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Nine 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (CEB) Marines from Camp Pendleton enjoy taking pictures with the Laker Girls after participating in the 6th Annual 1st CEB Golf Classic at Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course in Cerritos on Oct. 19. The Friends of the 1st CEB raised approximately \$8,100 at this event.

## 1st CEB Marines Attend Golf Classic

By Dorothy Owen & Janet Beach

A round of golf, pictures with the Laker Girls, and a free lunch and prizes. What more could a Marine want?

Several Marines from Camp Pendleton enjoyed this and more at the 6th Annual 1st CEB Golf Classic, sponsored by the Friends of the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (CEB), at the Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course in Cerritos on Oct. 19.

About 50 golfers went around the 9-hole course twice and then enjoyed a lunch provided by Cafe N' Stuff.

Jim Edwards, former Cerritos Mayor and Golf Committee Co-Chair, emceed the award ceremony following the lunch. Cerritos Councilmember George Ray and Clarence Stephens, Jr., also co-chaired the event, which is the biggest fundraiser of the

year for the 1st CEB Adoption Committee.

Five Laker Girls autographed pictures, posed for pictures with the golfers, and hand out the awards. Each of the small trophies included a challenge coin created for 1st CEB's latest past deployment under LtCol Andrew Niebel, its then Commanding Officer.

One Marine, a Corporal said, "Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend the golf tournament in the City of Cerritos. I had a great time and I really appreciate everything you all did for us out there."

1st CEB's Family Readiness Officer said: "Thanks for taking such great care of our Marines on Saturday. They are all reporting an enjoyable experience!"

Major sponsors for the event include: Cerritos City

Council, Iron-Wood Nine, Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, George and Bev Ray, Bryan A. Stirrat, Mike and Melanie Yoshiba, R. F. Dickson Co., Inc., and LeFiell Manufacturing Co.

Members of Gahr High School's Golf Team helped caddy the event. Many supporters purchased tee signs, and prizes were donated by more than 110 businesses, groups and individuals. Total money raised by this event was about \$8,100.

These funds will be used to support the Marines both at home and when they are deployed overseas. The Friends' next project will be sending care packages to the troops in Afghanistan in January.

To learn more about the 1st CEB Adoption Committee and its events and activities, please visit the website at [www.friendsofthe1stceb.org](http://www.friendsofthe1stceb.org).

## Artesia City Council Focuses on Parking Meter Solutions

By Jerry Bernstein

New Artesia parking meters on Pioneer Boulevard and side streets, plus in the city's parking lot on Corby Avenue at the intersection of 186th Street, has caused shoppers and downtown employees to find parking spaces in adjacent residential areas.

At its Oct. 14 meeting, the City Council voted to move forward and adopted a Preferential Parking Permit program for residents living adjacent to the Pioneer Boulevard Downtown Area.

The primary goal of the program is to eliminate potential encroachments by downtown shoppers and employees who might attempt to avoid paying parking fees and seek free park-

ing in the residential areas.

As part of its program, the city installed 226 parking meters in the downtown area, which includes the public pay parking lot. However, staff reported after the parking meters were installed, there was a 20 percent drop in the parking lot use on normal business days.

In addition, it was noted that downtown shoppers, merchants, and their employees circumvented the pay parking by leaving their vehicles on adjacent residential streets.

Some merchants and their customers have voiced questioned on how to use the new parking meters. Each meter covers three to four spaces. When using the meter, it is necessary to note in what numbered space your vehicle

is parked.

When putting money into the meter, patrons will be able to insert the space number. If more than one hour is needed, they can pay for it that time. However, there is a three hour limit per meter.



## Artesia businesses to host Diwali

Several Artesia downtown businesses are co-sponsoring the Festival of Lights/Diwali Mela Event on Nov. 10 on Pioneer Boulevard from 183rd Street to 188th Street. The street will be closed during the event, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The street fair will feature entertainment on a main stage throughout the day and booths selling wares and/or giving information. Booths will include merchants selling products, food vendors, information booths, and donation collection sites.

Also, in celebration of the actual day of Diwali, the city will offer free two-hour parking on Nov. 3.

Diwali, popularly known as the "Festival of Lights," is a five-day Hindu festival, and is an official holiday in India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore and many other countries.

Each day of Diwali marks one celebration of the six principal stories associated with the festival. It is one of the most important festivals of the year and is celebrated with families performing traditional activities together in their homes.



Since most shoppers visit several stores, they can use the meter nearest them and input their parking space number when they pay their \$1.50 for another hour. There is a three-hour time limit per meter.

### Residential Permits

The Council also reviewed and proposed residential parking permits and voted to proceed with the program. Administrative Services Manager Pradeepkumar Elayath said there will be three types of residential permits. They are annual permits, for the resident and guests, and temporary permits.

Each household will be allowed one guest permit. For

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## CORRECTION

The address of the new Primerica office in Artesia was incorrect in the last issue of the *Gateway Guardian*. The correct address is 11428 E. Artesia Blvd. Suite 14, Artesia, CA 90701, and the office numbers are 562-865-8508 and 562-677-4716.



## CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS

Dear Jerry,  
I send you my heartiest congratulations on the start of your new endeavor. Starting your new newspaper is exciting, and we are all proud of you.

Having worked with you over the years as you have covered our fair city, I am well aware of your journalistic integrity and comprehensive coverage. The newspaper experience you bring is rare in our region, and we look forward to working with you to both share what is occurring in our community, as well as hear from you and your organization on what you see happening.

I am happy that you will continue to work in our community, and that I expect to see you almost every week. I send you my heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,  
Mayor Victor Farfan, City of Hawaiian Gardens

## Republican Club's 20th Anniversary



President Naresh Solanki accepts a proclamation from Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, who congratulated the Cerritos Republican Club on its 20th Anniversary on Oct. 14 at a dinner at Frantone's Pizza and Spaghetti Villa in Cerritos. Several past Presidents were introduced by Solanki, and more than 50 members and guests attended the celebration, including three Charter members.

## Artesia Chamber Hosts Candidate Forum



Photo by Lou Trerotola

City Council candidates Manu Patel, John Lyon, Sally Flowers, Melissa Ramoso, Ali Sajjad Taj and Victor Manalo welcome members of the community to the Artesia Chamber of Commerce City Council Candidate Forum held on Oct. 17.

By Larry Caballero

More than 100 Artesia residents attended the Artesia Chamber of Commerce Candidate Forum Oct. 17 at the Albert O. Little Community Center to listen to six candidates seeking to represent them on the City Council.

The candidates included Mayor Sally Zuniga Flowers, Councilmembers John Lyon and Victor Manalo, businessman Manu Patel, community activist Melisa Ramoso and financial advisor Ali Sajjad Taj. Radio TV Artesia will broadcast the forum to Artesia households.

Candidates agreed additional revenues are needed to promote more businesses and jobs in Artesia, rebuild the infrastructure, improve the quality of life and encourage new customers to shop and dine.

They support building

partnerships with all shareholders in the community, reaching out to private and public foundations for additional revenue, and promoting business incentives. The candidates also agreed that streamlining the permit process for new businesses was a good idea.

"We need to be a small business friendly place and advertise how great this City is," said Taj.

"We need to give residents a voice and take ownership of our City, and we need to be more assessable and empower our residents," said Patel.

He also said public safety is a concern; however, Mayor Flowers, who has served 16 years on Council, stated that Artesia is a relatively safe city with little property crime and considered in the top five percent for likeability by its residents when compared to cities

with a similar population.

"For cultural diversity, the city is ranked in the top 1 percent, and I want to make Artesia the best place it can be," said Flowers.

Patel also wants to track the progress of city programs in improving the lives of its residents.

Ramoso said that her parents were immigrants who came to this country to achieve the American dream, "and that's why I chose public service so that I can give back to the community."

Taj stated he appreciated the hard work the incumbents have done in the past during tough economic times, "but we need to go back to the basics, and I have a simple plan and agenda to do that."

Manalo has been on Council since 2007 and said he has dedicated his life to public service that started at his local church.

The candidates were asked about problems and concerns of residents and businesses. Flowers responded that she has heard from many businesses that the new paid parking program is not popular because it can impact local businesses and drive customers away.

Taj agreed and said that the merchants and the City have to work together to come up with solutions and ideas, and he suggested hour tokens or park-

ing permits for customers.

Patel is concerned about empty lots and stores that hamper new businesses wanting to settle in the City. He believes building a public parking structure that is free to customers will help to support local businesses.

Manalo said whatever the City decides to do will be a challenge because of the poor economy, but he agreed, "People need to want to shop, stay and spend money in Artesia."

Manalo suggested that customers would come if they see young people walking the streets, outdoor dining, theatres and the sound of music.

Lyon has served 17 years on the Council and likes the old look of the City, but he believes the sidewalks could be wider, and he supports the new Business Improvement Plan that Artesia wants to implement.

When asked their position on city council term limits, the incumbents were opposed while the challengers supported it.

When asked about the Little India sign, Lyon believed that no one culture should be recognized. He favored Artesia to be known as an International Cultural Shopping District.

Patel liked the sign, Flowers had mixed feelings, and Ramoso said it showed how unique Artesia is.

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# La Palma Days to Celebrate the City's Diverse Heritage

In salute of Veterans Day, La Palma Days 2013 will feature a parade, live entertainment, children's activities, food, and several vendors on Nov. 9 from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. at La Palma Central Park.

The parade has 200 entries, and will proceed down Walker Street from Houston to La Palma Avenue. It will include junior and senior high school bands, celebrities, elected officials, dignitaries, veterans, the fire department, JROTC units, military entries, clubs and organizations, businesses, and local schools.

A variety of activities for preschoolers to adults will be featured at La Palma Days 2013. Children can enjoy free balloon animals, face painting, rides, and several other activi-

ties. The festival will also have a line up of cultural entertainment at the Pavilion Stage.

The La Palma Days Community Festival features more than 30 vendors, including barbecue, Thai-Chinese, burgers, and hot dogs; enjoy a wide variety of tasty cuisine by sampling foods from around the world while. The event will support both local nonprofit and commercial organizations as they work toward their goal of providing ongoing services to the community.

This annual tradition has been celebrated in La Palma for more than 28 years, encouraging residents, business partners, and friends to celebrate La Palma's community spirit.

The La Palma Pageant will

officially kickoff the city celebration, a week earlier. The pageant will be held on Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Performing Arts Center at Kennedy High School.

La Palma's 2012-2013 Ambassador, Summer Meyer, will crown this year's winner. As an ambassador, Summer is attending Business Grand Openings, City Functions and Community Events.

This past year, for the first time, each of the contestants chose a service organization to dedicate their year of service too. Summer has chosen to create an anti-bullying program. She believes that bullying is an epidemic in our society today and wants to use her influence to raise awareness about this issue.

## State Controller Supports Artesia Candidate

Artesia City Council Candidate Melissa Ramoso was happy that California State Controller John Chiang would take time out from his busy schedule to attend her Campaign Celebration Oct. 21 at Salo Salo Grill and Restaurant in Artesia.

More than 40 supporters, including Cerritos Mayor-Pro-Tem Mark Pulido and wife Gloria, heard Ramoso share her desire to be elected to the Artesia City Council.

She is currently the Deputy District Director for State Senator Ted Lieu, Vice President of the Friends of Artesia



Artesia City Council candidate Melisa Ramoso thanks California State Controller John Chiang for his support.

Ramoso says she is a strong proponent for seniors and older adults issues.

While working for the state legislature, she has helped stop the defunding and closure of Adult Day Care Health Centers and educational programs for older adults in adult schools and community colleges in California.

She is also a Board Member for the Asian Pacific American Legislative Staff (APALS) Network where she has mentored many young adults who are pursuing careers in government and public service.

Foundation and a product of the ABC School District.

She holds a B.A. in Political Science with studies in Criminology, Law & Society from University of California at Irvine

## Artesia Parking Meters *From Page 1*

a resident who wants a group of guests to park for a special event, the resident may apply for a temporary permit.

All preferential parking permits shall be hung on the rearview mirror of the parked vehicles. He said the permits may be revoked if sold, transferred, rented or leased.

Applications will be available on the city's website (www.cityofArtesia.us) or at City Hall during normal business hours. Residents will be able to renew their permits annually and when there is a change in residency or vehicle ownership. A total of three preferential parking permits will be issued to qualified households.

Responding to Councilmember Victor Manalo, City Manager William Rawlings said there would be no time limit for a homeowner vehicle that had a permit. "We are trying to make it easier for the resident to park in front of his/

her home," he said.

Councilmember Miguel Canales said that we may have to compromise on the parking in the commercial area on Pioneer and on residential streets. Parking meters will be a natural part of the parking in the downtown. "I think it will be a positive item to have residential parking permits."

Councilmember John Lyons said he lives in a neighborhood where parking permits are required. "If we see a car that does not have a permit parked all day, all we have to do is call the city and someone will be out and mark the car. Ultimately the car will get a ticket," he said.

Mayor Sally Flowers questioned why a residential parking permit needs to be renewed every year. She suggested it could be renewed when the vehicle was sold and a new car replaced it. The city manager replied the reason

was a passive way to see if a resident needed a permit.

"It is not critical to the success of the program but allow a way to see that the data is accurate," she said.

The Mayor said a question was asked of her by a merchant as to where the employees who work on Pioneer should park. "They cannot afford to pay parking fees all day."

In other business, the council approved a conceptual plan for the establishment of a movie theater on Pioneer Boulevard. The applicant is Little India Village. The theater will be located at 18720-92 Pioneer Boulevard, commonly know at Little India Village.

The theater will be a three-screen, 100 seat theater. The project developer also proposed to improve an existing commercial site located at 18725 Pioneer Blvd. as a restaurant and banquet hall.

## COMMUNITY calendar



# HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

**ARTESIA** - Spooktacular Halloween Event: Thursday, Oct. 31 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Artesia Park - 18750 Clarkdale Ave.

**CERRITOS** - Halloween Festival: Thursday, Oct. 31 5 - 10 p.m. Regional Park - 19800 Bloomfield Ave.

**HAWAIIAN GARDENS** - Halloween Program: Thursday, Oct. 31 5 - 9 p.m. C. Robert Lee Activity Center Tennis Courts 21815 Pioneer Blvd.

**LA PALMA** - Halloween Carnival: Thursday, Oct. 31 6 - 8:30 p.m. Central Park - 7821 Walker Street



**ARTESIA: Saturday, Nov. 9 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
Artesia Park, 18750 Clarkdale Ave., at the Veterans Memorial. A special focus will be given to Vietnam veterans, although the ceremony will honor all veterans. There will be numerous resources available for veterans, from medical information to veterans groups. Informative displays of military equipment will also be on hand for visitors. This is a family friendly event.

**CERRITOS: Monday, Nov. 11 • 10 a.m.**  
Cerritos Civic Center, 18125 Bloomfield Ave., at the Veterans Memorial. The ceremony will honor those who have defended our nation's freedom by serving in the United States Armed Forces. The event will feature patriotic music including a brief performance by The New York Tenors, patriotic crafts for children, a display of military memorabilia, and light refreshments following the ceremony.

**LA PALMA: Saturday, Nov. 9 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
La Palma Days - Central Park, 7821 Walker Street  
In salute of Veterans Day, La Palma Days will feature a parade, live entertainment, children's activities, food, and several vendors. See Story - This Page

## SAVE THE DATES

### THANKSGIVING LUNCH: Artesia Seniors

Wednesday, Nov. 20 • 10 a.m. - 1p.m.  
Artesia Park & Albert O. Little Community Center  
18750 Clarkdale Ave., Artesia  
Live music, dancing, holiday meal & raffles  
Must pre-register by Nov. 1 at the Artesia Park office.

### HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Saturday, Dec. 7 • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Cerritos Senior Center  
12340 Sout St., Cerritos  
Variety of vendors, crafts for children, visit with Santa, strolling entertainment & refreshments for sale  
For additional information, call 562-916-8550.



## Ali Taj Visits Fire Station 30



Enjoying the Artesia Historical Society's tour of Fire Station 30 is Artesia City Council candidate and businessman Ali Sajjad Taj. Visitors are welcome at the Fire Station and Historical Museum for a guided tour every second Saturday from 1 - 3 p.m.



## A Message from Melinda:

### Greetings

friends and neighbors...

What a week! On behalf of the entire staff at the Gateway Guardian, I would like to thank Cerritos Mayor Bruce Barrows for his wonderful letter of support!

Also, the Artesia Chamber of Commerce is just the greatest! Our advertisers are the best and most pleasant people to work with!

Bill Lee, along with his daughter Karen Mah, are working diligently on the restaurant page. YUM! Also, we are seeing some very interesting articles from our awesome guest writers. Not to mention our friend from Fruitcake, Florida!

There have been quite a few community events, and we are trying to cover all of those. Please feel free to send us your photos and press releases about what is happening in your clubs and organizations!

The staff, or should I say task force, at Gateway are so amazing! I am so impressed

by their talent, dedication and creativity. Our staff meetings send lightning bolts into the galaxy!

Soon, we are hoping to start a faith page. I hope you will find the articles encouraging and will promote cheerfulness as you dance through your daily undertakings!

In the near future, we will also have an education page. So, please encourage your local schools to send photos and press releases to us. (It's ok if they happen to be a photo of your child or grandchild doing something amazing at school), and don't forget those sports photos too!

I am so pleased that some readers have stopped by for a visit! Keep those ideas and snacks coming in!! The holiday season will soon be upon us. So, if you have a favorite holiday memory or story, especially if they are funny and embarrass your family, please email us at [jbernstein@thegateway.com](mailto:jbernstein@thegateway.com). Happy Trails!



By Jerry Bernstein

I was busy writing a news story when I felt a presence in front of my desk. I looked up and to my surprise VAL LYNDER, DEFENDER OF ALL THAT IS TRUE was standing there.

You look ravishing I said. She was dressed in her usual outfit of a purple dress with white polka dots and matching high heel tennis shoes. I knew she was upset because she was tapping her matching umbrella on the floor.

"Don't try to flatter me," she said. "What in the world is Sacramento trying to do?"

"Explain," I replied.

VAL LYNDER looked at me in an exaggerated mood. "First Cerritos is told it has to pay \$10.3 million in Redevelopment money to the state followed by another \$10.3 million in June. Now the state wants another \$170.8 million or the state will confiscate the property under the Cerritos Towne Center, the Cerritos Center, Auto Mall, the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts and the Liberty

Park Annex to name a few."

I didn't say a word. VAL LYNDER was not done. I had learned over time not to interrupt her when she was on a roll.

"Doesn't the legislature and governor know right from wrong? she asked. "It's not right for the state to make up its lack of fiscal discipline on the backs of its cities. Most Redevelopment Agencies were due to expire in a few years anyway when the legislature and governor killed them.

They would have disappeared in a methodical way where the cities would not have had to cut back on services to its residents like the state did and, which I might add, it is still in debt. All Proposition 30 did was put a bandaid over the state's debt balance."

"VAL," I said, "It's human nature to try and correct your mistakes on the back of others. No politician is going to admit they were wrong. Just take a look at what's going on in Washington."

"Don't get me started on that," she said.

VAL LYNDER is an individual who can change moods in a flash. "You know," she calmly said as she sat down, "The other day I decided to do some shopping on Pioneer Boulevard. My niece likes In-

dian fashions, and I thought for her birthday I might make arrangements in one of the stores in "Little India" for her to come in and buy an outfit. She plans to attend the Indian celebration of Navratri on Nov. 10 in Artesia. She's very excited about it."

I didn't know you had a niece in California," I said.

Actually, she doesn't live here. She's attending UCLA. Right now she's studying Indian history. Her roommate is from India."

I didn't say a word.

"Anyway, when I parked my car I noticed there are new parking meter installed. At first I thought it was a new type of

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### Letters TO THE Editor



The Gateway Guardian encourages submission of Letters to the Editor.

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## Are You Prepared to Retire?



Retirement used to conjure up images of lazy days spent in a rocking chair. Today's retirement is very different. You might plan to open a business of your own. Or perhaps you'll return to school for that degree you never had the chance to complete. So what

does this redefined retirement mean to you? There is no one answer. In the coming decades, "retirement" will mean something different to each of us. Regardless of your decision, you'll need to design a financial plan suited to your specific vision of the future.

### Income Is Key

A good starting point might be to examine your sources of retirement income. If you pay attention to the financial press, you've probably come across at least a few commentators who speak in gloom-and-doom terms about the future for American retirees, decrying a lack of savings and warning of the imminent growth of the elderly population.

True, there is widespread concern about at least one traditional source of income for retirees -- Social Security. Under current conditions, Social Security funds could fall short of needs by 2033.<sup>1</sup>

This shift makes it even more important for individuals to understand their goals and have a well-thought-out financial plan that focuses on

the key source of retirement income: personal savings and investments. Given the potential duration and changing nature of retirement, you may want to seek the assistance of a professional financial planner who can help you assess your needs and develop appropriate investment strategies.

As you move through the various stages of the new retirement, perhaps working at times and resting at others, your plan may require adjustments along the way. A professional advisor can help you monitor your plan and make changes when necessary. Among the factors you'll need to consider:

- **Time:** You can project periods of retirement, reeducation, and full employment. Then concentrate on a plan to fund each of the separate periods. The number of years until you retire will influence the types of investments you include in your portfolio. If retirement is a short-term goal, investments that provide liquidity and help preserve your principal may be most suitable. On the other hand, if retirement is many years away, you may be able to include more aggressive investments in your portfolio.
- **Inflation:** While lower-risk fixed-income and money market investments may play an important role in your investment portfolio, if used alone they may leave you susceptible to the erosive effects of inflation. To help your portfolio keep pace with inflation, you may need to maintain some growth-oriented investments. Over the long-term, stocks have provided returns superior to other asset classes.<sup>2</sup> But also keep in mind that stocks generally involve greater short-term volatility.
- **Taxes:** Even after you retire, taxes will remain an important factor in your overall

financial plan. If you return to work or open a business, for example, your tax bracket could change. In addition, should you move from one state to another, state or local taxes could affect your bottom line. Tax-advantaged investments, such as annuities and tax-free mutual funds, may be effective tools for meeting your retirement goals. Tax deferral offered by workplace plans -- such as 401(k) and 403(b) plans -- and IRAs may also help your retirement savings grow.

### Prepare Today for the Retirement of Tomorrow

To ensure that retirement lives up to your expectations, begin establishing your plan as early as possible and consider consulting with a professional. With proper planning, you may be able to make your retirement whatever you want it to be.

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# La Palma is Now Hero to Residents

By Larry Caballero

The California HERO program will enable property owners in La Palma to finance permanently fixed renewable energy, water efficiency improvements and electric vehicle charging infrastructure on their properties.

La Palma City Council approved an amendment to the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Joint Powers Agreement to add the City as an Associate Member in order to authorize the City's participation in the program.

La Palma Mayor Steve Hwangbo said, "I think it's always a good idea to give our residents as many tools and options as we can to potentially improve their lives."

He said there would also be no negative fiscal impact to the City's General Fund with the inclusion of properties within the City limits in the program. All administrative costs are covered through an initial administrative fee that is included in the property owner's contractual assessment along with an annual administrative fee on the property owner's tax bill.

Participation in the California Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) program will enable property owners to finance these improvements by placing the cost on their property taxes. Financing for

the improvements is known as PACE, which stands for Property Assessed Clean Energy.

The California HERO Program (for PACE financing) has been successful in Western Riverside County since its launch in late 2011. The Program has approved over \$130 million in applications and has funded over \$30 million in projects and provides additional California cities and counties with a turnkey program that could save time, cost, and local resources.

If a property owner chooses to participate, the installed improvements will be financed by the issuance of bonds by a joint powers authority, Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG).

The bonds are secured by a voluntary contractual assessment levied on such owner's property, with no recourse to the City of La Palma. Participation in the program is completely voluntary.

Property owners who wish to participate in the Program agree to repay the amount borrowed through a voluntary contractual assessment collected together with their property taxes. Financing is available for eligible improvements on both residential and non-residential properties.

Improvements and properties must meet eligibility criteria in order to qualify for financing with the payment ob-

ligation staying with the property until transfer of ownership. Some residential conforming mortgage providers may, however, require the assessment be paid off at the time the property is refinanced or sold.

The property owner can choose to pay off the assessments at any time, subject to applicable prepayment penalties.

Benefits to the City upon joining the HERO program include an increase in local jobs, property values, and sales and property tax revenues.

As in conventional assessment financing, the City is not obligated to repay the bonds or to pay any delinquent assessments levied on the participating properties.

By leveraging the already successful HERO program in Riverside County, the City can offer financing to property owners more quickly, easily, and much less inexpensively than establishment of a new local Program.

Currently, contractors may apply for PACE financing by completing an application form from a financing company that has joined the CEDA (California Enterprise Development Authority)/CALED (California Association for Local Economic Development) program. Both local government and private companies may apply with CEDA, but local jurisdictions must choose to act as the issuer.



Showing off their costumes from Alice in Wonderland at the Su Casa Tea include Gateway Guardian Publisher Melinda Kimsey as the Cheshire Cat and Cerritos Chamber Boardmember Melanie Broad as the Queen of Hearts.

## Su Casa Sponsors Tea

Ask any of the 120 guests to Su Casa's 4th Annual Communi-Tea Fundraiser on Oct. 20 at the Centre at Sycamore Plaza in Lakewood what they liked best about the event, and many would say they enjoyed table hopping and seeing the creative themes displayed.

The Witches Table, was hosted by the teachers at Immaculate Heart High School in Los Angeles, and the table decorated by Su Casa President Tina Cho was decorated in a Halloween theme with colors of orange and black, a menacing cat and caldrons of smoke.

Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia's table was decorated in a Coco Chanel theme with beautiful china, glassware and

gold settings, and lots of pearls. Garcia also presented Su Casa with a \$5,000 check.

Best-Overall and Crowd Pleaser Table was won by Margaret Caballero with family and friends who sat at the Mad Hatter's Table with Alice, the Rabbit, Cheshire Cat, Twiddle Dee, and the Queen of Hearts.

Male boardmembers in tuxedos and suits served the ladies and were assisted by local dignitaries who included Artesia Mayor Pro-Tem Tony Lima and Councilmember Miguel Canales, Cerritos Councilmember George Ray, Hawaiian Gardens Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Gomez and Lakewood Councilmember Jeff Wood.



**MELISSA RAMOSO**  
FOR ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL

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- Artesia Councilmember Miguel Canales
- Artesia Planning Commissioner Dr. Larry Natividad
- Artesia Parks and Recreation Commissioner Lee Natividad
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Sixth grade Red Ribbon Poster winners Daria Ortiz, Brittnee Louise Wimpish, Jose Zuniga and Eduardo Ramos hold up their posters and trophies at City Council meeting. Looking on are Mayor Victor Farfan, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gomez, Councilmembers Barry Bruce, Neighborhood Counselor Ernie Vargas, and Councilmember Michko A. Oyama-Canada.

## Hawaiian Gardens Recognizes Red Ribbon Poster Winners

Winners of the Hawaiian Gardens Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest were awarded trophies by the City Council at its Oct. 23 meeting.

Students in grades fifth through eighth from five schools in Hawaiian Gardens received recognition from the city.

Fifth grade students included: Jenavi Rugama, first place, Melbourne; Juan Carlos Ramires, second place, Hawaiian; Melanie Mendoza, third place, Furgeson, and Doraly Sequra, fourth place, Hawaiian.

Six grade winners were: Daria

Ortiz, first place, Furgeson; Brittnee Louise Wimbish, second place; Jose Zuniga, third place; and Eduardo Ramos, Furgeson.

Seventh grade winners, all from Fedde Middle School, were: Christian Barragan, first place; Estrella Alvarado, second place; Jazmine Aquino Lopez, third place; and Raylene Huerta, fourth place.

Eighth grade winners, all from Fedde Middle School, were Alexandra Gonzalez, first place; Angelica Bennett, second place; and Maryam Gidadu, third place.

Vote **ALI S. TAJ**  
For City Council, Artesia CA



*Dear Artesia Neighbor,*

My name is Ali Sajjad Taj and I am honored to introduce myself as a candidate for Artesia City Council. With my extensive fiscal background with not only large corporations such as American Express and Ameriprise Financial, but also my community and small business experience here in Artesia, I am the only candidate in this race that can address the issues that our city faces.

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As your representative, I will not just be available to hear your concerns as a resident, but I will be seeking them, so together we can make Artesia a thriving city to live and do business in.

I humbly ask you to vote for me as your #1 choice for Artesia City Council on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

Sincerely,  
*Ali S. Taj*

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## Want Something Special For That Special Someone?

By Larry Caballero

When you need to buy a gift for that special someone or occasion, do you think of the mall first?

Well, now you may have an alternative—the “anti-mall store” called Convergence World Boutique owned by Matt Britos, an immigrant from Montevideo, Uruguay, who arrived in the United States at the age of 10 in 1998 seeking the American Dream.

He thinks he has found it in his store, and so do the customers who buy his products either on-line or as walk-ins.

“We’re a socially conscious boutique carrying only products that do good in the world,” said Britos, “and our merchandise has quality with value.”

What he sells may not be a

brand name or a familiar product to many, but customers who enter his boutique are mesmerized by the uniqueness of the hundreds of items on display by more than 30 vendors.

Merchandise includes creative men’s, women’s and kids’ clothing, jewelry, accessories, art work, candles and soaps, and even dog apparel and quality dog food will be sold in the upcoming weeks.

Many of the products in his boutique are made by local artisans, are made in America and are “sweat shop free.”

He also provides a “giving model concept” where customers who purchase a product know that in many instances the vendor will donate the cost or another item to a charitable organization.

Britos believes in support-

ing the local economy and that his merchandise should be enjoyed by the customers who buy his products, but also they need to serve the common good.

“I want my customers to buy something that they can show to their friends and family that has a message and can become an instant conversation piece,” said Britos.

“You won’t find my merchandise at the mall because every item is very special and has a story to tell.”

Convergence World Boutique has been open for about a year now, and his customers keep coming back to marvel at the newest additions to his store that arrive each week and to attend the special events Britos hosts throughout the month.

It’s located at the Landmark Square in Cerritos at 11306 South Street in the Lucille’s parking lot by Panera Bread.

Britos worked for seven years in corporate retail and always wondered where the products were made and how they were produced and by whom. He doesn’t have to ask those questions now.

“I didn’t believe in what I was selling then, but I truly believe now that everything in my store was made with a labor of love and with a goal to give back to those who are in need.”



House of Chic fashion models enjoyed posing for the news media Oct. 18 in Little Indian Village with Artesia Mayor Pro-Tem Tony Lima, Chamber Boardmember Parvez Howlader and Executive Director Sug Kitahara.

## House of Chic Showcases High Fashion In Artesia

Los Angeles based House of Chic’s Pop-up Retail Store and Fashion Show Founders Jinali Surani and Heena Surani hosted a red carpet reception for the media and VIP guests at the Little India Village in Artesia on Oct. 18 before the public was allowed to shop.

And shop they did. By the end of the day, hundreds of women were able to purchase upscale Indian fashions modeled for the first time in the United States.

Almost 25 up and coming and well-known designers such as Rahul Mishra, Payal Singhal, Rajat Tangri, Shivani

and Naresh, Surily Goel, and Nikhil Thampi were part of the exclusive event that showcased Indo-Western and Indian designs.

Also available for the first time to American buyers was House of Chic’s in-house accessory line designed by co-founder Heena Surani.

The high fashion and edgy jewelry line, that includes a blend of skulls and crosses, has been making a statement in Indian fashion and style magazines and enjoyed an overwhelming response at Lakme Fashion week held in August in Mumbai.



Convergence owner Matt Britos with assistant Sara Garner welcome customers who enter his boutique looking for unique and eco-friendly products.

## Restaurant Review

# Ashoka the Great, Artesia – A GREAT Lunch!

By William Lee & Karen Lee Mah

Ashoka the Great was a ruler of India, and “Ashoka the Great” restaurant rules in lunch buffets. That can explain how one stays in business in Artesia’s “Little India” for 25 years.

Ashoka the Great offers the best priced lunch buffet (\$8.95/person) on the Pioneer drag, with more selections (32 items) and having their cuisine be hot and delicious!

We were lucky to grab a booth before the restaurant became almost filled to capacity. The buffet line was continuously flowing, and the place was bustling. Since my dad has had the buffet numerous times, we decided

to order from the all-day menu. Super prices for Indian food.

We settled on Assorted Appetizers (Seekh Kabob, Onion Bhaji, Vegetable and Chicken Pakora and Vegetable Samosa), which came with the traditional dipping sauces. We also ordered the Ashoka the Great Special, which was quite a deal!

There was one plate of Chicken Tandoori and Chicken Tikka and another plate with Chicken Curry, Saag Paneer, Dal, Raita and Salad with warm, savory Naan served on the side.

My father liked the Chicken Tandoori – tender, tasty and “healthy” he says as he dipped it into the various sauces. I am a lover of northern Indian

cuisine and its sauces, so I indulged in the curry (wishing my Chicken Tikka was in a Masala sauce). Should have ordered the buffet!

What I also loved was the Raita! It was the best Raita I have ever had – chilled, a bit thicker, smooth and much more flavorful than I have ever tasted. We ordered all of our food “medium” which gave it a pretty good kick. My Chai Tea was very balanced – not too sweet, not overpowered by spices. It complemented the varietal feast set before us.

Dessert also came with the meal – Kheer and Gulab Jamun. I have always liked rice pudding, but the Gulab Jamun was new to me. The cheese ball with a sweet syrup made a satisfying dessert

to all of the Indian spices.

Ashoka the Great is a warm, comfortable place. Tablecloths are so nice to enjoy at lunch, along with large comfy booths. The staff was friendly. Parminder (the maître d’) greeted us at the door and we met Jag Singh, the oldest of the owners’ 3 sons. It truly takes a strong family to keep a restaurant in business for two and a half decades.

Go for the great lunch buffet and well-priced all-day menu for dinner. A lot of delectable food one can share with their family and friends. Ashoka the Great is located at 18614 S. Pioneer Blvd., Artesia; 562-809-4229 [www.ashokathegreat.com](http://www.ashokathegreat.com).



Maître d’ Parminder welcomes guests to Ashoka Restaurant.



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Congratulating Victor Manalo (far right) were Artesia City Councilman Miguel Canales and HHDC President Mary Ann Tipton.

## Local Club Endorses Manalo For City Council

Artesia City Councilman Victor Manalo thanked the Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club (HHDC) of Cerritos at their General Meeting on Oct. 21 for their endorsement to a second full term.

Manalo told the club members, "I have dedicated my career to public service, and I want to give back to my community in any way that I can."

## Cerritos Deputies Host 'Haunted Jail' for Halloween

Cerritos Sheriff's Station hosted its first annual "Haunted Jail" for Halloween Oct. 26 that included jumpers, face painting, crafts and candy for kids, and a scary tour of the haunted jail with frightening jail cells and special effects for adults.

The jail was "haunted" by station volunteers, explorer scouts and deputy personnel.

Children and adults

came dressed in their favorite Halloween costume (no weapons allowed) and joined in the fun with their local law enforcers.

"This is our first year that we've tried this, and we hope it's successful," said Lieutenant Richard Harpham. The tour may be too intense for young children under 10 years of age.

## What's Good for the Goose... From Page 4

mailbox. I was curious and discovered it was a parking meter. It took me a few minutes to figure it out." VAL LYNDER paused. The thing that bothers me is I didn't know what store I was going to end up in. There are so many. "

"What's the problem," I asked.

"I think each parking meter is for so many stores, When I finally found a shop I was a block away from my car. Not only that but it cost me \$1.50 per hour. When you're looking at clothes, you

don't rush. Anyway I think the city needs to explain to its citizens and store owners how the meters work. It took me a while. Next time I'm gong to park on one of the side streets."

"Well, I never," she exclaimed. Why didn't someone tell me that."

"VALLYNDER," I said, "there are meters on the side streets. Besides," I continued, "You can pay for a parking extension from any meter not near your car. All you have to do is insert the parking space numb."

She looked at me in a strange way. I quickly cleared my desk. Why not take the time and make a visit to city hall," I suggested. "I'm sure there is someone there that can explain how the meter's work,"

VAL LYNDER got up from her chair. "That's a good idea," she said.

"I'll do that." Saying that she raised her umbrella and crashed it down on my desk "That's an excellent idea."

"VALLYNDER, I said, "I wish you wouldn't do that."

## Cerritos Seniors Keep The Spirit Of Aloha Alive

By Larry Caballero

Bennie Cabalona and Fely Fagaragan saw a need to bring together former Hawaiian islanders living in their immediate community, as well as those from surrounding areas. So they did something about it.

With their foresight, initiative and leadership, they created a friendly, social setting that rekindles, revives and keeps The Spirit of Aloha burning brightly. In 1998 they formed a group called Da' Hawai'i Seniors Club of Cerritos.

The membership is mainly composed of expatriates who left Hawaii and moved to Southern California. The reasons for leaving



Enjoying an evening of singing, dancing and fellowship at the Chick fil'A in Cerritos are President Danny Chang and his wife Winona.

meet bi-monthly at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park on the second Thursday, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. and the fourth Tuesday, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Its members gather to enjoy one another's company, as well as Hawaii's food, "talk story," crafts, *mele* (song) and *hula* (dance), while creating fellowship, a sense of *'ohana* (family) and lives filled with *le'ale'a* (fun-loving joy), love, laughter and "The Aloha Spirit."

While they may live more than 2,000

miles away from their homeland of Hawaii, they are still imbued with Hawaii's mana (spiritual energy), and their hearts and souls remain steadfast in their love for Hawaii.

their native land and taking up residence on the Mainland are many; for most, it was economic. This non-profit social club provides a venue where new and old residents formerly from Hawaii can

representing seriously injured people since 1969.

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*Paul Bowlen, Retired 32-year ABC Teacher and former Mayor, City of Cerritos*

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## Tetzlaff Middle School Among 18 SpringBoard National Demonstration Schools Selected by the College Board

ABC Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary Sieu, has announced that Tetzlaff Middle School in Cerritos has been selected as a National Demonstration School by the College Board for 2013-15. It is the only school in California selected as a National Demonstration School.

Dr. Sieu said Tetzlaff MS was selected because of the outstanding practices of teachers and administrators during the implementation of the SpringBoard Program. There were 18 schools selected nationally by the College Board as a National Demonstration School.

SpringBoard is the College Board's college readiness program in English language arts and Mathematics.

A research based program, SpringBoard is a pre-

Advanced Placement Program that increases participation and prepares a greater diversity of students for success in AP and college by providing culturally and personally relevant activities designed to engage students in problem solving and critical analysis.

Tetzlaff has implemented the SpringBoard Program for over two years and has received ongoing professional development.

Since its implementation, the school's Academic Performance Index has risen significantly. In addition, the school was honored as a California Distinguished School for 2013-17.

According to Pamela Nelson, Vice President and General Manager of SpringBoard at the College Board, "These

18 National Demonstration Schools were chosen because they have established high quality implementation leading to academic success for all students."

Nelson said each school produced a brief video featuring student, teacher and administrator interviews that highlight the benefits and success achieved.

Additional evaluation criteria included classroom visits, student and staff interviews, as well as portfolio review by the SpringBoard National Demonstration School site selection team.

Tetzlaff will be recognized at the Nov. 6 Board of Education Meeting by College Board as well as during the "Spotlight on Teaching and Learning" segment.

## ABC Schools Recognized By Artesia City Council



Six ABC schools were recognized by the Artesia City Council at its Oct. 14 meeting for receiving Academic Performance Index (API) scores of over 800.

Certificates of Recognition were presented to the school principals by Mayor Sally Flowers and the other Councilmembers. The schools were Burbank, 850; Elliott, 896; Faye Rose Middle School, 836; and Gahr High School, 802. Present at the presentation was ABC School Board member, Lynda Johnson.

# A Busy Summer Around and About – the British Isles

By Dr. Bob Hughlett

We had a very busy summer traveling around and about the British Isles, Loreto, Sitka and, ta da, Ontario, California. Here are the top 10 reasons we found to visit the British Isles.

**Kirkwall, Orkney Islands** - This little island country way north is cold, windy and sparsely populated. The earliest settlers - we're talking Neolithic here - stood a strapping 5 foot 3, enjoyed a diet of assorted grasses, small critters and fish and became dearly departed by age

32 or so. It was after they passed that the story begins.

They built stone circles which pre-date Stonehenge by 1,000 years and burial mounds that were pillaged by the Vikings a thousand years ago. Eric the Red and company left Celtic rune graffiti inside the stone structures that extolled their conquests and also offered mundane notations such as the cook for the Prince, who boldly said, "I cook for the Prince." Too bad he didn't scratch the menu into the rock.

**Loch Ness, Scotland** - The sec-

ond largest, by volume, fresh water lake in the Isles. It's 25 miles long, averages 1.5 miles across and is thought to be upwards of 750 feet deep (although they can't get a good measure because the monsters are so thick at the bottom). There is a very cool ruined castle at the shore perfectly situated for Nessie viewing. Oh yeah, the only monsters we saw were in the gift shops.

**Assorted Royalties** - While we never saw any noble folk, we heard about them endlessly. The locals are ga-ga over Duke Somebody or other from 1692. In Belfast they even use the occasion of some local warlord's 250th birthday to go out and beat up the worst of what now goes for the bad guys. One inescapable rule appeared to be that the old noblewomen would not qualify as winsome nor the guys as studly by any definition.

**Edinburgh, Scotland** - This amazing town reminded me of Athens. The castle is on the promontory, there are numerous structures of varying age in the town below and the folks have a delightful burr in their speech - just like those Athenians... or was that a growl?

**The Giant's Causeway, Ireland** - Outside of Belfast (a truly spooky city that we all were happy to leave) is an ancient volcanic site with lava tubes formed into cylindrical shapes that resemble cobblestones. It is one of the several UNESCO sites we visited and well worth the time, as long as your shoes were sturdy and your legs rested.

**London** - A very busy town with horrible traffic and Westminster Abbey - a delightful building with heritage, sweeping spires and crowds. We stayed at a small hotel for a day or two before we sailed, so had time for adventures on the Hop On Hop Off tours and time to pursue the perfect fish and chips (which were at the Laughing Halibut "cafe" at the end of a narrow street in the seamier side of town).

**St. Andrews, Scotland** - The birthplace of golf or some such thing. We visited the only cathedral or church in which we didn't light candles for George and Kevin because it is a burned out hulk with nary a candle to be found thanks to the Jacobites. The old course was populated by golfers (at 190 pounds



sterling a round) thousands of mostly clueless tourists who roamed the course at will despite a Golf Bobby who was furiously tweeting a whistle at them in warning of approaching Titleists.

We never heard "Fore!!" shouted as much as many surprisingly inept duffers bombed away into the crowd, street and, occasionally, the fairway. We had a photo on the bridge at the 18th with the Dunn's and Claudia improved her putting stroke in a putting area while I improved my overall game by purchasing a hat and set of ball markers made in China.

**Cobh, Ireland** - This small port town near Cork is famed as the last port of call of the Titanic before sailing to meet it's fateful iceberg. Plenty of dreadful stories of people who joined the ship at this point, and the few who disembarked and lived to tell the tale of what could have been. We hiked to St Colman's Cathedral for a spectacular look at the city. We didn't make the trip to Blarney castle but our travel companions, the Dunn's did.

**Dublin, Ireland** - St. Patrick's cathedral was the second spiffiest church we saw. Originally built in 1190, it was damaged by Cromwell - a very grumpy dude - and thereafter restored by the Guinness family thanks to several good years of beer sales. Jonathon Swift, my muse and mentor, was the dean of the place presumably while writing "Gulliver's Travels."

Our trip concluded with a powerful visit to Le Havre, France and the D-Day beaches at Normandy. Look for the incredible story of those terrible months in 1944 in the next edition of the Gateway Guardian.

Let me know your feelings about this column and suggest others by contacting me at [b.hughlett@verizon.net](mailto:b.hughlett@verizon.net).

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for ABC School Board



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**ELECTION DAY**  
November 5, 2013

**Dear Neighbor,**

I am honored to serve as your elected ABC School Board Member (since 2011) and as Board Clerk.

I am a graduate of ABC schools, past ABC parent, and past president of the Cerritos High PTSA. As a Board Member, I partner with all 19 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, 5 high schools and ABC Adult School. My 41 years of experience with ABC is very unique, which gives me a deeper understanding of the needs of our students, parents, schools and community.

As your elected Board Member, I built strong working relationships with the leaders of the cities served by ABC - Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach and Norwalk. My leadership style is to work collaboratively with stakeholders to continue increasing academic excellence for all students.

I worked very hard with my colleagues to improve ABC's finances. The 2013-2014 budget outlook is brighter as we restored furlough days to our teachers/staff and the full school year for our students. I will continue to work hard to increase funding, close the achievement gap and keep our schools academically competitive.

Feel free to contact me at [vote4lynda@gmail.com](mailto:vote4lynda@gmail.com) or (310) 650-6159. My website: [www.lyndapjohnson.com](http://www.lyndapjohnson.com).

I respectfully ask for your vote for a second term.

*Lynda*

FAITH

# Local Church Members Donate Time & Skills to Compton Initiative

Local church members from Grace Bretheran Community Church, located in Norwalk, donated their time and carpenter skills in working with the Compton Initiative and helped a family living within the City of Compton with yard work, repairs and painting.

The members of Grace Community Church regularly donate to their community and have several events at their church. They have been in Norwalk for many years and also

have an elementary school. If you would like more information about this very active church, please contact them at 562-863-7322.

The Compton Initiative partners with other entities, such as churches, businesses, community partners and residents.

Their mission is to bring restoration and hope to the community of Compton.

The Compton Initiative is a 40-year commitment

that includes a thousand acts of service, one day at a time, which will assist in the transformation of the community of Compton.

Future dates in 2014 for those interested in partnering with the Compton Initiative to assist the families in Compton are: Feb. 1, May 3, July 19, and Oct. 18. If you would like more information about the Compton Initiative, please visit their website at, *JustDo-Good.org*.

# New Life Community Church Hosts Pumpkin Bash



It was a family Halloween event as New Life Community Church, located in Artesia, opened its heart to the community for its annual Pumpkin Bash on Oct. 25.

A delicious dinner was served, along with entertainment by the church's musical staff and lots of games for the children, including a fish-in-the-bowl game where everyone wins and wonderful assortment of costumes (see photos).

Costumes ranged from Ironman to an adorable Diva. There was also a man, maybe from Chicago, with a Blackhawk's jersey, the team that won the Stanley Cup last year.

One of the best reasons

to attend this event next year is that this is a family outing. There were many families eating dinner and having fun together.

This annual event is part of the church's Community Outreach Program and most of all, everything was free for everyone!

For more information about this community-oriented church, located at 18800 Norwalk Blvd., Artesia, please call 562-924-4466.

You can also visit New Life's website at *www.nl-cc.org*. Be sure to check out the story in the Nov. 14 issue about the church's after school program.

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**When: Every Saturday morning 10am-11:45am**  
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**Contact: Jennifer outreach.cpsc@gmail.com**

# Learning by Heart

This Catholic year, "Learning by Heart" focuses on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12), which we might call the "be positive attitudes." These can be directions for living faithful to the Gospel "take up the promises made to the chosen people since Abraham" and they shed light on the actions and attitudes of a Christian life.

- Take time to work, it is the price of success.**
- Take time to mediate, it is the source of power.**
- Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth.**
- Take time to read, it is the way to knowledge.**
- Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.**
- Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.**
- And take time to love and to be loved.**

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



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My Halloween party last night was such a success..... thanks to your advice!! My human took me to PETSMART and bought me the most divine costume. I too had a hard time deciding on the perfect outfit. Finally, I decided on the "Diva" I looked marvelous!

Then, my human took me to the accessories. FABULOUS! I got the purse for candy, the crown, and the fur-trimmed cape because that is what Divas do. BY THE WAY, WHO WAS THAT STUD-MUFFIN DRESSED AS JUSTIN BUFF? BOW WOW! Your fur-trimmed buddy, Di



Dear Di,

Your party was the event of the Halloween season!!! Your human scored a big hit with the doggie candy, cookies and the toys for the party!

By the way, that good-looking muffin dressed up as Justin Buff is the Boxer Alejandro, who is my next door neighbor.

He buys all of his health food products at PETSMART and it shows!

Duchess

*Are you having problems with your human? Please email me at [mkimsey@thegatewayguardian.com](mailto:mkimsey@thegatewayguardian.com). Don't forget to send along a photo.*

## Town Hall Meeting to Discuss New Healthcare Options

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia will be convene a Healthcare Town Hall Meeting Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. - 12p.m. at the Cerritos Senior Center with Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, the South Asian Network (SAN), and the Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAAJ) in Cerritos. They will discuss health plan enrollment under the state's new healthcare exchange, Covered California.

Assemblymember Garcia will be hosting the event to provide details on how Covered California works, what it means to Californians and their families and how to enroll in the program. The event is entitled "A Community Service: Obama & You."

Californians no longer have to wait to enroll in Covered California. Health insurance coverage will be offered to everyone,

even if they have a pre-existing condition or can't afford coverage.

Many low-income and middle class families will qualify for discounted premiums with federal subsidies to help pay for the insurance. The program will provide 10 essential healthcare benefits, including emergency care, hospitalization, prescription drugs, mental health, maternity and newborn care.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Dennise Silva at [Dennise.Silva@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Dennise.Silva@asm.ca.gov) or call (562) 402-4893. If unable to attend these meetings, valuable health care information is available at [www.CoveredCA.com](http://www.CoveredCA.com) or call 1-800-300-1506.

The 58<sup>th</sup> Assembly District includes the cities of Montebello, Pico Rivera, Commerce, Bell Gardens, Downey, Norwalk, Bellflower, Cerritos and Artesia.

## Cerritos College Project HOPE Helps Students

Cerritos College Project HOPE is raising funds for scholarships for students to help them with their last year of studies at Cerritos College.

HOPE, which stands for Health Opportunities and Pipeline to Education, also aids students who will be transferring to a four-year college or university in order to pursue a

science or health major.

It is a support program that focuses on increasing the number of underrepresented groups who complete healthcare-related or science-related certificates and/or degrees.

The program takes a holistic approach to supporting student success by providing academic support, leadership

skill-building activities, community service opportunities, career counseling, and financial aid/scholarships.

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Visit the Project HOPE website for more information.

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- Effective management of resources and facilities
- Promote career technical education in high schools and ABC Adult School in cooperation with ROP and Cerritos College
- Enhance campus safety and cyber safety
- Update technology in all schools
- Foster character education

### Endorsements

- **The ABC Federation of Teachers, the California Federation of Teachers, the California School Employees Association, and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees**
- **Dr. Gary Smuts** Retired ABC School District Superintendent
- **Don Knabe** L.A. County Board of Supervisors
- **Cristina Garcia** California Assemblywoman
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