

## THIS WEEK

### Ongoing

- » “The Forgotten Ones,” Brian Doan’s photographic documentation of the last Vietnamese boat people in the Philippines, Edouard De Merlier Photography & Library Galleries (through March 26).
- » “Para Los Ninos” exhibit, Floating Wall Gallery (through March 26).

### 8 • Tuesday

- » NOCCCD Board meeting, Anaheim campus, 5:30 p.m.

### 9 • Wednesday

- » “Eyeblast” art exhibit by Hilary Baker and Philippa Blair, Art Gallery (through April 7). Opening reception, 7-9 p.m.

### 10 • Thursday

- » Senior Day
- » Academic Senate, Wilson Conference Room, 3-5 p.m.

### 11 • Friday

- » Patrons of the Arts: “A Latin Evening” Concert and Recital, FA—3rd floor Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- » “Best Little Whorehouse in Texas,” campus theater, 8 p.m.

## THEY SAID IT

“Public opinion in this country is everything.”

– Abraham Lincoln

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March 4, 2005 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

Core Values:

Excellence

Integrity

Collegiality

Inclusiveness

## Student Casey Simpson a Finalist in ‘Nashville Star’ Competition

► **She is one of 10 remaining contestants on the reality TV show hosted by recording artist LeAnn Rimes on the USA Network.**

Cypress College student [Casey Simpson](#), of Cerritos, has been selected to compete in the finals of the 2005 Nashville Star competition. Simpson is among ten finalists, selected nationwide from thousands, who will compete during the third season of the Nashville Star show. Nashville Star is an original grassroots talent search series to find the next great country music star.

Simpson first enrolled in classes in fall, 2003 and continued through last semester. According to interviews, she is taking this semester off and was planning to study in the Dental or Culinary Arts programs.

“It is an awesome opportunity to represent all of the wonderful talent in California and to be one of the final ten in the Nashville Star competition,” Simpson said. “Everyone on the show has earned their spot and we are all pulling for each other like we are in one big family.”

Simpson started her singing career with a National Anthem performance at the Perris Auto Speedway at the age of nine. She has had the

privilege of singing the National Anthem on several occasions for the Los Angeles Lakers, the Los Angeles Kings and the Los Angeles Sparks at the Staples Center. She performs concerts for several charity events such as the Mickey Jones CHOC Ride & Blues Festival, Cruisin’ For-A-Cure, Law Enforcement Motorcycle Association, Lupus Awareness Ride, and American Cruisers (Cruisers 4 Kids). She performs concerts at numerous events each year such as county fairs, LA Marathon, Jimmy Stewart Relay Marathon Race, Long Beach Marathon, and for In-N-Out Burger events.

She has had the honor of opening a Willie Nelson and Travis Tritt concert with the National Anthem. Casey also recorded a song for the *Rugrats Movie* which was released Christmas, 2002.

“My first love is singing and I want to keep trying to develop a career as a singer. I also know that the music industry is very competitive. What I’ve learned this past year is that you don’t give up when the going gets tough. It may take some time to get there, but then again, I’m still young. What’s in my heart is the direction that I will follow, and right now, it’s my music. No matter how many obstacles are put in front of me, I will never give up my dream,” she said.

The Nashville Star, hosted by country music recording artist LeAnn Rimes, airs on the USA Network on Tuesdays at 10 p.m.

### *I Didn’t Know That!*

The Automotive Technology Department offers low-cost automotive services on campus. Services include: engine light diagnosis, hard start problems, no start problems, charging system problems, electrical problems, and other major services. Smog check services to include diagnosis and repair of failed vehicles are also available. Customers pay for parts and a nominal lab fee and all work is guaranteed. Interested parties must fill out a request for automotive services available in the automotive lab. All work must be pre-approved by the class instructor prior to making an appointment. Vehicles must be 1990 and newer. Call ext. 47245 for more information.

### Hate Crime Awareness Forum

A Hate Crime Awareness Forum will be held on Tuesday, March 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the campus theater. The forum will cover a contemporary analysis on how hate impacts the community. The discussion will also address such questions as: Are there hate crimes in Orange County? Why would anyone commit a hate crime? Should I be worried? What can I do? The forum is being facilitated by Randa Wahbe, faculty member in Language Arts, under the auspices of the Campus Diversity Committee and in conjunction with the OC Human Relations and The National Conference for Community & Justice (NCCJ). For additional information, please call ext. 47171.

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## **‘The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas’**

The Theater and Dance Department has made available 50 free tickets for faculty and staff for “The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas,” on Friday, March 11, at 8 p.m. To reserve tickets, call the box office at ext. 47200. Please include the name of your department in the message. Faculty and staff can also take advantage of the buy one and get one free discount offer that can be used for any Cypress College Theater and Dance performance this semester. Information on all of the shows is available through the department’s Web site at <http://finearts.cypresscollege.edu/~theater/> or by calling the box office.

Cypress College Transfer Center

**Evening Transfer Fair**  
**Tuesday, March 29, 2005**

**5:00pm-7:00pm**

**In front of Humanities**

The Transfer Center is located in  
FA-100

Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 8am-5pm  
Phone Number:  
(714)484-7129

▶ *\*\*Over 20 university representatives will  
be here to give you the most up to date  
information...*

**Listed below are some of the universities that will be participating:**

- ~Alliant International University ~Biola University ~ Cal Poly Pomona ~*
  - ~Chapman University ~ Concordia University ~ CSU, Dominguez Hills*
  - ~CSU, Fullerton ~ CSU, Long Beach ~ Hope International University~*
  - ~National University ~ UC Irvine ~ Embry Riddle Aeronautical University~*
  - ~ Pepperdine University, Graziado School of Business & Management ~*
  - ~ UC Riverside ~ Vanguard University ~ Webster University~*
  - ~Northern Michigan University~*
  - ~ Southern California University of Health Sciences ~ College of Oceaneering ~*
- And more...*

# KinderCaminata 2005

## Volunteer Sign-up

February 2, 2005

Dear Colleague:

In order to have another successful **KinderCaminata**, it is important for faculty, staff and students to participate. The **KinderCaminata** Committee would welcome your involvement in any of the following activities. Thank you for volunteering your valuable time.

Please keep this section as a reminder.

Activities for Friday March 18, 2005

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| • Decorations and Set-up    | 7:00 am – 8:30 am   |
| • Bus Greeters              | 8:00 am – 9:30 am   |
| • Career Station Attendants | 8:30 am – 11:30 am  |
| • Water Station             | 8:30 am – 11:30 am  |
| • Lunch Assistants          | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm |

To sign up to volunteer, please complete and return the bottom portion of this for to Becky Rojas, Student Activities Office by February 18, 2005. If you have any questions, Becky may be reached at Ext. 47199.

Hope you can join us!

-----Return this portion-----

### KinderCaminata 2005 Volunteer sign-up sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

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**For your convenience, there will be two separate orientation sessions for volunteers. Please select on of the following:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, March 8, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, March 9, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Both sessions will be held at the Fine Arts Staff Conference Room.

**Please return to Becky Rojas, Student Activities Office by February 18, 2005**

A promotional poster for Casey Simpson on the TV show Nashville Star. Casey Simpson is a young woman with long, straight blonde hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a bright pink, sleeveless top and a silver, multi-strand choker necklace. The background is a soft, out-of-focus bokeh of warm, golden-yellow lights. In the bottom left corner, the text 'Casey Simpson' is written in a dark, serif font. Below it is a decorative, ornate logo for 'NASHVILLE STAR' in gold and red. At the bottom left, the website 'usanetwork.com/nashvillestar' is listed. In the bottom right, the text 'TUESDAYS 10/9C' is displayed in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by the USA Network logo which includes the text 'USA NETWORK' and a stylized American flag graphic. A small copyright notice '©2005 NBC Universal, Inc. All Rights Reserved.' is visible at the very bottom center.

Casey Simpson



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### Student a Finalist on 'Nashville Star' TV Show

Student Casey Simpson is a finalist on the "Nashville Star" TV show, a competition to identify up and coming country artists. Simpson, a resident of Cerritos began taking classes here in the fall of 2003. This season's first episode aired this week and the season finale is scheduled for April 26. You can learn more about Simpson by visiting <http://www.usanetwork.com/nashvillestar/> or her own Web site, <http://www.CaseySimpson.com>.



## Teacher Prep Book Donations and Read Across America

As part of the annual Read Across America event celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday, the Teacher Preparation Program visited Swain and King elementary schools in Cypress to read to students and to donate 900 books to each school. First Books, a non-profit organization that helps encourage students to read, donated the books to the college and Cal-Xpress trucking delivered the books pro-bono driving to Oakland and back About 15 students and staff participated in reading to the elementary students.

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## 30th Anniversary Americana Awards

[Photographs](#) and [videos](#) are available from last Saturday's Americana Awards. Click on the underlined links to visit the appropriate section of the Web site.



Construction Projects, March 3 & 4, 2005  
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DESCRIPTION: This is Admissions and Records from the inside. The service counter is in the middle of the picture. The doors (at the left) will allow students to enter directly from Lot 1.

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## Construction! A Look at Multiple Projects

This week's construction gallery takes a look at the myriad projects underway. We start on the first floor of Business, move to the Student Activities Center/Central Plant project, hover over the classroom remodels, swing by the Library/Administration Building, and then go across the pond to the L/LRC. No jet lag involved. [Click here](#) or on the picture above to visit the gallery.