FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7–14, 2006

In Progress
Kristen Habbestad is working to update artwork on local billboards to coincide with the start of the spring semester.

Coverage

Lynwood Press—October 26, 2006—Article about Holocaust presentation (from media alert).

Lynwood Press—October 26, 2006—Brief about backstage theater discussions (from media alert).

Lynwood Press—October 26, 2006—Article about Cerritos College music faculty performing nationally (from news release).

Lynwood Press—October 26, 2006—Brief about college’s participation in Megaconference VIII (from media alert).

The Press—October 20, 2006—Calendar listing for upcoming theater presentation of “Hamlet” (from media alert).


Bellflower Bulletin—November 2006—Article about upcoming Turkey Trot (from media alert).


Press-Telegram—November 13, 2006—Calendar item about upcoming Child Development Center’s anniversary dinner (from media alert).

Related News
Press-Telegram—November 9, 2006—Article about presidential hopefuls speaking at Long Beach City College.

Press-Telegram—November 9, 2006—Brief article about a new provost at CSULB.

Press-Telegram—November 14, 2006—Article about Eloy Oakley being appointed president at LBCC.

Daily Pilot—November 13, 2006—Article about student trustees at Orange Coast College who voted to ban the pledge of allegiance from the agenda at the students’ board meetings.
Cerritos College Student Newspaper Receives 33 Awards at Regional Conference

Student Reporters Stand Out Among 29 Local Community Colleges

For Immediate Release: November 8, 2006
Media Contact: Kristen Habbestad, Public Affairs; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2287

NORWALK, CA – November 8, 2006 – Cerritos College journalism students proved themselves a dominant force in Southern California student media circles November 3-4, by walking away from the California Journalism Association of Community Colleges’ (JACC) Southern California conference with 33 awards. The awards were announced at the association’s annual regional conference that was held at California State University, Fullerton.

Nearly 450 journalism students and their advisers from 29 community colleges attended the event. The 33 awards won by Cerritos College students by far exceed any previous results at journalism conferences, despite a string of high performances in recent years. Only three other institutions won as many awards as Cerritos College—Southwestern, Santa Barbara and El Camino community colleges.

“‘Awards are nice,’” said Rich Cameron, Cerritos College journalism instructor.

“But ultimately what they represent is affirmation for the students that they are growing and learning the skills they need to compete for careers in media-related fields.”

What impressed Cameron the most, however, was how the students won the awards. JACC hosts two types of contests with its conference competitions. The first, called “mail-in awards,” represents work done by students for Cerritos College’s three students publications over the course of a school year. Students entered samples of their work from the 2005-06 school year.

The second type of contest—on-the-spot and bring-in awards—is conducted and judged over the weekend and tests students’ abilities under live, deadline situations.

“‘Cerritos College’s awards,’” Cameron noted, “were across the board: They won mail-in, bring-in and on-the-spot awards. They won newspaper, magazine and online journalism awards. And they won writing, photography and design contests.”

The student newspaper, the weekly Talon Marks, won general excellence honors, as did its online cousin, talonmarks.com. The students in the program also produce an annual magazine called Wings.

“It’s clear that the online publication is one of the leaders in online journalism for all colleges across the state, including four-year colleges and universities,” Cameron said.

“Students are embracing the concepts of not only presenting work they do for the print edition online, but are experimenting with mid-week updates of breaking stories, videos, blogs and podcasts, all areas that tomorrow’s jour-
nalist will have to know."

This spring the program will offer a course in “Internet for Journalists,” which will focus on multi-media storytelling. In addition to the contests, students also attended a variety of workshops by leading teachers and representatives from the field of journalism on topics such as covering breaking news, preparing for new media in journalism, photography, resume writing, preparing for transfer to California State University programs and photojournalism.

Awards won by Cerritos students included:
MAIL-IN COMPETITION
Online Photo - 1st Place - Tanya Bermudez
Online Photo - 2nd Place - Tanya Bermudez
Online Photo - 4th Place - Raul Sandoval
Photo Illustration - 3rd Place - Benedict Orbase and Rosali Castillo
Sports Action Photo - 2nd Place - Raul Sandoval
Sports Action Photo - Honorable Mention - Raul Sandoval
Feature Photo - 1st Place - Tanya Bermudez
Magazine Photo - Honorable Mention - Marisa Klug-Morataya
Column Writing - Honorable Mention - Werner Gomez
Best Use of Photos and Graphics - Honorable Mention - Talon Marks
Critical Review - Honorable Mention - Benedict Orbase
Magazine Profile Feature - Honorable Mention - Diona Carrillo
Magazine News Feature - 2nd Place - Michelle MacLean
Magazine Cover Design - 1st Place - Benedict Orbase, Steve Rosa and Marisa Klug-Morataya
Magazine Layout/Design - 1st Place - Benedict Orbase, Werner Gomez and Tanya Bermudez
Magazine Line Illustration - 2nd Place - Benedict Orbase
Student-Designed Advertisement - Honorable Mention - Benedict Orbase
Informational Graphic - Honorable Mention - Benedict Orbase, Werner Gomez, Tanya Bermudez and Vetta Bogdanoff
Informational Graphic - Honorable Mention - Benedict Orbase and Vetta Bogdanoff
Front Page Layout - Broadsheet - Honorable Mention - Werner Gomez
General Excellence - Talon Marks
Online General Excellence - talonmarks.com
Inside Page Layout, Broadsheet - 3rd Place - Benedict Orbase and Tanya Bermudez
Inside Page Layout, Broadsheet - Honorable Mention - Benedict Orbase
Inside Page Layout, Broadsheet - Honorable Mention - Erick Galindo and Tanya Bermudez
Broadcast/Video Story - 1st Place - Jamie Canedo, Monica Ochoa, Tanya Bermudez and Benedict Orbase

BRING-IN AND ON-THE-SPOT
Bring-In Ad - Honorable Mention - Tanya Bermudez and Ryan Edquist
Bring-In Photo Illustration - 2nd Place - Werner Gomez, Erick Galindo and Jonathan Sanchez
Sports Story - 3rd Place - Erick Galindo
News Judgment/Layout, Broadsheet - 4th Place - Werner Gomez
Feature Story - Honorable Mention - Tanya Bermudez
Opinion Writing - 3rd Place - Erick Galindo
Opinion Writing - Honorable Mention - Werner Gomez

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Cerritos College Art Gallery to Feature Annual Faculty Exhibit

For Immediate Release: November 7, 2006

Media Contact: Kristen Habbestad, Public Affairs; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2287

WHAT: The Cerritos College Art Gallery will present the work of Cerritos College’s art, design and photography faculty during an exhibit held November 20, 2006 through January 18, 2007. An opening reception will be held Tuesday, November 21, at 6 p.m.

This annual exhibition will include works by faculty in many different media including painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, graphic design, animation, and photography. The art, design and photography faculty at Cerritos College are working artists, involved locally and internationally either as exhibiting artists or industry professionals. This show features the best of recent works by art and design faculty along with excerpts from series and installation works by photography faculty.

WHEN: The exhibition will run November 20, 2006 – January 18, 2007. An opening reception will be held Tuesday, November 21, 6 – 8 p.m.

Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday, 6 – 9 p.m.

WHERE: Cerritos College Art Gallery (FA 50)  
Cerritos College  
11110 Alondra Blvd  
Norwalk, CA 90650

A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide

CONTACT: For more information, please visit www.cerritos.edu/gallery or contact Christina Fernandez at ext. 2612 or at cmfernandez@cerritos.edu.

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Cerritos College Student Woodworkers to host 'Sawdust Symposium' on Nov. 16

For Immediate Release: November 8, 2006

Event Contact: Jennifer Simpson, Woodworking Technology; (562) 860-2451 ext. 2986

WHAT: The Cerritos College Student Association of Woodworkers will host a ‘Sawdust Symposium,’ Thursday, November 16, 6:30 - 9 p.m. featuring Cerritos College woodworking instructors who will share their experience and student work. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn about different areas in woodworking and classes available on campus. A Sunhill 13” planer/molder will be awarded as a raffle prize.

WHEN: Thursday, November 16, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

WHERE: Health Science Building, room 102
Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide

CONTACT: For more information, please contact Jennifer Simpson, Woodworking Technology, at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2986 or at jsimpson@cerritos.edu.

COST: Free; campus parking is $1 per day.

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New Director Heads Southland/Cerritos Center for Transportation Technology

Eli Jaramillo Joins Cerritos College with 22 Years Experience at Nissan

For Immediate Release: November 8, 2006

Media Contact: Kristen Habbestad, Public Affairs; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2287

NORWALK, CA – November 8, 2006 – Cerritos College announced today the appointment of Eli Jaramillo as director of the Southland/Cerritos Center for Transportation Technology (SCCTT), a world-class automotive training center on the college’s campus that will help provide a unique career ladder for automotive students and dealer employees from across the Southern California region. Jaramillo joins Cerritos College after a 22-year career at Nissan North America, Inc.

During the next five years, Cerritos College plans to invest $15 million in the SCCTT for the expansion and renovation of existing automotive technology training facilities. The new, forward-looking automotive partners building will include state-of-the-art classrooms and training facilities, program offices for Northwood University and the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association, and fully equipped meeting facilities. Jaramillo will oversee development of the center and its affiliated programs.

“My vision is to have a turnkey center where we develop training modules to meet dealers’ training needs for existing and new dealership staff,” Jaramillo explained.

“Once realized, the SCCTT will be able to fit a dealership’s needs for qualified staff, all the way from the sales and service departments to the warranty and finance areas.”

Currently, the auto industry is experiencing a significant lack of qualified automotive technicians, and the SCCTT is poised to help fill that deficit. Nationally, there are more than 104,000 job openings for dealership personnel in new car dealerships. In the Pacific region alone (including California, Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington), there are more than 15,000 job openings. Salaries for entry-level technicians range from $20,000 to $30,000 per year, while experienced master technicians can earn more than $100,000 per year.

“Today’s automotive students have a more defined career ladder available to them,” Jaramillo noted.

“The fact is, manufacturers are making better cars, and we have to train our students to keep up with new and advancing technologies in the industry. Proper vehicle service and repair requires computer
knowledge as well as math and even some engineering skills, so there’s a perception out there that needs to be adjusted. Students who come out of our program are better equipped for jobs in the industry, and they have more opportunities for growth and development, particularly through our articulation agreement with Northwood University.”

Jaramillo holds a bachelor’s degree in industrial arts, a master’s degree in vocational education and a master’s degree in educational administration, all from California State University, Los Angeles. He began his career in the William S. Hart and Alhambra School Districts, teaching automotive technology and auto body repair. In his new role, Jaramillo also will work to build the alternative-fuels program.

“Within 5-10 years, our vision is for Cerritos College to be the benchmark relative to alternative fuels,” he said.

“Compressed natural gas engines, hybrids and hydrogen fuel cells all bring us closer to a day when a majority of new vehicles will be using alternative fuels and/or alternative power in one form or another. Our students will be ahead of the curve by becoming familiar now with advanced transportation technologies.”

For more information about the SCCTT at Cerritos College, please contact Eli Jaramillo at ejaramillo@cerritos.edu or at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2934.

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Cerritos College President Noelia Vela, left, Edward Chow, of Jet Propulsion Laboratory; and Cerritos College Director of Economic Development Jose Anaya, confer during a national technology reception hosted by the college.

College participates in technology conference

STAFF REPORT

NORWALK — Cerritos College officials, industry representatives, technical institutions and neighboring community colleges met Oct. 4-7 to participate in the 18th annual Conference of the National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers in Anaheim.

A portion of the conference consisted of a showcase reception at Cerritos College, one of the few community colleges to feature a Center for Applied Competitive Technologies on its campus, said Kristen Habbesdah, the college's media relations coordinator.

“Our success in ensuring that students receive the finest in career preparation is through collaboration and support from industry,” said Cerritos College President Noelia Vela as she welcomed conference attendees to the Cerritos College campus.

Other participants in the four-day conference included overall conference host North Orange County Community College District, and numerous community colleges throughout the country.

Edward Chow of Jet Propulsion Laboratory provided the keynote address at the college, discussing policy-based management technologies used by JPL's Deep Space Network.

Jose Anaya, Cerritos College's director of economic development, said he was pleased at the knowledge-sharing opportunities afforded by the conference.

“We are very involved with [the coalition] and its annual conference because it's a prime opportunity to network with other colleges and to find out what's out there,” he said. “Basically, we all have one goal, and that is to foster innovation and to stay current on emerging technologies and industries. Our successes in accomplishing this are shared both with our partners at other colleges and our industry supporters.”
Cerritos to air program on Holocaust

NORWALK — Cerritos College’s Humanities and Social Sciences Division and the Global Consortium will host Aaron Breibart, senior researcher at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, for a discussion of the Jewish Holocaust during World War II at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 6 in the Wilford Michael Library and Learning Resource Center on the local campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd. “And the World Looked Away: The Story of the Holocaust,” will be conducted as a live video conference that will connect college campuses throughout the country, Kristen Habbestad, the college’s media relations coordinator, said.

The program also will be broadcast live through the California Community College Satellite Television and to the local community through cable television.

It will take place in the library’s Teleconference Center, Room 155.
College offers backstage look at plays

NORWALK — The Cerritos College Theatre Department will present a backstage question-and-answer session Nov. 1 and 2 that will give audiences an insight into the productions of Shakespeare’s “Hamlet” and Tom Stoppard’s “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead.”

The plays will be performed in the Burnight Center Studio Theatre on campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

Discussions will cover the language of the plays, how they translate on stage, themes, and the actors’ approaches to the script, according to Kristen Habbestad, the college’s media relations coordinator.

Cost is free, but reservations are required.

On Nov. 1, following the 8 p.m. performance, there will be a discussion with the cast and director of “Hamlet.” On Nov. 2, following the 8 p.m. performance, there will be a discussion with the cast and director of “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead.”

Both performances offer school classes a special group rate of $8 per student. To receive the special rate, tickets must be purchased together, Habbestad said.

Information: John Zamora at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2638.
College faculty perform nationally

NORWALK — Two Cerritos College Music Department faculty members, Theresa Dimond and SungAe Lee, have been invited to perform on a national stage, according to Kristen Habbestad, the college’s media information coordinator.

Dimond, a percussionist who has been on the Cerritos College faculty for 25 years, traveled to New York this week to perform at the Lincoln Center.

Lee, who teaches piano, was selected as a finalist at the 11th annual World Piano Pedagogy Conference in the solo and concerto competition, held in Atlanta this week.

Christine Lopez, chair of the Cerritos College Music Department, will attend the conference and accompany Lee during the competition.

“It’s a credit to our [music] program that Cerritos College faculty members are invited to showcase their talents and expertise,” Lopez said.

As one of six percussionists, Dimond will join the full chorus of the Los Angeles Master Chorale and four pianists at the Lincoln Center to give a performance celebrating the work of contemporary composer Steve Reich.

Dimond studied at USC and completed her bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in percussion.

She has been a member of the Los Angeles Opera Orchestra since its first season, principal timpanist for the Pasadena Pops and California Philharmonic, and as a freelance musician has performed with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra and Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra.

Her recording credits include “Edward Scissorhands,” “Far From Heaven,” “Rocky V,” “The Simpsons,” “Pocahontas,” the Grammy Awards and recordings with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra and the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

In addition to teaching at Cerritos College, Dimond is also on the faculties of Pomona College, UC Irvine and Whittier College.

Lee’s performance in Atlanta will include Prokofiev’s “Piano Concerto Number One in D-Flat Major,” with Lopez playing a second piano as the orchestral rendition of the piece.

Lee also plans to perform Rachmaninoff’s “Prelude” and Liszt’s “Spanish Rhapsody.”

She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in piano performance from UCLA.

While at UCLA, she was a prize winner in both the Neil and Jane Hanson Scholarship and the Benno Rubihy Piano Competition.

In May, she received a doctorate in musical arts from USC, where she studied under pianist Daniel Pollack.

Lee joined the faculty at Cerritos College in January 2005 and has also served on the faculty at Shepherd University and Bethesda University.
College to participate in teleconference

NORWALK — Cerritos College history professor John Haas will take part in Megaconference VIII, a worldwide teleconference, from 4:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 2.

Haas will make his presentation on use of video-teleconferencing in education from the Cerritos College Teleconference Room on the local campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

More than 430 colleges, universities and institutions from 39 states and 31 countries are expected to take part, Kristen Habbestad, the college’s public affairs coordinator, said.

Haas’ presentation is entitled, “Building Bridges to the World: The Cerritos College Global Consortium One Year Later.”

Other broadcast elements include presentations, demonstrating how groups use video conferencing for interactive meetings and lessons, engaging multiple sites and the audience, musical mini-concerts, and a global roll call in which all participants get a moment to say hello, sing their school fight song or do whatever they like.

Information: Haas at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2726.
Cerritos College Auto Technology Offers Ford Certification

Ford ASSET Program Prepares Students for Lucrative Technician Careers

NORWALK — Cerritos College’s Automotive Technology Department invites students to attend a Ford ASSET (Automotive Student Service Educational Training) orientation on Thursday, November 16th at 7 p.m., Cerritos College, Automotive Technology Compound, room 26, 11110 Alondra Blvd. in Norwalk.

The “earn while you learn” Ford ASSET program allows students to work at a local Ford dealership to gain experience while taking Cerritos College classes toward certification in servicing Ford vehicles. The next cycle of Ford ASSET courses begins January 8, 2007.

Admission to the event is free; on-campus parking is $1 per day. A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide.

For more information, contact Amna Jara of the Automotive Technology Department at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2912 or by e-mail at ajara@cerritos.edu.

To learn more about the Ford ASSET program, visit www.fordasset.com.
Cerritos College to Host 9th Annual “Turkey Trot” Nov. 21

CERRITOS COLLEGE — Health Education and Staff Development Departments promote exercise while raising canned goods for Norwalk community.

NORWALK — Combining a friendly spirit of competition with community goodwill, Cerritos College’s Health, Physical Education and Athletics (HPEA) Division and Staff Development Department will host the 9th annual Turkey Trot Tuesday, November 21. To enter the 1.5-mile walk/run, participants must donate one canned food item, which is then provided to the Norwalk Community Council’s Holiday Food Basket Program for needy families in the Norwalk area.

Each year, the event raises nearly 1,000 cans of food from its 200-plus participants. Many who participate choose to exceed the one-can requirement, while others choose not to walk or run but donate to the event.

Race participants also have the opportunity to earn prizes for guessing their completion time most accurately. Watches are not allowed for the event.

The first 100 finishers will receive a commemorative Turkey Trot t-shirt.

WHEN:
Tuesday, November 21, 2006
Registration: 9:30 - 10:55 a.m.
Race Time: 11:05 a.m. sharp

WHERE:
Cerritos College
Falcon Square
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650

COST:
At least one canned food item.

For more information contact Dr. Ni Bueno in Cerritos College Health Education at (562) 860-2451, ext.2874.
**The Press**

October 20, 2006

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**THEATER**

Reading of a comedic drama about three friends who are kicked out by their girlfriends on the same night, by actor/writer/director Gary DeWitt Marshall, is the first in a weekly series of readings called "Dark Blue Mondays." 7 p.m. Monday, Found Theatre, 599 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach. $15, (562) 433-3383 or www.foundtheatre.org

"Hamlet." The Cerritos College Theater Department presents Shakespeare's classic tragedy of a young prince who is asked to avenge his father's murder. Opens 8 tonight. Regular run is 8 p.m. Saturday, 8 p.m. Nov. 1 and Nov. 3, and 2 p.m. Nov. 4. Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. $12 general, $10 students and seniors. (562) 860-2451 or www.cerritos.edu/theatre.

"Ridiculous Fraud." Three brothers struggle to meet various obligations and bail their father out of jail in this Old South comedy about the "nature" of human nature by Pulitzer Prize-winner Beth Henley. Opens 8 tonight. Regular run is 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday; through Nov. 19. South Coast Repertory, 655 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa. $26-$60. (714) 708-5555 or www.scr.org.
Post-Iraq battle is on the Home Front

The men on one side of the table wear jeans, T-shirts and baseball caps. They are residents of Al Asad, a town about 125 miles west of Baghdad. Sitting opposite them are U.S. Marines, including one of the Iraqis called "the Lion." He is Gunnery Sgt. Erik E. Duane, of Westminster, California.

Duane's nickname is a sobriquet of respect. A member of the Marines' Civil Affairs Group, he has earned the name by performing what, by Iraq war standards, are minor miracles. He helped organize the town council whose meeting he is now attending. He started projects to collect trash and improve the local water supply.

Says one Iraqi, "He even helped deliver bottled water when there was an attack on the water treatment plant."

Cpl. Jesus O. Luna, another member of the Civil Affairs Group, echoes such praise.

The relationship he has with the Iraqis is exceptional. He is professional and personable with them. When it is time to talk business, it is done his way and as straightforward as possible.

In Marine parlance, Duane, 35, is called Gunny, a title given to any Marine who reaches the rank of gunnery sergeant. The Iraqis have embellished the title. They also call him Sheik Gunny.

The above portrait was culled from an article in a June military publication.

Home again

We meet outside a small, deteriorating building in Westminster. It looks like a church from one of Walker Evans' famous sharecropper photos of the Great Depression. Long ago, the building in fact was a church.

Now its white, wood frame is weather-beaten. The lawn, if it can be called that, is unkempt. The only indication that the building is still used is the sign in front that proudly programs that this is the home of the Barbers City Woman's Club.

Barbers City was a municipal entity unto itself until Westminster incorporated as a town in 1957. During World War II, the building was a bustling place where the club members ran a Home Front operation typical of the era. They sewed bandages, wrote letters to GIs, made blankets for patients in veterans hospitals, and raised money for bond drives.

The current club president would like to restore it to its old Home Front status. Endowed with the spirit of her husband, Sheik Gunny, Erica Duane is likely to succeed.

Return to yesteryear

Erik Duane returned from his second tour in Iraq six weeks ago. Now he paces the floor of the old church, a few blocks from the Duane home. He stops to take measurements, stop again, perhaps imagining the days of World War II when the Barbers City Woman's Club was a flourishing Home Front scene.

Both Duanes would like to bring that back. Says Erica: "There's a couple of things we want to do. The VIW (Post '75) meets here. We want to make it work for their meetings. We want the woman's club to be able to meet here, to send out information, where they can even share their frustrations of being separated from their husbands."

She understands the impact of those separations, just as she understands the sacrifices military families are called upon to make.

"The first time Erik went overseas, I felt completely alone. Now she worries about his being called back a third time. "He would never say no," she says.

Ties to Iraq

Age 17 and a micro computer systems repair specialist at Cerritos College, Erik spent 10 years as an active duty, then, six years ago, signed on as in the Reserves. He did his two Iraq tours, three years, as a Reservist.

For all that, his attachment to the country resonates when he reminisces about his time there.

"I love these people. I care about what happens to them. We were able to help improve their quality of life. And people are more willing to defend themselves when they have something worthwhile to defend."

He adds, "I felt good where I was. I did my job and I felt safe. If and maybe this is going out on a limb a bit, like I was doing God's work. I'll never forget it. Quite often, we would discuss God. It wasn't a Christian thing or a Muslim thing. It was just about God."

In some ways, he finds conditions tougher for wives in the non-active reserves than really there. There's no follow-up like there was when we were active-duty reserves."

Touring the club

We explore the building, which, with its meeting room, small kitchen and small bath, doesn't take long. With the Duanes are their children, Gillian, 10, and Macen, 6. Also with Erik is Eric Puckett, lead instructor for the Building Industry Technology Academy at Anaheim's Katella High School.

Puckett's students, high-school age and adults, will be involved in the makeover of the building. "We've been talking to the (Regional Occupational Program) supervisors about this," he says. "They're very interested in getting involved."

The students are expected to construct a shed and/or a playhouse for the club members' children. Companies such as Certa-Pro Painters and, El and El Wood Products already are contributing supplies and services.

But Puckett and the Duanes still have a wish list. They need electricians, heating and cooling services, drywall, insulation and flooring contractors, and door and window installers. And they need money.

If you can provide professional services and/or supplies, they will really be welcome. Barber City Woman's Club has a tax-exempt status.

For further information, call Erik and Erica; Sheik and Mrs. Sheik, if you prefer. The number is (714) 896-9839. They will be grateful. So will I.

Tom Hennessy's viewpoint appears Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. He can be reached at (909) 496-1270 or by e-mail at Scribi17@mac.com.
Community Calendar

Norwalk

Child Center celebrates 30 years

Cerritos College Child Development Center on Friday will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a feature dinner.

The community is invited to participate in the festivities, which will include a slide show, entertainment and dinner in the Cerritos College Student Center.

The celebration is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are $6 for adults and $3 for children. The campus is at 11110 Alondra Blvd.

Organizers of the anniversary celebration are seeking photos, newspaper clippings and other memorabilia related to the history of the Cerritos College Child Development Center. To contribute photos or memorabilia or to RSVP, call Judy Krause at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2584 or e-mail her at jdodge@cerritos.edu.
LBCC leadership hopefuls speak

By Kevin Butler

McPhail, among 3 finalists, discuss their priorities at forum

Long Beach City College held a forum Wednesday with three finalists for the district’s presidency, including Cyril McPhail, senior vice president of Student Services and Enrollment Management. McPhail, who was among 15 candidates for the position, said he was excited about the opportunity to lead the college and help it achieve its goals.

McPhail said he was particularly interested in improving student access and success, as well as expanding the college’s online offerings.

He also spoke about the importance of collaboration with the community and the need to ensure that the college’s programs are relevant to the needs of the local workforce.

McPhail said he was looking forward to meeting with faculty and staff to discuss their concerns and ideas for improving the college.

Oakley, another finalist, said he was impressed with the college’s mission and its commitment to diversity and inclusion.

He said he was especially interested in working to improve student retention and success rates.

Oakley also spoke about the importance of partnerships with local businesses and organizations to provide students with real-world opportunities.

The forum was part of the district’s presidential search process, which began in January. The new president is expected to be named in the coming months.
CSULB picks new provost

By Kevin Butler
Staff writer

LONG BEACH — Karen Gould, a dean at the University of Cincinnati, has been named the new provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Cal State Long Beach.

The provost is considered the No. 2 position on campus, after CSULB President F. King Alexander.

The provost is the chief academic officer at the university, responsible for setting academic policies.

Gould, currently dean of the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, also is a professor of French and Francophone Studies at the University of Cincinnati.

As dean, she oversees 21 academic departments, five interdisciplinary centers and 38 undergraduate, 39 graduate and 15 doctoral degree programs.

During her tenure as dean, she has raised more than $35 million in external grants and contract funding and more than $20 million in philanthropic donations, according to CSULB officials.

She holds a bachelor’s degree in French from Occidental College and a doctorate in romance languages from the University of Oregon.

Gould and CSULB officials are discussing exactly when she will assume the provost job full-time this spring.

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LBCC’s Oakley will replace Kehoe

Education: School’s assistant superintendent gets the nod for president’s job.

By Kevin Butler
Staff writer

LONG BEACH — Hoy Oakley, assistant superintendent of education at LBCC, was selected to become the next president of the college. Oakley, who had served as the school’s executive vice president, will begin his new duties Jan. 1. Oakley is the third finalist in the search for a new president, after the Board of Trustees decided to go with Oakley. The previous finalists were Umpara and Tungate. Oakley has been responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations at the college, including construction projects and maintenance. Oakley, who also is executive vice president, said he is excited about the opportunity to lead the college.

NEW LEADER

Eddy Oakley
Currently: assistant superintendent of administration
Previously: vice president of student services, Orange College
Education: B.A., UC Irvine; M.B.A., UC Irvine

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right now.

“We needed that individual capability to take the college to the next level.”

Uranga said he was impressed by Oakley’s ideas to increase student retention by focusing on teaching less-prepared students basic math and English skills. The board also liked his communication style, Uranga said.

“From the faculty and staff to the students and the community at large, he has been able to build bridges and communicate well with all the campus groups,” Uranga said.

Oakley said he was “thrilled” to get the job. He said he has shown the ability to work well with the various elements at LBCC.

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“The campus has been through a lot over the last several years, so I need to do everything I can to bring people together,” he said.

Oakley, who joined LBCC in 2002, also has served as vice president of college services at Oxnard College and manager of risk services at Coast Community College District.

He received a bachelor’s in environmental analysis and design and a master’s in business administration from UC-Irvine.

The heads of two LBCC employee unions praised Oakley’s selection.

“We think he’ll bring a warmth to the campus that’s been missing,” said Alta Costa, president of the Long Beach Council of Classified Employees, which represents secretaries, custodians and other support staff.

“We’re very excited to work with him in the future,” said Charlotte Joseph, president of the LBCC Community College Association, which represents full-time faculty.

David Morse, a LBCC professor who leads the Academic Senate, said he was confident in Oakley’s leadership ability.

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Pledge of Allegiance controversy

On the heels of a decision to remove the pledge, OCC's student VP wants it to be reinstated.

By Michael Miller

Orange Coast College's student vice president said Monday that she will order the Pledge of Allegiance to be recited at all upcoming meetings, following a decision by the student government representatives last week to remove the pledge from their agendas.

During public comment at Monday's board meeting, Sage Michael, a friend of student Vice President Christine Zoldos, asked all interested patrons to join him in saluting the flag. Roughly two thirds of the crowd stood and recited the pledge, while the remainder sat in silence.

Zoldos, who cannot attend Monday meetings because of a scheduling conflict, said she had sent Michael on her behalf and would enlist a friend to lead the pledge for her on Mondays in the future. The board meets twice a week, on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

"I look at the pledge as a unifying symbol," Zoldos said. "You're not pledging allegiance to the government or God; you're pledging allegiance to the republic that was created by the constitution. We live in a world of divisional multiculturalism, and we're all united by the flag."

When three of the four student trustees voted to eliminate the pledge from agendas last week, they noted that the words "under God" went against some students' beliefs. Zoldos said that she interpreted the wording differently.

"It says we're created under God, but it never says you're pledging allegiance to God," she said.

At the Monday meeting, student body President Lynne Riddle distributed a press release that accused Zoldos of blowing the controversy out of proportion. Upon hearing of the pledge decision at the Nov. 6 meeting, Zoldos invited a reporter to attend two days later. The president argued that Zoldos could have raised her concerns before the meeting, although Zoldos said she had not read the agenda in advance.

Riddle, who used the word "controversy" sarcastically in quotes throughout the release, said the dispute over the pledge had brought unwelcome attention to the student board.

"The harm has gone well beyond the targeted 'un-American' students," the statement read. "It's spilled over the college and the district, as well; both being held accountable for coddling a student government of hypocrites, left-wing nuts, freedom-haters and, very likely, 'commies.'"

OCC President Bob Dees, who was among those rising to say the pledge on Monday, declined to offer an opinion on the trustees' vote, but said he viewed it as democracy in action.

"I think these are just students who are questioning their own beliefs and values," he said. "The positive thing is that they saw this as a place to do it."