

Theatre, Dance Dept. To Perform At 33rd Annual Greek Festival

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The Cal State Hayward theatre and dance department will perform at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Centennial Hall, 22292 Foothill Blvd., at the 33rd Annual Greek Festival.

The festival will begin Friday at 5 p.m. and conclude Sunday at 7 p.m.

A performance by the CSUH Theatre and Dance Department will be based on the ancient Greek play "Creon," according to department Chair Thomas Hird, who said the troupe has been performing at the festival for about six years.

CSUH students David Toda and Dawn Williams will direct the play.

"Professor Edgardo dela Cruz, who died earlier this summer, has been a great inspiration for the students," said Hird.

The festival will offer entertainment for adults of all ages, and there will be prizes, Greek software and video games for children.

The festival's theme, 'Celebrate Ancient Greece,' will include slogans such as "Dance with us! Feast with us!" and "Keep the Olympic spirit alive."

Food will be prepared using Greek recipes, such as lamb chops and gyros, as well as a variety of pastries and beverages. The festival will include cooking demonstrations and recipes.

The musical group FOTIA, a festival favorite that has performed for crowds at Greek Festivals throughout California, will be at the event, along with a number of award-winning dance groups from Greek churches around the Bay Area. The Sons

of Ulysses and their very interesting and crowd-pleasing table-dancing act, picking up stacked tables and chairs with their teeth, are also sure to be a fun treat.

Slide shows of ancient and modern Greece will reflect the influence of Greek culture and the impact it has had on our society. Additionally, there will be tours and discussions of the Greek Orthodox Chapel.

"This is our opportunity to share our culture, food and history with the community, and we are grateful for your support," said Milt Vassis, advertising coordinator for the event.

The Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church of Castro Valley hosts the three-day event. There will be plenty of free parking and admission is just \$5 while children under 12 are free.

College student tries to return uneaten food for partial refund



Andy Pernsteiner, above, cautiously approaches counter with chicken bone and a few peas.

By POLLY BROWN

Checking his dignity at the cash register, college student Andy Pernsteiner recently presented a local diner cashier with a plate of picked-over food, demanding money for the vittles he didn't ingest. The cashier—who wishes to remain anonymous—was flabbergasted by the whole incident. "It was both sick and sad at the same time," she said. Pernsteiner had a different take: "I didn't eat the bone, so why should I pay for it?" Pete Woychick—a childhood friend of Pernsteiner's—said it was monthly fees tacked on to his friend's checking account that drove him to the shameless act. "Andy has been pounded for months by


fees on his checking account. He's pathetic. I never really liked him when we were kids either." Woychick—who says he personally was financially saved by Washington Mutual's Free Checking Deluxe—thought his childhood friend needed to get his act together and visit a Washington Mutual Financial Center or go to wamu.com. Then he, too, could sign up for Free Checking—an account with optional Deluxe services like free online bill pay. "Until Andy decides to get Free Checking," said Woychick, "I'm never eating out with him again. I'm pretty sure I won't return his phone calls either. I might even change my name."

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