FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 1—AUG. 8, 2006

In Progress
Kristen Habbestad responded to a media inquiry from a Gannett Newspapers reporter wanting to do a story about students’ reflections of 9-11. At the reporter’s request to talk with students involved in planning and hosting the “Remembering 9/11” event, she arranged for him to speak with Joe Cobarrubio.

Ms. Habbestad worked with Kelly Kwan, graphic designer for the college, to create and place a Cerritos College web ad at the Press Telegram’s job page: http://www.presstelegram.com/jobs.

Coverage

Long Beach Press Telegram – June 21, 2006 – Article about the Cerritos College Jazz Ensemble kicking off the summer series of Heritage Park’s, “Concerts Under the Stars,” with a June 29 performance.


Norwalk Community News—July 14, 2006— Article about the approval of four newly hired managers to fill open positions at Cerritos College during a regular board meeting.

Norwalk Community News—July 14, 2006— Picture of the Artesia-Cerritos Woman’s Club members presenting a scholarship used to award academic grants to female Cerritos College re-entry students.

Norwalk Community News—July 14, 2006— Article about Rick Brown, former Cerritos College faculty member, joining Citrus College as a new psychology professor.

Easy Reader— June 22, 2006 — Photo featuring surf boards designed by Hermosa Valley School science students with the help of Cerritos College teachers.


Herald American, Lynwood Press, Wave, East Edition – July 29, 2006 – Article about 15 Cerritos College students that have been presented with $2,100 in scholarships by the La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the American Association of University Women.

Herald American and Lynwood Press – July 29, 2006 – Article about Cerritos College alumnus Judge Peter Espinoza being named to the Judicial Council of California.

Bellflower Bulletin – August 2006 – Brief about Cerritos College hosting a 9/11 remembrance event.

Bellflower Bulletin, Norwalk Community News – August 4, 2006 – Article about actor Steve Carrell’s recent visit to Cerritos College.

Bellflower Bulletin, Norwalk Community News – August 4, 2006 – Article about the passing of Howard Taslitz, Cerritos College’s professor emeritus of history.

Norwalk Community News—August 4, 2006 — Article about Cerritos College honors program boasting a 91 percent acceptance rate to UCLA for Fall 2006.
Norwalk Community News — August 4, 2006 — Announcement about Cerritos College offering day and evening ESL courses.

Pasadena Independent.com — August 7, 2006 — Article about PCC honoring Senator Jack Scott, father of Lacreta Scott, retired member of Cerritos College English Faculty, as the first president Emeritus of Pasadena City College.

CTA.com — May 2002 — California Educator: Volume 6, Issue 8 — Article about Cerritos College students helping children with science projects and other educational activities under the AP-PLE after-school program.

Related Articles
Whittier Daily — August 2, 2006 — Article about Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez calling for a legislative audit of the California State University.
Cerritos College Mourns Death of Professor Emeritus Howard Taslitz

Taslitz Twice Received Most Outstanding Faculty Member Award

For Immediate Release: July 25, 2006

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

NORWALK, CA – July 25, 2006 – Cerritos Community College District announced with great sadness today that Howard Taslitz, professor emeritus of history, passed away on Sunday, July 23. A memorial service for Taslitz will be held on Sunday, July 30 at 2:30 p.m. at Harbor Lawn-Mt. Olive Memorial Park located at 1625 Gisler Avenue in Costa Mesa.

Taslitz, of Mission Viejo, served as a professor in Cerritos College’s Humanities and Social Science Division from 1962 to 1992. During his more than thirty years at Cerritos College, Taslitz served as the chair of the social science department, chair of the economics, history and political science departments, co-advisor to the Omnibus Society, and president of the Cerritos College Faculty Senate—an elected position he held for ten years.

“We are deeply saddened to lose our colleague and friend,” said Cerritos College President Dr. Noelia Vela.

“Howard was dedicated to his students and committed to his profession. Our deepest condolences go out to the Taslitz family and to those who were especially close to him.”

Taslitz was honored twice with Cerritos College’s prestigious Most Outstanding Faculty Award. In 1968, he became the first faculty member to deliver a commencement address at Cerritos College. Taslitz also provided the most recent commencement address for Cerritos College in May 2006.

Taslitz received his bachelor’s degree in political science from Roosevelt University in Illinois and his master’s degree in history from Northwestern University, also in Illinois. Well-known by his former students as someone who cared, Taslitz was dedicated in assisting them to reach their goals both in the classroom and in life.

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Actor Steve Carell Joins Cerritos College Students on Stage

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NORWALK, CA – July 26, 2006 – It isn't every day that the star of NBC's "The Office," shows up at your "Improvisation for Theatre" class.

But that's just what happened for several surprised and delighted Cerritos College students last spring when actor Steve Carell—star of NBC's "The Office"—stepped onto stage in the midst of a class improvisational performance and proceeded to act along with the other improvisational actors.

"I saw this guy come out of the back and come out from behind the curtain," explained Barbara Lopez, a Cerritos College student who had to opportunity to meet Carell.

"I thought, 'who is this guy? Who does he think he is coming on stage like that?' and...it was Steve."

Carell, who in addition to portraying Michael Scott, an "unctuous" regional manager on "The Office," provides the voice of "Hammy" in "Over the Hedge" and appears in "Little Miss Sunshine," two features that hit movie theaters this summer. Carrel has also starred in "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" and appeared in "Anchorman: the Legend of Ron Burgundy." Meantime, he's also wrapping up "Evan Almighty," the sequel to "Bruce Almighty" (starring Jim Carrey), and will have the title role in the upcoming "Get Smart" movie.

Cerritos College drama instructor Kevin Hoggard was the one behind the Steve Carell visit—Carell is Hoggard's former student from Denison University in Ohio.

Hoggard invited Carell to participate in an alumni reunion-type improv performance at Cerritos College last spring in the Burnight Center's Little Theatre. The collaboration included Hoggard's former students from his 20-year teaching career at Cerritos College. Hoggard has also taught at institutions including Tulane University, the University of Wisconsin and Denison University—that night, Carell was the only one of Hoggard's former students who wasn't an alum of Cerritos College.

At the time of the invitation, however, Carell was in the midst of filming "Evan Almighty," and didn't know if he would have time to participate in the performance.

"Kevin kept it all a secret—he didn't want us to get our hopes up too much on Steve making it," said Lopez.

But make it he did. And the show went on even later into the night once Carell got on stage.

"The audience went crazy—but we student actors, especially, flipped," Lopez remembered.

"We all admire him and what's he's done. A lot of us aspire to be what he did. He started out like us and is now on a completely different level."

Hoggard was just as pleased to see Carell as his students were.

"It was really terrific for Steve to do what he did," Hoggard said, "not only because he's juggling so many projects right now, but because he rushed to Cerritos College after shooting "Evan Almighty" for almost 14 hours that day, knowing that he had to be back on the set early in the morning."

Once on stage, Carell blended right in with the candid tone of the evening by taking on the role of a character in a time and place (provided on the spot by the audience), and then improvising a scene with another actor. He and Renee Duron, a Cerritos College alumna, performed an improvised, humorous sketch in which a couple in divorce court waffle between divorcing and staying together because they love each other.

"Renee was so excited, she could barely get on with the scene," recalled Lopez.

When the show finally ended, the actors went backstage, and many of them took photos with Carell.

"He is a totally normal guy," said Lopez. "But it was really cool to meet him and get to see some of his personality traits that make him "him.""

Without a doubt, after his visit to Cerritos College, "normal guy" Carell will have a few more fans—and new friends—filling theater seats at his next movie.

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Cerritos College Offers Day and Evening ESL Courses
Learn English during Fall Semester Beginning August 14

For Immediate Release: August 1, 2006

Contact: Joann Sugihara-Cheetham, (562) 860-2451, ext. 2892

WHAT: Cerritos College’s Liberal Arts Division offers classes in English as a Second Language (ESL) with the start of the fall semester on Monday, August 14, 2006. Classes are offered at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels, and are available for $26 per unit (most classes are three units).

Several classes are offered during both the day and evening. Most classes meet twice a week and are available during both the 18-week session and the first and second 9-week sessions. ESL classes at Cerritos College offer:
• Pronunciation
• Accent reduction
• Oral communication
• Speaking and listening
• Grammar
• Reading
• Vocabulary
• Writing and structure
• American expressions and culture
• Spelling

WHEN: 18-Week Session: August 14, 2006 - December 15, 2006
First 9-Week Session: August 14 - October 13, 2006
Second 9-Week Session: October 16 - December 15, 2006

WHERE: Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

CONTACT: For more information, please contact Joann Sugihara-Cheetham at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2892 or by e-mail at jcheetham@cerritos.edu.

COST: $26 per unit; parking is $1 per day.

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Compton, Cerritos pitchers are chosen in Major League draft

By Ron Guild

Baseball draft:

☐ Compton College pitcher selected by Houston Astros

Jerry Quinones may not have received the call to pitch much this spring, but what limited mound action he got was enough to catch the eyes of Major League Baseball scouts.

Despite pitching just 10 games for Compton College, the 6-foot-1, 180-pound lefthander was impressive enough that the Houston Astros took him on the 48th-round of last week’s 50-round first-year player draft.

His modest stat line included a 1-0 record, 2.70 earned run average and 21 strikeouts in 30 innings. He started four games.

What Quinones showed scouts was a fastball consistently in the 85-87 miles-per-hour range that topped out at 88, as well as a good slider and change.

“He was our No. 3 pitcher, so he didn’t many opportunities,” Compton coach Shannon Williams said of the sophomore who also played the outfield and batted .282. “When the scouts did see him, they liked what they saw. He’s kind of a carbon copy of Luis Reyes, who pitched for me (at Locke High School) and is our pitching coach.

“They really like his potential, his arm strength. He didn’t get showcased because we had Richard Quiniero, who led the state in complete games (with seven) and Edmund Aguirre (who had five). As a team we led the state in complete games with 16. Jerry was an unselfish kid, a team guy, and I think the scouts liked that. He played the outfield, which is where he was needed. He batted down near the bottom of the order and was a good situational hitter for us.”

The product of Rancho Verde High School in Moreno Valley is currently contemplating signing with the Astros or going the college route. Cal State Dominguez Hills is the most likely destination if he decides not to turn pro, although Chico State has also shown interest.

As for Compton, the program is making progress. The Tartars won 15 games this year and return such standouts as second-team All-South Coast Conference shortstop Harold Holbert (.330) and center fielder Ray White (.284).

The Major League Youth Baseball Academy, featuring two-state-of-the-art baseball fields, is becoming a boon to recruiting.

Williams cited Fremont High catcher Daniel Garcia, Roosevelt center fielder Vindy Menas and Los Angeles shortstop Nicholas Aikens, a Dodger draftee, as potential future Tartars.

“The better recruits are putting us on their short list now,” Williams. “Before, we wouldn’t even be on the list.”

Major League teams dipped into the local community college ranks in the later rounds for other players.

Cerritos College pitchers Brad Schwarzenbach (44th round) and Robbie Dominguez (46th) also went on day two.

Schwarzenbach, a sophomore righthander who earned honorable mention All-South Coast Conference honors, was taken by the New York Mets. He was 2-5 with four saves and a 1.84 earned run average this spring. The La Mirada High School graduate struck out 41 in 44 innings. He also batted .263 with 13 RBI.

Earlier he signed a letter of intent with Lewis & Clark (Idaho) State.

Dominguez, a southpaw who graduated from El Rancho High School, was taken by the Seattle Mariners. He was 3-3 with one save and a 3.38 ERA as a freshman for the Falcons.

After earning first-team All-Del Rio League and second-team All-CIF honors as a senior at El Rancho, Dominguez spent the last two years in the Air Force.
The parks are alive with the sound of music

BY CARYN FUGAMI AND RYAN RITCHIE
STAFF WRITERS

SOUTHERN Californians rejoice! It’s been nearly a year in the making, but summer is finally here and there’s no better way to enjoy the area’s beautiful sunshine and cool breeze than free concerts that celebrate not only grooving tunes but also the great outdoors.

Patrons need not be die-hard music aficionados to enjoy these shows because many cities, including Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey and Lakewood, offer families the opportunity to have all their senses enlightened by participating in arts and crafts programs or munch on some summer chow.

All the events listed below with the exception of Santa Fe Springs cost concertgoers absolutely nothing, except the price of gasoline, which is definitely something these days. Even the most penny-pinching cheapskate has no excuse not to have a good time. So get off the couch, wake up the dog, tell a friend and sprint to your local park. You won’t regret it.

BELLFLOWER

Hear the classic rock sounds of The Answer on July 6 as the group kicks off the Bellflower Streetfest, taking place every Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. on Bellflower Boulevard between Flower and Oak streets. The concerts include a farmers market, food vendors, One Way Ticket will be playing at Rancho Los Cerritos.

CERRITOS

The Cerritos College Jazz Ensemble gets the summer started with a performance at 3 p.m. on June 29 at Heritage Park Concerts Under the Stars, 1800 Bloomfield Ave. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. and include a children’s craft program from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Schedule: June 29, Jazz Ensemble; July 6, Earth Angels (1940s); July 13, Steel Parade (calypso/steel drums); July 20, 1960s hits July 27 at Rancho Los Cerritos.

CYPRESS

Celebrate the City of Cypress’ 50th birthday with a performance by the Cypress Pops Orchestra and Southern California Mormon Choir tonight at the Cypress Civic Center Green, 5275 Orange Ave. Tonight’s season-opening concert and all other performances begin at 6 p.m. and include refreshments available for purchase.

The Schedule: July 8, Greg Wolfe's tribute to Rod Stewart; July 15, Hodads (1950s); July 29, Cypress Pops Orchestra’s “A Little Night Music”; Aug. 5, Raymond Michael’s tribute to Elvis Presley; Aug. 12, Cypress Pops Orchestra’s “American Treasures”; Aug. 19, Cold Duck (‘70s and ‘80s); Aug. 26, Dean Colley’s tribute to Neil Diamond; Sept. 9, Cypress Pops Orchestra’s “Great American Picnic.” Information: (714) 229-6780.

DOWNEY

Enjoy live music outdoors every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. during the 2006 Twilight series.

One Way Ticket will be playing at Rancho Los Cerritos.

mooor Avenue between Oak and Belmont streets. Information: (562) 804-1424, Ext. 2268.

Hodads (country/bluegrass); July 27, No Limit (modern contemporary rock); Aug. 3, Wiseguys (big band/swing); Aug. 10, Hot August Night (Neil Diamond tribute); Aug. 17, 50th anniversary concert; Aug. 24, Skinny Little Twits (pop/classic rock). Information: (562) 916-8570.

The Concerts in the Plaza series features a July 7 contemporary jazz performance by Al Jacobs and the Three Blind Mice jazz trio on Aug. 4. Concerts take place at 7 p.m. at Liberty Park, 19211 Studebaker Road. Information: (562) 916-8565.
TV reporter to speak at Talon Marks reunion

Staff Report

NORWALK — Damon Andrews, the sports director at KTLA, will be the keynote speaker during the 50th anniversary reunion for all current and former Talon Marks staff members July 8.

The reunion of the former members of the student newspaper staff includes dinner and a newsroom tour starting at 4 p.m., Kristen Habbestad, the college’s media relations coordinator, said.

Talon Marks memorabilia from the past 50 years will be on display at the event in the Cerritos College Student Center and the Talon Marks newsroom.

Andrews, who graduated from Cerritos College in 1987, joined KTLA in August 2004 from Chicago where he was the national sports anchor for Fox Sports Chicago. He wrote and anchored three shows a day and hosted pre- and post-game shows for the Cubs, White Sox, Bulls and Blackhawks, Habbestad said.

A Los Angeles native, Andrews graduated from Cerritos College and received a bachelor’s degree in television production and performance from Eastern Washington University.
NORWALK — Fifteen Cerritos College students have been presented with $2,100 in scholarships by the La Palma-Cerritos Branch of the American Association of University Women.

The students were nominated by faculty and administrators at the college and then chosen to receive scholarship funds by association members.

Rep. Grace Napolitano, D-Santa Fe Springs; state Sens. Martha Escutia, D-Norwalk; and Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach; and Assemblyman Rudy Bermúdez, D-Norwalk, presented certificates to each recipient. They included: Charlene Angsaco, Cynthia Ho and Karla Marquez, nominated by Holly Bogdanovich, director of Student Activities; Josefina Bedolla, nominated by Linda Waldman, chemistry professor; and Oninhr Chanthanaskulspr and Chih-Yin Cheng, nominated by Cheryl Shimazu and Linda Waldman, chemistry professors. Other recipients were: April Vicencio, nominated by Angie Beck, child development instructor; Rosemary Ekeh, nominated by Ann Voorhies, nursing professor; Michaela Herbon, Cynthia Lopez and Pamela Roy, nominated by Linda Waldman, chemistry professor; and Ana Ortiz, nominated by Roger Ernst, English professor.

More included: Brenda Villanueva, nominated by Graciela Vasquez, director of Project HOPE; Lena M. Wilson, nominated by Terrie Lopez, assistant dean of career services; and Yahaira Yuja, nominated by Patricia Riedel, nursing instructor.

Association members were joined at the brunch, which took place at the Cerritos College Student Center, by the students’ friends and families.

“We commend these women on their achievements as they continue to pursue their educational goals at four year universities,” said Carol Patrick, dean of counseling at Cerritos College and an AAUW member.
SFS residents head student government

NORWALK — The Associated Students of Cerritos College has declared Joe Cobarrubio of Santa Fe Springs the winner in the student body president election conducted earlier this spring.

As president, Cobarrubio will serve as the student representative on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

He was formally sworn in at the June 7 regular meeting of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees for the 2006-07 school year.

Cobarrubio is an architecture major and has attended the college since 2004.

He and his running mate, psychology and law major Alex Armendariz, also of Santa Fe Springs, ran on a platform that focused upon bolstering college clubs and organizations, improving campus safety and cleanliness, promoting athletic and vocational programs and informing students about future campus developments. Krissten Halbesstad, the college’s media relations coordinator, said.

Cobarrubio said his focus during his year as president will be to continue to help Cerritos College build its reputation as a great community college and to welcome freshman students who don’t know much about student government and make those who will be in the student senate feel welcome.

A graduate of Santa Fe High School, Cobarrubio has served in the Cerritos College student government court for four semesters and performed as chief justice for three of the four.

He has been on several student government committees and in judicial hearings, served as vice president of the Forensics/Speech and Debate Club during the 2005-06 school year, is a member of the Scholars Honors Club and has been a volunteer referee for the Disabled Students of Cerritos College Wheelchair Basketball Games.

Armendariz began attending Cerritos College in 2003. He has served as an student senator for five semesters, two semesters as party whip and another two as faculty senate liaison.

He was president of the Forensics/Speech and Debate Club during the past school year and is a member of the Philosophy Club and the Scholars Honors Club.

Cerritos College President Noelia Vela installs Joe Cobarrubio as Cerritos College Associated Student president and student trustee for the 2006-07 school year.
College hosts student health test competition

NORWALK — Cerritos College’s Health Occupations Department will host several competitive skill test events organized by the Health Occupations Student Association’s National Leadership Conference.

The competition events at Cerritos College will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday in the Health Occupations Building.

The tests will focus on medical assisting, dental assisting, physical therapy and sports medicine, according to Kristen Habbestad, the college’s media relations specialist.

“The competitions require students to develop skills ... and apply health science learning in a competitive environment,” Cerritos College Health Occupations Division Dean Jenine Nolan said.

During the Anaheim conference, students first take a test and the highest scoring students travel to a clinical site to demonstrate selected career skills for a group of judges.

This year, Cerritos will serve as a clinical site for competitions and will host state winners to be a part of the national competition with the goal of helping to motivate and prepare these students to be practicing health professionals, Nolan said.
Paramount religious organization plan

Staff Report

The Haynes D.E.S., a Portuguese social and religious organization based in Paramount, conducts its annual Divine Spirit of the Saint Parade beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sunday along Paramount Boulevard.

The procession starts at the D.E.S. Hall, 7812 Alondra Blvd., and marches east along Alondra to Paramount, then north on Paramount to Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 14815 Paramount Blvd., for a Mass.

It will return down Paramount Boulevard to the clubhouse about 1 p.m.

The organization was established in the 1920s when the Paramount area was known as Haynes and consisted of many dairy farms and a large Portuguese community.

Other area events, all open to the public, include:

Friday, June 23
Blood pressure screening: Beverly Hospital’s 50+ Connection program offers free blood pressure screenings in the lower level (across from Mervyns) at the Montebello Town Center, 2134 Montebello Town Center Drive, from 8:15 to 9:30 a.m., and at the Montebello Senior Citizens Center, 115 S. Taylor Ave., from 10 to 11 a.m.

One-act plays: The Cerritos College Theater Arts Department presents “Desperate Playwrights,” a group of eight one-act plays written, directed and performed by Cerritos College students at 8 p.m. at the Burrittgh Studio Theatre on the college campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. Vignette range from Iraq War bloggers to mimes. Performances continue Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are $12 for general admission and $10 for students. (562) 467-3058

Saturday, June 24
Historical lunch: The Downey Historical Society conducts its traditional end of season officer installation luncheon at 11 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Golf Course Events Center, 10627 Old River School Road. Cost is $15. (562) 862-2777

Tuesday, June 27
Morning networkers: The Rise ‘N Shine Networking Group of the Downey Chamber of Commerce hosts a breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Nordic Fox Restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. The guest speaker is Kelly Hensley of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter and Hampton, speaking on “Employee Hiring, Discipline, Termination.” (562) 923-2191

Comedy fundraiser: A comedy benefit show to raise funds for scholarships for East Los Angeles College student athletes takes place at the Edison Center for the Performing Arts on the ELAC campus, 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park, at 8:30 p.m. Comedians Alex Reyhumdo, Joey Medina and Suzanne Whang perform. A catered VIP reception starts at 7 p.m. General admission tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. Tickets for the show and reception are $35. (626) 833-7234

Thursday, June 29
Cancer marathon: Cancer survivors and their friends and supporters take part in the 24-hour Relay for Life at North Lake Center Athletic Field, 11641 E. Florence Ave., South Fe Springs. Participants solicit donations, with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. (800) 227-2345

Ongoing
Farmers market: The Norwalk Committee on Aging conducts a farmers market 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Excelior High School parking lot, on the south side of Alondra Boulevard west of Pioneer Boulevard. A variety of fresh fruits, flowers, vegetables and fish is available.

Bellflower market: A farmers market operates from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Monday at St. Clair Park, 1661 S. Clark Drive. Bellflower. Fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants, broccoli sprouts, honey and more are available. (562) 866-7510

Bingo play: The Norwalk Senior Citizens Center hosts bingo each Friday at 1:15 p.m. at the center, 14040 San Antonio Drive. Cards cost 25 cents and anyone 18 or older may play.