

## THIS WEEK

### 22 • Monday

- » "The Creative Spirit in Portraits" opens in the Photography Gallery (through May 25)
- » "Ambrotypes" opens in the Library Gallery (through May 25)

### 23 • Tuesday

- » NOCCCD Board of Trustees, DEC, 5:30 p.m.

### 25 • Thursday

- » "El Toro Documentary Project" opens in the Floating Wall Gallery (through May 25)
- » Blood Drive, TE2-110, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- » Academic Senate, WCR, 3 p.m.

### 25-27 • Thursday-Saturday

- » "One Act Plays," Studio Theater, 8 p.m. (Additional performances May 2-4)

### Ongoing

- » "Odd Drawings," Fine Arts Gallery (through April 24)

## “THEY SAID IT”

**“There is a crack in everything.  
That’s how the light gets in.”**

— Leonard Cohen

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## Forensics Team Among Nation’s Best

### ► Rankings, similar to college football polls, place Cypress Team in the top 10.

Cypress College’s Forensics Team finished the competitive season seventh in the nation among community colleges and number 34 among all 300 participating college and university teams.

The rankings are tracked by the National Parliamentary Debate Association.

Four Cypress College students participated in the NPDA’s National Championship event.

They earned a fourth place finish in the “Community College Division Tournament Sweepstakes” category at the competition based on their overall performance at the tournament, which was held in Denver late last month.

The four students are Damien Ibarra, Cori Johnson, Christian Navarro and Vanessa Welter.

Johnson and Navarro received bronze awards in Parliamentary debate while competing at the California Community College Forensics Association state championships — which were held earlier in March in Concord, CA. At that event, Navarro also was awarded a silver medal in the “Extemporaneous Speaking” category.

Earlier this month, Navarro became one of a select few community college students to compete in the American Forensics

Association’s National Individual Events Tournament.

“The AFA-NIET is a very prestigious tournament with very rigorous qualifying procedures,” said Liana Koepfel, director of the Cypress College Forensics program. “Qualification alone is an important accomplishment. We are one of the few community colleges to participate in this event.”

The award-winning speeches will be presented on campus on May 13 (see accompanying information box).

### Fourth Annual: “A Night with Forensics”

Cypress College competitive Speech and Debate students will deliver their award-winning speeches from recent state and national competitions.

When: Monday, May 13  
Time: 7 –9 p.m.  
Where: Library 216

## Service Learning Seeks Volunteers to Work at OC Food Bank

In celebration of 35 years as part of the North Orange County community the Service Learning Program wants to show Cypress College’s support through an outreach effort at the Orange County Community Development Council. April is national and global service month and in response to this call, the President’s Advisory Cabinet (PAC) and the Service Learning Center are sponsoring and coordinating opportunities to volunteer time at the Orange County Food Bank.

The Orange County Food Bank distributes 16 million pounds of food annually. In addition to the 24,000 people that the Food Bank serves directly each month, it provides food and personal care items to 287 non-profit service organizations serving the homeless, disabled persons, seniors on fixed incomes, the unemployed and the working poor.

Cypress College employees and students can help by donating time. Vans will be departing daily during the week of April 22-25 for 3-hour shifts.

Non-perishable food and personal-care items are being collected in FA-102. Items needed include canned fruits, canned meat, canned vegetables, dry foods (beans, rice, pasta, cereal and pancake mix), peanut butter, snacks and drinks.

Contact Kathryn Sonne or DeAnn Reyes in the Service Learning Center for more information or to schedule a time to volunteer. They can be reached at ext. 47129.

### Dates and Times to Help

Monday, April 22.....9 am – 12pm  
Tuesday, April 23 .....12 pm - 3 pm  
Wednesday, April 24.....12 pm - 3 pm  
Thursday, April 25.....9am - 12 pm

## CHARGERS

Congratulations to **Lydia Ledesma-Reese**, the newly appointed president of Oxnard College. Lydia is also a Cypress College alumna.

According to the Los Angeles Times, she impressed those attending a forum as part of her hiring process "when she described her background as a young mother of two who entered Cypress College...at age 26 and spent five years earning her associate's degree." Lydia earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Cal State Fullerton and a doctorate from Pepperdine University. She spent eight years as an administrator at UC Irvine, was a dean at Cerritos College and De Anza College, served as vice president of instruction and assistant superintendent at Hartnell College in Salinas and most recently has been president of Skagit Valley College in Washington.



**Beth Piburn**, who teaches the art of nursing here at Cypress College, has been named an Honored Citizen by the Los Alamitos Museum — an award given for volunteerism. Beth volunteers at the Los Alamitos Medical Center. She has also been a Sunday-school teacher, was a baseball "team mother" and worked with the PTA.

## OPENINGS

The District doesn't list any job openings this week. For up-to-date information on available positions in the District, visit the NOCCCD Web site at <http://www.nocccd.ca.us/employ.htm>

## Associated Students Blood Drive on Thursday

The Associated Students are sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive.

It will be held on Thursday, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., in TE2-110. The location has changed since information was first distributed.

Appointment times still are available. Please sign up at the Student Activities office, located on the second floor of Gym 2, or contact Becky Rojas at ext. 47199.

Walk-ins are welcome.

## Why Do Students Attend? Some Surprising Answers

The results of a recent survey conducted by the American Association of Community Colleges and ACT Inc. have produced some interesting results about why community college students enroll in classes.

According to the April 2 edition of Community College Times, "the study found that contrary to conventional wisdom categorizing students as lifelong learners or on academic or occupational tracks, students attended community colleges for a broad range of reasons."

Twelve percent of the 100,000 students surveyed during the fall of 1999 and 2000 were in the "life changer" category — those who were seeking skills to enter the workforce and find a new career because of a recent major life change.

Nearly a quarter of the surveyed students — all enrolled in credit courses at a community college — were placed in the "personal enrichment/transfer cluster." These students said they were attending college to develop their minds and intellectual abilities, to study new and different subjects and to meet new people. Most in this category indicated university transfer was a reason for taking classes.

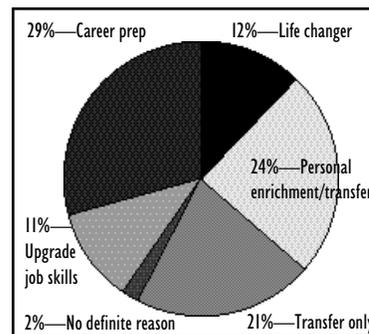
By contrast, those in the "transfer-only category" indicated that the desire to attend a four-year university was either the primary or the only reason for enrolling at a community college. This category made up 21% of survey respondents.

About 11% said they enrolled to upgrade skills to advance in their current jobs or occupations. Career-preparation students — those attending in order to gain skills for future careers — made up 29% of the survey.

Two percent of those surveyed had no clearly identified reasons for attending college.

Other findings in the survey include:

- Most students preparing for future careers were studying health sciences and technologies (30%), business (17%), or computer and information technology (15%).
- 76% who enrolled based on a major life change said that attending a community college had increased their academic competence and 66% said it helped them build self confidence.
- 45% of single mothers in the "life changer" category said the cost of child or dependent care was a problem.
- 72% of those enrolled to advance in their careers said that community colleges had made a major contribution to their learning skills required for their job.



## April Is Earthquake Preparedness Month

April is Earthquake Preparedness Month — a time when the calendar, rather than a small or moderate quake, reminds California residents to have survival items on hand.

Among the suggestions: a gallon of bottled water per person per day; a first-aid kit and essential medications;

a battery-powered radio with extra batteries; non-perishable foods and a non-electric can opener; special provisions for babies, the elderly, disabled family members and pets; and cash.

More information is available at <http://www.oes.ca.gov> or <http://www.redcross.org/disaster/safety>

## BRIEFLY

"College Major? I Need to Choose a Major?!" will be held on Wednesday, from 5-6:30 p.m. in FA-309. The workshop is part of an ongoing series offered by the Career Planning Center and the Adult Re-entry Program.



The Advanced Transportation Technology Center at Cypress College has received a Toyota Prius hybrid vehicle for instructional use in the Electric and Hybrid Vehicle course. The donation was made as part of the T-TEN program. Dick Bettendorf notes that driving the car takes some getting used to. "And then there is the experience of driving from Los Angeles to San Francisco and stopping at the gas station for 6 gallons of gas just to be sure you have enough for the return trip." Repairing the car is a bit more complex — thus the reason it was donated to students going into auto technology.



Works produced by Intro to Photography students will be on display at the El Dorado Nature Center in Long Beach beginning this week. The photographers created the images at the park earlier this year. The exhibit remains up through May 20. Meanwhile, students in the Contemporary photo class will exhibit their final projects at BC Space in Laguna Beach from May 25-June 15. The off-campus show provides a real-world experience.