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Sage at Cerritos is now leasing luxury apartments on Artesia Boulevard and Bloomfield Avenue.

Richman Signature Properties Debuts Sage at Cerritos, Luxury Apartment Community

Richman Signature Properties, a leader in luxury apartment communities, is developing its first property in the Los Angeles area in the affluent town of Cerritos. Sage at Cerritos offers residents a true live-work-play environment, with direct access to Artesia Freeway, nearby Cerritos Towne Center and within the highly-desired ABC school district. The property began pre-leasing in July and plans to welcome its first residents in September.

“Cerritos has become a destination for residents from across the globe – with access to the number one school in California, Whitney High School, many retail options and employment centers all conveniently located in the city limits,” said Luke Daniels, president of The Richman Group of California.

“When you match its location with the resident-driven perks and unmatched amenities that Richman Signature Properties brings to all of its

brands, you have a recipe for success. We invite residents to reimagine rental living at Sage at Cerritos this fall.”

Located at 12651 Artesia Blvd., the 132-unit Sage at Cerritos offers convenient access to all that Los Angeles has to offer, just blocks from the Artesia Freeway. The new apartment community is in close proximity to Cerritos Towne Center, a popular retail shopping center with anchor stores such as Kohl’s, Edwards Cinemas, Trader Joe’s and more. The neighborhood has an abundance of employment opportunities and several local eateries within walking distance.

The development offers chic urban studios, one-, and two-bedroom residences ranging in size from 615 to 1,272 square feet. The community’s

preferred amenities include: a resort-style pool with a spa, expansive pool deck featuring outdoor grilling and dining areas; a luxurious Culture Club offering billiards and a demonstration kitchen with dining area for hosting private functions; a pet wash area; and a fully-equipped fitness center complete with a yoga/spin studio featuring on-demand exercise classes.

Sage at Cerritos is a prime example of Richman Signature Properties’ philosophy to build communities in carefully chosen locations that cultivate live-work-play environments. In addition to spacious floor plans and upscale design options, residents enjoy resort-style amenities and a culture that encourages individuality and

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Artesia Council Approves Community Facilities District

Staff Report

Since Mayor Ali Taj and Council Member Victor Manalo were absent from the July 10 Artesia City Council meeting, the ceremonial presentations and some of the consent items were continued to the next meeting.

Among the items discussed and approved was the establishment of a City of Artesia Community Facilities District. This would allow the city to adopt the goals and policies for the use of the Mel-lo-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, which authorizes the levy of a special tax within the city of Artesia.

This was approved for

new home construction within the city. Currently, there are 16 new homes being constructed within city limits.

Council members also discussed the conditional use permit regarding the five bedroom single residence located at 18018 Elaine Avenue. Some residents living in close proximity to the home expressed their concerns that the new owners could view their property from a new balcony on the second story. Mayor Pro Tem Sally Flowers listened intently and made positive suggestions to resolve these concerns.

The continued public hearings included the affirmation

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Ernest Vital Retires from City of Cerritos



Kathy Matsumoto, Carol Chen, Ernest Vital, Art Gallucci and Joe Mendoza at Vital’s Retirement Party on July 11 at Cerritos Park East.

By Janet Beach

About 250 guests, including family, friends and colleagues, attended the Hawaiian Luau Retirement Party for City of Cerritos Recreation Services Supervisor Ernest Vital on July 11 at Cerritos Park East.

Emcee for the event, recognizing Vital’s 38-year career with the city, was Joe Mendoza, former Recreation Services Superintendent, who gave the following biography of “Big E” as he was known by those closest to him.

Vital was born on Sept. 26, 1960 in Welch, Louisiana to Ernest and Willie Mae Vital and had six siblings, three

brothers - Will, Freddy and Kenneth - and three sisters - Freda, Francis and Theresa.

Vital moved to California in 1978, when he began working for the City of Compton in Parks and Recreation while attending Cerritos College.

In September 1979, he walked into Cerritos City Hall, filled out an application, interviewed, and was offered a job as a Recreation Leader II - all in one day. His first assignment was Friendship Park where he worked 10 hours per week during the school year.

In 1981, Vital was promoted to a Recreation Leader III at

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Volunteer Recognition Dinner



Some of the 150 volunteers in the City of Cerritos who attended the Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the CCPA on July 10. Story on Page 6

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ABC Foundation Offers Science Olympiad Classes



The ABC Education Foundation Summer Enrichment Academy is offering a series of Science Olympiad classes for both elementary and middle school students at Bragg Elementary in Cerritos.

For students entering sixth to ninth grades, there are two sessions: Session I Bottle Rocket, starting from June 19 for three weeks, and Session II, Helicopter, starting July 10th for another three weeks. Elementary Science Olympiad and STEAM Lab is for students entering 4th to 6th grades and will be starting on July 10. All Science Olympiad classes are taught by teachers experienced in Science Olympiad competition.

During the first session of

Middle School Science Olympiad Camp, the students designed, built, simulated, tested, and rebuilt their rockets for best performance, which is to stay in the air as long as possible with a smooth landing.

The young Science Olympians are trained through the steps of engineering disciplines and precisions, but most importantly, using problem solving skills to continually improve their rockets. To be successful, they learned from mistakes without being discouraged.

Once the rockets were built, students entered their rocket data into a computer simulation program to determine rocket stability. A stable rocket is a safety requirement

of the class. Students learned the importance of a rocket's center of pressure and center of gravity and how it affects rocket stability. Students also learned how to calculate their rocket's apogee with basic trigonometry functions.

When asked about the class, students said it could be challenging at times. However, it is fun! During their first try, the winning rocket stayed in the air for 14 seconds, with 50 psi of pressure, and landed perfectly intact for use again.

Some rockets took a nose dive and were destroyed, but the class used problem solving skills to build new rockets for a second, and even a third test flight. Flight times improved to 16 seconds with "soft" landings for all but 1 rocket. At the end of the class, each student will showcase with their best performing rocket.

The other aspect to the class is the "write it do it" challenge, typically completed in middle school Science Olympiad. The students are separated into pairs, and each receives an object different from their partner. The students have up to 30 minutes to write down as much information about the object as possible. Then, the groups switch and the students are expected to build the object their partner wrote about.

It is all about creating detailed notes without diagrams or pictures that the partner can clearly understand. This helps the students develop a "scien-

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Programs for Newcomers, English Learners in ABCUSD



What happens when students enter school without any English skills? How do schools serve secondary students and their families who are newcomers in America? In ABC Unified School District, one out of five students are English learners.

In ABCUSD, we recognize the importance of all students being proficient in English, in addition to their native language. For the past several years, all elementary students who are newcomers or less proficient in English are provided opportunities to learn the new language through the

McGraw Hill Wonders Program, as well as the Imagine Learning Program.

This is available in all nineteen elementary schools. English learners are provided an English Language Development Program every day for a minimum of thirty minutes a day. In addition, students have access to a customized program through Imagine Learning that supplements their learning throughout the year.

New at the secondary level is the Language Excels Program. This was launched as a

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Accreditation Reaffirmed for Cerritos College

The College Has Been Accredited Since 1959

Cerritos College had its accreditation status fully reaffirmed by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). The Commission accredits community colleges throughout California. After the College's midterm report and review, the ACCJC found the College to be in full compliance and its accreditation status was reaffirmed with no recommendations.

Cerritos College is reviewed every six years, including a mid-year report every three years. Accreditation is an external review process that ensures that education provid-

ed by an institution of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality determined by the Commission. The College's next self-evaluation is scheduled for spring 2020.

"I would like to thank our faculty, staff, and administration for their hard work and dedication to our College," said Dr. Jose Fierro, president/superintendent, Cerritos College. "As we gear up for the spring 2020 report, it is important to maintain our focus on student learning and student achievement in order to demonstrate our commitment to continuous improvement."

For more information about the College's accreditation, please visit www.cerritos.edu/accreditation.

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3 ABC Middle Schools Honored by the National Forum "Schools to Watch"



(l-r) Haskell Dean of Students Jose Torices, Teacher Eric Gutierrez, Haskell Principal Camille Lewis, Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu and ABC School Board President Chris Apodaca recently attended the National Forum Schools to Watch Celebration in Wahington DC. Dr. Sieu, commented at the June 20 School Board meeting that this was the first time all five middle schools in the district were selected for this honor.

On June 23-24, three ABCUSD middle schools were honored at the National Forum Schools to Watch Celebration in Washington, D.C. The National Forum Schools to Watch Initiative uses a competitive, rigorous review process to identify high performing, high impact middle schools so that all middle schools may have models of real world success.

Haskell MS was one of 52 new national model middle schools that have been iden-

tified nationwide as a 2017 "Schools to Watch." Each of the schools selected not only met rigorous process standards, but also showed significant improvement on student achievement.

In addition, Carmenita MS and Tetzlaff MS were re-designated as a 2017 Schools to Watch at the National Forum and honored in Washington, D.C. Attending the 2017 Schools to Watch Celebration and Conference at the Crys-

tal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C. were President of the ABC Board of Education Chris Apodaca; Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu; Haskell Principal Camille Lewis; Dean Jose Torices; Teacher Eric Gutierrez; Carmenita Principal Robert Castillo; Dean Deborah McGeary; Teachers Yu-Fen Chiang-Harris; Long Hua; Jamie Melton; Tetzlaff Principal Kester Song and Dean Michael Hamamura.

Each new school honoree received a beautiful crystal plaque for their three-year designation as a "Schools to Watch." The teams from Carmenita MS and Tetzlaff MS also received a plaque as a re-designated Schools to Watch.

Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu noted this year marks the first time that all five middle schools in ABCUSD have been selected as Schools to Watch/National Model Middle Schools. "It gives us great pride to have all our middle schools selected as National Model Middle Schools in the country. They are each unique in preparing students to be lifelong learners ready for college, career and citizenship."

Artesia Council Not Listening From Page 1

of the planning commission approval of the conditional use permit for a drive-thru restaurant on the property located at 11632 South Street.

The council also decided to continue discussion on seeking an agreement between the city and KHO for the construction of 9,999 square foot commercial center project located at 11632 South St.

Mayor Pro Tem Flowers suggested that approval of the possible design painted on the Artesia water tower be continued to the next meeting, citing that all members of the city council should have the opportunity to participate in the selection process.

During the public comments, a resident expressed

concerns about the traffic study completed on Pioneer Boulevard and that perhaps the study should have been done on a Saturday when there is more traffic rather than the study done during the week when there is less traffic. He suggested that the traffic study did not truly reflect the congestion on that street.

Another resident agreed with this concern and pointed out that there is difficulty in the fire trucks and ambulances traveling down Pioneer and that they sometimes use alternate streets in the city to reach residents who need assistance.

A third resident, Mr. Ramirez, said the council has not been listening to the concerns of the residences regard-

ing the issues surrounding Pioneer Boulevard.

One speaker stated that the council is not listening to the residents and that is why Mayor Ali Taj, Councilmember Miguel Canales and Councilmember Victor Manalo are being recalled.

A spokesperson for the merchants reminded the council that the they have lost business because of the redesign of Pioneer Boulevard and hoped there would be a solution in the near future.

Mayor Pro Tem Flowers indicated that there had been about \$4-\$6 million allocated to the improvement of Pioneer Blvd. and that the matter would be discussed when the full council is present.

COMMUNITY calendar



ARTESIA:

Family Fun Night - Concert in the Park
Wednesday, July 26 • 7:30 - 10 p.m.
A. J. Padelford Park, 11900 169th St., Artesia
Fun & games! Movie "Moana" starts at dusk.

CERRITOS

National Night Out
Thursday, Aug. 3 • 7 - 8:30 p.m. Heritage Park
Classic Car Show, Concert - The MVP's (Rock/Top 40)
Inflatable, Food for Purchase, Public Safety Displays

HAWAIIAN GARDENS

YMCA CAMP OUT - Camp Oakes Big Bear
Aug. 14 - 16, Depart at 3 p.m.
Register June 5 - July 21, 2017 at the C. Robert Lee
Activity Center, Ages 9-12 Fee: \$25 per person

Summer Discovery Program

Now - August 19, 2017 • County Library
Sign up at the Information Desk and win prizes for
reading and completing various activities. Separate
games for Newborn - 3 yrs. & Pre-K to Grade 6.

LA PALMA

Older Adult Karaoke

Friday, July 21 • All Day Community Center
7821 Walker Street, La Palma
Come out for a night of fun with family, friends and
neighbors...and KARAOKING!!! Show off your singing
and dancing talents to your favorite music selection.

Rotary Club Holds Annual Transition Dinner July 8



Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu presents outgoing Artesia-Cerritos Rotary Club President Sug Kitahara with a proclamation commending his three years as Club President at the club's annual transition dinner July 8 at Arte Café in the Cerritos Towne Center. "I wish you well in your future endeavors," she said. Kitahara thanked her and said his future agenda includes going back to school to obtain his degree. He thanked the club members for their support over the years.



Outgoing Artesia-Cerritos Rotary Club President Sug Kitahara presents gavel to newly-elected Rotary Club President Maha Rayan.



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Summer Brings Lots of Events & Activities



By Melinda Kimsey

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

Well, the heat and humidity continue to plague our summer. However, that will not keep us down, and we will still enjoy our summer.

The City of Cerritos concerts in the park, specifically at Heritage Park, are in full swing, and the bands are awesome! No need to cook because there are food tables selling everything from ice cream to pizza. As usual, a lot is going on in our communities.

I would like to thank my good friend, Dan Nino for his interesting column on his travels to Austria, Switzerland and Germany. Also, thanks to our on-going writers for their dedication to the Gateway Guard-

ian and to our readers. Thanks to everyone!

Congratulations to our very own ABCUSD and the Olympiad on rockets held at Haskell, as well as the three middle "Schools to Watch" as designated by the State of California – Haskell, Tetzalaff and Carmenita. Thank you teachers for all that you do. You are AWESOME!

And a big thank you to Dr. Mary Sieu for being the wonderful superintendent that you are! And all of the principals and administrative staff too! We are so lucky to have you at ABCUSD. Lastly, a big congratulations to my Alma Mater, Cerritos College, on receiving its updated accreditation. Way to go!

There is a new luxury apartment complex in Cerritos, specifically Sage at Cerritos, consisting of 132 one- and two-bedroom units. The move-in date is sometime in September. You can check with the city or the Cerritos Regional Chamber, too, for information on the Sage at Cerritos.

Speaking of the Cerritos Regional Chamber, this is a great organization to join. They have so many fun activities and are a great group of

business people.

Well, an icon has retired, yes, Ernest Vital, also known as "Big E" has gone to the happy land of retirement. Big E, worked for the city of Cerritos for 38 years and was instrumental in creating many of the programs within the recreation department. More specifically, Big E took an interest in the adaptive programs that are now a staple within the recreation programs.

The really good news is that Big E lives in Cerritos and has no plans to move, although he loves to go to Hawaii as often as possible. I have a feeling that we will be hearing from Big E as he starts his new journey.

I would like to thank Trinity Reprographics for their outstanding community outreach as they are sponsoring a Blood Drive, which is going to be on Friday, Aug. 25.

By the way, today is "Moon Day" which celebrates the landing of the Eagle on the moon on July 20, 1969. I remember watching Neil Armstrong on TV as he set foot on the moon. How far we have come since that day and how far we continue to travel.

As always, Happy Trails!

What's Happening in Cerritos?



will double.

A Cerritos man was arrested in connection with an ATM scam in the Inland Empire. Crooks are putting card readers over the top of existing ones and stealing your ATM card information. Please be vigilant when withdrawing money and try to it at an actual bank.

While we are on the topic of crime, I think I should mention that *LA Times* did a recent study of property crimes in 209 areas of Los Angeles County. Cerritos was the #11 highest overall. I also studied Cerritos' past property crimes statistics, and we are at the highest level in 10 years. And the numbers have skyrocketed recently.

Criminals are breaking into our homes during the day (mostly by shattering our rear slider doors) and into our vehicles at night (primarily targeting unlocked cars). We need to harden the targets. Cerritos, fortunately, has low violent crime, which is much more important, but now we need to protect our properties.

Neighborhood Watch is the key to catching these criminals in the act, and we are approaching 100 Block Captains in our program. I attended two neighborhood watch meetings last week and am proud to see the things that different areas of the city are doing. The city made bright vests for people to wear while out walking to be more visible, and they are

only \$10 each. Residents have volunteered to walk the streets during different hours in an effort to cover all daylight hours. I am so impressed with the creativity and effort.

I am hosting a Cerritos Neighborhood Watch Block party on Aug. 12 and am hoping to get my neighborhood more involved in helping to prevent crime. All the block captains and my neighbors from five streets are invited. Knowing each other better and having a game plan could make all the difference.

Some neighborhoods have pooled money and put up high end surveillance cameras in one resident's backyard. They have four cameras on a pole that face all directions and even have a license plate reader. They have high definition, and the crooks don't like cameras. Not surprisingly, that neighborhood has not been victimized since installing the system. If you haven't signed up as a Block Captain, please call the city and see if your street already has one.

Concert in the Park series at Heritage Park continues tonight and for the next several Thursday nights at 7 p.m. Monday night the 24th is movie night at Liberty Park at 8:15 pm. Tuesday night the 25 is family night at Liberty Park at 8:15 pm.

Go check it out and stay safe, Cerritos!

What is a Mello-Roos Tax within a Community Facilities District?

At a recent Artesia City Council meeting, councilmembers considered the adoption of Resolution No. 17-2657. If passed, new construction in Artesia would be subjected to the levy of a special Mello-Roos Tax.

Mello-Roos Tax Info: A Mello-Roos direct levy is a special assessment imposed on those real property owners within a Community Facilities District. The district has chosen to seek public financing through the sale of bonds for the purpose of financing certain public improvements and services as outlined in the "Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982."

The special assessment you pay is used to make the payments of principal and interest on the bonds. The special assessment will stay in effect until the principal and interest on the bonds are paid off along with any reasonable administrative costs incurred.

Services and facilities may include: police protection, fire protection, ambulance and paramedic services, recreation program services, libraries, library services, parks, parkway facilities, open-space facilities, the operation and maintenance of parks, parkways and open space, museums, recreation facilities, child care facilities, cultural facilities, flood and storm protection, services for the removal of any threatening hazardous substance, elementary and secondary school sites and structures, natural gas pipeline facilities, telephone lines, facilities to transmit and distribute electrical energy, cable television lines, and others.

If the annual property tax bill includes a Mello-Roos special assessment and it is not paid in full by June 30, the property may be subject to the accelerated judicial foreclosure process. After June 30,

those special assessments subject to the accelerated judicial foreclosure are removed from the unpaid tax bill and the Districts are responsible for collection enforcement.

Mello-Roos special assessments are levied on the tax bill on behalf of the Mello-Roos District and are not levied by the Assessor, Auditor-Controller or Tax Collector. For information or disclosure of a Mello-Roos special assessment levied against property, please contact your local Mello-Roos District.

FAQ's

Property taxes (ad valorem tax and special assessments) are collected by the county, but governed by California State Law. Taxes are collected on behalf of the county, incorporated cities within the county, school districts and other taxing agencies, including special districts. Once collected, the Auditor-Controller distributes these taxes to the various entities.

The County Assessor determines the person or entity to be assessed, the value of the property and transmits that information to the County Auditor-Controller.

The Auditor-Controller computes the amount of tax due by multiplying the taxable value of the property by the applicable tax rate (the tax rate is equal to 1 percent (1%) plus bonded debt for the location of the assessed property within the County) to determine the amount of tax.

It is the Tax Collector's responsibility to mail the tax bill and collect the amount due as computed by the Auditor-Controller Division.

It is the Auditor-Controller's responsibility to allocate and distribute the correct tax amount due to the various taxing entities and special assessment districts.



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From My Point of View

A Dream Journey: Hello Vienna, Salzburg



Dan E. Nino and his wife Myrna enjoy the view while cruising along Danube River in Salzburg, Austria.

By Dan E. Nino

Rewarding myself after a hectic tax season as tax consultant and taking a brief vacation from my journalistic commitments, I took a trip with my wife Myrna to three countries in Europe: Austria, Switzerland and Germany.

I got my round-trip tickets from Expedia but obtained my detailed itineraries, train odysseys, group tours, hotel accommodations from Norwalk-based Where Else Travel.

From Los Angeles aboard Air Berlin, our first destination was Vienna, Austria's capital, with an hour layover in Dusseldorf, Germany. With a maze of airport corridors in Dusseldorf, we barely made it to our next plane bound for Vienna. In fact, I heard my name being announced in the airport terminal as the last passenger being waited on.

Traveling to new, marvelous countries for the first time can be nerve-racking and stressful. Upon arriving at the Vienna Airport, our first agenda was to exchange our dollar bills to Euro. To my chagrin \$100 was only equivalent to 61 Euro. Unbelievable! Service charges and commissions were charged. That's why our dollar currency was reduced to 61 Euro.

After paying the taxi of 40 Euro, I was left with only 21 Euro. I felt it was better to exchange our dollar currency to Euro in downtown Vienna, which I found out later was larger in value (73 Euro).

On our way out, my name was heard again on the PA system as the taxi driver assigned to us waited patiently at the Information Desk. She was a Serbian married to a Bosnian. My journalistic instinct came into play asking many ques-

tions whenever possible.

It only took us 20 minutes from the Schwechat Airport to Hilton Garden South, a quiet suburb south of the Vienna city center. While riding to our hotel, I was amazed by the cleanliness and verdant landscape on both sides of the highway.

My wife was anxious since we were travelling on our own. Our prayers were answered, when my townmate from Mangataram, Pangasinan, Neptune Estrada-Clemente called and asked if we are interested in booking at a downtown hotel to be closer to them.

Later, they offered for us to stay at their home instead near the city center. That sounded even better. Now we have somebody to relate to and answer inquiries about Vienna. Neptune and her husband Bong were now all-out as our tour guides.

With their warm Filipino hospitality, Neptune and Bong brought us to interesting and historic tourist destinations by train and on foot around Vienna, including the Parliament, museums, opera houses, the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral, architectural marvels and the imposing building where former First Lady Imelda Marcos used to party among royalties of Europe.

Vienna stretches over 415 kms. and sits on a bank of Dan-

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City of Cerritos to Honor Meritorious Marine

Cpl. Manuel Villalobos-Garcia, a member of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (1st CEB), will be hosted and honored by the City of Cerritos on Saturday, July 22 at 11:30 at the Sheraton Hotel.

Cpl. Villalobos Garcia and his fiancée Cynthia will spend the weekend in Cerritos with lodging and meals compliments of our sponsors: Sheraton Hotel and restaurants Grille 91, Mimi's, TGI Friday, Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill, STACKED, and the Macaroni

Grill. The Friends of the 1st CEB are providing tickets to the Angels baseball game that evening. On Sunday, Cpl Reardon will be offered bowling at the AMF Cerritos Lanes.

Corporal Manuel E. VillalobosGarcia joined JROTC and commanded the Arm Drill team while in high school. After graduation, he enlisted in the Marines, attended boot camp at MCRD in San Diego, and graduated in August 2014 at age 18. After attending Combat Engineer school

in North Carolina, he was assigned to Alpha Company, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, in December 2014.

He deployed with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) on Feb. 11, 2016. While on this deployment, he was awarded a Letter of Appreciation from the Commanding Officer of Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion/1st Marines, the infantry unit he was supporting, for his excellence in providing excellent combat engineering support.



Trinity Reprographics to Co-Sponsor Blood Drive

Together with Golden Star Technology, Inc. (GST), Trinity Worldwide Reprographics invites you to participate in a Blood Drive to support the effort of the American Red Cross!

Each day, thousands of child and adult patients are in need of a blood donation. Perhaps you know of someone in your family or a close friend who has benefitted from a blood donation or can benefit from one. In their honor, and in light of the many in need, we invite you to take the journey

with us "from arm to arm."

Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to join you for this life saving event! The date is Friday, Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The location is in the GST parking lot located at 12881 166th St. Cerritos, CA 90703. To sign up, or if you have questions, please contact Trinity at (562) 567-2050.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to know that you, a blood donor, will save someone's life? Together as a community we can make a difference!

Science Olympiad From Page 2

tist's mentality" that is detail-oriented, meticulous, and observant.

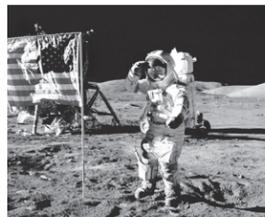
The Middle Science Olympiad classes are taught by Ken Yoshikawa, a former science teacher at Carmenita Middle School, deeply loved by many students, and a successful former engineer and business owner. Mr. Yoshikawa is very knowledgeable about Middle School Science Olympiad with a passion to give every student

an enjoyable experience.

In this summer program, Mr. Yoshikawa teaches above and beyond the school curriculum. In Session I, students learn how to design a rocket that may win an actual Middle School Science Olympiad competition. In Session II, students will take on the challenge to build indoor helicopters. Class information and registration is available at enrichment.abced-foundation.org.

This "Moon Day" in History

On July 20, 1969, the Lunar Module, nicknamed the "Eagle," touched down on the surface of the moon. Upon landing, Apollo 11 Commander Neil Armstrong reported, "The Eagle Has Landed." A few hours later, Neil Armstrong stepped off of the Eagle's ladder, placed one foot upon the moon's surface and proclaimed, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."



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Cerritos Volunteers Honored at Dinner



City of Cerritos Volunteers were honored for their service to the city, and each one received a Certificate of Appreciation and a special gift.

Volunteers from the Cerritos Senior Center, Cerritos Library and Cerritos Sheriff's Station and Community Safety Center, which includes the Volunteers on Patrol and the Community Emergency Response Team, were honored at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the CCPA on July 10. The dinner was provided by Café n' Stuff.

"We are honored to have many generous people in our community," said Mayor Grace Hu. "One city facility that benefits from many dedicated volunteers is the Cerritos Library."

The Friends of the Library and other volunteers contributed more than 3,900 hours of service in 2016. These volunteers worked in the Friends Store, at book sales and at special events.

The Friends Store raised \$32,500 this year from the sale of gift items and donated books. The Friends also sponsor author events and other educational programs each year.

In January, the Friends sponsored the annual "Mystery on the Menu" luncheon featuring 15 local mystery authors.

The Friends also donated \$15,000 for prizes for the Library's Summer Reading Program.

The second group Mayor Hu honored was the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department volunteers at the Cerritos Sheriff's Station.

"Sheriff's Department volunteers are dedicated to providing excellent service and enhancing the quality of life in our community," said Mayor Hu.

These volunteers provide fingerprinting services and assist with station tours for local school children and visitors from other countries.

The Volunteers on Patrol,

or VOPs, work closely with the Sheriff's Department to fight crime in our City. They patrol our neighborhoods, shopping centers and parks to help keep our citizens safe. They also contact victims of crime to obtain follow-up information and offer assistance.

This past year, the VOPs assisted with traffic control, more than 2,000 vacation checks and several events, including the Memorial Run, Haunted Jail, 999 for Kids, a bone marrow drive and Kid Print. Two of the VOPs also became advisors for the station Explorer program.

VOPs help distribute crime prevention and safety information and they participate in training exercises. They are part of the City's Emergency Response Plan and would be among the first to be deployed in the event of a disaster.

This group of volunteers contributed 8,200 hours of service to the City in 2016.

The third group Mayor Hu recognized was the Cerritos Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT members are residents who have prepared themselves for a major disaster.

Since 2006, approximately 600 community members have completed training to become certified in emergency response. Cerritos CERT members are part of a regional group that will provide aid to 25 cities in Southeast Los Angeles County in the event of a disaster.

CERT members participate in regular disaster exercises, and attend statewide conferences. They also help distribute disaster preparedness materials and assist at City events such as the Safety Fair and National Night Out.

The CERT program is add-

ing the Disaster Communications element to its response team. At last year's Great Shakeout Exercise, HAM Radio operators were an integral part of the exercise demonstrating the vital importance of HAM Radios during a disaster.

The final group Mayor Hu honored was the Cerritos Senior Center volunteers. More than 4,500 hours of service were provided by 120 volunteers in 2016.

Volunteers assisted at the Senior Center's reception desk, fitness center counter, gift boutique, reading library and weekly bingo program. They also conducted blood pressure screenings, served lunches, assisted with the SPICE program and provided floral arrangements and legal services.

Senior Center volunteers have helped fellow seniors by leading programs and creating their own classes.

The center has 19 programs that are led by volunteers. These programs include a Bunco, Chinese Calligraphy, Guitar, Karaoke, Hula, Life Stories, Lighten up with Laughter, Longevity Stick, Texas Hold'em and many more.

Senior Center volunteers assisted at the Center's annual Health Fair and other City events such as the Veteran's Day Ceremony, Memorial Day Ceremony and the Los Angeles County Fishing Derby.

Lynda Johnson Kicks Off Campaign for School Board



ABC Unified School District Board Member Lynda Johnson held her Kick-Off Event for re-election on July 19 at Arte Cafe in the Cerritos.

Johnson was first elected to the ABC School Board in 2011 in a special election and was re-elected in 2013, securing the most votes in a field of five candidates. During the past six years, Johnson has demonstrated a track record of proven leadership and has advocated for many of the successful programs ABCUSD students are being recognized for throughout the state.

Johnson led the Board in the creation of the Ad-Hoc Board Advisory Facilities Committee, taking a measured and thorough approach to updating the Facility Master Plan. She continues to ensure deferred maintenance projects are funded to improve, update and extend the life of school classrooms and facilities.

Johnson has taken her efforts a step further by waiving

all District-provided medical and dental benefits, as well as cash in-lieu of payments and deposits the excess funds into the District's Deferred Maintenance Fund each month.

She also advocated for a public meeting to be conducted for a Board Budget Study Session to review, understand, and implement fiscally-responsible budgetary policies with a new spirit towards public transparency.

Her commitment to student safety is, and will continue to be, a top priority. She demonstrated this by speaking out in favor of and voting for funds to reconfigure elementary school parking lots, resulting in increased safety during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Johnson also expressed support for installing shade structures and benches at high school campuses.

"I am honored to represent the people not only in my Trustee Area, but throughout the entire district," Johnson stated. "I am also humbled and honored to have the endorsement of Fourth District Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn and Former Supervisor Don Knabe. My campaign enjoys support from our leaders who served us well in the past, and from our current leaders charting our future."

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