FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

In Progress

Lesley Wheeler is working on the spring 2009 *In Sight* publication.

Lesley Wheeler is also working on arranging a faculty interview about the new Portable Event Staging Program for the December taping of the TW cable “Community Challenge.”

Coverage


*Wave*—October 2, 2008—Article on Project HOPE health fair (from press release).


*Los Angeles Times*—October 3, 2008—Article on Re-entry.


*La Opinion*—October 6, 2008—Article on Project HOPE health fair (from press release).

*Wave*—October 9, 2008—Article on Career Expo (from press release).


*Los Cerritos Community News/Norwalk Community News*—October 17, 2008—Article on donation to Cosmetology Department.

Wave—October 23, 2008—Article on Cerritos College psychology students at the APA convention (from press release).

Wave—October 23, 2008—Informational brief about a free concert (from press release).

Herald American—October 23, 2008—Article on donation to Cosmetology Department.

Long Beach Press Telegram—October 23, 2008—Article on college’s accreditation.

Los Cerritos Community News/Norwalk Community News—October 24, 2008—Article on aquatic ground-breaking (from press release).

Whittier Daily News—October 27, 2008—Article on SMCDA management of Northwood University (from press release).


Los Cerritos Community News/Norwalk Community News—October 31, 2008—Article on aquatic ground-breaking (from press release).
Cerritos College Foundation Receives $500K Pledge from Los Angeles Auto Dealers

Donation Supports Cerritos College Center for Transportation Technologies

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 2, 2008

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

GLANCDA Media Contact: Charlie Gill, Executive Director; (323) 309-1101

NORWALK, Calif. – October 2, 2008 - Cerritos College Foundation announced today that it has received a $500,000 pledge from the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association (GLANCDA) to benefit the Cerritos College Center for Transportation Technologies. GLANCDA Board Member Randy Sopp, of Sopp Chevrolet in the city of Bell, presented Cerritos College Board President Bob Arthur with a check on Wednesday, October 1 during the college’s board meeting. The $500,000 pledge covers over five-year period.

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###
Cerritos College Project HOPE to Host Free Health Fair

Health Screenings Provided for the Community on October 5

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 18, 2008

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

Event Contact: Project HOPE; (562) 653-7847

WHAT: Cerritos College Project HOPE (Health Opportunities and Pipeline to Education), in partnership with the Mexican Consulate Binational Health Week, will be hosting free health screenings for the local community on Sunday, October 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Cerritos College Student Center. Approximately 800 individuals are expected to attend the event.

Basic health screenings including bone density, blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol (8 hours of fasting required), dental consultation, eye exams, and mammograms (available for 75 women), will be conducted on site by physicians and other trained health professionals. A blood drive and bone marrow drive, as well as chiropractic services and mental health service referrals, will also be available.

All are welcome to attend this free event. Some tests are available for a limited number of attendees and some tests require pre-registration.

Some of the services provided at the event are offered by To Your Health/A Su Salud, Care More, Secure Horizon, Asmath Noor, D.D.S, Blue Shield of California, Kids Dental Kare, and the Norwalk Lions Club.

Other event sponsors include the Cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Hawaiian Gardens and Norwalk.

WHEN: Sunday, October 5, 2008
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 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 Project HOPE at (562) 653-7847.

COST: Free to attendees. Parking for the event is free in all parking lots, except for handicaps and parking meters.

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.

###
Cerritos College Theatre to Present The Rivals

Comedy of Three Eligible Bachelors Brings British Flair

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 15, 2008

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

WHAT: The Cerritos College Theatre Department is delighted to present The Rivals - an English comedy of manners. Directed by Kevin Hoggard, this hilarious story centers around three outlandishly eligible bachelors and the beautiful, but completely clueless, heiress for whose hand they compete. This comedy is notable in theatre as well as literature for introducing a character, Mrs. Malaprop, most notable for her witlessly inappropriate use of words in an utterly hilarious manner. Audiences will delight in this character’s many blunderings through the English language.

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

WHEN:
Friday, October 10 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 11 at 8 p.m.
Thursday, October 16 at 8 p.m.
Friday, October 17 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 18 at 8 p.m.
Sunday, October 19 at 2 p.m.

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

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COST: General $12, Cerritos College students/faculty/staff, seniors, other college, middle and high
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**COST:** General $12, Cerritos College students/faculty/staff, seniors, other college, middle and high school students (all w/ID) $10, children 5 - 12 yrs $8

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 *The Rivals* and the Cerritos College Theatre Department, please call (562) 467-5058 or visit www.cerritos.edu/theatre.
Group Sales: ext. 2638

###
Cerritos College to Host Career Expo on October 14

Employer Early Registration Ends September 23

For Immediate Release: September 8, 2008

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

Event Contact: Christina The, Career Services; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2367

WHAT: Cerritos College’s annual Career Expo and Job Fair will be held Tuesday, October 14, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Library/Falcon Square sidewalk. The event, which attracts more than 300 attendees each year, is free and open to Cerritos College students and the general public. It is recommended that attendees dress in business attire and bring copies of resumes with them.

During the expo, attendees will have opportunity to talk to recruiters, learn about the companies, explore job opportunities, network with recruiters, and receive suggestions from employers on resumes and interviewing skills. Employers representing business, finance, technology, healthcare, retail and other industries will participate in the expo. Current list of participating employers includes Avon, Childcare Careers, LLC., Compton Unified School District, Disney College Program, Hickory Farms, Home Depot, Kimco Staffing Services, Los Angeles County Probation Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Orange County Sheriff’s Department, SVH Enterprise, Inc. and Weber Metals, Inc.

A resume building workshop will be offered on Tuesday, September 30, 5 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in AT 26; Wednesday, October 1, 11:00 a.m. – noon in AT 11; and again on Monday, October 13, 1-2 p.m. in WD 15. A workshop in successful job fair tips will be offered on Tuesday, October 7, 5-6 p.m. in AT 26, and again on Wednesday, October 8, 11:00 a.m. – noon in AT 11.

Employers who wish to participate in the event may access job fair information at www.cerritos.edu/career-services/job-placement, and click on Employer Job Fair Registration Form, or call Cerritos College’s Job Placement Office for further information at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2366 or by e-mail at job-placement-info@cerritos.edu.

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9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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Wilford Michael Library/Falcon Square sidewalk
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COST: Free to attendees. Parking for the event is free in lot C-10 in white stalls ONLY.

For employers, early registration is $75 per company or organization and includes a lunch ticket. Additional lunch tickets are $10 each. Registration after September 23 is $100. No registration is accepted after September 30.

###
Cerritos College Will Teleconference the Sold-Out Women’s Conference Live on October 22

Public is Welcome to Come Watch a Number of High-Profile Speakers

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 14, 2008

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

NORWALK, Calif. - October 14, 2008 - Cerritos College will be hosting a live, televised version of The Women’s Conference that will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center on October 22.

The Women’s Conference 2008 sold-out in record time this year when the tickets were released to the public in July, but the local community is invited to Cerritos College to watch the high-profile event that includes speakers, such as Maria Shriver, Condoleezza Rice, Jennifer Lopez and Chris Matthews of MSNBC’s Hardball just to name a few. For a complete list of speakers please visit http://www.californiawomen.org/speakers.

Two of the many topics that will be discussed at this years Conference are: “It’s Your Voice: How You Can Use It to Change the World” and “Life’s Biggest Hurdles: How to Overcome the Unimaginable”.

According to The Women’s Conference website, this “event is the largest and most dynamic gathering of women in the nation. Recognized for its unparalleled capacity to empower and inspire women to become architects of change, the annual conference unites more than sixty internationally-acclaimed leaders and visionaries with 14,000 women in one arena, plus thousands more virtually, to share enriching stories of transformation and success, words of encouragement and life lessons.”

WHEN: Wednesday, October 22, 2008
This is an all-day event that runs from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Please
check [http://www.californiawomen.org/agenda](http://www.californiawomen.org/agenda) for a more detailed list of times that specific topics will be discussed and when specific guests will speak.

**WHERE:** Cerritos College  
Teleconference Center  
11110 Alondra Blvd  
Norwalk, CA 90650

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**COST:** Free and open to the public

**PARKING:** One-day parking passes may be purchased for $1 in parking lots C-1, C-2 and C-10.

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###
Cerritos College Receives Recognition at American Psychological Association Convention

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 15, 2008

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

NORWALK, Calif. – September 15, 2008 – This past August four lucky Cerritos College students were given the opportunity to travel to Boston to attend the American Psychological Association’s national convention. The students were accompanied by two Cerritos College psychology professors, Dr. Kimberley Duff and Dr. Todd Gaffney.

Both Duff and Gaffney have been going to the APA conventions with students for over 10 years, but this year’s conference was different than any of the others. Two Cerritos College students received honorable mentions for their research and the Cerritos College chapter of Psi Beta, the national honors society for psychology, was unanimously awarded a Special Recognition Award recognizing them as an outstanding chapter over the years.

“This was an exciting year for us,” said Duff. “We were being recognized for several outstanding accomplishments.”

Danny Snipes and Sarah Capic received honorable mentions at the convention for research they conducted while in Dr. Duff’s spring 2008 Research Methods course. They had entered their research in a nationwide competition sponsored by the publishing company Allyn & Bacon.

Snipes’ researched the effects of audible stress on time perception and measured how people perceive
time to pass while hearing a stressful sound.

Capic researched perceptions people have in regards to accents. She had “mock jurors” listen to two different recordings of men with different foreign accents and then had the jurors determine the guilt or innocence of the men.

The Cerritos College chapter of Psi Beta was a charter member of the society and dates back to 1980. This year, the National Council of the society honored the chapter with a special award in response to the numerous academic accomplishments and scholarly acts of Cerritos College students, along with hours of volunteer work and community service they have put in. Students dedicate their time volunteering at places such as the Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk and local shelters.

The four students that went to the conference, Mayra Gutierrez, Mario Torres, Danny Snipes and James Sarabia, all hold officer positions in the Psychology Club on campus. They have shown their dedication to both psychology and their academics.

The experience of attending the conference reinforced Sarabia’s career choice.

“I actually envisioned myself at the convention not as a student, but as a future psychologist with the intent of presenting research one day,” he said.

“Being around intelligent people gives me a drive,” said Torres about how he was impacted by the conference.

Although the main purpose of the trip was to attend the national convention, it was not the only great experience for the students. Some of them had never been on a plane or out of California before. During their spare time in Boston they visited some of the many sights the city has to offer, such as the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and multiple historical sights. The trip not only helped the students expand their views of psychology, but the world as well.

If students are interested in finding out more about the Psychology Club, please contact Dr. Kimberley Duff at kduff@cerritos.edu or Dr. Todd Gaffaney at tgaffaney@cerritos.edu or come to our weekly meetings that take place every Tuesday 11-12pm in SS215. For more information about the Psychology Department, see our website at www.cerritos.edu/psychology.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 20, 2008

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

NORWALK, Calif. - October 20, 2008 - Cerritos College officials, Board of Trustees and community members attended a groundbreaking for the new Aquatic Center on Wednesday, October 15. Dignitaries in attendance included Former President/Superintendent Dr. Wilford Michael and wife, Jean; Jim Edwards, Mayor of Cerritos; Celia Spitzer, ABC Unified School District Board Member; Sue Arthur, President of Norwalk Chamber of Commerce; and Vivian Hansen, Executive Director of Norwalk Chamber of Commerce. The new $7 million Aquatic Center will be funded by the G.O. bond and will consist of a 115-by-75-foot competition pool, a 45-by-75-foot adaptive pool and a 3,400 square feet pool house building.

###
Northwood University at Cerritos College to be Managed by SMCDA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 16, 2008

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

NORWALK, Calif. - October 16, 2008 - After being launched at Cerritos College two years ago, the Northwood University west coast program at Cerritos College has grown to the level where more staff is needed to manage the program.

SMCDA will manage the Northwood University program at Cerritos College. Phones will be operated full time from the SMCDA offices and afternoon office hours on campus will be held for the program's students. This is perfect fit since the SMCDA is so involved with education at Cerritos College.

"(The former Program Center Manager) Javier Garza has done a great job getting the program off the ground and establishing it as one of the only four-year universities operating wholly on a community college campus," said Todd Leutheuser, who will oversee the program while still managing the Southern Motor Car Dealers Association (SMCDA).

The Northwood program is gaining steady popularity among students for its "3-plus-1" structure: The first three years of the four-year degree offered by Northwood University costs students only $20 per unit, since the program consists of transferable classes at Cerritos College. The final year of the degree is offered at Northwood’s tuition rate but still takes place at Cerritos College’s campus.

The first Northwood University class at Cerritos College graduated in June, and nearly 50 students are currently enrolled. The first group of students taking automotive courses for their bachelor’s degree in automotive marketing and management are now starting their fourth year of study and hope to complete their degree by the time the Automotive Training Center is completed.

Northwood University is based in Midland, Michigan and has campuses in Florida and Texas and partners with Cerritos College to offer the Bachelor’s in Business Administration degree. Qualified students can attend Cerritos College for three years and then take their fourth year of courses with Northwood University at Cerritos College and earn a bachelor’s degree. This is a unique partnership among the community colleges in California.

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Cerritos College Foundation Receives Donations for Automotive Partners Building

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 22, 2008

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NORWALK, Calif. - October 22, 2008 - The Cerritos College Foundation received two separate donations last week, totaling $2500, for the Cerritos College Center for Transportation Technologies.

Steve Richardson, executive director of the Cerritos College Foundation was presented with a check for $1000 from James Willingham, CEO of Boulevard Buick/Pontiac/GMC in Long Beach on Friday, October 17.

As well as being the CEO of Boulevard and former president of the National Automotive Dealers Association (NADA), Willingham is an Ambassador for the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation (NADCF).

The NADCF gives a gift of at least $1000 in the name of the ambassadors every three years to an organization of the ambassador’s choice. Willingham chose the Cerritos College Foundation to be the recipient of his gift, which totaled $1500.

"We are fortunate to have an organization such as the National Auto Dealers Charitable Foundation that can support worthwhile endeavors, like the Cerritos College Center for Transportation Technologies,” said Willingham. "Helping this project get off the ground will ensure future technicians will have the tools necessary to diagnose and repair the cars of tomorrow."

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###
Cerritos College Plans Events for International Education Week

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 15, 2008

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

WHAT: As part of state-wide initiative to promote international education, Cerritos College is celebrating “International Education Week” November 3-6. Events during the week include presentation on Global Initiatives, workshops on study abroad opportunities and immigration issues, international business panel and International Cultural Night.

The event schedule is as follows:

Monday, November 3

Keynote speaker Dr. Douglas Treadway on Global Initiatives at Cerritos College.

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Location: Student Center Stage

Dr. Treadway is President of the Community College Leadership Development Initiatives Foundation and visiting professor at the University of San Diego School of Leadership and Education Sciences. Dr. Treadway will share his global vision on international education and how the Cerritos College campus can cultivate a global perspective.

Tuesday, November 4

Study Abroad Opportunity Seminar

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Location: Student Center Stage

Discover the importance of study abroad initiatives and how to effectively internationalize the curriculum.

Wednesday, November 5

International Business Panel
11 a.m.  
Location: LC 155

“The Importance of Global Initiatives for Business Education at Cerritos College” – the panel features experts of international business.  
Moderator: Dr. John Haas

Immigration Workshop

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Location: S 201

Nadadur Kumar, an immigration attorney, will explore issues surrounding F-1 visa status, H-1 visa, permanent resident, citizenship application, employment and much more.

Thursday, November 6

International Culture Night

6 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Location: Student Center

Features international cuisine, arts and crafts, and live performances highlighting Aztec, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Jazz and Polish.

WHERE: Cerritos College  
11110 Alondra Blvd  
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CONTACT: For more information, please contact Danita Kurtz at ext.2151 or dkurtz@cerritos.edu.

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School receives funding pledge

EDUCATION: Car dealers have promised $500,000 for Cerritos College auto program.

By Kevin Butler
Long Beach Press Telegram
October 2, 2008

Cerritos College "just seemed to have an outstanding program," he said. "It's kind of the gold standard of automotive technology education in the area."

Gill said that automotive career education programs are important because dealerships in the future may face a shortage of qualified high-level technicians who can properly diagnose and repair auto problems.

Nearly 1,000 Cerritos College students annually seek certificate degrees and special programs in fields such as automotive repair, advanced transportation technologies, auto collision repair and alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles.

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Medical students offer health fair

Wave Staff Report

NORWALK — Cerritos College Project HOPE (Health Opportunities and Pipeline to Education), in partnership with the Mexican Consulate Bi-national Health Week, will host free health screenings for the community from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday in the Cerritos College Student Center, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

About 800 individuals are expected to attend the event, said Aya Abelon, the college’s media relations coordinator.

Basic health screenings including bone density, blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol (eight hours of fasting required), dental consultation, eye exams, and mammograms for 75 women will be conducted on site by physicians and other trained health professionals.

A blood drive and bone marrow drive, as well as chiropractic services and mental health service referrals, will also be available, Abelon said.

Some of the services provided at the event are offered by To Your Health/A Su Salud, CareMore, Secure.Horizon, Dr. Asmath Noor, Blue Shield of California, Kids Dental Kare and the Norwalk Lions Club.

Other event sponsors include the cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Hawaiian Gardens and Norwalk.

Parking for the event is free in all parking lots, except for handicapped spaces and parking meters.

Information: (562) 653-7847.
Cerritos College Accepts $500,000 Donation

by Shelley Henderson

Bob Arthur, President of the Board of Trustees of Cerritos Community College, proudly represented the College in accepting a $500,000 donation from representatives of the Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association (GLANCDA) at the October 1, 2008, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Charlie Gill, Executive Director of GLANCDA, explained that the organization goes beyond support of its dealer members by searching out organizations within its community to help. “Cerritos College and its automotive training program stand out,” Mr. Gill said. “The College is a regional leader in automotive technical training.”

The money will be used towards the cost of constructing a new building to support the instruction of students in new automotive technology related to hybrid, diesel and electric cars.

John H. Hawkins, President of Great Metro Autogroup and one of the GLANCDA representatives, stressed the timeliness of the donation. “It’s an exciting time to be in the automotive field,” Mr. Hawkins said. “Because of the changes coming with hybrids, diesel and electric vehicles, training and retraining technicians is more important than ever. We are excited to help Cerritos College build a new facility to keep their students up-to-date with the latest automotive technology.”

GLANCDA is comprised of 250 individuals, partnerships and corporations that own and operate franchised car dealerships. In addition to its professional, educational and philanthropic efforts, GLANCDA sponsors an annual auto tech competition in cooperation with the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association and Cerritos College. More information about GLANCDA and the competition is available at the association website, www.GLANCDA.org.
The Doors to Re-entry

Southland schools offer myriad programs for older students heading back to the classroom

On the verge of a divorce, Stephanie George knew she should go back to college, but after being a stay-at-home mom for 12 years, she was terrified.

“It took me two months to gather my wits about me just to drive onto [the Cal State Fullerton] campus to pick up an application,” said the Villa Park woman.

She originally dropped out of college after two years when a part-time job at a political research firm led to full-time employment. She stayed at that company for seven years until she resigned to raise her three children, including one who is autistic.

When she decided to go back to school, the academic task ahead seemed overwhelming. “I hadn’t written anything of note in nearly 10 years, save for grocery lists or letters to dear friends,” she said.

To boost her confidence, George turned to Fullerton’s Adult Reentry Center. There, an advisor helped her with the practical aspects of returning to school, such as putting together a successful application and obtaining financial aid. The center’s advisor also helped her address her “feelings of self-doubt, uncertainty and apprehensiveness.”

“I was assured that I wasn’t unusual, that I could do this and [that] there was a support network on which I could depend,” she said. “Surprisingly after that short meeting, I felt more confident…[I thought] maybe I could actually pull this off.”

It’s not uncommon for nontraditional students — adults who might have been out of the academic world for five 10 or more years — to be nervous about returning to school. This is often the case whether they dropped out before they earned a degree or they are returning to get an advanced degree or change careers. Cal State Fullerton, Cerritos College and the University of Redlands are among schools that offer special services to ease the transition back into the academic world.

Some returning students just need a comforting hand to guide them in applying, and schools such as Cerritos College offer personalized one-on-one sessions to navigate the process.

“They may have driven by the college numerous times and the day they stop in our office is the day they finally decide to take that leap into college,” said Terrie Lopez, director of career and assessment services at Cerritos College. “All it takes is someone to welcome them back… and guide them.”

Common reasons for originally dropping out include lack of finances and changes in work status or family obligations, she said. Also, there are those who just didn’t succeed academically the first go-round.

Lopez stressed the importance of examining what hindered the student’s success. “Revisiting the past can help identify areas needing special
attention so that the student can seek out resources early on," she said. "Talking over strategies for success is another key service we provide."

Cathy VanRiette, the coordinator for Cal State Fullerton's Adult Reentry Center, also counsels aspiring return students. If the candidate was previously having academic troubles, she'll map out steps to help him or her get back on track.

Within 45 to 90 minutes, "they can learn how they can improve their application," VanRiette said. "They usually leave with a Plan A, B and C."

Re-entry students may fear that "those young students are going to run circles around them," VanRiette said. In actuality, she said re-entry students are often among the best students. "They are here because they want to be. They are very motivated. They have life experiences that they can contribute in class."

Age was a concern for Diana Oliva when she returned to Cerritos College in January, 2007 at age 37. "I felt like I would be [cartoon character] Baby Huey surrounded by a bunch of little chicks," joked the mother of two who had dropped out the first time due to child-care issues.

Oliva has since earned her associate degree in general business and is now working on her B.A. transfer program. She said that David Young of the college's Career Center helped her persevere. "He constantly pointed out my talents and skills," she said. "He would constantly encourage me to pursue my career goals regardless of my age. He always encourages re-entry students to pursue their goals and dreams."

Cal State Fullerton's Adult Reentry Center also offers "Student Success" workshops, covering such topics as exam and study skills, stress management, time management and research skills. Business students at the University of Redlands receive extra help in the form of free executive coaching during their first year, said Stacey Neeley, assistant director of enrollment and operations.

The university is located in the city of Redlands, but business programs are available at several regional campuses, including in Burbank, Torrance, Costa Mesa, Riverside and Rancho Cucamonga.

The students, who typically range from age 24 to 55, "are busy adults constantly balancing priorities like family, career and finances, among other things," Neeley said. "Adding academics to that mix [can] feel like a huge weight. Executive coaching assists students in managing their commitments and achieving their goals both in and out of the classroom."

For some re-entry students, the key to success is the opportunity to meet with other nontraditional students. Cerritos College provides a support group for returning students, facilitated by the school's re-entry resource specialist. The sessions offer "an opportunity for re-entry students to meet and share their stories, successes, challenges and concerns," said Lopez. "Students are encouraged to talk about what is going on with them so that others are experiencing the same issues, they might be willing to discuss how they overcame them."

VanRiette facilitates a similar weekly support group for re-entry students at the Fuller museum.

For many older students, a return to college is a life-altering experience. "Returning to school and the workforce — gave me a second life," said George, who has established an annual award given to the outstanding re-entry graduating senior in American studies. The American studies faculty chooses the recipient, who must have been out of school for at least 10 years before returning.

As George explains, "In my mind, it's a small gesture that says, 'Congratulations on going back to school. I knew you could do it!'"
Cerritos College students ready to stage ‘Rivals’

NORWALK — The Cerritos College theatre department will hold performances of “The Rivals,” an English comedy of manners, over the next two weeks on campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

Directed by Kevin Hoggard, the story focuses on three outlandishly eligible bachelors and the beautiful but clueless heiress for whose hand they compete. The performances are at 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Oct. 16, 17, and 18. A 2 p.m. matinee will also take place Oct. 19.

All performances will be held at the Burnight Center Theatre at the college. A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide.

Cost is $12 per person, $10 for middle school, high school and college students with ID, Cerritos faculty and staff, and seniors, and $8 for children 5 to 12 years of age. Tickets may be purchased online by credit card at www.cerritos.edu/theatre, or in person by cash or check only at the theatre office in front of Burnight Center, between 1 and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For information, call (562) 467-5058.
Tratamiento de salud gratis para los inmigrantes

Carlos Ayllón

La pequeña Viridiana, de 6 años, salió ayer con varios globos de colores, un cepillo de dientes, una anguila seguramente robada por sus dichos escurrir y sus laterales fuertes. Ella llegó a su móvil participando en uno de los clubes de cuidado de la salud del Consulado de México en Los Ángeles, un esfuerzo que arrasó con algunas actividades en la semana pasada, y que busca llegar a servicios médicos a miles de inmigrantes radicados en Estados Unidos y Canadá.

Exámenes gratis del nivel de colesterol, de la glucosa, de los niveles de colesterol bajo los voluntarios de Project Hope quienes donan los efectos de los exámenes de pasaporte para los servicios.

“Esto es muy beneficioso y útil para aquellos que no tienen seguro médico”, expresó Martí o a la salud de los inmigrantes. “El tratamiento es muy conveniente, un examen de dientes consta de un dólar: hasta 300 dólares”, añadó el exámenes de pasaporte.

La Semana Etnológica de salud es un esfuerzo entre varios sectores, como la organización de la Semana de la Salud de la Organización de los Estados Americanos (OEA), las instituciones de la Ciudad de México, el Consulado de México en Los Ángeles, y Escuela de la Universidad de los Estados Unidos.

El día 6 de este mes, tendrán lugar también las campañas de detección de enfermedades, que son: "Primavera de la Salud", "Primavera de la Salud" y "Primavera de la Salud".

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Cerritos College plans Career Expo Tuesday

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NORWALK — Cerritos College will conduct its annual Career Expo and Job Fair from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday on the Library/Falcon Square sidewalk on the campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

The event, which attracts more than 300 businesses each year, is free and open to Cerritos College students and the general public, said Aya Abelon, public affairs coordinator.

Parking for the event is free in lot C-10 in white stalls only.

Those attending the expo in search of jobs are urged to dress in business attire and bring copies of their resumes with them, Abelon said.

They will have opportunity to talk to recruiters, learn about the companies, explore job opportunities, network with recruiters and receive suggestions from employers on resumes and interviewing skills.

Employers representing business, finance, technology, health care, retail and other industries will participate in the expo, Abelon said.

Information: (562) 860-2451, ext. 2366.

The Rivals.” Richard Brinsley Sheridan’s 18th-century English comedy of manners about three bachelors competing for an heiress. Opens 8 tonight; 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Oct. 19; through Oct. 19. Burnight Center Theatre, Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. $12; $10 seniors, students; $8 ages 5-12. (562) 467-5058.
Norwalk Council Seeks Relief From School Deputy Payment
By Andrew Perry

The Norwalk City Council voted at its Oct. 7 to ask Norwalk-La Mirada School District to pick up the tab for a school deputy who was previously funded jointly by the school district and the City of Norwalk.

The Council reasoned in light of the City’s own budget cuts, it would be best to ask the school district first, before the City agrees to pay for the 50 percent this fiscal year. “We can’t afford to keep spending money like it’s no problem,” explained Councilmember Jesse Luera.

Councilmember Rick Ramirez asked what exactly does the deputy do. Public Safety Director Carlos Ramos said the deputy, called a School Resource Deputy, administers a rapport with school administration and students and works with graffiti abatement teams.”

Mayor Mike Mendez said, “When it comes to our schools, public safety should be our (the City’s) number one concern.” He indicated he would be interested in the City to continue funding the deputy if the school district declines the offer. “First we’ll ask the Norwalk-La Mirada School District, but no matter what, we need a deputy out there.”

The Council also talked about funding the Arturo Sanchez Halloween Parade that historically takes place in southern Norwalk. The council voted to amend the previous budget to include an additional $5,800 for the parade, which it will vote on at the next council meeting.

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“Residents in the south sometimes feel disconnected from the center of the city, and this type of event is good for our southern community,” said Mayor Mendez. In the past, the City devoted

by Parks & Recreation Director Toni Tucker, said the City had to eliminate “paid entries” and minimize equipment rentals, sheriff presence, and City staff.

Tucker asked for the additional $5,800 to cover personnel costs.

Earlier in the meeting, Vice Mayor Cheri Kelley was pleased to announce

The Norwalk City Council presents Cerritos College Department of Cosmetology with a check for $1,000 after a successful “hair drive” when participants donated hair for cancer patients.

$70,000 toward the parade. However, due to the state’s budget and the current national and international crisis, the City opted to budget $25,000 toward the parade.

According to the staff report, the budget reduction forced parade planners to alter how the event would be conducted. The staff report, prepared the success of the “hair drive” put on by the Cerritos College Cosmetology Department, and council awarded the department a $1,000 check.

Participants in the hair drive donated hair so cancer patients who have undergone chemotherapy or radiation can have wigs made from human hair. “It was absolutely fabulous,” said Kelley.
Women’s Conference to be hosted by Cerritos College

NORWALK — Cerritos College will host an all-day live, televised version of The Women’s Conference that takes place Wednesday at the Long Beach Convention Center.

The conference sold out in record time this year when tickets were released to the public in July.

But those without tickets can still watch the high-profile event, featuring California’s first lady Maria Shriver, and U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, for free at the Teleconference Center at Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

The event runs from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; a detailed list of speakers, times and topics can be found at www.californiawomen.org/agenda.

For information, call (562) 860-2451.
Psychology students honored at convention

NORWALK — Four Cerritos College students were among those attending the American Psychological Association’s national convention in Boston recently.

They were Mayra Gutierrez, Mario Torres, Danny Snipes and James Sarabia, all holding officer positions in the Psychology Club on campus.

The students were accompanied by two Cerritos College psychology professors, Kimberley Duff and Todd Gaffaney.

Snipes and Capic received honorable mentions for research while in Duff’s spring 2008 Research Methods course. They had entered their research in a nationwide competition sponsored by the publishing company Allyn & Bacon.

Snipes researched the effects of audible stress on time perception and measured how people perceive time to pass while hearing a stressful sound.

Capic researched perceptions people have in regards to accents.

The National Council of the society honored the Cerritos chapter with a special award in response to the numerous academic accomplishments and scholarly acts of Cerritos College students, along with hours of volunteer work and community service.

Students dedicated their time volunteering at places such as the Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk and local shelters.

“I actually envisioned myself at the convention not as a student, but as a future psychologist with the intent of presenting research one day,” Snipes said.

“Being around intelligent people gave me a drive,” said Torres about how he was impacted by the conference.
Cosmetology contribution

Norwalk Mayor Mike Mendez, center, presents a check for $1,000 to Pat Novinski, left, chair of the Cosmetology Department at Cerritos College, for her department in thanks for the cosmetology students who donated their time Sept. 13 to cut and style hair for the Locks of Love program during the city’s Mexican Independence Day program. Some 140 area residents donated hair to be made into wigs for cancer patients. Carmen Javier, right, Miss Sept. 16 in 2007, led the effort. From left in back are council members Rick Ramirez, Gordon Stefenhagen and Jesse Luera and Vice Mayor Cheri Kelley.
Cerritos College starts shape-up

REFORM: School in Norwalk has made changes after warning from accreditation commission on communication, other issues.

By Kevin Butler
Staff Writer

LONG BEACH — Cerritos College has made several reforms this year after it was sanctioned by an accreditation body for failing to meet certain educational standards, according to its acting president.

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges issued a warning to Cerritos College in June after a team of evaluators found problems with the school’s leadership, internal communications and other areas.

Cerritos College, located in Norwalk, remains an accredited institution. But the college must address certain concerns by March 1 and resolve all problems by June 2010 or risk further sanctions.

If Cerritos College continues to fail to meet commission standards, it could be placed on probation and, ultimately, see its accreditation revoked.

A warning is the “lightest sanction that you can get” from the accrediting body, said William C. Farmer, the college’s acting president and superintendent.

The college is addressing the commission’s recommendations, which deal mostly with “administrative matters that don’t directly impact students,” he said.

“None of these recommendations has to do with student learning,” he added.

Farmer said that he does not expect that the college will lose its accreditation.

“Cerritos College has been around for a long time,” he said.

The nonprofit commission is responsible for accrediting community colleges.

Accreditation represents a widely recognized seal of approval.

In addition, colleges need to be accredited to offer federal financial aid.

And without accreditation, Cerritos College students would be unable to transfer their course credits to four-year institutions.

According to the commission, the college must show by March 1 that it has:

■ Improved communication among faculty, staff, students and other parts of the campus community.
■ Ensured that those same campus groups are actively involved in college decision-making.
■ Reviewed the effectiveness of areas of the college’s operations unrelated to student instruction.

Among the remaining concerns that must be resolved by June 2010 include revising the college’s mission statement, improving human resources policies and other areas.

Farmer said that the school has made several changes this year.

To improve communication, Farmer is issuing periodic letters to the campus community with updates on college affairs.

The college also is reviewing the parts of the its operations that are unrelated to student learning — such as financial aid and research offices — to ensure they are as effective as possible, he said.

The reviews, required by the commission, should be finished by the end of the fall semester, he added.
Groundbreaking Ceremonies Held for New Cerritos College Aquatic Center

by Jerry Bernstein

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Oct. 15 for the new Cerritos College Aquatic Center. Participating in the ceremony were (l-r) Cerritos Mayor Jim Edwards, ABC Board Member Celia Spitzar, and Board of Trustees Tim Jackson, Bob Hughlett, Trustee President Bob Arthur, Ted Edmiston, Bob Eggple, Student Trustee Jason Macias, and Norwalk Chamber President Sue Arthur.

Groundbreaking ceremonies at the Cerritos College Aquatic Center were held Oct. 15. Interim President Bill Farmer said the pool would be divided into two parts: a competition pool that will be 115 ft by 75 ft. The second section will be an adaptive pool that will 45 ft by 75 ft, with an alcove 25 by 5 yards. Cost of the complex is approximately $7 million.

The adaptive pool will enable those in wheelchairs to be lifted over the water and then lowered into it. The pool will be kept at a different temperature from the competitive pool where activities will include competitive swimming, water polo and competition diving.

Farmer said the new facility will replace the existing one which is aging, badly leaking and in generally poor condition. He said the cost of maintaining it is excessive.

The new pool will be concrete masonry with a fresh coat of cement plastic. The first aid area will have visibility for control of the entrance to the pool area and will have visibility of the pool deck for safety and coordination. The first aid area will be the only section of the Aquatic Center with air conditioning. Other areas will have

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Cerritos College Foundation Receives Donations for Automotive Partners Building

The Cerritos College Foundation received two separate donations last week, totaling $2500, for the Cerritos College Center for Transportation Technologies.

Steve Richardson, executive director of the Cerritos College Foundation was presented with a check for $1000 from James Willingham, CEO of Boulevard Buick/Pontiac/GMC in Long Beach on Friday, October 17. As well as being the CEO of Boulevard and former president of the National Automotive Dealers Association (NADA), Willingham is an active supporter of Cerritos College's Transportation Technology Center. He accepted the donation from Cerritos College Foundation President, Karl Priebe.

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The college and its partners, with support of the Cerritos College Foundation, has launched a $4.8 million capital campaign for private support to help augment local bond funds provided for the $15 million expansion of the center. The proposed training center will include a $9 million renovation of the existing three-acre...
auto complex and a new $6 million automotive partners building that will focus on management education for the auto industry. When completed in 2009, the center will play a large role in filling the ever-changing, highly skilled employment needs of the auto industry.

Cerritos College has offered automotive technology training since the college began in 1955. Nearly 1,000 students annually seek certificate degrees and special programs in the disciplines of automotive repair, advanced transportation technologies, auto collision repair, intelligent transportation systems and alternative fuel and hybrids, making it one of the most comprehensive programs in the United States. As one of ten state Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy Initiative Centers, the Cerritos College Automotive Technology Program continues to be recognized as regional and state leaders by being awarded $1.2 million in program grants this year to support and expand technician education and training.

Cerritos College’s Auto Technology Program provides students with hands-on, nationally authorized training for GM, Ford, Chrysler and import vehicles, and operates a California Advanced Transportation Technology Center partially subsidized by the state to encourage development of alternative fuel sources.

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/fndn.
Cerritos affiliates with bachelor’s degree program

NORWALK — Cerritos College officials say the Southern Motor Car Dealers Association now will oversee its four-year bachelor’s degree program with Michigan-based Northwood University.

Students who qualify for this program can attend Cerritos College for three years at $20 per unit. Then, in their fourth and final year, they take classes at Cerritos College but at Northwood’s tuition rate in order to earn their four-year degree.

The first Northwood University class at Cerritos College graduated in June, and nearly 50 students currently are enrolled.

The first group of students taking automotive courses for their bachelor’s degree in automotive marketing and management are now starting their fourth year of study, officials said.

SMCDA will manage the Northwood University program. Phones will be operated full time from the SMCDA offices and afternoon office hours on campus will be held for the program’s students.

Northwood University also has campuses in Florida and Texas.

For more information, visit www.cerritos.edu or call (562) 860-2451.
College sets Education Week programs

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NORWALK — As part of a statewide initiative to promote international education, Cerritos College is celebrating International Education Week with a series of events Monday through Nov. 6.

All programs are free and open to the public.

Among the scheduled events are:

- Monday: 11 a.m. to noon, Douglas Treadway speaks on global initiatives on the Student Center Stage at the Norwalk campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd. Treadway is president of Ohlone College in Newark, Calif., and is president of the Community College Leadership Development Initiatives Foundation.
- Tuesday: A study abroad opportunity seminar from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Student Center stage.
- Wednesday: An international business panel is featured at 11 a.m. at the Library Conference Center, Room 155. John Haas moderates a discussion on “The Importance of Global Initiatives for Business Education at Cerritos College.”
- Also Wednesday: an immigration workshop from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Science Building, Room 201.
- Nov. 6: International Culture Night, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Student Center, featuring international cuisine, arts and crafts and live performances.

Information: Danita Kurtz at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2151.
Members in the News

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Got water? The students of Cerritos College are looking forward to the completion of the new Aquatic Center on campus. At a cost of $7 million, the new complex is made possible by the passage of a General Obligation Bond by the community. The new center is slated to open in the spring of 2009.

College Interim President Bill Farmer and Board President Bob Arthur welcomed invited guests to the groundbreaking ceremony on October 15, 2008. The completed competition pool will be an impressive 115 x 75 feet with an adaptive pool section of 45 x 75 feet for students in wheelchairs to be lifted over the water and then lowered into it. The new Aquatic Center is one of many projects on campus financed by the support of the community. Chamber President Susan Arthur congratulated the Board of Trustees on their latest project.