September 9, 2005 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

Former Assembly Member on Campus for Hispanic Heritage Month

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In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, former California Assembly member Marco Antonio Firebaugh will be a guest speaker on Wednesday, September 28, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Theater. Mr. Firebaugh was a member of the California State Legislature representing the 50th Assembly District in Southeast Los Angeles County. During his tenure in the Assembly, he served as the majority leader.

He is the author of Assembly Bill 540, the law that allows undocumented high school graduates to attend college. He will talk about his passion for education and what inspired him to author AB 540. Folklorico dancers will be performing as part of the event.

The event is sponsored by the Campus Diversity Committee. For further information, contact Gina Marrocco at ext. 47049.

Training Sessions Scheduled for Instructional Quality Assessment Annual and 4-Year Reviews

An IQA (Instructional Quality Assessment) Training Session for the annual and 4-year reviews will be held on the following three days: Wednesday, September 14, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Food for Thought Dining Room; Monday, September 19, from 1 to 3 p.m., in Fine Arts Staff Conference Center; Thursday, September 29, from 3 to 5 p.m., in Fine Arts Staff Conference Center.

Department Coordinators and two or three other department faculty members are strongly encouraged to attend one of the sessions. If you are teaching at these times, please contact Nancy Deutsch and she will try to arrange an additional session.

The two–hour training will be conducted by Heather Brown, Director of Institutional Research, and Nancy Deutsch, Staff Development Coordinator. For questions or concerns, please contact either Nancy or Heather at ext. 47311 or via e-mail at hbrown@cypresscollege.edu.

About $2,400 Collected for Katrina Victims

Approximately $2,400 in donations have been made on campus in the first three days of the “I Made a CD” campaign to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. This week and next, cash and checks are being collected at the Health Center. The campaign will have a more public face next week during the Associated Students Welcome Back Week events on Tuesday and Wednesday. All funds collected will be contributed via the Foundation to the Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

Classified Coffee Event Today

Coffee and refreshments will be served this morning (Friday, September 9) between 9-10:30 a.m. in honor of the classified staff. It will be held in the Food For Thought Dining Room.

“This is my way of saying ‘thank you’ for all of your hard work in getting the fall semester off to a good start,” Dr. Lewis said in an e-mail to all classified employees. “I look forward to seeing you on the 9th.”

Employees can drop by any time during the event. Members of the management team will also attend to express gratitude.
You're Invited

Join Us in Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with Guest Speaker . . .

Marco Antonio Firebaugh
Former California Assembly member
Sponsored AB 540 exemption for Non-resident Tuition
Champion for California's Environment
Protecting California's Working Families
Fighting for Educational Equity
Improving Our Quality of Life

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Time: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Location: Campus Theater

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Jerry Burchfield, a faculty member in photography, stands next to an image he recorded at the former Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro. The scene - with the boots set on the toppled desk - is exactly how Burchfield found it. He and a number of other faculty members are featured in the current on-campus exhibit focusing on the closed military base. A book featuring the work in the exhibit is also available.
Larger Than Life

A member of the construction crew working on the new Library/Learning Resource Center appears larger than life as his shadow is cast up the wall of the building’s orientation room.

Click in to the Gallery for more images from the L/LRC and Student Center construction projects.
Summer’s Gone

I assume that we all have vacationed, had plenty of sun, been and seen enough beyond the confines of our own backyards to satisfy ourselves for at least a few months. And now it’s time to get back to serious retirement—planning the next excursion, next visit to sons and daughters-in-law, daughters and sons-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren, old friends and new friends and whatever and whoever is coming over the horizon. Ain’t life tough?

For Marilyn and me, it’s my 50th high school reunion—Palo Alto, California. “Paly High, class of ’55.” Our motto—high creative and probably the only high school in the nation to use the phrase that year—“The best alive.” Clever rhyme. What can you say about a high school across the street from Stanford University? Marilyn’s reunion was two years ago in St.Clair, Michigan. They had no motto. No bravado in the Midwest. No budding poets, I guess.

And for those who want to know. Yes, I’ll by fly fishing in September. Destiny and irony—a Greek drama. For those worried about the fish, they’re safe—catch and release. Assumption—they’re “catchable.”

Who’s Doin’ What?

Had a nice conversation with Marion Stoneking. (thanks to Evelyn Townsell who called and gave me his phone number) We all called him “Stoney.” For Those who knew Stoney, they will remember, besides his affable nature, a man who really knew how to make a statement with his attire—powder blue sport coat and yellow trousers, a handsome man who looked as if he just stepped off a Hollywood set as a leading man—unflappable, friendly and reassuring.

He is still living in San Juan Capistrano, enjoying the good life in retirement. The family has multiplied—four children, four grand-children. Recently he returned to McComb, Illinois and Western Illinois University for a visit. Stoney was partnered with Donna Friess in bringing about the Artists’ Lecture Series that was so popular in the early days. I mentioned this in the last issue. He is now online to receive the newsletter.

Donna Axline sent a brief note. She and her husband Bill seem to be enjoying retirement:

“Bill and I spend so much time traveling and seeing the U.S. and Europe that I am afraid I can’t even enroll in any classes. It is disappointing, but we are having great fun and loving retirement—hard to believe it has been six
years. I am so happy you are keeping us connected.”

Sue and Ed Hawley returned recently from a 17-day cruise to Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, and Hong Kong. They cruised the river. According to Sue, “China is a very interesting place and seems like the place to go this year…. Donna and Ken Friess went, also Barbara Marrs, Jane Wood. Eddie and I were on the Great Wall.” But who did they meet?

Talk about coincidence—Jim and Barbara Marshall. What are the odds? They also met their son Rick in Hong Kong. He was on business there. That meeting was expected.

Their daughter Linda has moved to North Carolina. Sue and Ed went back this month to see about the possibility of moving there. “And so it goes,” said Kurt Vonnegut the writer and satirist.

Gail Taylor provided some very interesting material plus pictures:

In April, Gail and Larry Taylor “had a thrill of a lifetime—petting a whale while on the Baja and Sea of Cortez Whale-Watching Expedition aboard the Yorktown Clipper.

“... boarded the ship in La Paz, Mexico, cruised for three days in the Sea of Cortez, home to more than 800 species of fish and 15 species of marine birds, sea lions, dolphins and whales. In addition to hikes on several uninhabited islands to view the geology, flora and fauna, we snorkeled. “The highlight of the trip was three days in Bahia Magdalena, the home of dolphins and seal lions and the breeding grounds for migrating Gray Whales. While in the bay, we boarded Pangas (very small outboard motor boards) for their daily whale watching. Once on board, the local Panga drivers headed towards the whales. So the whales were not disturbed the boats keep their distance, pausing nearby. Some whales approached and nudged the boats, seemingly wanting to be petted. It really was a thrill.”

Gail and Whale

“The picture I took of my hand touching the whale is slightly out of focus; I was so excited I didn't want to take my hand off the whale to focus.”

Brian Myres tells us from Kentucky that “Bob Azen and Bob Harkrider spent spring recess there, and they had a great time. “Unfortunately, it was cold and rainy, and not time for the
migratory birds yet, so we just drank Maker's Mark and (talked?)!”

Furthermore, he bought an 1893 house and is working on it, buying old furniture at the auctions, and on e-bay. “We have a guest room that's art deco in style, complete with a life-size model of Bogey in the corner! We're having fun.”

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Early Childhood Education
(including the child care and the preschool)
Fashion Design
Human Development
Human Services
Interior Design
Music
Nutrition
Photography
Psychology
Social Science
Sociology
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Television Production
Theater Arts

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Some interesting comic pieces have been coming from many of you. Unfortunately, I didn’t attach the name to the list of puns below. Perhaps it is better that way? Only Pat Ganer could get the warm fuzzies from these. I think, however, that these are Dee Showley’s.

### Puns

You feel stuck with your debt if you can’t budge it.

He often broke into song because he couldn’t find the key.

Every calendar’s days are numbered.

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

A plateau is a high form of flattery.

A midget fortuneteller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

Once you’ve seen one shopping center, you’ve seen a mall.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

Santa’s helpers are subordinate clauses.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.
Cypress’s 40th Anniversary is Just About Here! I Repeat: Cypress’s 40th Anniversary is Just About Here!

For those of us who have had an opportunity to participate in the education, as well as the growth of literally thousands of students and the college as an institution, I am asking you for as many personal stories that you are willing to share. You may send any stories to paob@earthlink.net or call me at 949-496-1858. Or send hard copy to 31111 Via Madera
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

“What kind of stories do you want?” you ask. “How am I supposed to write it? Do I have to be a Hemingway or a Faulkner to submit something?”

Nope. Write it any way you want. I’ll do the editing. If you want it word for word, just tell me.

The point is that it is a little bit of Cypress College History. Examples:

Remembrance: “I remember the time that Pat Ganer and Sue Hawley got Dick McIntosh to give me an outrageous evaluation.”

Observation: “In my thirty years at Cypress I noticed some major changes in the student body.”

Observation 2: “I don’t think there has ever been a dispute as to which faculty member had the most class, sophistication and respect. Hassan Hussein was a man of impeccable dress, high standards, extreme intelligence and absolute humility. He was a symbol of everything good about humanity and education… I recall….”

Event: “The Duck Pond Races have been a Cypress tradition but one in particular has to stand out above all the rest.”

Camaraderie: “The Xmas party of 199—was the best and the worst party we ever had. Merc… Don Bedard… and Ron Redman….”

Time Capsule: Streaking, the crazy protest (over what?), during the 1970s produced some very strange situations on campus.

Time Capsule 2: The Viet Nam War affected us in many ways, during and after that difficult time. There were attempts by some to… and later the returning vets….”

I could go on and on and probably write at least twenty interesting stories about my years at Cypress. I’m certain that all of you can do so too. It is, of course, the human side of the story that reminds us of that which we treasure.

Your story can be serious, comic, a statement of observation, anything you want it to be. Certainly those of you who have been on committees can remember sentimental moments, interesting moments, silly moments.
And you, say, “What are you going to do with these stories? Some will go into the “Connection”; others will be used as part of the festivities at special events. Keep them short, a page—maximum? A paragraph? A few sentences? All are fine.

Brian and Dee and Sandy have sent a few stories. I’ll share some in the next issue. Also, I need more material from non-faculty retirees. What are you doing?

You will notice that this issue is somewhat abbreviated. There are many out there we’d like to hear from. (Yes, I ended with a preposition.)

Here are a few pictures from the end of the year party. Recognize anyone?

End of the Year Party Photos

As the saying goes: “A good time was had by all.”

Here’s wishing you all an interesting year. We folks in education always think of the year as beginning in late August and ending in June. We also created the 50-minute hour.

Keep the information coming. Please take some time to remember and put your memories on paper and
send them to me. As always, paob@earthlink.net

“We’ll leave the light on for you.”

Again, if you’re not online, send letters to:

Pat O’Brien [call PIO for address and phone]

“It seems some days like I make a little progress, then other days its seems like I'm not getting anywhere at all.”