

News

El Camino College welcomes new math building

The MBA Building is the second completely new instructional building on the Torrance-area campus in nearly 45 years. The Mathematical Sciences and Business divisions as well as the Nursing, Respiratory Care, and Radiologic Technology programs will be housed in the new four-level, 115,000-square-foot building. The \$35.1 million MBA Building is made possible with funds from the college's 2002 Measure E facilities bond.

"We thank the communities in the El Camino Community College District for supporting Measure E this past November," said Thomas Fallo, superintendent/president.

"Facilities bond funding made this outstanding new building possible, ensuring improved facilities and educational opportunities for students well into the future."

With 58 classrooms, including 11 computer labs outfitted with a total of 480 computers for educational programs, the building can serve 2,400 students and 200 faculty/staff members at one time. All classrooms have wireless access and state-of-the-art "smart" classroom technology. The first floor features a 3,000-square-foot computer lab and tutoring center, in addition to a spacious student lobby with study areas.

Students in the Nursing Program have access to a skills lab and a simulation lab featuring high fidelity mannequins that mimic the human body. The Radiologic Technology and the Respiratory Care programs also have new lab areas. These four labs are all located on the fourth floor, adjacent to each other, to replicate a hospital environment.

The energy savings of the building are significant – it exceeds California energy standards (also known as Title 24) by a remarkable 25 percent. The building is connected to the campus' Energy Management System, allowing the heating and air conditioning to be remotely controlled by computer. This system was designed to provide heating and cooling on each floor, allowing for controllability in the case of partial occupancy. In addition, an energy-efficient lighting system includes day lighting and motion sensors.

Sustainable features of the building include: natural light and views to the outside in every classroom and office within the building; heat reduction through an insulated reflective cool roof; and the use of recycled building materials where possible.

Outside, nearly 5 acres of new landscaping and hardscape include a mixture of drought-tolerant plants and lawn areas that provide casual student gathering spaces. Wireless access and shaded seating areas are available in both the north and south courtyards.



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BRIEFS

3 teens shot in south LA drive-by

SOUTH LOS ANGELES—A 15-year-old boy was in critical condition and two teenage boys had stable vital signs with less-severe wounds from a drive-by shooting in South Los Angeles, a police sergeant said.

The shooting was reported about 9:30 p.m. Saturday at 53rd and Figueroa Streets, according to Sgt. Rudy Alaniz of the Los Angeles Police Department's 77th Street Station.

The three teens were outside when a car drove by and shots were fired from the vehicle, Alaniz said.

The 15-year-old boy was shot in the chest and was in critical condition at a hospital, he said.

Another teen was shot in the arm and the other was shot in the back, Alaniz said. Both were transported to hospitals with stable vital signs and were undergoing treatment for their wounds. Their ages were 16 and 17, he said.

One injured in Compton car crash

COMPTON—At least one person was injured over the weekend in a collision between a sedan and a big rig hauling scrap metal on the Artesia (91) Freeway in Compton, a California Highway Patrol Officer said.

The crash on the eastbound side of the freeway at Alameda Street was reported at 12:24 a.m., said CHP Officer Francisco Villalobos.

The car ended up under the big rig's trailer, which was loaded with 48,000 pounds of scrap metal, Villalobos said, adding that there were reports of injuries but that no details were immediately available.

Firefighters spent an hour working to free a man from the sedan, a news photographer reported from the scene.

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were exchanged, at which time the suspect pulled out a handgun and shot the victims. The suspect then ran off in an undetermined direction.

Anyone with information is urged to call Homicide Detectives with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department at (323) 890-5500.

University goes to church for CSU Super Sunday Outreach

By Amy Bentley-Smith

California State University, Dominguez Hills Interim President Willie J. Hagan helped kick off CSU Super Sunday, a system-wide event held at nearly 100 predominately African American churches throughout the state in February and March, when he attended services at the historic First AME (FAME) Church of Los Angeles this past Sunday, Feb. 10, and spoke before the congregation about the importance of college.

Reaching more than 100,000 churchgoers, Super Sunday is produced by the CSU African

American Initiative – a partnership between CSU campuses and African American religious leaders with the goal of increasing college-going rates among African American students. It is in its eighth year.

During Super Sunday services this month and next the CSU chancellor, campus presidents, administrators, Board of Trustee members, alumni, and current students are invited to take the pulpit and educate families and the community about the requirements for students to successfully enter college and obtain a degree.

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CSUDH history professor awarded National Endowment for the Humanities grant

CARSON—Ericka Verba, associate professor of history at California State University, Dominguez Hills, has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship grant to write a biography of 20th century Chilean artist Violeta Parra, the culmination of decades Verba has dedicated to the study.

Verba was the only candidate to be awarded both an NEH Fellowship grant and an NEH Award for Faculty grant. However, she was required to accept only one and chose the fellowship. She is currently on leave from her teaching duties through fall 2013 to focus on the book, which has yet to be given a working title.

One NEH panelist who reviewed Verba's proposal wrote, "This is an original, well-developed, well-informed, project that promises to offer a new biography... of one of the most significant, compelling, and influential Latin American artists of the 20th century. ...I find particularly important the way this project aims to place Parra's work and trajectory within contemporary manifestations and debates on modernism, folk culture, gender, and the relationship between art and politics in the mid-20th century across Europe and the Americas."

Parra (1917-1967), a composer, songwriter and visual artist, was influential in Europe as well as Chile. She was the first Latin American—not just the first Latin American woman—to have a solo exhibition at the Louvre museum in Paris. But Parra, like many



Ericka Verba

Courtesy photo

artists of her generation, was a communist sympathizer, and that brought controversy and suffering.

"Studying Parra's life in detail can tell us about larger questions of the 20th century," Verba asserted. "I think Violeta Parra has very much been presented as a romantic figure and my argument is—and what I think convinced the NEH—is

that she is actually a cosmopolitan figure."

Verba, who has authored "Catholic Feminism and the Social Question in Chile, 1910-1917" (The Edwin Mellen Press, New York, 2003), hopes to have this book on Parra and an accompanying website published in time for the 100th anniversary of the multi-faceted artist's birth in 2017.

"I feel so lucky right now. I would have felt lucky without an NEH grant, but now I get to do everything," Verba said.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Facilities bond funding made this outstanding new building possible, ensuring improved facilities and educational opportunities for students well into the future."

— Thomas Fallo, El Camino Community College District Superintendent/President

Crossword

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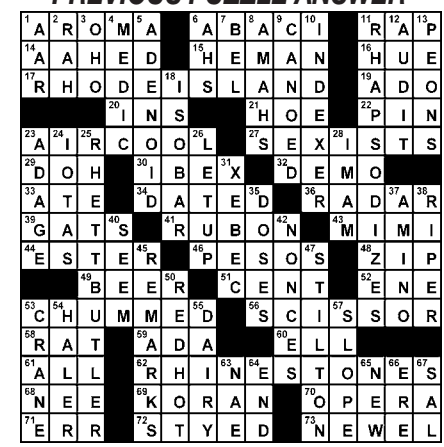
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and International Security, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Third World Assembly on Aging, and World Health Organization.

The students are part of a Model UN class (POL 339) taught by Salhi through the Department of Political Science each spring semester. The class is designed to train students in the art of diplomacy, including public speaking, debate, negotiation, and consensus building.

Up next for the class will be the Western Collegiate Model UN conference in Santa Barbara March 28-30. Lukombo will be there, hoping to bring back another award for the university.

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Former assemblyman pleads guilty to fraud

By Staff Reports

COMPTON—A former assemblyman from Compton, who is on unpaid leave from his job with the Los Angeles County Probation Department, pleaded guilty last week to federal bank fraud charges for bilking financial institutions by falsely claiming to be the victim of identity theft.

Carl Washington, 47, admitted masterminding a four-year scheme in which he obtained credit cards and loans from banks and credit unions, racking up thousands of dollars in charges for airline tickets, hotels, restaurants, rental cars and cash advances, according to the plea agreement filed in Los Angeles federal court.

U.S. District Judge S. James Otero set sentencing for June 3.

Washington was among nearly 50 employees arrested since January 2012 in a year-long probe of alleged misconduct among Probation Department staffers.

"Where we have found misconduct, we have taken strong and immediate action," Probation Department Chief Jerry Powers said. "These cases represent a tiny minority of the 6,000 men and women who do work with integrity for this department. But any misconduct impugns the reputation of all. We will not stand for it."

"Where we have found misconduct, we have taken strong and immediate action," Probation Department Chief Jerry Powers said.

Washington, who admitted operating the bank fraud scheme from February 2007 to August 2011, is on unpaid administrative leave from his job as the probation department's director for intergovernmental relations and legislative affairs, according to Powers.

"I have personally received feedback from many staff stating that they are relieved to see that problem employees are finally being dealt with," Powers said.

The county Board of Supervisors is scheduled to vote Tuesday on a motion to fund additional staff for internal Probation Department investigations, he said.

According to court papers, Washington obtained about \$193,000 in goods, cash and serv-

ices, then filed police reports, claiming to be the victim of identity theft and reporting that the cards and loans had been opened by someone unknown to him.

Washington subsequently filed a copy of the bogus police report with Experian, one of the three major credit reporting agencies, in order to have the charges and past due amounts removed from his credit report, according to the indictment.

Once Experian removed the charges, Washington applied for new credit cards without disclosing his outstanding debts or the fact that he had charges and unpaid balances removed from his credit report, according to federal prosecutors.

When new credit cards were issued, Washington again ran up debts worth another couple of thousand dollars and filed yet another police report, the U.S. Attorney's Office reported.

Each of the charges carries a penalty of up to 30 years in prison.

Washington began his legislative service in 1996, and was active in fighting street gangs. He was termed out in 2002 and lost a race for a Los Angeles City Council seat to Jan Perry.

Prior to his legislative service, he served on the staff of former county Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke.



Carl Washington

College celebrates opening of math building



Courtesy photo

El Camino College will celebrate the grand opening of the new Math Business Allied Health (MBA) Building on Wednesday, March 6 with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

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LASD investigates shooting death

By Staff Reports

COMPTON—Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homicide detectives are continuing their investigation into the circumstances surrounding a shooting that occurred Sunday, February 24 that resulted in the death of a male adult and the wounding of a second victim.

Investigators have learned that Compton Sheriff's deputies responded to the location regarding a 9-1-1 call of a shooting in the 600 block of South Long Beach Boulevard, Compton.

When deputies arrived they found one of the victims, a 39-year old male, lying on the sidewalk suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

A second victim, a 39-year old male, was located in the rear of the location also suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported to a local hospital where he is listed in critical condition; he is expected to survive.

Sheriff's Homicide Lieutenant Corina said that according to witnesses, the victims were hanging out in front of the location when the suspect, a male Black adult, approximately 25-years old, exited the location and walked past the victims. An argument ensued and gang slogans

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CSU Dominguez Hills Student Takes Award

CARSON—California State University, Dominguez Hills political science student Arnaud Lukombo received an Honorable Mention Award at the Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN), held in Boston February 14-17.

HNMUN is the oldest, and considered the most prestigious of Model UN conferences in the county, bringing together more than 3,000 students from American and international universities to serve as UN delegates and debate global issues as if they were before the UN.

Lukombo, who is an interna-

tional student from France, said he came to the U.S. three years ago with a limited command of English. He spent a year in the CSU Dominguez Hills American Language and Culture Program through the College of Extended and International Education before enrolling as an undergraduate in the political science department.

"It's thanks to the language program and to Professor Hamoud Salhi [associate professor of political science] that I was there," Lukombo said of winning the award, referring to the solid foundations in English and of political

science, respectively, he has received.

Lukombo was recognized with the Honorable Mention Award for his contributions as a member of the HNMUN's Organization of Islamic Cooperation delegation representing Palestine on talks concerning the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Lukombo was among eight students from CSU Dominguez Hills who participated in the HNMUN, debating and negotiating resolutions on topics ranging from targeted killings to the aging populations of the Third World.

The delegation included Brigett Garibay (senior, political science), Iran Guzman (senior, political science), Regina Hernandez (senior, political science), Ana Lopez (senior, political science), Jennifer Lopez (junior, criminal justice), and Julia Pak (senior, political science), all representing Central African Republic; and Lukombo and Raffi Norberg (junior, political science), representing Palestine.

The students participated in five committees: Commission on the Status of Women, Disarmament

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