FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6 - 12, 2005

In Progress
- Kristen Habbestad provided outreach to media to alert them about the board of trustees’ annual reorganization meeting.

- Ms. Habbestad also provided information about the college’s foreign language offerings to an Orange County Register reporter.

Coverage
Press Telegram – November 2, 2005 – Sports article about junior college sports. Cerritos College linebacker Dylan Campanale was honored as Mission Conference Player of the Week.

Press Telegram – November 2, 2005 – Article about Mike Stark’s “Rock 50” radio show on Cerritos College’s WPMD radio station.


Downey Patriot – November 4, 2005 – Article about Dr. Bob Hughlett running for a seat on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

Downey Patriot – November 4, 2005 – Captioned photo of Cerritos College Board of Trustees candidate Bob Hughlett.

Press Telegram – November 6, 2005 – Article about incumbent board members Bob Verderber and Bob Epple seeking open seats on the Cerritos College Board.

Press Telegram – November 9, 2005 – Blurb about the race for seats on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

Press Telegram – November 10, 2005 – Article about the tallies for the three seats on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.
Whittier Daily News – November 13, 2005 – Article about Cerritos College student Will Morton and his comedy troupe that visits convalescent homes and hospitals.

Whittier Daily News – November 15, 2005 – Blurb about Dr. Elijah Levy of Cerritos College leading a current events class at the La Mirada Activity Center.

Press Telegram – November 19, 2005 – Sports article about Cerritos College men’s water polo coach withdrawing his team from the COA Water Polo Championships.

Downey Business – December 2005 – Article about Cerritos College celebrating 50 years.

Whittier Daily News – December 12, 2005 – Articles about Cerritos College Department of Theatre presenting “Aesop’s Fables” and article on Cerritos College Business Education Professor Mary Ellen Brady receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Downey Association of Realtors.
Cerritos College Board of Trustees Holds Annual Organizational Meeting

Outgoing Trustees Verderber and Gutierrez Honored for Service

For Immediate Release: December 8, 2005

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December 8, 2005 – The Cerritos College Board of Trustees held its annual re-organizational meeting on Wednesday evening, December 7, 2005. The board bid farewell to two departing members: Bob Verderber, a 12-year veteran of the board who did not win one of the three open seats, and Eric Gutierrez, who served for one four-year term and did not seek re-election.

On behalf of the board, Dr. Ted Edmiston, board president for 2005, honored both Verderber and Gutierrez with commemorative plaques for their years of service. “You have built a legacy during 12 years as a trustee here at Cerritos College,” said Verderber.

“We will certainly miss your involvement in leading this campus, and we wish to thank you for your continued commitment and dedication.”

Edmiston also thanked Gutierrez for his service.

“We know that a man of your character and abilities is destined for lifelong leadership,” he said of Gutierrez. “So we say goodbye for now, knowing well that you will continue to be involved and effective within our community.”

The board also welcomed and conducted swearing-in procedures for re-elected member Bob Epple—appointed to the board in July 2004 to complete the term of Cheryl Epple, his wife, after her unexpected death—and newly elected members Dr. Bob Hughlett and Carmen Avalos.

Following these acknowledgements, the board elected officers of the board: John Moore, a member since 1988, was elected president; Tom Jackson,
immediate past secretary and member since 2003, was elected vice president; and Bob Arthur, past board president and member since 1995 as secretary. The board presented outgoing Board President Edmiston, a trustee since 1991, with an honorary plaque for his year of dedication and service to the board.

"We have all appreciated Bob’s tremendous leadership skills and dedication to the district,” said incoming Board President Edmiston of Arthur.

"He has seen this college and its administration through very challenging times, and for that we thank him.”

In addition to serving on the district board of trustees, Edmiston also serves as president for the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA). A chiropractor, he is a strong advocate on the board for the use of technology to enhance the instructional process and has served a member of the since 1991. He is a catalyst for entrepreneurial initiatives and has also been named an honorary member of Cerritos College’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of two-year colleges.

Moore, the board member with the most seniority, having served since 1988, is a marketing representative for a major corporation. Over the years, Mr. Moore has worked diligently to ensure that the image of Cerritos College is consistently cast in a positive light. Mr. Moore has also served as a board member of the statewide California Community College League.

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Campanale, Williams get awarded

By David Felton
Staff writer

Long Beach City College kick returner Brian Williams and Cerritos linebacker Dylan Campanale were honored Mission Conference Players of the Week for their efforts on Saturday.

Williams, a freshman from Las Vegas, set a school record with a 102-yard kickoff return in the Vikings' 26-14 upset of previously unbeaten Fullerton to earn the Special Teams honors.

Campanale, a sophomore from Servite High, had 14 tackles — 10 solo — and a forced fumble for the Falcons in a 43-19 loss to El Camino to claim Defensive Player of the Week.

LBCC and Cerritos also four players earn Mission Conference honorable mention for their play.

For the Vikings, they were DT Josh Tuanauu, LB Willie Davis, RB Dane Walker and PK Brent Crossen. The Falcons honored were RB Jeron Johnson, WR/KR Ricky Reyes, CB Terrell Cole and FS Arlando Bryant.

Saddleback QB Nick Nelson (288 yards, 4 TDs) was selected Offensive Player of the Week.

• LBCC moved up two spots in the CCCPA Southern California poll this week, from 13th to 11th, after last week's victory. Fullerton fell from third to fourth.

Compton, ranked 16th a week ago, fell out of the Top 20 after its 20-6 loss to L.A. Southwest.

Injury update

LBCC midfielder Brittany Jensen, who suffered a left knee injury last week in a 2-0 win vs. El Camino, will sit out Friday's South Coast Conference game against Mt. SAC, according to coach Alex Camargo.

"We're going to take it slow," said Camargo.

Camargo said Jensen can walk without much pain but he doesn't want to take any chances. The Vikings (18-0-2, 7-0-1) have four SCC games remaining before the Southern California Regional playoffs begin Nov. 19.

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WHAT'S UP: A classic 30 years running

A BOSS BOX: What a brilliant summer day it was at August's end 30 years ago when we bolted from classes at college and bailed to the record store to take a chance on this new record by this "new Dylan."

We copped home with our purchase, slit the shrink wrap and rolled out the shiny black vinyl platter — what a thrill it was to buy a new record in those days, especially one that's about to dominate your record-playing time for several months running. We put it on our HIC turntable fairly fresh from the shelves of Pacific Stereo, and turned it up nice and loud. This was no time to be concerned with the feelings of neighbors. Anyhow, a little culture ain't gonna kill 'em.

It started slow:
"The screen door slams, Mary's dress sways. Like a vision she dances across the porch as the radio plays Roy Orbison singing for the lonely..."

This could be the album that changes everything, was the advance hype of Bruce Springsteen's 1975 classic, "Born to Run," and the opening track, "Thunder Road," certainly delivered, with its novel-ready tale of rebellion and redemption as told by a guitar-slinging Jersey edition of James Dean, all spitted out within the E Street Band's soon-to-be-signature racquet of tinkling piano, soaring organ, thunderous drums, back-bowin sax and awesome assault of guitars.

The record peaked, energetically and themusical ly, at track 5, the muscular title piece that reinforced the LP's opener:
"In the day we want it out in the streets of a runaway American dream...
At night we ride through mansions of glory in suicide machines."

The album is still a glorious work today, even though the feeling of hearing Springsteen's "Born to Run" for the first time can't be recaptured — it's a good thing, because we can't take that kind of excitement anymore.

However, the record, certainly one of rock's greatest, is being celebrated rather grandly in an impressive package being released Nov 15 by Columbia Records.


The set will retail for about $40, but you shouldn't have any problem finding it discounted below the $30 mark.

MEANWHILE: While you're sitting around killing time waiting for the Boss box set to come out, you should tune your computer to longitude rocker and radom Mike Stark's always excellent "Rock 60" radio show from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m.

The Boss' grand achievement, "Born to Run," is getting a deluxe re-release with a making-of DVD and other goodies.

Saturday on WPMD: On that program, Stark will salute "Born to Run" and its anniversary set with an interview with longtime Boss buddy and rock critic-writer Dave Marsh.

"Born to Run" was the record that turned me around to Bruce," says Stark. "A friend of mine played it for me, and I was hooked. Then I went and saw Springsteen at the Santa Monica Civic in '76, and it just blew me away.

"That show was the only time I'd used a scalper for tickets," says Stark. "And when he played again the next night, I was back at the scalper's in the morning. Springsteen is definitely the best live act I've ever seen."

In addition to chatting with Marsh about "Born to Run," including a bit about the evolution of "Thunder Road" from its earlier version called "Wings for Wheels," Stark will play live versions of the eight songs that make up the record.

The show, originating at Cerritos College, is available only through the Internet at www.WPMD.org.

What's Up appears in the Press Telegram Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. You can reach Tim Grobaty at (562) 499-1286, or e-mail: tgrobaty@yahoo.com.
OWL members walk for House of Hope

NORWALK — Cerro's College's Older Wiser Learner Program will host its third annual Founders House of Hope Walkathon beginning at 9 a.m. Nov. 19 at El Dorado Regional Park, 7550 E. Spring St., Long Beach. Participants in the walk gather sponsorships to support their distance walked during the timed event, said Kristen Habbesaud, the college's media relations coordinator.

Donations support residents of the Founders House of Hope in Anaheim which deals with chronic mental illness. Funds raised will assist with ongoing psycho-social rehabilitation services and provide necessary supplies for the residents' creative expression classes, offered through the OWL program in the Adult Education and Diversity Programs at Cerro's College, Habbesaud said.

Donations from the first year's walk amounted to more than $5,000 and last year's donations totaled more than $7,000. Donors also will receive complimentary items depending on the amount donated.

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Cerritos College honors its longest serving president

Wilford Michael, who served from 1973 to 1986, was honored with a portrait placed in the library that bears his name.

Wilford Michael, President of Cerritos College, was honored with a portrait placed in the library that bears his name. The portrait was unveiled on October 9th, 1996. Michael served as President of Cerritos College from 1973 to 1986. During his tenure, Michael played a significant role in the college's growth and development, working closely with the community to ensure that Cerritos College remained a vital part of the local community.

Michael received his bachelor's degree from Chaffey College and his master's degree from the University of La Verne. He is also a graduate of the University of Southern California's Graduate School of Education. Michael was a member of the Cerritos Community College Board of Trustees from 1966 to 1968 and served as President of the Board from 1968 to 1969. He also served as President of the California Community College Presidents' Association from 1975 to 1976.

Michael was recognized for his many years of service to the college and the community. The portrait was unveiled at a ceremony attended by staff, faculty, and students, as well as members of the local community. The ceremony was held in the library, which bears Michael's name. The portrait was created by local artist, John R. Moore. The portrait is a beautiful representation of Michael's contributions to Cerritos College and the community.

The portrait was a fitting tribute to Michael's many years of service to Cerritos College and the community. It serves as a reminder of his dedication to education and his commitment to the college's mission. The portrait is a fitting tribute to a man who has made a significant impact on the college and the community.
Hughlett making run at College board seat

CERRITOS — Dr. Bob Hughlett, a former teacher with the Downey Unified School District, is running for a seat on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees. The election is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Hughlett was the recipient of the PTA Lifetime Achievement Award from Gahr High School; AHA Legacy of Leadership Award from the American Heart Association; Cerritos College Foundation volunteer of the year; and two-time member of the year of Cerritos Optimist Club.


He was appointed by Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe to the Personal Assistance Services Council and is a governing board member of Community Family Guidance Association, Su Casa Family Support and Crisis Center and Los Cerritos YMCA.

Education

Hughlett has experience in education dating back to 1969 when he was a teacher at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital. Among his credentials:

*Representative to California Association of Urban School Districts and Los Angeles County School Trustees Association.
*Southeast Regional Occupation Program Board President 1987-89.
*Instructor and administrator at Cerritos College in Disabled Student Programs and Services 1973-2005.
*Community College Administrator of the Year by Association of California Community Colleges 2002.

Hughlett says his goals are to form partnerships between businesses and colleges while overseeing construction bonds. He also wants to improve the campus technology and promises to "fight Sacramento for our fair share of fiscal resources."
BOB HUGHLETT – A former teacher at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital, is running for a seat on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees. 1929
Utility taxes, schools top local voting

Election: Area cities to choose officers for boards; Signal Hill weighs police station.

From staff and wire reports

Several local politicians will share ballot space with the statewide special election measures on Tuesday.

From a utility tax measure to fund a new police station in Signal Hill and a City Council race in Hawaiian Gardens to school board races in Bellflower and Paramount, much of southeastern Los Angeles County will go to the polls to choose local representatives.

Here is a look at some of the local highlights.

ABC Unified School District

ABC Unified incumbent Louise Dodson, a deputy probation officer, was appointed when trustee Bob Baldwin stepped down in April. She is seeking to fill the remaining two years of the term against retired college professor Paul Kahng and part-time restaurant worker Linda Lindell.

Dodson said she aims to expand before- and after-school tutorial programs.

Kahng said he will work to improve communication between students and parents.

Lindell said she wants to highlight the needs of failing schools and more transparent finances.

In a separate race, voters will elect three members to four-year terms. Incumbent trustees Olympic Chen, David Montgomery and Mark Pulido face four challengers.

Chen counts new after-school and magnet programs among her achievements and touted the board's financial management during hard times.

Montgomery said he wants to have full-day kindergarten at all schools and pre-school programs...
LOCAL: Council, school races on ballot

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Public school districts have asked for increased state funding to cover the cost of education, but the state legislature has been slow to act. Meanwhile, local school boards have been forced to cut programs and services to make up for the lack of state funding.

Chancellor Benjamin, a computer engineer, said he wants to give school districts more funding to cover the cost of education. He said that high-performing schools need more resources to succeed.

Randi Zocca, a public school administrator, said she supports the idea of increased state funding. She said that local school boards are doing the best they can with the resources they have, but that more money is needed to ensure that all students have access to quality education.

When asked about the potential impact of increased state funding, Chancellor Benjamin said that it would be a positive step forward for local school districts. He said that more resources would allow schools to offer more programs and services to students.

On the other hand, Randi Zocca said that increased state funding would only solve part of the problem. She said that local school boards need to be more efficient in their use of resources, and that they need to find ways to cut costs without sacrificing education quality.

In summary, the debate over increased state funding for public schools continues. While some are calling for more money to be allocated to education, others are calling for more efficiency in the use of existing resources.

HONOLULU: Council votes to increase school funding

The city council has voted to increase funding for public schools. The decision comes after months of debate and public comment.

The council has approved a $4 million increase in funding for school districts. The money will be used to fund new programs and initiatives, and to cover the cost of maintenance and repairs.

Chancellor Benjamin said that the increase in funding is a step in the right direction. He said that it will help to ensure that all students have access to quality education.

Randi Zocca said that the increase in funding is a positive step, but that more needs to be done to address the broader issues of education funding.

Overall, the decision to increase funding for public schools is a positive step. It will help to ensure that all students have access to quality education, and will allow schools to offer more programs and services to students.
School incumbents do well

Election: Some challengers may find seats; Signal Hill police station trailing.

By Karen Robes, Kevin Butler and Samantha Gonzaga

Incumbents in six Southeast area school and community college board elections appeared poised to retain their seats, while challengers scrambled to secure spots in at least three of the board races, according to preliminary election results released Tuesday night.

A proposed 3 percent utility tax in Signal Hill to fund construction of a new police station also appeared to be falling short of the two-thirds vote needed for approval. (See related story on A7)

ABC UNIFIED

Voters were asked to decide two races in the ABC Unified School District, including one who would fill the remaining two years of a term left open by Bob Baldwin, who resigned in March.

Challenger Paul Kuhing was leading incumbent Louise Dodson, who was appointed in April to replace Baldwin, according to early returns. A second challenger, Linda Lindell, was trailing.

In the second ABC election, incumbents Olympia Chen, David Montgomery and Mark Pulido were leading challengers Benjamin Av, Mona Hawkins, Randy Economy and Annabelle Sangro.

BELLFLOWER UNIFIED

Bellflower Unified School District board members Richard Buesenore, Paul Helser and Bill Ste. Marie were leading narrowly.

LOCAL: Most incumbents keep seats

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results, though Bellflower Planning Commissioner Sunny Basta lost and Laura Hoffman-Ramirez, who secured the unopposed Bellflower School Board endorsement, were closely following the vote.

CRITTAх COLLEGE DISTRICT

In the race for Citrus College Board of Trustees, incumbent Bob Apple and Bob Verdicter, as well as former Citrus mayor Bob Haughton, lost. Candidate Carmen Arama was trailing.

DOWNY UNIFIED

Citrus College instructor Martha Soletani ran unopposed after challenger Scotty Anthony became withdraw from the race citing family matters. Soletani's name however, still appeared in preprinted ballots. Soletani will occupy the seat vacated by former trustee Cheryl Andrews.

In Downy, reopening trustee Roberta Lampert ran unopposed. She has served on the board since 1993.

In Paramount, incumbent Nancy Slawa and the cities 3 race, with more than 40 percent of the vote. Opponent Lisa Morgan, a top officials aide to state Sen. Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach, and former campaign manager for Senator Salazar voted.

NORMANDY LA MIRADA

Incumbents Darryl Means, Ed Jongerden and Ann Valentina appeared on their way to take three of four seats on the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School board.

John Anzai Arkison and Chris Plante were competing for the fourth seat left open by Gale Garcia, who was appointed to Congress for unexpired term because of family and job obligations. Victor Jones was trailing.

PARAMOUNT UNIFIED

Early tallies showed incumbents Arline Linosa Haddon, Jeff Sagon and Tony Pena securing a second term on the Paramount Unified School District board of education. Kenneth Collins was trailing.

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Late tallies reverse some school board races

**Education: Cerritos College, Bellflower contest turnovers yield victories for challengers.**

By Karen Robes, Kevin Butler and Samantha Ganzaga

Staff writers

Tuesday's tallies turned up surprises in a few local races, where a difference of fewer than 225 votes changed the makeup of a school board.

In the race for three seats on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees, there was a reversal in the election results overnight. Late Tuesday, incumbent Bob Verderber was leading challenger Carmen Avalos.

Once all 88 precincts were counted, Avalos edged Verderber by just 182 votes: 24,236 to 24,054.

"I am very happy I won. I'm not going to lie," said Avalos, the municipal clerk for the city of South Gate. "But I was surprised Mr. Verderber didn't get elected because he was the incumbent."

Challenger Bob Hughlett, a former Cerritos mayor who was termed out, proved that he has a strong contingent of supporters by getting the most votes for the Cerritos board: 31,083. Incumbent Robert Epple won re-election with 24,332 votes.

In the race for three Bellflower Unified School District board seats, community volunteer Laura Sanchez-Ramirez beat out incumbent Bill Ste. Maris by 222 votes.

At first, Sanchez-Ramirez, a mother of four children, placed last among absentee ballot voters. But as
EATE: Wins often went to incumbents

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products began reporting in their billboards. To reach their numbers, they passed Belflowr Planning Commission and Santa Ana to and eclipsed

Sanctuary Ramirez, who received 4,900 votes, said the endorsement of the Belflowr Education Association, a teacher's union, was a factor in winning. "These teachers are vital to the school district," she said. They are the ones who are with our children, and I care about working with them."

She thanked her family, supporters and the four candidates for a good race and said she looks forward to fostering communication among parents, teachers and administrators and providing children with real-world skills and resources to prepare them for college.

Paul Holzer garnered the most votes with 4,666, followed by Richard Brunsen, who received 4,405 to achieve a second term in office.

She, Marine, a retired special education teacher, received 4,101 and Brunsen totaled 3,112.

Incumbents rule

In some races, the victors foreshadowed the inevitable win of incumbents.

In one race for the ABC Unified School District Board of Education, incumbent Louise Rodden, was elected to fill the two remaining terms of the term of board member Bob Baldwin, who resigned in March. The board in April appointed Doreen to replace Baldwin until an election could be held. She got 6,001 votes. Challenger Paul Kanning received 5,566 votes and Linda Merchant got 5,011 votes.

In a separate ABC race, incumbents board members Mark Dunell, Olympia Chen and David Montgomery prevailed, defeating challengers Tina Hawkinson, Benjamin Aru, Randy Remsen and Annabella Sengco. Pflug was the top vote-getter, with 3,117 votes.

"I'm very pleased that the voters of the community affirmed what we are doing with the schools and were comfortable in electing us overwhelmingly for another four years," Montgomery said.

In Downey Unified, Coastal College assistant principal Barry L. Solomon secured a tenure seat in Area 1 with more than 6,400 votes. In the end, she won unopposed after candidate Joseph Anthony Savino withdrew and another candidate, Kevin DeLima, withdrew from the race. His name, however, still appeared in the ballot and received 600 votes.

"I feel a lot of affection and it's really hard to be a representative serve as a trustee in Area 1," Solomon said. "I just feel grateful for all the support I've received. I'm very pleased with the community and the fact that I've been re-elected."

Solomon said he plans to continue championing students, achieving programs and a zero-tolerance policy in classrooms and at school sites. He also wants to encourage more parent participation, a concern shared by Area 5 for nearly electing a trustee, who is a former Downey

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A. Stewart

Stewart led the Area 3 race, garnering almost 90 percent of the votes, leaving candidates Chris I. Mace, a legislative deputy for Sen. Alanna Lowenthal (Long Beach), and railroad conductor Ricardo Alvarez-Beltran to split the rest. She won with 7,043 votes. Stewart also undated the state to come. Stewart said, "This is a great opportunity for me and I'm looking forward to the next four years."

Incumbent Barbara Stampa, running unopposed, retained her seat as a trustee in Area 7. She has been on the board of education since 1995. Her areas of concern are Downey Unified declining rates at the elementary schools, funding and special education.

Norwalk-La Mirada

In a race for four seats in Norwalk-La Mirada Unified, the incumbents proved victorious, with Ana Vakakis leading the field of six candidates with 5,700 votes, followed by J. Hugger and Darryl R. Adams with 7,440.

Challenger John H. Johnson, who obtained 5,200 votes, won the fourth seat previously held by Gene Garcia, who chose not to run for another term. Third place was won by Victor Juan with 4,960 and Chris Peterson with 4,967.

In Paramount Unified, incumbent Mary Jenner, Alice Anderson and Sonya Casella were out challenged.
Laughter really is the best medicine.

By David Rogers

Morton said his volunteer work for private parties and corporate events helps him practice his craft for private parties and corporate events.

DONNY - A Los Angeles County volunteer said Morton's job is in English.

"A lot of people are born to help others," he said.

Morton is always on the lookout for new talent. He shared his time with other comedians, and this is part of everyday life.

STAND-UP GUYS: Will Morton, right, and Jim Morris of the Million Laughs Comedy Troupe entertain at Rancho Las Arriba Center in Downey.

Morton is always on the lookout for new talent.
Course discusses seniors and news

LA MIRADA — Dr. Elijah Levy of Cerritos College will lead a current events class from 9 to 11 a.m. Mondays at the La Mirada Activity Center, 13810 La Mirada Blvd. "The class will discuss contemporary social, political and cultural issues and their impact on older adults. The class is free and people can join any time."

For more information, call (562) 902-3160, or visit www.cityoflamirada.org.
Cerritos coach pulls team at state tournament

JC water polo: After several players caught drinking, men out.

By David Felton
Staff writer

Cerritos College men's water polo coach Joe Abing withdrew his team from the COA Water Polo Championships in Fresno on Friday after he learned members of his team had been caught drinking the night before.

According to Cerritos Dean of Athletics Dan Smith, several Falcon players were caught drinking in their hotel rooms by COA officials after bed check Thursday night. When Abing learned of the incident Friday, he wanted to suspend the players involved and let the rest continue playing. But because that would have left Cerritos unable to field a team, he withdrew the team from the competition.

"I 100 percent support his decision and I think it was the appropriate decision," said Smith. "I'm very disappointed this happened, I'm disappointed in the players but I'm very proud of Coach Abing."

The Falcons, seeded third from Southern California, lost to top-ranked West Valley 15-10 at 7:30 a.m. Friday, "before the coach was aware of the situation," Smith said. Cerritos withdrew before it was scheduled to play Long Beach City at 11:50 a.m.

Calls left for Abing and Cerritos athletic director Jeff Smith were not returned.
Cerritos College Celebrates 50

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Aesop's fables come to Cerritos stage

NORWALK - The Cerritos College Department of Theatre and the Associated Students will present "Aesop's Fables" at 8 p.m. nightly on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the campus Burnight Studio Theater, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

A matinee performance will also be held at 2 p.m. Sunday.

In the play, classic tales leap from the page to the stage in this conical and adventurous show for the whole family.

It will feature selected tales from the wit and wisdom of Aesop, the slave who made good.

Tickets are $12 per person, or $10 for students and seniors.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (562) 467-5058 or visit www.cerritos.edu/theatre.

Selby Grove hosts Christmas Bazaar

PICO RIVERA - Selby Grove Elementary School is having its fifth annual Christmas Bazaar from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday in the school cafeteria, 4110 Paramount Blvd.

Vendor spots are still available. For more information, call (562) 801-5005.

Exchange program seeks host homes

WHITTIER - Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking local families to host foreign exchange students who are scheduled to arrive soon for the academic semester and yearlong program homestays.

Students are between 15 and 18 years old, are English-speaking and have their own spending money and insurance.

The Exchange has programs to match nearly every family's needs, ranging in length from one semester to one academic year.

Prospective host families can review student applications and select a match.

As there are no "typical" host families, the group can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it's a single parent, childless couple, retired couple or large family.

Host families are also eligible to claim a $50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they sponsor a student.

Students expected to arrive soon hail from Germany.
Mexico, Australia, Brazil, the former Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Yemen, Syria, Venezuela and China, among other countries.

Those interested in learning more should call (800) 631-1818. The agency also has programs for local students interested in traveling and studying abroad.

Cerritos instructor wins Realtor award

NORWALK - Cerritos College Business Education Professor Mary Ellen Brady received the Distinguished Service Award from the Downey Association of Realtors (DAOR) during its annual directors' installation luncheon.

The award is bestowed for services performed within the association, to the community, and for the advancement of the real estate profession.

Brady has been a full-time instructor at Cerritos College for two years and is also the department chair for the real estate program.

She currently teaches the real estate principles class as well as the work experience program.

If you have an event or notice deserving attention, write to us! Send your notice to Tracy Garcia, education reporter, 7612 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier, CA 90602. You may call the office at (562) 698-9955, Ext. 3051, or send e-mail to tracy.garcia@sgvn.com.