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Artesia Librarian Barbara Nightingale accepts a proclamation declaring April 13 -16 National Library Week from Artesia Mayor Tony Lima and members of the City Council at their April 14 meeting.

Artesia Mayor Cites Pioneer Boulevard Revitalization Plan Vital to City's Future

By Jerry Bernstein

Artesia Mayor Tony Lima, speaking before the Artesia Chamber of Commerce at a "State of the City" luncheon April 14, called upon the city's residents and business community for their support to make Artesia a vibrant city of the 21st Century.

He said the nation's economy is recovering from the economic recession and Artesia is also recovering. "We are healthy but not yet wealthy," he said. "Artesia is closer than ever before to meet the 21st Century head on, embarking on the largest beautification project in Artesia history."

"My colleagues on the city council believe very strongly that a Pioneer Boulevard revitalization project is a must." He said Pioneer Boulevard does not look much different from what it did 30 to 40 year ago. He said the city has a plan that is very substantial. Sidewalks will be extended 19 to 20 feet on each side of the

roadway. There will also be a promenade down the center of the present street with automobiles limited to one lane in each direction between 183rd Street south to the city boarder.

"We think this change



is necessary to revitalize our retail businesses on Pioneer Boulevard.

"When we need something, we either shop in Cerritos, Lakewood or Long Beach," he said. "We want to make Pioneer Boulevard a 21st Century shopping destination with restaurants, etc., bringing residents from other cities to Artesia to shop."

"There is no downside to it," he added. "We have the money remaining from the old Redevelopment Agency. We can only use these funds for this project." He said the city needs the support of the Chamber and business community. The Mayor emphasized Artesia needs to bring business to the city, which means redevelopment.

"This is why the council is looking at new mixed-use buildings two to four stories high." He said the criteria for four-story building includes retail business on the first floor. The second and third will be business and professional (offices) and the city is looking at condominiums on the fourth floor.

Some of the improvements the city has already made includes South Street where the entire street within the city has been repaved and a center divider has been installed with plants. The public works department has also installed directional signs to help people

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National Library Week Observed in Artesia

National Library Week was born in the mid-1950s when it was revealed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments.

Concerned that Americans were reading less, the American Library Association (ALA) and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizens organization called the National Book Committee in 1954. The committee's goals ranged from "encouraging people to read in their in-

creasing leisure time" to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life."

In 1957, the committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries.

With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme, "Wake Up and Read!"

Cerritos Votes for Improvements For Two Neighborhood Parks

By Jerry Bernstein

The Cerritos City Council approved a resolution approving the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to improve the accessibility to playground equipment at Saddleback and Frontier Parks. The funding is based on an estimate of \$187,747 CDBG funds for fiscal year 2014-15.

Advance Planning Manager Ryan Carey said the two improvement projects would include the upgrading of access to the two parks by removing existing sand and wood chips and replacing it with the installation of new rubberized material.

He said the installation of rubberized material was to

improve access and remove barriers for disabled persons at the two parks. He said since CDBG money cannot be used for the replacement or renovation of the playground equipment, alternative funding will be needed to complete the project which should be by June 2015. It is anticipated the completed project will serve approximately 3,500 disabled Cerritos residents.

The council also voted to continue its participation in the Los Angeles Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program for the period beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

Carey said participation in

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New Cerritos Kaiser Medical Office to Hold Grand Opening on May 9

By Janet Beach

A new two-story, 50,000 square-foot Kaiser Medical Office will soon serve members in the Cerritos and surrounding communities after its grand opening on May 9.

The facility will offer a wide range of services, with more than 30 providers of primary care, OB-GYN and pediatrics. It will also provide radiology, laboratory and pharmacy, as well as underground parking with direct access to the medical office.

Large windows will capture natural light, carpets will be made of recycled materials and drought-tolerant plants in the landscaping will conserve water.

The new Kaiser office will



use KPHealthConnect, an electronic medical records system that gives physicians and staff immediate access to members' medical information.

As part of the Cerritos Arts in Public Places Program, a large sculpture, "Kindred," by artist Gerard Basil Stripling will greet members as they enter the building.

The new Kaiser Medical Offices are located at 10820 183rd St., Cerritos, just west of the Auto Mall. Office hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Kaiser Permanente Raise the Bar on Good Health/Grand Opening Celebration of Cerritos Medical Offices will be held on May 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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ABC Adult School Recognizes 24 Outstanding Students



The ABC Adult School held its annual Outstanding Student Awards program April 15 in the Skyline Room at the Cerritos Library. Twenty-four students were recognized by Principal Dr. Pao-ling Guo and her staff. Special recognition went to Michael Edens, a senior at Artesia High School, and Cherie Shih who was described as a person who inspires others with her creativity and ability to inspire others. Edens was behind in credits and was able to make up three classes through the Adult School's Online Home Study Program. As a result, he will be able to graduate with his high school class in June. Cherie Shih has been attending ceramics for four years. Her skills have progressed greatly, and she strives to perfect her craft.

By Jerry Bernstein

The Skyline Room in the Cerritos Library was packed with family and friends who came to see 24 students of the ABC Adult School receive Certificates of Recognition from Principal Dr. Pao-ling Guo and members of her staff.

Dr. Guo was also presented with Certificates of Recognition from representatives of city, county and state offices.

ABC Superintendent Dr.

Mary Sieu welcomed those present. "There have been some twists and turns on the road of Adult Education during the last five years," she said. "Many school districts have had to close their adult school programs, but ABC is not one of them."

ABC Adult Education Program has more than 12,000 students enrolled in its classes and tonight we celebrate outstanding students in various categories."

Dr. Sieu said the 24 stu-

dents being recognized are adult learners, whether they be in quilting, piano, child education, art, or English as a second language.

"How fortunate it is in ABC that we can offer these adult classes," she stated. "I also want to thank the teachers for all they do every single year to inspire our students."

Honoring the 24 students were Artesia Mayor Tony Lima and Councilman Ali Taj, the Mayor of Bellflower, Cerritos

Mayor Mark Pulido and Councilman George Ray, Hawaiian Gardens Mayor Reynaldo Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem Barry Bruce and Councilman Mike Gomez.

In addition, presentations were made by representatives of Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, Assemblymembers Bonnie Lowenthal, Anthony Rendon, Sharon Quirk-Silva and Cristina Garcia, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe.



Dr. Steve Sherman accepts a Certificate of Appreciation for his continued support of the ABC Adult Education School from School Principal Dr. Pao-ling Guo, ABC School Board President Sophia Tse and ABC Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu. Dr. Sherman presented Dr. Guo with a donation of \$1,000 in support of the school. "I know how important an education is," he said. "I dropped out of high school but a few years later went back to school. I received my degree and went on to college, where eventually I earned my Medical Degree."

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the program allows the city to be eligible to receive CDBG funds through the program which is administered by the LADC.

Based on past allocations, Cerritos will continue to receive approximately \$170,000 per year for community enhancement programs that will allow the city to assist in the removal of existing physical barriers to help improve accessibility for persons with disabilities in accordance with the Americans Disability Act.

In other business, the Council upheld a decision by the Cerritos Property Preservation Commission that property located at 13744 Acord St. constituted a property nuisance as set forth in Chapter 6.20 of the city's municipal code and gave the property owner 30 days to correct it. Owner Mr. Poke objected, claiming the

damage was caused by a tree the City planted which was removed except for a stump, and the city was responsible.

Poke said it was his position the city's tree caused the problem and it was the city's responsibility to pay for the removal of bricks that had been placed around the tree when it was planted. However, the council agreed the city ordinance governing such situations and which was passed in 1998, placed responsibility on the homeowner.

The council also accepted a low bid of \$110,877.51 from Advantage Mailing, Inc. of Anaheim for the printing of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts 2014-15 Season. Five bids were submitted ranging up to \$145,264.

Maciel Named Woman of the Year



Artesia Mayor Tony Lima, along with Councilmembers Victor Manalo and Sally Flowers, Mayor Pro Tem Miguel Canales, and Councilmember Ali Taj present a certificate to Leticia Maciel, who was named Woman of the Year from Artesia by Assembly member Cristina Garcia. Mrs. Maciel has been involved in the Annual Christmas Posadas and Toy Give-Away programs that are sponsored by the Parent Group and the City of Artesia. She has sponsored one posada every year for the past 15 years. Assembly member Cristina Garcia said, "Mrs. Leticia Maciel has been a very active volunteer and strong supporter of her community and has been a great asset to the growth and continual participation of the A. J. Padelford Park Parent Group and its members."

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Whitney Alumni Julie Su, Brian Kesinger Are Named Wall of Fame Recipients

By Jerry Bernstein

Whitney High School initiated its first Wall of Fame recipients April 16, honoring two former students, Brian Kesinger and Julie Su. Principal Rhonda Buss said, "Tonight we are honoring two Wildcat alumni for their exemplary accomplishments after graduating from Whitney High School. They are Brian Kesinger, who is an award-winning animator for Disney Studios, and Julie Su, a nationally recognized expert on workers' rights and civil rights and who in 2011 was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to serve as California's Labor Commissioner."

"Brian is tied up in a meeting at Disney Studios and couldn't be here tonight," Buss explained. "However, representing him is his mother, a former Whitney teacher."

In 1996, during Brian's senior year at Whitney, he became the second youngest animator to work at the Walt Disney Animation Studios. Since then he has worked on numerous films such as Winnie the Pooh, Tarzan, Tangled, Chicken Little, Home on the Range, Bolt, and Meet the Robinsons.

In 2011, Brian won an Annie Award for Storyboarding in the Television Production, Prep & Landing: Naughty vs. Nice. Additionally, he was

on the crew for the Academy Award-winning, "Wreck-it Ralph." A storyteller at heart, Brian is also the creator of two popular steampunk characters, Victoria Psismal and Otto, her pet octopus. The pair are fea-

ly recognized expert on workers' rights and civil rights, who has dedicated her distinguished legal career to advancing justice on behalf of poor and disenfranchised communities."

A MacArthur Foundation "Genius," Julie has filed landmark cases, influenced anti-sweatshop legislation, and developed a model of social justice lawyering taught in law schools across the country.

Her leadership and creativity helped turn the Asian Americans Advancing Justice into the largest non-profit civil rights organization that serves the Asian Pacific American community in the country." She said Julie is the daughter of Chinese immigrants and was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown in 2011 to serve as California's Labor Commissioner."

Julie, who was present, told the audience that when she was a student at Whitney

she had no idea she would be an Alumni Wall of Fame recipient. "I would have said, 'No way.'"

"For that matter," she added, "there was no wall then and the Whitney Multimedia Arts Center (MAC) Theater didn't exist."

She thanked the following teachers, who she said were inspirational in her journey: David Bohannon, Mike Mustillo, Karen Schultz, and Marlie Surjopolos.

ured in Brian's humorously touching and richly illustrated book, Walking Your Octopus: A Guide to the Domesticated Cephalopod.

She said, "Brian would like to thank the following teachers, who were inspirational in his journey: Debra Price Agrums Sposa, Jodi Improta, and Dennis Brent."

The second Hall of Fame recipient is Julie Su, whom she described as being "a national-



First Whitney High School's Alumni plaques placed on the Wall of Fame in the Whitney MAC Theater, are Brian Kesinger, Class of 1996 and Juli Su, Class of 1987



Whitney Alumni Juli Su and standing in for her son Brian Kesinger's mother, Terry Kesinger, are congratulated by ABC School Board President Sophia Tse and Whitney Principal Rhonda Buss.

COMMUNITY calendar



Artesia Cinco de Mayo Event

May 3 • 2 - 6 p.m.
AJ Padelford Park & North Artesia Community Center
Free games and crafts for children 12 and under
Variety of entertainment and food sales

Fiesta on the Fairways Golf Classic

May 5 • 12 Noon - Shotgun Start
Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic
Los Coyotes Country Club Golf Course, Buena Park

New Kaiser Opens in Cerritos

May 9 • Kaiser Permanente Grand Opening Celebration of Cerritos Medical Offices 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
10820 183rd St., Cerritos

Women's Luncheon "Glamour, Pamper and Glitz"

May 9 • 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Cerritos Senior Center - Space is limited. Sign up early!

Community Prayer Breakfast

May 14 • 7 - 9 a.m. Cerritos Sheraton Hotel

Miss Artesia Gala Night

May 16 • 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Artesia Park & Albert O. Little Community Center. We say goodbye to the 2013/14 Miss Artesia and Miss Artesia Teen and their Courts while all the contestants for 2014/15 will introduce themselves

Cerritos Family Fun Day & Aquatics Safety Expo

May 17 • 1 - 4 p.m. Cerritos Swim Center
13150 E. 166th St., Cerritos

Cerritos Memorial Day Ceremony

May 26 • 10 a.m. Cerritos Civic Center
Near the Veterans Memorial

Cerritos State of the City

May 29 • Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce State of the City, 11:30 a.m.
Cerritos Center for Performing Arts, Sierra Room

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

May 29 - 7 p.m. Cerritos Park East
City of Cerritos Asian American and Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration

Sheriff Candidates Call for Major Reforms of Department



Four candidates for Los Angeles County Sheriff participated in the Candidate Forum held April 23 at the Hawaiian Garden City Hall. They were (from left) Lou Vince, Todd Rogers, Bob Olmstad and James Hellmond. Time keeper was Cerritos Chamber Executive Scott Smith. Chamber President Julie Emerson was moderator.

By Jerry Bernstein

There needs to be major changes in how the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is run was the consensus of four candidates who participated in the candidate forum held in Hawaiian Gardens April 23.

Lou Vince is married and

has four children. He grew up on the east coast, served in the Marine Corps and upon discharge settled in California. He earned his bachelor's degree in law enforcement and administration and his master's degree in criminology at the University of California, Irvine. He also graduated from the West Point Leadership Program and feels education is a must for

law enforcement.

He said he would lead the Department back to basics, noting his career has provided oversight for many operations including the training of officers. "I have spent the last 20 years with the Los Angeles Police Department and four years with the Sheriff's Department as a deputy."

He said the Department is

the largest in the country. "Programs need to be developed so everyone feels safe in their community. We need to resolve problems within our overburdened and violent jail system.

Finally, we must rebuild the trust of the community so we can effectively do our job. This includes a stronger focus on the welfare of all of its children to keep them out of jail and out of the criminal justice system. That is the only way we can reduce crime in Los Angeles County," he said.

Todd Rogers is an Assistant Sheriff and Mayor of Lakewood. He was born and raised in Los Angeles County, attended Cal State University, Long Beach and earned his master's degree in Sociology. He joined the Sheriff's Department 29 years ago and wanted to go back to his home town of Carson to be a law enforcement officer. Some of his assignments included being a police lieutenant of one of

the first policing institutes in the country, teaching law enforcement officers about local government, which received national recognition.

As a Captain, he returned to Carson to become the city's Chief of Police. He said they were the first sheriff's station in California to win the J.C. Wilson Award because every member of his station raised the concept of community policing. He said the Sheriff's Department needs intervention programs to prevent the growth of gangs. "Not everyone in the Sheriff's Department is corrupt. The majority are good honest men," he said.

Rogers said he wanted to make sure the Department provide the highest quality of service they can deliver. He said he would reorganize the chain of command with commanders being held more accountable. "Our mental health response teams need to be ex-

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A Note from the Publisher

Celebrating Spring Break & Mother's Day



By Melinda Kimsey

Greetings, friends and neighbors! Now that the month of May is here, we are officially moving toward summer. Like really fast! There were so many activities for Easter time that it was difficult to attend everything, but we managed, and there are some great pictures of happy people enjoying springtime!

Something that is always so wonderful about moving towards summer is that we are out and about, seeing old friends and meeting new friends. I had an occasion to do a bit of traveling for Easter, and it was a real pleasure to see old friends and make some new friends, too.

Something that is an extra bonus about meeting new people is that you can share your experiences with others and vice versa. I am always amazed, yet reassured about how alike people are, no matter where they live or the work they do. We all share a love of

our children and the children of others. We like to get out and explore to see what is over the next mountain. We like to look for new opportunities for growth, whether it is for entertainment, for academic reasons, or to improve ourselves.

Maybe I tend to gravitate toward the same type of people as I am, yet I would like to think that it is important to see the best in people and encourage people to be their best.

Speaking of self-improvement, during Spring Break, I had the opportunity to spend some time at our local Cerritos Library, and I was happily surprised once again at what a wonderful place it is to experience amazement.

We are so blessed in Cerritos to have this fabulous place of learning. The folks working at the library are just so nice and very helpful. If you have not been there for awhile, like me, I would highly encourage you to take some time to re-acquaint yourself with this fabulous place! I went with my grandkids, and we had a blast. They have a very nice gift shop, too!

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and wish my fellow mothers a Happy Mother's Day. So much has been written to and about mothers that I don't have to tell anyone how great our mothers are. Our

mothers are there for us when we are young to put the Band-Aids on when we fall and wipe away our tears.

Of course, as we grow older, our skinned knees don't happen as often, but we still have pain and heartbreak of another nature, and our mothers are there for us to heal those wounds, too.

Recently, I did read in *Better Homes and Gardens*, about a new book out by Erin McHugh, called *Like My Mother Always Said*. There are two quotes from the book that I really liked.

One was, "You like what you are wearing?" The other was, "Pain equals growth." Someone once told me at my mother's memorial service, that no one loves us as much as our mothers. In the last issue of the *Gateway Guardian*, I spoke of the Prayer of Remembrance; and so long as we live, they also shall live, for they are a part of us, as we remember them.

So, I wish you happy times with your mother on Mother's Day because she is always with you.



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Haste Makes Waste



By Jerry Bernstein

VAL LYNDER, DEFENDER OF ALL THAT IS TRUE, stormed into the office. I could tell she was upset.

"VAL," I said, "you look upset."

"Well, you should be, too," she replied. "I read your story about the Fair Political Practices Commission and its fining the *Los Cerritos Community News* \$5,000 for breaking the law in its coverage of Cerritos and Norwalk City Council elections last year."

"We only print the facts," I replied, "not innuendos."

"I know that," she said. "But Mr. Hews comments in another newspaper and refused to take responsibility for what he printed. His accusations were about the candidates, both of whom were re-elected to their respective city councils." She paused a moment and then continued. "He said you, his former editor, was no longer with the newspaper, inferring you were responsible for his actions."

"VAL," I answered, "I believe everyone knows I was in the hospital for two weeks fighting a case of double pneumonia over the Christmas and New Year's holidays and recuperating at home for six weeks. His implying I was responsible for the ads he authorized when I was no longer working for the newspaper only makes him look ridiculous."

I could see VALLYNDER, DEFENDER OF ALL THAT IS TRUE, was calming down. Her purple umbrella with the white polka dots was no longer tapping on the floor. "If it were me, I'd sue him for defamation of character," she stated.

"VAL," I said, "I don't believe that is necessary, at least not at this time."

"Well, when?" she asked.

"Time will tell," I replied.

"Haste makes waste," I replied.

I could see VALLYNDER, DEFENDER OF ALL THAT

IS TRUE, was becoming upset. Before I could say anything to calm her down, she rose from her chair, her umbrella coming down hard on my desk. "VAL LYNDER," I said, "I wish you wouldn't do that."

She had no sooner left the office when my FRIEND FROM FRUITCAKE, FLORIDA walked in. "Was that VAL LYNDER I saw storming out of here?" he asked.

"Yep," I answered. "She was upset about an article she read in one of the daily newspapers."

"I think I read the same article," he said. "At first I was upset about it because it inferred you were responsible for the ad that was printed against Cerritos Mayor Pro Tem Carol Chen, when I knew for a fact you were no longer working for the newspaper but recuperating at home from a bout of double pneumonia."

"I told her not to worry about it, but you know VAL LYNDER."

"Yes indeed, I know her," he replied. Changing the subject, he asked, "Anything new concerning the ABC School District redistricting?"

"Nothing new," I answered. "The Board will approve the final seven district maps at its May 6 meeting."

"Just thought I'd check in with you," he said. "By the way, I heard the county is thinking about building the City of Artesia a new 10,000 square-foot library. You know anything about it?"

"It was mentioned at the April 14 meeting of the City Council," I replied, "and at the State of the City luncheon-meeting."

"Well, the city needs a larger library. I understand the current library is one of the smallest in the county but also one of the most active libraries," he said.

Well, I wouldn't be surprised," he said. "It seems there are always a variety of programs going on in the library for both adults and the children."

My FRIEND FROM FRUITCAKE rose from his chair. "I'll be seeing you," he said as he walked out the door.



We are saddened at the recent passing of Sandra Brar, wife of Senior Assistant City Manager Vince Brar.

Services for Sandy will be held as follows:

Friday, May 2, 2014 9 a.m.

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

4471 Lincoln Ave. Cypress, CA 90630

City Of Cerritos

Cerritos Talent Show Winners Announced

Cerritos top amateur performers took center stage at the annual Cerritos Resident Talent Show on April 5 at Cerritos Park East.

Nearly 30 acts entertained the audience through a wide range of performances. The following are the first-place winners listed by age and performance category:

- **Fuma Shecter**, 5 to 7 years, Solo Instrumental
- **Jenzelle Caringal**, 5 to 9 years, Solo Vocal
- **Dharm Shah**, 7 years to Adult, Solo Mixed
- **Halle Pappalard, Lauren Robinson, Samaya Atkins**, 9 to 11 years, Group Vocal
- **Reese Velez**, 10 to 12 years, Solo Vocal
- **Aditi Parikh**, 10 to 14 years, Solo/Group Dance
- **Faatimah Hussain**, 11 to 14 years, Solo/Group Instrumental
- **Katelyn Robinson**, 13 to 15 years, Solo Vocal
- **Adrian Rosales**, 16 to Adult, Solo Vocal



A group dance performance was given by Sriya Kotta, Tanya Sankhla, Anusha Modi and Annika Modi, all age 10.



Faatimah Hussain, 14, won first place in the category 10-14 years, Solo/Group Instrumental.

Around and About

'Take Me Out...to the LAAA'



By **Dr. Bob Hughlett**

Now let's see, is it "Anaheim Angels" or "Los Angeles Angels who Happen to Hang out in Anaheim," or, as the crawler at the bottom of ESPN stations call them the "LAAA"? I guess it is currently the LAAA, at least until the next TV contract. It does look suspiciously like the same package regardless of the name of the label.

Now, that's not fair. If you recall Rod Carew spraying hits to every corner of the field, some guy named Nolan mowing them down like they were little leaguers then you have great recollections from a storied past. It just seems like yesterday that son-in-law Doug and I traveled to a sports bar in Lisbon (as in Portugal) at 3 AM to watch the Angels compete live in post-season play. Can't honestly remember who won that night but I still vividly recall the dozens of ex-patriots who joined us and the eerie feeling of distance one gets when the scoreboard clock showing on the screen was two minutes behind our wristwatch time.

And for those of you with longer teeth (I understand ears are in play too) I can go back to cheering on Steve Bilko, Albie Pearson and Ted Klusewski in

the old rattley Wrigley Field in what is now known as South Central L.A. There were only a 1,000 or so at my last game there so I wound up with at least a dozen foul balls which were all returned to the team for a 25-cent hot dog.

The new(er) stadium in Anaheim doesn't have the glamour, heritage, or awful access routes of the Dodger offering in Chavez Ravine but it does feature wider seats, more civilized fans (strictly an opinion) and, most important, a much broader palette of food choices. Maynard, Pat, Marianne and I have a split of four season seats in a nice location so we get several chances each year to check out the team.

Our nearby seatmates are seasoned fans who have handfuls of needle-sharp pencils to keep score in their ancient spiral-bound volumes while they rue the days and players gone by, the loss of 4 mph from Weaver's fastball and the outrageous sums paid those who remain on the field – a day to day puzzlement what with bad feet, arms and heads. Then there is the couple who sit directly in front of us who always bring a big bag of leftover chocolate candies from some Halloween past and occasionally offer us a Snickers if we have been behaving ourselves.

Now our seats, as those we have at Dodger Stadium, are loosely behind the plate, under an overhang to provide relief from the heat or falling ash on fireworks night and,

here's the clincher, given our advancing age, near the restrooms. We smile broadly at the end of each Halo game as we stroll to our car and motor to "our" special on-ramp to the 91 freeway heading East. Final pitch to pulling in the garage will take 25 minutes on a bad day – usually an hour ahead of a return from Chavez Ravine.

Before the game we usually get a big dose of dancing or singing teens from local high schools, first pitches from former heroes and a version of the Star Spangled Banner from someone that no one under the age of 40 has ever heard of before. May Francis Scott Key forgive me but can't help but think that the anthem he wrote (or was that Betsy Ross) should be presented with vocal curlicues and bird walks.

Every so often a covey of youngsters circumnavigate the field firing cannons loaded with deadly looking t-shirt projectiles at us and there are the omnipresent vendors who try to convince us that cotton candy tastes at least as good as it looks.

Look forward to a final baseball column next time, I think. Maybe if that wild story about Yasiel Puig and the mafia has some truth to it we'll take a stab at that. Otherwise, join me and the other Baby Boomers in a revisit to the Coliseum and Messrs. Koufax, Podres, Drysdale and Moon. Please let me know what you think of this column and suggest other topics by contacting me at b.hughlett@verizon.net.

Cerritos College Dental Hygiene Program Celebrates 100% National Board Exam Pass Rate

Cerritos College's dental hygiene students achieved a 100 percent passage rate on the National Board exam given in the spring of 2014.

At the end of two intense years of dental hygiene coursework, the dental hygiene students take the National Board exam which is an all-day rigorous written examination.

"We are very proud to say that in our 43-year history of over 1,000 students, the dental hygiene program's pass rate is 99.44 percent overall," said Dental Hygiene Instructor Dani Carroll.

Given twice a year, the National Board exam is representative of many years of study. From here, the students will advance on to take their State Board exams in June.

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Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation. The program has received full accreditation status each seven year accreditation cycle.

The Dental Hygiene Program is a two-year degree program. Upon completion of the program, graduating students will receive an Associate in Arts Degree in Dental Hygiene and will qualify to take the National and State Board Dental Hygiene Examinations. Successful passage of the examinations qualifies the graduate to practice dental hygiene in the State of California.

For more information about the Cerritos College Dental Hygiene program, please contact Dani Carroll at (562) 860-2451 ext.2569.

La Palma-Cerritos AAUW Elects 2014-15 Officers

By *Edna Ethington*

The La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) elected their new officers for the 2014-2015 year at their April 10 meeting held at the Cerritos Library.

Serving as President for her second term of office will be current President, Barbara Atherton. Elected to serve on the Executive Board with Atherton are the following: President-Elect, Paulette Smith with Jackie Shazadi as advisor; Program Vice-Presidents, Nancy Kawamura and Barbara Dunstan; Membership Vice-Presidents, Sue Solomon and Barbara Sparks; AAUW Funds Vice-Presidents, Diane Hutson, Gail Wendland and Faith Herschler; Secretary, Gail Ross; and Treasurer, Marilyn Forsstrom.

In addition to the election of officers, the AAUW Branch had a demonstration of Longevity Stick Art by a certified Longevity Stick Art Instructor, Nancy Rosenberg. Rosenberg has been an instructor of LSA

since 2001.

Longevity Stick Art exercises were created in 1981 by Mai Bac Dau, a Vietnamese citizen who survived five years in a Communist concentration camp. A wooden stick or dowel, one inch in diameter and one or two inches taller than a person's height, are used with LSA to do 12 movements that are incorporated with the stick or dowel.

The movements are divided into four groups of three and are designed to improve balance, flexibility, strength, mental focus, breathing capacity and vitality.

The purpose of Longevity Stick Art is "Prevention of disease and maintenance for a Healthy Body and Beautiful Spirit." Some of the movements are designed to calm a person's Mind, Body and Spirit and other movements physically strengthen the body.

Free Longevity Stick Art classes are held Monday through Friday each week in front of the Cerritos Senior Center at 9 a.m. with three different instructors.



Longevity Stick Art Instructor Nancy Rosenberg demonstrates different movements using a Longevity Stick at the April 10 meeting of the La Palma-Cerritos AAUW.

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If you are looking for a bouquet of flowers, a beautiful potted plant, or a special gift, try Sophia's Flowers, a new shop located in Artesia.

Although the owner is mom, Kerry Francisco, the shop is named after her 8-year-old daughter Sophia, who likes to "work" there when not in her third grade class at Niemes Elementary School.

Kerry says she named the shop for her daughter because she reminds her of a flower, specifically a sweet pea. Sophia helps arrange and water flowers, and she even told her mom, "I want to take over the business someday."

The small unique shop has a vintage feel, with several antique containers filled with beautiful, healthy plants, succulents and unusual orchids, some of which come from other countries. They also do weddings and funeral wreaths.

Sophia's Flowers opened on April 13, just in time for Mother's Day!

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Mother's Day is the busiest day for restaurants. On Sunday, May 11, treat Mom to one of her favorite restaurants. Here are some of them in our neighborhood you may like:

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The Corner Place - Great Korean BBQ

By William Lee & Selene Lee

Among the many Korean restaurants in the Cerritos area, **Gen, the Korean BBQ** house is a new and ultra modern, all-you-can-eat for a special price restaurant. It's just a parking lot away from **The Corner Place**, a traditional Korean restaurant that has been there for many years.

The Corner Place has been part of Cerritos community since the 1980's. Owner Grace Lee took over the restaurant seven years ago in 2007 and continues to serve traditional Korean dishes well known to residents in the area.

We have been there a couple of times and with the new Gen Korean BBQ restaurant just opened recently near-by, we decided to take our family and have dinner there on a Friday night.

We were greeted by Grace who took us to a comfortable corner booth. There were four adults and two children in our party, so we ordered the House Special, which includes three different kinds of meat, miso soup and green salad.

Dong Chi Mi Guk Su, their signature dish, is a cold noodle with Kimchi broth and of course various side dishes all for \$65. We chose the Kalbi, the boneless, marinated short ribs, Bulgogi and the marinated chicken instead of the spicy pork.

The server brought the food within minutes and cooked our food attentively for us. We realized some customers would rather cook the meats themselves but we did not mind if someone else did the cooking while we are en-

joying the side dishes.

Grace came by and brought us extra banchan (side dishes), the meat was tender and of good quality. We were quite full before we realized that we still had not been served their house special cold noodle.

Then the noodle came at long last, and it was so refreshing that we wished if it was a warm summer night, that would have been even more terrific.

This healthy and traditional cold noodle soup is clear and made from their secret recipe, which has a Kimchi base that originated in North Korea.

During dinner Grace came over and checked on us to make sure everything was fine, and she expressed that her goal is to reach more non-Korean customers.

After dinner, Grace showed us around the restaurant and said they did

some remodeling after she took over and showed us a private banquet room on the side that can accommodate about 50 people. She also mentioned that we should come back for lunch since they have specials in Bento box that are very popular with a special price.

The Corner Place is truly a family restaurant, but we think business people could come here for a quiet lunch as well. It is located near South Street on Gridley Road directly across from Toys "R" Us and there is ample parking in the rear.

It's a perfect place to take your mom for Mother's Day, and they do take reservations, so please call ahead.

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Earth Day Highlighted by Cerritos Center's Installation of Solar Panels

The Los Cerritos Center celebrated a new energy system April 23 with the announcement it is installing 3,598 solar modules to power the Center's electrical needs.

The installation began approximately seven weeks ago and will be completed in June. To the shoppers below, the completion of the project may not be noticed, but the modules will provide 30 percent of the Center's electrical needs.

The public announcement took place in the Nordstrom wing of the Center and was followed by a reception. Actor and environmentalist Ed Beg-

ley Jr., commented how proud they were of the Los Cerritos Center's transformation toward sustainable energy.

Jeff Bedell, vice president of sustainability at Macerich, the Santa Monica-based retail developer that includes the Los Cerritos Center as one of many properties it owns and operates across the country, said the Center was the sixth of 11 solar installations, which began in late 2012.

Some of its recent installations include Panorama Mall in Panorama City and Inland Center in San Bernardino. He said there were also plans to

install solar panels at the Lake-wood Center Mall.

Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido and City Manager Art Galuci said the panel installation is the latest in the city's long history of using sustainable energy. In 1978 Cerritos was the first city in the country to install solar-panels in the City Hall complex with a system that supplied heat to the building.

The Mayor said he hopes the project at the Center inspires other businesses in the city and residents to be environmentally friendly in whatever way they can afford.

Come out for a 'Walk & Talk' with Assemblymember Cristina Garcia

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia invites everyone in her Assembly District to join her for a community "Walk and Talk" on Saturday, May 3 at 8 a.m. at Liberty Park, 19211 Studebaker Road in Cerritos.

While taking an invigorating stroll, all walkers will have an opportunity to ask questions about Assemblymember Garcia's new legislative package, discuss issues local of importance and learn about services offered at her new Downey District Office.

Special community guest will be Katherine Chu. As a parent to a child with autism,

she has become a passionate volunteer and advocate for more than 50 families of children with special needs.

Katherine and her eagerness led to the creation of Cerritos CARES (Community Advocates for Adaptive Recreation, Education & Support), which informs families about resources and advocates on issues affecting children with special needs in the community. In turn, CARES has joined with the City to coordinate recreational, social and volunteer opportunities for Cerritos residents with disabilities.

To help those in need, As-

semblymember Garcia's office will be taking donations that morning, of new socks and underwear and travel sized toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.) that will be distributed to the homeless and those in need.

The walk begins at the jogging track at 8 a.m. sharp.

This community walk is part of a monthly series of walks that are being held in cities throughout the 58th Assembly District.

For further information, please call Assemblymember Garcia's office at (562) 861-5803.

Cerritos City Council Recognizes New Sleep Number Store



The Cerritos City Council recently presented a proclamation to Sleep Number® Store Manager Jeremy Kay as the store was featured in the City's Business Recognition Program. Pictured (l to r) are: Mayor Pro Tem Carol Chen, Councilmember Joseph Cho, Jeremy Kay, Mayor Mark Pulido and Councilmembers George Ray and Bruce Barrows.

Los Cerritos Center Sponsors 'Canstruction' Contest

Los Cerritos Center is pleased to present "Canstruction," an innovative design competition in which local companies will face off in building structures made entirely out of cans inside Los Cerritos Center on July 11.

All canned foods used for the event will be donated to the non-profit, Giving Children Hope, for their annual "We've Got Your Back" food drive.

Giving Children Hope is currently accepting submissions to participate as one of five teams in the "Canstruction" competition. Architects, engineers, contractors, designers, artists and students are encouraged to submit by emailing interest to Elizabeth Saldana of Giving Children Hope at esaldana@gchope.org. Entries

will be open through May 1. Each team that is selected to participate in "Canstruction" will have a 10' X 10' X 10' space inside the Los Cerritos Center mall to create a masterpiece made solely out of cans.

The teams will have one day only, July 11, to build their structures. A panel of judges will select the winning structure at the end of the same day. The structures will remain on display for viewing and People's Choice voting July 12 - 13.

For more information about "Canstruction" and how to support Giving Children Hope's ongoing mission to feed homeless children and families in the community, visit <http://www.shoploscerritos.com/Events/Canstruction>.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT (562) 861-5803.

Hawaiian Gardens Crime Rate Continues to Drop

By Jerry Bernstein

The Crime Rate in Hawaiian Gardens for the period Jan. 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2013 has shown a sharp decrease. In a report to the Hawaiian Gardens City Council on April 8, Sheriff Captain Merrill Landenheim said Robberies had decreased 28 percent, Auto Theft increased 1.9 percent, Burglaries decreased 2.2 percent, Larceny Thefts decreased .9 percent, and Aggravated Assault decreased 38 percent.

For the period 2008 to 2013 Homicides decreased 66.67 percent, Rapes 33.33 percent, Robberies 69 percent, Aggravated Assaults 39.62 percent, Burglaries, 22.95 percent, Larceny Thefts 39.43 percent, Grand Theft Autos 64.86 percent, Arson, 85.71 percent.

He said challenges facing public safety can be found in Assembly Bill 109, the Prison Realignment Bill passed by the legislature and SB 1022 that provides funding for jail construction via lease-revenue bonds.

These are the two biggest challenges facing local law enforcement. He said \$1.7 billion was conditionally awarded throughout the state. \$100 million was awarded to Los Angeles County or 5 percent.

Landenheim said there were 34,160 people in state prisons. Some 46,341 were committed in Los Angeles County or 34 percent. There are 86,000 total jail beds available throughout the state. Los Angeles County Sheriff Department has 21,000 (total rated capacity) that are operated by the Sheriff Department.

He said no evidence has been found that re-alignment has had an effect on violent crime. By contrast, there is "robust" evidence prison re-alignment is related to increased property crime. In terms of overall property crime, he said the report estimates an additional one to two property crimes per year on average for each offender who is not incarcerated as a result of re-alignment.

Neighborhood Watch

He said the goal of Hawaiian Gardens Neighborhood Watch is to expand the program and increase neighborhood involvement. He said monthly meetings are held with Public Safety Staff and Deputy attendance.

"For the year 2013 monthly meetings were held every first Wednesday at various locations throughout the city," Captain Landenheim said one of the most effective and least

costly ways to prevent crime is through the Neighborhood Watch program.

He said it helps forge bonds among residents and helps to reduce crime and creates a partnership between law enforcement and community. He said to become involved residents can contact Hawaiian Gardens Public Safety Center at 562 496-1026 Ext 650.

Partnering with the city, the Sheriff Department works with the city's youth in such programs as the Youth Activity League (YAL) to provide life skills and mentorship necessary to help them succeed in life. He said YAL offers physical activities, including hiking, camping and others. Those interested regarding YAL should contact Deputy Steve Ferreira at (562) 822-1591. E-mail: sferreo@lasd.org.

Another program is VIDA (Vital Intervention Directional Alternatives). This is a 16-week program overseen by Sheriff Deputies designed for at-risk youth utilizing proactive, innovative techniques for possible redirection.

Components of the program include counseling for parents and youth, physical training, reality orientation, and career guidance.

Cerritos College Hosts 18th Annual MEGA Chamber Mixer

Cerritos College hosted the 18th Annual Mega Mixer with members of 10 Chamber of Commerces gathering together on the campus April 22 to do a little networking.

The chambers included

Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Greater Lakewood, La Mirada, Norwalk, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs, and Southgate, representing all of the cities that the college serves.



Cerritos Chamber member Cindy Yen Chen and Executive Director Scott Smith discuss mutual interests with Rosaishele Rowan with Californians for Affordable Reliable Energy.

Culinary Arts students Jasmine Major and Sid J. talk about the Professional Chefs Training Program at the college. It is three semesters or 18 months long.



Students and Chamber of Commerce members visit the various booths at the Mega Mixer and enjoy tasting the food prepared by the culinary arts class.

Norwalk Executive Director Vivian Hanson converses with Rocky Pavoner of the Hartland Institute.



Cerritos College Breaks Ground on Child Development Center

Cerritos College recently celebrated the groundbreaking of the new Child Development Center at the construction site near Facilities and Purchasing Complex.

The \$6.1 million project includes approximately a one acre site with 9,000 square foot child care space, which consists of playground and two classrooms and support facilities such as parking, drop-off areas, administrative office and kitchen/staff room.

The complex will replace

the original Child Development Center, which was housed in the Technology Building, a 1960's structure that is going to be demolished to create space for the new Computer Information Systems/Math Building.

Design features include state-of-the-art outdoor education spaces, innovative play structures and security enhancements such as closed circuit television cameras, electronic gates and completely fenced child care space.

May is Grandparents Month at the Cerritos Senior Center

Check it out!

Artesia Mayor Cites Plan Vital to City's Future

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reach their destinations. He said that these improvements, along with consolidation of lots, will help increase the value of property throughout the city.

Turning to another area of interest to city residents, he said Artesia has received a grant to connect the old Fire Station 30 museum on Corby Avenue with the the city's museum on 177th Street. He said construction will start soon.

Turning to another subject, he said Artesia needs to attract more "western-type" restaurants, since most of them are Asian.

The Mayor said in order to attract new restaurants, the city will be enacting incentives to bring them to Artesia.

"We want to have more national restaurants in Artesia because there is a demand for them," he asserted. "Tied into attracting such restaurants are

the revitalization of homes and businesses. The chamber will make recommendations to the city and we will act on their recommendations."

Turning to a new program called "Team Artesia," he described it as a team of citizen volunteers who will be trained by the city in CPR.

"We don't have enough volunteers to help us when we have a main event," he said. "We need a team of volunteers to help when we have a major event or emergencies."

The Mayor concluded his talk by saying the two major changes discussed today that will change Artesia is the revitalization of Pioneer Boulevard and construction of four-story buildings.

"Those two programs with their innovations will change Artesia. We have remained the same for a very very long time," he concluded.

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Tithe Whatever Seems Right in Your Heart

By Robert Kimsey

Tithing has been on my mind a lot lately as I empathize with great sorrow for those living in extreme poverty and for my fellow humans who don't have homes or permanent shelter. A few years ago you could never have convinced me I would be distressed and grieve for complete strangers. Let's examine tithing from a Biblical perspective and see what Scripture reveals. I write this in loving kindness so that we can all understand what is written to us from God. (TIMOTHY 3:16-17)

Many of you have been told you are supposed to give 10 percent of your money to the church. Can this be supported by Scripture? The 10 percent value is an Old Testament principle. In Leviticus 2:26-33, verse 32 states every 10th shall be holy to the Lord - 10 percent. When taken in the following context we clearly see this as an offering to the Lord.

When we read this we should understand two things. One is that the 10 percent belongs to the Lord as a Holy offering, keeping it for the Levites or priests. Two, workers (slaves), animals, seeds, fruits and the fields of a man's property did have monetary value. Now, what does Jesus say about tithing?

Let us consider whether tithing is required in the new covenant. It is mentioned only three or four times in the New Testament. Jesus acknowledged that the Pharisees were very careful about tithing (LUKE 18:12), and He said that they should not leave it undone (MATTHEW 23:23; LUKE

11:42). Tithing, like other old covenant rules and rituals, was a law at the time Jesus spoke.

Jesus criticized the Pharisees not for tithing, but for treating tithing as more important than mercy, love, justice, and faithfulness. The only other New Testament mention of tithing is in Hebrews. The fact was that Abraham was blessed by and gave tithes to Melchizedek and Jesus Christ over the Levitical priesthood (HEBREWS 7:1-10).

The passage then goes on to note that "when the priesthood is changed, the law must be changed also" (verse 12). There was a change of the priesthood from the Levites to Jesus Christ, and this implies a change in the law that assigned the Levites to be priests. How much has changed? Hebrews say that the old covenant is obsolete. The package of laws that commanded tithes to be given to the Levites is obsolete.

Humans should honor God by voluntarily returning some of the blessings He gives them. This is still a valid principle. The only place that a percentage is required is within the old covenant. There is good precedent for tithing before Sini, but no proof that it was required. (gci.org)

Paul writes about giving in his letter to the church in Corinth. (2 CORINTHIANS 9:7) Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Bottom line: don't tithe 10 percent because anyone including a pastor, elder, or deacon says so. Tithe whatever amount seems right in your own heart and give feely to your church and all those who are

in need. Tithing 10 percent at church as a show of faith does not equal good works.

Caring for others, helping others, showing forgiveness to others, showing mercy for others, giving your money to any in need, and thinking of your needs as less than another's needs equals good work. Everything can be clearly seen in Scripture if you look for understanding in Christ, not understanding in yourself. My supporting Scripture, besides above references, are: ROMANS 13:9-10, GALATIANS 5:13-14, and MATTHEW 22:36-40.



AN OLD IRISH PRAYER

Take time to work,
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Take time to meditate,
it is the source of power.
Take time to play,
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Take time to read,
it is the way to knowledge.
Take time to be friendly,
it is the path to happiness.
Take time to laugh,
it is the music of the soul.
And take time to love and to be loved,
for it is the road to salvation.

The Providence of God

No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening – it is painful! But afterward there will be a quiet harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way. (Hebrews 12:11, NLT)

God refuses to be our personal genie because He knows that instant change will not give us what we need. Too many of us miss God's best because we're impatient. We give up too early, too easily. The result is more pain and regression.

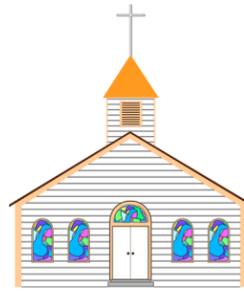
The fact that God weighs character over comfort does not mean His delay is a denial. It means His timing for our deliverance perfectly coincides with our change of character. That is, we will be ready for His blessings when our character can accommodate blessings without getting spiritually sidetracked. (Every Man God's Man, 44) There is no such thing as coincidence but only the providence of God.

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Local Officials Endorse Dr. Shin Liu For Cerritos College Board



Cerritos College Board of Trustee member Dr. Shin Liu (center) was pleased to accept the endorsements of local officials including (l-r) Former Cerritos Mayor Laura Lee, Artesia City Council member Ali Taj, ABC School Board members Maynard Law and Olympia Chen, and Cerritos College Board members Dr. Bob Hughlett and Bob Arthur.

By Larry Caballero

When Cerritos College Board of Trustee member Dr. Shin Liu announced that she was running for a second term, several local officials wanted to endorse her, including former Cerritos Mayor Laura Lee and husband Charles, who opened their home for a campaign kick-off reception April 27.

The event was attended by several supporters who all agreed that Liu deserved to be re-elected because of her experience and integrity.

"She has done a great job

on the Cerritos College Board, and I know the College is lucky to have a woman of her experience," said Lee.

Liu was first elected to the Board in 2009 and still works as a tenured professor of Computer Science at Rio Hondo College, with extensive field expertise as a Microsoft Certified Software Engineer, Cisco Certified Network Engineer, and Blackboard Certified Trainer.

"I am running for re-election because I want to continue to help make Cerritos College even better, to ensure taxpayer money is used properly, and

to secure equal-opportunity education for our community," said Liu.

Under her leadership, Cerritos College has increased the number of associate degrees and certificates awarded by 7 percent, remained financially sound, and implemented a 5-year plan to eliminate a structural deficit caused by reductions in property taxes and state categorical funding.

Liu is also especially proud that the College has developed a bond outreach program to increase local labor opportunities for school construction projects.

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panded," he said. "There are four actual response teams in Los Angeles County. That's not enough," he stated.

"We also need to expand our mental health programs in the county jail system, so we can deal with those crises as they occur instead of treating them as a tacit problem and resorting to the use of force." He added he will welcome external oversight," he said.

Bob Olmstead retired from the Sheriff's Department three and a half years ago. He said in 2007 he was assigned to the county jail to straighten it out. He said he went in and determined the particular problems and then turned things around.

This was accomplished by making people accountable, he said. "We lowered the problems by 25 percent in one year by walking around, opening doors and looking at how things were structured."

He said, "Sheriff Lee Baca promoted him for his achievement. However, he turned the jail over to someone who did not follow protocol, and the deputies who were assigned to the jail were soon breaking the law."

He said he reported it to his superiors and was angered when nothing was done to correct it. He went all the way up to Sheriff Baca to no avail. At that particular point he retired, went to the FBI and changes occurred. Baca eventually stepped down.

He said, "There is no pub-

lic trust with the department, and if elected, I will work to restore it. I will take a good look at the leadership in the department and, if necessary, change it." He said the department's hiring standards have to change.

James Hellmond said one of his priorities is to reinstate the trust of the people through accountability and commendation for good conduct. "I want to implement real reform," he said. "This includes policy, supervision and training so our people are held accountable for their conduct."

He said some young men were hired with good intentions, but were led astray. "We need good leadership to provide them the road to success."

"The department needs to focus on serious and violent crime as opposed to overreaching for minor offenses." He said this would free up beds, which cost \$50,000 annually to house inmates. Hellmond said he would also work to modernize the department to deal with cyber-crime, which includes stolen identity and advanced technology.

"We need to be one step ahead of criminals. There are many crimes being committed across the country that many law enforcement agencies are not aware of. They also don't have the equipment to deal with them. He said he will modernize the department so it will be a first class modern equipped agency.

McNair Honored for 80th Birthday



The Cerritos City Council honored William Nathaniel McNair for his 80th birthday. Back row (l to r): Mayor Pro Tem Carol Chen; Brent Maddox, McNair's son-in-law; and Councilmembers Joseph Cho, Bruce Barrows and George Ray. Front row (l to r): Natalie Maddox, granddaughter; Dr. Pamela Maddox, daughter; William Nathaniel McNair; Mayor Mark Pulido; and Nichole Maddox, granddaughter.

The Cerritos City Council congratulated Wilbur Nathaniel McNair, a Cerritos resident since 1974, on his 80th birthday. Councilmembers presented a proclamation to McNair at their April 24 meeting.

McNair was born on April 19, 1934 in Fordyce, Arkansas. He has six sons, two daughters, 17 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He has been the Pastor at the

Philadelphia Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, located in Compton, for 50 years.

The City Council's proclamation noted: "During a long and productive lifetime, Wilbur Nathaniel McNair has demonstrated in countless ways his dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages."

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