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Hawaiian Gardens Council Divided on Two Annual Memorial Services for Deputy

By Jerry Bernstein

The Hawaiian Gardens City Council approved a motion in a 3-2 vote to continue memorial services held by sheriff deputies at the residence where Sheriff Deputy Jerry Ortiz was shot to death in the line of duty eight years ago.

At the present time a service is also held at the city's Public Safety Center, where a memorial was built to honor all public safety personnel several years ago.

The site where the deputy was killed is on a narrow residential street. The deputies often park their cars diagonally blocking the street while they pay their respects to the deputy on the front lawn of the residence where he was shot. Mayor Pro Tem Barry Bruce said it was time to hold one service at the Public Safety Center.

He said, "It's not a question of wrong doing but one of public rights." Councilmember Mike Gomez disagreed. Voting with him were Councilmembers Victor Farfan and Mariana Rios.

Gomez said he was not opposed to having the deputies come to the Safety Center but against telling them where to mourn. He stated that last year residents on the street brought

the deputies food and water.

Councilman Victor Farfan suggested the deputies could be told to pay their respects only at the Safety Center, but the City Council should not tell people where to mourn.

In his arguments to have just one service, the Mayor Pro Tem said his motion was made to both respect the privacy of the residents on the street and to keep the flow of traffic moving.

He stated he respects those who wish to remember Deputy Ortiz in the city where he served, but it should be at the public memorial which has been set in place by the city.

The Mayor Pro Tem said he was informed by the acting sheriff's office in order for the Sheriff Department to act, it would need a letter signed by all five City Council members seeking an end to the second service.

In other business, the council approved an agreement between the city and Little Lake School District for the preparation and delivery of meals to Hawaiian Garden children during the summer months. The program is federally funded, with the city being reimbursed for costs. Cur-

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Miss Artesia & Miss Artesia Teen Pageant



Taylor Harrison (left) was chosen Miss Artesia 2014, and Kristen Danielle Carlos and Kenia Avalos were crowned Miss Artesia Princesses.

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Meeting at the Cerritos State of the City luncheon May 29 held at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts hosted by the Cerritos Chamber of Commerce were: (l-r) Cerritos Sheriff Lt. Richard Harpham, Board Member Cindy Yen Chen, Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido, Chamber President Julia Emerson, Cerritos Councilmember George Ray, City Manager Art Gallucci and Cerritos Sheriff Captain Keith Swensson.

Cerritos Council Reviews \$89.3 Million Budget

By Jerry Bernstein

Austerity was the underlining task of the Cerritos City Council as it held its first study session on the 2014-15 city budget June 3 in the Cerritos City Council Chamber.

In his message to the council, City Manager Art Gallucci stated the 2008 economic downturn and the state's dissolution of the Redevelopment Agencies constituted extraordinary and unprecedented challenges to the city.

Gallucci said with the closing of the Redevelopment Agencies, the state has taken \$30 million from the city's treasury, plus an additional \$30 million in increment (rent) income without any additional funds coming into the city. "We've had to raise money to replace the \$60 million in order to balance the budget."

He reminded the council that Cerritos is a non-property tax city, and the property tax funds Cerritos receives from the state is less than \$3 million.

"We have to raise the money to replace what was taken," he said. He described the past year as "a most remarkable" in the 58-year evolution of Cerritos.

Budget Manager Jerry DeMasi told the council a budget reduction of approximately

\$12 million has been made during the last five years, largely due to personnel cuts through attrition. He said this year the budget has been trimmed by an additional \$3.4 million.

The City Manager noted city contributions to various groups the city has supported in the past will be cut. He said last year the city contributed a total of \$245,000.



"This year our contributions will be \$202,000." He said the city has spoken to some of the groups, and while expressing disappointment in the cuts, they expressed understanding.

DeMasi stated the city finally achieved a settlement in the six-year challenge over property taxes with the state by which Cerritos recouped \$840,000. "In addition, the city will receive some money back for its legal fees in the battle with the State Department of Finance over sales tax revenue," he said.

He explained that the Board of Equalization ruled the State Department of Finance could not withhold sales

tax as a result of the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agencies," which he added was part of the city's main source of revenue of \$27.5 million, or one-third of the city's operating revenue.

Sales Tax Growth

DeMasi said in the fiscal year 2012-13 Cerritos' sales tax growth was \$3.1 million, with the first three quarters of the current fiscal year approximately one-half percent higher than the first three quarters of the previous year.

He said it is estimated it may go as high as 2 percent for the current year. He said the Cerritos Auto Square has had a dramatic recovery starting in 2012-13, and it is predicted sales will increase approximately 4 percent this current year over 2013-14.

The overall revenue for the new fiscal year is approximately \$84.3 million, which includes sales tax, interest income, sales of land and other revenue. When capital projects of \$6.2 million are added to the operating budget, the city's expenditure total increases to \$89,349,770. DeMasi said the budget has been crafted with the intent to preserve the city's reserve through operational options.

Gallucci reminded the

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ABC BASES Program Is Looking for Local Business Partners

By Christy Chang

The ABC Unified School District is proud to introduce its unique program, BASES (Businesses Assisting School in Educating Students), which will bring local businesses, education and community leaders together as partners to build a future quality workforce.

The BASES Program allows local businesses to promote economic development, enhance community development, as well as creating a pool of skilled and motivated potential future employees.

The program gives the students an opportunity to apply

classroom learning, academic concepts and professional/technical skills, and it introduces them to a wide variety of skills and career pathways, emphasizing the importance of having career goals at an early age.

Local businesses and community leaders can get involved and be partners with BASES Program. They may participate by being a guest speaker (career day at various schools), job shadowing/internships, teacher externships, mentor/tutor, service-learning (engage students in community activities) and by sponsorships (donation, field trips).

The BASES program of-

fers work-based learning benefits to students by extending the walls of the classroom to include our local community, giving students real-world experience.

The BASES program is currently looking for local businesses to partner up with students for the 2014-2015 school year.

If you would like more information regarding this program, please contact Coordinator Ann Griffio, at (562) 926-5566 ext. 21197 or visit www.abcsd.k12.ca.us under Career Technical Education – School & Community Partnerships.

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rently \$60,000 is budgeted in the city's general fund for this program.

Director of Human Services Stephen Gomez said, "Every summer Hawaiian Gardens conducts a summer food service program whereby it provides lunches Monday through Friday at seven locations throughout the city, between the hours of noon to 2 p.m." He said the locations are at the C. Robert Lee Recreation Center, Lee Ware Park, Hawaiian Gardens Apartments, Fedde Middle School, Hawaiian, Furgeson and Melbourne Elementary Schools.

The Council also approved a request from the Community Development Department, approving construction of plans and specifications for the rubberized asphalt concrete overlay on various city streets. At the same time, it authorized the department to advertise for bids.



CLASS OF 2014

Commencements

ABC Adult School - June 16

Artesia High - June 18

Cerritos High - June 17

Gahr High - June 18

Tracy High - June 17

Hawaiian Gardens Donates Money for Library Books



The Hawaiian Gardens City Council donated \$1,000 each for library books to Furgeson, Hawaiian and Melbourne Elementary Schools and \$1,000 to the city's county library for books at its May 27 meeting. The Principals of the three schools and city librarian thanked the council and said that the donation to their libraries was very much appreciated.

Sponsors Play Key Role In Summer Fun Run

The ABC Education Foundation has announced that its Sponsor Drive for the ABC Into the Summer Fun Run 2014 has already reached 75 percent of its 2014 goal, thanks to early sponsor pledges and sponsor grants.

While the deadline to receive all marketing benefits for Fun Run sponsors was May 23, there are still great opportunities for potential sponsors to participate in marketing ac-

tivities and as a wellness fair vendor.

"Every dollar raised by the Fun Run is a dollar for our children," stated Cindy Yen Chen, President of the Foundation. "These early sponsors are key to ensuring the Foundation's goal to provide the financial resources needed to ensure every ABC student succeeds."

Sponsors that have already committed to support the ABC

Education Foundation Fun Run 2014 include Platinum Sponsor, Los Cerritos Center, which is providing the location and staff support for Fun Run 2014.

Gold Sponsors include: Kaiser Permanente Downey, which will also provide the Fun Run First Aid Tent and goodie bags. State Farm Insurance, also provided a grant for pedestrian safety and texting safety workshops, flyers, banners and educational materials to be distributed at the Fun Run Wellness Fair.

The Fun Run's Silver Sponsors Are: Browning Automotive Group, Cerritos law firm Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, IntelliFlex and LBS Financial Credit Union.

Volunteer Hospitality Tent Sponsor is Nationwide Insurance, Cerritos, and the Water Station Sponsor is Howard and Celia Spitzer. The Fun Run's Bronze Sponsor is The Irving Moskowitz Foundation.

Many Friends of the ABC Education Foundation Sponsors, as well as ABC School Board Members and Commu-

nity Sponsors, are supporting this event.

The Wellness Fair will provide free health, physical and dental screenings, wellness information and fun activities, including a stage featuring The School Tour, young entertainers touting the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and anti-bullying strategies. Many vendors will also be there to provide information and answer questions.

"Our participation last year brought us leads for our Summer Enrichment Classes at Mary Bragg Elementary School," stated Ofie Chanco, Community Relations Manager with California Educational Centers. "We hope to multiply this many times over," she said.

This year's Fun Run will be held at the Los Cerritos Center on June 21 and features a 5K run/walk at 7:45 a.m., a 2K run/walk at 9 a.m. and a Kid's Run at 9:45 a.m.

Everyone who participates will receive medals. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place finishers by age/gender categories and Best Team Perpetual trophies will be awarded for the 5K.



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Artesia Cemetery Site of Memorial Day Ceremony



Placing of the Wreath at the Artesia Cemetery District Ceremony were Pro Tem Mayor Miguel Canales and Councilmembers Ali Taj, Sally Flowers and Victor Manalo.

By Barbara Applebury

The Artesia Cemetery District Memorial Day Ceremony began at 10 a.m. with prelude music performed by the Ross Academy School Band, directed by Jimmy Brink.

Trustee Dick Redmayne welcomed all guests and introduced Trustee Barbara Applebury and Lupe Cabrera.

Rev. Rick Westra, of the Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Artesia, performed the Invocation and Benedic-

tion, and the Color Guard was performed by Ross Academy students and retired vets including Everett Tomlinson.

City of Artesia Mayor Pro Tem Miguel Canales and Council members Sally Flowers, Victor Manalo and Ali Taj placed the wreath. Also, introduced were former Artesia Mayor John Lyon and former Cerritos Mayor Paul Bowlen.

Speaker Marilyn McGorman, President of the Artesia-Cerritos Woman's Club told how in the past 15 years members have put flowers on the Civil War graves. The cemetery has about 50 graves from both the North and South. Also, the cemetery has over 200 war veterans on its grounds, and with the help of Sara Baldwin and her Girl Scout Troop 1433, large white

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council that the Magnolia Power Plant, located in the city of Burbank, had been paid for with increment (rent) funds. When the State closed down the Redevelopment Agencies, Cerritos lost its increment funds, and now has to pay the \$70,000 each month from other funds, which he said has had an impact on the city's general fund.

Councilman Joseph Cho asked where the money was coming from to make the payment, and Gallucci answered "from the general fund." It is considered a loan to be reimbursed at an interest rate of 2.5 percent. The City Manager noted the council had previously okayed the city to proceed with a law suit involving the power plant and bond money which the state took.

City Projects

Turning to various projects in the city he said renovations are underway in the city's 25 parks, and a new art piece is going into the city's Sculpture Garden, paid for by developers and not from the city council budget. Construction of the 198 apartment complex on the northeast corner of Bloomfield and Artesia Boulevard is also under way, adding that the Sam Ash Music store adjacent to the site will be closing and replaced by an additional 131 units situated on approximately 2 1/2 acres.

He said Cerritos crime rate is down, and employment opportunities in the city are good with 30,000 jobs currently filled. He said according to federal statistics, unemployment in the city is 4.1 percent.

Councilman George Ray said he felt the council has to address the \$3.6 million deficit in the 2014-15 budget. He said

for the past 40 years the city has not had to worry about fiscal deficits, but with the closing of the Redevelopment Agencies by the State, the city needs to replace the lost revenue.

He suggested the council look at possible increases in potable and reclaimed water rates to cover the operating costs, plus a set aside for deferred maintenance and a utility user fee to cover the cost of law enforcement.

He also suggested looking at possibly increasing electric rates to cover the cost of Cerritos electric utility and reducing employee retirement benefits for new employees by eliminating the 2 percent at 60.

He said department heads need to look further at their budgets to see where they can make additional cuts.

Gallucci said his staff would be recommending to the council that water rates be increased 10 percent. "They have not been raised in quite a few years," he said. The city spends approximately \$9 million annually to run its water operations. He said law enforcement costs the city \$16 million annually, which is one reason Cerritos has a low crime rate.

Councilmember Bruce Barrows said that the city's landscaping is very expensive. He suggested staff might look at other cities whose landscaping costs are lower.

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Chen said the public also needs to realize that funding of the various "special" citywide events the city holds every year like the Memorial Day and Martin Luther King programs and the July 4 celebration comes from the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts budget.

It was also noted that

by using equipment and labor personnel the city has in house, they could support the events at a lower cost than going outside. When CCPA staff is asked to support the events, and there are no events at the theater, the theater can support the city in this way by providing the labor and equipment needed.

Cerritos Center

Concluding his report to the council, the City Manager said the Cerritos Center is anticipating to break record sales this year. He said the Center is looking at \$400 million in sales. The average attendance at the mall over one year is 35,000 people a day. He added that more than 4,000 people work there.

New construction at the Center includes a free-standing Jared Jewelry Store, a Uniqlo, store which features casual attire, along with Zara, which is a family clothing encompassing 22,000 sq. ft.

He said demolition on the old Norstrom Store will soon begin, being replaced with an 80,000 sq. ft. cinema with 16 screens and 3,500 seats. Adjacent to the theater will be two restaurants, one of which will be a very popular restaurant.

He said the old theater site will also be coming down to be replaced by an 80,000 sq. ft. sporting goods store, and a new clothing store.

The Cerritos Towne Center will also soon have two new smaller restaurants, a sandwich shop and a pizza store. In addition he said an In & Out Hamburger Restaurant will be opening at the old Spires Restaurant site in the Home Depot Shopping Center on Alondra Boulevard west of the Cerritos College campus.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



Artesia Youth Baseball & Softball Closing Ceremony

June 14 • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Artesia Park Picnic Shelters
Each participant will be recognized with a trophy. Following the awards presentations, team potlucks will be held.

Celebrate Father's Day at CCPA

June 18 & 19 • 7:30 p.m. CCPA Sierra Room
The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts invites you to make this Father's Day more memorable for dad and treat him to An Intimate Evening With Righteous Brothers' Bill Medley. Grammy winner Medley discusses his new memoir, "The Time of My Life," which highlights his personal triumphs and struggles. Medley will also perform a few songs, including (I've Had) "The Time of My Life," "You've Lost That Loving Feeling," (You're My) "Soul and Inspiration," and "Unchained Melody." The evening also features a question-and-answer segment. Medley's memoir will be available for sale and he will sign the books in the lobby after the presentations. Tickets, \$70, are available at the CCPA Ticket Office, at cerritoscenter.com, or by calling (562) 467-8818.

Artesia Restaurants Host Taste of India

June 21 • 11 a.m. - Midnight
Everyone is invited to stop by on Pioneer Blvd (between 183rd and 188th Streets). Artesia businesses will be showcasing excellent food, and many famous Indian celebrities are performing, such as singer Rex D'Souza, along with the Silver Star Orchestra, Jr. Dev Anand, Shobhana, and Nafis Anand. DJ Desi Heartbeat will be keeping it lively between shows, and there will be multiple food stalls, a kids carnival, and fashion shows. For more information about the event or to reserve a booth, call Tony at (562) 551-6004.

Free Summer Food Program for Children at Artesia Parks

June 23 - Aug. 29
All children age 18 and under are welcome to participate in the free breakfast (9-10 a.m. at Artesia Park & 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at AJ Padelford Park). The lunch program is available (12:30-1:30 p.m. at Artesia park & 12:30 - 1:45 at AJ Padelford Park. Meals are served Monday-Friday. Call (562) 860-3361 for Artesia Park and (562) 407-1723 for Padelford Park.

41st Annual Let Freedom Ring Celebration

July 4 • 4-9 p.m. Cerritos Civic Center
Food & Game Booths, Entertainment, Rides, etc.
Fireworks Spectacular at 9 p.m.

Cerritos College President Lacy Announces Retirement

Cerritos College has announced the pending retirement of Dr. Linda L. Lacy, president/superintendent at the conclusion of her contract on July 1, 2015. She will have served the College for six years and is retiring with more than four decades in education.

Dr. Lacy was appointed President on September 14, 2009. Under her leadership, the College has expanded its community partnerships, and experienced record growth in new program development, student success initiatives, and more.

She also successfully managed the College's CC and G bond construction projects passed in 2008 and 2012 to modernize the 59-year-old campus with state-of-the-art facilities and new resources for students. New campus facilities include a Liberal Arts/

DSPS building, Physical Science and Technology facility, a fine arts complex, several campus-wide infrastructure upgrades, among other projects.

"Dr. Lacy's leadership and passion for the success of Cerritos College students will continue to have long-lasting effects," said Carmen Avalos, president, Board of Trustees, Cerritos College. "Her commitment to education has added to the legacy of our institution. Dr. Lacy will be greatly missed by all. We wish her a happy and fruitful retirement."

Prior to Cerritos College, Dr. Lacy served as the Vice Chancellor of Student Services and Operations at Riverside Community College District and past Interim President of Riverside City College. Dr.

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OPINION

A Note from the Publisher

Congrats Graduates, Go Kings & Happy Dad's Day**By Melinda Kimsey**

Greetings, friends and neighbors! Well, here we are attending lots of graduations and the start of lots of summer fun! I recently attended a kindergarten graduation and a middle school graduation. Both of the graduates were so happy and full of expectations for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the graduates, from kindergarten to post-graduates. The sky is the limit, and you have no boundaries. Always remember that you have the power over your own destiny. If you don't like the path you are on, try another path, preferably the one less traveled.

I would like to offer a special congrats to the many honors students for their commitment to their education. However, always remember the great words of John Wooden and his definition of success. "When you do your best, and only you know if it is your best, then you are successful."

This is also the time for the Stanley Cup. We don't report too much on sports, but most people have King's Fever. Of all of the decorations and modifications of businesses, perhaps the most unusual is the donut shop – Randy's donuts. It is so awesome to see the big, like really big, King's donut on top of the donut shop.

Everyone is rooting for the King's to bring home the Stanley Cup again. The Cup sure looks nice traveling around Los Angeles. The Staples Center is selling all kinds of special gear for the upcoming games between the Rangers and the Kings.

Look for local restaurants who have those big screens, to watch the games with your friends. Several have been in our paper and offer some really good prices when watching the play-off games.

There is a restaurant for whatever you are craving – Grandstand Grill, Mezza Mediterranean Grill, Woodland's, Ashoka, Sushi Samurai, and the all-time favorite pizza place Ave. 3.

Congratulations are also in order for our friends at the Downey Patriot newspaper. They have been nominated for a very special award from the Los Angeles Press Club. There are several journalistic organizations that select the winners in several different categories.

I am really looking forward to sharing the night with the nominees in the black-tie awards ceremony and can't wait to attend the event being held at the Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles on June 29. I grew up in Downey and find it quite exciting that the local community newspaper has been nominated.

I would also like to wish all of the dads a Happy Father's Day. Father's are such an important part of our lives. This holiday started in Washington State when they celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on July 19, 1910. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by flying a special flag over the White House. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged men to observe the day. However, in 1972 President Nixon made Father's Day a national holiday.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our advertisers for their support. I would like to remind everyone that we welcome press releases with a photo at no cost. We have received so many positive comments on the Gateway with our down home community news.

I can speak for all of the staff, when I say that we are so happy to be the community paper, so keep those letters, press releases, and photos coming in! As always, happy trails!

Believe in Yourself But Do Not Be Attached to Your Own Point of View

**By Jerry Bernstein**

I was having a discussion with my Friend from Fruitcake Florida about Memorial Day services for our Armed Forces May 26 and what it means, especially to the families who have lost loved ones in defense of their country. "Sometimes I feel we Americans take our freedoms for granted," I said.

"True," my Friend from Fruitcake Florida answered, "but deep down I believe they know what these men and women gave up in defense of our country and are very appreciative."

"I guess you're right, but it just seems to me society as a whole is becoming more and more complacent. Our politicians give speeches every national holiday, but when we talk about our men and woman in our armed forces and what they have given up in defense of our country, you can't help but wonder if they really understand."

"I think they do," he replied. "What brought this up?" he asked.

I looked at him, and finally I said, "At the last Hawaiian Gardens City Council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Barry Bruce told the council he thought the memorial program held for Sheriff Deputy Jerry Ortiz, who was shot and killed eight years ago by a gang member, should be held at the City's Public Safety Center Memorial in front of the City Library that was dedicated to honor firefighters and law enforcement officers."

"That sounds logical to me," he said. "Back in Fruitcake we honor all our service men and women, including the law enforcement officers and firefighters in the town square. Shortly after the Korean War ended and our men and women started to come home, the citizens had a town meeting and voted to erect a memorial to all those who gave their lives. That included firefighters

and law enforcement officers. We had a year long fundraising drive and built our memorial."

"Hawaiian Gardens has a memorial for its Armed Forces members who died in defense of our country in its civic center," I said, "as well as one in front of the city library dedicated to the firefighters and law enforcement men and women."

"Then what's the problem?" my Friend From Fruitcake, Florida asked.

"Well, the majority on the council feel the city shouldn't interfere with those (deputies) who want to pay tribute to the memory of Deputy Ortiz at the site he was killed. However, the Mayor Pro Tem feels it would be more appropriate if it was limited to the Public Safety Center where the Firefighters and Law Enforcement memorial is located."

"What do you think?" he asked.

"I think the Mayor and May Pro Tem may be right. You said it's been eight years since Deputy Ortiz was killed. How can you tell some of the deputies not to drive over to the site where he was killed to pay their last respects to their fallen comrade?"

He paused a moment and then said, "I see no harm in their going to the site as long as they don't clog up the street with their vehicles so the residents can't get in or out of their driveways."

Changing the subject, he said, "Oh, by the way, I understand the Artesia City Council approved a traffic plan for Pioneer Boulevard."

"That's right, at its last meeting," I replied.

"I guess the city is really moving forward with its plans for the revitalization of Pioneer Boulevard."

"It looks that way," I answered, "The Mayor hit the mark on the head when he said Pioneer Boulevard hasn't changed in 40 years. He also noted Artesia is one of the few cities in the immediate area that has a real main street."

"Well, I believe he's correct. Time waits on no one." With that my Friend From Fruitcake, Florida walked out the door.

Letters to the Editor

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NEWS**

Annual Installation Luncheon

Thursday, June 12, 2014 • 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sheraton Cerritos Hotel

Business Networking Mixer "Vintage Cerritos"

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 • 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
11000 New Falcon Way - Cerritos

Networking Mixer "Lazy Dog Cafe"

Thursday, July 17, 2014 • 5 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
278 Los Cerritos Mall - Cerritos

Upcoming Golf Tournaments:

It's for the Kids - Cerritos Optimist Club's 26th Annual Golf Tournament

The Cerritos Optimist Club will be holding their annual golf tournament for the 26th year on Monday, Aug. 25 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club. The event begins with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Gordon Miyamoto at (310) 625-3109 or gymiyamoto@aol.com.

15th Annual Donald E. Schultze Memorial Golf Tournament - Hawaiian Gardens

Enjoy a great day of golf while supporting youth programs in the City of Hawaiian Gardens at the 15th Annual Donald E. Schultze Memorial Golf Tournament scheduled for June 30, 2014 at Los Coyotes Country Club in Buena Park.

The 1st CEB Adoption Golf Classic

The 7th Annual 1st CEB Golf Classic, sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps 1st Combat Engineer Battalion Adoption Committee, is scheduled for Oct. 18 at 7:00 am at Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course, 16449 Piuma Avenue in Cerritos. Those interested in supporting this great event should contact Jim Edwards at 562/924-6582.

Around and About

Enjoying the Extremes of Beautiful Niagra Falls



By
**Dr. Bob
Hughlett**

The LAX shuttle pickup for the start of a weeklong trip to visit the famed Niagara Falls was the first of what was to be many extremes. The Dunns and we were all visiting with the Hickoks on their driveway with luggage in hand at 2:45 a.m. on Memorial Day.

We had a 3 a.m. pickup by the airport express that was hum drum except for a multi-tasking driver who was determined to show us that he could switch his charger from the GPS unit to his cellphone to his iPad and back again while traveling 75 on the 105.

Fortunately, we were safely deposited at the United terminal, checked in via those computer kiosks that never seem to completely work and were rescued by a live person.

Nevertheless we arrived at our gate 2 hours or so early and settled back to listen to the warning about accepting packages from total strangers at least 17 times.

The cross country trek to Chicago then Buffalo and to

to the Embassy Suites on the Canadian side of the falls was uneventful but tedious.

After convincing the Alamo rental car lady that the six of us and luggage would not fit into a small Hyundai, we motored off in a Chevy Suburban large enough to haul the Green Bay packers - let's make that the Buffalo Bison affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Our handy MapQuest directions were set for shortest distance, so we saw every side street and back alley until we hit the border. Arriving at our hotel, we were quick to learn that at 540 rooms in 42 stories, we are staying at the largest Embassy Suites in the chain.

We held our breath in anticipation as we entered our 21st floor room and were overwhelmed by the beauty of the falls right outside our window - well, maybe they were a half mile away.

Turns out that there are actually three sets of falls, Bridal Veil and American which reside on the U.S. side of the Niagara River and the most famous Horseshoe cascades which crash with foam and fury astride the border between our two countries. The first response to seeing such a wonder can't be anything less

than awe. The second is to note how noisy the rampaging waters are and the third is to make a mad dash for the cameras.

Being seasoned travelers, our fourth response was to head off to dinner at the local Outback, where we got our first taste of the Canadian tax system was sobering - to the tune of over 16 per cent when all the levies were totaled.

The next morning we were off to brave the falls with trips over, behind, in front of and next to the rushing torrents. If you need to limit yourself to two, would definitely go with the frontal approach on the Maid of the Mist (USA) or Hornblower (Canadian) ships.

The closer we approached the mist, the more I was reminded of a sou'wester in Sitka, Alaska. The spray was so strong that we docked with what can only be called water burns on our faces. The other choice would probably be next to the river rapids which appear a mile or two below the Horseshoe.

The rapids are categorized from 1 to 6 based on difficulty and potential for peril. Well, the Niagara rapids are not only level 6 but they claim to be the most dangerous body of water in North America. Once upon

a time those who couldn't afford a barrel would challenge the rapids instead and normally didn't survive the attempt.

The very well done trail right next to the water gave you a taste of what these doomed navigators were up against - and how lackluster their life must have been to drive them to try.

The water reaches 63 mph at the narrowest spots and six foot waves toss one about regardless of size or construction of the vehicle one is in. A close runner up would be the walk behind the falls. You travel a lengthy tunnel with two stops

which take you within 10 feet or so the cascade.

With over 200,000 gallons a second racing by just a few feet away you certainly get a smallish feeling. Just for fun you calculate that your average backyard pool would be filled in less than a second. Next time you patiently wait for your bath to fill consider that 1,000,000 such tubs would be overflowing in 1 second by the mighty falls.

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

HG Council Congratulates Adult Students for Learning English as Second Language



The Hawaiian Gardens City Council presented Certificates of Participation to the English as a Second Language (ESL) class at its May 27 meeting. Mayor Reynaldo O. Rodriguez commended the students for taking the class to learn English. "It's a big step toward truly becoming an American citizen," he said.

LOCAL NEWS

La Palma-Cerritos AAUW Installs New Officers for 2014-2015



"Women Super Heroes" who will serve on the Executive Board of the AAUW for 2014-2015 are: (front) President-Elect Paulette Smith wearing a star filled head band and President Barbara Atherton, wearing her Super Hero mask. Standing are: (l to r) Marilyn Forsstrom, Nancy Kawamura, Gail Ross, Diane Hutson, Gail Wendland, Barbara Sparks and Sue Solomon. Not shown: Program Vice President Barbara Dunstan.

By Edna Ethington

New officers for the La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) were officially installed by past presidents Barbara Dunstan and Judy Figal on May 29 at a buffet dinner at El Torito Mexican Restaurant in Cerritos.

With a theme of "Women Super Heroes" for the Installation of Officers, Judy Figal challenged the 30 members who came to the dinner to

match the names of 18 famous women and their accomplishments. The list included Betsy Ross, Marie Curie, Sally Ride, Harriet Tubman, Alice Paul, Sandra Day O'Connor, and others.

After a delicious Taco Bar Buffet dinner, Barbara Dunstan introduced AAUW Funds Chairperson, Tobi Balma. Balma announced that a committee of past AAUW Funds Honorees had selected Sue Carruthers and Gail Wendland as AAUW Funds Named Grant Honorees for 2013-2014.

Both Carruthers and Wendland were praised for their tireless efforts and each received a certificate of appreciation and a special AAUW pin.

Current AAUW President Barbara Atherton thanked each member of her Executive Board for 2013-2014 and presented gifts of appreciation to them.

Following the theme of "Women Super Heroes," Barbara Dunstan introduced and officially installed the following Executive Board Officers: President, Barbara Atherton, her second term; President-Elect, Paulette Smith; Program V.P.'s Nancy Kawamura and Barbara Dunstan; Membership V.P.'s Sue Solomon and Barbara Sparks; AAUW Funds V.P.'s Diane Hutson, Gail Wendland and Faith Herschler; Secretary, Gail Ross; and Treasurer, Marilyn Forsstrom.

The 2014-2015 Board's Planning Retreat will be held on June 7 at Lestonnac Retreat Center in Tustin from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Atherton invited interested members to come to the retreat and help plan programs and activities for the 2014-2015 year. For reservations or more information, contact Barbara Atherton at her e-mail, batherton123@verizon.net.



Members of the Da' Hawaiian Seniors Club of Cerritos, waiting for their turn to go on stage, are: (l to r) Youling Chen, Anne Ohara, Ann Kho and Gylene Ornellas.



Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido and Cindy Yen Chen, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, thank dancers Zoe Chang, 9, and Joy Gao, 10, for their participation.

Cerritos Holds 1st Asian American, Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

The City of Cerritos celebrated May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a cultural event at Cerritos Park East on May 29.

Mayor Mark Pulido was the emcee for the inaugural event that featured performances by the following: Da' Hawaii Seniors Club, Club

Kaibigan and Shanti Club from Whitney High School, and the Oriental Moo Do School.

In addition, the Recreation Services Division conducted a writing and poster contest, for which the theme was "What Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Means to Me."

The winners recited their entries at the event, and the winning posters were put on display around the room.

At the end of the show, refreshments, which were donated by local businesses, including Leelin Bakery & Cafe, Jay Bharat and Panda Express, were served to the guests.

Leal Elementary Presents Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



Kevin Mesavesa, Alyssa Kim, Makenna Yokoyama, Novalie Loput-Lastra, and Daniel Victoria



Cristian Manzon and Joshua Hizon

By Melinda Kimsey

Yum, Yum, Yum! Leal Elementary School's musical production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," based on the book by Roald Dahl, or better known as Willy Wonka, was sheer delight.

You could almost taste the chocolate, it was that Good! The singing was grand,



Taylor Gaitan, Alexa Centeno, and Victoria Martins

the dancing was amazing and the costumes were pure pleasure to look at. Some of the most enchanting singers were the Oompa Loompa gang.

They were so "over the top" with their orange hair and striped leggings. Positively, the audience relished in the entire production. The LEAP parents even sold chocolate bars!

JUNE
15



Cerritos Kids Fishing Derby

Children ages 5-15 enjoyed participating in the Cerritos Kids Fishing Derby on June 7 at Cerritos Regional Park. The day began with a free Pancake Breakfast at 7 a.m., followed by the Fishing Party from 8 - 11 a.m.

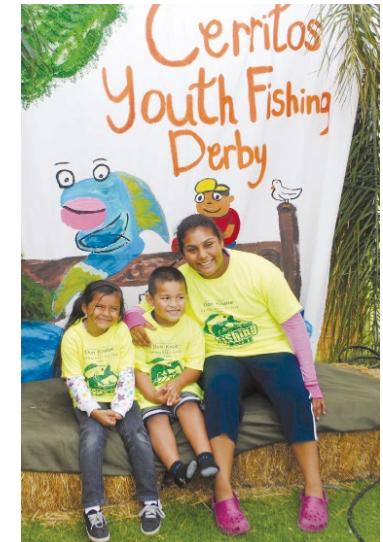
The annual event is sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, along with the City of Cerritos, the Los Angeles County Depart-

ment of Parks and Recreation and the Cerritos Rod and Gun Club.

Each child received a t-shirt and could participate in free fishing and angler safety lessons. They also competed in various categories, such as the largest fish caught in their age group. Hundreds of pounds of fish were available to be caught. Equipment and bait were also provided.



I caught one!



Miss Artesia & Miss Artesia Teen Pageant Held June 7

By Jerry Bernstein

In a show reminiscent of the Miss America pageant, a multicultural celebration was held to select the 2014 Miss Artesia and Miss Artesia Teen and their royal court on June 7.

The program began with a dance performance by the 2013 Royal Court and 2014 Miss Artesia contestants. Mistresses of Ceremonies were Victoria Hulett and Crystal Garcia.

The contestants gave introductory speeches, followed by Active Wear competition, Evening Gown competition, on stage questions, and lastly a "one last look" parade of the contestants.

Executive Director of the

Miss. Artesia and Miss Artesia Teen Pageant was Erin Miranda, who said all the girls worked hard and made new friends.

Judges for the event were Marlene Gisele Hernandez, Maggie Jackson, Joel Lopez, Shanice McKinley, Christiana Monarez and Candi Simpson. Tabulators were Sarah Ahmadiina and Jesica Quihuiz.

Artesia Mayor Tony Lima congratulated the winners and thanked the outgoing Miss Artesia, Alejandra Hernandez, and Miss Artesia Teen, Krystal Ene, on behalf of the city for their representation of the city at the many functions they attended. He also congratulated all the contestants for taking part in the pageant.



Anna-Marie Diaz (right) was chosen Miss ArtesiaTeen 2014 with Krystal Rhaburn (center) and Anna-Marie Diaz (left) selected Miss Artesia Teen Princesses during the annual event at the Artesia Community Center on June 7.

RESTAURANTS

KARIYA Shabu Shabu & BBQ

By William Lee
& Selene Lee

Kariya on Norwalk Blvd in Artesia used to be Happy House Chinese Restaurant for many years. Then it changed to Chinese Hot Pot place with two different owners before the present owner reopened it as Kariya.

The restaurant showcases all-you-can-eat food with two different types of cooking – Japanese style shabu shabu and Korean style BBQ, although in fact they are also Taiwanese with various kinds of meats and abundant choices of vegetables.

We were aware of the re-opening of this restaurant, but every time we drove by the place, we would see lots of people waiting outside and people were told the wait would be an hour or two.

So we decided to go for lunch and be one of the first guests as soon as they opened the door at 11 a.m. on a Saturday. The place has slightly remodeled with two different sections, one for shabu shabu only, and the other for both shabu shabu and Korean BBQ.

As soon as we sat down, our friendly waitress Channey came and explained to us the order process with a printed order and our choices and started the grill and hot pot with our chosen soup base immediately.

There are three all-you-can eat selections – the House Special Shabu Shabu (with a variety of meat choices) is \$9.99 per person (Reg. \$12.99), and the Premium Shabu Shabu (with meat and seafood selec-

tions) is \$14.99 (Reg. \$18.99)

If you want to get the best cuts of meat, you can order their Signature Shabu Shabu for \$17.99 (Reg. \$23.99). For that price, you will get the New Zealand lamb, American pork loin and Black Angus top sirloin.

We were also told that there is a side bar at one corner where we can get steamed rice or fried rice plus all sorts of dipping sauces for your meats and vegetables and a dessert.

We ordered the House Special since it was lunch and we knew there would be plenty of food, probably more than we could handle. The House Special consists of



KARIYA
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thinly sliced beef brisket, sliced chicken leg meat sliced tender pork, pork belly, beef tripe, pork blood, intestine, kidney and liver to choose from for your hot pot.

For your Korean Bar-B-Que, the meats are marinated. They are the beef brisket, spicy garlic chicken, tender chicken leg meat, tender pork and pork belly slices. We love the abundance of the vegetables that include napa cabbage, spinach,

Chinese lettuce, fresh or fried tofu, baby Bok Choy, sweet corn, mushrooms and so on. In addition, the list goes on with fish balls, dumplings, different kinds of noodles, Won Ton etc.

We chose the basic meats of beef and chicken and lots of vegetables. The servings were sufficient as far as the meats were concerned, and we could not ask for a second round, although we added more non-meat items later on.

Owner Mr. Mark came by to each table and greeted his guests and made sure everything was fine and so did Channey (not sure that is the right spelling). She was quick

to replenish more fresh soup broth for our hot pot and brought us second round of vegetables.

We only wished the grill was a bit cleaner when we first sat down at the table. Maybe they had

problem cleaning it because they are constantly using it so much. The people at the table next to us ordered the Premium selection, and we saw an abundant array of seafood coming to them continuously. Although they had a party of four, we were wondering how they were going to finish all that food.

One word of caution, it was posted on the wall that there will be a \$5 charge if customers abuse or waste food, ordering the second or third round when there is still food on their table. Maybe that is not such a bad idea after all. For less than \$10 per person, where else can you get that price for all the choices they offer at a sit-down restaurant.



What Is Shabu Shabu?

By Selene Lee

Most of us know that Shabu Shabu is a Japanese dish featuring thinly sliced meat boiled in water. Few know that the history of Shabu Shabu actually dates back in the days of Genghis Khan in the 13th Century.

He developed the Shabu Shabu (hot pot) cooking in order to feed his soldiers efficiently. Hungry Mongol soldiers would gather around a large pot of boiling water and cooked their thinly sliced meat by dipping in the pot, hence the meats were cooked quickly.

Not only did they conserve the army's limited fuel supply, but it also helped to absorb all the nutrients on the meat more effectively.

Soon this type of cooking spread to the south during the Tang Dynasty (A.D. 618-

906). In the Ching Dynasty, the hot pot was very popular throughout the country, and soon the popularity spread all over Asia. Many Asian ethnic groups have their own version of hot pot or Shabu Shabu as a result of this.

Shabu Shabu was introduced in Japan in the 20th Century with the opening of the "Suehiro" restaurant in Osaka where the name was invented. Shabu Shabu is also related to Sukiyaki in style where both consist of thinly sliced meat and vegetables and served with dipping sauces.

However, Sukiyaki generally has a sweeter soy sauce soup base, so Shabu Shabu is considered to be more savory and less sweet. Now Shabu Shabu is a common dish in tourist hot-spots, especially in Tokyo, but also in local "Little Tokyos" in countries such as the United States and Canada.

Restaurant News

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Assemblywoman Garcia Hosts Education Roundtable

By Larry Caballero

When Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia ran for office in 2012, she promised her constituents that she would be accountable to them since "you are all my bosses." She represents nine local cities, including Artesia, Cerritos and Norwalk, and tries to keep her promise by being as accessible as possible to residents in her 58th Assembly District.

So, it should be no surprise that she would host walks and talks in local parks on the first Saturday of the month. Garcia says it gives her a chance to spend time with local residents and hear their questions and concerns. She also hosts Education Roundtables with Principals, Superintendents and Boardmembers of local school districts who she represents in Sacramento.

Garcia spoke to representatives from the ABC, Bellflower, Downey, El Rancho, Norwalk/La Mirada and Montebello School Districts May 31 at the ABC Boardroom about the educational issues and challenges that concern them.

It was also no surprise that the budget and school funding, or the lack of it, were major topics that Garcia was asked to address. Although she does

not currently sit on any education committees, she has recently been chosen by the new Speaker of the Assembly to be a part of her Leadership Team, and therefore she may be able to be more effective in assisting local school districts with their problems.

Since each assemblymember can present a bill package of up to 40 bills over each two-year period, Garcia said, "I am looking for ideas for next year," and asked if the Roundtable attendees had any suggestions.

Representatives wanted the needs of special education students and adult school students to be included in any future budget as well as expressing concerns about implementing the new Common Core Curriculum (CCC).

Bellflower School Board President Debbie Cuadros said, "The CCC is a drastic change in how our students think," and could be a concern for the middle school students since it addresses students in 3rd through 8th grade.

ABC Boardmember Maynard Law was concerned about the transition into kindergarten and the impact of the recent Board decision to approve district area elections for Boardmembers.

Downey School Board President Donald LaPlante

was upset with the recent decision by the Governor to begin on July 1 to address the funding of CalSTRS pensions that will "drastically impact the general funds."

LaPlante said that the new state Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) monies "have become the new lottery for schools," and is worried that more funding may be needed to meet all of the state standards.

The educators understood that the budget is always impacted when 80 to 90 per cent of the budget is for salaries and benefits, but all agreed that a major problem in balancing school budgets is the burden of mandatory expenditures that the state government requires.

Several educators talked about their credibility with the families and students in their districts when they will now have to go back to them and say that there is no longer any funding available for any new school programs or services.

One educator said, "These recent budget decisions were dropped on us like an atom bomb!"

Norwalk/La Mirada Boardmember, Margarita Rios, stressed "for more advocacy and to target specific student populations in need."

ABC Board President Sophia Tse summarized what all of the educators were thinking: "We want all of our students to do their very best, but we have so many concerns with the new changes and lack of sufficient funding to meet their needs."

ABC Superintendent Mary Sieu was the final speaker who also expressed her concerns with budget revisions and the negative impact on district budgets.

Before adjourning, Garcia assured the participants that she understood their frustrations and was there to support them in any way she can, but it was vital that they inform her office of their needs so she can better serve them in Sacramento.

"These are my school districts, and I want to be your advocate in Sacramento," said Garcia.

DOGGY DAZE



Dear Darling Lola,
YES, I know quite a bit about those fabulous dogs. Those dogs were probably from an organization called PAWZ for Veterans.

Their mission (sounds like Mission Impossible) is to seek out and find service men and women who have been injured in combat. This organization offers dogs to those who are injured and provide training.

Also, the veteran is evaluated to determine what are the injuries and what type of dog would be a good match. For more information, you can view their website at: pawsforveterans.com.

Duchess

Duchess is a gorgeous, 5-year-old English bulldog who loves her mistress and cookies. She is in the process of writing her autobiography.

Dear Duchess,
When I was at the Memorial Service in Cerritos, I noticed some of the veterans had dogs. Do you know anything about these dogs?

Lola in Cerritos

Heritage Park



Tot Lot

18600 Bloomfield Ave.
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Cerritos Heritage Park Tot Lot (HPTL) is a parent run co-operative preschool program, Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Students are prepared for Kindergarten through teacher time, crafts, music, and playtime. Additional activities include monthly field trips, monthly birthday parties, culture days, career days and seasonal parties.

Parents are required to work one morning per week per child and attend a monthly meeting. Please call Wendy Llamas @ (562) 457-0883.

Woman's Club Holds Memorial Day Ceremony at Artesia



By Gail Grossman

On Memorial Day, the Woman's Club of Artesia Cerritos participated in the 15th annual Flower Presentation to the Civil War Veterans buried at Artesia Cemetery.

Fifty Civil War veterans from both the Union and Confederates are buried at this cemetery. The Woman's Club has taken it upon their many contributions to the communities to make floral bouquets for these unsung heroes.

The flowers come from the gardens of members and are arranged, tied with ribbon and taken to the marked graves. The graves are marked by cemetery officials ahead of time.

They also take flowers to the graves of three former members who are buried there, – Noreen Barlow, Ethel Lee and Marisa Malin.

The women arrive before 8 a.m. to make the arrangements and then many stay for the Memorial Day ceremonies, although some members go to the City of Cerritos ceremony, as they try to show our allegiance to both communities.

Those members who attended were: Joanne Witt, Marilyn McGorman (presi-



dent), Sue Verwey, Gail Grossman, Nancy Sousa, Judite Mendes and her husband Jose, Susan Sell and her husband Ray, Barbara Applebury (who is also a member of the Artesia Cemetery Committee), Naomi Teal, Gloria Ampolilla and Les Barlow, the husband of the club's late member Noreen.

Members of the Woman's Club look forward to doing this each year and are proud to remember these soldiers who fought for freedom. As an extra treat this year, Cerritos residents Everett and Jeanne Tomlinson, who are involved with Civil War reenactment, came dressed in Civil War period attire to honor these heroes and participate in the ceremonies.

Register Now for the La Palma Fitness Run for Fun - July 4

The 34th La Palma Fitness Run for Fun will be held on July 4 starting at 7:30 a.m. near La Palma's Central Park, 7821 Walker Street.

This event features a competitive 5K Run, 10K Run, and a competitive 5K Walk – one of the few in Southern California.

Parents can also introduce their children to the joy of running in the non-competitive Yankee Doodle Dash for participants' ages 2 to 12 years old. Yankee Doodle Dash runners will receive an official race bib and a participation medal.

Participants are encour-



aged to register online prior to June 30 to receive discounted pricing and commemorative t-shirts. Thereafter, participants must register on race day starting at 6 a.m.

The La Palma Fitness Run for Fun would not be possible without the City's Corporate Connection Sponsors: La Palma Intercommunity Hospital, Rosendin Electric, EDCO/Park Disposal, Care Ambulance Service, West Coast Arborist, and Multi-Sales Company.

For more information, including pricing and registration, please visit the Run For Fun webpage or call (714) 690-3350.

Harris Portrays Fanny Bixby Spencer at AAUW Meeting



Guest speaker at the AAUW meeting in May was Marcia Lee Harris, dressed as the subject of her book, Fanny Bixby Spencer.

By Edna Ethington

Marcia Lee Harris, a finalist in the Community Service Division for the Long Beach Hero of the Year Award in 2013, was the guest speaker at the May 15 General Meeting of the La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women (AAUW) at the Cerritos Library.

Harris wrote a book, "Fanny Bixby Spencer, Long Beach's Inspirational Firebrand," about the life of Fanny Bixby Spencer who lived from 1879-1930. Harris came dressed as Fanny might have dressed in the early 1900's. She also brought historical artifacts related to Fanny's life.

According to Harris, Fanny Bixby was the youngest

daughter of Jotham Bixby, the founder of Long Beach. She was the first woman in Long Beach to do many things. Fanny was the first policewoman in Long Beach, the first woman to have a telephone, and the first woman to publish her poetry in 1916.

Fanny was also a social activist as she joined the Long Beach Equality Club, the Socialist Party, the Red Cross Society, the Seaside Hospital Committee and the Sierra Club. She was an anti-war pacifist in World War I, a child advocate and a suffragist.

Later in her life, Fanny met and married her husband, William Carl Spencer, who shared her liberal ideas. Fanny and her husband raised 14 children, including a few Japanese

children and adopted two Russian children. She was born to wealth and power, and she used them both to help others who were less fortunate. She was described as "a one lady social service department" as she even gave land to help Japanese truck farmers. She also donated a library and even paid for the librarian's salary. She later became the founder of the city of Costa Mesa.

There was not enough time during the meeting to learn everything about the life of Fanny Bixby Spencer, but people who would like to learn more about her can contact Marcia Harris at her e-mail magicalw@yahoo.com or call her cell phone (562) 533-5115, or see her at the Rancho Los Cerritos Museum.

Harris is a docent at the Rancho Los Cerritos Museum that is owned and operated by the Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Life at 4600 Virginia Road in Long Beach. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 1 - 5 p.m. For more information, call 562-570-1755.

Barbara Atherton, President of the La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the AAUW, and Christine Taxier, Program Vice-President, presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a special woman's pin to Harris at the conclusion of the program.

Cerritos College

47 Graduate from Teacher TRAC Program on May 15

Cerritos College's Teacher TRAC (Training Academy) program honored 47 Teacher TRAC program graduates on May 15.

The graduates move closer to earning a bachelor's degree and teaching credential from a partner college, California State University campuses. The new group of graduates joins the growing roster of more than 550 Teacher TRAC graduates.

Sue Parsons, director of Teacher TRAC and Dr. Linda Lacy, president/superintendent, welcomed guests. Each graduate received a commemorative golden apple in recognition of his or her completion of the first part of the program. Graduates will complete the second half of the program at California State University, Long Beach.

Scholarship awards were also presented during the event. Kirdeep Badesha, Elizabeth Bansberg, Miguel Hernandez, and Brandon Melendrez received an Eruditio Scholarship for \$1,000 each.

Veronica Prado received the Esther Espinoza Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Elisa Ruiz accepted a \$1,000 Fred Gaskin Scholarship. California State University, Long Beach will match the award by 100 percent for a total of \$2,000.

Dr. Marquita Grenot-

Scheyer and Dr. Shareen Pavri from the College of Education at California State University, Long Beach congratulated the students and thanked their families for showing support. Jose Hernandez, a Teacher TRAC alumnus from the class of 2003, provided closing remarks.

The list of graduates include: Jose Alvarez, Guadalupe Andrade, Jessica Anguiano, Alexis Ayala, Kirdeep Badesha, Elizabeth Bansberg, Allison Beemer, Melissa Bueno, Daisy Calleros, Mary Corona, William Cuevas, Mary Ann Edward, Wendy Estrada, Jessica Garcia Victor Garcia, Angie Godinez, Wendy Gonzalez, Christopher Hamilton, Miguel Hernandez, Scarlett Hernandez, Geraldine Herrera, Linnea Jones, Jessica Krouse, Jamie Lopez, Manuel Lopez, Mayra Lopez and Reyna Macias.

Other graduates are: Deborah Mancilla, Evanni Marroquin, Elizabeth Mejia, Brandon Melendrez, Valerie Mireles, Alexandra Nava, Jessica Navichoque, Lissa Palacios, Veronica Prado, Marissa Ramos, Christabel Rayas, Stephannie Rea, Boheri Rivas, Elisa Ruiz, Joe Sanchez, Susana Suarez, Madouna Tadros, Gabriela Urbina, Essau Valle and Kathryn Violago.

Congratulations Teacher TRAC Class of 2014!

GAME APP DEVELOPMENT SUMMER CAMP

What:

Spend a month with game experts and see their game apps at the App store after summer ends! Catch up with the new game technology with Microsoft Evangelists – Sam Stokes, Daniel Egan, Adam Tuliper, and Bret Stetham. Additionally, learn the game with professors from Cerritos College – Gene Lazor and from Rio Hondo College – Dr. Shin Liu

When/Where:

Located at Cerritos College on Mondays (7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28)

Review and collaborate with classmates at your home school lab on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons

Benefits of the Program

- Become a certified game App developer in a month
- Win prizes by publishing games
- The last Monday will be a final presentation day

A parent meeting will take place on June 10th at 6 p.m. in the WHS Mac Lab



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

- Go to your College Career Center to get more info or apply to the program

Cerritos College to Offer Youth Summer Program

The Cerritos College Community Education department announced registration for the summer 2014 College for Youth program is now open. Classes begin June 23 and continue through August 15.

The College for Youth program offers classes for children, kindergarten through 12th grade in math, writing, SAT, computer technology, cooking, music, art, and sports.

The most popular classes include video game design, mobile app development, powerhouse writing, CSI (crime scene investigators), swimming, and tennis. Newly added for this year are social media, digital film production, photography, digital animation, cheerleading, and guitar.

"My experience from the Cerritos College Community Education program has helped me pass the California High School Exit Exam," said Benjamin Quintero, who took Writing Skills Workshop and four math classes in sum-

mers 2012 and 2013. "This program has really helped me improve my score to pass the CASHEE. I am so glad I took these classes."

Educational classes offered through this program will get children excited about learning and familiar with a college campus.

There are four, two-week sessions that run through the summer, and all classes are age appropriate. Students can attend one or two classes, or stay all day and enjoy four different classes. Supervised lunch break is offered free and extended child care from 5-6 p.m. is available for \$55 per session.

View the class schedule at: [http://www.cerritoscommunityed.com/customers/cc/files/full%20schedule%20online%20version\(2\).pdf](http://www.cerritoscommunityed.com/customers/cc/files/full%20schedule%20online%20version(2).pdf) For more information about classes and registration, go to www.cerritoscommunityed.com or call (562) 467-5050. Classes fill up quickly. Cerritos College is located at 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk.

FAITH/FEATURE

God Has A Journey for Us & He Is with Us Along the Way

By Melinda Kimsey

Recently, someone was reflecting about their time in school and remarked that they did have moments of brilliance. But they also had moments of frustration, trepidation, hopelessness and just plain moments of madness.

What had sustained this person through these tough times was the affection of family, the support of the university, and the love of God. This person went on to remark that she was not sure if her journey had been more difficult than someone else's, but she had many challenges.

She spoke about reflecting on Jeremiah 29, which is all about the plan. Basically, Jeremiah tell us that God has a plan for us. We do not need to bring anything, and He will provide everything we need. We will be successful and speak the name of the Lord. He will not let anything hurt us.

I find this passage to be quite an inspiration. However,

there is no mention of the obstacles that we will face during this journey.

It is like taking a road trip. You will get lost. You will have flat tires. There will be any number of things that will happen to you that are completely out of your control. Any number of things will go wrong.

Some might say that if something can go wrong, then it will. Sometimes things that are completely unfair will happen, too. God told us that he has planned a journey for us. He never said it would be an easy journey. Yet, He did promise that He would be on this journey with us, every step of the way.

This is where trust in the Lord becomes critical for us. God will be with us no matter what the circumstances. As we remember the promise of resurrection, we know that God will resurrect our hopes and dreams that He gave us.

God did not give us our hopes and dreams without a plan to have those dreams come true. It just takes trust.

Simple Prayers for a Safe Journey



In the name of God, I go on this journey. May God the Father be with me, God the Son protect me, and God the Holy Ghost be by my side. Amen.

Lord, be our guide and our protector on the journey we are about to take. Watch over us. Protect us from accidents. Keep us free from harm to body and soul. Amen

Lord, support us with Your grace when we are tired. Help us be patient in any trouble which may come our way. Keep us always mindful of Your presence and love. Amen.

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

Dear Friends,

A reader sent this to the Gateway. It was posted on the Internet by Greg Laurie, and I thought it was timely and inspiring.

Melinda Kimsey, Publisher

Have you ever been stressed out to the max? Had one of those days when everything went wrong? And then, when you thought it couldn't get any worse, it got worse? We live in a stressful culture. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that up to 90 percent of visits to physicians in the U.S. are triggered by a stress-related illness. In 2010, there were 46 million prescriptions given for Xanax.

But more than 2,000 years ago, Jesus gave the cure for the heart trouble. Here is what Jesus said to people who wanted peace: "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:1-3)

So Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled." The word troubled could be translated into "agitated," or "disturbed." We can take God at his word. If you want to get rid of your heart trouble and your stress, then take God at His word. "Jesus said, "You believe in God,

believe in Me."

We will experience tragedies in life. But even when tragedy strikes, God can bring good. It doesn't mean that bad comes from good. Bad is bad and tragedy is tragedy. But despite that, God can bring beauty out of ashes. The Bible says, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)

I have found the scriptures sustaining me through the hardest times of my life. I have hope, and if you are a Christian, then you have hope. Six years ago, my son Christopher died in an automobile accident.

The hope for me is that I will be reunited with him one day in heaven. I will see him again. He is not just part of my past, but he is also part of my future. The hope of the afterlife is the hope of every Christian.

When you know there is a heaven, it helps you deal with the pain of life, realizing that no matter what hardship you may be going through, it is nothing compared with this great hope.

The Bible says, "Our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!" (2Corinthians 4:17) The good news is that God does not make mistakes. He is in control, so take Him at His word.

Downey Patriot Receives Award Nominations from Los Angeles Press Club

By Melinda Kimsey

is dedicated to the late Mark Lacter.

Also, honored will be Ann Curry, NBC; Maria Schriver, The Shriver Report; Khaled Abu Toameh, Jerusalem Post; Michael Bloomberg and Matthew Winkler, Bloomberg News are the 2014 honorees.

The Press Club has recently been offered an opportunity to buy back the original bronze sign form when the press club was incorporated in 1947.

Among the founding fathers were Cecile B de Mille, Bob Hope, and Bing Crosby. Congratulations to the Downey Patriot on their nomination!



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Cerritos College Starts Bond Construction Outreach

By Larry Caballero

Cerritos College has launched its new Bond Construction Outreach Program that promotes increased participation and provides economic opportunity for local and minority businesses in the College's Measure CC and Measure G construction projects.

Tilden-Coil Project Manager Hector Melara explained the details to a select group of invited guests hosted by Board of Trustee Dr. Shin Liu.

Local businesses in the program are defined as businesses that have an office located within one of the 14 communities served by the College that include Artesia, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Lakewood, Long Beach, Norwalk, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs, South Gate and Signal Hill.

Minority businesses are

Lacy Retires

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Lacy dedicated 23 years to serving Riverside Community College District in multiple capacities beginning in 1986 as an instructor and coach. She also served 12 years as an instructor and assistant principal in a K-12 system in Oklahoma.

"I have had the privilege of watching Cerritos College transform in tremendous ways from adding new programs and services to student success initiatives," said Dr. Lacy. "There's nothing more rewarding than knowing that the College has given students a sense of hope for their future and the resources they need to be successful. Cerritos College is a special place filled with gifted students, incredible staff and faculty - I will always be a Falcon." With my announcement, I wanted to ensure that the College has adequate time to find a qualified, dedicated CEO who will give their best to our students and serve the College and community with vision," Lacy continued.

She is the recipient of notable awards and achievements. She earned a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University, a master's degree from Central State University, graduating summa cum laude, and doctoral degree in Higher Education Administration from Oklahoma State University.

business certified as or eligible for certification as one or more of the following categories: Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Woman Business Enterprise (WBE) and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE).

Cerritos College Student Trustee Lance Makinano stressed the College's strong determination "to outreach to the local small businesses and minority communities to get involved and make a difference in the lives of our school."

Voters in the Nov. 6, 2012 election approved Cerritos College's \$350 million General Obligation Bond Measure G, providing funding for the continuing renovation of the nearly 60-year-old campus, and Measure CC gave \$210 million as a General Obligation Bond.

Online resources will an-

ounce upcoming construction outreach events, bidding opportunities, and access to prequalification documents and bid documents.

Cerritos College has begun the 2014 prequalification process for contractors, and trades must be prequalified to be eligible to bid on projects having a value of \$175,000 or greater.

Projects of \$175,000 or less would allow a more informal bidding list prequalification process.

Cerritos College, with the assistance of its Program Manager Steve Worley of Tilden-Coil Construction, Inc., will be hosting contractor outreach seminars that will be held at the College in the Teleconference Center (LC155).

For more information, contact Project Manager Melara at 562-860-2451 ext. 7213 or at hmelara@tilden-coil.com.

Artesia Cemetery Site of Memorial Day Ceremony

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Terry McCarthy, Bagpiper

Scout Troop 1433, large white crosses were placed on these graves for Memorial Day.

Keynote Speaker Mike Farrar, Director of Veteran's History Project spoke on "Why We Remember and Celebrate."

In 1863, in a cemetery behind a church, a small group of ladies had gathered fresh flowers to place on the grave of sons and husbands who had died in the Civil War. One older woman, after she had carefully placed flowers on the

graves of her two sons, started walking toward the outer corner of the cemetery. Another lady asked, "Where are you going?"

She replied, "I'm going over there." The lady said, "But don't you know that those are the graves of Union soldiers?"

She replied, "Yes, I know. I also know that somewhere in the North there are mothers and wives and children who mourn them just as we do." So she placed fresh flowers on all of those graves, as well.

After this story was published in newspapers, an act of Congress declared one day "Decoration Day" to help heal the wounds between North and South. The name has been changed and today we call it Memorial Day.

Mike Farrar asked if anyone knew of a war veteran who would like to be interviewed and to be archived forever in the Library of Congress. If so they should contact the Red Cross and ask for the Director of the Veterans History Project.

After the ceremony, light refreshments were served, and everyone was able to reflect on the occasion.

Luck Is Not Always a Lady!



Congratulating five-time Texas Hold'em champion Bill Lee (center) at the Cerritos Senior Center's Texas Hold'em Tournament June 4 are (l-r) 2006 winner Jack Groe, 2013 winner Jim Winkler, 2004 winner Liz Wilson, 2011 and 2012 winner Ray Kline and 2012 and 2014 winner Nand Anand. Instructor Don Wilson holds the tournaments every other month on Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The class is open to the public regardless of experience. "We have practice classes at the Senior Center during the months when there are no tournaments, so everyone is welcome, and there is no charge!" said Wilson.

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Being a member of so many Chambers allows him to gain a lot of extra exposure. Don is also known for his generous donations of bottled water to numerous non-profit events in the area.

It has been a professional goal of his to take care of his employees, and to be able to

always promote his employees from within. He believes in career opportunities and aims to always have enough positions so that his employees can grow with the company.

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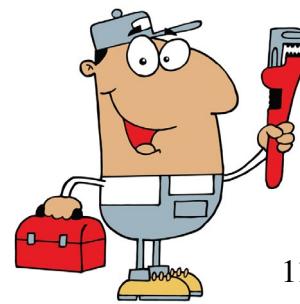
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