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Outgoing ABC Board President Sophia Tse is presented a plaque from Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu for her year in office. With them are her husband Nie Tse and son Gabriel Tse.

### Tse Honored for Her Year of Service

## Law Elected ABC School Board President

By Jerry Bernstein

In a 4-3 vote, the ABC Board of Education elected new officers for the school year 2014-15 at its Dec. 2 meeting. Elected President was Maynard Law, Vice President, Olympia Chen, and Board Clerk Armin Reyes. Casting "No" votes were Board members Soo Yoo, Lynda Johnson and Sophia Tse.

Hovering over the vote was the decision by outgoing Vice President Lynda Johnson, who voted against placing Measure AA (School Bond) on the ballot in November until

the Board could receive additional community input.

Outgoing President Tse nominated Johnson for President, seconded by Board Member Soo Yoo and again for the position of Board Clerk.

Both times Johnson was defeated by a 4-3 vote. Many supporters of the school bond blamed Johnson for the bond issue defeat.

Tse said it was time to heal the differences on the board. "The community had made its decision, and now it's time for us to come together and work together in promoting ABC's student achievement."

She said some board members were disappointed that Johnson did not want the Bond measure on the ballot at this time. She, too, had been in favor of delay.

"The vote shows perhaps we need to communicate more with the public," said Tse. At the same time she urged the board to focus on obtaining the best education of the students.

Board member Olympia Chen nominated Law for President. "Maynard knows well the role of board members and has fulfilled his responsibilities as a Board member very

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## Valley Christian Senior Saves Life of Customer at Chick-fil-A

Valley Christian High School Senior Mathew Taylor works part time at Chick-fil-A in Cerritos.

One evening he was cleaning some tables when he noticed a gentleman sitting in a booth with his child and pregnant wife.

"He appeared to be choking on his food and was about to pass out," said Matthew, "so I rushed over to him and per-

formed the Heimlich Maneuver on him until the food was dislodged."

According to fire department officials, who were called to the restaurant, when they arrived, the customer still had some obstruction in his lower airway. According to Fire Capt. Chris Rash of Fire Station 30, "the scene would

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Matthew Taylor

## Canales New Artesia Mayor; Manalo Named Mayor Pro Tem

By Jerry Bernstein

The Artesia City Council, held its annual reorganization meeting Dec. 8 naming Miguel Canales Mayor and Victor Manalo Mayor Pro Tem.

Outgoing Mayor Tony Lima thanked his staff and council for giving him 150 percent support on everything he did during his tenure.

"This year, 2014, we created programs that gave value and pride to the residents of our city," he said. "For the first time, with the Chamber of



Mayor Miguel Canales

Commerce, we created the International Street Fair and Diversity Festival where 25,000 people attended. Next year, it will be a two day affair."

He said, "We are getting a \$10 million library located in our park east of the community center and facing Elaine Avenue. All of our residents will benefit from it," he said.

"In addition we will be getting a train station on Pioneer Boulevard north of south street, enabling residents to ride to downtown Los Angeles without the hassle of driving and parking. It will be a great asset to Artesia and our neighboring cities."

He noted the city has received funding for the renovation of Pioneer Boulevard.

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At the Nov. 20 meeting of the La Palma-Cerritos AAUW, members of the Vision Thru Song Club from Whitney High School sang nine holiday songs for the members.

## Whitney High School's Visions Thru Song Club Brings Holiday Joy to the AAUW

By Edna Ethington

Members and guests of the La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) were treated to a special choral performance of Christmas Carols and other holiday songs by Whitney High School's Visions Thru Song (VTS)

Club on Nov. 20 in the Skyline Room of the Cerritos Library.

Members were impressed with the enthusiastic acappella singing of the 18 students, who were accompanied by their Student Intervention Advisor, James Gibson, and also some of their parents.

Program Co-Vice-President Nancy Kimura presented certificates of appreciation and a monetary donation from the La Palma Cerritos AAUW to Co-Presidents of the VTS, Melissa Ongko and Joyce Yoon. Kimura said she heard that Gibson was a gourmet cook, so she presented him with a

recipe book created by the La Palma-Cerritos AAUW.

At the end of their program, the VTS Club members were not able to enjoy "figgy pudding" that they sang about, but they were treated to cookies and punch.

After the VTS choral performance, President Barbara Atherton announced that the recent "Thirty-One" fundraiser that she hosted at her home raised \$500 for AAUW Funds.

The company "Thirty-One" donates 20 percent of sales of their products to non-profit groups who purchase their products. The name "Thirty-One" refers to Proverbs 31 in the Bible as it describes the "Perfect or Ideal Wife" who did so many admirable things.

Members contributed to the fundraiser by purchasing storage containers, purses and different zippered bags to carry food or to organize items such as jewelry, cosmetics or toys. Their purchases resulted

in the \$500 designated for the AAUW Funds, which support fellowships for graduate women.

Atherton also announced that one of our newest members who joined in October, Dr. Shin Liu, was recently re-elected in the November elections to serve her second term on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

AAUW's Holiday Party on will be held on Dec. 13, at the home of Carol and Bob Marsh.

As part of the AAUW's Holiday Giving Project for 2014, members are asked to bring gifts or gift cards to the Holiday Party for the family of seven that the La Palma-Cerritos AAUW has adopted for the Holiday Season. Contact Judy Figal at judyfigal@gmail.com regarding suggested items for gifts.

For more information about the AAUW's programs in 2015, contact Program Co-Vice-President Barbara Dunstan at 562-404-4760 or http://

## Law New ABC School Board President

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well," she said. He also knows the many facets of the school district and is a team player. To be a leader you have to have people who will work with you. Maynard has these qualities."

Chen described Law as a person who will be able to work with ABC's Superinten-

dent Dr. Mary Sieu. She said, "The two of them must work together to run the district."

After being elected Board President, Law complimented outgoing president Tse and said her leadership kept the board on the right path.

"We had some very difficult ruts in the road this past

year, but she lead us past them," he said.

Turning to future board actions, he said, "The District is very much involved with Common Core, and we must make sure that everything that needs to be done will be done."

"The second thing is our 50th year as a Unified School District with a celebration at Cerritos High School. The third thing I want to do is work with all our stakeholders to find a way to move our school district into the 21st century."

"We must all work together in this endeavor," he asserted. "We have 21st century education in our classrooms. We must now work to bring our facilities into the 21st Century."

Turning to the next board election he said, "ABC will have seven voting districts. We must continue to show we will still have one unified school board representing the entire district and not just one-seventh of the district."

## ABC Adult School Career Technical Education

The ABC Adult School Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) representatives hosted their annual General Advisory Board Luncheon recently at the Cuesta Campus.

More than 50 members of the General Advisory Board include ABC Adult School faculty, CTEC students, and representatives from area businesses that meet twice a year.

During the meeting, participants listened to an overview of the CTEC career paths relating to Office Occupations, Web/Graphics, Medical Occupations, and IT Technician.

Representatives from each of the occupational areas then met in smaller groups to discuss the career paths and reviewed programs including requirements for admission, program content, program length, program objectives, competency tests, instructional materials, equipment, methods of evaluation, and instructional delivery mode(s).

The ABC Adult Advisory Board exists as a bridge between the school and the community. The role of the Advisory Board is to assist in coordinating school objectives and services with the needs of the businesses in the community.

In this age of fast moving technology, this connection between education, industry and community is crucial to student success. Involvement by business representatives is key to providing relevant instruction and assures funding for ABC Adult CTEC programs.

ABC Adult School has expanded its Advisory Board to represent more career specific courses, which are offered in ABC Adult Vocational Education programs. Business representatives who participate in this important part of the career technical education program planning are valued assets to the success of ABC Adult students.

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Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido held his kick-off for a second term on the Cerritos City Council at Frontier Park Nov. 23 where more than 60 supporters joined in praising his dedication and accomplishments.

## Cerritos Mayor Launches Campaign For 2nd Term on City Council

By Larry Caballero

"I am very honored to serve as the Mayor of Cerritos, my hometown of over 42 years," said Mark Pulido at his campaign kickoff on Nov. 23. "We have accomplished a lot during my first term on the City Council, but there is much work still to be done, especially as we continue to recover from the recession.

"My campaign for re-election is a wonderful opportunity for me to engage in a conversation with our community about how we can keep

Cerritos moving forward for a brighter future for all," said Pulido.

Former Cerritos Mayor Laura Lee said, "I enthusiastically support Mark because I know how hard he works and will continue to work for the residents of Cerritos when he gets re-elected."

ABC School Board members, Maynard Law and Celia Spitzer, agreed. Cerritos Parks & Recreation Chair Cindy Yen Chen and Cerritos Fine Arts and Historical Commission Vice-Chair Nora Benzon think Pulido is determined to serve

the community where he was raised and is now raising his two children.

Pulido said he was humbled to receive so much support from the residents, and he is determined to do his very best when he returns to the Cerritos City Council for another four years.

Artesia Mayor Pro-Tem Miguel Canales said there is no one better suited for the job than Pulido.

"I am looking forward to working with him closely in the years to come," said Canales.

## Peter Kim Named La Palma Mayor



Mayor Peter Kim

By Larry Caballero

La Palma Councilmember Peter Kim thanked his colleagues for voting for him to be Mayor for 2015 and hopes the Council "can solve the challenges ahead while attempting to balance a budget, resolve future labor negotia-

tion issues and find ways to encourage new businesses to move into the city."

At the same meeting, Gerard Goedhart was elected Mayor Pro Tem by his council colleagues.

Councilmembers Steve Hwangbo and Michele Steggell thanked residents for voting for them Nov. 4 and promised to work very hard to make La Palma an even better place to live.

Talking to a full house at the Dec. 2 La Palma City Council meeting, outgoing Councilmember Henry Charoen admitted that he did not always agree with his colleagues or staff, but "I have always stepped up for the best interests of La Pal-

ma, and I am proud that twice during my eight years Money Magazine named our City as one of the best cities to live in."

As Councilmember Steve Hwangbo was being inducted for his second term, he thanked his family and the residents "for believing in me. We face some challenges ahead, but also some exciting opportunities, and I am ready for them."

Newly elected Councilmember Michele Steggell said she knows her years on the Council "will be a great experience, and I promise to work very hard every day for La Palma." Steggell also said that she felt honored to have the opportunity to serve for the next four years.

## Senior Saves a Life

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have been significantly different without the immediate action of Matthew Taylor."

He had taken a CPR class at school. "I did what I had been taught at Valley Christian as a freshman," said Taylor.

Matthew is a senior and will graduate in June 2015. He said he plans to go to Chapman College next fall.

Tonight at their regular meeting, the Cerritos City Council will honor Taylor by presenting him with a proclamation for his quick action in saving the man's life.

## COMMUNITY calendar

Mark Your Calendars  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**



### ARTESIA:

#### Events at the Artesia Library

- Magazine Holiday Tree Make and Take, Saturday, Dec. 13, 2-3:30 p.m.
- Family Storytime and Art Activity, Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. through Dec. 16.
- Rhyming Bingo, Saturday, Dec. 20, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Artesia Library is located at 18722 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA, 90701.

### CERRITOS:

#### Santa's Holiday Island

Dec. 13 12 p.m. Heritage Park Island • Children ages 2-11 may visit Santa. Also, crafts, music and caroling.

#### California Christmas Dance for Seniors

Dec. 19 6 - 10 p.m. - Cerritos Senior Center Great tasting food, a night of dancing, and a toast to the New Year! \$18 per person, Purchase tickets at the Cerritos Senior Center, 12340 South St., Cerritos

### HAWAIIAN GARDENS:

#### Seniors Christmas Celebration

Dec. 19 • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mary Rodriguez Senior Center, 21815 Pioneer Blvd.

## Kids Can Call, Email or Write Letters to Santa

Little ones are invited to call, email or send a letter to Santa Claus this holiday season. Children can talk person-to-person with Santa, Mrs. Claus or an elf at the North Pole.

Registration to receive a phone call from Santa is open until Dec. 14. Four to 5 year olds (registration number 215065) must be home to receive calls on Dec. 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Six to 7 year olds (regis-



tration number 215066) must be available to accept calls on Dec. 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Eight to 9 year olds (registration number 215067) must be available to receive calls on Dec. 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. To register or for more information, visit [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us) or call Heritage Park at (562) 916-8570.

Those who have access to the Internet can email a special greeting to Santa. Children up to age 11 can send their holiday wishes to Santa electronically from Dec. 1 to Dec. 18. A link to email Santa will be provided on the City of Cerritos website at [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us).

Children may also write a letter to Santa, which will be forwarded to the North Pole and must be received by the Recreation Services Division on or before Dec. 12.

Letters should be addressed to: Santa Claus, North Pole, P.O. Box 3130, Cerritos, CA 90703. Children wishing to receive a response from Santa should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

For more information, call (562) 916-1254.

## 10 Candidates Running for Cerritos City Council

Ten candidates are running for three open seats on the Cerritos City Council in the March 3, 2015 election.

Mayor Mark Pulido is running for a second term and is the only incumbent on the ballot. Former Mayor and Councilmember Jim Edwards is running after sitting out for two years due to term limits.

The other candidates include: Sultan Ahmad; former ABC Board Member James Kang; former Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu; Meninberbir Singh Sethi; Cerritos Planning Commissioner Naresh Solanki; ABC Board Member Sophia Tse; Cerritos Planning Commissioner Choung Vo; and Frank Yokoyama.

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A Note from the Publisher

## The Christmas Season is Upon Us



By Melinda Kimsey

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

The holidays are upon us, and all that we can do is decorate, bake and shop till we drop. Actually, I have ordered most of my gifts online, and that has been a real time saver.

To be perfectly honest, I do enjoy going out to stores and buying a few things and taking in the sights and sounds of the holiday season. I don't mind shopping as long as I don't really need anything. I know that probably doesn't make a great deal of sense, but there you have it.

There are so many events taking place that even espresso coffee can't keep me awake for all of the holiday activities, but it is so much fun re-connecting with friends and folks I don't see but only during the holiday season.

Some of the most fun times have been going to the

Christmas tree lighting events. Children are so excited during this time of year, and certainly, that excitement is contagious, in a good way.

My grandkids love to come over and we make decorations, make cookies, and we have so much fun. One trick I have learned over time is that I bake the cookies a few days ahead of time because the real fun is in decorating the cookies.

My adorable bulldog Duchess just loves getting all of the crumbs that fall on the floor. Apparently, chocolate is not good for dogs, but Christmas cookies don't bother her tummy at all.

I guess the old saying that Christmas cookies don't have calories is true too. Thank goodness, I have tasted quite of few.

During this time of year, there are many needy families, including young children that really need a helping hand. There are several service organizations that have food drives during this time of year, and it feels so good to help them. Also, there are lots of drop sites for toys for those children that are in need, too.

A good place to take your donated toys is the Cerritos Regional Chamber, and they

also have a list of other drop sites. In addition to these drop sites, you can take toys to the local fire stations.

I would like to remind everyone that the Cerritos Regional Chamber holiday mixer is at the Sheraton Hotel on Dec. 18 at 5 p.m., and it is a great way to meet new friends and possibly join the Chamber. Also, they have a lot of very nice gifts that they sell raffle tickets for, so I hope to see you there.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Gateway* just before Christmas as there are lots of photos of our young friends enjoying this holiday time.

We have some new guest writers, and I would like to "welcome them aboard." You might have noticed that on the masthead, that is fancy newspaper talk for the place you see our names and address, that there is a new name, Dana Hawkins.

Dana is our newest staff intern, and she is the Assistant Design Editor to Janet Beach. Dana is very talented in this area, and we enthusiastically welcome her to the *Gateway Guardian*.

I am wishing you a very Merry Christmas and, as always, Happy Trails.

## Giving Vent to Anger Is Temporary Insanity



By Jerry Bernstein

My Friend from Fruitcake, Florida walked into the office one afternoon and without a word sat down. He sat there quietly for five minutes. Finally, he said, "I just don't know what this world is coming to."

I looked at him and could tell he was upset about something. "What's going on?" I asked.

"Well, the people of Fruitcake decided we needed a new library-community center. The old building was built in the 1940's and needed major repairs. The city council decided it was time to do some major remodeling on the building as opposed to replacing it and voted to hold a special bond election to pay for the needed repairs.

On my previous visit home, I had described the Teen Center that was added to the Cerritos Library and suggested we add a similar facility to our library. The council liked my suggestion and included it in the proposed remodel."

"So?" I asked

"You know Fruitcake is a small town. Like the rest of our state, we have our share of retirees, many who rely on their pensions to make ends meet."

He paused a moment. "We held several community meetings where they answered our questions. I don't think many of the voters understood what we meant by a library teen center."

Did you explain it was a place where the Fruitcake's students could come to study

and use the computers that would be installed for their homework?" I asked.

"Apparently we didn't explain it sufficiently. Our school district is in no position right now to provide its students with the latest computers to bring their classrooms completely into the 21st Century. That's why we thought the teen center was viable."

He paused for a moment, then continued. "There was some opposition, but we all thought the bond issue would pass. It didn't. I believe the retirees felt they couldn't afford an increase in their taxes and didn't understand what the teen center was."

"Maybe your bond issue needed to be lower," I said, "making it more compatible with their pocketbooks."

"That's what the council thought," he replied. "They decided they could get by with the basics and add on later as the economy recovered from the recession."

"Well, Fruitcake is not an island until itself," I said. "Unfortunately that happened here, too. We had a school bond election that failed. There were calls for reconciliation from both sides, but sarcasm and anger sometime gets the better of people. It's human nature."

"I guess so. I'm upset by the bitterness and sarcasm expressed," he said.

I agree," I answered. "We're living in difficult times right now, and people are on edge."

My Friend From Fruitcake, Florida nodded in agreement. "We agreed to hold another election, but this time we're going to hold more community meetings. We know what's needed but we'll go with the basics." He paused a moment. "Well, thanks for listening to me, he said as he got up out of his chair to leave.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear ABC Community,

On Dec. 2, the ABC Board of Education, held its annual reorganization meeting. This is for the selection of the Board President, Vice President and Clerk.

I wish to congratulate Maynard Law on becoming our newly elected Board President. Although I served as Vice President this past year, the majority of the board – Armin Reyes, Olympia Chen, Celia Spitzer and Maynard Law – voted against my nomination to become the next Board President.

It is clear, that my board colleagues still need to heal from the election results of Measure

AA. It was obvious from their actions at that meeting. For some reason, they feel that my vote against placing the bond on the ballot was the reason why Measure AA did not pass.

It was not my vote alone. It was the voices of the 9,679 residents who voted against it. Their voices were heard and their vote needs to be respected. I am asking my board colleagues to set aside their anger.

There were many others who supported the bond and for most of them, we have "agreed to disagree." And for that, I am grateful for the mutual respect we have for one another.

I encourage this board to do the same. They need to re-

spect the voters and to value the opinions of the ABC community, myself included.

There are times when a board is unable to reach a unanimous decision. However, a 6-1 vote is just as healthy, as it shows transparency. Board members have a fiduciary duty to this community and we serve at the pleasure of the people – the very folks who elected us. We need to move forward in developing a plan that is in the best interest of our students, parents and teachers.

Next year will be an eventful year as we celebrate ABC's 50th Anniversary! I look forward to continuing the collaboration we have with our employee groups, as well as our PTAs and our foundation.

There is much work ahead of us, and I am confident that together we will have student achievement for all of our students in ABC.

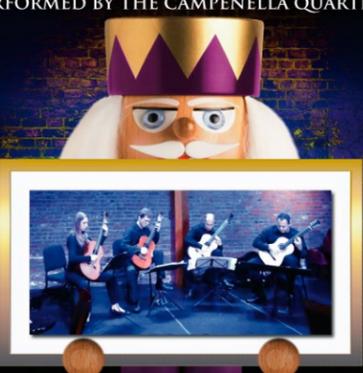
I am honored to have served as your Vice President this past year. Thank you for your continued support!

Happy Holidays to you and your families and a prosperous New Year to you all.

Best,  
Lynda Johnson  
ABC Board Member

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At his Campaign Kickoff on Nov. 23, Cerritos City Council candidate Jim Edwards (center) is joined by his wife Connie, daughter Stacy and her family, Cerritos Councilmembers Bruce Barrows and George Ray, and former Cerritos Mayors Dr. Bob Hughlett, Gloria Kappe and Sherman Kappe, as well as many city commissioners.

## Jim Edwards Kicks Off His 2015 Campaign for Cerritos City Council

By Brad Beach

After sitting out for two years due to term limits, former two-time Cerritos Mayor and eight-year City Council member Jim Edwards is running for another term.

He kicked off his campaign at the home of Dr. Bob and Marianne Hughlett on Nov. 23 with many long-time supporters attending the event.

Edwards has the endorsements of 10 former Mayors, including Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe from the 4th District.

In addition, ABC School Board members Olympia Chen, Maynard Law and Celia Spitzer, along with Cerritos College Board members Dr. Shin Liu and Bob Arthur, support Edwards.

He served on the Cerritos City Council from 2005-2013 after retiring as a teacher at Gahr High School.

He is currently involved with the Cerritos Chamber of

Commerce, Optimist Club, 1st CEB Adoption Committee, Friends of Arts Education at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, where he serves as President, and he is on the Lakewood Regional Medical Center Board as well.

Edwards is running on a platform of maintaining Cerritos' high level of public safety, ensuring a balanced budget, improving infrastructure, preserving current services, reinforcing community partnerships and maintaining transparency.

Cerritos City Councilmember George Ray has known Edwards for a long time and complimented his service to the City. Ray said that Edwards is a man of integrity and would make an excellent City Councilmember.

"Jim Edwards has the experience and fortitude to lead our city during challenging times," said Dr. Bob Hughlett. "He sees the big picture, does his homework and is strong against the pleas of the special

interests."

Bruce Barrows, Sherman Kappe and Gloria Kappe (all former Mayors) also spoke about Edwards' exceptional leadership abilities and moral character.

Edwards thanked everyone for coming and for their support. He talked about his vision for the City. He also said that it was going to be a tough race since there are so many candidates running for the three open seats.

Edwards said that since he is retired, he can dedicate 100 percent of his time to Cerritos residents.

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Cerritos for the past 25 years," said Edwards. "I will work diligently to move the 'All America' City of Cerritos forward in these tough economic times and ensure that our city remains fiscally sound."

For more information please visit Edward's website at [www.vote4edwards.com](http://www.vote4edwards.com).

## Abner Mares Gives Turkeys to Hawaiian Gardens Residents



Bantam-weight boxer and former champion Abner Mares (center) presented 300 turkeys recently to members of the City Council for Hawaiian Gardens residents to enjoy over the holidays. Accepting the turkeys are (l-r) City Council members Victor Farfan, Mike Gomez, Mayor Reynaldo Rodriguez, and Mayor Pro Tem Barry Bruce. Mares, who was raised in Hawaiian Gardens, said he wanted to give back to the community where he first entered the field of boxing. Mares' next fight will be Dec. 13 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

## Parking restrictions relaxed for holidays

Out-of-town guests visiting family and friends in Cerritos for the holidays are welcome to park overnight on Cerritos streets without a permit during the City's annual holiday parking moratorium.

Parking permits will not be required Saturday, Dec. 13 through Tuesday, Jan. 6 for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

Permits are normally required to park on City streets between 3 and 5 a.m. to help keep streets clear and allow residents and deputies to quickly spot suspicious vehicles. Overnight parking permit renewals are currently taking place.

For more information, call the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266.

## Hawaiian Gardens Business Rehabilitation Project Completed

By Jerry Bernstein

The Hawaiian Gardens City Council accepted completion of the commercial rehabilitation of CCC Auto Electric located at 12430 Carson Street under the city's commercial rehabilitation program.

Community Development Director Joseph Colombo said the city implemented a commercial rehabilitation program with the intent of providing financial assistance to landlords and tenants of properties to enhance their visual appearance within commercial areas of the city.

The program provides a rebate of 80 percent to participants. The remaining 20 percent is the responsibility of the applicant. The overall project budget was set for \$186,500 (construction) with an additional \$27,975 for contingency costs for a total of \$214,475.

Colombo said on March 11, 2013, the Council approved the city's funding for the rehabilitation at \$149,200 plus a 15 percent contingency

cost funding at \$11,380 for a project budget of \$171,580 to be funded by the city.

In his report, Colombo said the project was completed with a saving of \$20,885, of which \$16,708 constituted unspent city funds. The final construction cost was \$193,590.

In other business, the Council extended the professional services agreement with Willdan Engineering to perform as-needed municipal engineering and other professional services for a period of two years.

Community Development Director Joseph Colombo said during the day-to-day operations, the Community Development Department requires certain professional and technical consultant(s) to provide as needed specialized municipal engineering, surveying, construction and other professional services with broad technical expertise.

Payment for day to day engineering services will be paid for out of the Engineering budget.



Cerritos City Councilmembers George Ray and Bruce Barrows present 1st CEB Marine Sgt. Douglas Cox with a proclamation from the city. Attending the ceremony were: (l-r) Friends of the 1st CEB Marlene Rofe and Mickey Christason, Councilman George Ray, Jamie Cox (wife), Councilman Bruce Barrows, Friends of the 1st CEB Mary Ann Tierheimer, Chris Tierheimer and Laurie Forward, and Planning Commissioner Chuong Vo.

## 1st CEB Meritorious Marine Honored

Sgt. Douglas Cox is an outstanding NCO and Sapper Instructor. Upon coming to the unit, he fully dedicated himself to learning the Sapper mission and being an integral part of the Instructor Cadre.

With no prior experience as a Division Engineer, Sgt. Cox had to quickly learn the new skill sets required of him, adapt to the Division lifestyle, and outperform his peers in order to remain an Instructor on the team.

He passed the rigorous instructor indoctrination process and has furthered the skill sets he brings to the cadre by completing Martial Arts Instructor Course and training in the latest sweeping equipment.

Sgt. Cox's initiative and desire to contribute to the team prompted him to be the lead instructor for the Survivability and Booby Trap classes which he handled expertly. On the instructor team, he routinely volunteers to be close to the students during patrol missions, and on demolition and shooting ranges as a Primary Safety Officer.

Sgt. Cox is consistently nominated to represent his company as the NCO of the Quarter, and a Meritorious Sergeant Board which he won.

Sgt. Cox also embodies some of the most valuable traits in a young Sergeant – he is intelligent, physically fit, and well disciplined.

# La Palma Tree Lighting Ceremony Canceled, but Santa Arrives on Time

The weather outside was cold and the rain kept falling, postponing indefinitely the La Palma Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. However, the rain did not keep Santa Claus away, and inside the La Palma Recreation Center, Santa Claus was visiting with the children while their parents hovered nearby. It was a fun time for everyone.



John Goodman, 5, visits on Santa Claus' lap, telling him what he wanted for Christmas at the La Palma Recreation Center Dec. 3.



With the La Palma Christmas Tree Lighting postponed because of rain, Santa held court in the La Palma Recreation Center. With him are Stacy Teach and his brothers Tyler and Andrew.



Miss La Palma Maddi Thompson and Shelby Rogers (both seated on Santa's lap), Michelle Glasell and Kari Kessinger said they're not too old to visit with Santa Claus.

# Bingo Club Holds Annual Employees' Christmas Party



The Hawaiian Gardens Bingo Club held its annual Christmas party for its employees and families Dec. 6. Attending were: (l-r) Sal Flores, liaison for the Moskowitz Foundation; Councilmember Mariana Rios; Councilmember Victor Farnan; ABC Board member Sophia Tse; City Manager Ernesto Marquez; Mayor Pro Tem Barry Bruce; Public Housing Directors Carmella Mahar and Alba Bac; Santa Claus; ABC Board member Celia Spitzer; and Mayor Reynaldo Rodriguez.



Santa Claus holds 10-month-old Melanie Castillo at the Hawaiian Gardens Bingo Club's annual Employee Christmas Party.



# 1st CEB Marines Invited to Republican Club's Annual Christmas Party

By Janet Beach

The Cerritos Republican Club celebrated the holidays at its annual Christmas Party on Dec. 9. Special guests were 20 1st CEB Marines, who came up from Camp Pendleton to enjoy a delicious turkey dinner. Accompanying them were Lt. Col. Colin Smith and Sgt. Maj. Dan Krause.

Club members and guests brought toys for the Marines to distribute to children at their Christmas Party on Dec. 19.

Entertainment included a performance by the New Life Bell Choir and 8-year-old Russell Lingad, performing a Michael Jackson dance routine.

Following the party, the club held its swearing in of new officers: Becky T. Lingad, President; Noel Jaimes, Vice President; Joan Pylman, Secretary, and Ben Campos, Treasurer.

# Artesia City Council

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"Our downtown is about 60-80 years old and has never been remodeled. The funds are from the state and have to be used for that purpose or it goes back to the state."

He said the city code has been changed so multi-storied buildings can be built in Artesia to increase commerce and bring in new residents.

Mayor Miguel Canales thanked



Tony Lima and Cristina Garcia

his fellow council members for electing him as mayor. "It is a privilege that I will carry proudly, paying tribute to those in the room without whom this privilege would not have been possible."

He said he would try to make decisions for the betterment of the people of Artesia.

The Mayor said he would work hard for the city. "Some

will not agree with my decisions but, I welcome the debate. Thank you for the opportunity, and I am honored to be Artesia's Mayor."

Canales said his parents immigrated to the United States so he could have a better life. He said he grew up in downtown Los Angeles and did his homework in a small rented one-bedroom home. Not everyone in the neighborhood survived in the inner city. Not everyone graduated from high school and went on to college.

He said without his parents' and siblings' support, he would not have graduated. He said higher education shaped his thinking and outlook, and he concluding by saying, "I'm proud to represent the people of Artesia on the council and now as their Mayor."



Marines get ready to pack up the toys donated by Republican Club members and guests at its Christmas Party on Dec. 9.



With his parents, Carlo and Serlee Anne Lingad, Russell Lingad, 8, shows off his Marine costume. He later performed a Michael Jackson dance for the crowd and got a huge round of applause.



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# LEELIN BAKERY & CAFE

*A Taste of the Philippines*



Goldilocks Bakery owners recently changed the name of the business to the Leelin Bakery & Cafe.

By William & Selene Lee

Remember Goldilocks Bakery at South Street and Gridley Road? It was a Filipino institution as far as bakeries are concerned.

Now, the owners, the Leelin family, have changed it to their name and expanded the menu in their cafe, as well as their delicious desserts, baked goods and custom cakes. Leelin had their official Grand Opening recently at the same location in Cerritos.

We had the opportunity to have lunch at their cafe on a Saturday, we had just missed the weekend breakfast buffet which is served from 8 to 11 a.m. Store manager Dina DeGuzman Maningas came and greeted us.

We wanted to order some well-known and popular Filipino dishes, so we had the Lumpiang Shanghai for appetizers, and the Chicken Adobo and the Grilled Bangus to share.



The Lumpiang Shanghai are bite sized egg rolls filled with ground pork and shrimp fried to a crispy golden brown. They were simply delicious. The Chicken Adobo is where the chicken is slow-cooked in vinegar, garlic, soy sauce and

black pepper. Like the Pork Adobo, it is widely regarded as one of the Philippine's "national dishes." It came with a generous serving of rice and vegetables.

The Bangus is milkfish from the Philippines, the whole boneless milkfish is marinated in spices, lots of garlic and vinegar, then grilled. It also came with rice and vegetables.

For dessert, we had to try the Halo Halo, shaved ice with milk, tropical fruits and beans, topped with purple yam ice cream and the Leche Flan (Filipino custard) with Ube ice cream. They were refreshing. Almost everyone has to have something Ube here.

Leelin Cafe has many things to offer. They have indoor and outdoor seating, which is popular with larger parties and families since it is quite spacious.

Besides the breakfast weekend buffet, they have happy hours, one or two items to go for a special price, weekend special (fish and one other).

We also met one of the owner Carmela L. Leelin, who is the VP for Corp. Accounts & Products Development headquarters in Santa Fe Springs. She developed all the foods and bakeries served in all the six Leelin locations in Southern California.

If you like Filipino food, come to Leelin, and you will not be disappointed.

Leelin Bakery & Cafe is located at 11489 South Street-Cerritos, CA 90703. (562) 924-5990



The Leelin Bakery & Cafe sells many Filipino bakery items, as well as an assortment of beautiful cakes for every occasion.



Join the madness and sample Leelin's famous ensaimadas in six delicious flavors for only \$2.99.

## HOW SWEET IT IS!

By Larry Caballero

"How sweet it is!" Although this expression was a trademark for Jackie Gleason, a popular entertainer in the 1950's and 60's, it certainly would apply to the sweet and tasty bakery products served at the Leelin Bakery & Cafe in Cerritos.

The Leelin family has been in the food business for the past 37 years, specializing in Filipino cuisine. Their recipes and best practices used in the family's restaurants and bakeries have been meticulously handed down through three generations, resulting in the best quality products and excellent customer service.

Store manager Dina DeGuzman Maningas said, "The Leelin mission is to bring the best of Filipino cuisine to everyone all over the world and to let the whole world experience the wonderful uniqueness and diversity of Philippine foods, desserts and culture."

The most popular baked goods include French sponge cakes and Supreme Brioche (Premium Ensamada with Cheese). Leelin describes its ensaimadas as "spectacularly delectable" that includes "six different madly delish glaze flavors and lots of yummy toppings."

Choose from ensaima-

das that are named Creamy Dreamy, Honeydewdis, Mocha Loca, Ubelicious, Choco OMG and Naughty Strawberry.

Leelin's online store promotes other tasty treats such as biscotti, yellow bean hopia, shortbread cookies and tamarind.

If you're thirsty, order a Halo Halo, a shaved ice with milk beverage that includes two tropical fruits and beans, topped with purple yam ice cream.

Another popular drink is the iced coffee latte with coconut sugar. Other favorites include Leche Flan with Ube ice cream and Filipino custard, cheese rolls with Ube ice cream and rice cake topped with velvety cream cheese.

Breads and pastries include flavorful cheese rolls, tasty White Loaf, California Raisin Loaf Bread, Purple Yam Bread Loaf and Coconut Loaf Bread. And don't forget to sample their Filipino Custard Flan.

Their products are made with the finest ingredients in a HACCP-validated facility and are priced affordably to ensure complete customer satisfaction.

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## Grace Hu Launches Campaign for Election to Cerritos City Council



Congressman Ed Royce greets former Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu at her campaign kickoff for Cerritos City Council held Nov 15 in the Sierra Room at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

By Jerry Bernstein

An estimated 300 supporters attended Grace Hu's campaign kickoff on Nov. 15. The keynote speaker was Congressman Ed Royce, who was introduced by Cerritos businessman Allen Wood.

The Congressman said he has known Grace for 22 years, describing her as a hard worker in business, family and civic projects.

"Grace has been there when needed," he said, citing her contributions to Cabrillo Lane Handicap Program, Cerritos Branch of the Chinese TZE, and various school programs.

"She was and still is a strong supporter of the Senior Center," he said. "When pre-

viously on the council, Grace voted for the first two senior housing condominiums, sheriff station, and library expansion. She was also and still is a strong supporter of Cerritos parks."

Emcee for the dinner event was William Palmer. Entertainment included songs by Linda and Charlie Chen, Chinese Harp (goo-tsang) and Pipah Performance, Salsa Dance by Feng & Bernido Campo, Mexican Dances, Children's Choir and Chinese Opera.

Introducing Hu was Diana Needam. Hu said, "I just want to serve the residents of Cerritos."

She noted the city would celebrate its 60th birthday next year. Our infrastructure is

aging, and we don't want the problems that Los Angeles is facing with water mains breaking down. We need to do what is necessary to keep our city viable."

She said she previously served nine years on the council. "I have the knowledge and experience, and now I have the time. I raised my two sons and daughter. All three of my children are products of ABC schools."

She added, with a little pride in her voice, her oldest son went on to become a doctor and is a Professor of Sociology. Her youngest son works with her in her real estate business, and her daughter is a also a doctor.

Hu said the city lost the Redevelopment Agency and the revenue it provided when the legislature and governor closed the agencies down. She said Cerritos lost approximately \$30 million annually in revenue.

"We need to work to replace that income." She said she would also like to see more programs at city facilities for our younger residents. "We need to bring them back to Cerritos once they finish their schooling."

Hu concluded by saying her door would always be open to Cerritos residents who can come to her anytime.

## Around and About Alohaland Part 2



By Dr. Bob Hughlett

Wednesday bright and early we got up and drove off to White Rock Beach (aka a combination of seven vowels and two consonants in Hawaiian) for family photos at the hands of Craigslist photographers, who took shots from every imaginable angle.

We watched a bride in her full white regalia wading in the surf for another camera further down the sand, so we knew we had the right spot for posing.

Our plan to stay and frolic at the beach changed with the rising tide and pounding surf filled with bits of coral ripped from the nearby atoll by the storm surge.

Plans to further explore the rest of the day were stymied

by the creeping exhaustion being felt by all as we continued to burn the candle at all three ends. We compromised by returning to Bliss House for an afternoon of pool, lunch, napping, and sunshine.

Shortly before sunset we left for dinner with George and Bev at their place, ironically a couple hundred yards from the beach where we had been photographed from stem to stern that morning. A delightful dinner with good friends 2,347 miles from the places we call home... it is an interesting world.

In 1988 the four of us took the Trilogy catamaran from Lahaina to Lanai and had a special day we remember warmly. On Thursday we repeated the trip with the full squad of 10 along for the ride. Those who think change is always a good thing would have been sorely disappointed with Trilogy 2014.

Everything from the cin-

namon rolls at departure, snorkeling at the halfway point, tasty chicken dinner on Lanai and spectacular sunset as we docked were reruns from 26 years ago. The day was one delight after another - especially when we watched each turn through the eyes of the grandkids.

We all snapped pictures of a beaming Aidan manning the helm of the 50-passenger sailing ship under the watchful eye of skipper Brian.

As George so well said at dinner last night, we spent the day making memories for the young ones to savor for a lifetime and eventually share with their grandkids in the distant future. Just check with Aidan in a couple dozen years and you'll understand.

Let me know what you think of this column and suggest others at [b.hughlett@verizon.net](mailto:b.hughlett@verizon.net).

## Assemblymember Garcia's Second "There Ought to Be a Law" Contest

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia will be launching her second "There Ought to Be a Law" contest for residents of the 58th Assembly District.

Constituents from the cities of Montebello, Pico Rivera, Commerce, Bell Gardens, Downey, Norwalk, Bellflower, Cerritos and Artesia are invited to submit ideas or proposals for a new state law.

Entries can cover a wide range of issues that can be addressed by legislation, with the intent of improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods throughout the state of California.

The contest is open to people of all ages, and school-aged children and college students are especially encouraged to participate.

"I want my constituents to be my partners in setting my legislative agenda," Garcia said. "I encourage my constituents to share with me their bill ideas, inspired by their daily experiences - ideas that will make all of California better."

Last year's proposal submitted by Sally and Ron Hoyt from Bell Gardens was introduced as Assembly Bill 1596. The bill required all vote-by-

mail applications, when completed, to be mailed directly to the county registrar's office and not to middlemen or political campaign organizations.

This measure was passed through the legislature, signed by the Governor and will become law on January 1, 2015.

Assemblymember Garcia will choose at least one winner from the contest. The winner will have the opportunity to travel to Sacramento, testify before an Assembly Committee on the merits of the bill, and have lunch with Assemblymember Garcia.

Remember, the deadline for entries is Friday, Jan. 16, 2015.

Submissions will be accepted by mail, e-mail, or fax. Applications can be submitted online at: <http://asmcd.org/members/a58/other-resources/there-ought-to-be-a-law-form>, faxed to (562) 861-5158 or mailed to: Office of Assemblymember Garcia, 8255 Fireside Blvd, Suite 203, Downey, CA 90241

If you have any questions, please see Assemblymember Garcia's website or call her district office at (562) 861-5803.

### KNX 10.70 NEWSRADIO

#### 'KNX On Your Corner' to Converge on Cerritos

KNX 1070 NEWSRADIO will bring its award-winning series profiling local communities to Cerritos when "KNX On Your Corner" spotlights our city on Friday, Dec. 12 from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

KNX will provide comprehensive reports on the history and highlights of Cerritos. Tune in for live and pre-taped interviews with city businesses, leaders and community members.

The public is invited to the live broadcast at Mimi's Café in the Cerritos Towne Center. Free refreshments will be offered and Mimi's Café will also serve as a drop-off point for KNX's annual "CHiPs For Kids" holiday toy drive.

New, unwrapped toys will be collected for distribution locally to less fortunate children by the California Highway Patrol.



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# Owen Honored By Assemblywoman Garcia



As part of her “#Pride 58” campaign, Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia presents Dorothy Owen with a certificate of recognition for her outstanding contributions to the community.

By Larry Caballero

Cristina Garcia decided to launch a new campaign called “#Pride 58” to recognize deserving individuals, organizations and/or businesses for her 58th Assembly District. The first Cerritos resident to be nominated by community members was Dorothy Owen.

“I was so honored and elated when her office called and said that I had been named as a recipient of the #Pride 58 Award, and even more excited when the Assemblywoman herself presented me with a Certificate of Achievement at the Cerritos Veterans Memorial,” said Owen.

Born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee, she attended Vanderbilt University where she majored in liberal arts.

Before she could earn her degree, she fell in love and married her first husband Norbert Mikun, and earned a PHT (Putting Hubby Through). She eventually did graduate, majoring in Latin American Studies and Business Administration from the California State University Fullerton.

She went to work for various independent insurance agencies, having several duties except selling insurance, while he finished college and eventually receiving a patent for a mechanical chess-playing machine in 1978.

Then they developed a computer software program for the chess improvement system for the first microcomputers. The sales of these products, and Mikun returning to his computer career as a consultant for businesses and the opening of a computer store, allowed them a comfortable lifestyle for 20 years. They were married for 37 years when he died.

Dorothy and her second husband, retired Sgt/Major David Owen, became interested in serving the veteran community. They became the original Board members of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (CEB) Adoption Committee, after the City of Cerritos adopted the battalion on Nov. 11, 2007.

The group’s mission is to enhance the morale and well-being of the 1st CEB and to

honor the Marines and their families at Camp Pendleton.

After her husband passed, Owen became more involved in the community as a continuing Board member of the 1st CEB, and she works with the City of Cerritos and local businesses to honor a Marine each month with one night at the Cerritos Sheraton, a performance at the Cerritos Performing Arts Center and weekend meals.

Owen is also the Chairwoman for the Cerritos Adopt-a-Battalion Committee and is active in the Woman’s Club of Artesia-Cerritos.

She has been a member of the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce since 1978 and is also a member of the new Artesia Chamber of Commerce.

Owen is extremely honored to have been asked in 2011 to be a member of the Cerritos College’s committee planning a first-ever Military Ball honoring all five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

The idea was brought to fruition through the joint efforts of the Associated Student Body and the Veterans Resource Center at Cerritos College.

Owen has twice been named Ambassador of the Year for the Cerritos Chamber, and she has recently joined Su-Casa – Ending Domestic Violence as a Board member, and generously donates to various local charitable organizations.

She also is a proud mother, mother-in-law and grandmother.

Assemblywoman Garcia said, “I want to honor these individuals who inspire people, serve others and do good without ever having been asked.”



Cast members of “The Impossible Years” at Gahr High School include: (l - r) Jimmy Garcia (Wally), Manuel Santana (Andy), Nicole Xavier (Linda Kingsley), and Jackson Chavarria (Ricky).

# Gahr High School presents ‘The impossible Years’

By Nicole Xavier

Gahr High School made its 2014-15 theatre season debut on Nov. 19 - 22 by producing “The Impossible Years” by Arthur Marx.

“The Impossible Years,” directed by Ms. Morris, revolves around Jack Kingsley played by Luis Avalos, a well-educated psychiatrist who is writing a novel based on the teenage psyche.

Mishaps arouse once 17-year-old Linda Kingsley, played by Nicole Xavier, deliberately perpetrates a trauma between her family and hippie friends.

As the lead actress in this play, I personally felt it was the perfect show to be the voice of generations. Sure, it took place during the 70’s, but every generation goes through a period of our lives where you want to find something that makes up for our whole existence.

This production of “The Impossible Years” provided that. The play showcased a wide range of transformations from the cast to Gahr’s stage craft students.

“This production helped me build my confidence for the future and opened my eyes to continue to be productive,” said Manuel Santana (Andy).

These students stepped out of their intermediate surroundings to go beyond their limits, filled dedication for the arts.

“This production made me experience new things that I didn’t think I would try,” said Troy Quick (Smuts). Seeing the involvement each student took part in, brings me so much joy and honor to be part of a wonderful group of theatre students.

On behalf of Gahr’s theatre department, I can say “The Impossible Years” was a success!

# Shop Cerritos This Holiday Season

By Mayor Mark Pulido

With the holiday season in full swing, I’d like to invite our residents and community members to shop at one of the more than 30 shopping centers in Cerritos. Local purchases generate sales tax revenues that support many City services to benefit the community. All of the Cerritos shopping center locations, with a list of stores and a map, are available at [shopcerritos.com](http://shopcerritos.com).

Don’t forget to check out the new Microsoft store and Zara in the Los Cerritos Center, and get a bite to eat at the new Which Wich in the Cerritos Promenade, a pizza at the Domino’s in the Cerritos Plaza or a frozen treat at Creamistry in the Fountain Plaza.

Also, don’t forget those who are less fortunate. Residents are encouraged to donate to local community programs, including “Toys for Tots,” the Salvation Army Angel Giving Tree Program and the Artesia-Cerritos Community Christmas Program sponsored by community volunteers.

The annual “Toys for Tots” program provides gifts to local underprivileged children. Donate unwrapped

toys, such as dolls, crafts, toy cars, building blocks, books, games, etc. through Thursday, Dec. 11 in one of the Toys for Tots bins at Cerritos City Hall, Cerritos Library, Heritage Park, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, Liberty Park, Cerritos Park East, Cerritos Olympic Swim Center and Cerritos Sheriff’s Station.

To participate in the Salvation Army Angel Giving Tree Program, pick out one or more tags by Friday, Dec. 12 from the Angel Tree located in the Cerritos Senior Center. Then purchase new clothing and/or a new, unwrapped toy for the child on or before Wednesday, Dec. 17.

Donations and grocery store gift cards are also being sought for the annual Artesia-Cerritos Community Christmas Program (ACCCP) to benefit local disadvantaged families. Donations will be accepted through Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park and Holy Family Catholic Church in Artesia.

I wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season!



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Matthew 25:31-46

# The King Will Judge All People

“The Son of Man will come again in his great glory. All his angels will come with him. He will be King and sit on his great throne. All the people of the world will be gathered before him.

Then he will separate them into two groups as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. The Son of Man will put the sheep, the good people, on his right and the goats, the bad people, on his left.

Then the King will say to the good people on his right, ‘Come. My Father has given you his blessing. Come and receive the kingdom God has prepared for you since the world was made.

I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was alone and away from home, and you invited me into your house. I was without clothes and you gave me something to wear. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison and you visited me.’

Then the good people will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food? When did we see you alone and away from home and invite you into our house? When did we see you without clothes and give you something to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you?’

Then the King answered, ‘I tell you the truth. Anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for me.’”

**Reflection**

Separating sheep from goats was a familiar routine for the herders in Jesus’ day. Each night, the mixed herds would have to be separated. The

hearty sheep could sleep outdoors in the cold Palestinian evenings, while the goats had to be sheltered for warmth.

Today’s passage is yet another story on divine judgment. Matthew’s Gospel is marked with images of separating; weeds from wheat, fish in the net, trees that bear fruit from trees that are barren, and good servants from abusive ones.

The words in today’s Gospel signify the final separating, the glory of Jesus’ kingship over all, and the judgment of the nations by the shepherd-king.

The separating of the nations is left to the harvest time by the shepherd king who judges with a focus upon the basis of giving to the ‘least’ who are those most in need. Simple acts of love, kindness, and compassion are required of humankind.

In these simple acts of providing food, water, clothing, shelter, company, and solace, the believer discovers the presence of Christ who reigns in the hearts of all people. These small, somewhat insignificant deeds have eternal implications upon which we shall be judged in the end of time.

Only active, overflowing love can prepare for the reign of Christ the King. The caring, seeking, and embracing love of the shepherd for his flock characterizes this kingship. So, the circle of love and care for others is the only way to honor the kingdom and the reign of Christ.

As followers of Jesus, we are moved to honor our King by the simple deeds of love that witness the power of God’s kingdom.

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## Happy Hanukkah



Also spelled Chanukkah and known as the Festival of Lights, Feast of Dedication, Hanukkah is a eight-day Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire of the 2nd century BC. Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days, starting on the 25th day of Kislev, according to the Hebrew calendar, which may occur at any time from late November to late December. The festival is observed by the kindling of the lights of a unique, nine-branched menorah, one additional light on each night of the holiday, progressing to eight on the final night. The typical menorah consists of eight branches with an additional visually distinct branch. The extra light is called a shamash and is given a distinct location, usually above or below the rest.



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# Incubation Labs Is Business Friendly

By Larry Caballero

Artesia has a new business in town ready to help start-up businesses succeed. Incubation Labs' co-owner Kenneth Tran said its mission is to do research, develop ideas and advance innovation in science and technology for the betterment of society. The company welcomes inquiries from start-ups, investors, potential partners, sponsors, and affiliates.

"We incubate, accelerate, and make seed capital investments," said Tran. Founded by Dr. Ghassan Gholmieh in 2013, Incubation Labs now serves as a premier private business incubator in Artesia, California. "Success for us is measured in terms of product quality, business profitability, level of innovation, and social benefit."

Tran said their latest projects include new over the counter and nutraceutical products. "We also incubate and accelerate projects in digital media, website development and real estate investment."

Incubation Labs is a for profit company that provides seed capital for startups with high potential in terms of growth, profitability, and innovation.

For more information on current projects, contact Kenneth Tran at 714-548-8188 or make an appointment to visit its headquarters at 11428 Artesia Blvd, Suite 28 Artesia, CA 90701. Its website is: <http://www.incubationlabs.com>.



## 7 WAYS TO FIGHT THE FLU

How are you going to fight the flu today?

Flu Shot Hotline: 1-866-70-NO-FLU (1-866-706-6358)  
Flu vaccinations begin on September 27.

[kp.org/flu](http://kp.org/flu)

## What the Flu Vaccine Can Do For You



With the holidays around the corner, you'll likely be attending a few large gatherings. Leave the germs off the guest list and protect yourself from the flu with this year's vaccine.

Allison Naleway, PhD, an epidemiologist and vaccine researcher at the Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research, answers common questions about the flu vaccine.

**Q:** Who should get the flu vaccine?

**A:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the flu vaccine for everyone, starting at 6 months old. Pregnant women, young children, health care workers, the elderly, and people with certain chronic conditions such as

asthma should make it a point to get the vaccine.

**Q:** Can the flu vaccine cause the flu?

**A:** No, it cannot cause the flu. The injectable vaccine contains a killed virus, so there's no chance it can give you the flu. The inhaled vaccine contains a live virus that has been processed, and there are no known cases of it causing the flu.

If you get sick after getting the vaccine, it's probably because you caught some other bug around the same time.

**Q:** Why is a vaccine necessary for a fairly minor illness?

**A:** The flu can be quite serious, causing cough, sore throat, high fever, body aches, chills, fatigue, and headaches. Most people recover after a few days. However, many people end up in the hospital — and thousands die every year from complications of the flu.

## Real Estate Questions

Edited by Sammy Frianeza

**Q:** Is it a good time to sell my house during the holidays?

**A:** It is true most people are busy during the month of December preparing for the holidays. The shopping malls seem to be the center of activities for many, as the holidays mean buying presents for family and friends (and for yourself, too).

However, it has been observed that those who are looking at homes during the holiday season are those who are serious about making a purchase rather than those just looking.

Since most people decorate and beautify their homes during the holidays, it may not be an additional effort to show your home's best features to potential buyers. A new home could very well complement the other usual holiday big ticket items like new cars and jewelry.

**Q:** If I hire someone to put up my holiday decorations and he is injured in my property, am I liable?

**A:** Most likely, yes. Most homeowners' policies include liability insurance that covers you in case someone is injured in your property. However, this coverage may be limited, and even if it may be a little more expensive, it makes sense to hire someone or a contractor who carries their own general liability and workers' compensation insurance.

It is important to protect yourself from any unplanned expenses in case of worker injury or property damage whenever you have work done in your property.

**Q:** What are some safety and security tips for the holidays?

**A:** The easiest step to make in securing your home is to always lock your doors and windows when you leave your home unattended, even for only a few minutes.

Many burglars enter homes through unlocked doors or windows and they are usually done in only a few minutes. At night, having lights turned on by the front and back doors and even one indoor light always helps make burglars think twice.

Always inspect holiday lights for frayed or damaged wires that may ignite a fire, especially on drying Christmas trees. Watch for overloaded electrical outlets and lighted candles. Monitor small children with their new toys, especially those that have small parts that may be swallowed.

It is better to cut and flatten boxes of expensive electronics and put these inside the recyclables trash can rather than leave them on the curb as is during trash day. There are more suggestions for a safe holiday season. Oftentimes, it only takes some common sense. (If you have any real estate questions or comments, text or call me at (562)714-6459.)

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### Compare Your Home - Recently Sold Homes in November 2014

<p><b>18816 Elaine Ave, Artesia, CA</b> 3BR, 2BA, 1610 sq ft, 7062 sq ft lot Listed at \$492,000 Sold at \$500,000</p>	<p><b>13208 Hart Pl, Cerritos, CA</b> 4BR, 4BA, 1665 sq ft, 5347 sq ft lot Listed at \$749,000 Sold at \$725,000</p>
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**7762 Bouma Cr, La Palma, CA**  
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Homes Sold in October*		
	2013	2014
Artesia	4	6
Cerritos	16	24
Hawaiian Gardens	5	3
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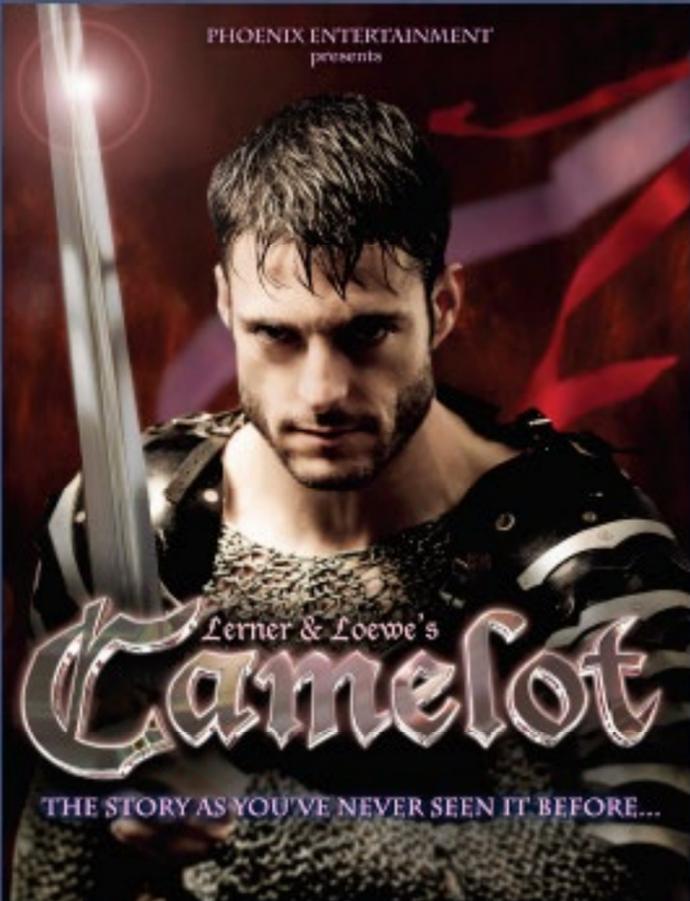



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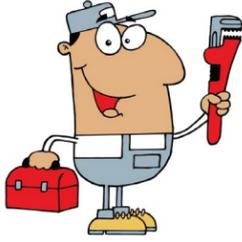
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