FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

In Progress

Aya Abelon is working on developing a series of student feature stories

Aya Abelon is also working on an Excellence is the Standard piece for the 2010 Spring class schedule

Abelon is working on developing the fall edition of In Sight.

Coverage

*Antelope Valley Press*—September 1, 2009—Article on the peaked demand for community college class mentioning the college

*Long Beach Press-Telegram*—September 1, 2009—Informational brief on the college’s internet radio station WPMD

*Whittier Daily News*—September 4, 2009—Informational brief on the Norwalk Mexican Independence Day event mentioning the college’s cosmetology students cutting hair for the Hair Drive at the event

*Herald American*—September 10, 2009—Article on the Norwalk Mexican Independence Day event mentioning the college’s cosmetology students cutting hair for the Hair Drive at the event

*Long Beach Press-Telegram*—September 10, 2009—Informational brief on a Patriot Day concert featuring the Cerritos College Community Band

*Los Cerritos Community News*—September 11, 2009—Article on the Cerritos College Foundation Golf Tournament raising record breaking amount of donations (from press release)

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The Downey Patriot—September 18, 2009—Informational brief on the college’s annual Job Fair (from press release)

Whittier Daily News—September 21, 2009—Article on the college’s Court Reporting Department receiving federal funds for its captioning program (from press release)

Long Beach Press-Telegram—September 22, 2009—Feature article on the college’s Mini Es and the partnership with BMW

Boston Herald—September 22, 2009—Feature article on the college’s Mini Es and the partnership with BMW

Whittier Daily News—September 22—Article on the college’s iFALCON campaign receiving $2.5 Million grant (from press release)

Cerritos College Foundation Golf Tournament Raises Record Breaking $67,000

Title Sponsor Bovis Lend Lease and Other Corporate Sponsors Helped Raise Funds for Students

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 2, 2009

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

NORWALK, Calif. – September 2, 2009 – The Cerritos College Foundation raised an unprecedented amount of $67,000 at its 24th Annual Golf Classic August 3 at Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier. This year’s title sponsor, Bovis Lend Lease, was joined by numerous corporations and local businesses in helping the Foundation achieve its goal.

"Having played in several tournaments this year, the Cerritos event far surpasses all others in the organization, venue and overall fun experience,” said Jerry Jones, program director of Bovis Lend Lease.

Other specialty sponsors included the putting competition sponsor Musty Putters; shirt sponsor S & K Engineers; golf ball sponsors Parker & Covert LLP and R2A Architecture; beverage cart sponsor Viele & Sons, Inc.; continental breakfast sponsors Dean Foods/Swiss Dairy and Zebra Coffee; helicopter golf ball drop sponsors California Ink, Printing & Graphics, Mr. B’s Tees and PDQ Rentals; trophy sponsor Follett’s Cerritos College Bookstore; and beverage sponsors The Pepsi Bottling Group and Triangle Distributing Company.

The Helicopter Ball Drop Winners Bert Paul took home $3,000 cash prize. There were several competitions as part of the tournament. Most notable, Moore Flooring took home the prize for the “Business Competition.”

Foundation Executive Director Steve Richardson presented Cerritos College student Desiree Miera the 2008 Nancy Kelly Academic Scholarship, awarded each year to an outstanding female athlete in softball who displays high academic achievement. Miera, of Downey, a child development major plans to transfer to California State University, Long Beach, and hopes to become an elementary school teacher.

The 25th Annual Cerritos College Foundation Golf Classic is scheduled for August 2, 2010 at Friendly Hills Country Club.

The Cerritos College Foundation, a non-profit organization, serves as a charitable vehicle for the community, individuals and alumni, to assist with financial support of Cerritos College beyond that which state funding supports. Visit the Foundation online at www.cerritos.edu/ccf.

Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college’s district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently averages nearly 23,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at http://www.cerritos.edu/.

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Cerritos College to Host Job Fair on October 6

Employer Early Registration Ends September 15

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 3, 2009

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

WHAT: Cerritos College’s annual Job Fair will be held Tuesday, October 6, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Library/Falcon Square sidewalk. The event, which attracts more than 300 attendees each year, is free and open to Cerritos College students and the general public. It is recommended that attendees dress in business attire and bring copies of resumes with them.

During the Job Fair, attendees will have opportunity to talk to recruiters, learn about the companies, explore job opportunities, network with recruiters, and receive suggestions from employers on resumes and interviewing skills. Employers representing business, finance, technology, healthcare, retail and other industries will participate in the event.

Resume building workshops and workshops in successful job fair tips will be offered prior to the event.

Employers who wish to participate in the event may access job fair information at www.cerritos.edu/career-services/job-placement, and click on Employer Job Fair Registration Form, or call Cerritos College’s Job Placement Office for further information at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2366 or by e-mail at job-placement-info@cerritos.edu.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 6, 2009
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Cerritos College
Wilford Michael Library/Falcon Square sidewalk
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide.

CONTACT: For more information, please contact Christina The, Career Services at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2367 or the@cerritos.edu.
Job Fair information can be accessed at www.cerritos.edu/career-services/job-placement.
COST: Free to attendees. Parking for the event is free in lot C-10 in white stalls ONLY.

For employers, early registration is $75 per company or organization and includes a lunch ticket. Additional lunch tickets are $10 each. Registration after September 15 is $100. No registration is accepted after September 22.

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ARRA Stimulus Dollars Benefit Both Cerritos College Students and Local Businesses

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 14, 2009

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

NORWALK, Calif. – September 14, 2009 – Nearly 100 Cerritos College students were employed on and off campus this summer as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act’s (ARRA) “Summer Youth Program.”

The Pathway Programs Department was awarded $265,750 in federal stimulus dollars appropriated by the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board (SELACO/WIB) to serve students for the Summer Youth Program.

“The funds we received for the Summer Youth Program were invaluable,” said Maggie Cordero, director of the Pathway Programs at Cerritos College. “Students received valuable skills but most importantly in these tough economical times students were able to earn a paycheck.”

For Luis Leonardo Jimenez, an administration of justice major who plans to become a deputy sheriff after he obtains an A.A., the Summer Youth Program provided him with the very first job experience in the Assessment Center on campus. “I was able to gain phone, computer and paperwork-processing skills in a very busy environment that I can use when I become a deputy sheriff,” said Jimenez.

The Summer Youth Program was created to provide young adults with work readiness training and work experience to help prepare them for a successful entry into the workforce. The program targeted youth ages 18 to 24 years old who met specific income requirements and fell into at least one of the program-identified target groups. All students first completed a short work readiness training course and they were placed in internships which correspond in some way with their future occupational interest. Program participants were paid through the Workforce Investment Act as part of the ARRA, which allowed employers to hire interns at no cost.

“The program helped us significantly,” said Nancy Velasquez, who supervised three Cerritos College students at Ironworkers Union Local 416 in Norwalk. “Since there are fewer jobs in the field due to the economy, we are receiving high volume of calls from workers. Without the students who did an excellent job answering calls in a good manner, we could not handle it. It was hard to see them leave when the program ended.”

Other employers included Christian Dior, Ironworkers Union Local 416, Mobil gas station, Paramount Education Partnership, R&D Steel and 16 on-campus departments.
Cerritos College Court Reporting Gets Full Makeover

Department Receives Federal Funding for Its Captioning Program and Gets Reap-proved by the California Court Reporter’s Board

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 15, 2009

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

NORWALK, Calif. – September 15, 2009 – Cerritos College’s Court Reporting and Captioning Careers Department received $95,000 in Federal funding to build a captioning component of the Department through Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano (CA-38).

“We are tremendously excited to receive these funds,” said Vyikki Morgan, who co-chairs the Court Reporting and Captioning Career Department along with Mary Balmages. “It will allow us to build the captioning side of our program, which will include post-production captioning and realtime captioning courses for students who wish to explore the captioning side of computerized shorthand skills.”

Non-court reporting students will also be able to study and perform post-production offline captioning using the QWERTY keyboard, and court reporting students will be able to use their stenotype machines to create the caption scripts.

The telecommunications industry has been mandated by law to provide broadcast television programming with captioning in English and in Spanish creating an industry demand for trained captioners. Realtime captioning provides accessibility for 2.9 million deaf and hard-of-hearing Californians. Realtime captioning also makes Web sites with videos accessible.

Congresswoman Napolitano’s support of the realtime writers and captioning program comes from her own experience when she once trained as a court reporter at Cerritos College and her commitment to the college’s role in training the workforce for new careers. The grant will provide needed funding to develop new curriculum and instruction in the startup phase of the program.

The Department also received reapproval from the California Court Reporter’s Board, which means the college is qualified to send students to the Certified Shorthand Reporters Examination to earn a license after passing the Program’s “qualifier” exam. The Program received a visit from the Board on May 6, 2009, followed by a letter dated June 4 that it has met all requirements to continue on as an approved program.
Cerritos College has long offered day and evening courses, and in 2007 online theory was offered for the first time, followed by online speed classes in fall 2008. The online theory classes give many students who do not have a court reporting school close to them the opportunity to try court reporting to see if it might just be the career for them.

“We are the only community college in California that offers online theory classes, in which students learn to use the stenotype machine,” said Morgan. “Their only other option is to take online theory classes at private schools, which costs considerably more than the public schools.”

Students interested in the Court Reporting and Captioning Careers program at Cerritos College should visit its website for more information: www.cerritos.edu/courtreporting.

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Cerritos College Woodworking Faculty Wins Prestigious Master Woodworker’s Award

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 17, 2009

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

NORWALK, Calif. – September 17, 2009 – Carl Stammerjohn, chair of the Woodworking Manufacturing Technology Department, won the Master Woodworker’s Trophy in the 28th annual Design In Wood Exhibition, an international competitive exhibition of fine woodworking at the 2009 San Diego County Fair this summer. The competition featured spectacular creations from wood, including violins, furniture, and toys. Judging panels consisted of woodworkers and professionals in the industry.

For his winning piece hall table, he drew design inspiration from a sculpture he saw at a house in Venice Beach, California.

His table serves multiple purposes. He bought walnut wood from a tree which was cut down in one of his students’ neighborhood, saving the tree from ending up in landfill. During the six-month period he worked on the table, he posted the project status to his blog to show his students the process of furniture-making.

“I received an honorable mention in the Contemporary Furniture category and the Master Woodworker’s Trophy with this piece,” said Stammerjohn, who received $250, trophy and rosette. “I am very pleased to receive such a prominent award.”

Three Cerritos College Woodworking students also won awards in the exhibition: Richard Foreman, two honorable mentions, Woodturning; Bruce Lewellyn, second place, fourth place, honorable mention, Woodturning; Nick Kleha, second place, Veneering/Marquetry Furniture.
Stammerjohn has taught woodworking technology and craftsmanship at Cerritos College since 2000 for the past eight years. Before teaching full-time at Cerritos College Carl Stammerjohn operated a one-man custom furniture shop for six years. He did mostly commission work, occasionally creating spec pieces when time permitted. Prior to his career in woodworking, he worked as a math teacher and mechanical engineer.

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Cerritos College Receives $2.5 Million Title V Grant for its Innovative Developmental Education Initiative

iFALCON Addresses Traits Essential to Student Success

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 21 2009

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NORWALK, Calif. – September 21, 2009 – Cerritos College received $2.5 million in a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to support its innovative academic success program “iFALCON.”

The grant, paid over a five-year period, is to be used for data collection, research, program and website expansions, development of a student support network, and ultimately to institutionalize the experimental iFALCON campaign.

The Strengthening Hispanic Serving Institutions Grant was created to help eligible institutions of higher education enhance and expand their capacity to serve Hispanic and low-income students by providing funds to improve and strengthen the academic quality, institutional stability, management, and fiscal capabilities of eligible institutions.

According to the study conducted by the Cerritos College Faculty Senate, 93% of its students are assessed as lacking basic skills, and almost 40% fail to succeed in their coursework. Of the College’s Hispanic students, who comprise 54% of the student body, only 36% achieve their stated educational goals.

The iFALCON campaign, which was introduced by the Faculty Senate as pilot program last fall, addresses these issues and aims to educate Cerritos College students on how to practice and adopt success-oriented habits of mind.

The campaign emphasizes a FALCON acronym and an iFALCON slogan to reiterate to students the tools they need to get the most from their education. The FALCON acronym engages students in six habits of academic success: Focus, Advance, Link Up, Comprehend, Organize and New Ideas. In the pilot semester, iFALCON was used around campus to help students remember to use the success-oriented habits of mind. Falcon is used as a verb and “to Falcon” means to practice the habits of success that are being taught to the students in the classrooms.

“The program received very positive feedback from students during the pilot semesters,” said Dr. Stephen Clifford, English professor and co-director of the iFALCON campaign along with Lynn
Serwin, associate professor of English. “The entire campus - including faculty, staff, managers and students - has contributed to introduce the iFALCON concept and the study skills to students, which was amazing.”

“It’s a very unique academic success program, which, I believe, doesn’t exist at any other colleges,” said Dr. Bryan Reece, interim dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, who founded the iFALCON initiative. “This grant will help us institutionalize the campaign and provide a good student success initiative model for other colleges and universities to follow.”

For Rosa Castañeda, the campaign has changed her behavior. Castañeda is the vice president of the Associated Students of Cerritos College and the president of the iFALCON club, which was established to raise funds to support the iFALCON scholarship for students. Juggling school, job and student government and club responsibilities, she manages to balance and organize her challenging schedule by practicing the iFALCON habits.

“The iFalcon campaign presents the necessary skills that students need to apply, not only within their academic studies, but to their life,” said Castañeda. “These are the life skills one will need in order to succeed in anything one sets one’s mind to. I can definitely say that this campaign has already helped a multitude of students.”

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Cerritos College Volleyball to Dig for the Cure

Team Joins Dig Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Rally

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 29, 2009

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NORWALK, Calif. – September 29, 2009 – When you say October, you would think Halloween, Columbus Day or falling leaves. But October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. And Cerritos College women’s volleyball team will be joining for the first year in Side-Out’s Dig Pink National Breast Cancer Awareness Rally to raise funds and breast cancer awareness in the community.

This fall, thousands of teams from around the country will be participating in Dig Pink to promote Breast health education as well as raising funds to help eradicate Breast Cancer.

“It’s a neat way to get us together for a great cause,” said Teresa Velazquez, head volleyball coach at Cerritos College. “Students, family, friends and the community can help a good cause while supporting the team.”

Dig Pink attendees will watch the women compete on the court while contributing the breast health awareness by wearing pink in the stands and making a donation at the door. Dig Pink t-shirts can be purchased for $10 at the Physical Education Department. Order form is available here.

Every home game in October will have 50/50 raffles in which 50% of the proceeds go to the Side-Out Foundation and the other 50% will be prize. Or, even if you cannot make it to the games, you can still make a credit card donation at the Cerritos College Page on the Dig Pink Web site by going to www.DigPink.org, selecting the Colleges link under 2009 Team Summary and selecting Cerritos College.

Cerritos College will host its Dig Pink event at the following home pages during the month of October:

October 2, 6:00 p.m. against East Los Angeles College
October 9, 6:00 p.m. against Pasadena City College
October 16, 6:00 p.m. against Los Angeles
October 28, 6:00 p.m. against Long Beach City College

The Side-Out Foundation is an organization that has es City Collraised hundreds of thousands of dollars for breast cancer research nationwide through tournaments, clinics, and rallies. This is where the goal of $2,500 in proceeds and donations set by the Cerritos College “Dig for the Cure” campaign will benefit the Side-Out Foundation, a national 501 (c)(3). For more information about the event, please contact Teresa Velazquez at tvelazquez@cerritos.edu or (562) 860-2451 ext. 2881.

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College classes ‘stuffed full’ — no cause for joy

By ALISHA SEMCHUCK
Valley Press Staff Writer

LANCASTER — Record numbers of students swarmed Antelope Valley College this semester, only to find classes already packed.

Though the demand for classes has peaked, not enough money is available to pay all the faculty needed to teach those classes because of budget cuts from the state, college administrators said. So far, 15,706 students this fall sought admission to the college, compared to a head count of 14,806 students the previous year, said AV College President Dr. Jackie L. Fisher.

“When the state budget finally passed, (legislators) reduced community college funding by $192 million, which represented 3.39% for all colleges,” Fisher said. “For us, that meant a loss of $1.9 million of our growth (funding).

The cap for full-time equivalent students this year is 15,107, meaning the college must reduce its numbers by 1,800 full-time equivalent students, a formula the state uses to determine the amount of funding allowable for each campus.

Essentially, state budget cuts forced the college to eliminate about 30 course sections, said Ted Younglove, AVC’s director of Institutional Research and Planning. He noted that campus officials did not eliminate any courses needed for degrees, those necessary to transfer into four-year universities or the job training programs.

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They did, however, reduce the number of sections available. So if, for example, they offered three or four Level I English classes in the past, they might only offer two this semester.

As reported July 16 by the Antelope Valley Press, less money coming from the state means the number of winter intersession classes could be cut in half in January, and courses could also be reduced for spring.

A following article in the Aug 18 Valley Press quoted Younglove as saying that further funding cuts from the state meant “reductions in the number of (course) sections offered is necessary to balance the budget.”

“A few cuts are necessary to balance the budget,” Younglove said at the August board meeting.

“We’ve cut our salaries in half, we offer less classes,” Younglove said in August.

Previously, a classroom might have 40 seats but only 10 students enrolled in the course. Now, where they can, officials will divide up the number of students per class.

“It costs the same amount to get that classroom,” Younglove said. “We’ve gone from an average of 75% full to an average well over 90%.”

Student Nicholas Popp said the classes are “stuffed full.”

“Students are saying the class is full; you hear students crying on cellphones, you see students walking away with their heads hung down...,” Popp said.

“I’ve seen one case,” Younglove said.

Byers said he has witnessed line with as many as 65 other students, just to learn that a class was full.

Younglove said one instructor told him 50 students were waiting for these openings in an English class.

Byers said instructors posted signs on doors that read “no enro- llers” or “full class — go talk to your government officials.”

Younglove said he hasn’t seen signs on any doors.

“Spring will be worse than this — less classes with the same amount of students or more,” Younglove said. “The numbers for that are still being decided.”

Fisher said for the school years of 2007-08, 2010-11 and 2011-12, no additional funding is anticipated to be available to community colleges, resulting in further reductions of class offerings.

Steve Standerfer, AVC director of Public and Governmental Relations, said top business managers and president who have worked in the field for years echo Fisher’s sentiments, that they’re “never seen anything like this before. It’s totally off the chart. Nobody has anything to compare this to.”

Younglove said his wife decided to take classes at Riverside Community College and she confronted the same situation with courses already filled.

“I’m having a hard time understanding it,” Younglove said. “It’s happening everywhere in the state, Standerfer said.

He said Long Beach City College reduced its course offerings by 13% this semester, compared to fall 2008.

Cerritos College reduced its full course offerings by 20% compared with the same time last year. San Diego Community College District reduced its course offerings by 600 classes last fall, Standerfer said.

Educators agree that a combination of factors contributed to the situation — the state budget deficit, the economic woes that has businesses laying off people unemployed, a larger-than-ever high school graduating class among Antelope Valley schools, and that campuses throughout the California State University and University of California system have limited the number of students they are accepting.

People whose jobs have come to AVC and other community colleges to learn new career skills, and those turned away from the CSUs and the UCs seek admission to community colleges, making enrollment figures rise, officials say.
Those dirty rats, they’ve found the dog biscuits

RATS HIT THE JACKPOT: Oh, it’s on now. The rats have found our dog Jimmy’s secret stash of dog biscuits.

We buy them — the dog biscuits — who’s gonna buy a rat (we blithely type, never anticipating the wall of mail from rat-buyers who will assure us that their little murine pals are brimming with personality and make better pets than, say tortoises) — at Costco, which means we have enough bone-shaped dog biscuits to construct a life-size T. Rex skeleton if we wish.

What we wish is that we didn’t have rats, though at least now they’ve forsaken our attic for our detached garage, where Saturday night they strolled upon the piano-box-size carton of Costco win dog biscuits, gnawed through its side in several places, and began dragging dog biscuits several feet away to the nest they’ve made in some old kerosene-soaked rags that we’d casually tossed in a heap next to some cans of gasoline and other flammable liquids and a stack of yellowed, brittle and unread home-safety manuals.

We picked up the dog biscuits and put them in a place where rats can’t get to them (we type cockily), and we’ll see what happens next. If they go back to the attic, or learn how to use a lighter, we’ll have to rethink everything.

GREEK FEST: Meanwhile, we have the Labor Day vacation coming up, which is huge for us because we finally get a three-day weekend which, according to our calendar, we could squander a million different ways.

We’ll look a few in the hours to come, but we’re going to start with the Long Beach Greek Festival, which will use up the entire three-day weekend, from Saturday through Monday, from noon till 9 p.m. each day, at the Impossible-to-miss Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 5761 E. Colorado St., where Colorado used to connect with PCH back in the pre-Jan Hall easy-speeding days.

This is the 6th version of the festival, and it’ll include a full carnival this year, in addition to the annual show-stopping army of Greek food and desserts, pure beer and wine (the Greek Orthodox Church being just a pope shy of Catholicism), music and danced and tours of the Impressive church.

There’s free parking at Cal State Long Beach’s Seventh Street lots with free shuttle service to the festival. Admission is $3 for adults; kids 12 and under are free. It’s also free for adults on Labor Day from noon till 4, or swing by to print out a free admission coupon and info at www.lbgreekfest.org.

DOUGHNUT SEND US ANY MORE BALLOTS: The polls are closed for the What’s Hot! Best Doughnut in (and Around) Long Beach, but our fieldwork continues as we and our pink box full of assorted doughnuts have become a regular sight around the twin towers of the Press-Telegram’s international headquarters in downtown Long Beach. We have taken to disguising the box in a green Bristol Farms enterprise so people will mistake our cargo of assorted crueller, tarts, chocolate and maple long johns, Boston cream, bear claws, jelly-filled, glazed and sprinkled doughnuts for a sack of corn.

Still, there’s no fooling our co-workers, who fall upon the pink box every morning and now everyone around here has a sort of sumo look about them. It will be good when this thing finally ends.

We’ll start with the early results on Wednesday.

KNET-FM: Forget about spinning your dial in the L.A. radio market. There ain’t no radio found here. Happily, your Internet machine still plays great sounds all over the Web dial, and one of your primary pre-sets should be LongBeacher Steve Klemín’s “FM Rewind,” running out of Corrítos College’s top-notch Internet station, WPMR (www.wpmd.org) at 4 p.m. Fridays.

Klemín’s one-hour show (it repeats at 9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays) casts yourural memory back to the free-form radio days when FM was transforming from cashead music to deep cuts from only the coolest albums while AM was going heavy commercial in terms of ads and musical format.

Those were good old days, and they continue on “FM Rewind,” where Klemín (metaphorically) hits from those “underground” days of the 70s, as well as the sort of music good radio stations would play today, if there were any good radio stations today.

Tim Grobaty can be reached at tgrobaty@yahoo.com or 562-499-3256.
Community Garden

to welcome new members

The Whittier Community Garden, 13465 Hadley St., is proud to announce the opening of its club to all gardeners in Whittier at its first meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. For information, contact Vice President Eddie Ramirez or Treasurer Joe Papalat at (562) 222-9880 or (562) 680-6318.

NORWALK

Mexican Independence Day celebration set

The city of Norwalk Recreation and Park Services Department will celebrate Mexican Independence Day from noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 12 on the Civic Center lawn, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

The presentation of Miss 19th of September and her court and the reading of "El Grito" will be at 2 p.m.

Entertainment will include folklorico dancers, a youth mariachi group and the Latin band, Suave.

Students from Cerritos College cosmetology department will cut hair which will be donated to Locks of Love. Donations are used to make hairpieces for individuals suffering from long-term medical-related hair loss due to any diagnosis.

For information, call
Six vie for Miss Sept. 16 title

NORWALK — Miss September 16 will be crowned in ceremonies during the city’s Mexican Independence Day program, from noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 12 on the north lawn of City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Six young women ages 16 to 21 who live in Norwalk will compete in the pageant, set for 10 a.m., by reading a three-minute essay on “What Does the 16th of September Mean to Me as an American?” The essays may be read or recited by memory in English.

Scoring by a panel of judges will be based on content of the essay, delivery, appearance and poise of the candidate, a representative said.

Top three winners will receive college scholarships.

Rosie Lozoya, a recreation coordinator, said the 10 a.m. judging is open to the public.

Miss September 16 will be formally introduced to the public following a 2 p.m. ceremony in which El Grito, the shout for freedom, will be re-enacted, Lozoya said.

Admission to the celebration is free. There will be live entertainment such as mariachi bands and folklorico dancing. Food and craft items will be available for purchase.

A new part of the annual Norwalk ceremony will be the Miss Sept. 16 Hair Drive. Begun three years ago by a former Miss Sept. 16, the drive asks for donations of hair to be used to make hairpieces for those suffering hair loss because of medical treatment for a long-term ailment.

The cutting will be done by Cerritos College cosmetology students, Lozoya said.

Hair may be donated by men or women, but each lock of hair must be at least 10 inches long.

Donations may include curly or layered hair, colored or permed and may have been cut previously if preserved in a pony tail. Not usable is bleached hair, dreadlocks, wigs, hair extensions or synthetic hair, the rules said.

For information on the hair drive, call (562) 929-5702.

For more information on the event, call (562) 929-5518.

Music, tributes to mark 8th anniversary of 9-11

CERRITOS

The city of Cerritos will hold a Patriot Day Concert in honor of the victims and heroes of 9-11 at 7 p.m. today in Heritage Park, 18800 Bloomfield Ave. The free event will feature the Cerritos College Community Band playing patriotic music.

For information, call 562-916-1254.

DOWNEY

Calvary Chapel Christian School in Downey has planned a tribute to the victims of 9-11 today. A singer will perform “The Star Spangled Banner” at the beginning of the school’s first home football game, along with the color guard presenting the flags. At halftime, there will be a moment of silence, then a piper will play “Amazing Grace” on the bagpipes.

This game will be held today beginning at 7 p.m. at Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

LONG BEACH

The Long Beach Police and Fire Departments will host the annual 9-11 Memorial Ceremony adjacent City Hall.

The event will begin promptly at 9 a.m. today and officials advise arriving early.

It will feature the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and the placing of wreaths at the base of the memorial. A bugler will play taps followed by a bagpiper who will play “Amazing Grace” to conclude the ceremony.

The memorial will be held at the Police and Fire Memorial next to City Hall, on Chestnut Street near the intersection of West Broadway.

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— From staff reports
Cerritos College Foundation Golf Tournament Raises Record Breaking $67,000

The Cerritos College Foundation raised an unprecedented amount of $67,000 at its 24th Annual Golf Classic August 3 at Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier. This year's title sponsor, Bovis Lend Lease, was joined by numerous corporations and local businesses in helping the Foundation achieve its goal.

"Having played in several tournaments this year, the Cerritos event far surpasses all others in the organization, venue and overall fun experience," said Jerry Jones, program director of Bovis Lend Lease.


Other specialty sponsors included the putting competition sponsor Musty Putters; shirt sponsor S & K Engineers; golf ball sponsors Parker & Convert LLP; and R2A Architecture; beverage cart sponsor Viele & Sons, Inc.; continental breakfast sponsors Dean Foods/Swiss Dairy and Zebra Coffee; helicopter golf ball drop sponsors California Ink, Printing & Graphics, Mr. B's Tees and PDQ Rentals; trophy sponsor Reitert's Cerritos College Bookstore; and beverage sponsors The Pepsi Bottling Group and Triangle Distributing Company. The Helicopter Ball Drop

Winners Bert Paul took home $3,000 cash prize. There were several competitions as part of the tournament. Most notable, Moore Flooring took home the prize for the “Business Competition.”

Foundation Executive Director Steve Richardson presented Cerritos College student Desiree Miera the 2008 Nancy Kelly Academic Scholarship, awarded each year to an outstanding female athlete in softball who displays high academic achievement. Miera, of Downey, a child development major plans to transfer to California State University, Long Beach, and hopes to become an elementary school teacher.

The 25th Annual Cerritos College Foundation Golf Classic is scheduled for August 2, 2010 at Friendly Hills Country Club.
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Cerritos College’s Annual Job Fair

Cerritos College’s annual Job Fair will be held Tuesday, October 6, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Library/Falcon Square sidewalk. The event is free and open to Cerritos College students and the general public.

During the Job Fair, attendees will have opportunity to talk to recruiters, learn about the companies, explore job opportunities, network with recruiters, and receive suggestions from employers on resumes and interviewing skills. Employers representing business, finance, technology, healthcare, retail and other industries will participate in the event.

Resume building workshops and workshops in successful job fair tips will be offered prior to the event.

Employers who wish to participate in the event may access job fair information at www.cerritos.edu/career-services/job-placement.

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Event celebrates Mexican independence

By Phillip Zonkel Staff Writer

NORWALK — The city’s Recreation and Parks Services Department will celebrate Mexican Independence Day early with an afternoon of music and entertainment on Saturday.

The annual free event commemorating Sept. 16, 1810, will be from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday on the Civic Center lawn at Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

The presentation of Miss 16th of September and her court and the reading of “El Grito,” the cry of independence, takes place at 2 p.m.

Entertainment includes folkloric dancers, a youth mariachi band and the Latin group Suave. Community groups will be selling a variety of food items, including traditional Mexican offerings.

In addition, students from the Cerritos College Cosmetology Department will be on hand to cut hair for the Locks of Love Hair Drive. Donations will be used to make hairpieces for people suffering from long-term, medical-related hair loss.

For information about guidelines for hair donations, call 562-929-5702.

Music, tributes to mark 8th anniversary of 9-11

Today Americans will commemorate the eighth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States. Here are some local memorial plans:

CERRITOS

The city of Cerritos will hold a Patriot Day Concert in honor of the victims and heroes of 9-11 at 7 p.m. today in Heritage Park, 18800 Bloomfield Ave. The free event will feature the Cerritos College Community Band playing patriotic music.

For information, call 562-916-1254.

DOWNNEY

Calvary Chapel Christian School in Downey has planned a tribute to the victims of 9-11 today. A singer will perform “The Star Spangled Banner” at the beginning of the school’s first home football game, along with the color guard presenting the flag. At halftime, there will be a moment of silence, then a piper will play “Amazing Grace” on the bagpipes.

This game will be held today beginning at 7 p.m. at Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

LONG BEACH

The Long Beach Police and Fire Departments will host the annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony adjacent City Hall.

The event will begin promptly at 9 a.m. today and officials advise arriving early. It will feature the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and the placing of wreaths at the base of the memorial. A bugler will play taps followed by a bagpiper who will play “Amazing Grace” to conclude the ceremony.

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Employers representing business, finance, technology, healthcare, retail and other industries are expected to participate.

Resume-building workshops will be offered prior to the event.

The fair will take place in the school’s library and Falcon Square from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Employers can participate in the fair by calling Christina The at [562] 860-2451, ext. 2367, for more information.

Federal funds lead to new captioning programs at Cerritos College

Cerritos College’s Court Reporting and Captioning Careers Department has received $895,000 in federal funding to add a captioning component to the department, thanks to the efforts of Rep. Grace Napolitano, D-Santa Fe Springs.

As such, the college plans to add post-production captioning and realtime captioning courses for those who want to learn the captioning side of computerized shorthand skills.

Non-court reporting students will also be able to study and perform post-production offline captioning using the QWERTY keyboard, and court reporting students will be able to use their stenotype machines to create the caption scripts.

Realtime captioning provides accessibility for 2.9 million deaf and hard-of-hearing Californians. Realtime captioning also makes Web sites with videos accessible. Napolitano’s support comes from her own experience at Cerritos College, training as a court reporter.

For more information, visit www.cerritos.edu/courtreporting.
MIGHTY MITE
Cerritos College is test driving BMW's new electric Mini concept car

Cerritos College auto lab technician David Roper shows off the engine of a BMW Mini E electric concept car, which has a locked box around it. The college is test-driving two of the cars on campus and will give the company feedback.

By Kelly Puente Staff Writer

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The college will lease the cars at $20 a month until the end of next June. In return, school staffers will provide feedback on how the Minis drive in real life. BMW pays for all maintenance and car insurance.

And the ride, so far, has been fun, said Steve Berdine, dean of the

On the Web
Video: Take a ride inside the Mini E at presstelegram.com.
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Berklite, however, doesn’t expect to see consumers driving the Mini E any time soon.
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The Mini E’s 570-pound Lithium-ion battery pack takes up the entire back seat, leaving room for only one passenger and little trunk space. The car has a range of about 100 to 150 miles per charge, but will get less in freeway drives and hot weather.
The battery takes about three hours to charge at one of the school’s two, 220-volt charging stations. The car also has an emergency battery pack.
“If you’re stuck somewhere you could be there for a few days,” Berklite said.
The Mini E may not be practical in a large area like Los Angeles County, but it could be ideal for those eco-conscious city dwellers with no children and few groceries.
“It’s perfect for city driving,” Roper said. “It drives just like a regular Mini.”
BMW cites a zero to 62 mile per hour time of 8.5 seconds, and a top speed of about 90 mph. Roper said he’s reached about 90 mph.
The car gets about 200 horsepower, but also weighs about 3,500 pounds, he added.
If the Mini E does eventually hit the market, consumers can expect to pay a base price of around $50,000, Roper said.

Two Mini Es are on loan to Cerritos College. The electric cars can drive up to 150 miles on one charge.

Cerritos College was the only school to receive the cars because the automotive department has a close working relationship with BMW, Berkite added.
The cars are being used primarily for school business on and off campus, and all college employees must be approved by campus police to drive them.
Berkite said Mini Es are also being tested by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, the city of Brea and Disneyland.
An electric Mini? What a concept

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Cerritos College plans annual job fair

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Cerritos College gets $2.5 million to help build skills

Cerritos College received a $2.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to support its innovative academic success program “iFALCON.”

The iFALCON campaign, which was introduced by the Faculty Senate as pilot program last fall, addresses issues of poor performance by Latino students.

The FALCON acronym engages students in six habits of academic success: Focus, Advance, Link up, Comprehend, Organize and New ideas.

The grant, paid over a five-year period, is to be used for data collection, research, program and Web site expansions, development of a student support network, and ultimately to institutionalize the experimental iFALCON campaign.

According to the study conducted by the Cerritos College Faculty Senate, 93 percent of its students are assessed as lacking basic skills, and almost 40 percent fail to succeed in their coursework. Of the College’s Hispanic students, who constitute 84 percent of the student body, only 36 percent achieve their stated educational goals.

September 24, 2009

Cerritos College will conduct its annual job fair from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 6 in the Library/Falcon Square area on campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

The event, which attracts more than 300 people each year, is free and open to students and the general public, said Aya Abelson, coordinator of media relations.

It is recommended that attendees dress in business attire and bring copies of their résumés, Abelson said.

Those attending the job fair can network with recruiters, learn about companies, explore job opportunities and receive suggestions from employers on résumés and interviewing skills.