FOR THE WEEKS OF MARCH 3— MARCH 24

In Progress

Ayako Abelon is working to get advertisements for summer registration in area CSU student newspapers.

Abelon is also working on arranging a monthly feature on the local cable TV show “Community Challenge”

Coverage


*Bellflower Bulletin* — March, 2008 — Informational brief on Cerritos College Women’s History Month events (from press release).

*Los Angeles Times* — March 2, 2008 — Informational brief on home buying workshop presented by Cerritos College Community Education

*Long Beach Press Telegram* — March 4, 2008 — Review article on Cerritos College Theatre Department’s “Comedy of Errors.”


*Sentinel* — March 6, 2008 — Informational brief on home buying workshop presented by Cerritos College Community Education


*Los Cerritos Community News/Norwalk Community News* — March 7, 2008 — Informational brief on the Cerritos College Scott Henderson Memorial Concert (from press release).

*Los Cerritos Community News/Norwalk Community News* — March 7, 2008 — Article on Cerritos College Spring Festival Celebration.
Whittier Daily News—March 10, 2008—Informational brief on Cerritos College Community Education new China classes (from press release).


Downey Patriot—March 14, 2008—Informational brief on Cerritos College Community Education new China classes (from press release).

Long Beach Press Telegram—March 14, 2008—Article on the Annual City of Cerritos Reorganization Ceremony attended by Cerritos College board members and family.

San Bernardino County Sun—March 18, 2008—Informational brief on the Cerritos College women’s soccer team vs Mexico’s U-20 national team International Friendly Match.


Whittier Daily News—March 20, 2008—Informational brief on the Cerritos College women’s soccer team vs Mexico’s U-20 national team International Friendly Match.

Los Cerritos Community News / Norwalk Community News—March 21, 2008—Review article on Cerritos College Theatre Department’s “Comedy of Errors.”

Contra Costa Times—March 24, 2008—Article on community colleges’ relationship with industry mentioning Cerritos College Automotive dept’s partnership with auto industry

Long Beach Press Telegram—March 26, 2008—Informational brief on the Cerritos College women’s soccer team vs Mexico’s U-20 national team International Friendly Match.

Long Beach Press Telegram—March 26 & 28, 2008—Obituary of Maxine Katherine Bonnar, Cerritos College nursing program graduate.

Wilcox Range News—March 26, 2008—Article introduces South East Arizona Fine Art and Photography Show judges—one of the judges is a retired Cerritos College FA professor.

Herald American / Lynwood Press / The Press / Wave-East Edition—March 27, 2008—Article on Jasmin Gonzalez, the first exchange student to study at IPC (from press release).

Related News

_Los Angeles Times_—March 14, 2008—A story of failed fire alarm system at Santa Ana College

_Los Angeles Times_—March 16, 2008—A story of new bill targets piracy at colleges

_Long Beach Press Telegram_—March 20, 2008—A story of a partnership program for low income students among LBUSD, LBCC and CSULB

_Los Angeles Times_—March 28, 2008—A story of new UC president Mark G. Yudolf
Cerritos College Hosts Women’s History Month Events

Celebration Includes Special Evening of Art & Entertainment, Photography Contest, Panels and Performances

For Immediate Release: March 4, 2008

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

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

WHAT: In celebration of the 2008 Women’s History Month national theme “Women’s Art: Women’s Vision,” Cerritos College is hosting a series of events that embrace the creativity and passion of female artists. This year marks the College’s 22nd annual celebration of this national event.

An evening at MOLAA (The Museum of Latin American Art) in Long Beach, CA starting at 6 p.m. on March 24, will allow attendees the opportunity to enjoy an elegant evening of art and entertainment. The event includes a MOLAA Exhibit Presentation: “The Many Faces of Metamorphosis: The Evolution of the Female Image” by MOLAA Art Collections Manager, Michele L. Cairella Fillmore, a musical tribute to the Women of the Mexican Revolution performed by Ricardo Valdez and Walter Fernandez, museum gallery tours, and refreshments. Free bus transportation will be available that evening. Interested attendees can sign up at the MOLAA booth in Falcon Square. Buses will leave at 5 p.m. from Parking Lot C-10 (next to Campus Police). This event is open to ALL members of the Cerritos College community. Attendees must pick up a FREE event ticket at the MOLAA booth in Falcon Square starting Monday, March 3rd thru March 20th. This is subject to change depending on space availability. Admission may open to the public on a space-available basis.

The Women’s History Month Committee this year will sponsor a photography contest in honor of our 2008 theme Women’s Art: Women’s Vision. The contest is open to currently enrolled Cerritos College students. Christina Fernandez, Photography Department Co-Chair and Art Gallery Director will chair the contest and judge submissions.

This year’s celebration will feature various panels with provocative topics and renowned speakers. Following the popularity of our Hip Hop panel last year, a follow-up Hip Hop panel will be featured this year on March 5, facilitated by Professor Julie Trager. Trager and guest speaker Judith M. Halberstam will also lead a lecture titled “Animating Revolt/Revolting Animation” that explores queer images in pop culture on March 4. The Professores de Hispanos will sponsor a lecture on Frieda Kahlo and the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance will sponsor two performances of the Vagina Monologues.
Other featured events include a book signing and lecture by Navy Phim, author of *Reflections of a Khmer Soul*. The Associated Muslim Students will sponsor “Women in Islam,” an event featuring speakers and traditional Muslim dishes. A film “Provoked,” which explores domestic abuse issues through art will also be shown. “Tribute to Women Writers” will feature readings by various instructors.

Traditional events are featured as well including the March 6 Annual Breast Cancer Walk and the March 25 Clothesline Project sponsored by FMLA that raises awareness of abuse against women. Capping off the celebration on March 29, The American Association of University Women will recognize their scholarship recipients at an award ceremony.

**WHEN:** Throughout the month of March, 2008. A complete calendar of dates, times and room locations is available on [www.cerritos.edu/whm](http://www.cerritos.edu/whm)

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**COST:** All events during Women’s History Month are free.

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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He loves to travel and learn new languages. He is fluent in Sinhalese and Tamil, familiar with Arabic, Hindi and Japanese, and is currently learning Russian and Chinese.

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News Release

Cerritos College Community Education to Offer China Business and Language/Culture Classes

Register Online Now to Learn More about Our Important Partner

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 6, 2008

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NORWALK, Calif. – March 6, 2008 – Starting March, Cerritos College Community Education will be offering new classes in US-China business and Chinese language and culture.

The “Doing Business with China” class explores how local businesses can benefit from the US-China business boom. The one-night only class will cover business climate, business etiquette, opportunities and resources for both sourcing from and selling to China and customs and information for conducting effective and profitable business with China. The class costs $39. The class meets on Monday, March 17 from 6 to 9:00 p.m.

The “Chinese Language & Culture Introduction Class” series spans six weeks and covers topics such as words and phrases in Chinese along with etiquette and cultural nuances. Presentations are in an everyday life setting to allow you to have a more rewarding interaction with people. Whether for business, travel or enrichment students can begin to use what they learn immediately. The total cost for all six classes is $99. The class meets on Mondays 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12 & 19.

The presenter of both classes is Cindy Yen Chen, the co-founder and President of Zen Continental, an international freight forwarding and shipping company with 24 offices both in China and the U.S. Ms Chen has been teaching Chinese language and culture for 15 years at Cerritos Chinese School of the Chinese Culture Association of Southern California.

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A Semester in New Zealand Opens up Cerritos College Student’s Global Eyes

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 11, 2008

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NORWALK, Calif. – March 11, 2008 – It was her interest in international relations and other cultures that brought Jasmin Gonzalez to halfway across the world.

Gonzalez, a 20-year-old political science and history major from Norwalk, spent a semester studying international relations at International Pacific College (IPC) in Palmerston North, New Zealand as the first exchange student from Cerritos College to study at IPC.

The most challenging part of her exchange experience was that she had no friends, family or any familiar comforts 8,000 miles away from home. As terrifying as it may sound, it also thrilled her because of all the possibilities of making new friends, enjoying new experiences and exploring new places.

“The first thing I did as soon as my luggage was unpacked was put on my hiking shoes and explore the amazing green hills surrounded by the mountain ranges near the campus,” says Gonzalez in excitement. “I was never a hiker back home, but just being in a different country like New Zealand and adopting a ‘let’s try anything’ mentality made me want to try new and unexpected things like hiking, cave abseiling, jumping into Lake Taupo, one of the biggest lakes in the North Island, and gliding from tree to tree on a fox trot glider.”

“Going to New Zealand with a positive and open-minded attitude helped me in experiencing the most of what New Zealand has to offer, from a valuable education, to meeting new people, and gaining new experiences,” says Gonzalez.

IPC has been a prime institution for cross-cultural interaction, according to Nick Kremer, executive dean of Cerritos College’s Community, Industry and Technology Education division. Kremer, Cerritos College’s initial link with IPC, was instrumental in negotiating an exchange agreement with the college several years ago. So far Cerritos College accepted three IPC students and sent one Cerritos student, Gonzalez, to IPC.
“I am delighted to hear that her experience at IPC has increased her awareness of what’s happening around the world,” said Kremer. “We will continue to provide students with the opportunities to study overseas at our partner institutions.”

Danita Kurtz, coordinator of International Student Services at Cerritos College, agrees.

"The semester Jasmin spent at IPC is invaluable,” said Kurtz. “Studying abroad gives students self-confidence and opportunities to learn new cultures, customs and politics firsthand.”

Cerritos College has another link with IPC – a program called the Global Consortium. Led by the history professor Dr. John Haas, the Global Consortium gives students the opportunity to participate in teleconferences with students from other colleges and universities all over the world, including IPC.

Gonzalez has been involved in almost all the teleconferences Dr. Haas has done. When she heard of the study-abroad opportunity with IPC, she knew it was meant for her.

According to Gonzalez, the international relations classes at IPC presented the history and politics of various countries. Her study at IPC sharpened her career focus in political science.

“The idea of study abroad can seem overwhelming,” says Gonzalez. “but in reality, it is very rewarding and in my opinion, is something that every student should experience at least once in their educational career.”

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Students Mark Highest Pass Rate of All Schools in California

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 12, 2008

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NORWALK, Calif. – March 12, 2008 – Cerritos College announced today that its court reporting students achieved a 100 percent passage rate on the Certified Shorthand Reporters (CSR) exam given in October 2007.

The average pass rate for the state was 27.7% with the second highest school having a pass rate of 50%. These figures speak for themselves – Cerritos College students’ performance was exceptional.

“The 100 percent pass rate at the last test is significant because the pass rates in the past have varied considerably from 19 percent to 60 percent,” says Mary Balmages, who co-chairs the court reporting department along with Vyikki Morgan. “Each test is different and the students’ nerves are put to the test as they must demonstrate their skill and composure on the spot.”

The state exam is given three times a year and is equivalent to the bar exam. It is a two-day test, with academic subjects tested on the first day and machine dictation given on the second day.

Balmages stresses that the amazingly successful performances of her students come from their maturity, dedication, the will to succeed and family support. “We could not ask for anything more gratifying,” Balmages describes her pride in her students, “than to have students who agree to work as hard as Vyikki and I will work in order for them to succeed.”

It takes substantial learning and training to take the test. To be eligible to take the test, students must have completed 660 hours of academic training in English, legal studies, medical terminology, court procedures, California Codes and computer training. They must also have completed 2,300 hours of class time practicing on the steno machine and 60 hours of apprenticeship training in court and depositions.

“In addition to the excitement of the great accomplishment of a 100 percent pass rate,” says Balmages, “we are excited to be expanding our online program so that students from all over can become involved in the wonderful career opportunities that court reporting has to offer.”
Cerritos College court reporting program has been in existence since 1972 and the program graduates have an excellent reputation in the legal community. The successful program graduates work in Superior Court and Federal Court, own deposition agencies, provide transcripts for the Academy Awards, and caption national news broadcasts. Cerritos College offers a full program of day and evening classes, weekend classes and now an online program in court reporting.

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COST: All events during Women’s History Month are free.
Events

MONDAY 1929

Buyer opportunities: The Marshall Reddick Real Estate Network offers a free educational meeting on achieving financial independence through real estate purchasing. The meeting will be at Scottish Rite Cathedral, 150 N. Madison Ave., Pasadena, from 5 to 9 p.m. For details, go to www.marshallreddickseminars.com.

WEDNESDAY

Reverse mortgages: Countrywide Bank offers a free weekly workshop for homeowners over 62 years old. The workshop begins at 11 a.m. at 30221 Golden Lantern, Laguna Niguel. To RSVP, call (949) 832-7317.

THURSDAY

Credit repair: Financial Solution Services offers a free workshop on how to improve your credit and increase your FICO score. The workshop is from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at 29332 Roadside Drive, Suite 145, Agoura Hills. To RSVP, call (818) 388-7344.

SATURDAY

First-time buyers: Cerritos College’s Community Education Department hosts a workshop for first-time home buyers on how to overcome home buying anxiety. Cost is $29 for the workshop held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 11432 South St., No. 244, Cerritos. To register, call (562) 467-5950, Ext. 2521.

— JOSHUA SANDOVAL

Send event listings to Events Calendar, Real Estate Section, Los Angeles Times, 202 W. 1st St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, or fax to (213) 237-7355.
ENTERTAINMENT > STAGE

Cerritos College’s ‘Comedy of Errors’ double dose of fun

By Don Jergler

Falstaff, Touchstone, Dionio — you can’t get enough of them. But the best thing about “The Comedy of Errors” is that you get a double dose of the Shakespearean fool.

In Cerritos College’s 1960s’ hit mod performance of one of Shakespeare’s earliest plays, a pair of Dionios elecate an amusing production to an experience well worth the $10 admission. The play, set in spring-themed 1960s, features wonderfully brilliant costumes from the 1960s and a quaint Epicorian play setting. The play was directed by Bellflower High School theater instructor, Robert Frickwood.

“The Comedy of Errors” tells the story of two sets of identical twins: Antipholus of Syracuse and his servant, Dromio of Syracuse, and Antipholus of Ephesus and his servant, Dromio of Ephesus.

The former pair arrive in Ephesus, the home of their twin brothers. And it’s when the boys from Syracuse encounter the friends and families of their twins that the sparks fly. The mistaken identities lead to wrongful seduction, arrest, beatings, lost letters, and a whole lot of misadventures.

While enjoyable, the opening night performance, Friday, relied a bit too heavily on the costumes to carry the audience back to the 60s. During periods between action and acting — a bit too much walking around — there was even a bit of guitar playing — while music from the 60s played in the background. Despite those efforts, the loose connection between the Shakespearean verse and the costumes was hard to swallow.

The other drawback to the play was that the performers in the first half rattled off their lines a bit too quickly, making it hard to understand. By the second half, though, the actors had stepped up their performances and mastered their lines; and the audience in the small Burnight Center Theater really started to enjoy themselves.

Now back to the Dionios, Actors Gilbert Martinez and Jason Falke gave over-the-top performances, well-suited for the caliber of fools they were playing. Falke delivered droll dialogue in an all-around great performance, which showed a masterful understanding of the character. During an exchange with master Antipholus (Kevin Mansell), Falke rattled off one of Shakespeare’s most hilarious and, perhaps difficult, exchanges, in which he describes his unpleasant encounter with Nell, the gossipy, propensity-hating housekeeper, using rude analogies to international politics to describe her unpleasant features. Falke pulled it off brilliantly.

As the other Dionio, Martinez added a great deal of enjoyable slapstick relief. Martinez’s screams of pain when being whipped, the timing of his falls and misses, and his contorted facial expressions were a treat.

Mansell as Antipholus of Syracuse, and Isabel Lopez, as Antipholus of Ephesus, also delivered strong performances.

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NORWALK - The city will host the U.S. Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment performance at 2 p.m. Thursday at Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

"The Commandant's Own" Drum and Bugle Corps, Silent Drill Platoon and Color Guard presentation is part of the Marine Corps Battle Color ceremony.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (562) 929-5700.

- From staff and wire reports

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**Homebuyer Workshop**

Cerritos College’s Community Education Dept. is hosting a workshop called “Overcoming Homebuyer Anxiety” for those with good credit and steady employment who are still hesitant about buying their first home. This is an opportunity to get your questions answered by a real estate expert with no sales pressure.

Saturday, March 8 from 9:30AM to 12:30PM. Call to register 562-467-5050 x2521 The class is $20.

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**Free Job Training**

As international trade increases, more skilled international trade specialists will be needed. Sign up today for free job training in International Trade & Logistics sponsored by the Alameda Corridor Job Coalition. Interested? Call 323-731-6608 or email info@aajcsl.org
Two-day film festival begins Friday night in Whittier

The first Whittier Film Festival, a two-day event, begins Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Uptown Whittier. A total of 20 films will be screened at eight different times at a variety of venues over the two days.

An opening reception takes place at 9 p.m. Friday at Blue Bird Art House, 6747 Bright Ave. An awards ceremony and after party is at Sage Restaurant, 5311 Greenleaf Ave., at 7 p.m. A festival pass is $25. Tickets to the awards ceremony are $20.

Information: (562) 902-9600 or www.whittierfilm.org

Other activities, all open to the public, include:

Friday, March 7
State Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi presents a state of the city report to the Downey Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon at 11:45 a.m. at Samba tokyo, 8649 Firestone Blvd. Cost is $25. (562) 923-2191

Shakespeare play: The Whittier College Theatre Department presents William Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors" at 8 p.m. in the Byngth Center Theatre, on college campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd, Norwalk. General admission is $12. Students, faculty and staff, senior citizens and high school students with identification pay $10. (562) 860-2451 ext. 2688

Saturday, March 8
E-waste recycling: The city of Monterey Park and SoCal Computer Recyclers hold an e-waste recycling event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Barnes Park Service Center, 440 S. McPherron Ave. Residents may bring used and unwanted electronics and batteries. (310) 626-1880

Wednesday, March 12
Restaurant seminar: The city of Monterey Park in conjunction with the Uptown Health Department conducts a seminar for restaurant owners from 2 to 5 p.m. at City Hall, 2003 Newmark Ave. Topics include "How to Get an A Grading From the Health Department." (562) 860-1754

Thursday, March 13
Train station: The Gateway Cities Service Sector of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority holds its monthly meeting at 2 p.m. at Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave. Residents who wish to discuss area transit issues may attend.

Friday, March 14
St. Patrick's Day: The Houston Park Department of Parks and Recreation presents the "Luck O The Irish Dance" at Westside Park, 2061 E. Gage Ave., from 7-11 p.m. for adults 21 and older. Tickets are $28 and include door prizes and refreshments (310) 860-6216

Memorial concert: The Whittier College Music Department holds a memorial concert in honor of the late Dr. Henderson, a longtime faculty member, at 7:30 p.m. in the Byngth Center Theatre on campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd. Norwalk. Proceeds benefit Norwalk.

Montebello Realtors Toastmasters Club meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. every Thursday in the City Hall conference room, 1600 W. Beverly Blvd. Guests and prospective members are welcome and lunch is provided. Toastmasters International is a nonprofit organization which teaches the art of public speaking. (562) 721-3479

Bingo: The Whittier Senior Citizens Center offers bingo each Friday at 1:15 p.m. at the center, 14400 San Antonio Drive. Cards cost 25 cents each and anyone 18 or older may play. Proceeds go to the senior center. (562) 929-5550

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

Bellflower networking: The Bellflower Leasda Club, a business networking organization, meets at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Mimi's Restaurant, 4404 Candlewood St., Lakewood. (714) 484-8105

South Gate market: South Central Food Distributors participates in a "Farmers Market" from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Monday at South Gate Park, Tweedy Boulevard and Walnut Avenue. Fruits, vegetables, herbs, nuts, fish, eggs, honey, baked items and garden plants are available. (323) 774-0159

Items for 10 Days and Counting may be submitted in care of "Whitney Newspapers, P.O. Box 555, Lynwood, CA 90260."
Cerritos College’s Scott Henderson Memorial Scholarship Concert

The Scott Henderson Memorial Scholarship concert features the most outstanding students from the applied music program at Cerritos College. The scholarship was established by the Cerritos College Music Department in memory of long-time music faculty member Scott Henderson. Proceeds from the concert benefit Cerritos College applied music students.

The concert will be held March 14, 7:30 p.m. at the Cerritos College Burnight Center Theatre, 11110 Alondra Blvd, Norwalk. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (562) 860-2451, ext. 2629 or visit www.cerritos.edu/music. Cost is, general, $10, Cerritos College students and senior citizens, $5.
Chinese New Year Celebrated at Cerritos College

By Jerry Bernstein

The Chinese New Year was celebrated as the annual Spring Festival held at Cerritos Community College Feb. 23.

This year the festival was sponsored by Cerritos College, the Chinese Culture Association of Southern California and the Cerritos Chinese School. Held in the Student Center, festivities included workshops featuring the game of mah jong, greetings, calligraphy, brush painting, dice games, making paper lanterns, paper cutting, paper dragons and paper toy drums.

A Royal Fashion Show featured Cerritos College President Dr. Nelson Vela as a Yuan Dynasty empress; Cerritos Mayor Laura Lee was Wang Chao, Chin-Han Dynasty beauty (48 B.C.); and ABC Deputy Superintendent Dr. Mary Sien was dressed as a Sung Dynasty beauty (960-1276 A.D.).

Cerritos Trustee Dr. Robert Hughelett represented a Han Dynasty high official (960-1275 A.D.); Setsuko and Michelle Onoda modeled kimonos, Japanese traditional dress; Toan Nguyen and sons Justin and Joshua were in Vietnamese attire; Dr. Pho-Iung Guo was a Chen Fei-Ching Dynasty royal lady (1675-1900 A.D.); Cerritos Mayor Pro Tem Jim Edwards represented a Ching Dynasty emperor (1644-1911 A.D.).

Also participating and representing were: Jie and Showlya Molina-Cherry Thue, Cerritos Councilman Dr. Joseph Cho, Konnor; Trustees Dr. Tina Cho, Konrin-Han Hie; Vivian Wang, Yang Qian, a Fei-Tang Dynasty empress (755 A.D.); Irene So, Indonesian; Doris and Jose Iglitan, Filipino; and Mark and Gloria Patido and their daughter Mai Lin, groom, bride and flower girl in Ancient China.

Dancers were performed by students from the Cerritos Chinese School under the direction of Cindy Yen Chen, the Formosa Senior Association; Long's Dance Academy; and the Yun Chi Dance Group. The Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association Choir sang; the Rayshine Choir performed on four zithers, an early Chinese musical instrument. Performing the martial art the Ruan (Drum) were students of Oriental Moo-Do.

Everyone enjoyed the festivities, which celebrated the Chinese Lunar New Year—the Year of the Rat.
Cerritos Planning Commissioner Carol Chen learns about Chinese paper cuts. The workshop was sponsored by the Cerritos Chinese School with instructors Grace Ren and Tsuiching Ho.

Han Dynasty high official – Cerritos Mayor Laura Lee.

Cerritos Mayor Pro Tem Jim Edwards, Qing Dynasty emperor (1644-1911 A.D.).

Charles Lee – God of Fortune.
Cerritos offers new China classes

NORWALK — Classes in United States/China business, and Chinese language and culture, will be offered starting this month for the first time ever at Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

The one-night-only “Doing Business with China” class explores how local businesses can benefit from the United States-China business boom.

Cost is $39 per person and it takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. March 17.

This six-week “Chinese Language & Culture Introduction” class covers topics such as words and phrases in Chinese along with etiquette and cultural nuances.

Cost is $60 for all six sessions, which take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 14, 21 and 28, and May 5, 12, and 19. Those interested can register online at www.cerritoscommunityed.com or call (562) 440-6480, Ext. 2621.

If you have an event or notice deserving attention, we'd like to send your notice to Tracy Garcia, education reporter, at 7012 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier, CA 90602. You may call the office at (562) 655-2555, Ext. 3011.

College sets memorial concert

NORWALK — Cerritos College Music Department will conduct a memorial concert in honor of the late Scott Henderson, lone-time faculty member, at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Burnight Center Theatre on campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

Proceeds will benefit Cerritos College applied music students, said college representative Aya Abelom, coordinator of media relations.

General admission is $10, $5 for Cerritos College students and senior citizens.

Information: (562) 860-2451, ext. 2629.
Cerritos College plans women in arts events

Wave Staff Report

NORWALK — In celebration of the 2008 Women’s History Month national theme “Women’s Art: Women’s Vision,” Cerritos College will host a series of events that embrace the creativity and passion of female artists, according to Aya Abelón, the college’s public affairs coordinator.

This year marks the college’s 22nd annual celebration of Women’s History Month, she added.


Free bus transportation will be available that evening. Those interested may sign up at the art museum booth in Falcon Square, on campus. Buses will leave at 5 p.m. from Parking Lot C-10, Abelón said.

Attendees may pick up a free event ticket at the booth through March 20.

The Women’s History Month Committee also sponsored a photography contest in honor of the monthly theme for students. Christina Fernandez, Photography Department co-chair and Art Gallery director, headed the contest and judged submissions.

Winners will be announced at the April 16 meeting of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees, Abelón said.

The Associated Muslim Students will sponsor “Women in Islam,” an event featuring speakers and traditional Muslim dishes, March 27; and a film “Provoked,” which explores domestic abuse issues through art will also be shown March 26.

Traditional events include the March 25 Clothesline Project sponsored by FMLA that raises awareness of abuse against women.

Capping off the celebration on March 29, the American Association of University Women will recognize their scholarship recipients at an awards ceremony, Abelón said.

Information: (562) 860-2451, ext. 2362.
Classes teach Chinese way of business

NORWALK - Starting this month, Cerritos College Community Education will be offering new classes in U.S.-China business and Chinese language and culture.

The “Doing Business with China” class explores how local businesses can benefit from the U.S.-China business boom. The one-night only class will cover business climate, business etiquette, opportunities and resources for both sourcing from and selling to China and customs and information for conducting effective and profitable business with China.

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To register, visit www.cerritoscommunityed.com, or call (562) 467-5050, ext. 2521.
Edwards named Cerritos mayor

By Samantha Gonzaga
Staff Writer

CERRITOS — When Jim Edwards and his family moved to the city in 1975, the former Gahr High School teacher's plans didn't include political involvement.

Edwards, however, went on to serve in Cerritos' Parks and Recreation Commission and Safety Committee and three years ago was elected as councilman.

On Thursday night, Edwards was named mayor during the city's annual reorganization. He replaces outgoing Mayor Laura Lee. Former mayor and Councilman Bruce Barrows was nominated mayor pro tem.

"I promise I will serve this great city with the honor, dignity and the respect it deserves," Edwards said.

More than 150 guests packed the hour-and-a-half long ceremony, among them commissioners, ABC Unified School District and Cerritos College board members and family.

Also in attendance were elected officials from neighboring cities: Lakewood Mayor Diane DuBois, Paramount Vice-Mayor Diane Martinez, Downey Councilman Kirk Carztoian, and Artesia councilmen Victor Manalo and Tony Lima.

It was a ceremony marked with about a dozen presentations, flowers and laughter. Lee and Edwards both presented their spouses with bouquets of flowers.

"I love you," Edwards said to his wife, Connie.

"Welcome home, mayor. My kitchen is empty," joked Lee's husband, Charles, as the audience laughed.

It's been a busy year for Lee. During her time as mayor, about $1.5 million was invested in street repair and underground waterline projects for Pioneer Boulevard; $325,000 for residential street improvements; Fountain Walk, the city's fourth affordable senior housing project; and an August 2007 profile of Cerritos's economic success in The Economist Magazine.

Her tenure as mayor also saw the passage of the Cuesta Villa's senior housing project, a $65 million joint-venture with ABC Unified, currently undergoing a court validation process.

Barrows said the coming year will present several challenges, from the Sacramento's $15 billion budget shortfall to the nation's slowing economy.

Several projects are forthcoming, Edwards said. He alluded to "major changes" at the Los Cerritos Center. Also in the works: the 9,000-square-foot expansion of the Cerritos Sheriff's Station; the June 3 election for the council seat vacated by former Councilman John Crawley; and Cuesta Villas yet-to-be-decided future.
Cerritos to take on Mexican team

By Andrew J. Campa, Staff Writer

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Win a state championship and finish the season ranked second in the country, and there will be inquiries from teams interested in a game.

The Cerritos College women's soccer team's request came from outside the country as the Mexican Under-20 national team was looking for a match.

The Falcons have obliged and will face the visitors from Mexico on campus on Thursday, April 3, at 5:15 p.m.

"This is a great opportunity for our program and it is an honor to play a national team," said Falcons coach Ruben Gonzalez, who led Cerritos to the state championship this past season with a come-from-behind 2-1 win over Santiago Canyon. "It will be a great experience for the players as well as myself."

One player who had an integral role in guiding the Falcons to the title and a 24-2-3 overall mark was La Serra High School girls soccer co-coach Tessa Troiglia. The one-time Whittier Daily News Girls Soccer Player of the Year served as an assistant under Gonzalez.

"I'm so thankful for the opportunity Ruben provided," Troiglia said. "It's been quite an experience for myself personally."

Troiglia, who did not win a championship during her prep and college days, has been a part of two championships over the past four months. The Cerritos and La Serra championships marked the first titles in either program's history.

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Maritza Gonzalez (Maryfair) also completed her first year with the Falcons last season.

Second-year players Susanna Mendoza (Paloma Valley) and Desiree Cardenas (West Covina) also have trained with the team.

There are plenty of area women on Cerritos' squad, including former El Rancho star Yasmin Torres (six goals and six assists) and California alumnus Samantha Ramirez (two goals and four assists).

Tickets for the international game are $7 pre-sale and $9 at the gate.

Fans can purchase tickets by calling the Cerritos College athletic office at (562) 880-2451, ext. 2884.

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Student court reporters pass state examination

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Norwalk — Cerritos College has received word that its court reporting students achieved a 100 percent passage rate on the certified shorthand reporters exam given last October.

The passage rate for the state was 27.7 percent, with the second highest school having a passage rate of 90 percent.

“The 100 percent passage rate at the last test is significant because the passage rates in the past have varied considerably from 19 percent to 60 percent,” said Mary Balmasigs, who co-chairs the court reporting department along with Wajdi Morgan.

“Each test is different and the students’ nerves are put to the test, as they must demonstrate their skill and composure on the spot,” Balmasigs added.

The state exam is given three times a year. It is a two-day test, with academic subjects tested on the first day and machine dictation given on the second day, said Aya Ablan, the college’s public affairs coordinator.

It takes substantial learning and training to take the test. To be eligible, students must have completed 680 hours of academic training in English, legal studies, medical terminology, court procedures, California codes and computer training.

They must also have completed 2,800 hours of class time practicing on the steno machine and 60 hours of apprenticeship training in court and depositions, Ablan said.

The Cerritos College court reporting program has been in existence since 1972 and the program graduates have a solid reputation in the legal community, she added.

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William Shakespear’s A COMEDY OF ERRORS

By Al Randall

It was a dark and stormy night, twenty years ago, when merchant, Egeon, and wife Emilia, along with their two toddler twin sons, Antipholus I and II, plus the boys’ toddler-toddlers twin servants, Dromio I and II, were relocating from Ephesus to their old hometown of Syracuse.

What started as smooth sailing, ‘yuh see’, was sea-flailing, ship racking and crashing in tempestuous torrents. Mom, ‘Antipho’ II, ‘Dromio’ II’ were left to one end of a handy-dandy mast, while Dad was at the other end with ‘Antipho’ I and Dromio I. Could they be rescued?! Could they be saved?! Reached, would be blissful!

For fishermen from Corinth scooped up Emilia and boys II and II, then they abandon Mom and kidnap the boys.

She fussed and found her way back to Syracuse. Her life was an abyss. She turned to The Church and became an Abbess (Cheri Vandermye).

Egeon (Guis Ruiz) becomes a Mediterranean, meandering, wandering, merchant, in ‘searching’ of his wife, and boys and their bondmen-servants - aged and caged - in loss and sad songs.

At Cerritos College, Director, Eleanor Packwood conjures variations that are Hip-Hop, over-the-top, para-

Elizabeth Manchenkov (Luciana) and Kevin Mansell (Antipholus of Syracuse) - Falling in love with his sister-in-law

july times - 1960s’ Berkeley/Woodstock, in all its film-flam.

In 1968, the Mayor of Ephesus, Duke Sfinas (Tony Fartolone), who’s also Police Captain, Chief Magistrate, and Head Prosecutor learns there’s an ‘accusation’ against an enemy Syracusan in the plaza. It’s Egeon! He’s arrested and sentenced to death!

And any and all Ephesians and Syracusans will suffer the same penalty - this has helped stop the wars and constant battles between the two cities.

Antipholus II (Ismael Lopez) and Dromio II (Gilbert Martinez) were brought to Ephesus as youngsters by the Ruler of Corinth, Duke (ect, etc, etc), Menaphon, renowned warrior, and Uncle to Sfinas.

And so the bash begins! The plot thickens and quickens when Dromio I (Jason Faliske) encounters Antipholus II and vice versa and ‘worshah’ with their counterparts - but great fun!

When Adriana (Krysta Farrer), wife of Antipholus II, with her sister, Lucineia (Elizabeth Manchenkov), unknowingly pumps and flirts with Antipholus I (Kevin Mansell), why is hubby so fluttered? Which Antipholus attained a valuable chain necklace? Which Dromio received the ducats to pay to the jeweler? Which Dromio inveigled broker, Baltazar’s (Plyter Tingley) assistance? Who, Angelo (Joseph Serrano)?

Native Ephesian, Nell (Felicia Buhllington), housekeeper to Adriana, and wife to Dromio II, gets quite surprised when Dromio I visits!

Dr. Finch, new-age holistic healer (Emmanuel Pascenceta), complicates which witch-spells? The Courtesan (Alana Ogio) apomizes the profusion through the ages. She gets her prompts and cues across, effectively, affectively.

The bell tolls are elaborated by Ashley Neece, Jeremy Marroquin, Edmond Cordova, Cari Del Rio, Yvan Galermo, Jasmine Green, Gustavo Hernandez, Steven Luna, and Erika Ruiz.

Get the recent Generations tuned into Shakespeare’s shenanigans with his Comedy of Errors.

Set Designer, Richard Caroher gives us doors, and a balcony, and a flowing water-fountain - all aid and aid! The Costumes by Taysba LaMarrea Dori Quan, Patricia Ramirez, and Karen Theiss are right-on for Austin Powers, period. They must have been constructed by Goldfinger. All the townpeople are righteous and right at home.

You’ll enjoy and agree “all’s well that ends well!” A great job well done!
Third in a four-part series:
Community colleges lack link to industry

By Matt Krupa
staff writer

The once-dying aerospace industry has started taking off again in the Los Angeles area, but it's hard to build an airliner without nuts and bolts.

The firms that make the specialized fasteners that hold planes together can't fill their shifts.

"If you gave me 1,000 machinists right now, I would have jobs for them," said Victoria Bradshaw, the state's secretary of labor and workforce development.

This is a clear-cut job for community colleges. California's schools, however, are failing to clock in as they strive to keep up with technology and struggle to attract qualified vocational teachers.

Despite the colleges' open-enrollment policy, which allows nearly anyone to attend, high-demand vocational programs such as nursing sometimes have hundreds of students waiting for seats.

The system's funding problems leave schools without the money to draw instructors in specialized fields or to pay for the expensive equipment needed to train students. It's not easy to persuade a nurse or electrician to take a $20,000 or $40,000 pay cut to be a full-time teacher.

Like companies in many industries, manufacturing firms have had trouble finding skilled employees, and the shortage is worsening across the board.

In terms of workforce shortages, there is the healthcare industry, and then there is everything else. No shortage threatens the state's aging population like the dearth of nurses, therapists and other skilled health workers.

Some of the 200 allied-health fields, for example, will need nearly six times more workers to meet California's needs by 2020 as retiring baby boomers seek more medical care, according to one study.

But it takes months for Laney to find professors with both the required educational and occupational backgrounds. And the longer the worker shortage persists, the harder it's going to be to find instructors.

"We don't have people prepared to teach in our classrooms," said Kim Schenk, a Diablo Valley College dean and president of the state's occupational-education association. Job candidates are "highly, highly skilled, but often they never worried about formal education."

Even as college programs have died out, industry has stood by without providing financial support or alerting academia to its dire need for workers. Although more constructive conversations between the two groups have developed lately, trade associations are focusing much of their attention on re-igniting high school programs.

Part of the problem is free-market competition, said Jack Stewart, president of the California Manufacturers & Technology Association.

"The trick is going to be getting companies to collaborate on this," he said. "There's such a distrust between them that they're often reluctant to work together."

There are some signs of change.

At Southern California's Cerros College, area car dealerships teamed up with the school to help pay for a new vehicle-repair facility. Some healthcare companies have helped supply colleges with nursing faculty, paying the salary differences themselves.

At Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, several Contra Costa County companies donated about $370,000 to help build a laboratory for the school's...
Falcons set to take on Mexico’s U-20 team

By David Felton

The last time the Cerritos College women’s soccer team played a match, it upset top-ranked Santiago Canyon, 2-1, in the state championship game. The Falcons will have the chance for another upset when the Mexico under-20 national team goes to the Norwalk campus for what is being called an international friendly match on April 3.

“This is a great opportunity for our program and it is an honor to play a national team,” Cerritos coach Ruben Gonzalez said in a press release. “It will be a great experience for the players, as well as myself.”

Cerritos and the Mexican under-20 team already have quite a relationship. Sophomore midfielder Rebecca Juarez, a two-time All-American, played for Mexico in last year’s Under-20 World Cup in Russia. Freshman forward Monique Claveria, who scored the winning goal in the state championship game, also played on that team. Second-year players Susannah Mendez and Desree Garza are training with the Mexican team now.

The game is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are $7 and tickets at the gate are $9. For more information, call the Cerritos Athletic Office at (562) 880-9461, ext. 2664.

Viking honored

Long Beach City sophomore pitcher/designated hitter Randy Serrano was selected the male student-athlete of the month for February by the California Community College Athletic Association and the California Community College Sports Information Association.

In February, Serrano went 3-1 with a 1.04 earned-run average in five starts. He allowed just four earned runs, walked three and struck out 25 in 34 1/3 innings. On Feb. 9, Serrano shut out Antelope Valley over eight innings while striking out seven.

At the plate, Serrano batted .412 with three home runs, nine RBIs and 13 runs.

Modesto swimmer Jen Cadmus was selected female student-athlete of the month.

On a streak

The Cypress softball team has matched its longest winning streak under Coach Brad Pickler following a nonconference doubleheader sweep over the weekend.

The Chargers have won 27 consecutive games following 7-1 and 6-0 victories over Grossmont on Monday. Sydney Rae Woolsey improved to 9-0 with a complete-game effort in the first game, and Natasha Ratz (3-0) allowed just three hits in the second.

Opponent is 11-0 in the Orange Empire Conference. It hosts Santiago Canyon today at 3 p.m.

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Maxine Katherine Bonnar
1925-2008

Maxine Bonnar (82) of Downey left this earth in peace and in company of her family on March 14, 2008. She was born on July 20, 1925 in Lakefield, Minnesota. Maxine lived in Downey for 60 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Bonnar and parents Don and Mary Lemm. Maxine is survived by five sons, Michael, Donald, Gary, Steve and John; daughters-in-law, Debbe and Darlene Bonnar; her brother, Richard Lemm and sister, Donna Mercer. Maxine was blessed with 14 grandchildren: Stacey, Erik, Chris, Brian, Kacie, Paul, Anastasia, Beth, Katherine, Chad, Shannon, Jeffrey, Greg, and Kyle; 17 great grandchildren and 22 foster children whom will all miss her very much. At the age of 40, Maxine went into the nursing program at Cerritos College. She worked as a licensed vocational nurse at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Bellflower for over 25 years. She was an active member of St. Raymond’s Catholic Church in Downey. Maxine loved spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed traveling the world, taking cooking classes, gardening, reading and talking her grandchildren to the beach and concerts in the park. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Raymond’s Catholic Church on March 29, 2008 at 10 am. Interment at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach will be private. In lieu of flowers the family has requested remembrances be made in Maxine’s name to St. Jude, Sisters of the Faith or donor’s favorite charity.
South East Arizona Fine Art And Photography Show Judges

By Lisa Glenn for the ARIZONA Range News
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The South East Arizona Fine Art and Photography Show is proud to announce the 3 judges for the April 13-20 show at the Wilcox Eko Club, 247 E. Stewart Street in Wilcox.

All entries must be postmarked by March 31.

The 2 judges for the fine art division are Manuel DeLeon and David Aguirre.

Manuel DeLeon has been in art since 1942 when he was in Norman Rockwell's class at the Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles. His early training included every art institute in Southern California, and he spent the mid-fifties living and teaching in Europe where he pursued extended study in art history, drawing and painting at the San Fernando Academy in Madrid, the University of Poitier (France), the Florentine Academy (Italy), and the Stadt Akademie in Munich (Germany). Manuel also spent time in Mexico with Tomas Coffeen and Jose Maria de Servin at the University of Guadalajara. He retired as Professor Emeritus of Fine Art from Centros College in California in 1992 after 57 years in education, 30 years in higher education. Over the years he has judged over 100 art shows, and has served as a guest lecturer in figure drawing and painting for various art associations, educational groups, and for social television presentations in California and Colorado. He has participated in art expositions for Winsor Newton and most recently for Harry Sarioff's art expo in Tucson. His art is held in private collections throughout the United States, Europe and Mexico. His work is currently showing at the Los Reyes Gallery in Tubac, Ariz. Mr. DeLeon lives in the Saddlebrooke area of Tucson and is a percussionist in his spare time.

David Aguirre received his fine art training in ceramics from the University of Texas-San Antonio, the Sun Valley Center for the Arts and the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he received his Master of Fine Arts Degree, Ceramics in May, 1997. He has taught at the University of Texas at San Antonio, and has been Adjunct Professor at Pima Community College in Tucson in the summer of 1995 and 1996-2001, 2003-2005. From 1991 to the present, David has been Director of the Art Space Development, which includes the Sixth Street Art Studios, Lucky Street Art Studios, Incubator Gallery, and Shane House Artist Apartments. He has been an organizer/director of the Annual Art Expo Studio Tour (1992-1993) and the Open Studio Tour (1992-present), and has been Executive Director of Dinnerware Artspace, Tucson, Arizona (2005-present). Mr. Aguirre has won numerous awards, and was nominated by the Tucson Arts Coalition for the Governor's Awards in 1994 for outstanding public service in the arts. He was again a nominee for the Governor's Awards in 2007. David Aguirre has exhibited across the country and internationally. His current gallery affiliations include Obsidian Gallery in Tucson, Arizona and Lucas Gallery in Telluride, Colorado. His ceramic pieces are found at McDonald's Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, and at the Tucson International Airport, Tucson, Arizona and in many private collections in Arizona, the country and internationally.

The judge for the photography division is Bob Day.

Bob and his wife Pat enjoyed 26 years in the Air Force, living in several locations across the United States and in Europe. This excellent opportunity for travel and sightseeing created Bob's interest in photography. Bob and Pat settled in Sierra Vista in 1987. Along the way, Bob studied photography and basic art techniques at Riveros Community College in Riverside, Calif. He has always enjoyed photographing landscapes and old buildings of the American Southwest. Bob worked in 35 mm and 6x7 cm formats. For some 20 years he did all of his own black and white, color, darkroom and presentation work. He now makes digital images using Adobe Photoshop. Bob's photographs have been exhibited in numerous art shows and galleries in Arizona and have won many Best of Show and First Place awards. For many years he was active in art associations in Sierra Vista, Tombstone and Tubac. He was President of the Sierra Vista Camera Club and represented that organization on the Sierra Vista Arts and Humanities Commission. He also served as Vice-President and Board Member of the Huachuca Art Association. In 1996 Bob was the Featured Artist of the Winter Arts Festival in Sierra Vista. In October, 1998, eight pieces of his work were shown at the "Arizona-Border to Border in Black and White" show, an invitational photography exhibit at the Tubac Center of the Arts. His work is included in many collections in the United States and Europe.

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Norwalk student back from New Zealand

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NORWALK — It was her interest in international relations and other cultures that took Jasmin Gonzalez halfway across the world.

Gonzalez, a 20-year-old political science and history major from Norwalk, has returned after spending the past semester studying international relations at International Pacific College in Palmerston North, New Zealand as the first exchange student from Cerritos College to study at the college.

She said the most challenging part of her exchange experience was that she had no friends, family or any familiar comforts 3,000 miles away from home.

"The first thing I did as soon as my luggage was unpacked was put on my hiking shoes and explore the amazing green hills surrounded by the mountain ranges near the campus," Gonzalez said. "I was never a hiker back home, but just being in a different country like New Zealand and adopting a 'let's try anything' mentality made me want to try new and unexpected things like hiking, cave abseiling, jumping into Lake Tarpo, one of the biggest lakes in the North Island, and gliding from tree to tree on a fox trot glider. "Going to New Zealand with a positive and open-minded attitude helped me in experiencing the most of what New Zealand has to offer, from a valuable education, to meeting new people, and gaining new experiences," Gonzalez added.

International Pacific College has been a prime institution for cross-cultural interaction, according to Nick Kremer, executive dean of Cerritos College's Community, Industry and Technology Education division.

Kremer, Cerritos College's initial link with the New Zealand college, was instrumental in negotiating an exchange agreement with the college several years ago. So far, Cerritos College has accepted three students from International Pacific College.

"The idea of study abroad can seem overwhelming," Gonzalez said. "But in reality, it is very rewarding and in my opinion, is something that every student should experience at least once in their educational career."

Aetna gives $20,000 to college program

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NORWALK: Cerritos College's Project HOPE (Health Opportunities and Pipeline to Education) program has received a $20,000 grant from Aetna Insurance, according to Aya Abelson, coordinator of media relations for the college.

A check presentation was held during a Cerritos College Board of Trustees meeting. Shon Bowles, senior account executive for Aetna; and Graciela Vasquez, director of Project HOPE, attended.

"Aetna is pleased to be able to support the Project HOPE students, who will help to ensure continuing access to health care services in their communities," Bowles said.

Aetna's $20,000 donation was matched one-to-one through an opportunity provided by the college's Title V federal grant. That created a total donation of $40,000 which will be endowed in perpetuity for Project HOPE students, Abelson said.

Funding is allocated for an Aetna scholarship that will be awarded to Project HOPE students who have completed their health certificate program or are transferring to a four-year university.

"We are fortunate to have partners such as Aetna that demonstrate true commitment to diversity and who support Latino and the underserved students interested in pursuing a health career," Vasquez said.

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Officials faulted for Santa Ana College fire alarms problems

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Broken fire alarms at nearly a dozen buildings at Santa Ana College went unrepaired for more than two years because of miscommunication and a can't-improve-it mentality, and because officials did not declare an emergency to fix the antiquated system, an investigation by a law firm found.

"Everybody thought it was someone else's responsibility," said Eddie Hernandez, chancellor of the Rancho Santiago Community College District.

The investigation was performed by Liebert Cassidy Whitmore of Los Angeles at Hernandez's request after widespread problems that plagued thousands of students, faculty and staff in potential danger became public in October.

The faulty alarms had been documented in inspections in 2005 and 2006, but not repaired. The findings of the investigation were released to The Times this week.

Six entire buildings -- including the gym, fine arts building and library -- had no working fire alarms at various times over two years. At least three other buildings had faulty smoke detectors. Some alarms had broken handles; others did not ring, and at least one was turned off because it would not stop sounding.

Campus and district officials put off repairs because they thought a new system was coming soon, according to the report.

"There was a feeling of 'Why fix these things if they're going to be replaced?'" said John Hanna, a community college district board member. "But that's no excuse!"

Officials made another error or mistake by not starting a fire watch when the first fire alarms were broken, Hernandez said, which left buildings unmonitored by human or machine.

Meanwhile, officials used the $400,000 in state money that had been earmarked to replace the system to paint and waterproof the exteriors of some of the same buildings that lacked working alarms.

The college's safety committee discussed several years ago, cutting off one avenue through which the problems could have been reported to a higher level.

If the district board had been notified of the problem immediately, it could have drafted an emergency resolution that could have bypassed the lengthy bidding process and promptly fixed the alarms, according to the report.

That's what the board did once news of the broken fire alarms reached board member in October and the campus newspaper El Don wrote a story about the lapses.

The board acted swiftly, calling an emergency meeting, instituting a 24-hour fire watch and fast-tracking repairs for the aging system.

Less than two months later, the old system was restored to working order.

This month, the board is scheduled to approve a contractor to install a new fire alarm and public address system. That system, at cost of about $1 million, should be in operation by the end of the year.

Liebert Cassidy Whitmore's report portrays a complicated web of campus and district bureaucracy, with at least six officials passing around information about the broken alarms for two years but taking little action.

For nearly three years before the problem became public, campus and district officials drafted and revised plans to replace the entire system but did not send forward a proposal to repair the existing one, district spokeswoman Laurie Weidner said. "We wanted to make sure we made the right investment," she said. "We don't take the expenditure of public funds lightly."

Santa Ana College President Elinda Martinez knew the alarms were malfunctioning to some extent, asking in August 2007 for a faulty alarm -- which buzzed constantly -- outside her temporary office to be silenced.

"She had a very stressful day and just wanted the buzzer to be shut off," according to the report.

Martinez has said she did not learn of the broken alarms until inspectors brought the problem to the college's attention in October.

The investigation narrowed in on six officials. At the college, Bruce Boeninger, plant manager; and Nomi Kanouse, vice president of administrative services. At the district: James Wooley, safety and security supervisor; Al Chin, director of safety and security; Don Mans, environmental and safety services manager; and Bob Brown, director of construction and support services, who retired in 2006.

All six were apparently cited in the report for not fulfilling their responsibilities regarding the fire alarms, though how they erred is undetermined because district authorities blacked out names when referring to mistakes they made.

The district also took disciplinary action against those faulted by the report.

Boeninger, who was responsible for fire maintenance and repair of fire alarms at the college, resigned in February.

Chin, who is responsible for fire alarm systems at the district and college and communications about safety, was suspended for two weeks without pay.

Kanouse, responsible for facilities maintenance at the college, was transferred to serve as vice chancellor at the district and given a pay cut.

Three other officials received letters of reprimand but kept their jobs.

In reaction to the fire alarm problem, Santa Ana College has reconstituted its safety committee, and the district board has formed its own counterpart.

"Thank God no one was hurt and we didn't have to pay the price," Hanna said. "But there were mistakes made. Administrators have been chastised and will see more clearly now. The silver lining is that out of this will come a safer campus."

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Bill targets piracy at colleges

Schools say they’re in the cross hairs unfairly for illegal downloads.

By Ben Dabbs
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WASHINGTON — Colleges and universities that take part in federal financial aid programs will be under new obligations to take steps to prevent illegal downloads of music, movies and other copyrighted material if legislation overwhelmingly passed by the House last month becomes law.

A five-page portion of the 380-page College Opportunity and Affordability Act has raised alarms in the higher-education community. It would hold schools disproportionately responsible, education groups say, for activities that take place off the school campus.

“This is a very flawed provision,” said Steve Koren, director of policy and networking for Education, a nonprofit that focuses on information technology in higher education.

Universities go well past the minimum legal requirements to eliminate piracy by requiring students to sign copyright-law modifications. Koren argued, yet the commercial networks where the “vast majority” of illegal downloads occur “do nothing beyond it — and for some reason we’re the ones targeted.”

The main purpose of the legislation, which the House approved 344-38, is to make college more affordable to low- and middle-income families.

But the anti-piracy provision could increase student costs, Koren said. It would mandate that schools develop plans to offer alternatives to illegal downloading and to explore technological deterrents.

Koren called the mandate “expensive, ineffective, inappropriate and unnecessary” and expressed concern that schools could be penalized for failing to come up with such plans.

Ben Street Cohen (D-Pa.) had intended to introduce an amendment that no school failing to devise plans “shall be entitled to receive federal funding,” but after hearing objections to his plan he returned to his district to deal with the aftermath — and hinted a larger procedural vote to affirm the language to the bill.

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“Anybody other than the artists are not doing anything to help students see this,” Street Cohen said.

UCLA’s director of information policy for Information Technology, Ben Wexler, agreed with Cohen’s estimate, adding: “Consider also that we see the behavior and we’ve correlated it with illegal file-sharing already largely developed by the time students arrive at college.”

Research by USC’s John Harman, an information sciences Institute associate professor, bore out their estimates. After hearing the MPAA’s initial claims, he monitored file-sharing on USC’s network for four hours and found 3% of users using peer-to-peer technology. USC was among only a few schools to conduct research and not rely solely on the MPAA’s numbers.

The Industry Assn. of America, which also supports the bill, has supported numerous universities in recent years over piracy issues, limiting schools to identify students who were illegally distributing songs onto file-sharing networks.

But in the last few months, several universities have fought back.

In the most prominent case, the University of Oregon moved in November to have a surcharge disallowed. The school accused the industry of misleading the judge, violating student due-process rights and engaging in questionable investigative practices.

The latest charge involves MediaNiners, an Internet service used by the RIAA to obtain user information from file-sharing networks. Some states, including Oregon, require private investigators to have a license, which MediaNiners lacks.

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“We are the only ones that have ever been able to prove that students are downloading music illegally,” Street Cohen said.

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“The case is pending.”

According to Street Cohen, all universities have adopted policies against copyright infringement on campus networks that students must sign each year. And “most schools,” he said, have sponsored advertisers to legal downloading services such as Napster or the Music Network, with the cost passed on to students.

“The corresponding costs must be borne by the students, ultimately, through tuition fees, raising the cost of higher education,” he said.

Street Cohen and USC say they have not increased charges to students because of their deferred subscriptions.

The RIAA supports several such measures to promote legal campus downloading. But, they are “escaping,” Street Cohen said.

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"From beginning to end, we will be there for you," LBCC Superintendent President Dr. Gary Ogilby told a group of Webster Elementary 5th graders at the ceremony at the Walter Pyramid on the LBCC campus.

Part of the plan calls for offering a tuition-free first semester for LBUSD students entering LBCC.

The community college plans on raising about $4 million to $7 million to create an endowment to cover tuition for those students who don't qualify for sufficient financial aid, Ogilby said.

Cal State Long Beach President F. King Alexander pledged to admit all LBUSD students who meet the minimum college preparatory or community college transfer requirements.

The parties pledged to discuss with students and families, beginning in the fifth grade, college applications, financial aid and course requirements.

For too long, higher education institutions have focused outreach efforts on high schools while overlooking the important role that middle schools play, Alexander said.

"Middle schools have been neglected for many years by colleges and universities because we were not aware of how important it is in the college expectations process," he said.

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Yudof picked as new leader of UC

The University of Texas chief's annual compensation will be $828,084, which triggers some criticism.

By Larry Gordon

SAN FRANCISCO — Mark G. Yudof, the head of the University of Texas system, was formally hired Thursday to be the next president of the University of California and given a $828,084 annual compensation package that triggered protests from some students and employers.

The Board of Regents voted unanimously to hire Yudof, and its chairman, Richard C. Blum, said the $528,068 base salary and $320,016 in supplemental payments and other benefits next year were what the competitive marketplace demanded for such a top-flight academic and manager. That would be nearly double what his predecessor, Robert C. Dynes, received but only about 1% more than Yudof's $742,500 package in Texas.

"He's expensive, but he's worth it," said Blum, who added that UC did not want to get into a bidding war in case Texas tried hard to keep Yudof.

UC officials acknowledged that the nine-campus system had been battered in recent years by reports of secretive and overpriced compensation for executives, but they insisted that reforms are underway that will reduce bureaucratic costs. Yudof's pay was cleared with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders; regents said they expect any controversy over pay will quiet down as Yudof finds ways to run UC administration more efficiently.

Yudof, 61, declined to comment directly on his pay, but said he was well aware of the state's budget woes and
Yudof to head UC — for $828,084 a year

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Louise H. Rankin, president of the UC Student Union, says many students will be unhappy with Yudof's pay. "He's not a large UC system president; he makes as much as the team."

The recent contract for a high-profile executive was not the only issue to come under discussion on campus. The deal is a continuation of a trend that has seen the pay of UC presidents rise over the past decade. The average pay for UC presidents is now $828,084, up from $675,000 in 2006.

Yudof's contract also includes other benefits, such as an allowance for the use of university property and a car. He also receives a $20,000 bonus each year for the first five years of his presidency.

Some students have criticized the amount of money Yudof will receive. "He's not a large UC system president; he makes as much as the team," said one UC student. "This is a real example of how the system is run."