**Americana Awards Coming; Citizens Named**

The event returns to the Disneyland Hotel’s Grand Ballroom on February 28.

This year’s Americana Awards will honor eight citizens of the year, including the first-ever solo recognition for the City of Seal Beach. Previously, Seal Beach had been combined with Los Alamitos and Rossmoor.

Jim Klisanin is the first Seal Beach recipient. The other Citizens of the Year are: Frank and Sally Feldhouse, Anaheim; Raycee Mayer, Buena Park; Frank Sabato, Cypress; Tom and Marge England, Garden Grove; Pastor Herb Carson, La Palma; Peggy Reep, Los Alamitos/Rossmoor; and George and Judy Fenton, Stanton.

In addition, this year’s event will honor former Rams quarterback Vince Ferragamo as the Man of the Year in recognition of his numerous philanthropic activities throughout Orange County and members of the U.S. Military, in lieu of a Distinguished Business Partner.

The 2004 Americana returns to the Grand Ballroom at the Disneyland Hotel after being held at Disney’s Grand Californian Hotel for three years. The event will take place on February 28, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction and reception, followed by entertainment and dinner at 7 p.m.

All proceeds directly benefit Cypress College students by providing individual scholarships and funding for programs not covered in the general budget.

Tickets are discounted for employees.

Additional information is available from the Foundation. The office can be reached at ext. 47126. More information on Americana and this year’s honorees is available at http://CypressCollege.edu/foundation.php.

**It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like … Construction!**

There’s less elbow room around the pond… and Gym I… and Lot 7.

Fencing had gone up around the construction area for the Library/Learning Resource Center. More significantly, we’re about to begin hearing the happy noise of construction on the college’s first new building since 1976.

In the next couple of weeks, the asphalt will be broken up, the handball courts will be removed, the old bookstore torn down and the land cleared for the new L/LRC.

The project has been delayed almost a month because the State Chancellor’s Office and Department of Finance must approve the “Notice To Proceed” at each stage. Over the holidays, this approval was not given; however, the OK arrived last week, and the contractor immediately mobilized to start the project.

The enclosed area for the L/LRC includes additional space for materials and equipment, but it still will be a very large building — providing 16,500 square feet of space.

Additional information will be provided in @Cypress on a regular basis.

**Mandatory Training Set**

Mandatory training related to sexual harassment/unlawful discrimination will be held for Cypress College and SCE Classified Staff.

Two on-campus sessions are available: Monday, February 9 and Wednesday, February 25. Both are scheduled for B-203, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. to Etta Dial at ext. 27273.
Construction Work Begins

The construction area for the new Library/Learning Resource Center was fenced off this week as the first stages of work began.

The photo above shows part of the construction area as seen from the fencing adjacent to Lot 7. The fence extends across Lakeshore Drive, ending at the edge of Gym I; it continues behind the handball courts.

“X” marks the spot for one corner of the L/LRC as indicated on the pavement (photo at right). Another corner of the 62,500-square-foot building is past the last tree and near the white truck seen in the middle of the photograph.

The fencing approaches the edge of the pond (photo on next page), providing an idea of the new L/LRC’s proximity to the SEM Building. The fence indicates the construction area and represents a significantly larger area than the L/LRC’s actual footprint.
Mandatory Employment Training

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For:
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or
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Lecture Hall B-203
(Business Division – Cypress College Campus)

Office of Equity & Diversity

Please R.S.V.P.
Contact: Etta Dial at 27273