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Coverage

La Opinion — January 29, 2007 — Feature highlighting Project HOPE and its role in increasing student interest and opportunities in the healthcare field.

Wave Community News — February 1, 2007 — Article on scholarship awards to three Cerritos College students by the Cerritos College Foundation (from press release).

Herald American, The Press — February 1, 2007 — Article on the Cerritos College baseball team’s pitching staff and its recent wins.

Long Beach Press-Telegram — February 21, 2007 — Feature getting play on the front cover of Press-Telegram’s entertainment section covering Cerritos College’s Black History Month celebration and especially the role students from the Black Student Union will play in the event.

U.N. Chronicle — Article covering a panel on Zionism at the U.N. with paraphrased quotes by Cerritos College history professor John Haas, who was in attendance.

Norwalk Community News — February 23, 2007 — Article about discussions by Cerritos College Board of Trustees about carpool lanes and public transportation to serve students’ needs (written by Cerritos College student).

Norwalk Community News — February 23, 2007 — Short article featuring Cerritos College Art Gallery’s “Unprimed” exhibit (from media alert).

Norwalk Community News — February 23, 2007 — Brief announcing Chinese Lunar New Year celebration at Cerritos College (from media alert).

Related News

L.A. Times — February 22, 2007 — Short article regarding a possible strike by faculty members of the Cal State University system.

Long Beach Press-Telegram — February 22, 2007 — Article covering the possible Cal State University system faculty strike.

Long Beach Press-Telegram — February 25, 2007 — Article covering aspirations of Cerritos City. Council candidates in this year’s election
Cerritos College Music to Present 9th Annual Scott Henderson Memorial Scholarship Concert

Performance Proceeds will Benefit the Scott Henderson Memorial Scholarship Fund

For Immediate Release: February 21, 2007

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

Event Contact: Rosemarie Medina, Music Department; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2629

WHAT: The Cerritos College Music Department will present the 9th annual Scott Henderson Memorial Scholarship Concert on Friday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. The performance will feature the students of the Cerritos College Applied Music Program. All proceeds collected during the evening event will benefit the Scott Henderson Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Download a printable flier here.

WHEN: Friday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Cerritos College's Burnight Center Theatre

11110 Alondra Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650

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

COST: General admission is $10; admission for seniors and students with a current I.D. is $5.

CONTACT: For more information, please contact Rosemarie Medina in the Cerritos College Music Department at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2629.

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WHAT: The Cerritos College Music Department will present the 22nd annual Faculty Gala concert on Sunday, February 25 at 2 p.m. Faculty providing performances include David Betancourt, Paul Da Silva, Anna DeMichele, Rhonda Dillon, Kihae Kim-DeFazio, Sung Ae Lee, Christine S. Lopez, David Lopez, Isamu Nakashio, David Nelson, Gary Pritchard, Bruce Russell, Fang-Fang Shi Inouye, Martin Torres and Tammy Tsai.

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Event Contact: Danita Kurtz, Cerritos College International Student Center; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2151

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Event Contact: Christina Fernandez, Art Gallery; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2612

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WHEN: Exhibit is now on display through March 8, 2007. An Artists’ Talk is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 5:30-7 p.m.

WHERE: Cerritos College Art Gallery, Fine Arts Building, room 50
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650

Gallery Hours:
Monday - Thursday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Tuesday and Wednesday, 6-9 p.m.
(562) 860-2451, ext. 2612
www.cerritos.edu/gallery

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

COST: The event is free and open to the public; parking is available in lot C-10 for $1.

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Cerritos College Hosts LA County High Schools for Hands-On Auto Tech Competition

Southeast ROP and Agoura High School Students Advance to National Competition in NYC

For Immediate Release: February 26, 2006

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

NORWALK, CA – February 26, 2007 – Cerritos College's Automotive Technology Department hosted a High School Auto Tech Competition sponsored by the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association (SMCDA) and the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association (GLANCDA) on Saturday, February 10.

Teams from Agoura High School and Southeast ROP distinguished themselves from among 15 other area high school teams, each winning an opportunity to send two teammates to compete in the 2007 National Automotive Technology Competition April 10 and 11 during the New York International Auto Show. GLANCDA and SMCDA and will each sponsor Agoura HS and Southeast ROP, respectively, in representing the association's region at the nationals.

The winning Agoura High School team was comprised of students Michael Amodio and John Theodsiou, along with their advisor John Andersen. From Southeast ROP were students Nathaniel Haugh of La Palma and Jared Hindman of Lakewood with their advisor Israel Andrade.

During the competition, teams consisting of two students compete by diagnosing and repairing a number of pre-assigned problems or “bugs” under a car's hood within an allotted amount of time. Each "bug" correctly repaired is worth a number of points, depending on the level of difficulty. To prepare for the competition, students train with their high school instructors and with certified technicians at local franchised automobile dealerships.

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During the competition, student teams exhibited their auto technology skills by reporting diagnostic conclusions in categories such as automatic transmission, fuel injection and emission, heating and air conditioning, brakes, basic electrical, tools and measurements.

“This competition offers the students a chance to apply what they’ve learned in class,” said instructor Kevin Taylor, of Cerritos College's Automotive Technology program.

“Their hands-on experience provides them with a tremendous sense of accomplishment and confidence.”

MATCO Tools donated approx $6,000 worth of prizes to the winning students teams; the first-place Agoura High School students received tool box sets; second place students received four-drawer roll carts; and the third place students received a combination wrench set and screwdriver set. Additionally, the Agoura High School auto shop class will receive a late Ford Mustang courtesy of the Ford ASSET Program. SMCDA also gave $500 MATCO Tool gift certificates to students enrolling at the Cerritos College Automotive Tech Education Program this fall and an additional $500 MATCO Tool gift certificate for those continuing their education in the auto program in spring 2008.

Schools that participated in the competition are Agoura, Artesia, Canyon, Mark Keppel, Monrovia, North Hollywood, Palmdale, Van Nuys, California, Bell Gardens, Narbonne, the Southern California Regional Occupational Center and the Southeast Regional Occupational Program.

Los Angeles County has been one of the largest retail automotive markets in the world for quite some time. Automotive dealers in Los Angeles County have set the standards in innovation and selling. The consumer market in Los Angeles County is one of the most sophisticated and enthusiastic markets in the country. However, one problem facing the dealers in Los Angeles County is the ever-growing shortage of high-quality technicians to repair and maintain the high-volume of vehicles sold each year.

The Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association and Southland Motor Car Dealers Association have joined forces to support this local competition. As a group both associations represent more than 300 new car dealers in Los Angeles County. The association members realize the importance of investing in new talent for the industry.

GLANCDA and SMCDA have joined other state and metro associations throughout the United States in a program to encourage young people with an aptitude and passion for automotive technology to consider a career in the retail automotive industry. This program is the Automotive Technology Competition for High School Seniors.

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CARRERAS EN ATENCIÓN MÉDICA

El proyecto HOPE del Colegio Cerritos ofrece una conferencia informativa para la familia

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Con el fin de prevenir a los estudiantes de secundaria (y a sus padres) las herramientas que necesitan para alcanzar las oportunidades educativas en el área de la salud, el proyecto de Oportunidades en el Área de la Salud y Conducto a la Educación (HOPE) del Colegio Cerritos efectuará una conferencia informativa para las familias que buscan la superación de sus hijos.

La conferencia tendrá lugar el 3 de febrero en el Centro Estudiantil del Colegio Comunitario en la ciudad de Norwalk. De acuerdo con Graciela Vázquez, directora del proyecto HOPE, la conferencia está dividida en tres talleres básicos: oportunidades para estudiantes, la salud y recursos para seguir una carrera en el campo de la salud, disponibilidad de becas para estudiantes documentarios e indocumentados y ayuda financiera para quienes no tienen los requisitos, además de programas educativos para adultos que necesitan aprender inglés, recibir capacitación vocacional para desarrollar un nuevo horizonte laboral o mejorar su nivel de vida.

Además, a los participantes se les explicarán las oportunidades que tiene de tomar clases avanzadas (con el permiso de su escuela secundaria) en el Colegio Cerritos, que las ayuda a evitar el costo para ingresar a un plan de educación superior en el campo de la medicina o otras carreras relacionadas con la salud.

También se ofrecerá información sobre cómo validar los títulos profesionales obtenidos fuera de Estados Unidos y cómo transitar créditos de los colegios comunitarios a las plantas universitarias.
Cerritos College Foundation presents three scholarships

NORWALK — The Cerritos College Foundation has awarded three scholarships — two $500 Robert W. Collins Scholarships and a $300 Pat Pinder Memorial Scholarship.

The grants, to students who have performed well academically, were presented at the foundation’s Jan. 11 meeting.

Diana Gregory of Lakewood and Jacqueline Garcia of Lynwood each received a $500 Robert W. Collins Scholarship.

Established by administration of justice professor John Collins, the Robert W. Collins Scholarship for Administration of Justice Students honors the memory of his father, Robert W. Collins, who served in World War II and the Korean War.

The scholarship also honors Collins’ service as a police officer who rose through the ranks to become police chief for the city of Monterey Park. He died in 2001.

Gregory plans to receive her associate’s degree in administration of justice with the goal of transferring and earning a bachelor’s degree in the same field. Her career objective is to become an investigator in the private or fraud sector.

Garcia is a criminal justice major who has a goal of becoming a homicide detective. She plans to transfer to a university to continue studying administration of justice and is currently researching the John Jay Criminal Justice College in New York.

Monica Sor of Long Beach received the $300 Pat Pinder Memorial Scholarship, established by the health occupations division and the Cerritos College Foundation in memory of Pat Pinder, a longtime faculty member in the health occupations division.

Pinder also served as president of the Faculty Senate and director of the Student Health and Wellness Center. The scholarship is awarded to outstanding students majoring in a health occupations division major.

Sor is enrolled in the Cerritos College Pharmacy Technician Program. When she graduates, she plans to seek employment in a pharmaceutical company or hospital and continue her studies in the pharmaceutical field.
Arm strength gives Cerritos a lift in early part of the season

BY RON GUILD
STAFF WRITER

Pitching, according to the coaching staff, figured to be a strength of the Cerritos College baseball team. Nothing that happened the first weekend of the season would dispute that view.

Getting solid pitching efforts all three games, the Falcons went 3-0 during the South Coast Conference Tournament. They opened with a 6-2 victory over College of the Canyons, then edged Rio Hondo, 3-2 in 10 innings and 3-1 over Glendale.

In Friday’s opener, freshman John Ortega from Downey High School allowed two unearned runs in the top of the first inning, then limited Canyons to two singles before being lifted in the seventh. Freshman George Sanchez (Gahr) pitched the final three innings for the save.

Against Rio Hondo, sophomore Kevin Camacho (Santa Fe) allowed one earned run in six innings despite battling control problems. He limited the Road Runners to two hits, but hit four batters and walked three.

Miguel Flores and David Gurbach pitched well in relief to nail down the victory.

In Sunday’s victory over Glendale, sophomore righthander Robbie Dominguez (El Rancho) struck out a career high 13 batters and retired 15 of the final 17 he faced. Freshman Eric Campos (Norwalk) pitched the eighth and Flores got the final two outs for his second save.

Cerritos is at San Diego this weekend for three games. The Falcons are at Mesa at 2 p.m. Thursday, at Palomar at 2 p.m. Friday, then face Mesa again at 11 a.m. Saturday.

The Cerritos College men’s basketball team routed El Camino, 89-57 Friday to improve to 8-16 overall and 2-2 in the South Coast Conference South Division.

Freshman guard Demetrius Turner scored 21 points, 15 in the second half. He also had seven rebounds. Jerell Elder scored 16 points.

Cerritos is at Long Beach City College at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The women play at 5:30.
Stepping into the future

Dancers, rappers and speakers celebrate the black experience at Cerritos College Friday

ACADEMY AWARDS
Melissa Etheridge's Oscar-nominated song is all part of her dream.
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Long Beach Area Council of Beta Sigma Phi selects its royal court for Valentine's Day.
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Promoting Tolerance: Historical Perspectives on Zionism and Racism

By Jonas Hagen

The United Nations General Assembly in 1975 adopted resolution 3379 (XXX), which "determines that Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination", but voted to repeal it in December 1991. At a panel discussion at UN Headquarters in New York, on 22 February 2007, speakers discussed the relations between the United Nations and Israel, as well as the activities they had undertaken to foster understanding throughout the world.

Dan Gillerman, Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations, said relations between Israel and the United Nations had been difficult in the years before 1975, and the resolution equating Zionism with racism represented "the nail in the coffin of UN-Israeli relations". Although the resolution had created a schism whose effects are still felt today, the United Nations had "taken significant steps to cleanse that stain and made Israel feel accepted", he said. The repeal of resolution 3379, the UN-sponsored seminars titled "Unlearning Intolerance" on anti-Semitism and their promotion of understanding between religious and ethnic groups, in 2004 and 2005, as well as the Assembly's adoption of a resolution establishing 27 January as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, have helped improve relations since their low point in 1975, Mr. Gillerman said. "It was an emotional moment to see the same General Assembly Hall, where resolution 3379 was adopted in 1975, filled with people who had come to commemorate the Holocaust. For us, this was the ultimate victory."

Harris Schoenberg, President of UN Reform Advocates, said that the 16 years he worked to repeal Resolution 3379 were well worth the effort. He recalled the strong negative reaction to the Resolution from various sectors of civil society in the United States, including 50 major newspapers and many civil rights leaders. "Many people felt that the repeal should be done, but few thought that it could be done." Mr. Schoenberg said the repeal became more possible as new democracies in Eastern Europe began to support it, and was finally made a reality when the Soviet Union, one of the original backers of the Resolution, came to support repeal.

John Haas, history professor at Cerritos College in Los Angeles, California and Director Cerritos' The Global Consortium, told of his work to promote understanding between the peoples of the world. His programs on global education bring together citizens from such diverse places as Cambodia, Israel and Singapore. Mr. Haas told of a recent program with Dr. Judea Pearl, father of Daniel Pearl, a journalist who was captured in Karachi, Pakistan and eventually murdered in 2002. Since the loss of his son, Mr. Pearl has dedicated his life to eradicating hate and promoting understanding among the world's peoples. Among other tools, he uses music to foster tolerance and the "Daniel Pearl World Music Days" concerts to bring people of diverse cultures together. Mr. Haas also cited his Consortium's programme on the Holocaust, with speakers from the Simon Wiesenthal Center--an international Jewish human rights organization dedicated, according to its website, to "repairing the world one step at a time".
Cerritos College Board of Trustees Discusses Carpools & Public Transportation

By Norma Palacios

At Wednesday's meeting, the Board of Trustees for Cerritos Community College discussed the possibility of having carpool lanes in parking lot C-10 in addition to looking into the implementation of using public transportation to accommodate students.

The proposal of the carpool lanes was first introduced by Senator Jaime Sandoval explained that it was just at the beginning stage of discussion. "There is nothing concrete," he said, "because it has to be run by Vice President of Students Services, Stephen Johnson."

However, ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio said that there is also discussion about having a program that will hopefully aid students to use public transportation as well. Rio Hondo College has a program called "Go Rio" that was introduced last spring is a partnership with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Foothill Transit, and Norwalk Transit System. In addition, current full-time students taking 12 units or more are eligible to receive a free EZ bus pass.

Students said that the idea of having carpool lanes at Cerritos is a good idea but not everyone drives an automobile. Will Modesto, undecided major, said that he doesn't have to worry about driving because he lives near the Cerritos campus, "but I have taken public transportation and I think that it's convenient." He did think the carpool lanes would alleviate the traffic in the parking lots, but Henry Shih, undecided major, commended that he wasn't sure about it. "I think that it should be tried out first before I could say anything about it," Shih said.

Board Vice President Bob Arthur informed the Board that he had spoken to representative from the "Go Rio" program and discussed how Cerritos would benefit from a similar program. Tanya Zogheiz, child development major, said that Cerritos should have a program like the Rio Hondo has as well. Although she explained that her mother drives her to school and that public transportation is somewhat unreliable but students would save on gas more often.

Afterward, Cobarrubio said that he too agreed that it will be beneficial to have a public transportation program. "It will help the environment, and having this program would relieve congestion within and around the parking lots here at Cerritos." He continued,

"What I hope it will achieve as well is the fact that students will use public transportation as well." He hoped that if students do carpool, they will take turns with the cars used.
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Cal State faculty to vote whether to go on strike

BY LARRY GORDON
Times Staff Writer

The faculty of the 23-campus Cal State University system is scheduled to vote next month on whether to authorize strikes if fact-finding and bargaining fail to produce a new contract, union officials said Wednesday.

The vote during the first two weeks of March could allow the California Faculty Assn. to call one-day rolling walkouts throughout the system possibly starting in late March or early April and a longer general strike later, union President John Travis said in a telephone news conference.

After nearly two years of deadlocked talks, a neutral fact-finder is expected to issue a report on a proposed settlement next month. Then the two sides would have 10 days for further negotiations before any walkouts by the 23,000 professors, counselors, coaches and librarians could start.

Travis, a professor at Humboldt State University, said the union was concentrating now on one- or two-day strikes because those “won’t affect any particular student dramatically.”

Clara Potes-Fellow, a Cal State system spokeswoman, said administrators were hoping that fact-finding would produce a settlement.

“If, in the end, there are some rolling strikes, we are confident our faculty will do nothing to hurt the students,” she said.

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Cal State faculty could strike in March

Education: Union authorizes strike vote if negotiations fail.

By Kevin Butler
Staff writer

LONG BEACH — California State University faculty members next month could decide whether to conduct their first strike in an effort to get a more favorable labor agreement.

The board of directors of the California Faculty Association — the union representing about 24,000 faculty — Tuesday night authorized a vote of the membership in March on whether to strike should negotiations with the CSU system fail to produce an acceptable deal.

"We have said all along that we don't want to strike, but we will strike if that's what it takes to get a fair settlement," CFA president John Travis said Wednesday.

The union and the Long Beach-based CSU system have been in negotiations centering on salary issues for the last 22 months.

The two sides officially reached an impasse last September and are now awaiting recommendations from a neutral fact-finder — the last stage in the bargaining process under labor law.

If the two sides cannot reach agreement within 10 days after the release of the recommendations, due early next month, the current contract officially expires, clearing the way for job actions.

Should a simple majority of the 11,333 CFA members vote to support job actions, the union likely will begin rolling two-day walkouts at specific campuses in late March or early April, Travis said.

The more than 300 CFA members at Cal State Dominguez Hills are expected to vote March 5 to 8. The roughly 800 union members at Cal State Long Beach likely will vote the following week.

The CFA represents all faculty, but only union members can vote.

CSULB English lecturer Elizabeth Hoffman said that the vote to strike would be a "wake-up call" to the CSU Board of Trustees.

"CSU faculty are very dedicated," said Hoffman, a union representative for lecturers. "They stay, and they are committed to students. But they are very, very frustrated, and there are really serious morale problems."

The CSU system has put forward a generous salary offer with no increases in health benefit premiums, said spokeswoman Claudia Keith.

In the event of a strike, "We don't want our students to be impacted or inconvenienced or not able to get the education if they are on their way to a degree," she said.

But Travis said that the CSU salary offer is inadequate.

"The administration has failed to offer faculty a living wage," he said.

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Cerritos hopefuls vie for three seats

Politics: 9 candidates tell of their plans for the city, if elected.

By Samantha Gonzaga, Staff writer

CERRITOS - The number of City Council hopefuls in this year's municipal race didn't break the record 15 set in 1986, but the nine candidates still have much to say about Cerritos' fiscal future, leadership and community services.

Mayor Paul Bowlen and Councilwoman Gloria Kappe are termed out of office this year, with Councilwoman Laura Lee seeking her second term in office. With three seats up for grabs, the following residents are also running on the March 6 ballot: Bruce Barrows; Carol Chen; Joseph Cho; Cecy Groom; Kitt Ho; Maynard Law; Paul Teuerle and Anna Titus.

Giving back to the community was Lee's stated impetus for seeking candidacy four years ago, and a bid for another four is an extension of the same desire.

"I've learned a lot," she said. "After I got into it, local government became my passion."

Though the city is "well-run," she said, her first priority is public safety. Despite Cerritos' low crime rate, Lee said she wants to expand the Volunteer-on-Patrol program, strengthen neighborhood watch groups and place more surveillance at parks.

Lee also hopes to find solutions to addresses residents' property-preservation concerns stemming from an ongoing issue with the upkeep of the city's 30,000-plus trees whose roots have damaged sidewalks and private property.

Barrows, a former Cerritos councilman, said he was driven to run again partly because he opposes a plan that would convert a portion of the city's Industrial Park into a residential area containing 3,900 homes.

The proposed project - which would be bordered by Bloomfield Avenue, 166th Street, Shoemaker Avenue and Alondra Boulevard - could bring up to 13,000 new residents to Cerritos, city officials estimate. The project is currently under revision.

Barrows said that influx of people would worsen traffic and put stress on park areas and the city's library.

"How do people get in and out of a high-density area when we already have crowded streets?" said Barrows, a consultant.

Barrows said if elected he also would focus on lowering the crime rate, bringing new businesses into the city and expanding library resources.
New blood

Some candidates argue that local government needs new blood.

"It's time to give the baton over," said first-time candidate Teuerle.

Teuerle described the theme of his campaign issues as that of "reasonableness." He found problematic the distribution of funds in the city, and the constraints of existing ordinances such as code enforcement.

Teuerle also questioned how leaders will maintain the fiscal health of the city when the Redevelopment Agency's two project areas expires in 2011 and 2016, in the face of potential housing developments that might take away opportunities for businesses to set up shop. Homes are also too expensive for young professionals and families, a demographic the city wants to attract, he said.

If elected, Teuerle said he wants to stream-line code enforcement; restructure and enlarge the Auto Square; attract more retail, and evaluate the "leakage" of residential spending. Retail leakage - when residents' dollars are lost to out-of-city businesses such as grocery, home improvement and warehouse stores - was recently addressed by the Economic Development Commission in the economic strategic plan approved Thursday by the City Council.

Ho, another first-time contender, also wants to push reforms.

"I want clear governance," he said. "We have a practice of (leaders) appointing their favorites to head different organizations as commissioners and board members. That has to stop."

Ho said he wants to organize an independent study group comprised of professors, students and volunteer lay-people to evaluate proposals.

Teens and seniors

Titus, like Lee, wants to improve public safety through community involvement and neighborhood watch groups.

But there is also a lack of programming for teenagers, and as an aging city, Cerritos could benefit from inviting seniors to get involved in some decision-making, Titus said.

In addition, the ethnically diverse city hasn't invested in deepening race relations, she continued.

City commissioners Chen and Law hope to make the move from behind-the-scenes to the council dais.

Law, a Parks and Recreation Commissioner who lists helping design city parks and coming up with the recreation programs among his contributions, said seeking candidacy is the next level of involvement.
"The city is pretty well-run and there's not a lot of big issues," he said. "But there are little things that go on. I want to continue the level of the quality of life. The biggest challenge the city will have is maintaining its strong fiscal position as the Redevelopment Agency expires. The city needs to find sources of revenue. It's a big and ongoing issue."

Chen, a planning commissioner, said she would bring a sense of cohesiveness to the City Council if voted into office. In the last 14 years, she has served on the Community Safety, Property Preservation and Planning commissions.

To ensure the city's future fiscal health, Chen said she wants to look into attracting new businesses, and maintain those already operating in the city.

She also wants to minimize small crimes, and improve public safety in public and open areas; evaluate Cerritos Sheriff's Station staffing and budget; as well as foster better communication between residents and City Hall.

**Third time**

Thirty-year resident and repeat candidate Cho hopes the third time might be the charm. The former journalist and newspaper publisher lost a council seat by a margin of 200 votes.

"I truly believe I chose my American dream," said Cho, who came to the United States 40 years ago with aspirations of a college education. "Now I want to solve (the problems) in our community, which has given so much to me and my family."

Cho also wants to launch a human relations commission to tackle issues arising from cultural diversity, and to get more Asian-Americans - the majority demographic - engaged in city activity with more bilingual city staff and multi-language publications.

"Almost 70 percent (of the city population) are Asian-American," he said. "But now we only have one Asian-American councilmember, but no Korean, no Indian, no Filipino has ever been elected. It's very important we have balanced and proper representation in city government."

A 20-year member of the ABC Unified school board, Groom this year tries her hand at city leadership, spurred by a proposed senior housing project. Still in the earliest exploratory stage, the controversial proposal if approved will convert a parcel of land on which the district offices now stand to senior rental property.

"I don't think it's the right way to conduct business for public and school entities," she said. "I would like to see a well-managed growth of the city, meaning let's re-evaluate the overall master plan of the city and make sure we do not become over-developed. We have to balance between the resident, retail and school aspects."

Smart growth, Groom said, is the best way to go.

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