travel time each day had we stayed outside the ranger's gates.

All 11 of us fit quite com-

fortably, and the cousins quickly re-connected. Doug and Brian, the family grill masters, approved of the barbecue and quickly laid plans to put it to good use.

Amy, Marianne and Jénelle tidied the place to make it our own for a short while, and Bob cheered the fact that the Dodgers also found the route all the way to the wilderness thanks to Dish TV.

The cousins range from high schooler Abby, the mature mom's assistant to the almost 2-year-old Cameron, who rules the group with the steady hand only a 2-year-old can wield. Everyone soon found their place in the hubbub which soon ensued.

Some of the earlier arrivals were able to make a quick trip around the valley and village by battling traffic which would soon become more daunting as we moved into the holiday weekend. We learned at the outset that one drove to a parking spot as near to the stop of choice and walked from there. There is a free shuttle bus system throughout the valley floor, but one still has the problem of finding an initial place to stash your vehicle.

The next morning, that stop of choice was the Bridal Veil Falls Trail. We caravanned close to the falls and hiked the easy half mile round trip trail to the boulder framed water display (apparently Bridal Veil is one of the few which flow year round).

Along the way we came across two bucks dueling each other with a conviction vaguely reminiscent of the posed gunfights which used to occur

on main street at Knott's Berry Farm. The more adventuresome of our crowd (i.e. those under 60) hopped from boulder to boulder to approach the small pool at the base before pushing on to Yosemite Falls.

Shortly thereafter, we stopped at Yosemite Valley for a picnic lunch and local exploration next to the river within sight of the majestic Yosemite Falls. We all enjoyed the lunch, thanks to executive chef Cameron, the 2-year-old, who was responsible for the equal distribution of cheese, and his Auntie Amy – among others.

After eating, Aidan and Donovan boldly crossed the river on nature provided stepping stones and proceeded to skip stones, select walking sticks from the debris and generally explore the wonderful environment. They were soon joined by Abby and Amanda, while the old folks watched over in the event that wild bears or lesser critters were to appear on the scene.

The best we could claim in the beast department to that point had been a short parade of deer passing by the kitchen window to entertain us all at breakfast and ground squirrels and their assorted relatives either running free in the wild or lying flat on the roadways apparently very deep in thought. Aerial displays, however, were provided by a wide variety of birds and the buzzing of insects of all shapes and sizes took care of the musical end of things.

Please let me know your response to this column and suggest others by contacting me at b.hughlett@verizon.net.

LA COUNTY SUPERVISOR  
**JANICE HAHN**  
representing the 4th district



READ MY LETTER TO THE ACTING  
SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY

ICE has begun detaining Cambodian residents during routine immigration checks. Families are being torn apart as loved ones are being sent to detention centers across the country without warning.

I'm proud to represent one of the largest communities of Cambodian immigrants any-

where in the world and I'm outraged that ICE is targeting my constituents.

Read my letter demanding ICE and the Department of Homeland Security to immediately explain this shocking round-up of Cambodian residents.



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JANICE HAHN  
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October 24, 2017

The Honorable Elaine C. Duke  
Secretary of Homeland Security  
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Acting Secretary Duke:

My office has heard multiple reports that detentions of Cambodian immigrants have increased in recent weeks. Many of these detentions were sudden and without warning. Many of the people detained have been living and working in the United States for decades without incident, and most of them have faithfully and regularly reported as required to their local ICE office during those decades.

There is speculation that Cambodians have been targeted because of ongoing disagreements between the United States and Cambodia. This diplomatic detente resulted in visa denial for Cambodians looking to travel to the United States on business or tourism. Thereafter, reports began to emerge about an increase in ICE detentions of Cambodians. Some who were scheduled to check in with their local ICE office were told to come in at an earlier date and then summarily detained. There appears to have been no precipitating event in the immigrants' lives that would warrant such a detention.

These detentions are troubling. In fact, at least one of the detainees lives in my District and was swept up in the increased enforcement. I represent a large population of Cambodians living in Long Beach, California. If it is true, as we hear, that the Administration is using this man and other gainfully-employed, civically-engaged Cambodians as bargaining chips with the Cambodian government, then we urge the Department of Homeland Security to release these people to their families, their jobs, and their communities while the diplomats work things out.

My residents and their families cannot be used as pawns. I would like an explanation for any change in procedure and details on recent detentions of Cambodian immigrants by ICE.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

*Janice Hahn*  
JANICE HAHN  
Supervisor, Fourth District  
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## Young Systems Selected for Cerritos' Business Recognition Program



The technology distributor Young Systems was chosen for Cerritos' Business Recognition Program, which showcases local businesses that foster pride in the City's community and economy. Company Vice President Donald Lee accept-

ed the honor.

Established in 1985 by Young Lee out of his Cerritos garage, Young Systems has become one of the fastest growing distributors offering business-technology needs such as document scanners, multi-

function printers, wide-format printers, servers/workstations and software solutions.

The firm assists organizations in legal matters, health care and finance, with the goal to optimize efficiency and reduce operational costs.

Young Systems has partnered with more than 30 leading technology brands, including Canon, Cisco, Dell, HP, Sharp and Kyocera. The "Los Angeles Business Journal" named Young Systems to its lists of "Top 100 Fastest Growing Companies in Los Angeles" and "Top 100 Minority Owned Companies."

Young Systems is located at 13125 Midway Place in Cerritos.

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relieve the bottleneck of some of that northbound traffic. He said the council's action was a step in the right direction. This is what many residents have been requesting.

Artesia business owner Gurpal Sood said, "Plans have been made, but not a single merchant on Pioneer Boulevard has been informed. The people would like to know the plan and how it has been formed."

Flowers agreed with Trevi-

no about having a dedicated left turn lane at 183rd Street and asked if it was in the plan. City Manager William Rawlings said the curb will be removed for appropriate traffic design.

Flowers responded, "Keep in mind, this intersection is supposed to be the hub of the city of Artesia." She also agreed that left turns on 183rd Street for northbound traffic needs to be modified especially for trucks that have to back up to make the turn.

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area at the property located at 10861 183rd Street. The council also approved a request by Rettan Corporation to permit light industrial warehousing, wholesaling and manufacturing uses at 13910 and 13920 Struikman Road and 17301 and 17311 Edwards Road.

A five year license agreement with Southern Califor-

nia Edison Company was approved for reclaimed water pipeline maintenance and operation. The agreement requires the city to pay an annual fee of \$67,933.45, which will increase three percent annually during the term of the agreement. The fee is an increase of \$1,978.64 over the current annual fee.



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