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Hawaiian Gardens Celebrates 53rd Birthday



Grand Marshall Leonardo Cuellar waves to the crowd.

By Jerry Bernstein

Weather predictions called for a clear sky with temperatures in the mid-60s to low 70s following a night of light rain. Perfect weather for an anniversary parade.

Hawaiian Gardens celebrated its 53rd birthday with



City of Hawaiian Gardens Float with Mayor Hank Trimble and City Council members, signifies the theme of the parade, "Moving Forward Together."

a three-day celebration beginning April 7 and ending April 9. The theme of the festivities was "Moving Forward Together," showcasing the community's progress.

Hawaiian Gardens residents and visitors began lining up along Carson Street at 9 a.m. impatiently waiting

for the parade to begin. They weren't disappointed.

There were marching bands, drill teams, floats and dignitaries riding in vintage and current automobiles that included Grand Marshall Leonardo Cuellar and Cerritos College President Jose Fierro.

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ABC District Update Given at Cerritos Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

By Jerry Bernstein

ABC Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu and members of her staff presented a report on the State of the District to members of the Chamber of Commerce at its monthly luncheon held on March 29.

"We are pleased," she said, "that the district's graduation rate is at 98 percent. Our mission at ABC is to develop a community of life-long learners, creative thinkers and responsible individuals by providing innovative and high quality educational programs."

"We have a five-year strategic plan," she explained, "that focuses on raising student achievement, academic excellence, dealing with emotional student issues and having effective resource management in our system."

Board President Christopher Apodaca said all five ABC Middle Schools have been designated "Schools to Watch," which are high performing model schools that demonstrate academic excellence, and re-



Cerritos City Councilmembers Jim Edwards, George Ray and Naresh Solanki attended with ABC School Board Members Maynard Law, Olympia Chen, Chris Apodaca, Soo Yoo, and Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu.

sponsiveness to student needs and social equity.

"The schools must complete an extensive application that is reviewed by middle grade experts to earn this designation," he explained, "and are also re-evaluated every three years in order to retain the designation."

Turning to the District's high schools, he said Whitney High School is recognized as one of the highest ranking schools in the Country. Another high school to watch is Artesia. "It has gone through a major transition under Princi-

pal Sergio Garcia that has been written about in the Huntington Post," he said.

Apodaca also praised Tracy High School whose students, he said, deserve a life of what they are capable of achieving and not the other way around. He described the District's Adult Education School as responding to the needs of the community both for students and adults.

School Grading

Dr. Sieu explained the state has a new accountability

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New Projects in Cerritos to Generate Significant Sales, Property Tax Revenues

Several new projects in Cerritos are currently underway, which are anticipated to generate significant sales and property tax revenues for the City of Cerritos.

The Aria luxury apartments located on Artesia Boulevard and Bloomfield Avenue were completed in 2016. The Picerno Group, which developed Aria, invested \$50 million in the project. To support municipal services to the residents, the property owner will make an annual payment of \$45,000 to the City. It is estimated that the residents of Aria will generate \$42,000 annually in sales tax revenue for the City.

Construction continues on the Sage luxury apartments adjacent to Aria. The Richman Group has invested \$43 million in the project. Similar to the Aria project, the City will receive an annual payment from the Sage property owner to support municipal services to the residents.

There will be an initial payment of \$39,600, and the amount will be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index, with a minimum yearly increase of 2 percent and a maximum annual increase of 5 percent. The payment will be in perpetuity. It is estimated that the residents of Sage will generate \$40,000 an-

nually in sales tax revenue for the City. The project is expected to be completed in 2017.

New developments continue at the Los Cerritos Center, which has seen an investment of more than \$45 million by property owner Macerich during the past two years. In September 2016, Chipotle Mexican Grill opened, located north of Macy's. Seattle-based pizza chain Mod Pizza will open at the mall later this year next to Chipotle.

P.F. Chang's China Bistro is expected to open by Thanksgiving in the space previously occupied by Red Robin. Sales tax revenue from the Los Cerritos Center averaged approximately \$1 million per quarter in 2016. Projected sales tax revenue for the first quarter of 2017 is \$850,000.

Approximately \$113 million has been invested in Plaza 183 by the developer since 2015, when the shopping center completed extensive façade and landscape improvements. New tenants also opened for business, including Nordstrom Rack, Saks Fifth Avenue Off Fifth and Old Navy.

Current projects include two new restaurants, which will replace the former El Torito Restaurant. Completion is

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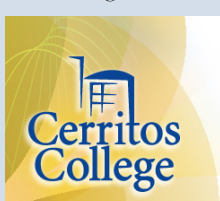
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Bruce W. Barrows	1,886
Frank Aurelio Yokoyama	2,568
Chuong Vo	2,592
Ashish Kumar Verma	296
Anantha Ramachandran	1,088

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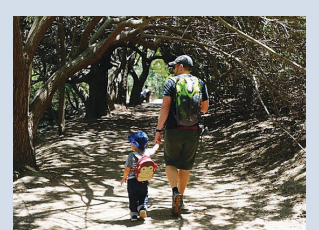
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NFL Player Josh Perkins Visits Gahr H.S.



Gahr High School 2011 graduate, Joshua Perkins (#82) of the NFL Atlanta Falcons, presented the Gahr High School community a Super Bowl LI (51), commemorative, golden football on March 31.

This token of appreciation for his alma mater was presented on campus at our Rally Platform during a lunchtime rally at Gahr High School.

Perkins was a standout prep player at Gahr, who committed to play football at the University



of Washington in Seattle. Atlanta Falcons player Joshua Perkins presents a Super Bowl LI (51) commemorative golden football to his alma mater, Gahr High School, on a rally at the school on March 31.

of Washington in Seattle.

Perkins, along with Gahr classmate Dwayne Washington (now with the Detroit Lions), helped lead the Huskies to the Pac 12 Championship their senior year.

The same preparedness and dedication that caught the eye of the University of Washington, also caught the attention of the NFL. Joshua signed in 2016 to play with the

Atlanta Falcons and scored his first touchdown on December 24, 2016.

The Gahr family was cheering him on as he ended this past season facing off against the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl in Houston, Texas. In addition to being a ferocious and passionate player on the field, Gahr also knows him as a very kind, respectful, and humble young man.

16 Seniors Receive Kang Scholarships



Sixteen ABC, seniors each received \$1,000 scholarships from the James Kang Foundation in a ceremony held April 1 in the District Boardroom. The students, representing the four District high schools were: Christee Lee, Henry Villarreal, Joshua Kim and Gina Huh, Cerritos; Sung Min Oh and Chiemela Izima, Gahr; Paulene Raquindin and Julie Shin, Artesia; Chia Cheng Tang, Ashley Sue, Esoi Joyce Yoon and Keon Kang, Whitney. Attending the awards were ABC Director of Secondary Schools Dr. Rhonda Buss and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. Susan Hixson. Presiding over the presentation was Thomas Kang. Greeting the students and their parents were Mr. and Mrs. James Kang, who wished the students well in their college studies.

State of the ABC District

system for grading students, known as Dashboard, which she said has a color grading system with blue being the highest performance band, green which is the state average, and red, which is the lowest. She said, "ABC color band is either green or a blue."

Dr. Rhonda Buss, Director of Secondary Schools, discussed career education, noting the state is focusing on a college and career radius.

"Last year ABC was for-

tunate to receive a \$1.4 million grant that was used to update equipment and facilities at our high schools. We recently received a second grant of \$1.3 million to continue our efforts," she said.

"When students graduate, teachers want a seamless transition from high school to college. To this end, we convened a second seminar where we had college and business representatives along with our counselors, and teachers dis-

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cussing what we should be doing for our kids to further their careers."

Dr. Colon Sprigg, in charge of ABC's technology, said in October 2015 ABC established a framework with the goal that every school in the district would have access to the internet. He said Dr. Sieu and the Board of Education have done just that. "By 2020 we expect to have access for all students." He added, "It's a great time to be in education."

Cerritos College Trustee Drayer Announces Retirement

The Cerritos Community College District announced today that Board of Trustees member John Paul Drayer will retire from the Board as of April 19, 2017 after four years of service. He is also retiring from Los Angeles Unified School District where he currently teaches on April 11. Drayer has been an educator for 30 years.

Drayer was elected to the Cerritos College Board of Trustees in November 2012 to serve the remainder of an unexpired term vacated by the late Bob Epple. He was reelected in November 2014. Drayer represents Trustee Area 3, which includes portions of the cities of Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, and South Gate.

"I'm looking forward to spending more time with family, friends, and to traveling to Hawaii, New Zealand and parts of the Southern Hemisphere that I haven't seen. I want to explore and study new things," said Drayer. "I will be taking care of our family businesses and closing probate so that my family and I can finish the grieving process over the loss of my father," he continued.

Drayer graduated from Cerritos College in 1984 with an A.A. degree in Political Science and Business. He later transferred to California State University, Long Beach and earned a B.A. and teaching credentials. Drayer received his M.A. in Education Counseling and counseling credentials from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

"For his four years of service to the Board of Trustees, we want to thank Trustee Drayer for his contributions and leadership to the District and wish him well in his retirement," said Dr. Jose Fierro, president/superintendent.

Drayer's term ends in November 2018. Information regarding the vacant board seat will be announced soon. For questions, please contact the Cerritos College president's office by phone at (562) 860-2451 extension 2204 or visit www.cerritos.edu

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Participating in the groundbreaking ceremony on April 5 were (l-r): Student trustee Karen Patron, Board Member Marisa Perez, Board President Zurich Lewis, Dean of Physical Education and Athletics Dr. Dan Smith, Board Clerk Dr. Shin Liu, Board members Dr. Sandra Salazar and John Paul Dryer, Vice President of Student Services Dr. Stephen Johnson and Cerritos College President Jose Fierro.

Cerritos College Holds Groundbreaking For New Health and Welfare Complex

Cerritos College celebrated the groundbreaking of the new Health and Wellness Complex on April 5.

The approximately \$51-million project is funded by Measure G Bond dollars and will be located immediately south of Falcon Gymnasium, along the western edge of the campus’ athletic precinct.

The 76,000-gross-square-foot facility will centralize functions including fitness labs, cardio workout rooms, training rooms, multi-purpose studios, offices, and the Student Health Center that are currently dispersed around campus, into an accessible, more efficient, state-of-the-art complex.

The complex will consist of five new buildings: Athletic Team Room Building, Dance Building, Fitness Building, Hall of Fame Building, Health Services Building, and Physical Education Building. Construction is expected to be completed in June 2020.

Functioning as the home base for all athletic and physical education activities, the new Health & Wellness Complex will provide a much needed expansion of laboratory, classroom, office and support spaces tailored to the needs of the College’s robust physical education and athletic programs.

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

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The floats included Miss Hawaiian Gardens, Bingo Club and the Hawaiian Gardens Casino. A favorite in the parade was an elephant who bowed to the crowd along the parade route. The parade began at Fedde Academy and ended at Furgeson Elementary School, site of the city’s three-day carnival, which featured international music, performance competition, food, games and carnival rides.

Lisa Reid Guest Speaker at Artesia Chamber Luncheon



Leisa Reid was guest speaker at the March 28 luncheon held by the Artesia Chamber of Commerce at the Nanking Chinese Restaurant on Pioneer Boulevard. Reid discussed “Creating a Winning Mindset.” She said often individuals have perceptions that prevent them from seeing opportunities and taking actions that would lead directly to desired results. Presenting her a Certificate of Appreciation are (l-r) Chamber Vice President Shaila Patankar, Reid, Chamber President Dr. PaoLing Guo., and Past President Parimal Shah.

COMMUNITY calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS



ARTESIA:

Family Easter Program

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

Mariacho Festival

Saturday, May 6 • 4 - 11 p.m. Pioneer Blvd.
Mariachi Bands competing for title of “Best of Show.” Bands will include youth, teen, and adult musicians. The Festival will also include food, crafts, games, rides, a beer garden and vendor booths.



CERRITOS

Easter Egg Hunts

Saturday, April 15 • 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Knabe Community Regional Park
Jumpers, games, crafts and the Easter Bunny!

Community Spring Festival

Friday, April 21 • 5-10 p.m. Cerritos Sports Complex
Saturday, April 22 • 1 - 10 p.m.
Sunday, April 23 • 1-9 p.m.
Entertainment features local talent and professional acts. Gourmet food trucks will provide specialty items.

HAWAIIAN GARDENS

Easter Egg Hunts

Saturday, April 15 • 1 -4 p.m. Furgeson Elementary School, 22215 S. Elaine Ave.
Egg Hunt for 4 age categories; Ages 2 - 13 Find the Golden Egg and win an Easter basket! Train ride, games, arts & crafts, balloon artist, face painting, etc.

Hawaiian Gardens Says Farewell to Barrera & Lucero



It was standing room only in the Hawaiian Gardens Council Chambers March 18 as parents and friends gathered to thank city retirees Antonia Barrera and Sylvia Lucero for their years of service. Both received Certificates of Achievement and a watch for their service. Barrera (center), who worked at the Lee Ware Preschool for 23 years, was also presented with several bouquets of flowers. She said she would miss the children and thanked the city for its support of the school. Lucero, who worked 20 years in city hall, also thanked the city for its support and said she will miss her fellow staff members.

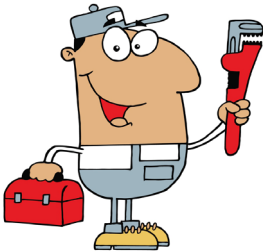
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Congrats to the New City Councilmembers



By Melinda Kimsey

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

First of all, I would like to thank all of the fine people who were candidates for the Cerritos City Council and congratulations to the two winners. It takes courage and determination to run for any elected office. We have printed the most recent results of the election; however, it will take a couple of weeks for the final tally. We will print the final results or you can go to the city website, too.

There is a great article on the front page about the city and some of the wise and prudent financial decisions recently made and how those decisions will positively impact the city for many years to come.

Although other cities were not having council races, they were still very busy with lots of events. The City of Hawaiian Gardens had their 53rd city

parade and yes, they had the crowd favorite, an elephant!

Of course, there were the usual folks in the parade: the city council, the fire department, bands, clowns, lots of antique cars and much, much more. The city always does a nice job on the parade so look for some of the photos in the paper. Also, on a happy note, two employees retired from the city and received a nice send off from the council.

There are two nice articles from our local elected officials on what is happening in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles County. A very special thank you to Josh Perkins, former Gahr High School football player, for remembering his alma mater and giving them a 'gold' football.

Also, a big thank you goes to James Kang and his foundation in awarding 16 scholarships to graduating seniors

in the ABC school district. James and his wife have been awesome volunteers for many years and we really appreciate all that they do for our community!

Cerritos College has been very busy with the recent groundbreaking of the Health and Welfare Complex. That building will be an exciting addition to the already very impressive campus. Just one of the most amazing additions to all of the new buildings is the implementation of technology within the complex, as well as areas for students to congregate and work on their projects and homework.

Congratulations to Talon Marks, the Cerritos College campus newspaper, and, as an alumni, my favorite, for winning several awards from the California College Media Association.

As always, Happy Trails.

Letters to the Editor

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What's Happening in Cerritos?



By Brad Beach

I was so saddened to hear that one of our residents was pistol whipped as part of a home invasion robbery recently. It happened at approximately 11 p.m., and the homeowner was working in his garage with the garage door up.

According to the Sheriff's Department's release, it was on the east side of our city and is being labeled as a crime of opportunity. My thoughts are with the homeowner who was injured during the incident and his entire family for what they went through.

This is another reminder that if you haven't already please consider starting a neighborhood watch program on your street. You can call the community safety line at (562) 916-1266 to see if your area has a Block Captain. If not, please consider stepping up and helping to protect us all.

Cerritos Sheriff Sgt.

Chavez is doing well after his bone marrow transplant and we wish him a speedy recovery. There was also a recent DUI checkpoint in Cerritos, and I wanted to remind people to not drink and drive.

There was a major garage fire in Cerritos, and my thoughts are also with the Kim family. On ABC-7 news you could clearly see the entire garage engulfed and the three vehicles in the driveway. Thank you to the Los Angeles County Fire Department for the quick response and not letting it spread to other houses. Resident Jason Watanabe created a Go fund me page called "The Kim Fire Recover Fund," and they are already passed their \$4,000 goal.

The election is over and we can all take a deep breath. This campaign season was very interesting, and I want to congratulate the two candidates that will be sworn into office soon. Many issues came up the last couple of months and will give the new councilmembers a list of things to take a close look at.

I'd like to put in a request from many residents on social media to fix the sidewalks near Brookhaven Park. We did get some great news that the six year lawsuit with the State over the former redevelop-

ment agency was settled. The city will be getting a significant amount of money and property back. Thank you for the letter from the council explaining things and for fighting what was rightfully ours.

Quick News Tips: Happy Autism Awareness month to our community. A peacock was spotted near Juarez Elementary. Boy Scout Troop 72 recently took a successful hike through Angeles National Forest near the Mt. Lowe Trail.

I wanted to send a "great job" to Troup leaders Larry Good and Daniel Urserly for their leadership. Whitney High School is now enrolling their summer academy and you can call (562) 229-7745 for more information.

There are caterpillars in our backyard, and I want to remind everyone to enjoy the beautiful spring. Take a little time to enjoy family and the simple things in life.

The Easter Egg Hunt at Don Knabe Park is on April 15 from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Our girls have gone in the past and it is a wonderful time. Please attend if you can. The Relay for Life is on May 20 at Liberty Park and benefits a great cause. We really do live in a great City.

Stay safe, Cerritos!

Where There's a Will, There's a Way



By Jerry Bernstein

It was 1 p.m. when my MY FRIEND FROM FRUITCAKE, FLORIDA walked into my office. "Ready for lunch?" he asked.

"Yep," I answered.

"There's a restaurant down by the beach," he said, "and the food is excellent."

Twenty minutes later as we settled down at our table and placed our order, he said, I understand you attended an open house recently at Artesia High School.

"That's correct," I said. "Why do you ask?"

"I was at a friend's house," he explained, "and he had mentioned it to several people in attendance. They expressed interest in the event."

"Well," I said, "Artesia High has an enrollment of 1,460 students, of which 326 are seniors. Both the students and teachers were eager to show off their campus. As Melinda Kimsey, and I toured the campus, we were impressed by the enthusiasm of both students and staff about their school. Principal, Sergio Garcia, who has been there since 2005, explained when he arrived, the school's morale was down, and many students were indifferent to their studies. He said changes were made over a period of time, and now staff and students take pride in their school.

My FRIEND paused in his questioning for a moment, then

asked, "What impressed you the most during your visit?"

"I think it was the school's Biomedical Science Classes," I said. "The program gives the students exciting hands-on projects and problems. It's a three-year program designed to provide an overview of all the courses in biomedical sciences, laying the scientific foundations for subsequent courses."

"What else?" he asked. I explained that in the second year students study the human body system, working through real-world cases, using data acquisition."

"It sounds more like a college course!" he exclaimed. "You know while today's parents are strong school supporters, I don't believe they have any idea what modern technology in the classroom is affording their kids. What else impressed you?" he asked.

"In the physics class, we met students doing a demonstration about atoms and molecules and watched biotechnology students dissect a lamb's heart."

I could tell MY FRIEND FROM FRUITCAKE, FLORIDA was becoming overwhelmed. I quickly explained the last room we visited. The classroom had been turned into a video studio. "There were two students on stage," I explained, "with a camera picking up their movement and voices. In another room another student was monitoring their moves on a video screen. They were learning about television and its many facets."

My Friend was quiet for a moment. Finally he said, "I think I've got a lot more research to do before I try to explain what is happening in today's classroom."

No More Trash Bags Suitcase Drive Held at New Life Community Church



Andrew Perry, President of Garden Grove Masonic Lodge, donated some suitcases filled with toiletries and stuffed animals on behalf of Garden Grove Masonic Lodge, to support the "No More Trash Bags Suitcase Drive" held at New Life Community Church in Artesia on April 8. These suitcases will be donated to foster children at Olive Crest Agency. The event was at a coalition of Miss America affiliated pageants, including Miss Garden Grove, Miss Teen California, Miss Southland and others.



Cpl. Alex Ramirez was presented a proclamation by the Mayor George Ray on April 1 to honor him for his meritorious service. Attending the event were (l to r): Councilmember Carol Chen, Art and Ofelia Sanchez (hosts), Councilmember Jim Edwards and Dorothy Owen, President of the 1st CEB Adoption Committee.

City of Cerritos Honors 1st CEB Marine

By Chuck Sooter

Cpl. Alex Ramirez, a member of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (1st CEB), was honored in the City of Cerritos as the Meritorious Marine of the month on April 1 when Mayor George Ray presented him with a proclamation to honor him for his service.

Cpl. Ramirez and his guest spent the weekend in Cerritos with lodging and meals complements of our sponsors: Sheraton Hotel and restaurants Grille 91, Mimi's, TGI Friday, Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill, STACKED, and the Macaroni Grill.

The city of Cerritos provided two tickets to the Art

Garfunkel performance at the Cerritos Center. On Sunday, Cpl. Crosby and guest will be offered bowling at the AMF Cerritos Lanes.

Cpl. Ramirez enlisted in the Marine Corps in September 2014. In May of 2015, Cpl. Ramirez received orders to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, where he serves as lead Husky operator for Mobility Assault Company 1st Platoon.

He has participated in numerous training exercises, and engineer reconnaissance operations, most notably, the NATO operation Black Alligator with the British Royal Marine Commandos.

In May of 2016, Cpl. Ramirez was given the billet

of 1st Squad, 1st Fire Team Leader and became a Husky/Buffalo Instructor responsible for training Marines on how to use the Husky Mounted Detection System to detect explosive hazards with enablers such as the Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) and optics to scan the area for visual indicators to improve the combat readiness of Mobility Assault Company.

Cpl. Ramirez is a vital asset to his platoon as he has an operator's license for every vehicle used by Mobility Assault Company. He has demonstrated high professional standards in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

Cerritos College Talon Marks Receives Journalism Awards



Talon Marks students at the awards.

Cerritos College's *Talon Marks* newspaper team recently won awards at the annual California College Media Association banquet in San Francisco. The event was attended by more than 200 students and faculty from community colleges and universities throughout California.

The Talon Marks staff competed with 1,200 community colleges and universities from all over the state. Students Terrel Emerson, Karla Enriquez, Briana Hicks and Bianca Martinez represented the Talon Marks team at the banquet.

Emerson won first place for best podcast in the com-

munity college division.

Enriquez, Hicks, Martinez, and David Jenkins won first place for best blog in the community college division, while Carlos Marquez, took home fourth place for best editorial cartoon in the community college division.

Lastly, the entire Talon Marks crew was recognized as an honorable mention for best newspaper website.

According to journalism instructor and Talon Marks faculty adviser Rich Cameron, this was the biggest showing for Talon Marks at any California College Media Association event.



Cerritos & Rio Hondo College Students Going to Taiwan

By Dr. Shin Liu

Ten students from Cerritos College and 10 students from Rio Hondo College are going to Taiwan for a cultural and language program in June 2017. They will have an opportunity to share American and Latino cultures with Taiwanese students, while learning the Chinese language and culture for a month.

The Taiwan Experience Education program will be hosted by Southern Taiwan University of Science and Technology (STUST) located in Tainan, Taiwan. The program is sponsored by Ministry of Education (MOE) of Taiwan and Tainan City Government (TCG). These 20 students and 20 students from Australia were selected to par-

ticipate in this Study Abroad Program in Taiwan.

IN addition to providing a cultural and language learning experience, the program promotes students' global awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity. Students from the United States and Australia take Chinese Culture and Language courses at the STUST University during the first two weeks. Students will spend another two weeks interacting with local junior high or elementary school students to share their culture and teach English. In total, the program will run for a month from June 27 to July 27.

Lodging and food costs are covered by the MOE, TCG and STUST; each applicant is responsible for the individual airfare and personal expenses.



City Of Cerritos - Recreation Services Division

COMMUNITY SPRING FESTIVAL

& Fireworks Spectacular

CELEBRATING THE CITY'S 61ST ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 - SUNDAY, APRIL 23

GERRITOS SPORTS COMPLEX • 19900 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE

In honor of the 61st anniversary, the City of Cerritos will host a three-day festival which will include carnival rides, games, and food at the Cerritos Sports Complex. A fireworks show will be featured on Saturday, April 22 at 8:30 PM. Entertainment will showcase local talent and professional acts on the main stage. Gourmet food trucks will be on hand to provide an assortment of specialty menu items for purchase. There is no admittance fee to the festival. Rides in the carnival area will require tickets. All-day ride wristbands will also be available for purchase at the event. Pre-event discount wristbands are available through April 20 for purchase at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM at the Recreation Services counter.

- ● **MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT** ● ●
- FRI.-SUN., APRIL 21-23

- ● **FOOD TRUCK RALLY** ● ●
- FRI.-SUN., APRIL 21-23

- ● **MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL WELCOME** ● ●
- SAT., APRIL 22, 4:30 PM

- ● **FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR** ● ●
- SAT., APRIL 22, 8:30 PM

- ● **SPRING DANCE REGITAL** ● ●
- SUN., APRIL 23, 4 PM

- ● **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** ● ●
- PLEASE CALL HERITAGE PARK AT (562) 916-8570 BY APRIL 1.

FESTIVAL HOURS:

Friday: 5-10 PM
Saturday: 1-10 PM
Sunday: 1-9 PM

CARNIVAL RIDE PRICES:

Individual Tickets: \$0.50
ALL-DAY RIDE WRISTBANDS:
On or Before April 20: \$20.00
Beginning April 21: \$35.00



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION AT (562) 916-1254.

Leal's LEAP Presents International Festival



On March 31, the Leal Elementary Arts Program (LEAP), a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the visual and performing arts for students, presented its annual International Festival at the school.

Including were cultural songs and dances from all over the world, including Chinese, Polynesian, African American, Japanese, Filipino, Mexican, Korean, German

and Indian. In addition, the Leal Elementary Noteworthy Choir performed songs led by Mr. Johnston, and a "sneak preview" of the upcoming musical "Lion King" was also shown as the children sang "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" and "I Just Can't Wait to be King."

Leal Elementary in Cerritos is a Blue Ribbon Visual Arts School in the ABC School District.

Cerritos H.S. Dance Drill Team Takes 1st Place in USA Nationals



Cerritos High School Dance Drill Team (l to r): Danielle Goings, Joseph Kim, Carli Meacham, Elisa Lien, Kamryn Johnson, Alora Walker, Bill Francisco, Megan Sutandar, Sarah Gadalla, Kaitlyn Reyes, Shanelle Rosete, Leilani Watson, Jenica Dumaplin. The team, coached by Sarah Montes and Kristi Wong (not pictured), won 1st Place in the Medium Military (Championship Division) at the USA Nationals on April 1 at the Long Beach Convention Center.

April is Autism Awareness Month

Visit the Aquarium This Spring

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

NATURE WITHIN REACH

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

\$8 Off Adult Admission

Present this coupon at the Aquarium ticket window and receive \$8 off regular Adult Admission. Limit (4) discounts per coupon. Not applicable with online tickets or any other offer. Not valid at off-site sales locations. Distribution or resale of this coupon is prohibited. No cash value. Valid through 4/30/17.

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Aquarium of the Pacific

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