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In Progress
Kristen Habbestad responded to a Press-Telegram reporter seeking information on the next area election involving college trustees.

Ms. Habbestad is also working with a local cable show host and Cerritos College student who will be interviewing and filming auto technology students on campus on March 20.

Coverage
Wave Community News, The Press (Los Angeles), Herald American—January 25, 2007—Article about a grant given to Cerritos College’s automotive program by DaimlerChrysler (from news release).

Wave Community News, The Press (Los Angeles), Herald American—January 25, 2007—Article on Cerritos College’s contract with Boeing, allowing the college to take part in a mentor program (from news release).


Los Cerritos Community News—February 2, 2007—Article on the college’s invitation to review its 2006 Master Plan (from news release).

Wave Community News, The Press (Los Angeles), Lynwood Press—February 8, 2007—Article on Cerritos College’s hosting of the auto tech competition for high school students (from news release).

Wave Community News, The Press (Los Angeles), Herald American, Lynwood Press—February 8, 2007—Article covering a victory for the Cerritos softball team

Wave Community News, The Press (Los Angeles), Lynwood Press—February 8, 2007—Article on Cerritos College’s “Unprimed” art exhibit (from media alerts).

Wave Community News—February 8, 2007—Sports brief mentioning a Cerritos College alum (now at Long Beach State) who won a heptathlon at the Air Force Invitational in Colorado.


Long Beach Press-Telegram—February 14, 2007—Obituary on a woman who had fought against cancer and led a self-help group for cancer patients, mentioning that she received a journalism degree from Cerritos College.


Wave Community News—February 15, 2007—Article on Cerritos College’s unveiling of its new master plan (from news release).

Whittier Daily News—February 19, 2007—Brief featuring “Getting Here” performances (from media alert).

Long Beach Press-Telegram—February 21, 2007—Briefs on the college’s resurfacing; also Cerritos softball’s recent victory.

Long Beach Press-Telegram—February 22, 2007—Article on the college’s women’s basketball team losing in a play-off game.

Whittier Daily News—March 5, 2007—Blurbs promoting the “Unprimed” exhibit at the art gallery and Cerritos College’s Chinese New Year celebration (from media alerts).

Related news
Long Beach Press-Telegram—March 2, 2007—Article about CSULB’s newly approved recreation center, which will be funded through higher fees.
Cerritos College Hosts Women’s History Month Events During March

Celebration Includes Breast Cancer Walk, Film Festival and Essay Contest

For Immediate Release: March 1, 2007

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

Event Contact: Esther Choi, Cerritos College Re-Entry Center; (562) 860-2451 ext. 2362

WHAT: Throughout the month of March, Cerritos College will host a series of special events, guest speakers and lectures in celebration of Women’s History Month. Panel discussions and lectures will include topics such as gender representation in hip hop music, an examination of whether women can have balance in career and family, and second-wave feminism from a historical perspective. All events are free and open to the public.

Events include:

Thursday, March 1
9:30-11 a.m.
Panel Discussion
“B***h”, “H*e”,”N***a”:
Gender Representations in Hip Hop Music
Fine Arts, room 43

Monday, March 5
1- 3 p.m.
International Women’s Film Festival: “Water”
Science Building, room 201

Tuesday, March 6
11-12:15 p.m. Turning Malinali into Malinche
Science Building, room 201

and again at 6-7:15 p.m.
Health Science Building, room 102

International Women’s Film Festival: “Yesterday”
1-3 p.m.
LC 155 (Library)
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1-3 p.m.
International Women’s Film Festival: “Leila”
LC 155 (Library)

Monday, March 12
12:30-2 p.m.
What is the True Story of Juanita?
Science Building, room 201

Monday, March 19
2-3:15 p.m.
Panel Discussion:
Can We Have It All? Do Successful Women Balance Career & Family?
Science Building, room 201

Tuesday, March 20
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Clothesline Project
Falcon Square

6-9 p.m.
Tribute to Women Writers
Cheryl A. Epple Board Room

Wednesday, March 21
4-5:30 p.m.
A Global Link –Up: Women's Progress Abroad
LC 155 (Library)

Thursday, March 22
11 a.m.
Breast Cancer Walk
Falcon Square

Monday, March 26
11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Second Wave Feminism From a Historical Perspective
Social Science Building, room 310

Tuesday, March 27
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
In Their Own Language: Famosas Escritoras del Mundo Espanol
Social Science Building, room 307

Wednesday, March 28
11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
The Early Roots of Feminism: The First Wave, 1848-1920
Social Science Building, room 310
Thursday, March 29
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Panel Discussion: Where is Feminism Today?
Science Building, room 201

The women's film festival held March 5-8 will feature “Water,” a film directed by Deepha Mehta about a Hindu girl who is suddenly widowed; “Yesterday,” a motion picture about a woman living in a remote village in South Africa; and “Leila,” set in contemporary Iran. The film festival will also show “Maria Full of Grace,” which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2004. Written and directed by Joshua Marston, “Maria Full of Grace” depicts a young woman who accepts a business and travel proposition in exchange for smuggling heroin into the United States. A panel discussion will follow the showing of this film.

The Clothesline Project featured March 20 is a display allowing victims of sexual abuse a forum for expression. The Clothesline Project will be featured in Falcon Square. Winners of the Women’s History Month essay contest will also be announced on March 20 in the Cheryl A. Epple Board Room at 6 p.m.

A Breast Cancer Awareness Walk will be held on March 22 in Falcon Square, raising funds and support for the fight against breast cancer.
WHEN: Throughout the month of March, 2007. For a complete calendar of dates, times and room locations, please visit www.cerritos.edu/whm

WHERE: Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

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

CONTACT: For more information about Cerritos College’s Women’s History Month events, please contact Re-Entry Resource Specialist Esther Choi at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2362 or at echoi@cerritos.edu.

COST: All events during Women’s History Month are free and open to the public.

Cerritos College’s recognition of National Women’s History Month began in 1977 as a local celebration of Women’s History Week in the schools of Sonoma County, California. In years following, Congress passed a resolution designating March of every year as National Women’s History Month. This resolution continues to be reaffirmed by the Congress on a biennial basis. At Cerritos College, Maureen May, Re-Entry Resource specialist and Gender Equity coordinator, initiated the Women’s History Month program in 1987. Maureen spent 10 years coordinating this celebration until her retirement in 1996. Each year, Cerritos College recognizes Maureen May as an outstanding and inspiring woman. Because of her vision and dedication, Cerritos College continues to preserve the legacy that began in 1987.

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Cerritos College Teacher TRAC Program Receives National Phi Theta Kappa Award

For Immediate Release: March 7, 2006

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

NORWALK, CA – March 7, 2007 – Cerritos College's Teacher TRAC program received a national award March 2 from Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society during the National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs (NACCTEP) Conference March 2-4 in New Orleans. The Phi Theta Kappa Teacher Preparation Program Award recognizes the college’s exemplary efforts to prepare students for careers in education. Teacher TRAC Director Sue Parsons, Gabriela Gonzales, a teacher education student and Cerritos College President Dr. Noelia Vela were on hand to accept the award.

“Phi Theta Kappa is proud to honor Cerritos Community College for their outstanding work in teacher preparation,” said Society Executive Director Rod Risley.

“Education can solve the social and economic ills facing the entire global community,” he continued. “A strong and effective education system relies on well-prepared and committed teachers. We salute Cerritos and all community colleges that are developing a new generation of educators.”

Teacher TRAC was selected for the award through a competitive application process. Parsons and Gonzales were invited to showcase the Teacher TRAC program during the NACCTEP Conference, and the program was also highlighted in a special publication distributed by Phi Theta Kappa to all community college presidents within the United States.

Phi Theta Kappa, with headquarters in Jackson, Mississippi, is the largest honor society in American higher education, with 1,200 chapters on two-year and community college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, the Marshall Islands Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions.

Cerritos College’s Teacher TRAC program offers many services, programs, and pathways for students interested in teaching K-12. For students interested in becoming an elementary school teacher, Teacher TRAC’s flagship program is a partnership with California State University Long Beach. As a student in the integrated, standards-based Teacher TRAC / CSULB program, students can earn their bachelor's degree and multiple subject teaching credentials and complete their student teaching within four years. For more information about the program, visit www.teachertrac.com.

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Cerritos College to Host 7th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk March 22

Event, Sponsored by Campus Fitness and Wellness Department, Educates Men and Women about Breast Cancer and Celebrates Survivors of the Disease

For Immediate Release: March 12, 2007

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

Event Contact: Carrie Gleckner-Edwards, Cerritos College Fitness and Wellness Department; (562) 860-2451 ext. 2876

WHAT: The annual walk serves to raise awareness about the breast cancer and to celebrate survivors of the disease. Marijean Piorkowski, instructor in Cerritos College's Physical Therapist Assistant Program and a breast cancer survivor, will serve as a guest speaker for the event.

All are welcome to attend and walk the course. Special prizes will be awarded to the three highest donors, and a spirit award will be presented to the division/group with the most participants (faculty and students). Pre-registration for the walk is encouraged and appreciated. Please click here to download a flier and a pre-registration form, which should be completed and returned to the Physical Education Department before Tuesday, March 20.

WHEN: Thursday, March 22 at 11 a.m. Check-in begins at 10 a.m. (pre-registration is appreciated).

WHERE: Falcon Square, 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 Carrie Gleckner-Edwards at extension 2876 or at cgleckner@cerritos.edu.

COST: There is no cost for participation, but donations are encouraged. Please make checks out to the “Susan G. Komen Foundation.”

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College receives automotive grant

NORWALK — DaimlerChrysler Corporation has presented the Cerritos College Foundation with a $14,000 grant benefiting the College Automotive Program, which provides students with technical learning and a pathway into automotive technician careers at more than 4,000 Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep dealers.

The funding will go toward the program’s marketing and outreach efforts to area high school students, said Kristen Habbestad, the college’s media relations coordinator.

“We’re thrilled that these funds will go toward training and preparing our students for employment,” said Richard Aragon, instructor in the Automotive Technology Program.

Cerritos College is the only college in California that offers a college automotive program, which provides students with training on current DaimlerChrysler vehicles using DaimlerChrysler-authorized tools and procedures and prepares them for entry-level technician jobs at dealerships, Habbestad said.

Upon completion of the program, students earn an associate’s degree in automotive technology. Along with classroom instruction, the program offers on-site training at sponsoring dealerships under the direction of technician mentors. Students rotate class time and internships until fulfilling the requirements to receive their degree.
College to take part in mentor program

Wave Staff Report

NORWALK — Cerritos College has received a three-year contract from Boeing for the U.S. Air Force Mentor Protégé program, which encourages relationships and development between Boeing and smaller manufacturers.

Cerritos College will facilitate the program by providing training, technical assistance, interns and graduates for newly created jobs, according to Kristen Habbestad, the college’s media relations director.

Manufacturers benefiting from the program are Aero Dynamics, KAP Manufacturing and Omega Precision.

“We’re thrilled to have this opportunity to develop and grow local businesses with Boeing,” said Jose Anaya, director of Cerritos College’s Office of Economic Development.

Cerritos College’s contribution to the program will consist of specialized employee training in quality assurance systems, efficient manufacturing processes, lean enterprise transformation, sub-tier management and accounting processes.

The college’s contract with Boeing, valued at $950,000, will allow the college to provide these specialized services and on-site training, tailored to the manufacturers’ individual needs, Habbestad said.

“The smaller manufacturers are strengthened, which benefits Boeing, who contracts with them on a regular basis, while Cerritos College continues to underscore its value in the community through providing education, training and opportunity,” Anaya said.
Cerritos coach Artiaga earns national honors

BY RON GUILD
STAFF WRITER

Benny Artiaga, who directed Cerritos College to the state championship, has been named the NCSAA/adidas Junior College Division III national men’s soccer coach of the year. He was honored at a ceremony in Indianapolis last week.

The Falcons went 20-3-5 and were ranked No. 2 in the nation in the final community college poll.

They went unbeaten the final 15 games and recorded four 1-0 victories in the playoffs.

“The whole experience of being in Indianapolis was quite humbling,” Artiaga said. “It was amazing to look around and see Sunil Gulati (president of the U.S. Soccer Federation), Bruce Arena (former national team coach), Anson Dorrance (coach of the 18-time national champion University of North Carolina women’s program), Tim Von Steeg (current men’s coach of national champion University of California Santa Barbara), and thought, ‘what am I doing here?’ I headed to Indianapolis with a really positive approach of just being grateful for being invited to the big ceremony.

“I was enjoying forums, lectures and field sessions that included some of the brightest soccer minds in the world. In one room you had the England national team assistant coach, in another room was England’s sports psychologist and there were also coaches from the national federation from Spain, Holland, Germany, Ireland and other countries.”

This is only the third time, and the second for a men’s coach, that a California coach has received the national honor.

Artiaga feels the state title is the turning point for the program.

“We have some amazing returning players who continue to improve and we will have one of the strongest incoming classes ever,” Artiaga said. “But, we must remain humble and continue to work on the basic values that made us successful and not get all wrapped up in all the external things that make you lose focus.

“My emphasis will not change. I will continue to recruit hard because that is the only way we can have the state’s elite players here at Cerritos. We will continue to work and develop our players, while at the same time, keeping our focus on the big prize.”

The Cerritos College men’s basketball team's winning streak has now reached five games.

A 51-30 victory over Compton in a South Coast Conference crossover game Saturday was the latest triumph for the streaking Falcons. They take a 14-10 record into play this week.

The Falcons host El Camino at 5:30 p.m. Friday. The men play at 7:30 p.m.

Defense and rebounding were the chief factors in the win over Compton. Cerritos outrebounded the Tartars, 46-30 and recorded 23 steals. The Tartars only had 13 first-half points.

Freshman forward Tiffany Wilson had 12 points and three steals and LaTrina Payne had 10 points and five steals to lead the way. Freshman forward Genesis Lewis had 10 points, six rebounds and four steals.

Freshman guard Colleen Cooley pulled down eight boards, while sophomore forward Shontay Delpit added nine.

The Cerritos College women’s basketball team snapped a six-game losing streak by defeating L.A. Harbor, 83-68 last Friday. Freshman forward DeAndre Ferguson hit 11 of 15 field goals for 24 points and added nine rebounds.

Travele Jones had 12 rebounds and five assists and Demetrius Turner had 15 points and four rebounds.

Trailing, 40-38 at halftime, the Falcons (7-15, 1-1 in the division) got five quick points to start the second half and never trailed the rest of the way.

The Falcons host El Camino at 7:30 p.m. Friday.
Cerritos College recently completed its 2006 Facilities Master Plan, which includes projects made possible through a $210 million general obligation bond approved by voters and state funds. A “Mitigated Negative Declaration” document describing the project and its potential environmental effects may be reviewed by the public at the reference desk of public libraries in the city of Cerritos (18025 Bloomfield Avenue), the city of Norwalk (11949 Alondra Boulevard and 12350 Imperial Highway) and at the Wilford Michael Library on the Cerritos College campus through February 21. Any comments in response to the report must be received in writing by 5 p.m. on February 21, 2007 at the following address: Robert Riffle, Director of Physical Plant, Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650; fax (562) 467-5001. The Mitigated Negative Declaration will be considered by the Cerritos College Board of Trustees at its regular meeting, which is open to the public, on Wednesday, April 18 at 6 p.m. Cerritos College’s Facilities Master Plan includes construction of ten buildings totaling approximately 287,156 square feet and demolition of ten buildings totaling 195,335 square feet. The Facilities Master Plan also includes renovation of twenty-five buildings totaling 565,687 square feet, for a net increase of 63,613 square feet. Six new surface parking lots will expand parking to approximately 5,200 total parking spaces. The project is anticipated to accommodate an enrollment of approximately 28,000 students, or 19,272 full-time equivalent students in 2013. Modernization of other buildings, and campus health, safety, security and infrastructure improvements are also proposed.
Student auto technicians to compete at Cerritos College

NORWALK — Cerritos College will host seniors from 17 area high schools and local regional occupational programs for the hands-on portion of the Automotive Technology Competition Saturday.

The contest, which is sponsored by the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association and Southland Motor Car Dealers Association, consists of written and hands-on tests of automobile diagnosis and repair, according to Kristen Habbestad, the college’s media relations coordinator.

The winning teams earn a trip to the national competition at the New York International Auto Show in April, Habbestad said.

The pre-qualifying exam drilled participants by having them troubleshoot problems in the areas of engine performance, electrical systems, brake performance, steering abilities and suspension.

During the semifinal “hands-on” competition, teams consisting of two students compete by exhibiting their auto technology skills and reporting diagnostic conclusions in categories such as automatic transmission, fuel injection and emission, heating and air conditioning, brakes, basic electrical, tools and measurements.

The semifinal hands-on competition will test the students’ knowledge and ability in engine management, vehicle safety and chassis/body electrical systems, Habbestad said.

During the competition, teams must diagnose and repair a number of pre-assigned problems under a car’s hood within an allotted amount of time.

Two-member teams of high school students, such as the ones shown above from a previous competition, will compete by diagnosing and repairing a number of pre-assigned problems under a car’s hood within an allotted amount of time during the Automotive Technology Competition Saturday at Cerritos College.

Seventeen semifinalists out of the 23 county high schools will be split into two groups, the Los Angeles Area, which will be compete for the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association-sponsored spot at the National Auto Tech Competition, and the Long Beach Area, which will compete for the Southland Motor Car Dealer Association-sponsored at the national competition on April 10 and 11 at the New York International Auto Show.
Navarro has starring role in Cerritos’ first victory

Jessica Navarro, a freshman from South Gate High School, was chiefly responsible for the Cerritos College softball team winning its first game.

In a 5-2 nonconference victory over Riverside Monday, Navarro went 2-for-4, including a two-run home run, and pitched the final four innings to earn the win.

It was the first victory in four tries for the Falcons, who have yet to allow an earned run this season.

Cerritos hosts L.A. Valley at 3 p.m. Thursday, then plays in the Green & Gold Tournament in Irvine Saturday and Sunday.

In the Riverside game, the score was tied 2-2 in the top of the seventh inning when freshman first baseman Stephanie Lomeli (Montebello) led off with a single. Navarro then drove a pitch to right-center for a home run. Freshman Vanezza Martin Del Campo followed with a double. She came home on an error on a ball hit by freshman Charlee Cox (Warren).

In the bottom of the inning, Navarro walked two before getting the final out on a strikeout.

Lomeli had two hits and Martin Del Campo had three hits and two runs to lead Cerritos.

The Cerritos College baseball team, off to a 6-1 start, hosts L.A. Valley at 2 p.m. Friday in a nonconference game. The Falcons continue their weekend schedule by hosting Victor Valley at noon Saturday, then traveling to Saddleback Sunday for an 11 a.m. game.

Last weekend, Cerritos edged Palomar, 2-1 in 12 innings.
Cerritos College offers art display

Wave Staff Report

NORWALK — “Unprimed,” an exhibition of art work by Gary Garay, Xavier Cazares Cortez, Pedro Rios Martinez and Shizu Saldamando, has opened at the Cerritos College Art Gallery and runs through March 8 on the local campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

An artists’ talk is scheduled for 5:30 to 7 p.m. Feb. 28, at the gallery. The artists will speak on their work in an informal lecture format with a question and answer period following, gallery director Christina Fernandez said. For the purposes of this exhibition, “unprimed” refers to works on materials other than canvas, Fernandez said.

The Cerritos College Art Gallery is in Room 50 of the Fine Arts Building. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
Rookie all-stars

Former Crenshaw High School standout Marcus Williams of the New Jersey Nets and ex-UCLA standout Jordan Farmar of the Lakers have been named to the rookie team for the Rookie Challenge & Youth Jam Feb. 16 at the NBA's All-Star weekend in Las Vegas. The All-Star game is Feb. 18.

Williams, the primary backup to Nets' All-Star point guard Jason Kidd, is averaging 7.2 points and 3.0 assists per game.

Farmar, a backup point guard for the Lakers, averages 5.5 points and 2.0 assists per game.

Laker center Andrew Bynum, averaging 8.5 points and 6.6 rebounds, is on the sophomore roster.

Pirates sign Grabow

Former San Gabriel High School star John Grabow has signed a one-year contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates. The southpaw relief pitcher will receive a base salary of $332,500 plus performance incentives, more than double the $314,750 he was paid in 2006.

Grabow was 4-2 with a 4.13 earned run average in 72 games for the Pirates last year.

He was All-CIF and the Almont League MVP as a senior at San Gabriel.

Cousy Award finalists

Cal State Fullerton's Bobby Brown, a Westchester High School grad, and UCLA's Darren Collison are among the 13 finalists for the Bob Cousy Award that goes to the nation's top college point guard.

He averages 19.8 points and 6.4 assists per game for the Titans. He also leads the Big West in three-point shooting.

Top marks

Long Beach State's Chris Richardson (Downey High, Cerritos College) won the heptathlon scoring a personal best in five of seven events, and Ronald Carter (Serra High) joined him as one of three 49ers with NCAA provisional qualifying marks this season, with a school-record in the triple jump, on the second day of the Air Force Invitational in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Richardson won his first indoor event of the season with a total of 5,312 points. Carter went 51-8.5 in the triple jump.
Cerritos gets past L.A. Valley in softball

Staff reports

Jessica Navarro and Nadine Garcia each had three hits and Navarro gained the pitching win as the Cerritos College softball team L.A. Valley, 7-6, in a nonconference game Thursday at Cerritos.

The Monarchs scored two runs in the top of the first, but the Falcons (3-3) got one back in the bottom half when Navarro singled in Janel Guadagni.

Cerritos took a 3-2 lead in the second as Charlie Cox doubled in Stephanie Lomeli and Guadagni with a two-run single by Lomeli highlighting the outburst.

Baseball

Cypress 17, L.A. City 2

Marco Martelli went 3 for 3 with a triple, home run and five RBI to help the Chargers (5-2) beat visiting L.A. Valley (0-4) in nonconference play. Brandon Laird went 2 for 2 for Cypress with a home run and three RBIs, while Brandon Rohr went 3 for 4 with an RBI.

Ryan Rosenhain (1-0) started and tossed three shutout innings in earning the win.

Riverside 6, Long Beach City 2, 10 inn.

Cody Madison hit a grand slam in the top of the 10th inning as the visiting Tigers (6-2) beat the Vikings (1-7) in a nonconference game.

Daniel Prieto went seven innings for LBCC and allowed one run on four hits.

Curtis Thompson went 4 for 5 with an RBI for LBCC.

Men’s tennis

Cerritos 8, San Diego Mesa 1

Team brothers Jeffrey and Jackie Yachimiongokol, Chris Chudikorn, Michael Stripling and Joseph Diaz all were in on singles and doubles wins to help the Falcons (2-2) win at home.
Cerritos men’s tennis nets another win

Cerritos rounded out the win by sweepings all three doubles matches by a combined score of 24-0.

SOFTBALL
Cypress 4 LBCC 0
Pitcher Alyssa Gutierrez tossed a two-hitter with seven strikeouts, leading the Chargers (3-0) over the Vikings (2-5) in a nonconference game.
Brooke Pefley was 3 for 4 with two RBI as Cypress touched up LBCC starter Brittni Rodriguez for 12 hits and four runs.

BASEBALL
Cypress 10, Southwestern 0
Starter Alex Curry allowed just three hits over 6 1/3 innings and three relievers combined to close out a four-hit performance as the Chargers (7-2) routed Southwestern (5-4) in a nonconference match up.
Brandon Laird and Tyler Marmon each had two RBI and Jason Schanien scored three runs to support the fine pitching effort.

MEN’S VOLLEYBALL
LBCC 3, S.D. Mesa 0
Sophomore middle blocker Richard Camerlengo and freshman outside hitter Joe Strotman each had nine kills to lead the visiting Vikings (3-0) to a 30-18, 30-24, 30-22 nonconference victory.
Camerlengo added five blocks and Strotman had four digs and two blocks.
LBCC hosts Irvine Valley at 6 p.m. FridaY.
Obituary: Stephanie Mulkey was NAACP member, sickle cell self-help group leader.

By Greg Mellen

LONG BEACH — Fellow church members at Christ Second Baptist Church still have trouble accepting that Stephanie Mulkey is gone.

Even though Mulkey was born with sickle cell anemia and spent a lifetime battling the illness and its side effects, she always bounced back, always: Or so it seemed.

Mulkey died Feb. 8 at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center with her family at her side.

“She persevered through so many things,” said Susan Anderson, a parishioner at Second Baptist who was among those who were surprised Mulkey finally died.

Kenneth Mulkey struggled to find the word that best described his older sister’s resilience.

“I want to say endurance, but that’s not right,” Kenneth Mulkey said. “It seems she did more than just hang in there, she fought against the disease she had.

Stephanie and her family were known throughout Long Beach's black community. Virtually all the Mulkeys were active in the Long Beach chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Stephanie was a lifelong member and served on the executive committee as the membership chairperson. Her father, the late Allen Mulkey, was an interim president of the local chapter. And mother Vera was the driving force that kept the family at the forefront of the organization.

Stephanie Mulkey was also a constant presence at Christ Second Baptist, joining a multitude of groups, including the church's sign language ministry.

Among the complications of Mulkey’s disease was hearing loss for much of her adult life.

So, in typical style, Mulkey decided to do something about that and, at the age of 45, took up learning how to sign.

“She was a trooper,” said Carolyn Whitfield, who was a member of the sign language group and often drove Mulkey to practice and performances.

Friends and relatives also remember Mulkey's fashion sense.

“She had her own style of dressing,” Whitfield said, laughing at the memory. “One day I saw her in an outfit that had two different earrings on. When I told her, she said, 'I'm making a statement. She was her own person.'”

Kenneth Mulkey, who starred in basketball at St. Anthony’s High School and played at Santa Clara University, remembers his sister coming to his games to cheer.

She'd always have on this big jacket and a beanie cap,” he remembers.

Kenneth Mulkey called her a cheerleader, but not just because of her support at his games.

“She was supportive of everyone in the family in everything they did,” he said.

Because of her health issues, Mulkey was involved in numerous health groups, including sickle cell disease help and support organizations and was president of a sickle cell self-help group.

She was honored by the Journalism Association of Community Colleges.

“She was so proud of that award,” said Carla Johnson, Stephanie’s sister.

Among many awards and citations, Mulkey was named by the Proclamation of Prominence as one of the women of the 90s for her volunteer work in sickle cell disease. She also won an Angel Award winner from the National Council of Negro Women.

Mulkey was survived by her mother, Vera; sister Carla Johnson; brothers Duane Smootherman and Kenneth Mulkey; aunt Mary Scratchins, nine nieces and nephews and numerous family members.

As part of a celebration of Mulkey’s life, there will be a viewing Friday at Colonial Masonary, 638 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, from 1 to 7 p.m.

The funeral service will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Christ Second Baptist Church, 1471 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Long Beach.

Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 1500 E. San Simon Drive, Long Beach. A reception immediately follows.

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JUNIOR COLLEGE NOTEBOOK

Vikings have more than one weapon

By David Felton

Sophomore guard Don Tresvant has garnered most of the attention lately, and rightly so. That’s to be expected when you break the Long Beach City College single-game scoring record three times in one season, including two games in a row.

But Tresvant isn’t the only reason the LBCC men’s basketball team has won its third consecutive South Coast Conference South Division title this season. He’s not the sole factor in the Vikings’ 13-game winning streak that includes victories over Compton, Mt. SAC, L.A. Trade Tech and L.A. Southwest.

Long Beach has plenty of talent that surrounds Tresvant. That talent includes swingman Eric Williams — LBCC’s only other starting sophomore — and a host of freshmen who have developed over the course of the season. They include Chris Brown, Matt Richard, Emmanuel Green, Randolph White and Kenneth Hurd.

The Vikings have overcome a slow start that saw them start 2-6, 4-7 and 7-10. Now, LBCC is 20-10 and ends its regular season at 7:30 p.m. today at home against El Camino.

“Can you believe that?” LBCC coach Gary Anderson asked of his team’s recent success. “We’ve gotten a lot better and we seem like a team that survives. We fight. ... I’m proud of the way this team has brought things together.”

Tresvant is clearly the star. The Cabrillo High graduate averages 25.0 points per game — third in the state — and has scored 111 points in his last two games, eclipsing his own school record each night. But Williams is sixth in the state in scoring (21.2 ppg) and third in rebounds (12.3 rpg).

“Eric is just as important (as Tresvant) with all the things he does,” Anderson said. “He’s such an athletic, strong player. There’s no one that can really match up with him, in the conference or the state.”

The freshmen provide a defensive presence and a spark off the bench. Richard is a defensive stopper and Hurd “saved our bacon,” according to Anderson, when he made six consecutive free throws in the Vikings’ 123-131, triple overtime victory last week over L.A. Southwest.

“Everybody has been playing their role, doing their thing,” Anderson said, “and that’s the reason we’re playing so well.”

On the dotted line

Compton College had several football players sign national letters of intent last week, including a pair headed to the SEC.

Outside linebacker Lamar Brumfield and free safety Ashlee Palmer each signed with Mississippi. Both were first-team All-Western State Conference selections and Palmer was selected a JC All-American.

Larry Dennis, an all-conference defensive end, signed with UNLV and fellow defensive end Nasir Ghafur signed with Northern Colorado. Offensive tackle Eldridge Sims signed with Kansas State.

Cerritos defensive end Jamal Jones has signed a letter of intent with Morehead State in Kentucky. Jones was an All-Mission Conference National Division first-team selection.

Freshman center Cody Fisher signed with Morningide College, an NAIA school in Iowa.

Off and running

LBCC’s men’s volleyball team has run its consecutive victory streak to 21 matches after three triumphs to open the 2007 season.

“We’ve got a lot of experience and depth this year,” said Randy Totorp, who led the Vikings to state titles in two of his first three years at LBCC. Long Beach lost just two sophomores from last season’s state title team and is led by sophomores

outside hitter Naseri Tumunuva, the MVP of last season’s state tournament.

The Vikings went 18-0 a year ago on their way to the state crown and are 3-0 so far this year. At 6 p.m. Friday, they host a very tough team from Irvine Valley.

“I think Irvine will be our first real test,” said Totorp, who feels the overall competition in the state is stronger than before. “It’s going to be a tougher road (to the state title) but we’re rolling right now.”

Also

The Cerritos baseball team is off to an 8-2 start and opens a three-game homestand today.

The Falcons host Golden West at 2 p.m. today and welcome Irvine Valley at 2 p.m. Thursday. On Saturday, Cerritos hosts Fullerton at noon.

Freshman pitcher Jessica Navarro tossed a five-inning no-hitter Saturday for Cerritos’ softball team (6-3), which has recovered nicely following an 0-3 start.

Navarro struck out six batters in the 940, mercy rule-shortened victory over Ventura at the Irvine Valley Green and Gold Tournament. The only blemish on her day was a hit batter in the fourth inning.

The Falcons host Antelope Valley at 3 p.m. Thursday.
Cerritos College unveils $210 million master plan

NORWALK — Cerritos College has completed its facilities master plan for projects estimated at $210 million and invites the public to look them over at local area libraries until Feb. 21.

A mitigated negative declaration document describing the project and its potential environmental effects may be reviewed by the public at the reference desk of public libraries in Cerritos, 18025 Bloomfield Ave.; Norwalk, 11949 Alondra Blvd.; and 12350 Imperial Highway; and at the Wilford Michael Library on the Cerritos College campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

The $210 million will come from the sale of general obligation bonds approved by voters and state funds, said Kristen Habbestad, the college’s media relations coordinator.

Any comments in response to the report must be received in writing by 5 p.m. Feb. 21. Comments should be sent to Robert Riffle, Director of Physical Plant, Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, 90650; or by fax to (562) 467-5001.

The environmental impact report will be considered by the Cerritos College Board of Trustees at its April 18 meeting, Habbestad said.

The master plan includes the construction of 10 buildings totaling more than 287,000 square feet and the demolition of 10 buildings totaling 195,335 square feet.

The plan also includes the renovation of 25 buildings totaling 565,687 square feet, for a net increase of 63,613 square feet, she added.

Six new parking lots will expand parking to approximately 5,200 total spaces. The project is anticipated to accommodate an enrollment of about 28,000 students or 19,272 fulltime equivalent students in 2013.

Modernization of other buildings, and campus health, safety, security and infrastructure improvements are also proposed.
AROUND WHITTIER

‘Nobility’ set at church March 1

WHITTIER — The Whittier Area Peace and Justice Coalition will present a screening of the documentary “Nobility” at 7 p.m. March 1 at St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 7056 Washington Ave.

The film looks at the future through the eyes of nine Nobel laureates.

The public is welcome to attend and the event will include free refreshments.

For more information, call (562) 587-6270 or (562) 698-9154.

College sets dates for ‘Getting Here’

CERRITOS — Cerritos College students will present the first of six performances of “Getting Here” at 8 p.m. March 2 in the Burnight Center Theatre, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

The show is an ensemble-piece play based on true immigrant stories shared by the campus community and friends of the college. Stories have been collected since October 2006.

The play’s five other showings will be at 8 p.m. March 3, 8, 9 and 10. There will be an additional performance at 2 p.m. March 11.

For more information, call (562) 860-2451, Ext. 5058.

Kindergarten sign-ups to begin

EAST WHITTIER — Registration of children for the September 2007 kindergarten classes is currently under way at all 10 East Whittier City School District elementary schools from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning March 12.

For a child to be eligible for enrollment, the parent or guardian must submit written proof of residency, the child’s age and proof of immunization at the time of registration.

Three forms of written proof of residency are required, which can include utility bills, rental agreements, lease or escrow papers or a notarized statement from a property owner attesting to the applicant’s East Whittier residency.

School to hold fundraiser event

EAST WHITTIER — The East Whittier Middle School Instrumental Music Program will hold a dinner-dance fundraiser from 6 to 11 p.m. March 3 at the Whittier Community Center, 7630 Washington Ave.

Tickets are $25 for adults and $15 for children.

For more information, call (562) 696-0576.

— From staff reports
Vikes line up for SCC hoop honors

By David Felton

It’s been an MVP season for the men’s and women’s basketball teams at Long Beach City College.

On Tuesday, LBCC sophomores Deon Tresvant and Eric Williams were selected co-MVPs of the South Coast Conference South Division and Gary Anderson was selected as SCC South Coach of the Year on Tuesday. For the women, LBCC sophomore guard Amber Thomas and coach Trimeka Jackson were selected MVP and Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season.

Tresvant, a Cabrillo High graduate, is third in the state in scoring at 25.0 points per game and broke the school’s single-game scoring record three times, including back-to-back games where he scored 48 and 63 points. Williams, from Wilson High, averaged 21.3 points (sixth in the state) and 12.2 rebounds (third in the state) per game.

Anderson, in his 16th season as head coach, has guided the Vikings to a 21-10 overall record and an 8-0 mark in the SCC South. Anderson has won three consecutive Coach of the Year awards.

LBCC won its third consecutive SCC South title and is seeded eighth in the Southern California Regional Playoffs.

Freshmen Chris Brown (Poly High) and Matt Richard (Wilson) made the all-conference team and fellow freshmen Randolph White (St. John Bosco) and Emmanuel Green (Lakewood) were honorable mention.

“To get six guys (honored) says a lot about this year,” said Anderson. “I hope we can keep the magic going. There’s something magical about this team and we want to take it as far as we can.”

Thomas averaged 20.4 points, 4.2 rebounds and 4.1 assists per game for the Vikings (20-8) to claim her second consecutive MVP honor. Jackson led LBCC to a 7-1 SCC South record and its second straight conference title.

Dijon Thompson (Mayfair) made the first team along with Cerritos’ La Trina Payne (Mayfair) and Tiffany Wilson (Mayfair).

The second team includes sophomores TyQuanna Ganaway (Lynwood) and Jessica Quintero (Paramount) from LBCC and Cerritos’ Genesis Lewis (Paramount) and Shontay Delpit (Paramount).

Also

- The resurfacing of Cerritos’ track is complete, and just in time. A $50,000 grant from the Amateur Athletic Foundation, awarded to the college in November, was used to replace and widen the track surface and to install new areas for the javelin, shot put, discus and hammer throws. Those new facilities will be put to the test Friday and Saturday at the Cerritos Invitational.
- The Cerritos softball team is 8-3-1 following Tuesday’s 5-0 victory over Santa Ana. The Falcons opened the season at 0-3 and have gone nine games without a loss. Cerritos returns to play Feb. 28 at Moorpark.
Cerritos, Compton play into playoffs

Staff reports

After finishing second in the South Coast Conference South Division, the Cerritos College women’s basketball team was subjected to a Southern California Regional play-in game Wednesday night.

The Falcons, with four players recording double figures, played their way into the playoffs with a 68-60 victory at Palomar.

The good news could end there as No. 16-seeded Cerritos (18-14) advanced to a first-round game at No. 2 Pasadena City College on Friday night at 7.

The Falcons were led by Shontay Deloit and Genesis Lewis, each of whom finished with 16 points, and LaTrina Payne and Tiffany Wilson, who added 12 points apiece.

Cerritos was in charge with a 14-point lead in the second half, but Palomar closed within 58-57 with 3:14 to go.

Payne hit a 3-pointer and the Falcons made 7 of 10 free throws over the final 1:52 to hold on for the win.
Around Whittier

**Art exhibit open at college gallery**

NORWALK - "Unprimed," an exhibition of artworks by Gary Garay, Xavier Cazares Cortez, Pedro Rios Martinez and Shizu Saldamando, is on display through Thursday at the Cerritos College art gallery in the fine arts building, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

The public is also invited to attend an artists' talk on the exhibition from 5:30 to 7p.m. Wednesday at the gallery.

For more information, visit www.cerritos.edu/gallery or contact Christina Fernandez at (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2612, or at cmfernandez@cerritos.edu.

**Chinese New Year event scheduled**

NORWALK - Cerritos College, the Chinese Culture Association of Southern California and the Cerritos Chinese School will host a Chinese New Year Celebration from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at its student center on campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

The year of the boar will be celebrated through various performances, exhibitions and workshops.

The event is free and open to the public. A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide.

For more information, call Danita Kurtz at (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2151, or e-mail dkurtz@cerritos.edu.
CSULB votes ‘yes’ on center

Education: Raised fees will support construction of recreation center.

By Kevin Butler

Staff writer

LONG BEACH — Cal State Long Beach students in a referendum this week supported raising student fees to fund the construction of a student recreation and wellness center, university officials announced Thursday.

Nearly three-quarters of the 2,951 students who cast votes in the referendum held Tuesday and Wednesday favored increasing student fees by $110 per regular semester and $83 per summer term to pay for the estimated $65 million center.

The center would feature basketball, volleyball and racquetball courts, multipurpose dance and aerobic fitness rooms, high-tech cardio equipment, cycle-spinning rooms and other amenities.

“This is a very important addition to our campus life,” said CSULB President J. King Alexander, who championed the fee proposal. “And I think it will have a very positive impact on the university — in recruiting, in retention and the whole campus community feel for not only students, but faculty and staff as well.”

Students will not begin paying the fees until the facility opens, hopefully in the fall of 2010, Alexander said. The university in the meantime will borrow the money for construction costs and pay back the sum using the future student revenue, he said.

A $1 fee increase was needed because the university can’t use the base state tuition fee for construction costs, Alexander said. Students could use financial aid to cover the mandatory fee for the center, which the university estimates will be 125,000 square feet.

After receiving advice from a student advisory committee that weighed new fees, Alexander said he expects to move ahead with the proposal.

Students currently use the physical education complex to work out. But many students have difficulty accessing the facility because they must compete with intramural athletic teams, intramural athletics and tournaments, which also take place in the building, Alexander said.

The complex, which was built in the 1960s, also is outdated, he said.

The new center would be a sense of campus community, provide more than 100 student employment opportunities and improve the health of students, faculty and staff, he added.

The university hopes to start construction in 2009.

There are no plans to demolish the existing physical education complex.

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