

THIS WEEK

- 9• Friday**
- » Forensics Tournament
 - » Faculty Dance Concert, Campus Theater, 8 p.m.
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 - » The Cypress Masterworks Chorale & Camerata with the Long Beach Symphony, Terrace Theater, Long Beach Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. [Ticket info.](#)
- 11 • Sunday**
- » Winter Jazz Concert, Campus Theater, 3 p.m. \$6 general admission; \$5 students/seniors; under 12 free.
 - » The Cypress Masterworks Chorale & Camerata with the Long Beach Symphony, Terrace Theater, Long Beach Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. [Ticket info.](#)
- 13 • Tuesday**
- » Final exams begin (through December 21)
 - » NOCCCD Board of Trustees meeting, Anaheim Campus, 5:30 p.m.
- 16 • Friday**
- » DSPS Bell Christmas Performance, FA-304, 9 a.m.-noon.
 - » Holiday Concert "Symphony Winds Performance," FA-304, 7 p.m. \$3.
- 18 • Sunday**
- » Glad Tidings of Joy, Campus Theater, 4 p.m. \$15 general admission; \$12.50 students/seniors; \$7.50 children 12 & under.

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December 9, 2005 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

Core Values:

Excellence

Integrity

Collegiality

Inclusiveness

L/LRC Opens January 30; Move-Related Details Released

► With the opening of the new Library/Learning Resource Center set for the end of January, here is some important information.

In order to best serve our students during the period just prior to the opening of the new Library/Learning Resource Center, please be aware of the following areas' times of operations and locations for the start of the semester.

Math Lab: Closes December 21. Opens on January 17 in SEM-304. The hours are: M/W 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5 p.m.-8 p.m.; T/Th 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.-8 p.m. The Math Lab moves to L/LRC-127

on January 30.

Library: Closes December 20 at 1 p.m. Opens on the second floor of the L/LRC on January 30th. Students will have access to the Library databases while it is closed. A list of local libraries and their hours of operations is also available.

Learning Center: Closes December 20 at 1p.m. Opens on the first floor of the L/LRC on January 30.

Writing Center: Closes December 22 at 5 p.m. Opens in its old location (H-324) on January 17. The hours are: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Relocates to the L/LRC's first floor on January 30.

Spring 2006 Opening Day Features SLO-CATS and Another Presidential Mystery

On Opening Day a year ago, Dr. Lewis disappeared and became the subject of several (erroneous) breaking news reports. In the Fall, there was the famous "moped photo." And, who can forget when the hills were alive with the sight of our president dressed as Maria.

Wondering what's in store for the upcoming Opening Day?

Good! Be on the lookout for information on the event to be distributed soon from the Staff Development Office.

Here's what else is on tap for Spring 2006 Opening Day: light refreshments; all-campus meeting; greetings from the District & the Board; introductions of new faculty and staff; State of the College by Dr. Lewis; construction/facilities update; and a special presentation by the SLO-CATS.

The cost of lunch has been slashed to rock bottom: just \$5 for a barbeque lunch, beverage and dessert.

Teacher Prep Coordinator

Nina DeMarkey is accepting applications for the Teacher Preparation Coordinator position being vacated by Sherry Ward, who is leaving to pursue her own business. A resume and letter of interest must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14.

Women's Soccer in CA Finals

The women's soccer team will compete in the state Championship Festival in Fresno this weekend. The defending state champions open at 10 a.m. on Saturday against American River College. The winner plays either Long Beach City or Lassen in the final on Sunday. COAsports.org will provide updates.

Scholarships Application

Scholarship applications are being accepted by the Foundation through March 1. Please let students know that the interactive form is available at <http://www.cypresscollege.edu/-pio/documents/scholarship-app-2006.pdf>. The Foundation can be reached at (714) 484-7126.

CHARGERS

The Board of Trustees has approved the retirement of **Neill Cooney**, Philosophy Instructor, effective December 21. Welcome aboard to **Nahid Salkovieh**, who joins the Campus Safety Department as the clerical assistant. **Rhonda Kraft** has joined the Public Information Office, also as a clerical assistant. **Lela Nguyen** was hired as the replacement for **Nancy Livingston** in the Counseling Division Office. **Norma Cruz** has moved from the Campus Safety Department to Maintenance and Operations; she fills the vacancy created by **Betty Fowke's** retirement.



Registrar **Regina Ford** and **Heather Brown**, director of Institutional Research, were accepted into the Association of California Community College Administrators Mentor Program.



Five baseball players have signed early letters of intent for next season: **Garrett Green** (San Diego State); **Nick Rhodes** (University of Hawaii); **Matt Wallach** (Cal State Fullerton); **Taylor Green** (Oregon State University); and **Mark Serrano** (University of Nevada, Las Vegas).

Swap Meet Gets New Operator at Start of the New Year

On November 22, 2005 the Board approved a contract with California Open Air Markets to take over the swap meet operation effective January 1, 2006.

Those who are interested in obtaining a space at the swap meet, along with any general questions about

the operation, should be directed to contact California Open Air Markets at (626) 683-9998.

California Open Air Markets' proposal calls for the college to receive increased revenue from the swap meet. The company promised better oversight of event operations and to be responsive to college concerns.

Mintzer Gets Western National Parks and Monuments Association Grant

Alex Mintzer, a Biology instructor, has received a \$4,700 grant from the Western National Parks and Monuments Association to continue a long-term study of the leafcutting, fungus-growing ant *Atta mexicana* at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in Southwest Arizona.

Atta mexicana is the largest native ant species in the USA; the species range reaches its extreme northern limit in the Sonoran desert at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, and provides a spectacular case of marginal rarity. These ant colonies contain millions of individuals and access an annual foraging area as large as the flight deck of an aircraft carrier (greater than 3 football fields), using a system of lateral tunnels that may extend 130 meters from the nest. The colonies at Organ Pipe are the only known populations north of Mexico. Foraging behavior of these ants draws significant attention from park visitors, and they are subjects of interpretation via videos, postcards, handouts, and ranger-naturalist walks.

Limited opportunities (including some financial support) are available for student field assistants with previous desert hiking experience and interests in natural history and biology. Interested individuals must contact Mintzer at amintzer@cypresscollege.edu immediately for more information.

Teacher Prep, Future Educators Club Donate Toys to New Orleans

Sherry Ward is headed out to New Orleans to distribute toys collected by the Teacher Preparation Program and the Future Educators Club. The toys were collected through the beginning of the month. Parents of hurricane-affected families will be able to pick out a toy for their child. The toy will then be wrapped and

given to the parents so they may present it to their child.

Ward's husband is a fire fighter who traveled to New Orleans to help in the aftermath of Katrina. She will also distribute donated children's books.

CA Taxpayers Study Finds Investments in Higher Ed Pay Three Times Over

A study released by the University of California, Berkeley Survey Research Center finds that boosting college attendance will yield three times its cost in economic returns for California taxpayers.

The report details how investments in education are expected to return three dollars in net benefits (specifically, more taxes for the state and less spending for social services and prisons) for every dollar put into education.

The study's authors support this conclusion by providing detailed projections of the future demographics of California, by developing analyses that tie college-going to a wide array of outcomes that allow for a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis, and by considering where the educational pipeline might be changed to provide the maximum benefits for educational investments.

The study claims to represent the most fully articulated, even-handed, and sophisticated picture ever produced of how higher education matters for California.

The full study is at http://www.collegecampaign.org/Return_On_Investment_Final_Report.pdf.

BRIEFLY

The flu is on campus, as documented by the Orange County Department of Public Health. The good news is that flu shots are still available in the Health Center. The shots are available, while supplies last, for \$20. Health Center director Mary Lou Giska passes along this advice: "If you have sick students or you are ill with flu like symptoms, PLEASE stay home and have your students stay home. Coming to class/work will only spread the illness to others." The height of flu season is December-February, so it still is wise to get a shot.



In cooperation with the National Glass Association, the Automotive Collision Repair Department will be repairing and replacing automotive glass January 23-27, 2006. Vehicles must be 1995 or newer. Due to safety and adhesive drying requirements vehicles may need to stay overnight. To receive an estimate and schedule an appointment, please contact [Lidia Coman](mailto:Lidia.Coman) at extension 47250.



Next week's edition of **@Cypress** is the last one for the semester. Please submit any news by Tuesday to the Public Information office via [e-mail](mailto:), campus mail, or by calling ext. 47006.

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CONCERT – PRESS RELEASE

“*Glad Tidings of Joy*”

featuring the
Cypress Masterworks Chorale, Camerata & the Star Carolers
Dr. Sheridan J. Ball, Director

Plus a “Special Guest” appearance by the *a cappella* vocal ensemble - ***Crescendo***

Date/Time: **Sunday - December 18** - 4:00 PM

Location: Cypress College Campus Theater Address: 9200 Valley View - Cypress, CA
South of the 91 Freeway - between Lincoln Ave. & Ball Road

From lighthearted carols and festive seasonal gems to splendid holiday selections by some of music’s finest composers, “Glad Tidings of Joy” will delight the ear and charm the musical senses of every listener. This year’s concert will feature the Cypress Masterworks Chorale and Camerata in a wide range of season favorites such as Jerry Herman’s rollicking rendition of “We Need a Little Christmas” from *Mame*, and Mel Torme’s holiday classic *The Christmas Song* (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire). The Cypress *Camerata*’s performance will include a beautiful contemporary setting of “There Is No Rose of Such Virtue” by the English composer John Joubert, and the Cypress Masterworks Chorale will sing two all time favorites for large choral ensemble, “O Holy Night,” by Adolphe Adam and “O Magnum Mysterium” by local composer Morten Lauridsen.

As a special holiday treat, the Orange County *a cappella* ensemble, ***Crescendo***, will make a guest appearance featuring their unique mix of vocal talent and energized humor. As in years past, the audience will also be encouraged to join the **Star Carolers** in singing several traditional holiday selections. (PS - We have it on good authority that a visit from Santa is highly likely.)

For many regional families, the annual holiday concert with the Cypress Masterworks Chorale has become a treasured tradition, so patrons are encouraged to order tickets in advance and arrive at least thirty minutes prior to concert time for preferred seating.

Ticket Information “Hotline” (562) 594-6394

\$15.00 General Admission \$13.00 Senior Citizens & Students
Children 12 & Under (1/2 price) \$7.50

The **Cypress Masterworks Chorale and Camerata**, a combined ensemble of 110 voices, has attained a reputation for excellence throughout the Southland. In addition to their regular four-concert season, the choirs participate in regional music festivals and have been featured performers for the Choral Conductors Guild, the American Choral Directors Association, and have been invited to perform at the California Music Educators state convention in Sacramento this spring.

The Cypress choirs have toured throughout Europe, the Middle East, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Russia. They have performed at the Hollywood Bowl, the Orange County Performing Arts Center, the Vatican, the Sydney Opera House, Radio Vienna, and have appeared at New York City’s famed Carnegie Hall on three separate occasions.

Dr. Sheridan Ball received his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from the University of Northern Colorado and a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Southern California. He served as Chairman of the Cypress College Music Department for six years and is currently celebrating his 25th Anniversary season as director of choirs at Cypress College. Dr. Ball is also an Associate Conductor for MidAmerica Productions in New York City.

The Last Day for English Tutoring Is

Monday, December
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Humanities 324, 8:00 am—8:00 pm



*The English Tutorial Service will resume
next semester in the new
Library/Learning Resources Center!*



Holiday Reception

The president's annual Holiday Reception was held on Thursday in the Theater Lobby. In addition to current employees, a number of community members and retirees (note Barbara Maars, above) were in attendance.