FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 4—10, 2007

In Progress
Kristen Habbestad is continues to work with the Norwalk Community News to develop a “Cerritos College” spread each month; enclosed is coverage from the most recent spread.

Ms. Habbestad is currently publicizing commencement and upcoming Global Consortium presentations.

Coverage


Norwalk Community News -- March 8, 2007 — Brief highlighting upcoming career expo at Cerritos College (from press release).

Norwalk Community News -- March 8, 2007 — Brief with headline on Chinese New Year celebration (from press release).


Long Beach Press-Telegram — March 11, 2007 — Short article on Cerritos College baseball team’s possible playoff run.


Norwalk Community News — April 6, 2007 — Article featuring Cerritos College’s upcoming career expo (from press release).

Norwalk Community News — April 6, 2007 — Article on interfaith dialogue between Dr. Pearl and Dr. Ahmed (from press release).

Norwalk Community News — April 6, 2007 — Picture and caption of track dedication.

Norwalk Community News — April 6, 2007 — Promotional brief on “Godspell” production at Cerritos College (from press release).

Norwalk Community News — April 6, 2007 — Article on currently art gallery exhibit (from press release).

Norwalk Community News — April 6, 2007 — Photo and caption of AAUW scholarship winners (from press release).

Norwalk Community News — April 6, 2007 — Article on upcoming chamber “Mega” mixer (from press release).

Norwalk Community News — April 6, 2007 — Brief on Environmental Week events.

Norwalk Community News — April 6, 2007 — Article on the filling of two staff positions (from press release).

Related news
Long Beach Press-Telegram — April 4, 2007 — Article on an approved pay raise for CSU faculty.

Long Beach Press-Telegram — April 5, 2007 — Article on Long Beach City College winning a grant to help students pass the California High School Exit Exam.

Los Angeles Times — April 9, 2007 — Article on a deal reached by CSU faculty and the university system on a pay raise for the faculty.
Cerritos College to Celebrate National Environmental Education Week

For Immediate Release: April 2, 2007

WHAT: Leading up to Earth Day (April 22), Cerritos College is celebrating “National Environmental Education Week” with several events to help reinforce awareness of the environment, sponsored by the psychology club. Events during the first four days of the week include the planting of a tree and a screening of Al Gore’s Oscar-winning documentary “An Inconvenient Truth.” On the last day of the week, students will be encouraged to apply what they’ve learned by carpooling, riding bicycles instead of driving, using reusable bags, etc. The event schedule is as follows:

Monday, April 16
Global Warming Awareness
Falcon Square

Tuesday, April 17
Screening of “An Inconvenient Truth”
11 a.m. in SS 125

Wednesday, April 18
Planting of a Tree

Thursday, April 19
Recycling and Handouts of Reusable Items

WHERE: Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

CONTACT: For more information about National Environmental Education Week events, contact Jamie Sandoval at (213) 616-8316 or sandoval9792@sbcglobal.net.

COST: All events are free and open to the public.

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Cerritos College Psychology Club Plans Events for National Environmental Education Week

For Immediate Release: March 29, 2007

WHAT: To help spread awareness about the environment during the week leading up to Earth Day on April 22, Cerritos College’s Psychology Club is celebrating “National Environmental Education Week” April 16-20. Events during the first four days of the week include the planting of a tree and a screening of Al Gore’s Oscar-winning documentary “An Inconvenient Truth.” On the last day of the week, students will be encouraged to apply what they’ve learned by carpooling, riding bicycles instead of driving, using reusable bags, etc.

The event schedule is as follows:

Monday, April 16
Global Warming Awareness
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Falcon Square

Wednesday, April 18
Planting of a Tree
11 a.m. at the corner of Health Science building, adjacent to the west side parking lot

Tuesday, April 17
Screening of “An Inconvenient Truth”
11 a.m. in SS 125

Thursday, April 19
Recycling (cans and bottles) and handouts of reusable items
9 a.m. - 8 p.m. in Falcon Square, the Health Science patio and the Social Science patio

Friday, April 20
Application of principles learned during the week (rideshare, recycling, etc.)
WHERE: Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

CONTACT: For more information, please contact Psychology Club Advisor Todd Gaffaney at ext.2764 or tgaffaney@cerritos.edu.

COST: All events are free and open to the public.

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Cerritos College to Host Seminar for Machine Tool Technology

Workshop to Highlight Recent Developments in Technology

For Immediate Release: April 10, 2007

WHAT: Cerritos College will host a three-hour seminar on Model-Based Definitions (MBD), presented by Jim Edwards, Southern California account manager for Verisurf. Verisurf Software, Inc. is a privately held software development and manufacturing solutions company based in Anaheim, Calif. Products are offered by original equipment manufacturers and resellers worldwide. The seminar is free and open to the general public. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about this new technology, which is poised to eliminate paper drawings in the design and production of automotive aftermarket parts, replacing them with solid models. Learning how these parts can be analyzed for conformance has become more important as MBD has come into widespread use.

The seminar will cover:
• Advantages of using Coordinate Measuring Machines for inspection
• Model-based embedded tolerances
• Productivity and cost benefits of MBD
• The importance of MBD for global cooperation
• An overview of technological solutions available, including laser rackers, portable CMM arms, scanners and photogrammetry

WHEN: Wednesday, May 9, 2007
6 - 9 p.m.

WHERE: Cerritos College, Room ME2 (in the metals building)
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

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

CONTACT: For more information or to RSVP, please contact Linda Isai in Economic Development at ext. 2486 or Nick Real, Machine Tool Technology Department at ext. 2925. An RSVP is requested for this seminar.

COST: The event is free to attendees. However, parking is $1 a day for those who do not hold a permit.

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Concert will help fund scholarships

Wave Staff Report

NORWALK — The Cerritos College Music Department will present its ninth annual Scott Henderson Memorial Scholarship Concert at 7:30 p.m. March 30 in the Burnight Center Theatre on campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

The performance will feature students from the applied music program, Kristen Habbestad, public affairs officer, said.

Proceeds will benefit the Scott Henderson Memorial Scholarship Fund, named in honor of a former music department director, Habbestad said.

General admission is $10. Admission for seniors and students with a current identification is $5.

Information: Rosemarie Medina in the Cerritos College Music Department at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2629.
Cerritos College Art Gallery, Room FA
50, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, (562)
866-2451, Ex. 2612. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Monday-Thursday and 6-9 p.m. Tues-
day and Wednesday. “Unprimed” is a
group show with works by Xavier
Cazares Cortez, Gary Garay, Pedro
Rico Martinez and Shizu Saldamando;
through Thursday.
Cerritos College to Host Career Expo

Cerritos College’s annual Career Expo and Job Fair will be held Wednesday, April 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center. The event, which attracts more than 500 attendees each year, is free and open to Cerritos College students and the general public. It is recommended that attendees dress in business attire and bring copies of resumes with them.

During the expo, attendees will have opportunity to talk to recruiters, learn about the companies, explore job opportunities, network with recruiters, and receive suggestions from employers on resumes and interviewing skills. Employers representing business, finance, technology, healthcare, retail and other industries will participate in the expo.

Employers who wish to participate in the event may call Cerritos College’s Job Placement Office for further information at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2366 or by e-mail at job.placement-info@cerritos.edu.

The Cerritos College Student Center is located at 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide. For more information, please contact Christina Thai, Career Services at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2367 or the@cerritos.edu. Career Expo information can be accessed at www.cerritos.edu/career-services/job-placement.

The event is free to attendees. Parking for the event is free in lot C-10 in white stalls only. For employers, early registration is $90 per company or organization and includes a lunch ticket. Additional lunch tickets are $10 each. Parking for the event is free in lot C-10.
Cerritos College hosts Chinese New Year’s celebration

The Chinese Culture Association of Southern California and the Cerritos Chinese School host a Chinese New Year celebration from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday in the Cerritos College Student Center, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk.

The event marks the year of the boar and includes performances, exhibitions and workshops. Performances include a drum and symbol demonstration, lion dancers, a martial arts display and Chinese music.

Workshops on Chinese language, calligraphy, cooking, folk dancing and other topics are offered.

Information: (562) 860-2451, ext. 2151.

Other activities: all open to the public, include:

- **Sunday, March 11**
  - Flamenco concert: The Bellflower Community Concert Association presents a program by Emilio Castillo on the flamenco guitar, at 2:30 p.m. in the William S. Hart Auditorium, 16600 Civic Center Drive. General admission is $12. Student tickets are $10. (562) 867-6069.

- **Tuesday, March 13**
  - Morning mixer: The Rise ‘N Shine Networking Group of the Downey Chamber of Commerce conducts a breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd. Guest speakers are chamber members Robert Smith of First Class Parties and Trinidad Reyes of the Salvation Army, (562) 923-2191.

- **Wednesday, March 14**
  - Folk tale program: The Norwalk Regional Library, 12350 Imperial Highway, presents “Proud to Be Me,” a collection of multicultural folktales, at 6 p.m. in the library. The program is part of the county library system’s Neighborhood Arts series and features the theater group We Tell Stories. (562) 868-0775.

- **Thursday, March 15**
  - State of the county: County Supervisor Don Knabe delivers a state of the county address at a breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave. Tickets are $15 each. (562) 864-7785.

- **Irish mixer:** The Bank of Orange, 8345 Firestone Blvd., Downey, hosts a St. Patrick’s Day mixer for the Downey Chamber of Commerce from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (562) 923-2191.

- **Friday, March 16**
  - State of the city: Downey City Manager Gerald M. Caton delivers his annual state of the city address at the 11:45 a.m. luncheon of the Downey Chamber of Commerce at the Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River Road. Cost is $25. (562) 923-2191.

- **Saturday, March 17**
  - Genealogy meeting: The Whittier Area Genealogical Society meets at 1 p.m. at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave. Wendy Elliott speaks on “Buried Treasures: Techniques in Finding Entries Lost in Indices.” A computer workshop is held from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., followed by a beginner-refresher class at 11 a.m. (562) 695-5430.

- **Latino folktales:** The group We Tell Stories presents “Cuentos de la Familia” at 2 p.m. at the Brakensiek Library, 9945 Flower St., Bellflower, as part of the county library’s Neighborhood Arts series. (562) 924-2543.

- **Awards banquet:** The Whittier County Community Coordinating Council conducts its annual awards banquet at 6 p.m. at the Ritz Gardens, 1120 First Ave. Tickets are $45. (562) 943-4271.

- **South Gate market:** South Central Food Distributors sponsors a farmers market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Monday at South Gate Park, 4000 Southern Ave., as part of the Azalea Festival. Application blanks are available at the chamber office, 3350 Tweedy Blvd. Registration fee is $25 per entity. (323) 567-1203.

- **Bingo play:** The Norwalk Senior Citizens Center offers bingo each Friday at 1:15 p.m. at the center, 14400 San Antonio Drive. Cards cost $25 each and anyone 18 or older may play. Proceeds go to the senior center. (562) 929-5620.

- **Cancer support:** Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave., Downey, offers a free cancer support group from 4 to 5 p.m. each Wednesday at the hospital. It is free and open to all cancer patients and survivors. (562) 806-2790.

- **Swimming offered:** The South Gate Parks and Recreation Department conducts swimming lessons, open swimming and other activities at the heated, indoor Olympic-size pool at 9520 Hildred Ave. Hours are 2 to 9:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday and noon to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. (323) 563-5753.

- **Bellflower networks:** The Bellflower Leads Club, a business networking organization, meets at 7:15 a.m. each Tuesday at Mimi’s Restaurant, 4404 Candlewood St., Lakewood. (714) 454-8185.

Norwalk Community News
March 8, 2007
"Getting Here." Students from Cerritos college present a dramatic interpretation of true immigrant stories. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Cerritos College, Burnight Center Theatre, 11110 Alondra Theatre, Norwalk: $12 general, $10 students with valid ID. (562) 860-5451.
By John Farrell
Special to the Press-Telegram

THE Cliche is that America is a land of immigrants.
It is, and it often is
Almost all of our colleagues come from somewhere else and, except for Native Americans, frequently within recent memory.
That's what "Getting Here," the new play by John Herli, which opened at the Burrittton Studio Theatre at Cerritos College last weekend, is all about.

Conceived by the play's director Robin Huber and written by Herli using immigrant stories collected from Huber's classes, a Web site and cast members.
"Getting Here" looks at the lives of immigrants from Ecuador, the Azores, Brazil, India, Mexico and Germany.

That this is an upbeat play goes without saying. After all, these are the people who made it here, and you know at the start that every story will turn out happy. But their stories - some simple, some tales of struggles with bureaucracy, with family, with cultural difficulties - are still the stuff of reality.
Herli is a young playwright who graduated from Cerritos College. He has managed to take all these stories and all these characters, and create an entertaining stage vehicle.
"Getting Here" isn't great drama, and is more a review than a play, with a dozen small stories moving forward in episodes rather than one complete dramatic whole, but there is enough humor and enough humanity in the mix to make for an entertaining evening.

Huber keeps things moving on the three-platform thrust stage designed by David Ward, which has its central focus a large television screen used to illustrate the stories and for an ongoing telecast that follows the search for a young boy who has disappeared and keeps running through the play.

It is the enthusiastic cast of 17, though, that makes "Getting Here" work. Each of them adds his or her story at the curtain call.
Will Hailey is the play's narrator, who starts things off with a brief history of Norwalk and its immigrant growth. The rest are Issa Davel, Tamara Vong, Jocke Crocco, Jasmine Santos-Araya, Van Patel, Lee Evans, Lupita Infante, Glenn Vilar, Paul Tulley, Isaac Santos-Araya, Diamond Edmundson, Susana Barnes, Linda Osuna, Israel Lopez, Tiffany Shiao and Popy Saradath.

One of the cleverest moments in the play is the appearance of Laci Turner (portrayed in high Hollywood style by Batres), whose journey to Hollywood from the Midwest is contrasted with the journeys of the immigrants.

Osuna creates Johana, a teenage African who comes to the United States, she says at one point, to study criminal justice. But, she admits, she is really like any other 17-year-old, unsure of what she wants to do in her future, but with a heavy heart to make "legal life" in the United States.

The play explores everything from marriage as a way into the country to the paperwork that the Immigration and Naturalization Service (which is now called the Citizenship and Immigration Services) requires for successful admittance. Playwright Herli understands that history of vaudeville, if not of drama, that speed and variety are everything. Take that, add a bit of enthusiasm, and you have a better mix than you might expect.

John Farrell is a Long Beach freelance writer.
Cerritos baseball eyes SCC title with victory

NORWALK — Cerritos College’s baseball team has started slowly in the South Coast Conference in recent years. But this season, the Falcons are sailing smoothly behind strong pitching and have won six straight.

The excellent pitching continued on Tuesday as John Ortega allowed just one hit in eight innings during Cerritos’ 6-0 victory over visiting East L.A. in a South Coast Conference game.

Ortega (5-1) was perfect through 6 1/3 innings, before allowing his lone single. He struck out seven and didn’t allow a walk. With other starters Kevin Camacho and Robbie Dominguez and closer Miguel Flores, the Falcons are anchored by their pitching staff.

“He just goes out there and throws the ball where you ask him to throw it. He’s very workmanlike in his approach.”

Cerritos (18-4, 6-0) has not won the SCC since 2003, but is in first so far this season. The SCC is one of the top conferences in the state, and it includes Long Beach City College, last season’s state champ.

— Joe Stevens

Softball

LBCC 8, ELAC 1

The Vikings pounded out a season-high 13 hits on its way to a SCC win over East Los Angeles College behind sophomore pitcher Sarah Rudak’s solid outing.

Men’s tennis

Cerritos 5, Marymount 2

The Falcons improved their season record to 9-2 overall and 5-0 in conference play.
Cerritos teacher training program honored

NORWALK — Cerritos College’s Teacher TRAC program received a national award from Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society during the National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs Conference March 2-4 in New Orleans.

The Phi Theta Kappa Teacher Preparation Program Award recognizes the college’s efforts to prepare students for careers in education, said Kristin Habbestad, the college’s community affairs coordinator.

Teacher TRAC Director Sue Parsons, Gabriela Gonzales, a teacher education student, and Cerritos College President Noelia Vela were on hand to accept the award.

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 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, Habbestad said.

Cerritos College’s Teacher TRAC program offers many services, programs, and pathways for students interested in teaching.

For students interested in becoming an elementary school teacher, Teacher TRAC’s flagship program is a partnership with Cal State Long Beach.

Students in the integrated, standards-based program can earn their bachelor’s degree and multiple subject teaching credentials and complete their student teaching within four years.

Rod Risley, left, executive director of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, presents Teacher TRAC Phi Theta Kappa Award to Sue Parsons, Teacher TRAC director for Cerritos College; local teacher education student Gabriela Gonzales and Noelia Vela Cerritos College president, in ceremonies in New Orleans.
Cerritos College Foundation to Host Annual Chamber "Mega" Mixer

11th Annual Event Will Feature "It's a Jungle Out There" Theme, April 24

NORWALK — The Cerritos College Foundation will host its 11th annual Chamber Mega Mixer on Tuesday, April 24, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Cerritos College Student Center, 11110 Alondra

See Mega Mixer on page 13

Mega Mixer,
Continued from page 1

Blvd. in Norwalk. The mixer will feature an “It's a Jungle Out There,” and participating chambers include Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, La Mirada, Norwalk, Paramount and Santa Fe Springs.

Since it began, the Chamber Mega Mixer has grown each year to feature booths from local businesses, along with several of the college’s award-winning programs. The mixer’s traditionally casual and entertaining atmosphere provides networking opportunities, door prizes and drawings, and a delicious cuisine prepared by the Cerritos College Culinary Arts Program.

Admission and parking for the event is free. Parking is available in Lot C-10 only, located off 166th Street next to the strawberry field. A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide.

Exhibitor tables will be sold at $145 each on a first-come, first-served basis. Only 45 tables are available. A credit card is required to reserve a table.

For more information, please contact Janice Cole or Kimberly Corbitt, Cerritos College Foundation, at (562) 860-5451, ext. 2526 or ext. 2539; e-mail them at jcole@cerritos.edu or kcorbitt@cerritos.edu.

The Cerritos College Foundation, a non-profit organization, serves as a charitable vehicle for the community, individuals and alumni, to assist with financial support of Cerritos College beyond that which state funding supports.

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Bellflower Bulletin
April 2007

Cerritos College to Host Career Expo

Resume-Building Workshops to be Offered April 5 and April 12

Cerritos College will be hosting a Career Expo on April 25.

The event, which is free and open to the general public, will feature workshops on resume building and successful job searching.

Recruiters, job seekers, and students will have the opportunity to network and receive job opportunities.

The expo will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Student Center Building on the Cerritos College campus.

For more information, please visit www.cerritos.edu/careerexpo.
Cerritos College to Host Career Expo on April 25
Resume-Building Workshops to be Offered and April 12

WHAT: Cerritos College's annual Career Expo and Job Fair will be held Wednesday, April 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center. The event, which attracts more than 500 attendees each year, is free and open to Cerritos College students and the general public. It is recommended that attendees dress in business attire and bring copies of resumes with them.

During the expo, attendees will have opportunity to talk to recruiters, learn about the companies, explore job opportunities, network with recruiters, and receive suggestions from employers on resumes and interviewing skills. Employers representing business, finance, technology, healthcare, retail and other industries will participate in the expo.

In the weeks prior to the expo, Cerritos College's Job Placement Office will offer free resume critiques. Students are encouraged to bring in their resume for a professional review. Resumes may be dropped off at the Job Placement Office and picked up seven days later. A computer lab is also available to students to create or update their resume. Computer lab assistants are available to help with use of the computers.

A workshop in resume building and successful job fair tips will be offered on Thursday, April 12, 11 a.m. -- noon and again 6-7 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Building, room 24.

Employers who wish to participate in the event may call Cerritos College's Job Placement Office for further information at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2366 or by e-mail at job-placement-info@cerritos.edu

WHEN: Tuesday, April 25, 2007
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
WHERE: Cerritos College
Student Center
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650
A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide

CONTACT: For more information, please contact Christina The,
Career Services at (562) 860-2451
ext. 2367 or the@cerritos.edu.
Career Expo information can be accessed at www.cerritos.edu/
career-services/job-placement

COST: Free to attendees. Parking for the event is free in lot C-10 in white stalls ONLY.

For employers, early registration is $75 per company or organization and includes a lunch ticket. Additional lunch tickets are $10 each. Registration after March 30 is $90. Parking for the event is free in lot C-10.

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College to Host Interfaith Dialogue Featuring Dr. Judea Pearl and Dr. Akbar Ahmed
Guests Will Also Include a U.N. Representative

WHAT: Cerritos College’s Humanities and Social Sciences Division along with the Global Consortium will host an interfaith dialogue with guests Dr. Judea Pearl, Dr. Akbar Ahmed and a representative from the United Nations on Monday, April 30, at 7 p.m. This event will be broadcast live through the California Community College Satellite Television (CCCSAT) and online at www.cccsat.org.

Dr. Judea Pearl is a UCLA researcher and the father of the late Daniel Pearl, a Wall Street Journal reporter who was killed in Pakistan in 2002. He has since begun the Daniel Pearl Foundation, through which he has worked with Professor Akbar S. Ahmed, chair of Islamic Studies at American University. Subsequent to a dialogue between Ahmed and Pearl last year held in Pittsburgh, the two jointly received the 2006 Purpose Award for “fighting intolerance, conflict and terrorism through dialogue and exchange.”

WHEN: Monday, April 30, 2007, 7 – 9 p.m.
WHERE: Wilford Michael Library and Learning Resource Center, Room 155 (Teleconference Center)

CONTACT: For more information, please contact Dr. John Haas of the Humanities and Social Sciences Division at jhaas@cerritos.edu or at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2726.

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College Field and Track Formally Dedicated

Cerritos College’s new all-weather track and field were dedicated during the California Relays Invitational on Saturday, March 24. Pictured at the ribbon cutting ceremony are, from left to right, Board of Trustees Members Dr. Ted Edmiston and Dr. Bob Hughlett, track team member Dennis Drisdom, President Dr. Noelia Vela and Board of Trustees Vice President Bob Arthur.
College Theater to Present "Godspell"

WHAT: The Cerritos College Theatre Department will present “Godspell,” a musical based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning Friday, April 27 at 8 p.m. Five additional showings will follow opening night.

"Godspell" presents a whimsical view of Jesus, as his followers and disciples re-enact parables and scenes from Jesus' life with great energy through song and dance.

WHEN: “Godspell” will be presented on the following dates:
April 27, 28 at 8 p.m.
May 3, 4, 5 at 8 p.m.
May 6 at 2 p.m.
WHERE: Cerritos College

Burnight Center Theatre
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650
A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide
CONTACT: For more information on “Godspell” and the Cerritos College Theatre Department, please call (562) 467-5058 or visit www.cerritos.edu/theatre
COST: General admission is $18; Cerritos College students with currentspring ID and senior citizens are admitted for $15. Group ticket prices are also available. Tickets are available for all performance dates and may be purchased through the Burnight Center Theatre box office. Box office hours are Monday through Thursday, noon to 5 p.m.
College Art Gallery to Feature Annual Student Art Exhibit Beginning April 10

WHAT: Cerritos College Art Gallery will feature its annual exhibition of student artwork, on view from April 10 through May 8, 2007.

The annual student art exhibition features more than one hundred student artworks chosen by Cerritos College Fine Arts instructors from their courses that include photography, drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, computer graphics and design, video and computer animation among others.

The distinguished Los Angeles-based painter Patssi Valdez will jury the exhibition. Awards and cash prizes will be given to students for outstanding accomplishments in their respective disciplines. A reception and awards ceremony for the artists will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 5-8 p.m.

WHERE: Cerritos College Art Gallery, Fine Arts Building, room 50
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650
A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide

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 or art_gallery@cerritos.edu

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.
College Transfer Students Awarded Scholarships

The American Association of University Women (La Palma-Cerritos Branch) awarded scholarships to 15 Cerritos College students March 24. AAUW is the oldest organization in the nation that supports equity and has sponsored significant research endeavors often referenced in Congressional reports and frequently quoted in top journals and publications. Scholarship recipients included Savitha Achar, Elmira Afshari, Lindsey Allen, Nicole Bibi, Cindy Cornejo, Lacinda Feagin, Syntia Hadingtias, Aditi Khurana, Irasema Macias, Susana Naranjo, Mohini Patel, Armela Perona, Viviana Ruiz, Jessica Sanchez and Riley Schnitz.
College Foundation to Host Annual Chamber Mixer

“What: The Cerritos College Foundation will host its 11th annual Chamber Mega Mixer on Tuesday, April 24, 5-8 p.m. in the Cerritos College Student Center. The mixer will feature an “It’s a Jungle Out There,” and participating chambers include Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, La Mirada, Norwalk, Paramount and Santa Fe Springs.

Since it began, the Chamber Mega Mixer has grown each year to feature booths from local businesses, along with several of the college’s award-winning programs. The mixer’s traditionally casual and entertaining atmosphere provides networking opportunities, door prizes and drawings, and a delicious cuisine prepared by the Cerritos College Culinary Arts Program.

Reservations for exhibitor tables will be taken beginning Monday, March 26, 2007. WHEN: Tuesday, April 24, 2007 5-8 p.m.
WHERE: Cerritos College Student Center

11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

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

CONTACT: For more information, please contact Janice Cole or Kimberly Corbitt, Cerritos College Foundation, at (562) 860-5451, ext. 2526 or ext. 2539; e-mail them at jcole@cerritos.edu or kcorbitt@cerritos.edu.

COST: Admission and parking for the event is free. Parking is available in Lot C-10 only, located off 166th Street next to the strawberry field.

Exhibitor tables will be sold at $145 each on a first-come, first-served basis. Only 45 tables are available, and reservations begin Monday, March 26, 2007. A credit card is required to reserve a table.

The Cerritos College Foundation, a non-profit organization, serves as a charitable vehicle for the community, individuals and alumni, to assist with financial support of Cerritos College beyond that which state fundings supports.
Psychology Club Plans Events for National Environmental Education Week

WHAT: To help spread awareness about the environment during the week leading up to Earth Day on April 22, Cerritos College’s Psychology Club is celebrating “National Environmental Education Week” April 16-20. Events during the first four days of the week include the planting of a tree and a screening of Al Gore’s Oscar-winning documentary “An Inconvenient Truth.” On the last day of the week, students will be encouraged to apply what they’ve learned by carpooling, riding bicycles instead of driving, using reusable bags, etc.

The event schedule is as follows:

Monday, April 16
Global Warming Awareness
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Falcon Square

Tuesday, April 17
Screening of “An Inconvenient Truth”
11 a.m. in SS 125

Wednesday, April 18

Planting of a Tree
11 a.m. at the corner of Health Science building, adjacent to the west side parking structure

Thursday, April 19
Recycling (cans and bottles) and Handouts of Reusable Items
9 a.m. - 8 p.m. in Falcon Square, the Health Science patio and the Social Science patio

Friday, April 20
Application of principles learned during the week (rideshare, recycling, etc.)

WHERE: Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

CONTACT: For more information, please contact Psychology Club Advisor Todd Gaffaney at ext.2764 or tgaffaney@cerritos.edu.

COST: All events are free and open to the public.
Cerritos College’s Board of Trustees recently approved the hire of two individuals to fill management positions on campus. Lori Switanowski is the new director of the college’s Foster Kinship Care Education program, and Debra Ward joins Cerritos College as director of the Child Development Center.

Switanowski most recently served as a program manager providing mental health care for low-income families in Baldwin Park. She also worked for several years at a residential teen girls’ outreach program servicing foster care youth. During her career, Switanowski has also provided foster and kinship care training at Citrus, Rio Hondo and Pasadena community colleges. She holds a bachelor’s degree from the State University of New York (SUNY), Buffalo and a master’s degree in clinical psychology from Pepperdine University. Switanowski is a licensed marriage and family therapist.

“I’m tremendously excited to be combining my passion for both foster care and relative caregivers education in a full-time capacity,” Switanowski said. “This generation of kids really needs our help, and I want to be a voice to advocate for children in foster or kinship care.”

Ward joins Cerritos College with more than 28 years of experience in early childhood education. Most recently, she served for five years as the director of the child development center at San Bernardino Valley College, where she also taught courses in child development for 15 years. In addition, she served as the associate executive director at Redlands Family YMCA for 18 years. Ward holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Redlands and a master’s degree in child development from the University of La Verne.

“I’m excited to be at Cerritos College because this particular child development program has always been held in high regard among other colleges,” she said. “I am excited to continue with the success that it’s had and to continue to improve its success as well.”

The Child Development Center is looking to expand its services to include care for both infants and school-age children, in addition to the toddlers and preschoolers it currently admits. Ward hopes to enact these new programs, and also to improve both the indoor and outdoor play environments for the children.

Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college’s district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently surpasses 20,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at www.cerritos.edu.
CSU faculty gets 21% pay raise over 4 years

By Marcus Wohlsen
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Faculty of the California State University system put plans for a strike on hold Tuesday after tentatively settling a two-year contract dispute.

The union representing the 23,000-member faculty of the nation’s largest public university system will vote on the deal in the next few weeks, said John Travis, president of the California Faculty Association.

“We pretty much got everything that we’d asked for,” Travis said. “We’re pretty satisfied with this agreement.”

The terms of the new contract guarantee a nearly 21 percent pay raise over four years for all faculty, with some members eligible for pay hikes exceeding 31 percent.

“This agreement strikes a realistic balance between providing deserved raises to our faculty and our limited financial resources,” CSU Chancellor Charles Reed said.

The total pay package would cost the CSU system more than $400 million over four years, university officials said.

Base salary increases under the agreement would raise the average salary for a tenure-track faculty member from $74,000 to $90,749. The average salary for a full-time tenured professor would jump from $86,000 to $105,465 by the end of the contract period.
LBCC wins major grant

By Magnolia Howell

Long Beach City College

Las Positas College

The college has received a $100,000 grant from the California State Chancellor's Office to help students with credit certification. The grant is intended to help students who are in the process of earning a college degree or transferring to a four-year institution. The grant will be used to purchase necessary supplies and equipment for students who are enrolled in the California State Chancellor's Office. The grant will also be used to support the development of new programs and the implementation of new curriculum. The grant will be awarded to students who meet the eligibility criteria set by the California State Chancellor's Office. The grant will be available to students who have been enrolled in the California State Chancellor's Office for at least one year and have demonstrated academic achievement. The grant will be awarded on a competitive basis and will be available for the duration of the academic year.
Cal State, faculty reach deal

Rolling strikes are averted by a pact that will boost pay by almost 21% over four years. The previous contract expired in June 2005.

By LARRY GORDON
Three years ago

The faculty union and the Cal State University system announced a tentative settlement Tuesday in their long-simmering contract dispute, boosting professors' pay by at least 30% over four years and averting threatened walkouts at the 23 campuses across the state.

Both sides predicted that the new contract would be ratified over the next few weeks and that the peace would be restored to the nation's largest four-year university system, which enrolls about 447,000 students.

"We didn't get everything we wanted, but we got close to everything we wanted," said John Travis, the Humboldt State political science professor who is president of the California Faculty Alliance.

His union had been planning a series of one-day rolling strikes starting next week but put those on hold pending what he said was the high likelihood of contract approval.

Charles A. Reed, chancellor of the Cal State system, said he was pleased with the agreement and expected the university's Board of Trustees to approve it.

"I hope this contract will be good for everybody, and we will put this behind us and go forward," Reed said.

The labor standoff had been getting unusually heated for academia. Cal State trustees had complained that union activists were diluting Reed and were frightening students with the strike threat. The faculty, on the other hand, were furious about what they saw as an underfunded, overcrowded and secretive perks for executives.

The new contract calls for the 34,000 professors, librarians, counselors and coaches to receive raises that would total 22.7% in phases retroactive to July 2005 and through 2009. Then, various groups of them will get additional raises, based on merit, seniority and new steps created in their pay ladders.

As a result, the typical faculty member will wind up with a total of 39% to 35%, although some might receive more than 34% raise over the four years, according to the union.

Plus, the administration and the faculty said they would ask the Legislature to add 1% for each of the next three years.

Lecturers, who teach a large portion of Cal State classes, would see their average annual pay rise in two categories to about $44,600 and $6,900 if they find a full load of teaching, average salaries for assistant and associate professors on the tenure track would rise to $90,219 and for full professors to $160,410, according to the university.

Reed said that the recently approved 10% hike in student fees for next year was necessary to help fund the contract, which he estimated would cost about $40 million per four years. But he said no spending cuts would be required.

"It will be hard, but it will be financially feasible," he said. (The faculty union contends that those annual fee hikes, a $22 increase for full-time undergraduates, are not needed.)

The settlement would help close the gap between Cal State salaries and those at comparable universities around the country, negotiators said. The California Postsecondary Education Commission projected that Cal State faculty pay will lag about 10% behind those at other schools this year.

Faculty union vice president Lillian EIaz, a Cal State LA history professor, said Tuesday that the previous pay scale and the high cost of living in California made it difficult to attract and retain talented junior faculty from around the nation.

The last faculty contract expired in June 2005 and was extended monthly until talks started and the required funding by a lawsuit ended in March.

The long standoff was broken March 20 when the two sides agreed to negotiate for 20 more days in response to the faculty's report that recommended a series of pay raise totaling as much as 24.8% by 2010.

One of the other contentious issues was parking fees. The university wanted those fees for faculty to rise to those paid by students and administrators, but the union fought that and sought a new agency to build parking facilities and set fees. The contract allows the faculty to plan to increase faculty parking fees by the same percentage as their general salary raises each year.

In Sacramento on Tuesday, the reaction in state government was relief. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said in a statement that he was "very pleased to see that both sides came together and put students' needs first by preventing a faculty strike. This agreement benefits students, faculty and administrators and will continue to improve the excellence of the Cal State system."

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