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### 1st Combat Engineer Battalion Thanks Cerritos



City Councilmembers and Friends of the 1st CEB, Joanne Witt, Laurie Forward, Dorothy Owen (president) Mickey Christianson and Janet Beach, are present as Maj. Rick Nail (back-center) of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (1st CEB) at Camp Pendleton presents a statue of Iwo Jima to the City of Cerritos at the Jan. 26 council meeting. The inscription on the plaque thanks the city and the 1st CEB Adoption Committee for all they they have done for the Marines since the city "adopted" the Battalion back in 2007.

### ABC District's Confidentiality Policy Questioned by Board Member

By Jerry Bernstein

The question of confidentiality arose at the Jan. 17 ABC School Board meeting when Board Member Lynda Johnson asked how a confidential and privileged letter written by ABC's Attorney Jim Baca to Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu and Board President Christopher Apodaca was printed in a local newspaper.

The letter was concerning whether there was a "Conflict of Interest" with Johnson's employment as a field representative for Supervisor Janice

Hahn and her serving on the ABC Board of Education.

"There are no ethical issues from preventing me from holding both positions," stated Johnson. "I was elected by the people and will continue to serve them on the Board."

Johnson said on Dec. 22, 2016, Dr. Sieu and Apodaca received a letter, from ABC's attorney Jim Baca regarding her employment with the Supervisor. It was marked privileged and confidential. On Dec. 28 an article appeared in a local media online newspaper and posted on its website

quoting from the letter.

"I'm not concerned the article was written about me," said Johnson, "but it was factually incorrect."

"I'm concerned about a breach of confidentiality and that privileged information was released to the media. Why wasn't I informed about the letter and the leak, and why wasn't the school board informed?"

"We should all be concerned," she said. "We're talking about student records and pending litigation. This is a serious matter. The integrity of this board has been compromised."

Johnson requested the Superintendent and staff take formal action to investigate the matter and if necessary to sanction or censure the individual(s) responsible for leaking this document, whether by accident or politically motivated. "This breach cannot be ignored."

She requested, under the Pepper Act, that email, dated between Dec. 22 and Dec. 29 be provided, including emails

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### Hawaiian Gardens Council Approves Budget for Parade

By Jerry Bernstein

The Hawaiian Gardens City Council approved holding the city's annual Anniversary Parade and Carnival scheduled for April 7-9, with the parade being held on Saturday, April 8. Director of Human Services Steven Gomez, said staff is requesting an increase in the budget to allow additional program funding.

Mayor Hank Trimble questioned the increase, noting the council had previously approved \$80,000. City Treasurer Linda Hollingsworth said the costs for the event exceeded the amount with total expenses of approximately \$189,000, including employee wages. She said, the increase covers the actual costs of the parade and carnival. "We are not increasing the size of the parade or carnival."

Councilman Reynaldo Rodriguez said he favored holding the parade because it is the only time the entire community turns out for a city event. He said a poll taken by the city showed the majority of the residents want the parade to be held.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry Bruce said he would like to see more bands and floats in the parade.

The carnival will be held at Furguson Elementary School where the parade will end.

In other business, Mayor Pro Tem Barry Bruce, who represents the city at the County Vector Control, said he was shocked to discover the Vector Control office has no teeth in making a city comply with public safety regulations concerning mosquitoes.

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### Cerritos City Council Approves Valley Christian Expansion



Rendering of the proposed Valley Christian High School Phase III- Gymnasium Building and three accessory buildings.

By Jerry Bernstein

The Cerritos City Council approved a conditional use permit for the construction of a gymnasium and three accessory buildings under Phase III of Valley Christian School's master plan of development. The school is located at 10818 Artesia Blvd. and 17601 DuMont Ave. in Cerritos.

As proposed, Phase III will include the demolition of two existing high school playfield buildings and the construction

of a new gymnasium facility, two new pre-fabricated workshop buildings, and a new trash enclosure.

In her report to the council, Advance Planning Manager Kristin Aguila said there were four junior high school buildings and athletic fields located on the middle and southern sections of the property plus a bus and student parking lot located in the northern section of the property.

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### 7 Candidates Seek 2 Open Cerritos Council Seats

Seven candidates have filed to run for the Cerritos City Council in the election on April 11.

They are running for one of the two seats that are open. Mayor George Ray has decided not to seek a second term, and Councilmember Carol Chen is unable to seek re-election because of term limits.

The candidates are:

- Bruce Barrows - Former Mayor/Retired

- Sally Havice - Former State Assemblywoman/Business woman/Educator
- Grace Hu -Former Mayor/Business Owner
- Anantha Ramachandran - Technology Consultant
- Ashish Kumar Verma - Software Chief Technologist
- Chuong Vo - Police Officer/Planning Commissioner
- Frank Aurello Yokoyama - Real Estate Attorney

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**Whitney HS Parents Thank Grace Hu for Donation**



Members of the ABC School Board and Whitney High School Foundation present former Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu a Certificate of Acknowledgment for her donation of \$385,000 to be made in three installments. The first, \$129,000 was made on Sept. 28, 2016, the second one of \$129,000 will be made on April 15, and the third of \$127,000 on Jan. 28, 2018. The money will be used to pay off the mortgage for the Whitney Auditorium, which was built five years ago. Whitney Principal John John Briquetet thanked Mrs. Hu for the donation, saying it will do many things for our students and our campus. Abel Avalos, President of the Latino Association and Chair of the Whitney Foundation said, "On behalf of the parents, we want to thank Mrs. Hu for her generous donation."

**CHS Regiment of Gold Recognized by School Board**



The Cerritos High School Regiment of Gold Marching Band is the 2016 Class 3A State Marching Band Champion for the fourth year in a row, having won a total of five. They also won the Captain's Award and the Western Band Association Championship. It is the only association that has bands from all over the state. Band Director Tim Trost said, "This was our fifth title, four which have won four in a row. We're hoping next year to add Number Six." He said the Western Band Association is very competitive with bands from many western states.

**ABC Education Foundation Awards**

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to Ken Kraus from the  
Los Cerritos Center  
"Donor of the Year"

Serina Yuan, ABC Education Foundation Board Treasurer; Joseph Porter III, ABC Education Foundation Board Chairman; Ken Kraus, Senior Property Manager, Los Cerritos Center; Dr. Mary Sieu, ABCUSD Superintendent; and Heather Summers, ABC Education Foundation Board President.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**ABC Winners – 33rd District PTA Reflections Art Program**

Lalita Sabat  
Dance Choreography  
1st Place

Annabella Romero  
Dance Choreography  
2nd Place

Alisha Koo  
Photography  
3rd Place

**LASD Presents 'Love Hurts'**

**Community:**  
Join us for a community education & prevention forum focused on online dating schemes and romance scams

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Fraud and Cyber Crimes Bureau invites you to "Love Hurts," a community education and prevention forum. With Valentine's Day on the horizon, the focus of "Love Hurts" will center on Internet crimes that are affiliated with matters of the heart – online dating schemes, romance scams, etc.

We will address certain online dating apps and highlight common vulnerabilities associated with online dating, as well as the nexus between online dating schemes and sex trafficking. We will also highlight resources available to the community to use in these type of situations.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's goal is to increase our community's awareness regarding cyber crimes and to educate them in ways to protect themselves from being victimized.

This event is open to anyone interested. Regardless of where you live, you are invited! Please join us!

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**"Love Hurts" Forum**

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Congratulating Padmini Prabhakar on her retirement are: (l to r) City Manager Art Gallucci, City Librarian and Marketing Manager Annie Hylton, Padmini Prabhakar, daughter Pavitra, son Aditya and Councilmember Mark Pulido. Her Retirement Party was held in the Skyline Room on Jan. 20.

## Cerritos Librarian Padmini Prabhakar Retires

By Jerry Bernstein

A capacity crowd gathered in the Cerritos Library's Skyline Room Jan. 20 to wish Librarian Padmini Prabhakar best wishes on her retirement.

"Thank you for coming," she said as she looked out at the audience. "I have known some of you for more than 40 years. I am happy my daughter Pavitra and son Aditya were able to come down from Northern California and meet you."

She thanked the speakers – Councilmember Mark Pulido, Stanley Strauss, Janice Dawson, Annie Hylton and Kanchana Dore – for their kind words and Jo-Anne Alvarez for putting on a slide show featuring her 32 years at the library, which she described as "non-stop fun."

"It been an honor to represent the library and the city" Prabhakar said, "and I can't thank you enough for your support and encouragement throughout the years, which began in 1985 when Hedy Harrison Anduha asked me to apply for the part-time Library Assistant's position. In 1991, Stanley Strauss hired her as a

Young Adult Librarian, with the freedom to try out new and innovative programs.

"When I started the first Annual Teen Contests," she said, "Stanley called me and said, 'I hope you know that if you call it the First Annual Contest, you have to do it every year.' Last year, the 18th annual contest was held, along with other successful conducted children contests for the past 14 years."

She thanked the Friends of the Library and its President, Janice Dawson, for their support, noting the board members have gone along with all her "crazy" ideas such as sponsoring the Scholastic Book Fair, High Tea with romance authors called 'Love is in the Air,' Children's Authors Faire, and the most popular 'Mystery on the Menu' to name a few."

She learned about merchandising when she was put in charge of the Friends Gift Shop. "I enjoyed visiting the LA Mart and Trade Shows held at the LA Convention Center twice a year, ordering specialty items for the Friends Store."

She said being the Pro-

gramming Services Librarian and organizing special events brought her in touch with talented artists such as Karen Toyoshiba and Susan McCormick, who helped her with the annual Orchid Shows.

"I also made good friends, like photographer Larry Kim and his wife Young Kim, and had the pleasure of working with the LINKS of Orange County and the Chinese Historical Society and co-sponsoring interesting programs with them."

She also made friends while organizing author talks featuring John Jung, Lisa See, Sue Grafton, Marcia Clark and Dean Koontz to name a few. "In fact," she said, "Dean Koontz named a character after me in his book *77 Shadow Street*. I'll miss coming to my second home every day and getting paid for having a good time," she said.

As for retirement plans, she hopes to get back to painting, sewing, gardening, and of course reading. She will also be involved with the Friends of the Library, and she said she has a few trips planned.

## COMMUNITY calendar



### ARTESIA:

#### Artesia Adult Book Club

Tuesday, Feb. 14 • 12 - 1 p.m. Artesia Library Meets the second Tuesday of each month. Book discussion, refreshments and prizes! Books are available at the library for checkout, or you may bring your own. Some titles are available as a free downloadable eBook or audiobook from our website at colapublib.org.



### CERRITOS

#### Festival of Friendship

Saturday, Feb. 4 • Noon to 4 p.m. Los Cerritos Center - Local groups will perform ethnic songs and dances from their cultures on stages located by Nordstroms and Foreve 21. For more information, see ad on Page 6 or visit www.cerritos.us.

### HAWAIIAN GARDENS

#### Students Government Day

Feb. 28 • C. Robert Lee Activity Center

## Hawaiian Gardens Food Bank Operates at New Location



Attending the opening of the Hawaiian Gardens Food Bank at its new location were: (l to r) Mayor Pro Tem Barry Bruce, State Senator Tony Mendoza, Mayor Hank Trimble, LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn, ABC School Board Member Leticia Mendoza, Councilmember Carmella La Mahar, and Cherna Moskowitz.

The Hawaiian Gardens Food Bank, sponsored by the Irving I. Moskowitz Foundation, opened its doors at its new location, 22121 Norwalk Blvd. Jan. 18.

Sponsored by the Irving Moskowitz Foundation in cooperation with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Food Finders, Macy's Bag Hunger Campaign, Community sup-

ported Food Drives and the Red Cross, the Food Bank is open Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Food Bank provides free monthly amenities and services to the city's low income families, including fresh produce, rice, beans, canned goods, milk, and bread or egg vouchers.

## Authorities Identify Artesia Man Killed in Drive-By Shooting

Authorities have identified a man who was killed in a drive-by shooting outside a residence in Artesia that left another man wounded.

The crime occurred about 12:15 a.m. Jan. 19 in the 11900 block of 167th Street, said Deputy Lisa Jansen of the Sheriff's Information Bureau.

Carlos Jimenez, 38, of Artesia died at the scene, according to the coroner's office. The survivor was hospitalized in fair condition with an arm wound.

The Artesia double shooting may have been mistaken

identity, police say.

"The two victims were conversing on the driveway of the residence after returning from a late shift at work when gunshots were fired from a moving vehicle towards the driveway of the residence," a sheriff's statement said.

No description was released of the vehicle or of the suspect or suspects.

Anyone with information on the case was urged to call the Sheriff's Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500, or Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS.

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### EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RECENT BURGLARY AND CRIME TRENDS IN OUR REGION

## 2017 Sheriff's Crime Update

Thursday, February 16, 2017  
Sheraton Cerritos Hotel  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

#### Featured Topics

2016 Crime Statistics and Facts

Reasons for the increase in crime

Crime Awareness Prevention Solutions



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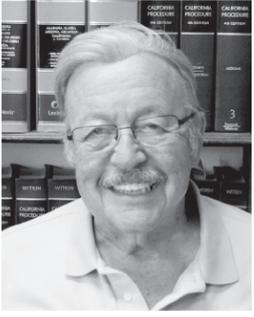
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## Growth & Maturity Is the Name of the Game



By Jerry Bernstein

My Friend From Fruitcake, Florida has never been one to hide his feelings, especially when it concerns local events. "I see where the Hawaiian Gardens City Council approved its budget for the city's Anniversary Parade in April," he said.

"They did that at its Jan. 24 meeting," I replied. "It's an event that the community looks forward to every year."

"That's what I understand," he answered. "You know, not many cities hold parades. Back in Fruitcake, we have an annual parade similar to Hawaiian Gardens. We're proud of our little city. Our parade is a big part of that recognition."

"I believe that's also true of Hawaiian Gardens' residents," I said. "This city was incorporated on April 9, 1964. Since then, it has had a few

problems, but it is now focused on improving services and quality of life for its residents and businesses."

"How did it get its name?" he asked.

"Good question," I answered. Prior to its incorporation, the area was basically a farming community. It owes its name to a local fruit stand owner who built a bamboo frame shack covered with palm leaves on the present northeast corner of Carson Street and Norwalk Boulevard."

"Interesting," he said.

"The city fathers are now focused on improving services and the quality of life for its residents and businesses. The city contributes funds for afterschool programs and has improved and expanded its recreation facilities, earmarked funds for housing and commercial rehabilitation programs, law enforcement and beautifying the city, which includes road and park improvements."

My Friend From Fruitcake, Florida was silent. Finally he said, "The city is home to the Hawaiian Gardens Casino. Isn't that its main revenue source?"

"Correct," I answered. It's been serving the com-

munity since 1996. The city is strategically located. It's one of Southern California's best regional locations and offers office and commercial businesses area and excellent freeway access. You know," I continued, "Hawaiian Gardens is only .9 of a square mile in size. It is also one of seven cities in Los Angeles County that has a casino plus a bingo hall."

"Interesting," he said. "Fruitcake doesn't have a casino, but in many ways the two cities have a lot in common. We have good schools like Hawaiian Gardens does and a city council that continues to support our residents. We listen to what they have to say, although at times we have a tendency to drift."

"That's human nature," I said.

My Friend started to get up from his chair when he sat down. "I almost forgot," he said, "Following the parade, is the city also having its carnival?"

"Yes," I replied. It will be held at Furgeson Elementary School."

"Good," he replied. "I plan to be there." Saying that he arose from his chair. "I'll see you later," he said as he walked out the door.

## Addressing Electronic Records and the Public Records Act



By Lynda Johnson

Happy Lunar New Year to our students and families! In just five months, we will be at the end of another school year!

First, to address any issues or concerns regarding my new employment with LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn, as per our legal counsel, there is no conflict of interest with my role as an ABC School Board member and my role as a Field Deputy to Supervisor Hahn. There are no ethical issues that prevent me from performing both duties.

I appreciate the many well wishes I have received, and I am committed to ensuring that our school sites are upgraded and that deferred maintenance projects are addressed.

At our Jan. 17 Board meeting, I requested a formal

investigation regarding a document, marked CONFIDENTIAL/PRIVILEGED, that was leaked to a media outlet, who then posted it on their media website. This is a serious matter as it shows there was a breach of confidential information.

As part of any formal investigation, interviews are to be conducted with any staff, Board member and even Superintendent, that had access to the confidential document. Any emails that may have included information about the document should also be investigated.

Last month, I was at a School Board conference and one of the workshops I attended was "Addressing Electronic Records and the Public Records Act." It was very informative and provided valuable information about our own current standards, including district issued email addresses for all Board Members.

Policies need to be in place to protect the 20,000 students in our district. As a Board, I look forward to implementing new standards and internal controls so that we can be diligent in ensuring that any privileged informa-

tion that has been entrusted to us is treated as confidential and handled appropriately. As a Board member, transparency and trust are my foremost priorities, and I am committed to adopting policies that are in the best interest of our community and students.

Last year, the Governor's budget gave ABC \$4.4 million as one-time funding to be spent at the Board's discretion. At the Oct. 4, 2016, meeting, the Board unanimously voted to hold a Special Board Study Session to discuss and decide on how to use the one-time funding to support our schools. I look forward to that budget study session and encourage our community to join us and provide input. Facility improvements are needed to ensure a safe learning environment for our students.

Last, our Facilities Committee has been very productive and are visiting our school sites. The committee will be making their final report very soon and I look forward to hearing their recommendations. The next meeting is on Feb. 9th at 6 p.m. at the District Office. Public Comments are welcomed.

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

A Note from the Publisher

## Happy Chinese New Year!



By Melinda Kimsey

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

Gung Hay Fat Choy! Especially if you were born in the Year of the Rooster. It was nice seeing some friends and making new friends at the Chinese New Year events.

I would like to congratulate our good friend at the Cerritos Library, Padmini Prabhakar, on her retirement! This is such a lovely lady, and she will be truly missed. Also, congratulations to former City of Cerritos Mayor, Grace Hu on her award from the ABC School District in acknowledgement for her generous donation to the Whitney High School Foundation of \$350,000.

Another big congratulations goes to Ken Kraus, Se-

nior Property Manager at the Los Cerritos Center, for being named the Donor of the Year by the ABC Education Foundation.

The City of Hawaiian Gardens received a grant of more than \$800,000 that can be applied to various projects in the city. The city also decided on how their annual parade will look with more bands, floats, and the community's favorite, the adorable elephant!

The city is still offering local businesses a terrific supplemental grant for new signs. Several businesses have taken advantage of this great program, and there are lots of new signs everywhere in the city.

I would like to welcome Janice Hahn into the *Gateway Guardian*, and I am sure she will be a permanent fixture in the paper, especially with ABC School Board Member Lynda Johnson as her Field Deputy. As we all know, Ms. Hahn comes from a long line of successful public servants. We especially remember her father, the great Kenneth Hahn, who served as

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## What's Happening in Cerritos?



By Brad Beach

I'd like to start by wishing everyone a Happy Chinese New Year - Year of the Rooster!

The recent rains have helped significantly with our drought conditions, and it looks like it is going to be a great year at least with rainfall. Several trees did fall down in Knabe Regional Park and throughout the City. More rain is expected soon, so please be safe.

The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count project was conducted in Cerritos, and several residents participated. The results should come out soon.

According to the Sheriff's Department, crime is up 20 percent statewide. There was a burglary near Jacob Park last Friday night, and we were on lock down for about an hour while they went door to door looking for the suspects.

Sky Knight was up the entire time and they eventu-

ally found one of the suspects cowering in a dog house. Sky Knight was at it again on Sunday and they found two suspects believed to have stolen a vehicle.

There was also a murder in Artesia recently, and we really need to be vigilant. Response times in the city are 3.4 minutes when you call 911 and approximately 7 minutes for non-emergency calls. Great job LASD!

The Gahr High School Instrumental Music Program will be hosting an electronic waste pick up at Gahr from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Feb. 4 at the school. The Marching Gladiators will be hosting a donation drive on Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the parking lot. Please bring your old clothes and any other things.

Kindergarten enrollment is coming up, and there is a meeting about School of Choice on Feb. 2 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the ABC District Office. Enrollment packets will be handed out on March 1 at all the schools, and our daughter Addison is excited about signing up.

The Festival of Friendship will be this Saturday, Feb. 4 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Los Cerritos Center. There will be some great talent, and it is worth checking out.

Stay safe, Cerritos!



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It's not every day that you get the chance to fulfill a lifelong dream, which is why I wanted to take a moment to thank you for electing me as your County Supervisor.

My father, Kenneth Hahn, served as County Supervisor for forty year and I have fond memories of visiting his office in a building which now bears his name and watching him fight for LA County citizens at a desk where I now sit.

Although I have big shoes to fill, my parents instilled in me and my brother a love of



live in a safe and prosperous community.

This is the Janice Journal, an email newsletter to help you stay involved with my work and find out the latest news happening in your community. Please also visit my website or follow me on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to learn more about the Fourth District, contact my office, and track the

progress we are making together.

Best,  
Janice Hahn, Fourth District Los Angeles County Supervisor

service and a sense of responsibility to fight for what's right. As your representative on the Board, I promise I won't stop fighting until every family in the County of Los Angeles can

## Students, Faculty Artists to Debut New Albums at Free Concert

The Cerritos College Commercial Music Program will present a live concert celebrating a release of albums by its students and faculty on Friday, Feb. 3.

The concert will feature a short album, "This Moment," by a student band Out of Nowhere, and a full-length album, "Entropy" by Dr. An-

drew Maz, commercial music instructor. Both albums were recorded, edited and mixed by the College's Commercial Music students. The event will feature student musicians and technologies available in the Commercial Music program.

The event will be produced by students in the College's Portable Entertainment

Technology program students. It is open to the public and will take place in the Burnight Center Theatre, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650.

For more information, contact Andrew Maz at (562) 860-2451 ext.2644 or amaz@cerritos.edu. Campus map: www.cerritos.edu/guide or www.cerritos.edu/google-map.

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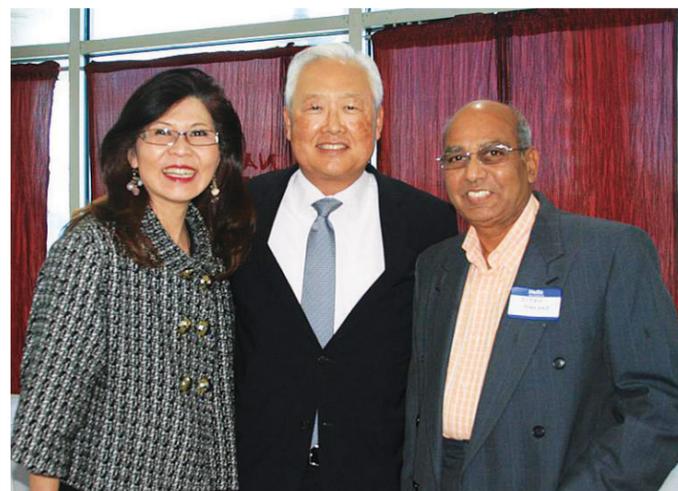
School Superintendent Ron Taylor said the project's estimated cost is \$8 million of which \$4 million has been raised. He said they would like to break ground this summer and have it ready for school opening in the Fall of 2018. He said, "We have been waiting to start this project since 1985. Not only will the fitness center be for our students, but the community as well."

The council approved amendments to the school's

precise plan, which was originally approved by the city council on Feb. 27, 2003. This includes amendments to the future phases of the master plan.

Mayor George Ray said he has watched Valley Christian progress for the last 40 years and each time it gets better. He said he has visited the campus a number of times and what impresses him is the students and teachers and how proud they are of their campus.

## Steven Kang Speaker at Artesia Chamber Luncheon



Artesia Chamber President PaoLing Guo and KAGW advisor Jiten Gandhi welcome Steven Kang (ctr), owner and President of KAGW Accounting Firm, who was guest speaker at the Artesia Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Jan. 24 at the Nanking Chinese Restaurant on Pioneer Boulevard. He spoke on "How to Minimize Uncle Sam's Share" and about what's new for the 2016 tax year.

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### FOREVER 21 STAGE

NOON	FILIPINO CULTURAL SCHOOL	DANCE
12:25 PM	'DA HAWAII SENIORS CLUB OF CERRITOS, CA	DANCE
12:50 PM	CERRITOS CHINESE-AMERICAN SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION	MUSICAL
1:10 PM	AFRO-CARIBBEAN DANCE REVUE	DANCE
1:40 PM	CERRITOS FOLK DANCERS	DANCE
2:00 PM	NA IPO HULA	DANCE
2:25 PM	SOCAL PHIL-US VETERANS ASSOCIATION/LADIES CIRCLE	DANCE
2:45 PM	CERRITOS CHINESE SCHOOL	DEMO
3:05 PM	ORIENTAL MOO-DO SCHOOL	DEMO
3:15 PM	SHANKARA DANCE ACADEMY	DANCE
3:40 PM	PASO DE ORO DANCE COMPANY	DANCE

### NORDSTROMS STAGE

NOON	PUNIWAI HULA HALAU	DANCE
12:25 PM	KOKORO KARA TAIKO DRUMS	MUSICAL
12:50 PM	FILIPINO SENIORS OF CERRITOS	DANCE
1:15 PM	JC CULTURE FOUNDATION	DANCE
1:30 PM	ADAPTIVE RECREATION	DANCE
1:40 PM	EMERALD ISLE	MUSICAL
2:05 PM	BAVARIAN WUNDERBAND	MUSICAL
2:35 PM	HI-TOPS DANCE GROUP	DANCE
3:00 PM	SUSANA ELENA SPANISH & FLAMENCO DANCE	DANCE
3:25 PM	MORNING STAR GROUP	DANCE
3:50 PM	FOUR SEASONS AUTOHARP	MUSICAL

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