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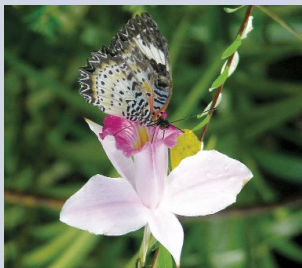
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Mayor Tony Lima takes center stage at the Artesia International Street Fair on Oct. 4 as he poses with two of the dragon dancers. Following his welcome speech, he enjoyed dancing with the Brazilian dancers.

20,000 Visitors Participate in Artesia's 1st International Street Fair & Diversity Festival

By Jerry Bernstein

It was a warm morning with temperatures predicted to reach the high 90's. Last minute preparations were being made for the first Artesia International Street Fair and Diversity Festival.

In front of the 186th Street stage, people were beginning

to fill the benches.

At 11 a.m. Mayor Lima spoke to the audience. "Welcome to Artesia's First Annual Street Fair and Diversity Festival. The festival is designed to have something for everyone," he said.

He urged the audience to walk from 188th Street to 183rd Street where he said they

would experience 20 different cultures with music, food and and informational booths.

As the sun rose higher in the sky and the temperature climbed, more and more people came to celebrate the diversity of the festival. An estimated 20,000 visitors packed Pioneer

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Cerritos Residents to Vote on Transit Tax

By Jerry Bernstein

Visitors to Cerritos who plan to stay one or more nights at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel or other commercial facilities in the city could soon be paying a 12 percent transit tax pending voter approval March 3. The city council approved the increase from six to 12 percent at its Aug. 28 meeting and voted to place it on the March 3 ballot at its Oct. 9 meeting.

In a report to the council,

budget manager Gerard DeMasi said Cerritos current tax of six percent was low compared to the 10 percent that adjacent cities charge. He said according to the League of California Cities, approximately 90 percent of California cities collect a transit occupancy tax ranging from 3.5 percent to 15 percent. He said the 6 percent tax has been included in the Cerritos Municipal Code since

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Artesia Utility Tax Goes to Voters

By Jerry Bernstein

Artesia city officials held the first of several public meetings Sept. 30 in the council chambers concerning the proposed utility tax (Measure Y) that will be on the Nov. 4 ballot.

Councilman Ali Taj, who led the meeting, said the 4.9 percent utility tax increase would provide needed funds for general city services, including crime and gang prevention programs, 9-11 response, street infrastructure, parks and recreation, community center improvements and the addition of a second police car. He said, "Measure Y will provide Artesia with a local source of funding that cannot be taken by Sacramento."

He noted over the past few years, the city has had to cut 30 percent of its work force and watched the State eliminate approximately \$2 million

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Artesia's Portuguese Community History



At the Artesia Historical Society's 11 Annual Gala on Oct. 3, Grupo folcloreco Retalhas Antigos de Artesia performed several Portuguese Folk Dances on stage at the DES Hall. Joining them for one dance number was Artesia Historical Society President Barbara Applebury and Artesia Councilman Ali Taj.

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Cerritos College Board

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- Enforce Student-centered Budget Management
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Cerritos Recognizes Student Authors



Cerritos City Council members Joseph Cho, Bruce Barrows, George Ray and Mayor Mark Pulido congratulate Karishma and Pratyush Muthukumar, students at Whitney High and Leal Elementary School respectively, upon their publishing Volume One of their book entitled "Bridge - Linking Reality and Imagination." The book was recently published by Kid Pub Press and has been donated to the Cerritos Library. It can be purchased from Kid Pub Press and Amazon.com. With them are their parents V. and Anupama Muthukumar. Karishma, 13, is very fond of science. She hopes to become a neurophysiologist. Pratyush, 10, is passionate about building and programming robots and hopes to become a robotic engineer.

Student Exchange Program

ABC Students Visit Kakamigahara

ABC students recently returned from a visit to the City of Kakamigahara, Japan, under a high school exchange program initiated in the year 2001 and co-sponsored by the Artesia-Cerritos Rotary Club.

The students lived in the homes of the Japanese students and attended classes with their hosts. Adult participants included ABC Coordinator Stacey Hamagiwa, Gahr High teacher Kim Suzuki and Whitney High teacher Esther Zhou. Parent chaperone was Dipa Gandhi.

Approximately 15-20 Japanese students will visit ABC between Oct. 29-31 and will attend classes with the host students. Following their visit, they will then visit another school district.

At the Sept. 2 ABC School Board meeting, students Amanda Oyama, Esther Zou, Sandy Alvarado, Benjamin Barnett, Rushik Gandhi and Amy Hanamoto presented a Power Point presentation highlighting activities and events they experienced. Parent Chaperone Dipa Gandhi described the visit as

one she will never forget. She said she had a choice of staying at a hotel or in a home, and she chose the latter.

Several students described their stay and experiences attending school with their student hosts. They said the students begin school early, and when the school day is over, they are responsible for leaving the campus in the same condition they found it that morning, clean. They also said their host students were similar to them in many ways and had a sense of humor.

ABC Recipient of \$100,000 Kaiser Permanente Grant

ABC Unified School District is the recipient of a \$100,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente. Gregg Durkee, Chief Operations Officer and Sheri Bathurst, Community Benefit Manager, made the presentation at the District's Oct. 7 Board meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu said the grant is a new partnership plan with Kaiser Permanente entitled "Active Living Initiative." She said part of the purpose of the Grant is to establish a physical activity program on the playground with 11 of our elementary schools. Another initiative of the grant is to promote "Walk to School Days," which is designed to promote wellness in the community.



For the Record

The Gateway Guardian staff inadvertently placed the "Yes on Measure AA" logo in the text of Dr. Mary Sieu's article on the bond issue. We apologize for any misunderstanding or inconvenience this caused.

ABC
UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST

Next School
Board Meeting:
Tuesday, Oct. 21
7 p.m.

Fall Music Performances at Cerritos College

Students and faculty in the Cerritos College Music Department will showcase their talents in a variety of concerts this fall. Most performances are free and open to the public.

One-day parking passes may be purchased for \$2 in parking lots C-1, C-2 and C-10. For updated information please visit the Music Department website at: <http://cms.cerritos.edu/music>.

Oct. 15 - Jazz Exchange Concert - 7 p.m. Student Center (Free) The concert will feature the Cerritos College Jazz Band in an evening of high energy jazz tunes. The group will be directed by Dr. David Betancourt, music professor.

Oct. 17 - Piano Recital: Piano Concert Lecture Series - 11 a.m. Room BC-51 (Free) Lecture features Franz Schubert: the great "Viennese" composer Auf dem strom, Impromptu: Op. 142, No. 3, Klavierstucke, Fantasie in F minor for one piano/four hands A lecture on piano will be presented by Dr. Christine Lopez, Director of Keyboard Studies.

Oct. 19 - Piano Ensemble Concert - 4 p.m. Room BC-51 (Free) Check the website for more information.

Oct. 24 - Band & Orchestra Exchange Concert - 7 p.m. Student Center (Free) The Cerritos College Concert Band and Orchestra will present an evening of modern and classic medleys and overtures. The band is conducted by Dr. David Betancourt and the orchestra will be conducted by Alan Hallback, music instructor.

Nov. 14 - Piano Recital: Piano Concert Lecture Series Pop Goes the Classics!!! 11 a.m. Room BC-51 (Free) Rhonda Dillon - soprano and Greg Schreiner - piano

Nov. 16 - Fall Faculty Gala 2 p.m. Burnight Center Theatre (Check the website for ticket pricing) The Faculty Gala is a scholarship fundraiser for students in the Applied Music program.

Nov. 18 Choir and Band & Orchestra Music Exchange Concert 7 p.m. Burnight Center Theatre (Free) Featuring the Cerritos College Choir, Concert Band and Orchestra, the concert will present an evening of modern and classic medleys and overtures.

Cerritos College is located at 11110 Alondra Blvd. Norwalk, CA 90650. One-day parking passes may be purchased for \$2 in parking lots C-1, C-2 and C-10.

Contact the Cerritos College Music Department at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2629.



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Supervisor Knabe Guest Speaker at Artesia-Norwalk Joint Luncheon

By Larry Caballero

Los Angeles County Supervisor Chairman Don Knabe thanked the Artesia and Norwalk Chambers of Commerce at their Sep. 26 State of the County Luncheon for giving him the opportunity to share some of the achievements that he and his colleagues have been able to do when they can all work together.

“There can’t be any partisan squabbles, no specific Democratic or Republican way to solve a problem or resolve an issue,” said Knabe. “We all have to work together to fix the problem whether it’s a pothole or providing medical care to the needy.”

Knabe wished that Sacramento and Washington, D.C. officials would be less political. He also is frustrated with the management of the Central Basin Municipal Water Board



Thanking Supervisor Don Knabe (center), while welcoming Chamber members and guests to their State of the County Luncheon, were (l-r) Norwalk Chamber President Toni Grijalva and Artesia Chamber President Parimal Shah.

and said that if a Sacramento legislator would act in the same manner, he or she would be removed from office.

Earlier this year, Knabe announced the start of “Operation Libraries,” a plan to invest \$45 million to upgrade county libraries in communities throughout the Fourth District. He said that Artesia will be

enjoying a new library in the near future that will be at least twice the current size with the latest technology to serve the residents.

Knabe is known as a national leader on the issue of child sex trafficking. In 2012, he launched a countywide awareness campaign to spread the word that young girls are being sexually exploited for money right here in southern California.

Knabe was first elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 1996 and was overwhelmingly re-elected in 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012. He represents the Fourth District, which is a uniquely diverse area that is home to more than 2 million residents and includes two of the nation’s largest economic hubs—the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and Los Angeles International Airport.

Cerritos Mayor’s Column

If You See Something, Say Something



By Mayor Mark E. Pulido

Cerritos Sheriff’s deputies work hard to make the City a safe place to live and work. Clear evidence of this effort is their continuing dedication to reducing the residential burglary rate throughout Cerritos. Residents will be glad to know that residential burglaries in the City declined during the first six months of the year by approximately 42 percent compared to 2013 figures.

While Sheriff’s deputies continue with their efforts, residents are encouraged to do their part as well. Our deputies need the help of alert residents who will quickly call the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station at (562) 860-0044 whenever they see suspicious people or cars in their neighborhood. The City of Cerritos reminds residents:

“If You See Something, Say Something.”

The nationwide “If You See Something, Say Something” public awareness campaign has been around for several years and is considered a simple and effective program to raise public awareness of crime. It emphasizes the importance of reporting suspicious activity to the proper local law enforcement authorities. The campaign also underscores the concept that homeland security begins with hometown security.

There have been several incidents in Cerritos that are good examples of the “If You See Something, Say Something” concept. While investigating burglaries in the City, deputies often speak to residents who most likely spoke to burglary suspects earlier in the day. According to residents, their doorbells have rung and upon opening the door, they have observed individuals whom they were not familiar with. The individuals at the door would then immediately state, “Sorry, wrong address,”

and would quickly leave. Later it was discovered that nearby neighbors’ homes had been broken into.

This is a classic strategy used by “knock-knock” burglars who periodically prey on Cerritos residents. They work in teams and may be male or female. When someone answers the door, the would-be burglars claim to be looking for a lost dog or a person the homeowner has never heard of. However, if no one answers, the burglar goes through or over a side gate, pries open a rear window, lets his or her accomplices inside the home and quickly burglarizes it.

If you see someone on your neighbor’s property who you are pretty certain doesn’t belong, or if you answer your door and get the “Sorry, wrong address” line, be suspicious, be observant and remember, “If You See Something, Say Something.”

In Cerritos we have the benefit of the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station, which services just our community. A dedicated group of deputies along with our own 24-hour emergency dispatch center results in Cerritos residents receiving the fastest emergency response times of any station in LA County. When a Cerritos resident observes someone acting suspiciously in his neighborhood and calls the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station, the quick response by deputies almost always results in an arrest.

Remember, in emergencies always call 9-1-1, but if something doesn’t look right, call (562) 860-0044 and let a deputy check things out.

COMMUNITYcalendar

Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS



ARTESIA:

Spooktacular Halloween Event

Oct. 31 6 - 8 p.m. Artesia Park & Albert O. Little Community Center - Youth 12 and under can participate in Carnival Games, Trunk or Treating & Limbo Contest. Costume Contest & free hot dogs and punch for all ages.



CERRITOS:

1st CEB Golf Classic

The 7th Annual 1st CEB Golf Classic, sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps 1st Combat Engineer Battalion Adoption Committee, is scheduled for Oct. 18 at 7 a.m. at Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course in Cerritos. Those interested in supporting this event should contact Jim Edwards at (562) 924-6582. Non-golfers may have lunch with the Marines for \$20.

Friends of the Cerritos Library Fall Book Sale

Saturday, Oct. 18 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Skyline Room
Sunday, Oct. 19 \$3 a Bag Sale 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Halloween Festival

Oct. 31 5 - 10 p.m. Cerritos Regional Park Food & Rides, Happy Haunt Fun Zone, Game Booths, Haunted House, Family Fun, Costume Parade For more information, see Page 11.

HAWAIIAN GARDENS:

Red Ribbon Rally Walk Against Drugs

Oct. 28 4:30 p.m. Join the Sheriff’s Dept. Rally starts at Alberto’s Restaurant, 12110 Carson. St. and ends at City Hall with a speaker and refreshments. Bring your banner, wear red and make a difference.



Halloween Program & Costume Contest

Oct. 31 5 - 9 p.m. at the C. Robert Lee Activity Center Tennis Courts 21815 Pioneer Blvd. Enjoy a variety of games, pumpkin patch and arts and crafts. Costume Contest awards for the scariest, funniest & most original costumes.

LA PALMA:

Halloween Carnival

Oct. 31 6 - 8:30 Central Park Costume Contest with prizes, carnival games, “Goblin Gulch” for children under 5, and a haunted area.



Artesia Street Fair

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Boulevard before the festival closed at 11 p.m.

Daylong entertainment on the stage featured performances from Sri Lankan, Portuguese Folklore, a Korean Drum Dance, Burbank Elementary Cheer and Dawg Squad, Mosaic Band, Chinese Classic and Folk Dances, Indian, African, Nepali, Cambodian (Khmer), Japanese, Hawaiian, Filipino dances and more.

Perhaps the most popular dance was the Chinese Dragon Dance where three colorful dragons left the stage and went into the audience.

Approximately 17 food vendors represented the different cultures with Indian, Chinese, Korean and American Food.

Local visitors included Jim Dear, Mayor of the City of Carson, Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido and his family, ABC School Board Member Maynard Law, and School Board President Sophia Tse.

Finally, when the sun set and the temperatures began to cool off, more families came until Pioneer Boulevard looked like it was going to overflow with people.

A children’s zone was also available where the younger set could ride ponies, climb a mountain, try their skill at bungee jumping, get their face painted, or play ring toss. A petting zoo also allowed children to pet a llama, goats and sheep.

In his closing remarks, Mayor Lima said, “This festival was made for you, the public in every community. We hope you come year after year to celebrate not only Artesia’s diversity but America’s. We’ll see you next year,” he concluded.

The Mayor said the Festival would not have been possible without the effort of the Artesia Chamber of Commerce, city staff and the many volunteers.

Explore the **BUG BUS**

Tuesday October 21
3:30 - 5:30 PM
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CERRITOS LIBRARY

Congrats to the City of Artesia!



By Melinda Kimsey

Greetings, Friends and Neighbors. On Oct. 4, literally thousands of our friends and neighbors joined me in celebrating the City of Artesia's first International Diversity Festival. There were over 100 vendors selling, cooking and reaching out to the community.

The community responded by having a fabulous time, including this publisher! I ate tasty, delicious food. I bought very pretty jewelry, and I listened to some very fine entertainment. In short, I had a blast.

I would like to congratulate the Mayor of Artesia, Tony Lima, for his leadership and vision in bringing this festival to our wonderful city. Also, big congratulations to the other City Council members, as well as the City staff, the Artesia Chamber and the City Manager Bill Rawlings,

who had the foresight to realize what a great event the festival was going to be and how it would bring the community together. Kudos to everyone!

Please take a look at the color page across from the restaurant page for some nice photos of the festival and the participants!

I am also pleased to welcome another guest writer, and I am sure you will enjoy his perspective of the desert and all of those intriguing animals that live there. I have never been a fan of spiders and from the photo that Richard submitted, I have no plans on becoming a fan. Put simply, spiders are scary.

This brings me to one of my favorite holidays, Halloween. Although, we are experiencing 90 degree weather, it really is fall. This means Halloween activities, such as Trunk or Treat.

I long for the days when the little trick or treater's came to our front door and we showered them with treats. Well, those days, for the most part, are gone. However, in its place is this great phenomenon, Trunk or Treat. This so much fun for our children, and it is a very safe place to dress up and get candy. The car trunks

are decorated fabulously with lights and all kinds of things that go bump in the night.

Most churches and schools offer this marvelous opportunity for youngsters. Adults are also welcome, and you can dress up too! This has turned into a fun family time for everyone. I am sure that if you don't have young ones, the schools would still welcome you and would be happy for your participation.

Pumpkin carving and painting pumpkins has become an event in its own right, and several local stores offer all of the supplies you need to make your very own master piece. This is also a really fun family and friend event, and some places even offer prizes for the best or scariest or most creative pumpkin. Although, I always have a pumpkin carving contest for my grandkids and, shockingly, they all win a prize. It's nice to be the judge.

We also have information about issues on the next ballot, and I hope you find this information helpful when you vote on Nov. 4. It is just around the corner, and no matter where you stand on some of the items on the ballot, I urge you to vote and make your voice heard. As always, Happy Trails!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Where Does Proposition 30 Revenue Go?

I am against ABC Measure AA because the ABCUSD has an alternative source of money (Proposition 30) for modernizing its facilities and supporting student programs.

Proposition 30 was passed in 2012 to support education budget and its effect has been great to add significant revenue to the School District's budget.

Considering the 2012 budget as a benchmark, the State Government has awarded the an additional \$35 million to ABCUSD for the past two years and will award an additional \$65 million for the next two years until 2016, according to the ABC Budget Report provided at the Board of Education meeting.

Proposition 30 will continuously award the District as long as taxpayers pay an additional 1/4 percent of sales tax

in the future.

Why can't the District use this additional \$100,000 for facility modernization and student programs?

Why can't the District manage its budget, especially now with this additional funding, rather than asking homeowners to pick up the additional expenses?

Let's take a look at the ABC budget. ABC received \$164 million in 2012 from the State and Federal Government and spent \$166 million in the same year.

Approximately 86 percent (\$144 million) goes toward employees' salaries and 11 percent (\$19 million) goes to facility operation and student programs. During the period between 2013 and 2016, ABC already received or will receive a total of \$100 million additional revenue.

From this \$100 million surplus revenue, the District allocates \$60 million toward employees' salaries and \$11 toward facility modernization and student programs.

Why can't the District use the entire \$100 million for facility modernization and student programs?

Why does the District allocate most of the additional revenue for employee salaries rather than student programs that have are the first priority for our students?

I do not support the ABCUSD Bond Measure AA because the District should conserve surplus revenue coming from Proposition 30 and implement facility renovation and student programs.

Vote "NO" on "AA."

James Kang
Former School Board Member

Do Not Seek Easy Accomplishments; Seek Courage & Perseverance



By Jerry Bernstein

My friend from FRUITCAKE, FLORIDA walked into the office shortly after noon. Sitting himself down, he asked how the ABC school bond election was coming along.

I looked at him for a moment and answered, "It's like any other election. Both sides are busy explaining the pros and cons. Why do you ask?"

"Some of my friends keep asking me my opinion. I tell them, I live in Fruitcake, Florida. I'm just a visitor here. Doesn't matter, they tell me."

"You have many friends in the District," I said. "How do they feel about it?"

He didn't respond immediately. Finally he said, "Last year Fruitcake had a similar issue facing us. The town was founded in the late 1800's. Our schools have been refurbished from time to time.

"Two years ago the Board of Education did a survey of the schools and decided they had to be updated. Not only were they in need of repair, but the Board realized technology is now a major tool used in our children's education."

"I believe that's happening throughout the country," I said.

"True," he answered. "The school board decided the best way to raise money for the needed upgrades was to ask the voters to approve a bond issue."

"So, what happened?" I asked.

"Well, they put forward a proposed bond measure. Unfortunately, they forgot to tell the voters how the money was going to be used. The voters wanted to know what school repairs were going to be made and wanted a more detailed report about needed classroom

technology and how much it was going to cost."

"The school board must have had a list of what was needed," I said.

"They did, but they never gave specifics."

"What happened?" I asked.

"They withdrew the bond issue, and two years later came back to the voters with specifics. You know Fruitcake is a small town. We have one high school and three elementary schools." He paused for a moment. "This time the school board explained exactly how and where the money would be spent... every nickel and dime!" he exclaimed.

"Then what happened?" I asked.

"It was approved. A watchdog committee was appointed and today we have 21st Century students in 21st Century schools."

"That's exactly what the ABC School Board wants," I said.

"From what my friends tell me, they still don't know what repairs each school will receive. They want specifics," he asserted. They also want more technology information. When they say technology, do they mean iPads, new computers, what exactly are they talking about? They also want to know how it will be used in the classroom."

My Friend From Fruitcake, Florida paused for a moment. "Many also tell me they're tired of the legislature and governor putting the burden supporting the schools on their backs when the state constitution mandates 40 percent of the annual state budget shall be used to support the schools."

"Don't they realize California is just coming out of a recession?" I asked.

"From what they tell me, they feel the state is using that as an excuse and putting the burden on their backs."

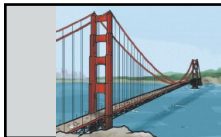
Before I could respond, my friend from FRUITCAKE, FLORIDA got up from his chair. "Well, I have to get going," he said. "See you later."

Letters to the Editor



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Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido presents a proclamation to the 1st CEB Meritorious Marine of the Month, Sgt. Adriane Pachicano on Sept. 27. Also attending were: (l to r) Mathew Synatzske and wife Alicia, Host Mickey Christiason, Councilmember Bruce Barrows, Pachicano's wife Patricia, Laurie Forward - Vice President of the Friends of the 1st CEB, Councilmember Carol Chen, and Cerritos Planning Commissioner Naresh Solanki.

City of Cerritos Honors Meritorious Marine

By Charles Sooter

Sgt. Adriane Pachicano, who is stationed at Camp Pendleton, was honored in the City of Cerritos on Sept. 27 as the 1st CEB Meritorious Marine of the Month at the Sheraton Hotel. Mickey Christiason and family served as his host.

Sgt. Pachicano and his wife spent the weekend in Cerritos with lodging and meals compliments of the program's sponsors: Sheraton Hotel and Grille 91, Mimi's, TGI Friday's, Wood Ranch BBQ, and Macaroni Grill.

The Cerritos Performing Arts Center also provided

him two tickets to the opening night performance of Jay Leno, at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. He even got to meet Leno backstage.

Sgt. Adriane Pachicano is a decorated Marine who was recently awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat "V" for his dedication to duty while deployed in Afghanistan.

In Afghanistan, Sgt. Pachicano assumed a Gunnery Sergeant's billet as Assistant Convoy Commander clearing over 400 kilometers of roads for coalition forces. When the platoon struck an IED, damaging one vehicle in the convey, Sgt. Pachicano led a coordinated

effort for the recovery of the downed vehicle through extraordinarily difficult circumstances.

Upon his return to Camp Pendleton, Sgt. Pachicano assumed the role of platoon commander during a vital period of transition from combat to garrison duty, developing and implementing a comprehensive platoon training plan to get the new Marines ready for the next deployment.

When not at work, Sgt. Pachicano coaches two youth basketball teams on base where he instills the values of hard work and fair play into more than two dozen young children.

Governor Signs Measures in Assemblymember Garcia's Ethics Reform Package

AB 1673 Bans Lobbyists from Hosting Political Fundraisers in Their Homes

Governor Jerry Brown has signed into law measures authored by Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (D-58th District) as part of her political reform package entitled the "Political Conduct, Ethics & Public Trust Acts of 2014." Garcia a lifetime reformer, was voted into office on an anti-corruption platform, introduced her legislation against a backdrop of local corruption and high visibility accusations against State Senators Ron Calderon and Leland Yee.

Assemblymember Garcia was the first legislator to respond to a \$133,500 fine handed down by the FPPC against a Sacramento lobbying firm for violating the expenditure limit at several home events that included expensive alcohol, fine cigars and ornate floral arrangements.

Her bill, AB 1673 bans lobbyists from staging home fundraisers and eliminates the dual standard that allows lobbyists to host at their homes and offices, non-reportable private affair fundraisers for lawmakers, valued under \$500, while at the same time limiting direct gifts to lawmakers to only \$10 per month.

"This bill and my other measures are just the beginning of my efforts to remove the dark cloud hovering over our political landscape," Garcia said. "As legislators, we must be bold to speak out and take the necessary steps to eliminate corruption and unethical conduct in government."

The following measures form the "Political Conduct, Ethics & Public Trust Acts of 2014" received the Governor's signature:

AB 1673 - Eliminating Influence Peddling: prevent lobbyists from hosting political fundraisers at their homes and offices.

AB 1666 - Penalties & Bribes: would double the ex-

isting restitution fines amounts and prohibit the use of campaign funds to pay a restitution fine under this section.

AB 1692 - Personal Use of Campaign Funds: to prevent campaign funds from being used to pay for fines that are the result of abuse of personal use of campaign funds laws.

AB 1596 - Vote by Mail: require all vote-by-mail applications, when completed, to be mailed directly to the county registrar's office and not to middlemen or political campaign organizations.

AB 2040 - Detailed Disclosure of Government Compensation: requires salary details to be publically disclosed on the local government websites.

Assemblymember Garcia also expressed disappointment that Governor Brown vetoed two reform measures, dealing with local government:

AB 1716 - Permanent Ban on Switching Sides: amends existing law to also ban local administrative officials from switching sides where their former agency was a party to the proceeding in which the official was involved.

AB 1728 - Conflicts Stemming from Contributions: help curtail pay for play by preventing an elected or appointed water board member from voting on items that affect their donors.

"While I am very disappointed that these measures were vetoed, in particular the contribution limits to elected water board members, my resolve to fight for this and other reform measure has not wavered," Garcia said.

"If anything, it is clear to me that in the upcoming year I need to do a better job of educating the Governor and his staff on the need for this and other reforms," she said.

All measures signed by the Governor become effective on Jan. 1, 2015.

New Sandwich Shop Opens in Cerritos



Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held at Cerritos' newest sandwich shop, "Which Wich," Sept. 30 in the Promenade at 11447 South St. near the Target store. Participating in the ceremony were Mayor Mark Pulido, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Chen, Councilmembers Bruce Barrows and George Ray, former Mayor Jim Edwards, and Planning Commissioner Naresh Solanki, Cerritos Chamber of Commerce members, and Michael Vuong, a representative from Congresswoman Linda Sanchez's office.

Cerritos Residents to Vote on Transit Tax Increase

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1983, and is within the lowest 20 percent statewide.

DeMasi said the 6 percent rate tax generates approximately \$76,200 annually. A hypothetical increase to 10 percent would generate approximately \$304,800 in additional revenue.

The council approved a request by Bazoft Automotive II, LLC, Cerritos Mitsubishi & Isuzu on behalf of Arshia Inc. in Dallas, Texas for a

tree removal and replacement plan for the existing automotive dealership located on the southwest corner of South Street and Studebaker Road.

The applicant stated existing trees in the project area were dropping pine cones, pine needles, leaves, branches and sap on the dealership's car inventory resulting in damages to the vehicles.

The council also approved modifications to the city's tree

removal policy. Parks Superintendent Todd Kuh said in his report to the council the Property Preservation Commission has recommended modifications to the current policy following public hearings.

He said under the proposed changes residential parkway trees may be removed if the property owner has pursued and received financial reimbursement from the JPIA for damages to their private prop-

erty from a city maintained parkway tree and where the accumulated amount of the award exceeds the cost for the tree removal and replacement.

If multiple trees on a residential block are involved, the removal shall be determined based on the individual growth characteristics of each tree approved for removal and severity of the damage to each property.

Kuh said no more than 20 percent of the total number of

trees on the residential block may be removed annually. He said other trees which are diseased, dying or dead must be removed for public health and safety reasons or have caused significant damage to private property. At the same time the city shall continue to implement preventative actions and practices such as installing root barriers when installing curbs, gutters and sidewalks or when planting new trees.



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Fair & Diversity Festival



Food Booths Offer Variety of Ethnic Foods at Good Prices

By William & Selene Lee

According to organizers, the International Street Fair held on Pioneer Blvd. on Oct. 4 was a great success. We were interested in how the vendors on the food booths were doing, so we went back a few times throughout the day.

We first took our grandchildren there shortly after 11 a.m., and most food vendors were not even set up yet. On the second visit, Bill went for lunch at Ashoka the Great Restaurant with a friend and they were packed.

We went back the third time around 5:45 p.m. just in time for the colorful Chinese Lions' dance before Mayor Tony Lima's presentation and then the beautiful Brazilian dancers performed.

At that time, people were starting to line up at the food booths for something to eat. We first tasted the popcorn chicken from Milk & Honey for \$5 (with coupon it was less) and their Green Ice Tea. The chicken was very good, and the tea was refreshing on a hot day.

Then we went to Josephine's Bistro, which served Filipino food. They were grilling the chicken on the spot, and they smelled so good. We bought the chicken on the skewer, and the

crispy Lumpia. They were only 3 for \$1, and one chicken skewer was only \$2. What a bargain! We also had Sea-weed Fish for \$4 and Thai Ice Tea at Muse Garden Restaurant.

Other interesting booths included Cumin - Middle Eastern & South Asian Restaurant located in Irvine - and the Gourmet 99¢, where everything was 99¢, and we were happy that they were pretty busy.

There was also the Budweiser Beer Garden where they served BUD on tap. The Belly Bomz Food Truck and the Woody's Grill Truck were there too, but we did not go there as we heard Belly Bomz only served wings and no sliders.

Ashoka the Great Restaurant was one of the busiest. They were extremely professional with their beautiful chafing dishes, serving choices of combo plates for \$5. And the food looked so freshly made like it just came out of their kitchen.

On the whole, we feel there was a need for more tables and chairs for people to sit down and eat near the food booth area, and some of the food booths need better signage to attract people. We heard some vendors had problems with their equipment. We congratulate all of the booths and hope that next year's festival will be even better.



Ashoka the Great's booth served a combo meal of delicious Indian food for \$5.



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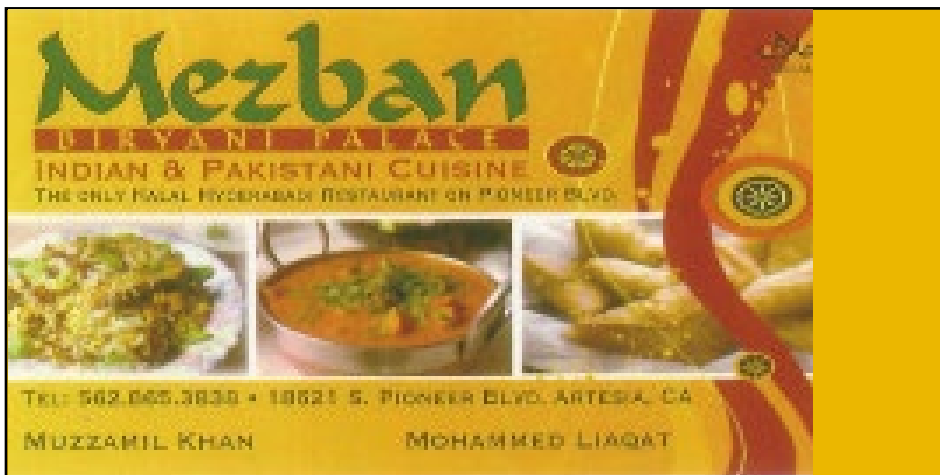
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Long-Time Cerritos Resident Takes Pretty Pictures



Tobi Balma captured the beauty of nature in a second as a butterfly rests on a delicate orchid.

By Larry Caballero

Cerritos resident Tobi Balma is a Southern California native. Her love of international travel and photography began as a young child when she collected stamps of the world, admiring both the variety of countries and the beautiful art depicted on the stamps.

She vowed to travel to these faraway countries when she grew up and capture the beautiful images of her stamps. To date, Balma has traveled to more than 60 countries, including Borneo, where a mother monkey almost attacked her when Balma was getting too

close to her baby.

In Argentina, she was attempting to take photos of a synagogue during a period when Jewish temples were being bombed. Before she knew it, two police officers put rifles under her arms and wanted to arrest her. All she could think of saying was "Hola!" and "Yo soy turista." Eventually they released her, but it was a frightening experience.

She returned from Cuba in February and was disappointed that she couldn't find many beautiful venues to photograph. "It's so sad how poor the people are, and so many of the buildings are not in good

shape," said Balma.

Retired from a 30-year career as a social worker, she was able to focus on her passion for photography and is grateful that digital cameras were invented.

"I've taken photography much more seriously since I retired five years ago," said Balma, "and I never thought vacation pictures would be taken so seriously, or that I would be asked to display them."

Many of her photos were also taken at local spots, such as El Dorado Park and the Fullerton Arboretum. "I feel very fortunate to have had a rotating exhibit at the Cerritos Senior Center for five years already," said Balma. "Some of the photos were also taken in Cuba and on the east coast."

She wants people to feel good when they see her photos, and she enjoys each and every one of her many thousands of photos that she has taken.

Balma does sell her photos, and you can reach her at tcbproductions@hotmail.com. She can also be contacted at her website: <http://tcbphotos.webs.com/apps/photos/>.

"I love to see the smile on peoples' faces when they see them! People don't need to travel far for great pictures. Beauty is all around us!"



This is one of Balma's favorite photos taken on her recent trip to China.

All are invited to see the photos at the Senior Center.

Balma has two married sons and three grandchildren. She is an active member of

the La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women (AAUW), and is on the National AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Committee.

Buena Park Mayor, Councilmember Endorse Young Kim



Republican Assembly candidate Young Kim (R-65) today announced the endorsements of Buena Park Mayor Steve Berry, Councilmember Fred Smith and former Mayor Patsy Marshall.

"I'm proud to receive the endorsement of Buena Park's leaders," said Kim. "I look forward to representing Buena Park in the State Assembly, where I will fight to protect Prop. 13 and to roll back the gas tax increases scheduled to take effect in January."

Berry, Smith and Marshall have served the City of Buena Park for a combined 40 years,

and their endorsements reflect a groundswell of support for Kim in the community.

"We need a leader like Young Kim representing this city, and I'm proud to support her for the State Assembly," said Berry.

Councilmember Smith echoed Mayor Berry's support.

"Working families are hurting, and politicians in Sacramento have let us down," said Smith. "Young Kim will be a great representative for Buena Park and she will ease the burden on struggling families."

Young Kim is running in the 65th Assembly District. For more information visit www.YoungKim2014.com.

Around and About Alaska Part 5: Skagway to Inland Passage



By Dr. Bob Hughlett

From the final train depot in Skagway, we hopped aboard a Bluebird School Bus (remember those days?) to be dropped at the foot of the gangplank of the Volendam, our cruise ship for the next four days.

Not being ones to rest, we tossed our carry-ons into our stateroom and raced to catch our boat for an "outdoor adventure" at the Davidson Glacier. And what an adventure it was! Once on the privately owned property at the foot of the ice field, we were outfitted with knee high rubber boots, and stuffed with turkey sandwiches which the locals use as bait for their crab pots.

We started paddling our eight-man canoes to the very frigid lake at the base of the glacier. The Davidson Glacier was discovered in 1867 and was memorialized by John Muir in his famous travels in and around Glacier Bay in 1879.

The glacier was a tidewater glacier that protruded into the Chilkat Inlet. It has since

receded into the mountains and created its very own glacial lake in the glacier's moraine (similar to the Mendenhall Glacier and lake) about one mile inland from the Chilkat Inlet.

We climbed the last quarter mile or so and then were personally introduced to a 1,000-year-old block of ice some five miles long and definitely on the chilly side. We clambered to a spot where there was a small waterfall that we were told would give us eternal life were we to take a sip.

I guzzled two handfuls from the flow but can honestly say the only difference I feel is a slight tingling in my scalp and a few wayward tufts starting to make their presence known.

After safely returning to camp we boated back to the ship passing sea lions, bald eagles and an otter or two only to discover that we had missed the absolutely mandatory lifeboat drill and were now wanted fugitives on the Volendam. After scrambling to dinner and skulking in corners to avoid brig time we turned in as the ship was turning the corner toward the long stretch called Glacier Bay.

We spent most of Sunday in what is best described as the church of Glacier Bay.

As with the Davidson the day before, we were surprised to first see small icebergs bobbing and weaving through the waters as we sailed to the face of the Grand Pacific Glacier. There we were treated to a half dozen or so examples of minicaving wherein small chunks of ice falling into the waters.

The unexpected sound of the process - a rumble and crunch somewhat similar to the roar of Niagara Falls - caught us by surprise. Ted, The Tlingit naturalist, explained on the p.a. how it all worked from soft snowfall to cracking snaps hundreds of years later and then pointed out a number of otters, eagles, and sea lions.

He didn't need to help us find the numerous waterfalls cascading down the 500 foot cliffs or the half dozen other glaciers as we passed by.

Mother Nature couldn't have done a more splendid job of showing off her handiwork and our moments of reverie only lacked the passing of a collection basket to make the experience truly spiritual. We all had to wonder how much longer it would last, given the current facts and figures supplied by Ted.

Let me know what you think of this column and suggest others at b.hughlett@verizon.net.

Beware of Coyotes in Cerritos

By Brad Beach

It was 8:30 a.m. on a Wednesday morning, my day off. I opened the blinds in the front room and had to do a double take. A coyote was standing on the sidewalk across the street.

I immediately called the Sheriff's Department since I live close to an elementary school, and children are typically walking to school at that time.

While I waited for a response, I jumped in my car and tracked the coyote through the neighborhood, warning neighbors who came outside with young children or small dogs. The coyote eventually went into a resident's yard and took cover under some brush. Los Angeles County Sheriff deputies eventually arrived and called animal control.

According to Wikipedia, Coyotes attacks on humans are uncommon and rarely cause serious injuries, due to

the relatively small size of the coyote, but have been increasingly frequent, especially in the State of California.

In the past 30 years leading up to March 2006, at least 160 attacks have occurred in the United States, mostly in LA County. Coyotes are losing their fear of humans and are traveling farther to get their food. They typically travel around at night, but they are being seen in the community later into the morning hours.

If you should come across a coyote in the neighborhood, look at the coyote and back away slowly. You want to make yourself as large as possible and look imposing while moving your arms around.

Shout at the coyote and throw sticks or rocks in their direction to scare them away. Coyotes fear larger predators and humans, but are more likely to attack small pets and young children so please be extremely vigilant.

Can You Buy a Home for Your Parents?

By Kirk Haverkamp

It's fairly common for parents to help their children buy a home. But sometimes, adult children are in a position where they want to help buy a home for their parents.

It may be that the children have been successful and want their parents to have a better home, or the parents may need a retirement dwelling but can't afford to make the move on a fixed income.

Basically, you have three options:

1. Buying the Home Yourself

If you're planning to finance the purchase of the home yourself, you probably have significant assets to draw upon.

If the financing is in their (the adult child's) name but they don't intend to occupy it as a primary residence, the lender will view it as a second home or an investment property. That could mean paying a higher interest rate and more in closing costs than on a primary residence.

If the buyer has a lot of equity in their own home, they might wish to tap that instead. A cash-out refinance would likely provide a lower interest rate than they could obtain with a mortgage on a second home or investment property.

2. Helping Them Buy a Home

Another possibility is to assist your parents in buying a home, rather than buying it

outright. Obviously, this has the advantage of putting less financial strain on you and allows your parents to own their home outright.

If your parents can't qualify for a mortgage on their own, but can cover all or some of the mortgage payments and other expenses, you might consider taking on the role of a non-occupant co-borrower, also called a co-signer.

3. Buying a Home to Rent to Them

Yet another possibility is to buy a home for your parents, then rent it back to them at a cost they can afford. This may be a solution if the parents can't qualify for the mortgage but can handle the cost of the payments.

If you rent the home to your parents, it will likely be treated as an investment property for lending and tax purposes, which means a higher down payment and interest rate on the mortgage. You'll also have to treat their rent payments as income on your own taxes. On the other hand, you'll be able to deduct costs for repair, maintenance and depreciation, in addition to deductions for mortgage interest, property taxes and property insurance.

To read the entire article, go to <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/buy-home-parents-093011825.html>

Aflac Agent Derthick Loves His Job



Aflac agent Joseph Derthick with first granddaughter Karen Mack Lawrence.

By Larry Caballero

Aflac insurance agent Joseph Derthick likes to keep busy. When he's not selling insurance and servicing his clients, he stays active in the Artesia, Cerritos and Norwalk Chambers of Commerce as well as playing and conducting music in neighborhood concerts throughout Southern California.

He also loves his wife and family, is thrilled to be a grandfather to his 23-month-old granddaughter Karen Mack Lawrence, and enjoys assisting others in achieving economic security through supplemental health insurance policies.

Derthick worked for Pac-Bell ATT for 28 years, attended local colleges, where he met his wife Marcella, who was performing at local park and recreation summer shows. They were eventually married, raised two beautiful daughters, and he took an early retirement at age 45.

It didn't take long before Derthick was getting bored doing household chores and gardening, so as a whim he submitted his resume on the internet. To his surprise, Aflac recruited him in 2005.

"I enjoy what I do when I help others, whether as a Chamber of Commerce President or Ambassador, playing music at local venues, or providing economic security to my clients," said Derthick.

So long as he feels he is making a difference in peoples' lives, Derthick has no plans to retire soon. "We can always hire a gardener to do the yard work," he said.

Aflac Incorporated is the largest provider of supplemental insurance in the United States, founded in 1955 and based in Columbus, Georgia. In the U.S., Aflac underwrites a wide range of insurance policies, but is perhaps better known for its payroll deduction insurance coverage,

which pays cash benefits when a policyholder has a covered accident or illness.

The company states it insures "one of four Japanese households" and is "the largest life insurer in Japan in terms of individual insurance policies in force."

In 2009, Aflac acquired Continental American Insurance Company for \$100 million. As of June 30, 2012, Aflac was represented by approximately 19,300 sales agencies in Japan, and 76,900 licensed sales associates in the U.S.

In 1990, the company adopted the Aflac initials, although the official name of the underwriting subsidiary remains American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus.

The company signed 6,426 policyholders in its first year and pioneered cancer insurance in 1958. Beginning in 1964, the company decided to focus sales on worksite settings, eventually through policies sponsored by employers and funded through payroll deductions.

By 2003, more than 98 percent of Aflac policies in the United States were issued on a payroll deduction basis, making the company a leader in that approach to policy distribution.

The corporation's total assets are more than \$124 billion, while insuring more than 80 million people worldwide and being listed as 125 on the Fortune 500.



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We Need to Have All Things In Common

Pastor Steve De Ruse, D.Min
First Baptist Church of Artesia

In the Book of Acts 2:44, we are told that, "all those who had believed were together and had all things in common." The context of this passage is the beginning of the church age.

In Acts Chapter two, we find the disciples celebrating the day of Pentecost when the gift of the Holy Spirit descended upon them, and Peter gets up and explains what had just happened.

In the process he preaches the first sermon to the church and three thousand people come to faith in Jesus Christ as savior. Continuing on in Chap-

ter Two we are given a picture of the first church in Jerusalem, where the people "had all things in common."

For a moment think about the last time believers had "all things in common." Scripture is very clear in relating that the early church was one of unity, with one mind. If the church began this way and today we are fragmented and diverse, somewhere something went wrong or off track.

In order to return to unity where we have "all things in common" we must have one mind (purpose). In First Corinthians 2:16 the Apostle Paul tells the church, "We have the mind of Christ." In other words

if we truly follow Jesus Christ and His teachings and carry out His directives, such as the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), then our collective purpose becomes one, and we begin to have "all things in common."

As soon as we become one with Christ, having the mind of Christ, then we are positioned to become one with each other. The early church was awe inspiring, with signs and wonders, where many people daily were being saved (Acts 2:40-47).

To paraphrase George Bernard Shaw, "Some people see things as they are and say why," I dream things as they once were and say, why not?

God Has a Plan: Jeremiah 29

Friends are valuable – be a good one.

Share each other's troubles and problems, and so obey our Lord's command.

GALATIANS 6:2 TLB

Peer pressure is totally overrated.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of the world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

Then you will learn and know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

ROMANS 12:2 NLT

God has you and your day covered. It's all good.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done for you.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6 NLT

God doesn't play favorites; He accepts you for you.

God shows no favoritism... He accepts those who fear Him and do what is right.

ACTS 10:34, 35 NLT

Everyone has weaknesses – that is why we need God.

I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the

power of Christ can work through me.

II CORINTHIANS 12:9 NLT

We are never, ever alone in this world.

God has said, "Never will I leave you: never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper: I will not be afraid."

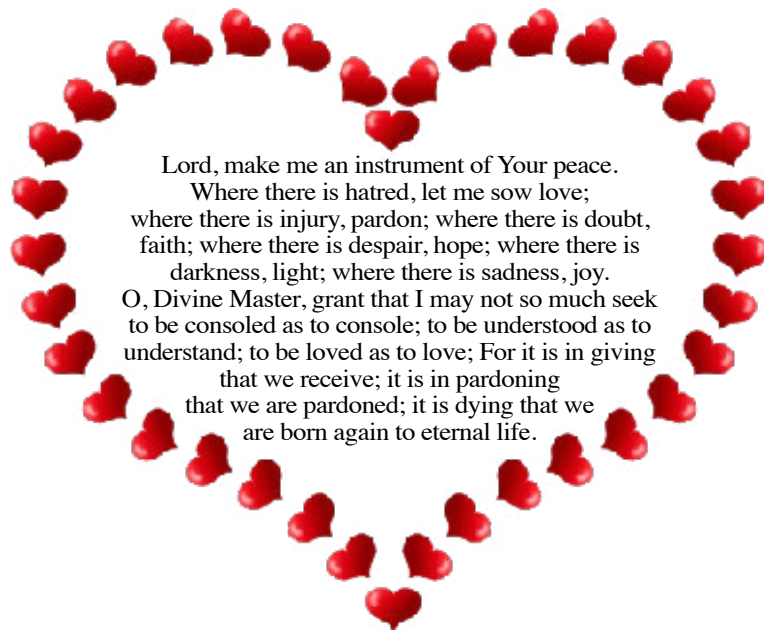
HEBREWS 13:5 NIV

God chose you. Doesn't that make you smile?

You didn't choose Me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil.

JOHN 15:16

Saint Francis Prayer



Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt,
faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is
darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to
understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving
that we receive; it is in pardoning
that we are pardoned; it is dying that we
are born again to eternal life.

Cerritos College Launches Middle College Scholars Academy

Cerritos College launched its President's Middle College Scholars Academy in partnership with ABC, Bellflower, Downey, and Norwalk-La Mirada unified school districts this fall.

The pilot program allows selected high school students who are interested in teaching careers to take college courses, focusing on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields at Cerritos College.

"The academy was developed to address the high demand for math and science teachers and ever-increasing focus on STEM education," said Sue Parson, associate professor of mathematics and director of Educational Partnerships and Programs.

"Many believe that college is a far-off dream," said Parson. "The academy empowers students by providing a challenging, yet supportive learning environment and helps make college a reality for them."

Thirty high school students were selected from the District's partner schools. Scholars will take STEM courses, go on field trips and enjoy internships.

This program is an extraordinary opportunity for our students," said Stephanie Burrus, whose 15-year-old daughter attends Mayfair High School in the Bellflower Unified School District. "I was excited as soon as I heard about the opportunity. Thanks to Cerritos College for having a vision and following through with a plan."

From Monday through Thursday, the scholars will attend their home campuses in the morning and Cerritos College in the afternoon during their junior and senior year of high school.

On Fridays they gain teaching experience by tutoring at elementary or middle schools. Students are enrolled in classes that are programmed into the Academy as cohort.

The program features Scholar Time, which allows students to meet with two STEM counselors on a weekly basis. Students will have access to all Cerritos College resources, including counseling, library and the campus' Success Center.

At the end of the two-year academy, scholars will have completed a minimum of 20.5 college units including three science courses that are required for future STEM teachers and transferable to any California State University or University of California campus.

"The goal of the academy is to continue to close the gap in college and career readiness and increase both student access, persistence, graduation rates, and success in higher education," said Cerritos College President/Superintendent Dr. Linda Lacy.

"We strive to provide a learning environment that represents community interests and student needs. Collaborating with parents and the community in an education partnership is crucial to student success," she said.

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Former Artesia Mayor John Martin with Joanne Witt, and former Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu.

Artesia Historical Holds Annual Gala Dinner

By Jerry Bernstein

The DES Portuguese Hall was the location Oct. 3 of the Artesia Historical Society's 11th Grand Gala Dinner. Approximately 105 members and guests attended including Artesia Mayor Tony Lima, and Councilmembers Sally Flowers and Ali Taj, and former Mayor and past DES president John Martin.

Historical Society President Barbara Applebury welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for their continuous support. Speakers included DES President Paulo Menezes who discussed the Portuguese heritage in Arte-

sia. He said he was a first generation Portuguese-American having been born in the United States.

"People came to America to start a new life," he said. His parents migrated from Portugal's Azores Islands and settled in Artesia. "The Portuguese sank roots in Artesia and founded the first Roman Catholic Church in the new world."

He said according to the California Census there are 375,000 Portuguese in California.

The DES hall was founded on religious belief and serves the Portuguese Community and the greater Artesia com-

munity. "We take great pride that we open our doors to the community at large," he said.

DES past president and former Artesia Mayor John Martin said, "We all came to America looking for a better life. My grandparents were already here and convinced my parents to come. They arrived in 1966," he said.

The highlight of the evening was a performance by Portuguese dancers, Grupo Folcloreco Retalhas Antigos de Artesia (Pieces of our past from Artesia) who performed on the hall's stage. Joining them was Historical Society President Barbara Applebury and Councilman Ali Taj.

Local Couples Celebrate 50 Years Together

50th *Anniversary* HAPPY



Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary were Judi and Gary Lee. Married Sept. 12, 1964, the couple celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel. A luncheon was enjoyed by 114 guests, including family and friends. A slideshow presented the highlights of their 50 years together. They have resided in Cerritos since May 1967. They have three children – David, Mark and Karen; five grandchildren: Kelsey, Kayla, Kira, Lia, and Luke. Gary is a retired lieutenant from the Los Angeles Police Department. Judi was a teacher in the ABC Unified School District.



The Cerritos City Council recently congratulated longtime residents Sharon and Larry Sagert on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The Sagerts were married in Compton on Oct. 3, 1964, and have a son, two daughters, and eight grandchildren. Larry was a personnel supervisor with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. He also served on the City's Parks and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission. Sharon Sagert was a secretary for the ABC Unified School District. The Sagerts have lived in Cerritos since 1973.

Artesia Utility Tax

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annually in local resources, resulting in a 23 percent reduction in the city's budget. He asked, "Why did we decide on a utility tax, Measure Y? Because more than 250 residents signed a petition asking us to do so."

Taj said if the voters approve it, funds will be available for general city services including crime, 911 response, construction of parks and recreation, crime and gang prevention programs, street improvements etc. He emphasized it would also provide Artesia a local source of funding the state cannot take away. "Sacramento took most of the city's money when the legislature and governor killed the city's Redevelopment Agency," he said. "Measure Y will improve the quality of life for our citizens."

Responding to a question pertaining to any outstanding bonds the city still owed, Mayor Tony Lima replied it was his understanding the city has no outstanding bonds. "When the state took away the Redevelopment Agency, the bonds went with it."

Questioned about the city's

source of income, Mayor Lima said the city's revenue comes from property tax which is less than one percent and is controlled by the county. The city has no control over it."

Mayor Pro Tem Miguel Canales added the city has not been able to rely on sales tax revenue for the last five years. "The utility tax will provide needed income. Our residents want more programs." He said to bring safety to our streets we need to bring new businesses to the city. "We want to upgrade Pioneer Boulevard so new businesses will want to come to the city," he added.

Concerning how the money will be spent since funds collected will go into the general fund, Councilman Victor Manalo answered, "When the vote came up before the council, it was determined the money would go toward these services. This council is of one mind on how the money will be spent. If Measure Y passes, the council intends to pass a resolution, which while not legally binding, will specify how the money is to be used. We are all of the same mind," he concluded.

Vintage Cerritos Seniors Attend Western Hoedown



Vintage Cerritos residents and their guests took advantage of the delicious food served at the senior resident's "Old Fashioned Hoedown" Sept. 25.

A few cowboy hats here and there, some good ol' country music and the smell of barbecued beef sandwiches and baked beans set the scene for a fun-filled Western Hoedown at Vintage Cerritos on Sept. 25.

The band, Country Plus, played western songs as the sun slowly set on the horizon on the Vintage plaza garden.

Residents at Vintage Cerritos, a home for seniors located adjacent to Cerritos Community College, didn't seem to pay much attention to the setting sun as they visited with family and friends.

Others patiently stood in line for the food, anticipating the western flavored food that smelled so delicious.



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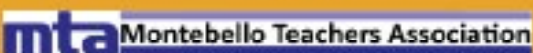
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