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Rendering of the new Sprouts Farmers Market, which will replace the former Sports Authority store.

New Sprouts Store Coming to Cerritos

By Janet Beach

A new Sprouts Farmers Market is coming to Cerritos! On March 20, the City Council approved the plans for the new grocery store to be located in the Lincoln Station Shopping Center at 11900 South St.

The former Sports Authority building will be renovated, with about three fourths of it occupied by the new Sprouts store and one fourth by a yet-to-be-determined tenant.

The Lincoln Station Shopping Center is approximately

8.33 acres and contains several existing tenants, including Chase Bank, Pinoy Pinay, Snowflakes, Blooming, and other retailers.

Access to the site is provided by a main driveway along South Street and vehicular access off Pioneer Boulevard through an adjacent shopping center.

The owner of the shopping center, MGP IX Lincoln Stn, LLC, plans to upgrade the exterior facade of the buildings and to reburish and upgrade existing landscaping, business

identification signs, and hard-scape throughout the center.

The proposed renovation and upgrade will occur in four phases over a 19-month period. However, the Sprouts Farmers Market is expected to open sometime in December 2017.

According to the store's website, "Sprouts is the grocery shopping experience that makes healthy living easy and affordable. The bright and cheery neighborhood stores offer fresh, natural and organic groceries at incredible prices."

Cerritos Council Approves Agreement with State on Redevelopment Agency

By Jerry Bernstein

The Cerritos City Council unanimously approved a settlement agreement between the California Department of Finance and the city, related to the Redevelopment Agency closed by an act of the State Legislature and signed into law by the governor in 2011.

City Attorney Mark Steres said the settlement should provide the city a constant stream of funds over the next 12-15 years with approximately \$2.2 million this upcoming fiscal year. From that, \$440,000 will be required to be deposited into the Low and Moderate Housing Asset Fund as required by law.

Approximately \$860,000 will be utilized to make the annual debt service payment for the Magnolia Power Plant with the remaining \$900,000 available for use, as the city Council deems appropriate within the General Fund.

It is anticipated that the future annualized payments to the City will increase beyond the \$2.2 million to be received in the upcoming fiscal year upon finalization of the administrative review by the ROPS to DOF.

The agreement also includes an offer of \$11 million by the city to purchase former Cerritos Redevelopment Agency properties now under the control of the Successor Agency.

"This agreement represents a very successful settlement with significant, positive financial benefit to the city," said Steres.

Mayor George Ray said the \$11 million will come out of the reserve fund, and he asked that it be paid as soon as possible so the deficit does not go against the budget starting July 1st. "I would not want the next council have to deal with the \$11 million negative," he said.

Christiason Named Volunteer of the Year



Volunteer of the Year, Mickey Christiason, receives a proclamation from Cerritos Mayor Pro Tem Naresh Solanki, Councilmembers Mark Pulido, Carol Chen, Jim Edwards, and Mayor George Ray.

Mickey Christiason was recently honored by the Cerritos City Council as the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center's Volunteer of the Year for 2016.

A volunteer for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department since 2003, Christiason has participated in patrol, special events, station tours, cleaning patrol cars, helping with fund-raising events and collecting toys for families of Marines at Camp Pendleton.

He also donates his time to other Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. stations, including

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Artesia HS Football's 6-4 Season Recognized at School Showase



The Artesia High School football team ended the season with a 6-4 record, with key wins against Pioneer and Bellflower. The Pioneers were led by senior running back Jordan Benoit, who rushed for over 1,000 yards and 24 touchdowns. The offensive line was anchored by senior (3-year starter) Jaden Alejo. The Pioneers look to build on the 2016 season with the return of key contributors - Xavier Yokum (2018), Carlos Gonzalez (2018), Stanley Monis (2018), Heder Gladden (2019), Travys Davis (2019) and DJ Major (2019). The Pioneers youth camp will be held May 8 - 11, and the team will open its 2017 season Sept. 1 vs Magnolia.

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Dr. Mary Sieu Selected ACSA XIV Superintendent of the Year

Dr. Mary Sieu, Superintendent of the ABC Unified School District, was recently selected by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region XIV as the 2017 Superintendent of the Year.

The ACSA Award recognizes outstanding performance and achievement by individual administrators. Each Region convenes an awards committee to review all nominations.

The recipient of the Superintendent of the Year Award must demonstrate exceptional leadership, commitment to educational quality and student achievement, a commitment to professional growth and cre-

ativity and innovation in dealing with issues and problems facing public education.

Dr. Mary Sieu will be honored at the ACSA Region XIV Awards Dinner at The Grand Event Center in Long Beach on April 26.

"I am humbled and honored to be selected as the Superintendent of the Year. I accept this recognition on behalf of the exceptional students and people I have the great privilege to work with in ABC Unified School District."

Those wishing to attend the Awards Banquet may contact Mary Ann McCuistion at: mmccuistion@socal.rr.com.



Members of the ABC Board of Education congratulate Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu upon being named 2017 Superintendent of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region XIV. Dr. Sieu will be honored at the ASCA Region XIV Awards Dinner at The Grand Event Center in Long Beach on April 26. Upon accepting the award, Dr. Sieu said she does so on behalf of the students and staff she has the privilege to work within ABC.

Annual ABC Principal for a Day Earns High Marks

ABC Unified School held its annual Principal for a Day on March 15. The day began with an Opening Reception/Breakfast hosted by Sheraton Cerritos. From there, the "Principals" toured their individual campuses and visited students in their learning environments.

Principals for a Day participants included local business leaders, civic leaders, higher education administrators, ABC Education Foundation Board Members and other community stakeholders.

Cerritos Businesswoman Grace Hu was named "Principal" at Whitney High School. While there, she observed students discussing the many cultures of the world and students completing innovative science projects.

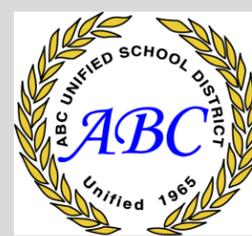
"I want to thank Principal John Briquelet for hosting me as Principal for a Day and Superintendent Dr. Mary



Principal John Briquelet introduces Principal for a Day, Grace Hu.

Sieu for organizing the event," Hu commented. "There is no greater equalizer in today's society than a good education."

"This is why I enjoy supporting ABC Unified School District and the Whitney High School Excellence in Education Foundation," said Hu. "I can see a very bright future for the students of our school district."



Next School Board Meeting:

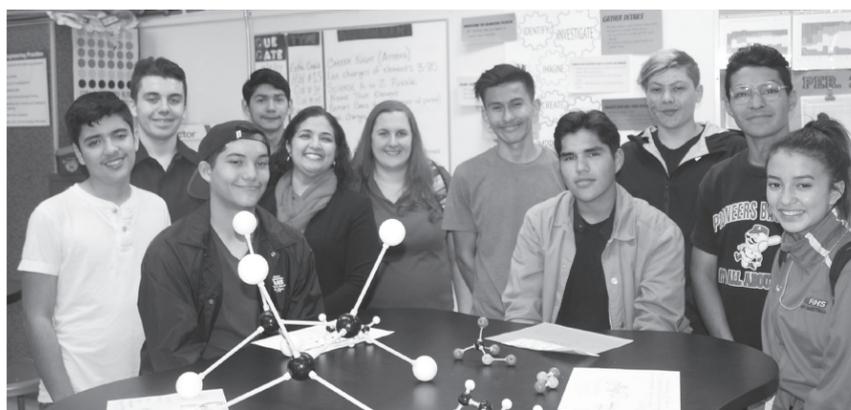
**April 4
7 p.m.**

District Office
16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703

Artesia High School Showcase



Career and College Counselor Sukunthea Chhay and Principal Sergio Garcia welcome guests to the Artesia High School Showcase on March 16. In physics class, students do a demonstration about atoms and molecules, while biotechnology students dissect a lamb's heart. In the TV Studio, students get ready to do a news broadcast.



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ABC Adult School	Cerritos Senior Center
Artesia City Hall & Library	Hawaiian Gardens City Hall
Cerritos Chamber Office	Hawaiian Gardens Library
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Mary Jane Fujimura Woman of the Year

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia has chosen Mary Jane Fujimura to be Woman of the Year for the 58th Assembly District, representing the City of Cerritos.

Born in Hawaii, Mary Jane was raised in a family whose parents and grandparents were always volunteering and giving of themselves. Though times were hard, she was taught that the important thing in life is not focusing on material things but about caring for others and giving from the heart.

"You do what you can to help someone. You don't complain. If you have one tomato, you give half to a friend," was the philosophy," she said.

Her straight-arrow father instilled in her the importance of doing what you want to do, taking the consequences of your actions and believing in yourself. She was raised with a "I can do it" attitude. Appreciation for one's life and what one had was pervasive in her home.

As a child, she was active in the Girls Scouts, 4-H Club, YBA, Y Teens, hula, sewing school and various school

committees. She sewed all her own clothes in high school.

A claim to fame occurred when Mary Jane was 15 and guessed the number of songs KPOI radio station had played when Elvis was a soldier in Germany. She and a girl friend

The first of 26 grandchildren of the third generation to graduate from college, Mary Jane continued her involvement and volunteering at Western Washington University.

Knowing she could handle it, she chose to leave family and friends in Hawaii and go to school at a place no one knew her. Why? To widen her experience, see how others are, what they value and make new friends. She put herself through school, wanting to do it on her own.

During her teaching career, Mary Jane worked hard to expose students to the arts. "I had a vision of what we could do when the first director called in the teachers to plan. I had to be involved."

She became active with the Friends of the Performing Arts in Cerritos, served on the Teacher's Board and later chaired the Guild for the Friends. She was instrumental in devising ways the children could respond to the performances they attended. Amazing displays in the lobby of the theater testified to the creative success of teachers and

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were flown to Honolulu for her press conference with Elvis. Her girlfriend took a photo of them, and they spent some time together.

Later, when Elvis was making "Blue Hawaii" in Kauai, she met him again and asked him to autograph the photo. He said to meet him at the pool after a bit. She did, got the autograph and her first kiss on the lips!

COMMUNITY calendar



ARTESIA:

Cesar Chavez Day Program

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

Family Easter Program

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

CERRITOS

Cerritos Resident Talent Show

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

Easter Egg Hunts

Saturday, April 15 • 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Knabe Community Regional Park
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Public Support for ABC Immigration Resolution

By Jerry Bernstein

Public support for the ABC School Board's unanimous passage of a resolution calling for equal access to education, regardless of immigration status, was expressed at the school board's meeting on March 21.

Supporting the resolution, representing their cities, were the Mayors from Hawaiian Gardens and Artesia, the ABC Parent and Teacher's Association (PTA), ABC Chapter of the American Federation of Teachers Association (AFT) and community members. One speaker quoted Martin Luther King, Jr. as saying, "We have the responsibility to do what we know is right." She added,

"It's not about immigration; it's about children and our obligation to serve all of them."

The resolution states all students, regardless of immigration status, have equal access to an education under the laws of the United States. However, it was noted families that fear an increase in immigration enforcement may keep their children home from school.

While the resolution does not provide protection to students beyond existing law, it creates protocols to direct staff on how to uniformly respond to potential requests related to immigration procedures to ensure that the District is pro-

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Job Fair Coming To Cerritos College April 6

Job seekers will have an opportunity to explore greater career options and speak with more than 40 employers at Cerritos College's semi-annual Job Fair on Thursday, April 6, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Library/Falcon Square sidewalk.

Attendees can apply for job positions on site, and network with employers from several industries, including healthcare, sales, retail, and government/public sectors.

Job seekers should dress in business attire and bring copies of their resumes.

Workshops will also be offered prior to the Job Fair:

Resumé Workshop

Workshop covering basics of resumé structure and content - Tuesday, March 21, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in BE 110 and Monday, April 3, 5 to 6 p.m.

in SS 139.

Interview Techniques

Discover tips and techniques to prepare for job interviews - Wednesday, March 22, 3 to 4 p.m. in SS 138

Prepping for the Job Fair

Workshop explores how to market yourself to employers - Tuesday, March 28, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in BE 110.

Workshops are open to all. For more information, visit: <http://cms.cerritos.edu/job-placement/student-services/college-job-fair-and-career-expo.htm>

Cerritos College is located at 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650.

For more information, contact the Job Placement Office at student-employment@cerritos.edu, or (562) 860-2451, X2366.

LET'S VOTE FOR FRANK

For Cerritos City Council
On April 11, 2017



My name is Francisca "Chit" Nepomuceno Francisco - Yokoyama, I was born in Philippines. I emigrated to the US in 1966. I met Frank's dad, Tom Yokoyama, in Tacoma, Washington while he was serving in the United States Army. We have been happily married for more than 50 years and are blessed with 4 children and 7 grandchildren. Frank is our first child, he was born at the Fort Benning Army Base in Georgia.

Our family moved to Cerritos in 1976. Frank attended and graduated from ABC Schools. Frank earned his Bachelor's Degree from UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business. He went on to Harvard School for his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree (JD).

He and his wife, Wendy Ha-Yokoyama, are very active parent volunteers with the PTA and various school foundations. Their children attend local ABC schools and play youth sports. Frank is a dedicated basketball and soccer coach with the Cerritos Youth Sports Program. As a parent, Frank strongly believes that the city needs to partner with our ABC Schools' leader to better serve students and residents.

As a former Cerritos Planning Commissioner, Frank reviewed and approved plans and made recommendations for new businesses and home improvements to strengthen our local economy and to help increase property values in Cerritos.

Frank's Five Point Plan to Keep Cerritos Safe: 1. Keep Full-Service Cerritos Sheriff Station. 2. Expand Burglary Suppression Efforts. 3. Keep Sky Knight Helicopter to Catch Criminals. 4. Fund Needed Equipment and Technology. 5. Mobilize our Neighborhood Watch Programs. **He had heard, is listening and will continue to listen to Cerritos citizens and businesses as to what is important to you in our diverse city.** He will bring new leadership that is transparent, hard working, ethical, open-minded, fiscally-responsible and accountable to you

As a local businessman, Frank recognizes the importance of economic growth and jobs. And we can start by repairing our streets, sidewalks, and pruning our city trees.

Cerritos needs the leadership of Frank Yokoyama. Join former Mayor Mark Pulido and numerous Cerritos elected officials, Artesia elected officials, and ABC school board members, plus dozens of other community leaders in endorsing and supporting Frank.

Thank you for your consideration, talking and sharing this information with your relatives and friends as well. **Please VOTE for my son Frank Aurelio Yokoyama for Cerritos City Council. I'm counting on you...**

Sincerely,

Francisca "Chit" Francisco-Yokoyama (562) 547-3670

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Several Congratulations Are in Order!



By Melinda Kimsey

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

The Aquarium of the Pacific has landed! We are so excited to have the AOP back in the paper, and they have a fabulous article too, as well as a discount coupon. Also, Sprouts is coming to Cerritos! We are officially the healthiest city around, we have Trader Joe's and now Sprouts.

Lots of congratulations to so bear with me. Mickey Christason received a proclamation from the City of Cerritos as Volunteer of the Year from the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.

Then, the beautiful Mary Jane Fujimura received Woman of the Year For Cerritos in the 58th District from Assemblymember Cristina Garcia for her many years as an amazing

volunteer. I have known Mary Jane for many years, as our kids were in Indian Guides and on many sports team together. She is just the greatest person and a very good friend.

And Dr. Mary Sieu received Superintendent of the Year from ACSA, and we are so proud of her! Next, we have Grace Hu as the "Principal for the Day" at Whitney High School. What an honor! I bet the students had a really fun day with Mrs. Hu!

Lastly, we have the terrific principal, Sergio Garcia and the outstanding students at Artesia High School. Jerry and I were at the Artesia Showcase night, and we had a blast.

We were constantly impressed by the students and their remarkable accomplishments! Look for photos of these most deserving folks on Page 2.

We had a fabulous time at the CCPA when we met and chatted with astronauts and other personnel from NASA. We were so impressed and in awe of such a friendly group of people! These folks spoke about NASA's plans for the future including a trip to Mars.

Seems like the age group

they are looking at for the trip are now in 5th grade. Of course, the trip in in about 15 years. So, be on the lookout for brainiacs that are in 5th grade. Maybe they will bring you back a Mars rock if you give them a good recommendation!

Thanks astronauts, Col. Brian Duffy and Dr. Thomas Marshburn, for your fabulous insights into the future.

Congrats to our neighbors and city council members in the City of Hawaiian Gardens for receiving a beautiful proclamation for their work and support of the American Red Cross. This is such a well-deserved honor. Also, those fabulous Girl Scouts who led the Pledge of Allegiance are celebrating the 100 anniversary of selling cookies. Wow, what an accomplishment!

Thanks Supervisor Janice Hahn for all that you do for our county, specially, your hard work and dedication in finding positive solutions for our homeless population, and a very special thank you in having two more babies saved in the Safe Surrender program. We are so fortunate to have you representing us!

As always, Happy Trails.

Plant the Seed of Goodness to Reap the Fruit of Life



By Jerry Bernstein

I didn't expect to see my FRIEND FROM FRUITCAKE, FLORIDA so soon after his last visit. "I thought you'd be in Fruitcake," I said.

"Planned to, but when I got there, I found it wasn't necessary, so I decided to return to Los Angeles."

Okay," I replied, "but what was so important that took you back there in the first place?"

"Well, Cerritos isn't the only city having a city council election. Fruitcake is in the midst of holding one, too. Only we're filling three seats. One of our incumbents who was not up for re-election resigned. He's moving to Miami for business reasons. So instead of two seats up for grabs, we have three."

"Oh," I said. "Were you planning to seek his seat?"

"No. I enjoy my retirement. I was asked to return so I could endorse a young man whom I've known since he was in high school. He has a degree in Business Administration and opened his own office upon returning to Fruitcake. I told him I'd be happy to speak to some of my friends and promote him, but I had to get back to California."

Does he stand a chance?" I asked.

"I think so," he answered. "He has a good reputation, speaks his mind, and if you disagree with him that's all right too, and he's well liked."

Knowing My FRIEND FROM FRUITCAKE, FLORIDA, I felt something was brothing him. I didn't say anything for a few minutes. "What's brothing you?" I finally asked.

He looked at me for a moment, then said, "Like Cerritos, Fruitcake has its characters. They seem to come out of the woodwork every time there's an election."

"Just at election time?" I asked.

"They're pretty quiet most of the time, but at election time they seem to come out of the woodwork in force."

"Is your candidate afraid?" I asked.

"Nope. He has nothing to hide. He's married has two young kids in school and a third on the way."

"Then what's brothing you?"

"I don't like dirty campaigns, especially when someone is calling the kettle black, and his own reflection is not that clean."

"I wouldn't worry about it," I said, "My grandmother had an old saying. "

What was that?" he asked.

"What comes around goes around, and you know what? I've found that saying to be true."

"I hope so. I believe he'll be elected. He's well liked, young and has been active in Fruitcake." As he arose from his chair, he asked, "How's your election going?"

"Same as always. The main concern is the city's budget deficit, law enforcement and the future of the Cerritos Sheriff Station, street, sidewalk and tree upkeep," I replied.

"Let's do lunch next time," he said as he walked out the door."

What's Happening in Cerritos?



By Brad Beach

The next article I write will be after the election, and we will have two new City Councilmembers. Whatever will we do with our free time after April 11? No more robo calls, mailers, texts, people knocking on our doors, signs being stolen from our front yards, false news stories to read and countless negative Facebook posts to view.

In all seriousness, I would like to send a thank you to all the candidates who decided to run. It has brought out some serious issues in our community, and campaigning is not easy on the candidate or their families. Thank you all for stepping up!

Debates continue on social media about what cable service to use. I switched from Frontier/DirecTV to Charter Spectrum about six months ago and couldn't be happier. I am saving about \$60 a month and have more channels. My internet runs at the same fast

speed and their customer service is incredible.

On the safety front, it is reported by NBC news that due to Prop 57, 9,500 inmates will be released over the next four years. Property crime has already been increasing at alarming rates in Cerritos, and be prepared for it to continue to rise. Criminals are not getting serious punishments, and the ones who do get sentenced are out on the streets faster and faster.

I recently bought a "Ring" doorbell and am so happy with it. I'm glad I purchased the one that was \$50 more since it has 1080p definition and a better motion sensor system. If you come to the Beach house please smile because you will be on camera.

There was a pretty serious incident a couple streets over from me last week where a resident shot his father multiple times with a BB gun and barricaded himself in the house. Sky Knight was circling for over an hour, and the streets were locked down by patrol cars. I put the information out immediately on multiple social media sites to inform our neighbors. The sites included Nextdoor and Facebook (Cerritos Neighborhood Page, Pulse of Cerritos and Cerritos One Press).

If you want real time crime updates and community

information, please consider joining them. We can share important information quickly and help each other out.

Here are a few quick reminders. 1) Please don't feed bread to the ducks at Don Knabe or Heritage Parks. 2) The IRS will never call you on the phone so don't fall for a tax scam. 3) Thanks to a unanimous City Council vote, Sprouts is coming to Cerritos in December in the old Sports Authority building.

Relay for Life of Cerritos/Artesia is on May 20. It is easy to donate, and you can visit www.relayforlife.org/cerritos-artesiaca. The next Planning Commission meeting is April 5 at 7 pm. You can watch it on the local TV station.

For those looking for work, there will be a job fair on April 6 from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Falcon Square on the Cerritos College campus. The Cerritos talent show is coming up on April 8 at 6 p.m. at the Cerritos Park East Community Center. Admission to the show is only \$1.

The election is April 11, so please do your research on the candidates and VOTE. April 15th will be the Easter Egg Hunt at Don Knabe Park at 10 am. I can't wait for the pure joy of watching the kids madly collect the eggs for about 30 seconds and then it's all over.

Stay safe, Cerritos!

Letters to the Editor



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Immigration Resolution

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viding equal access to public education to all students. In large part, information requested about students is protected from disclosure absent parental consent or a court order or judicial warrant.

It was also noted the gates to ABC schools were locked, preventing open access onto school grounds while students are in attendance.

The resolution is modeled after the California School Boards Association (CSBA). In addition, the U.S. Supreme Court has held in Plyler V Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982) that local school districts have a constitutional mandate to educate all students residing within their jurisdictional boundaries, regardless of their immigration status.



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Bowl-A-Thon Raises \$3,000 for 1st CEB Marines



Marines gather around Mickey Christiason's woodie for a picture.

By Janet Beach

The 1st CEB Adoption Committee held its 8th annual Bowl-A-Thon on March 18 at AMF Cerritos Lanes. About 80 bowlers, including 16 1st CEB Marines from Camp Pendleton and their families, participated.

The theme this year was "Strike It Rich" and decorations consisted of money bags and other casino-type decora-

tions around the bowling alley.

Pizza and soda were included in the price of \$25 per bowler. Spectators who dropped by to enjoy the event, included Mayor George Ray, Councilmember Carol Chen, Former Mayor Bruce Barrows and candidate Chuong Vo.

Various door prizes were given away, and each bowler received a goody bag. A major donor was Randy Workman of PepsiCo, who donated sodas,

Gatorade, granola bars, power bars and bags and towels. The Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos provided cookies and other desserts.

Family Readiness Officer, GySgt. Chris Hudnall, who often attends the 1st CEB Adoption Committee meetings, was on hand to bowl with his fellow Marines.

The 1st CEB Adoption Committee was formed when the City of Cerritos "adopted" the 1st CEB on Nov. 11, 2007.

The organization is currently looking for new members and will be holding an OPEN HOUSE on April 22 at Liberty Park from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Adoption Committee sends care packages and letters to deployed 1st CEB, supports family social events, provides books for Professional Education and support for families for Bereavement and Wounded Warriors.

For more information visit www.friendsofthe1stceb.org.



Former Mayor Bruce Barrows, Cerritos Optimist Club President Terry Matz, Laurie Forward, Michelle Hickey, Mayor George Ray, Toni Skiles, Councilmember Carol Chen and Judi Mendes enjoy the festivities.

Visit the Aquarium This Spring

Visit the Aquarium of the Pacific this spring between April 10 - 22nd for special discounted pricing during extended late night hours. After 5 p.m., admission is just \$14.95 for adults, seniors, and children (3-11). Watch the nighttime activities of our animals and enjoy the beautiful evening lighting of the Aquarium's architecture. Visit aquariumofpacific.org for details.

Guests are also invited to explore the entire Aquarium (except Lorikeet Forest), including the new Seal and Sea Lion Habitat that features a stunning design that get you even closer to the animals! The exhibit features new rockwork and a coastal seascape mural and new, curved viewing window that allows animals and guests to come face to face.

The Aquarium also recently introduced a new addition to its Southern California/Baja Gallery, a baby giant sea bass. This small fish was the result of a spawning event this past fall and was raised in a tank behind the scenes during its early months.

Giant sea bass are difficult to breed in aquarium environments. Only one other facility has had preliminary success in breeding giant sea bass. At its hatching, the baby fish was just 4 millimeters long. Now, it is about two inches long and is fed on a diet of mysid shrimp. It will take about fifteen years for this juvenile to reach its full adult size (up to 6 feet long and 500 pounds).

The Aquarium is home to three adult giant sea bass, a well-established male-female pair that has been at the Aquarium since its



opening and a younger male. All three are residents of the Honda Blue Cavern exhibit in the Great Hall. The well-established pair are the baby's parents. Senior Aquarist Nicole Leier gathered research on breeding this species in an aquarium environment, and she and other husbandry staff members made several adjustments to the Blue Cavern exhibit to achieve success.

The Aquarium's work to reproduce this species is particularly important because giant sea bass are listed as Critically Endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List.

Visitors can also see the Aquarium's 11,000 other marine animals, including penguins, sea otters, and sea dragons as well as touch sea jellies, rays, and sharks. Animal Encounters, Dive Immersions, Whale Watching, and Behind-the-Scenes Tours are also available for an additional charge. Visit aquariumofpacific.org or call 562-590-3100 for more information.



NATURE WITHIN REACH

There's always something new to see and learn at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Touch sharks. Feed lorikeet birds. Watch penguins play. Over 11,000 animals await you.

\$8 Off Adult Admission

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