FOR THE WEEKS OF MARCH 31—APRIL 28

In Progress

Ayako Abelon is working to produce the next issue of *In Sight*, the college’s bi-annual community publication. *In Sight* will go out to homes by the first part of July.

Abelon is also working on arranging major and local media coverage for the BMW H7 showing and auto workshop on June 23.

Coverage


*Bellflower Bulletin* — April, 2008 — Informational brief on free acting classes offered by Cerritos College Adult Education (from press release).

*Long Beach Press Telegram* — April 2, 2008 — Informational brief on the city of Bellflower seeking nominations for an annual awards ceremony mentioning Cerritos College student Kim Stolk as last year’s award recipient.

*Long Beach Press Telegram* — April 4, 2008 — Article on Cerritos College vs. Mexico’s national U-20 game.


*Whittier Daily News* — April 14, 2008 — Informational brief on free acting classes offered by Cerritos College Adult Education (from press release).

*South Pasadena Review* — April 16, 2008 — Article on Cerritos College woodworking instructor Anthony Fortner receiving Sam Maloof Award (from press release).

*Herald American* — April 17, 2008 — Article on Dr. Noelia Vela elected to AACC board (from press release).
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The Press—April 17, 2008— Informational brief on Cerritos College Mega Mixer (from press release).

The Downey Patriot—April 18, 2008— Informational brief on Cerritos College Mega Mixer (from press release).


The Press—April 24, 2008— Article on Cerritos College woodworking instructor Anthony Fortner receiving Sam Maloof Award (from press release).

Long Beach Reporter—April 25, 2008— Article on former Cerritos College criminal justice student promoted to commander of LCSD.

The Downey Patriot—April 25, 2008— Article on an 84-year old Cerritos College OWL program student publishing an autobiography (from press release).

Daily News—April 28, 2008— Article on former Cerritos College business student who owns a fish shop.

Long Beach Press Telegram—April 29, 2008— Review article on Cerritos College Theatre Department’s “Urinetown.”

Korea Herald Business—April 30, 2008— Article on Cerritos College film student winning Merit Award (from press release).

The Korea Times—April 30, 2008— Article on Cerritos College film student winning Merit Award (from press release).

Community College League of California Quarterly Newsletter—Spring, 2008— Article on Project HOPE receiving a $144K grant from College Access Foundation (from press release).

Woodworking Magazine—June, 2008— Article on Cerritos College woodworking instructor Anthony Fortner receiving Sam Maloof Award (from press release).
Related News

*Los Angeles Times*—April 11, 2008—Article on USC disbanding German major/minor.

*Long Beach Press Telegram*—April 18, 2008—Article on CSULB introducing online student government election.

*Long Beach Press Telegram*—April 24, 2008—Article on college costs and subsidies.

*Long Beach Press Telegram*—April 29, 2008—Article on religious protest which drew angered crowd at CSULB.

*Long Beach Press Telegram*—April 30, 2008—Article on ID theft arrests at LBCC.
Cerritos College Theatre to Present Tony Award-winning Urinetown, the musical!

This satirical musical asks the question “…what if you had to pay to pee?”

For Immediate Release: April 1, 2008

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

WHAT: “…what if you had to pay to pee?” One of the most uproariously funny musicals in recent years, the Tony award-winning comedy, Urinetown, the musical! pokes fun at capitalism, social irresponsibility, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement, and petty small town politics.

The satirical comedy musical is set in a town plagued by a 20-year drought, where water has become so scarce that private toilets have become unthinkable. At the mercy of a single dominating corporation who maintains a monopoly on the town’s public amenities, the destitute citizens must pay towering taxes and fines to carry out their most private and basic of needs. Out of the mass of the pitiable, a hero rises to lead his fellow citizens against the tyrannical regime.

The director Janet Miller has been directing, choreographing and teaching theater for thirty years. She was recently the Artistic Director for the Torrance Theatre Company where she directed sixteen productions in her seven year tenure. She is a founding artist and resident director for the newly formed Manhattan Beach Players. She has worked inside and outside the country in diverse settings such as Choate Rosemary Hall in CT and grand theme parks in Bangkok, Thailand. She has also taught musical theater dance and tap for Broadway Asia in China.

Miller is the recipient of the 2006 Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Choreography for The Marvelous Wonderettes, the 2003 Excellence in Art Award for Drama from the city of Torrance, and was awarded a 2003 Choreography Garland for The Marvelous Wonderettes in Los Angeles. This year she was awarded a Gar-
land for choreography and has been nominated for a LADCC Award, both for Winter Wonderettes.

Miller holds a B.A. in musical theater from CSUN, and an M.A. in theater from CSULA. She is a proud member of SSDC.

For group sales information please contact Renée Bloch, Performing Arts Promotions Specialist at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2638.

WHEN: Urinetown, the musical! will be presented on the following dates:

Friday, April 25 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 26 at 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 1 at 8 p.m.
Friday, May 2 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 3 at 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m.

WHERE: Burnight Center Theatre
Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650

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

COST: General $15, Cerritos College students/faculty/staff, seniors, other college, middle and high school students (all w/ID) $12, children 5 - 12 yrs $10

Tickets may be purchased online (credit card only) or in person at BC-G, Theatre Office in front of the Burnight Center Theatre Mon - Fri from 1pm - 5 pm only. (Cash or Check only)

CONTACT: For more information on Urinetown, the musical! and the Cerritos College Theatre Department, please call (562) 467-5058 or visit www.cerritos.edu/theatre
Group Sales: ext. 2638

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Cerritos College Students Receive Scholarship Honoring U.S.S. Pelias

For Immediate Release: April 1, 2008

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

NORWALK, Calif. – April 1, 2008 – The Cerritos College Foundation awarded the U.S.S. Pelias scholarship to Cerritos College students Karan Dhunghana and Uttam Paudel, on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 during the college’s annual Academic Excellence Awards ceremony.

Karan Dhunghana, of Artesia, is studying mechanical engineering and plans on transferring to UC Berkeley to pursue his bachelor’s degree. With a keen interest in aerodynamics, he hopes to pursue his master’s degree in that field. Dhunghana is quite active on campus serving as the president of the International Student Association, treasurer of the Scholars Honors Club and as a senator in student government. His career goals include working for NASA and eventually would like to help the country of Nepal develop and promote global justice.

Uttam Paudel, also of Artesia, is studying both physics and math and with plans to transfer to UC Berkeley next year. After he earns his bachelor’s degree he would like to pursue his graduate and doctorate degrees in theoretical physics. Paudel is interested in the study of gravity, metaphysics, and cosmology, and plans on dedicating his life to research in the field of quantum mechanics and general relativity.

“We are proud to honor the crew of the U.S.S. Pelias by providing scholarships to well-deserving students,” said Steve Richardson, Cerritos College Foundation executive director. “We wish them the best in their educational goals and future careers.”

Established in 1984 by the crew of the U.S.S. Pelias, a submarine tender, which survived the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Pelias scholarship has been awarded to two outstanding students graduating from the engineering or physics program. Recipients are selected each year by faculty in the Cerritos College science, engineering and math (SEM) division. The original ship’s bell is on display in the college’s administrative quad.
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. Visit the Foundation online at www.cerritos.edu/ccf.

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Cerritos College Foundation Awards over $7,600 in Scholarships

Eighteen Students Honored for Academic Excellence

For Immediate Release: April 1, 2008

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

NORWALK, Calif. – April 1, 2008 – The Cerritos College Foundation awarded 11 student scholarships totaling more than $7,600 during the annual Cerritos College Academic Excellence Awards ceremony on Tuesday, March 25.

Cerritos College student Michael Sanchez, of Bellflower, was presented the Richard McGrath Administration of Justice Scholarship. Sanchez is working on his associate’s degree in administration of justice with plans to transfer to Cal State L.A. with a major in criminal justice. Created in memory of longtime Administration of Justice Professor Richard McGrath, this scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student enrolled in the administration of justice program who is actively involved in school activities and/or community involvement related to law enforcement.

The Foundation presented the Dr. Jack Hoekzema Medical Assisting Scholarship to Jin Hyang Kim, of Norwalk, who is an international student from South Korea. This scholarship was established in memory of Dr. Jack Hoekzema, a physician from Bellflower who was a dedicated and generous supporter of Cerritos College and the medical assisting program.

Students Mark Meredith, of La Palma, and Rose Fuentes, of Downey, were each presented the Dr. Keith Allen Hinrichsen Scholarship. Meredith, a history major, intends on completing his bachelor’s degree in history and obtaining his teaching credential from Cal State Fullerton. Fuentes, an economics major plans to pursue her bachelor’s degree in business economics at Cal State Fullerton. Jonathan Cheng, of Corona who was not able to attend the ceremony also received the scholarship. He is a political science major who is pursuing his bachelor’s degree in political science and maintains a GPA of 3.68. Established in honor of Dr. Keith Allen Hinrichsen who retired from Cerritos College in 2002, this scholarship is awarded to outstanding students in the areas of history, economics and political science.

The Foundation presented the English Department Scholarship to Bryan Rowe, of Downey, Jin Young Choi, of Cerritos, Vanessa Deleon, of Downey, and Merica Teng, of La Mirada. Bryan Rowe, who plans to transfer to a UC, has excelled in his classes and was active on campus as a member of the Scholars Honors Program and in volunteering. Jin Young Choi plans to transfer and earn his B.A. and pursue a law degree. Vanessa Deleon plans to transfer to a UC and earn her B.A. in English and then apply to medical school. Merica Teng is planning on transferring to UCLA this fall to complete her B.A. in Eng-
her studies at Cerritos and has transferred to Cal State Long Beach, with a major in geography. Once she completes her bachelor’s degree, she plans to obtain her credential and become a high school geography teacher.

Student Steven Bolivar, of Pico Rivera, received the Jules Crane Scholarship, which was established in memory of biology professor, Dr. Jules Crane, by his colleagues and former students. This scholarship recognizes outstanding biology students. Bolivar, who maintains a 3.7 GPA, is currently studying biology and plans on transferring to Cal State Long Beach to earn his bachelor’s degree in biology.

The Foundation presented the U.S.S. Pelias Scholarship to Karan Dhunghana, of Artesia, and Uttam Paudel, of Artesia. Dhunghana is studying mechanical engineering and plans on transferring to UC Berkeley to pursue his bachelor’s degree. Paudel is studying both physics and math with plans to transfer to UC Berkeley next year. The U.S.S. Pelias Scholarship is awarded to two outstanding students graduating from the engineering or physics program.

Student Fadi Almachraki, of Anaheim, was presented the Newton Werner Chemistry Scholarship. Almachraki is currently enrolled at Cerritos College and is planning to transfer to UC Berkeley in order to obtain his bachelor’s degree in Chemical Engineering. Almachraki is a member of the Cerritos College forensics team as well as the Scholars Honors Program. This scholarship was established in memory of Professor of Chemistry, Dr. Newton Werner, in order to recognize outstanding students in organic chemistry.

The Foundation presented the Glorya Welch Mathematics Scholarship to Harsh Shah, of Bellflower. Upon completing his studies at Cerritos, Harsh plans to transfer to either UC Berkeley or UCLA to study Electrical Engineering. Harsh maintains a 4.0 GPA and serves as Vice President of the Engineering Club, and as a senator in student government. Glorya Welch Mathematics Scholarship was created in recognition of the former Cerritos College Math and Chemistry Professor Glorya Welch. This award honors an outstanding math student.

Biology students Joseph Hsu and Kannica Tang received the Paige “Scholar” Scholarship. Hsu plans on becoming a physician’s assistant. He has been accepted to Western University and will begin classes in August. Tang has almost completed her studies at Cerritos College with a 3.8 GPA and will soon be transferring to Cal Poly Pomona where she plans on earning her bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering. The Paige “Scholar” Scholarship was established in honor of Professor Emeritus of Biology and former Instructional Dean of Science, Engineering and Math, Dean Paige, who established this scholarship in appreciation of the several thousand students who endured his class over the years.

The Cerritos College Foundation also awarded the Edward Bloomfield Philosophy Scholarship to Martin Corona, of Whittier, who was not able to attend the presentation. This scholarship was established to celebrate Dr. Bloomfield’s distinguished 35 years of teaching philosophy at Cerritos College and is awarded to a student who exemplified outstanding scholarly qualities in the study of philosophy.

“It’s an honor to present these scholarships to outstanding students,” said Steve Richardson, the Cerritos College Foundation Executive Director. “They are great examples of students achieving academic excellence.”

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Confidence behind Sparkling Smile

Re-Entry Student Makes Rewarding Career Change

For Immediate Release: April 2, 2008

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

NORWALK, Calif. – April 2, 2008 – For Joey Spraggins, the decision seemed natural – she grew up in a family where diabetes, cancers and heart diseases were pretty common, her career choice was already centered around the health and the medical fields when she was in the eighth grade. “I attended Long Beach David Starr Jordan High School for its excellent medical program called AIMS (Aspirations in Medical Services) Academy,” says Spraggins.

Upon successfully completing the Academy in 1994, she continued on to California State University, Fullerton and Fullerton College majoring in biology based on her counselor’s advice. She later realized biology wasn’t what she wanted to pursue and discontinued the study.

While in college, she worked as the operations manager at Bally Total Fitness. After five years at Bally, she became a single mother of her daughter Sidney. The new and sole responsibility got her to realize that the job at Bally was not what she wanted to do for the rest of her life.

“I was always interested in dental care, as teeth are what people see first in your face when you smile,” says Spraggins with her very own pearly bright smile. However, working full time and being a single mother, it was nearly impossible for her to go back to school.

Truly instrumental in Spraggins’ career move was her family. Her aunt recommended Cerritos College for its affordable cost, its excellent dental assisting program and its supportive job placement services. Her aunt also let Spraggins and Sidney move in with her, while Spraggins’ mother cared for Sidney so Spraggins can go to school full-time.

Above all, what pushed her forward and encouraged her was the advice from Joleen Failor, dental assisting instructor. “She walked me through the program and told me to just try out one class, which I did,” says Spraggins, “and I loved it!”
She worked diligently to finish her dental assisting program in a year. “I excelled at Cerritos College. I was focused, I received a scholarship and I graduated the program with the 4.0 GPA.”

She even found her current job at an orthodontic office through the internship in her program. “The program also helped me land a job, which is very important,” stresses Spraggins.

Spraggins is planning to go back to school to get her bachelor’s and her teaching credential. “What I would like to next is to teach future dental assistants here at Cerritos and give back to the college.”

Her positive and infectious disposition, combined with her passion and confidence in her profession will make her an outstanding teacher and mentor for future dental professionals.

For more information about the dental assisting program at Cerritos College, please visit http://cms.cerritos.edu/browse/browse.asp?WID=200361

or contact Lydia Cosio (562) 860-2451 ext. 4111 or lcosio@cerritos.edu.

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Cerritos College Woodworking Instructor Wins Prestigious Sam Maloof Award

Outstanding Instructor Anthony Fortner Recognized for His Lifetime Achievement

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 8, 2008

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

NORWALK, Calif. – April 8, 2008 – Cerritos College faculty member Anthony Fortner, of Pasadena, received the Sam Maloof Award on March 14, 2008 at California Industrial and Technology Education Association (CITEA) Conference in Riverside. Fortner has taught woodworking technology and craftsmanship at Cerritos College since 1996 for the past 12 years.

The Sam Maloof award was established by Marty Mangan, then-president of the California Association for Construction Technology Education (CACTE) in honor of Sam Maloof, internationally recognized woodworker. He is the self-taught master of contemporary American Furniture and his sculptured cradles, chests, bureaus, and chairs grace some of the world’s major museums. The shape of the award plaque is a replica of a chair seat handcrafted by Maloof. The purpose of the award is to recognize an individual’s lifetime achievement in the area of woodworking and technology education.

“We are proud of our colleagues in education who are always doing their best to stimulate students in our profession,” congratulated Cerritos College’s Manufacturing Department Chair Terry Price. “It sends a good message to all about our excellent programs we have here at Cerritos College.”

To Fortner, this award was made extra special by receiving the plaque from his lifetime mentor Richard Nicholson, consultant to Los Angeles County Office of Education and his high school woodworking teacher.
“It meant so much to me to receive the award from Richard,” said Fortner in excitement. “This honor is an amazing testament to the energy and excitement of the woodworking students here at Cerritos College. We teach one real concept in woodshop – CONFIDENCE! ‘I Can Do It’ is the spirit of the woodworking community at Cerritos College, and I believe I demonstrated the spirit with this recognition.”

“It was a great moment in my 41 years in education to present the Sam Maloof Award to my past San Gabriel High School woodworking student Tony Fortner,” said Nicholson. “Tony has always been excited about woodworking. He excelled in my woodworking class.”

Fortner and Nicholson now work together to assist future woodworking teachers through the Cerritos College’s CTE Teacher TRAC program.

“Tony was my star woodworking student, the best fine woodworker to ever come through my classes, a family man and now a teacher maker. I am proud of his accomplishments and very deserving of this important award”

Cerritos College Woodworking, one of the finest woodworking schools in Southern California, offers classes in furniture making, cabinetmaking, woodturning, and related topics. Twenty instructors work out of a 27,000 square-foot facility, where over 100 stationary and portable woodworking machines are available. The program emphasizes hands-on training and real-world experience, and all classes are project-focused. Over forty different classes cover topics including faceframe and frameless cabinet construction, architectural millwork, table and casegood construction, solid surface fabrication, hand tools, and veneering.

For more information on the Cerritos College Woodworking program, please contact Anthony Fortner at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2985 or at afortner@cerritos.edu.

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President Vela Elected to National Association Board

For Immediate Release: April 8, 2008

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

NORWALK, Calif. – April 8, 2008 – Dr. Noelia Vela, president/superintendent of Cerritos College has been elected to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). She was elected by the 1,200 member institutions to serve a three-year term on the board.

“I have served on a number of different AACC commissions since 1993 and I consider it an honor to be nominated, elected and to serve on the AACC Board,” said Vela.

The AACC, with its national office in Washington, D.C., is the primary advocacy organization for community colleges at the national level and works closely with directors of state offices to inform and affect state policy. The association has ongoing interaction with key federal departments and agencies including the U.S. Departments of Education, Labor, Energy, Homeland Security, Commerce, the National Science Foundation and members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. The 32-member board governs the activities of the association that represents over 11 million students.

Dr. Vela currently serves on the Boards of the National Institute of Leadership Development and the National Community College Hispanic Council. Dr. Vela serves as a member of the AACC Global Education Committee and has served as a member of the AACC Research Commission for two three-year terms and has served three years as a member of the President’s Academy Executive Board responsible professional development and training of community college presidents. She is currently a member of the Community College League of California Legislative Committee.

At Cerritos College Dr. Vela has led the college a comprehensive review of its board policies and procedures, the development of the college’s 2005-08 strategic plan, the development of the campus transformation plan that is replacing aging facilities in almost every area of campus with new, state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories, and technical facilities.
Credited to Dr. Vela’s leadership is a nearly 80% success rate of funded state, federal, and private industry grants pursued by faculty and the expansion of a number of programs in support of student support services and learning. In 2006-07 the college was awarded over $1.9 million. Additionally, numerous partnerships with local unified school districts have strengthened occupational education programs, provided tutoring and college prep programs, supported new cultural partnerships, and expanded the partnerships the college has with business and industry.

This expanded activity level in career and technical education (CTE) at Cerritos College got the attention of Lt. Governor John Garamendi. At his request, he visited campus in January 2008 to tour CTE programs at the college and then he held a “meet the experts” forum where college faculty and staff, and business and industry partners answered questions about the future needs for CTE education. This meeting led to an additional meeting in the Lt. Governor’s Sacramento office that included Dr. Vela and Cerritos College trustees discussing in detail the community college role in the state economy and career and technical education.

Dr. Vela’s election was confirmed at the annual convention of the AACC in Philadelphia last week.

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Cerritos College Recognizes Industry Members for Advisory Roles

Tenth Annual Breakfast Features the National Face of Community Colleges

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 10, 2008

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

NORWALK, Calif. – April 10, 2008 – Cerritos College hosted nearly 300 industry professionals and college staff at the tenth annual Advisory Committee Members’ Recognition Breakfast on Thursday, April 10. Members of 46 individual committees include business, industry and community leaders who preside on various advisory committees at the college to provide consultation and development of career and technical education programs. Also attending the breakfast were representatives from the area unified school districts and regional occupational program, and staff representatives of the local and the state elected officials.

Nick Kremer, executive dean of Cerritos College’s Community, Industry and Technology Education office opened the meeting noting the importance of the committees to the college. He observed: “The Committees keep us current in terms of knowledge, processes and equipment used in industry.”

Dr. Patricia Stanley, deputy assistant secretary, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, served as keynote speaker for the breakfast.

Appointed to the deputy assistant secretary for her comprehensive knowledge of community colleges and experiences with workforce and adult education by President Bush, Dr. Stanley’s primary responsibilities are for all initiatives and policies affecting community colleges and post-secondary education. Dr. Stanley was President of Frederick Community College (FCC) from January 1998 to August 2005. Prior to joining FCC, Dr. Stanley was Executive Vice President of Cypress College.

Dr. Stanley recognizes that her assignment in the Office of Vocational and Adult Education provides exciting opportunities to advance not only a broad plan for community colleges, but also specific initiatives for workforce education.
During the breakfast, Dr. Stanley spoke about how employers can help colleges and high schools build pathways. She stressed the importance of creating the smooth transition between educational segments.

“Industry role in career technical and adult education is crucial,” she said. “You are building a strong future workforce by providing resources and internships, serving on advisory committees.”

“I’m thrilled to see the great partnerships Cerritos College has with the business industry.”

Following her speech, Cerritos College President/Superintendent Dr. Noelia Vela honored Dr. Stanley on behalf of the college for Stanley’s many years of commitment to the community colleges in the nation.

Also honored was Todd Leutheuser, executive director of the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association, for his consistent support of automotive technology at the college. He serves on the Automotive Mechanical Program Advisory Committee, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Cerritos College Foundation, and has been instrumental in building partnerships for the college with the automotive dealers, manufacturers, after market suppliers and their associations and the college’s partnership with Northwood University.

Advisory committees at Cerritos College provide college departments with advisement and industry currency in areas including administration of justice, automotive, business administration, composites, computer and information sciences, culinary arts, nursing, welding and woodworking.

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Cerritos College and Global Consortium to Present Forum Featuring Dr. Noam Chomsky

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 14, 2008

Event Contact: John Haas, Humanities and Social Sciences Division at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2726

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

WHAT: Dr. John Haas, history professor at Cerritos College and founder and director of the Global Consortium will host a global dialogue on politics with guest Professor Noam Chomsky on Tuesday April 29 from 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (PST). Entitled “Power, Politics, and Propaganda,” the forum will feature Chomsky who will videoconference with the Global Consortium from MIT. This event will be broadcast live online at www.3cmediasolutions.org.

Noam Chomsky is a renowned professor of linguistics at MIT and is one of America’s most prominent political dissidents. He has authored over 90 books on linguistics, philosophy, intellectual history, international affairs, U.S. Foreign policy and propaganda and corporate media. According to the Chicago Tribune, Chomsky is “the most cited living author” and ranks just below Plato and Sigmund Freud among the most cited authors of all time. While acknowledging that he is reviled in some quarters for his ferocious anti-Americanism, a recent New Yorker profile calls Chomsky “one of the greatest minds of the 20th century.”

WHEN: Tuesday, April 29, 2008, 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Wilford Michael Library and Learning Resource Center, Room 155 (Teleconference Center)
Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650
View a map of the campus online at www.cerritos.edu/guide

COST: The forum is free. Daily permit for campus parking is $1.

Contact: John Haas, Humanities and Social Sciences Division at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2726

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GEAR UP Program Soars to Success with Cerritos College

The College Partners up with Bellflower USD to Support Disadvantaged Students’ Academic Success

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 17, 2008

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

Norwalk, Calif. – April 17, 2008 - Cerritos College is proud to announce that its GEAR UP partnership with Bellflower Unified School District (BUSD), led by the Office of School Relations, has achieved outstanding results this year.

GEAR UP is a grant-funded project of BUSD with a goal to increase the number of low-income students entering and succeeding in postsecondary education through academic preparation and support. Cerritos College collaborates with BUSD in implementing the GEAR UP program.

To improve student achievement and enhance BUSD’s college-going rates, Cerritos College provides tutors and delivers programs and services including campus tours, workshops and presentations. The college also provides a presentation entitled “College: Making It Happen” in both English and Spanish to educate parents of the importance of planning ahead for college. For future addition to the program, Cerritos College will work towards curriculum alignment between the college and BUSD and will administer college placement tests to cohort students at the 10th grade level.

“The collaboration was initiated by Dr. Noelia Vela, president/superintendent of Cerritos College, working with Dr. Jeanette Johnson, director of state and federal programs at BUSD” reflects Shirley Arceo, coordinator of school relations at Cerritos College who oversees the program. “The program has experienced amazing growth since its inception.”

Since the program launched in 2005, the number of tutoring hours has leaped from 95 hours per week to 259 hours per week. The number of presentations and workshops, including college fairs, campus tours, in-class presentations and financial aid presentations has increased from 10 to 25 per year, considerably exceeding the required 10 per year.
“GEAR UP is necessary in our communities because it builds a bridge between the K-12 system and the community college system, creating a seamless education,” says Virginie Vo, GEAR UP assistant coordinator who facilitates the program under supervision of Arceo. “Through this program, entering students have a greater understanding of the benefits of a college education, how to set goals for themselves, and how to navigate through their educational experience.”

The teachers and the students of BUSD have reported to be very pleased with the quality of Cerritos College tutors and their professionalism in the classrooms. A teacher testifies, “The Cerritos tutors have been very effective in improving student performance. Students look forward to their assistance in the classroom and go to the after-school tutoring as a result of the classroom interaction. There has been a noticeable improvement in the number of students passing since the tutors have been in the class.”

The tutors also brought a positive side effect. According to another classroom teacher, some BUSD students saw what the Cerritos College tutors are doing and started tutoring each other. The tutors are not only providing supports, but they are also modeling for our students.

“Through our partnership with Cerritos College many students and parents have participated in campus visits to Cerritos College and heard the presentation ‘College – Making It Happen,’” says Brigit Muller, program administrator for Bellflower Unified School District. “Cerritos College tutors are helping our students make gains, so that they will achieve proficiency in academic subjects.”

“This program helps raise students’ awareness of and aspiration for a college education,” says Dr. Vela. “It builds that bridge and communicates to students and parents that a college education is achievable. We appreciate working in partnership with our colleagues at BUSD to enhance the future of students, families and employers.”

Contact Shirley Arceo at 562.860.2451 ext.2129 or sarceo@cerritos.edu for more information on the GEAR UP Cerritos College program.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 22, 2008

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

NORWALK, Calif. – April 22, 2008 – Cerritos College film student John Cha was honored with the highly coveted Media Arts Merit Award on April 17 at the annual statewide Media Arts Competition. Cha’s short film “Neverending” was selected from a field of 52 entries by a faculty screening committee and an industry panel of judges. He will be receiving the Final Cut Studio 2 suite from Apple Computers as his prize.

The annual competition is conducted by the Multimedia & Entertainment Initiative (MEI) of the Economic and Workforce Development Program of the California Community Colleges. The entries for the competition come from community colleges all across California.

“I never thought I would win something like this,” says Cha. “I was extremely shocked to be even considered for the competition. It was an honor to win the Merit Award.”

“Neverending” is a psycho-drama about redemption. A man contemplates his shortcomings with his ex-girlfriend. He goes through this journey, where his mind plays tricks on him, thinking about the past.

Born in Los Angeles, Cha grew up in Cerritos most of his life. The returning sophomore was always interested in film since he was a child. “My mom would drop me and my brother at a movie theater and we would spend the whole day there,” recalls Cha. “I was always amazed at the different worlds I was taken into.”

Cha shot “Neverending” in the course of one weekend – a very stressful weekend according to him. Fueled by Red Bull and a mere two hours of sleep, Cha learned the hard way the process of filmmaking.
Cha hopes to become a cinematographer, as he always felt he took better pictures than telling a story. This award is testament to his intuition – his pictures sure are worth a thousand words.

Cha’s instructor Steven Hirohama, served as the chair of the film/video competition. “I wasn’t involved in selecting or voting for any of the films, but I knew from having screened all of the submitted entries that John’s film would do well,” said Hirohama. “He took a rather complex, well-written story and executed it extremely well. John re-edited his film at least three times having consulted with me at each of those stages.”

Hirohama also encouraged Cha and gave him advice and support throughout the process. “Professor Hirohama even encouraged me to enter into competitions,” says Cha. “It was truly rewarding to have a professor who took extra time to push me forward.”

Cerritos College film production program has been in existence since 2005. Since its inception, Hirohama was integral to develop the film production program. He brings many years of professional experience as a producer, director and a production company owner. Visit Cerritos College film program website to keep posted on lectures and workshops and also student podcasts, http://cerritosfilm.org. For more information about the film production program, please contact Steven Hirohama at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2637.

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Cerritos College to Host 51st Annual Commencement Ceremony on May 10

Featured Speaker is America’s Renowned Float Designer Dr. Raul R. Rodriguez

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 29, 2008

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

Event Contact: Holly Bogdanovich, Student Activities; (562) 860-2451 ext. 2471

WHAT: Cerritos College will hold its 51st annual commencement ceremony to honor its graduating students on Saturday, May 10 at 5 p.m. in Falcon Stadium. Cerritos College’s Board of Trustees will present degrees and certificates earned during the 2007-2008 academic year.

This year’s commencement speaker is Dr. Raul R. Rodriguez, an artist and conceptual designer of international acclaim and a proud alumnus of Cerritos College. As premier designer for the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, he has won more awards than any other designer in the history of the parade. Dr. Rodriguez has designed for scores of grand scale events. Working as designer for the opening stage set of the World’s Fair in New Orleans, art director for the “We the People 200” parade in Philadelphia, as consultant to the Olympics in Los Angeles, and as conceptual designer for Disneyland’s 50th anniversary parade, “Walt Disney’s Parade of Dreams.”

His concepts have illuminated prestigious establishments throughout the Orient, and also Las Vegas, Reno, and Laughlin, Nevada. These include, among others, the Flamingo Hilton, The Eldorado, Circus Circus, the Crowne Plaza Hotel and City of Commerce Casino. In addition to his work on various parades and imaging public spaces, Dr. Rodriguez also illustrates books and enjoys public speaking.

WHEN: Saturday, May 10, 2008 at 5 p.m.

WHERE: Cerritos College
Falcon Stadium
11110 Alondra Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650
A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide

CONTACT: For more information about Cerritos College’s 51st Annual Commencement, please contact the Student Activities Office at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2471 or visit www.cerritos.edu/commencement.

COST: Commencement is free and open to the public.

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Cerritos College’s Project HOPE to Host Banquet Honoring Graduates

Program Graduates 66 Minority Healthcare Students

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 30, 2008

Event Contact: Graciela Vasquez, Project HOPE; (562) 860-2451 ext. 2788

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

WHAT: Cerritos College’s Project HOPE (Health Opportunities and Pipeline to Education) will host its annual graduation banquet entitled “Ensuring Diversity in the Health Professions” on Wednesday, May 7. The banquet will recognize 66 graduating Project HOPE students, all of whom are transferring to four-year institutions including UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, UCLA, USC, and Cal State Long Beach to continue their education in the healthcare field.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Dr. America Bracho, executive director of Latino Health Access in Santa Ana, California. Dr. Bracho worked as a physician in her native Venezuela for several years, and came to the U.S. to obtain a master’s degree in public health at the University of Michigan. Her public health specialty is health education and health behavior. She is recognized at the local, regional and national levels as an expert in the area of Latino health issues, health education, minority women, cultural competency, community organizing, diabetes education and HIV. She has received several awards for her contributions to the Latino community.

Project HOPE is hosting a banquet both to recognize its graduates and to invite business partners, civic leaders, community members and friends to sponsor tables at $1,000 each or individual seats at $150. Support for this event will ensure the continuation of Project HOPE and provide scholarships for low-income students heading into health professions.

Premier sponsors include Health Net, Orange County’s Credit Union, Verizon, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe. Event sponsors include Aetna, Cerritos College Foundation, Coast Plaza Doctor’s Hospital, College Access Foundation of California, Interstate Poultry, Inc., L.A. Care Health Plan, Mental Health America of Los Angeles, Norwalk Lions Club, The California Wellness Foundation and Caceres Medical Group.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 5:30 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 Graciela Vasquez at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2788 or gvasquez@cerritos.edu.

**COST:** Tables are $1,000 each; individual seats are $150.

Project HOPE is dedicated to increasing the number of Latinos and other underrepresented groups entering, matriculating, and completing health careers. The project aims to create an academic pipeline facilitating the success of minority students in this competitive field. Program activities include: student services geared toward health careers; teaching strategies and courses that increase retention and success of Latino students and other minorities; organized workshops, conferences and research opportunities; community service venues; and peer and professional mentoring. For more information about Project Hope, visit www.cerritos.edu/hope.

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NORWALK — The Cerritos College Foundation awarded the U.S.S. Pelias scholarship to Cerritos College students Karan Dhunghana and Uttam Paudel, on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 during the college’s annual Academic Excellence Awards ceremony.

Karan Dhunghana, of Artesia, is studying mechanical engineering and plans on transferring to UC Berkeley to pursue his bachelor’s degree. With a keen interest in aerodynamics, he hopes to pursue his master’s degree in that field. Dhunghana is quite active on campus serving as the president of the International Student Association, treasurer of the Scholars Honors Club and as a senator in student government. His career goals include working for NASA and eventually would like to help the country of Nepal develop and promote global justice.

Uttam Paudel, also of Artesia, is studying both physics and math and with plans to transfer to UC Berkeley next year. After he earns his bachelor’s degree he would like to pursue his graduate and doctorate degrees in theoretical physics. Paudel is interested in the study of gravity, metaphysics, and cosmology, and plans on dedicating his life to research in the field of quantum mechanics and general relativity.

“We are proud to honor the crew of the U.S.S. Pelias by providing scholarships to well-deserving students,” said Steve Richardson, Cerritos College Foundation executive director. “We wish them the best in their educational goals and future careers.”

Established in 1984 by the crew of the U.S.S. Pelias, a submarine tender, which survived the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Pelias scholarship has been awarded to two outstanding students graduating from the engineering or physics program. Recipients are selected each year by faculty in the Cerritos College science, engineering and math (SEM) division. The original ship’s bell is on display in the college’s administrative quad.

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. Visit the Foundation online at www.cerritos.edu/cf.
Cerritos College Adult Education to Offer New Free Acting Class

Cerritos College成人教育将推出新免费表演班

Norwalk, CA – Cerritos College's Adult Education Program will offer a new free acting class for community members of all ages. The class meets every Thursday afternoon at the Activity Center at Cerritos College at 10 a.m. The class is taught by seasoned director/professor, Sally Green, who has taught acting and directing at the college for over 30 years. The class will focus on the fundamentals of acting, with an emphasis on developing a character's viewpoint, establishing relationships, and using movement and expression to convey the character's thoughts and feelings. The class is open to students of all ages and levels of experience, and there are no prerequisites. For more information, contact the Adult Education Office at 562-863-2680 or email adult.edu@cerritos.edu.
Bellflower wants you to name champions

BELLFLOWER — The city is seeking nominations for an annual awards ceremony honoring residents and local groups.

Bellflower’s “Community Champions” have recognized military veterans, avid volunteers, high-achieving students and individuals who have done something extraordinary in the past year.

Nominations for the award will close April 11.

The ceremony, “A Salute to Community Champions,” is taking place May 15 at the Simms Park Auditorium, 16614 S. Clark St., from 6:30 to 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, said city spokeswoman Lynn Komadina.

Individuals eligible for the honor must reside, attend school, or work in the city of Bellflower.

Nomination forms are available at the city Web site, www.bellflower.org; at City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive and Simms Park, 16614 S. Clark St.

In 2006, among those the city honored were centenarian Loretta Hamblin; Bellflower Unified School District high school valedictorians and salutatorians; Cerritos College student Kim Stoll, who gave CPR to a baby that stopped breathing at a Bellflower bank; and Navy corpsman Lawrence Paulsen, who helped save a man whose arm was severed in a car accident.

— Samantha Gonzaga
Mexico beats Cerritos

SOCcer: Falcons hold their own in 5-2 loss to national team.

By David Felton

NORWALK — For the first 45 minutes of Thursday's International friendly soccer match between the Cerritos College women's team and Mexico's national under-20 squad, the Falcons seemed a little star struck by the level of competition.

"We were a little nervous," said Cerritos coach Ruben Gonzalez.

"We were a little overwhelmed," agreed sophomore-to-be Monique Cisneros.

The Falcons allowed goals in a six-minute span and another in injury time to trail by three goals at the half.

"We made two silly (defensive) mistakes," said Gonzalez.

The Falcons, however, are the defending CCCAA state champions, and many of the players on the field Thursday were part of the team that beat Santiago Canyon in the state title game in December. Cerritos piled up its level of play and matched the Mexican squad goal-for-goal in the second half in a 5-2 loss in front of a large and spirited crowd.

"In the second half we stepped it up," said Cisneros. "We knew we had to or we would get creamed."

The Falcons received a goal from Lily Leos in the 53rd minute — she caught Mexican goalie Wendy Epkeji out of position with a shot from about 40 yards away — and another from Vanessa Monreal in the 51st on a corner kick. But Mexico's Sandra Mayor scored four times — two in each half — and Lilliana Godoy scored another for Mexico, a team that has been together for the better part of two years and has been in training camp for the last three weeks.

"They were in full force," said Gonzalez, whose players are in their offseason and get together about twice a week. "They were fitter than us, they know each other better than we do."

Actually, several Cerritos players were familiar with the Mexican team and one national team player knows the Falcons quite well.

Cisneros played with Mexico at last year's FIFA Under-20 World Cup in France. Rebel Johnson was also on that team and Cerritos' Desiree Cardenas trained with Mexico earlier this year. On the other side, Susie Mendosa, a member of Cerritos' team last season, now plays for Mexico.

"It was a fun experience getting to play against some old teammates," said Cisneros. "It was a great experience for our team, a great experience to be a part of this."

"It was cool to have friends on both teams," Mendosa said through a translator.

"We always like to come to the United States because of the competition," said Mexican coach Andrea Rodebaugh.

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College to host mixer for chambers

NORWALK — The Cerritos College Foundation will host its 12th annual mixer for members of area chambers of commerce from 5 to 7:30 p.m. April 22 at the Student Center on the local campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

Admission and parking are free.

The Western theme of the mixer is "Business Roundup" said Aya Abelon, the college's public affairs coordinator.

Participating chambers are Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, La Mirada, Norwalk, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate.

There will be door prizes and drawings and food prepared by the Cerritos College Culinary Arts Program.

Information: (562) 860-5451, ext. 2798.
Cerritos College gives out academic awards

NORWALK — The Cerritos College Foundation awarded 11 student scholarships totaling more than $7,600 during the annual Cerritos College Academic Excellence Awards ceremony March 25.

Among the winners was Michael Sanchez, a Bellflower resident who received the Richard McGrath Administration of Justice Scholarship. Sanchez is working on his associate’s degree in administration of justice with plans to transfer to Cal State LA.

Jin Hyung Kim of Norwalk, an international student from South Korea, received the Dr. Jack Hoekzema Medical Assisting Scholarship in memory of Dr. Jack Hoekzema, a physician from Bellflower.

Steven Bolivar, of Pico Rivera, received the Jules Crane Scholarship, which was established in memory of biology professor Jules Crane, by his colleagues and former students. Bolivar, who maintains a 3.7 grade point average, is studying biology and plans on transferring to Cal State Long Beach to earn his bachelor’s degree.

Rosa Fuentes of Downey and Mark Morello of La Palma shared the Dr. Keith Allen Humlicek Scholarship. Fuentes, an economics major, plans to pursue her bachelor’s degree in business economics at Cal State Fullerton.

The foundation presented the English Department Scholarships to Bryan Rose of Downey and Vanessa Delcore.

Geography student Berenice Gallardo of Downey was selected by the geography faculty to receive the Dr. Joan Licari Earth Science Scholarship, in honor of earth science professor Joan Licari.

Gallardo has already completed her studies at Cerritos and has transferred to Cal State Long Beach, with a major in geography. Once she completes her bachelor’s degree, she plans to obtain her credential and become a high school geography teacher.
**Acting classes for OWL students**

NORWALK — The Cerritos College OWL (Older Wiser Learner) Program is offering two new free acting classes taught by director Robert Conrad.

The “Acting for Commercials and TV” class covers all aspects of the industry, from getting an agent, headshots, auditioning skills, working on a set and taking directions.

This class meets from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday at the La Mirada Activity Center, 13810 La Mirada Blvd.

The “Acting for Stage plus Overcoming the Fear of Public Speaking” class helps students practice more effective communication and develop a better appreciation of theater and the performing arts.

This class meets from 10 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, also at the La Mirada Activity Center.

To register, simply go to the class. The classes are free for OWL students.

For information, call (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2489.

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**Herald American**

April 17, 2008

Noelia Vela elected to national college board

NORWALK — Noelia Vela, president/superintendent of Cerritos College, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Community Colleges.

She will serve a three-year term on the board, said Aya Abelon, coordinator of media relations for the college.

“I have served on a number of different AACC commissions since 1993 and I consider it an honor to be nominated, elected and to serve on the board,” Vela said.

The organization, with its national office in Washington, D.C., is the primary advocacy organization for community colleges at the national level and works closely with directors of state offices to inform and affect state policy, Abelon said.

The 32-member board governs the activities of the association that represents more than 11 million students.

Vela currently serves on the Boards of the National Institute of Leadership Development and the National Community College Hispanic Council.

She also serving as a member of the board’s Global Education Committee and has served as a member of the board’s Research Commission for two three-year terms and has served three years as a member of the President’s Academy Executive Board.

She is currently a member of the Community College League of California Legislative Committee.
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The Downey Patriot
April 18, 2008

‘Mega Mixer’ planned Tuesday

NORWALK – Cerritos College will host its 12th annual Chamber Mega Mixer on Tuesday.

The mixer will feature a western theme and include chambers from Downey, Bellflower, Cerritos, Lakewood, La Mirada, Norwalk, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate.

Since it began, the mixer has grown each year to feature booths from local businesses, networking opportunities, door prizes and drawings, and cuisine prepared by the Cerritos College Culinary Arts Program.

Exhibitor tables are available at $145 each. Admission to the mixer is free.

For more information, call Toni Grijalva at (562) 860-5451, ext. 2798.
College drama department sets musical satire

1929 Wave Staff Report

NORWALK — The Cerritos College Theater Department presents the musical satire “Urinetown,” weekends Friday through May 4 at the Burnight Center Theatre on the local campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

The Tony award-winning comedy pokes fun at capitalism, social irresponsibility, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement, and petty small-town politics, a college representative said.

The musical will be staged at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and May 1, 2 and 3 and at 2 p.m. May 4.

The director is Janet Miller, who has been directing, choreographing and teaching theater for 30 years.

Tickets are $15 general admission, $10 for Cerritos College students, faculty and staff; seniors citizens, middle and high schools students and children age 12 and under; the representative said.

Information: (562) 467-5058.
Cerritos woodworking teacher wins award

NORWALK — Cerritos College faculty member Anthony Fortner has received the Sam Maloof Award at the California Instructional and Technology Education Association Conference in Riverside.

Fortner has taught woodworking technology and craftsmanship at Cerritos College since 1996, said Aya Abelson, coordinator of media relations for the college.

The Sam Maloof Award was established by Merv Klangen, then-president of the California Association for Construction Technology Education, in honor of Sam Maloof, an internationally recognized woodworker.

"We are proud of our colleagues in education who are always doing their best to stimulate students in our profession," said Cerritos College's Manufacturing Department Chair Jerry Price.

To Fortner, this award was made extra special by receiving the plaque from his lifetime mentor, Richard Nicholson, a consultant to Los Angeles County Office of Education and his high school woodworking teacher, Abelson said.

"It meant so much to me to receive the award from Richard. This honor is an amazing testament to the energy and excitement of the woodworking students here at Cerritos College," Fortner said.

"It was a great moment in my 41 years in education to present the Sam Maloof Award to my past San Gabriel High School woodworking student Tony Fortner," Nicholson said.

Fortner and Nicholson now work together to assist future woodworking teachers through the Cerritos College's CTE Teacher TRAC program.

Cerritos College Woodworking offers classes in furniture making, cabinet making, wood turning and related topics. Twenty instructors work out of a 27,000-square-foot facility, where more than 100 stationary and portable woodworking machines are available, Abelson said.

Richard Nicholson, left, a consultant to the Los Angeles County Office of Education, presents a woodworking award to his former high school student Anthony Fortner, now an instructor in the Cerritos College woodworking department.
Richard A. Adams Promoted To Commander

Richard A. Adams, a 27-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, has been promoted to the rank of Commander by Sheriff Lee Baca and has been assigned to Technical Services Division.

Commander Adams began his career in law enforcement in 1977 with the Inglewood Police Department. He joined the Sheriff’s Department in June of 1980 and has been assigned to various posts in custody, patrol, detectives, and administration over the years. As a deputy, his assignments included Men’s Central Jail, Malibu and Lakewood Stations, and Sheriff’s Information Bureau. As a Sergeant, he was assigned to Men’s Central Jail, Pico Rivera Station, Narcotics Bureau and as the Detective Division Chief’s Aide and Aide to the Sheriff. As a Lieutenant, his assignments included the Inmate Reception Center, Century Station, the Office of the Undersheriff-Special Projects, and Commercial Crimes Bureau. As a Captain, he held three commands: Men’s Central Jail, Lennox Station, and the Communications and Fleet Management Bureau.

Commander Adams also served in the United States Air Force, attaining the rank of Sergeant during his tour of duty. Commander Adams has an Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Cerritos College, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Studies from California State University, Long Beach, and he is a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute. In 1985, he was an original facilitator of a newly created, Department-wide ethics-based program entitled “Career Integrity Workshops.”

Commander Adams and his wife of 28 years, Vicki, are residents of Yorba Linda. He has two adult children, stepdaughter Kelly Lynn, 33, and son Rick, 27, as well as seven grandchildren ranging in ages from 3 through 14. In his spare time, Commander Adams enjoys fishing with family and friends.
Father-son relationship rekindled in memoir

Literally typing with only two fingers, John Camilleri successfully publishes his maiden work, an autobiography detailing his deep-rooted love for a father who gave so much.

NORWALK – Cerritos College has announced that OWL (Older Wiser Learner) Program student John Camilleri recently published “Dad and Me: Our Loving Relationship,” an autobiography about an inseparable, deeply loving relationship between father and son.

Camilleri depicts the roller-coaster life and the invincible spirit of his father with the vividness as if he had seen it all.

“I had a very close relationship with my father, and he’s taught me many valuable lessons,” said the soft-spoken Camilleri, with his wife Marion at his side. “I decided to write a book about my father as a way of saying ‘thank you’ to him and to keep his memory alive.”

“Dad and Me” was his very maiden work. Literally typing with two fingers, Camilleri finished his book in an amazingly short period of 10 months, suffering and overcoming cancer in between. “I knew exactly what I was going to write about, because the stories my dad used to tell me were so rich and powerful.”

“The only thing I did was to encourage John and some editing,” said Dr. Elijah Levy, a professor in the OWL Program and a close friend of Camilleri.

It is true that fully-committed Camilleri did not need much help writing the book, however Levy’s support and Camilleri’s experience from Levy’s Veteran History Project, which helps veteran students to record or write about their military experiences, pushed his back.

Levy also helped Camilleri with the printer, and there is one touching story behind this. Levy ordered one proof copy prior to mass printing. When he received the package of the copy, he thought of a nice surprise. Instead of opening the package himself, he brought it to Camilleri and had him open it and gave him the honor of opening the very first copy of his book himself. Levy videotaped Camilleri opening the package.

The intense memory of his father and the process of writing the book made Camilleri choke on his words as he tried to tell his father that this book was dedicated to him. The touching video was inserted into the hardcover special editions and given to his family and friends.

“I just added a nice final touch to make it special,” said Levy.

“Love is a lost art in the current society,” said Sally Greer, Emeritus Assistant who is integral to the OWL Program at Cerritos College. “John’s book teaches that love is the most powerful force of parenting.”

Most importantly, Camilleri’s book passes down an important but lost art of parenting and storytelling to a young generation.

To purchase a copy of “Dad and Me,” contact Dr. Elijah Levy at crazyhorse825@yahoo.com.
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others and which wouldn’t. He also gave her his cell-phone number, in case he had any problems with his saltwater aquarium tank, Davis said.

“Don’t just sell us stuff to make money,” she said.

Longtime employee Noa Rivera, 49, said when he first started working for the store, the store’s previous owner, nearly 28 years ago, employees had to study books about fish and pass a test if they wanted a raise.

“And little by little, you get experience,” said Riv-

er, who added the key to the business’ success has been “the way you treat people.”

“I spend time with the customers,” he said.

Besides the store, the business has about 60 accounts maintaining aqua-

rums and ponds at restaurants, doctors’ offices and other businesses, including a 1,000-gallon bull tank at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank.

The maintenance work only represents about 10 percent of his income but “90 percent” of his bookings, and he says he handles “less than 10 percent of other related problems, Immon said.

On a recent afternoon, he was inside his office, showing a customer all the different options for a fish tank that he had just ordered for a customer outside of Burbank with longtime customer associate Jeff Berrigan, who had a truck and trailer full of aquarium decorations.

The two good-natured men were having a good time as Immon ran his fingers through the plastic plants, selecting some, rejecting others. Besides once-a-week-trips to wholesale saltwater fish markets near LAX, driving his truck that maintains a half-dozen aquariums and ponds, as well as the day-to-day customer service, Immon deals with about a dozen vendors a week to keep his store stocked.

“A lot of people don’t realize what’s involved to run a small business, but it’s intense,” he said. “The books always stays with me.

“I never thought to run,” he said.

When he goes home? No fish. He doesn’t own an aquarium.

“Wouldn’t you think I would have an aquarium at my house? And the answer is, no,” he said. “I just don’t have the time.”

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Musical satire ‘Urinetown’ is flush with fun

By John Farrell

“Urinetown” is a funny musical.

No, wait. Not that kind of funny. Well, actually, yes, that kind of funny, too. And the other kind, as well.

“Urinetown the Musical,” which opened in a witty and fully professional version at the Burnight Center Theatre at Cerritos College on Friday and continues through the weekend, is a witty, biting satire, a first-rate Broadway show, and, yes, just a little strange.

It may be the strangest idea-in-musice you’ll ever see, and you should see it if you can. This production, from the sharp pit orchestra to the lively dancers, from starring actors to those in small parts, is just about as perfect as musical comedy gets.

“Urinetown” came to Long Beach a few years back with a Broadway touring company in a production that was a bit flat and road-worn. This one is as dangerously cutting as a well-honed knife edge and as funny as a pratfall, with a message to boot.

The show, which was slated to open Sept. 12, 2001, in New York, and which did manage to open a few days later, went from off-Broadway to Broadway to

10 Tony nominations and three Tony Awards.

The story takes place in a future city somewhere in the indefinite but entirely plausible future, in a city that might be anywhere. A drought destroyed the city’s water system and ground water decades ago, and citizens have been forced to face nature’s necessities without toilets.

A corporation, the Urine Good Hands Company, solved the problem by bribing legislators and making it illegal to urinate anywhere but in a pay toilet owned by the company. For the poor, the daily use fee, which continually rises, is nearly impossible to raise. But anyone caught using a bush is arrested by the police and escorted to Urinetown, an almost-mythical place from which no one ever returns.

If you know the Kurt Weill-Bertolt Brecht “Threepenny Opera,” you recognize at once the biting, jazzy style of the music in the show’s overture: a clear indication of what is coming. And if you don’t get the message, Officer Lockstock (Steve De Forest), who doubles as law enforcement officer and narrator, makes it clear at various moments in the play, sometimes addressing Little Sally (Susannah Kim), sometimes talking to the audience directly.

The story centers on Bobby Strong (Erich Schroeder), who now works with Penelope Pennywise (Shirley Hatten) at the worst public convenience in town. He refuses to let his father, Old Man Strong (John Dyer V), use the facility without paying and his father is arrested and disappears into Urinetown.

Bobby meets and falls for Hope Cladwell (Nicole Gerron), the ditzy daughter of Caldwell B. Cladwell (Michael Irwin), the Urine Good Hands company mogul. Their love leads to rebellion and, finally, to an unhappy ending. Since you were warned at the beginning, you can’t complain.

De Forest’s Lockstock is a pillar of serious comedy, always with tongue firmly in cheek. Schroeder is all youthful energy and bluster, just right for a singing revolutionary. Gerron is a delight as Hope, a redhead in the Lucille Ball style. The precision and the comic timing of the cast is superb and correct in detail.

“Urinetown” is a musical with a message, one that resonates all the more in these times of climate change. This production is about as good as it gets, and is highly recommended, one of the best shows this season locally.

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URINETOWN THE MUSICAL 
> Where: 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday.
> Where: Burnight Center Theatre, Cerritos College, 11110 Alcosta Blvd., Norwalk.
> Tickets: $15, $12 for seniors and students. $10 for children 5-12.
> Information: (562) 467-6068 or www.pamccc.edu/theatre.
한인학생, 칼리지 단편 영화제 최고상

세리토스 칼리지 졸업생이 스트레이트 멜트 어워드에 '네버엔딩' 줄품 수상 영예

미래의 영화 감독을 꿈꾸는 한인 학생이 스트레이트 멜트 어워드를 수상해 화제가 되고 있 다.

세리토스 칼리지 졸업생의 제작 단편 영화 '네버엔딩'은 미디어 아트 대학이 주최한 '第 2회 미디어 아트 대학 영화제'에서 '단편영화 부문'에서 '네버엔딩'이 상을 수상했다. 이 영화는 한인의 한학생이, 한인의 배우가, 한인의 감독이 각각 제작진인 진짜 단편영화로 기록되는 이래로 드라마와 연극, 음악, 예술 등 다양한 장르를 통합한 특수한 작품으로 평가받고 있다.

영화는 한옥집을 배경으로 한 한인의 삶의 이야기를 그린 단편영화로, 한 남자의 이야기를 다룬다. 이 영화는 한학생의 감독이 직접 촬영한 영화로, 한인의 배우가 주연을 맡은 영화이다.

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CAMPUS MATTERS

News from California's community colleges

Cerritos College Receives Two-Year, $144,000 Grant for Pre-Health Student Scholarships

Cerritos College's Health Opportunities and Pipeline to Education program (Project HOPE) was awarded a $144,000 grant by the College Access Foundation of California.

"This scholarship grant will help our pre-health students with financial need who are making the crucial transition from community college to a four-year university," said Graciela Vasquez, Director of Project HOPE. "We are thrilled that College Access Foundation is helping us support these talented, deserving and dedicated students."

Funding from the College Access Foundation of California, the largest grant making organization of its kind in the state, addresses the need to provide financial support and ensure the academic success of low-income, underrepresented students headed into the health professions. The two-year award will be used to expand Project HOPE's scholarship program, allowing it to reach more students and providing multi-year scholarships to ensure the completion of their bachelor's degrees.

Project HOPE is a program dedicated to increasing the number of Latinos and other underrepresented groups entering, matriculating, and completing health careers. The Project aims to create an academic pipeline facilitating the success of minority students in this competitive field.

"We are delighted to support Project HOPE in providing an incentive for its students to transfer to a four-year school," says Caroline Bolton, President of College Access Foundation, "a step that vastly improves the success rate of students of color in pursuit of their educational and career goals."

Project HOPE's Transfer Student Scholarship for $5,000 is renewable and designed for transfer students who have already been accepted to a four-year school.

For more information on Project HOPE, contact Aja Abelang, Coordinator of Media Relations for Cerritos College, at aabelang@cerritos.edu.
Cerritos instructor wins Sam Maloof Award

Anthony Fortner recognized for lifetime achievement in the area of woodworking and technology education

By Jennifer Hicks  

Cerritos College faculty member Anthony Fortner received the Sam Maloof Award March 14 at the California Industrial and Technology Education Association Conference in Riverside. Fortner has taught woodworking technology and craftsmanship at Cerritos since 1996. The award was established by Barry Mangan, former president of the California Association for Construction Technology Education, in honor of woodworking icon Sam Maloof. The shape of the award plaque is a replica of a chair seat handcrafted by Maloof. Its purpose is to recognize an individual’s lifetime achievement in the area of woodworking and technology education.

"Tony was my star woodworking student, the best fine woodworker to ever come through my classes."

— Richard Nicholson

“We are proud of our colleagues in education who are always doing their best to stimulate students in our profession,” says Terry Price, chair of the college’s manufacturing department. “It sends a good message to all about our excellent programs we have here at Cerritos College.”

Fortner received the award from lifetime mentor Richard Nicholson, his high school woodworking teacher and a consultant to the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

“I meant so much to me to receive the award from Richard,” says Fortner. “This honor is an amazing testament to the energy and excitement of the woodworking students here at Cerritos College. We teach one real concept in woodworking: confidence. I Can Do It is the spirit of the woodworking community at Cerritos College, and I believe I demonstrated the spirit with this recognition.”

“Tony was my star woodworking student, the best fine woodworker to ever come through my classes, a family man and now a teacher maker,” says Nicholson. “I am proud of his accomplishments, and he’s very deserving of this important award.”

Cerritos College offers classes in furniture making, cabinetmaking and woodturning. Twenty instructors work out of a 27,000 sq. ft. facility. More than 100 stationary and portable woodworking machines are available. The program emphasizes hands-on training and real-world experience; and
USC announces it will no longer offer German major or minor

Critics say disbanding department may affect university's reputation.

By Larry Gordon
Times Staff Writer

USC is eliminating the study of German as a major over the next three years and dismantling the department campus for some basic language courses, officials said. Faculty and students are protesting the move, saying it will harm the university's national reputation for scholarship.

The German department at the Los Angeles campus is relatively small, with three full-time professors, three lecturers, 10 undergraduate majors and 10 minors, said its chairman, Gerhard Clausing. He said the university has starved the department of funds and new hires in recent years and is now making a serious mistake in reducing it further.

Clausing, who has taught at USC for 32 years, said he will retire this summer rather than be assigned to a department where he would feel like an outsider. He predicted USC will be criticized nationally as scholars notice "that this area is missing at USC."

Michael Quick, executive vice dean of USC's College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, described the move as mainly administrative. With the department's small size and the likelihood of faculty retirements, Quick said it could no longer function as a separate entity. Professors will be transferred to other departments, such as linguistics.

Students with a major or minor in German will be allowed to finish their programs, but no new ones will be added. German language classes will be offered "as long as there is demand," and Quick held out the possibility that a major might be reconstituted in the future. A doctoral program in German was cut about a decade ago. "I do think colleges and universities evolve," Quick said. "In some ways departments come and go over time as we think about what a college should do in the 21st century." For example, he said USC is now adding resources to its programs in Asian and Middle Eastern languages and cultures.

Howard Gillman, dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, stressed that the change "does not mean that we don't respect the contributions of German culture and language." He noted that several other languages don't have their own departments, such as Japanese and Chinese, which are in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures.

Jennifer Appleby, a junior majoring in both German and comparative literature, said she was "appalled" by the university's decision.

"I know it's a small department, but having a German department is just standard in a university this large of this caliber," she said, citing German influence on European and American culture.

Thomas Belfrid, chairman of USC's Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, said he was disturbed by the decision to cut the German department and said it would be "a serious loss" if the major is not retained. Doctoral students in his department must be able to read German, and they might lose the courses needed for that as German course offerings shrink, he said.

Enrollment in German language classes at U.S. colleges and universities is less than half its Cold War-era peak. According to a recent study by the Modern Language Assn., German classes grew rapidly in the 1960s to more than 260,000 students by 1970 and then declined to about 94,000 by 2004. Although there was a slight growth in recent years.

In comparison, the number of students studying Japanese has skyrocketed from about 4,300 in 1968 to 63,000 in 2004.

Spanish, the most popular college language, more than doubled over the same period, to 825,000.

German enrollment is up about 3% since 2002, a development that heartens Helene Zimmer-Loew, executive director of the American Assn. of Teachers of German, a New Jersey-based group. She said she's heard of no other major university discontinuing a German department.

"Add all the languages you want, but let's not drop any, particularly any of the important ones like German," she said.

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CAMPUS: Voting shift is a bid to boost turnout in selection of student leaders.

By Kevin Butler
Staff Writer

LONG BEACH — Potentially thousands of mouse clicks next week will determine the winners of the Cal State Long Beach student government election.

For the first time, CSULB students will cast votes online to select the next president, vice president, treasurer and other offices of Associated Students Inc., the student government arm of the campus. The ASI, which previously relied on paper ballots in the annual election for student leaders, sought to move voting online to reduce costs and boost student participation in the races, which have seen low turnout, said ASI communications coordinator Christina Esparza.

Only 1,027 ballots were cast in last year’s election at the 34,000-student campus, she said.

“That’s pretty low, so we are trying to get that back up,” she said. Voting will occur Monday through Thursday.

Paper balloting was not convenient for students who did not live on campus, she said.

“This is a commuter campus, and a lot of students just kind of park, go to class and drive away,” Esparza said.

“And they have little time to stop at these booths to cast their ballots.”

The student government’s Senate in 2006 ordered a feasibility study of online voting.

A review committee of students, information technology professionals and university officials chose BigPulse Opinion Markets to run the election.

Students will get an e-mail confirming that their votes were processed. Esparza said that a cost of $6,000 is being tallied for this election, or about half as much as last year’s paper ballot election.

In addition to choosing their ASI officers, students will elect representatives to supervisory boards such as those overseeing the University Student Union and Forty-Niner Shops Inc.
College subsidies provide a lesson in economics

THOMAS SOWELL

All that is fine for a purely “human interest” story. But making economic policy on the basis of human interest stories—which is what politicians increasingly do, especially in election years—has a big down side for those people who do not happen to be in the categories chosen to write human interest stories about.

The general thrust of human interest stories about people with economic problems, whether they are college students or people faced with mortgage foreclosures, is that the government ought to come to their rescue, presumably because the government has so much money and these individuals have so little.

Like most “deep pockets,” however, the government’s deep pockets come from vast numbers of people with much shallower pockets. In many cases, the average taxpayer has lower income than the people on whom the government lavishes its financial favors.

Costs and capitalism
Costs are not just things for government to help people to pay. Costs are telling us something that is dangerous to ignore.

The inadequacy of resources to produce everything that everyone wants is a fact of life in every economy—capitalist, socialist or feudal. This means that the real cost of anything consists of all the other things that could have been produced with those same resources.

Building a bridge means taking up resources that could have been used building homes or a hospital. Going to college means using up vast amounts of resources that could be used for all sorts of other things.

Prices force people to economize. Subsidizing prices enables people to take more resources away from other uses without having to weigh the real cost.

Without market prices that convey the real costs of resources denied to alternative users, people waste.

That was the basic reason why Soviet industries used more electricity than American industries to produce a smaller output than American industries produced. That is why they need more steel and cement to produce less than Japan or Germany produced when making things that required steel and cement.

When you pay the full cost—that is, the full value of the resources in alternative uses—you tend to economize. When you pay less than that, you tend to waste.

Whether someone goes to college at all, what kind of college and whether they remain on campus to do postgraduate work are all questions about how much of the resources that other people want are to be taken away and used by those on whom we have arbitrarily focused in human interest stories.

Subsidies lead to waste
This is not just a question about nobbling Peter to pay Paul. The whole society’s standard of living is lower when resources are shifted from higher valued uses to lower valued uses and wasted by those who are subsidized or otherwise allowed to pay less.

The fact that the Soviet economic system allowed industries to use resources wastefully meant that the price was paid not in money but in a far lower standard of living for the Soviet people than the available technology and resources were capable of producing.

How many people would go to college if they had to pay the real cost of all the resources taken from other parts of the economy? Probably a lot fewer people.

Moreover, when paying their own money, there would probably not be nearly as many people putting hard cash to study feel-good subjects with rap sessions instead of serious study.

There would probably be fewer people lingering on campus for the social scene or as a refuge from adult responsibilities in the real world.

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Religious protest angers students

By Kevin Butler

LONG BEACH – A group of religious activists carrying signs condemning Jews, Muslims and other faiths stirred a controversy and drew a crowd of students for several hours at Cal State Long Beach on Monday afternoon.

Students protested and engaged the group of Christian demonstrators, two of whom held up large signs warning of God's anger and judgment for groups like gays and lesbians, Jews, Muslims, Mormons and people of other faiths.

None of the religious activists was a student at Cal State Long Beach, and some said they visited every campus across the nation to demonstrate.

At least 75 students at one point gathered in front of the University Bookstores — theatre of the demonstration — to engage the activists.

About 300 students signed a formal complaint to CSULB officials about the demonstration, which they considered disruptive to the campus, said student Brett Benson, 23, senior.

Benson said CSULB has the right to express themselves on campus, but that this group acted disruptively and was persecuting other people by arguing for their inferiority.

He compared their comments with the arguments for intolerance of religious groups used by Nazis.

"That is how it starts," he said. "This is how hate spreads.

Jeremy Sonnier, a demonstrator holding one of the controversial signs, said that he and his like-minded companions still numerous campuses, adding that he had visited CSULB twice before Monday.

Universities offer a good set-up for protesting," added the Sonnier, 32, who said he lives in Louisiana.

Sonnier said that the group did not have a name, but that its members visited campuses together.

Frank Zaccaro, another sign-holding, said that the group had a right to demonstrate on campus.

"I have a right because I am a tax-paying citizen," said Zaccaro, 32, who said he lives in Florida.

Student Brandon Richard- son, 20, a junior, said that the group's controversial messages are counterproductive and would not help win any converts.

"I would consider myself a Christian, but the way they are trying to spread their message is outrageous and against what Christianity is all about," Richardson said.

Colin Tindall, a 20-year-old junior, held a sign of his own that brought a new idea into the mix. His sign read: "I am an atheist and I am proud.

The demonstrators have a right to speak," he said. "But I still have to represent myself in response," he said.

Long Beach student Jack Day is restrained as she challenges religious activists. Jeremy Sonnier, right, during a dispute between activists and a group of CSULB students on campus Monday. Heated exchanges between students and activists lasted into the afternoon.

For more photos of the CSULB protest, go to www.press telegram.com.

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Police arrest 2 in LBCC identity thefts

COURTS: Women allegedly had blank checks and employees' personal data.

By Joe Segura

LONG BEACH — Police forgery-fraud detectives have arrested two women on suspicion of theft of the identities of Long Beach City College employees.

One of the two suspects, Shalisa Tunapopo, 36, was an employee at the campus. LBCC spokesman Dina Zapalski said Tuesday, Tunapopo allegedly also had blank checks in her possession when she was arrested, Zapalski said. The woman was booked for alleged identity theft and possession of the checks, she added.

The second suspect was identified as Michelle A. Hernandez, 27, of Long Beach. She was booked for alleged identity theft and possession of stolen property, namely personal employee information.

Campus officials issued a warning Monday that 26 employees were considered "at risk" of being victims of the personal information theft.

Letters alerted the employees and the director of Risk Services at the campus offered "help and support," according to a college alert issued by Ann-Marie Galles, LBCC vice-president of administrative services.

A spokesman for LBCC was not immediately available for comment.

The suspect allegedly also had access to 764 other employee records, Galles said, but added that there is "no indication that these records were compromised."

However, she said, the district decided to be as "proactive as possible" by notifying employees of the problem. "The LBCC district and the police are continuing to investigate the incident. The college has also set up a hotline, 562-488-7440, to assist and answer questions."

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