



Victoria P. Morrow, President  
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**Active Shooter training provided as part of Skyline's emergency preparedness efforts**

Thanks to Mike Celeste, Chief of Security, for arranging a terrific workshop for us last Tuesday on the "active shooter" protocols that police use and on ways the college can best incorporate planning for such incidents into our emergency preparedness. 45 people came together to hear Pacifica Police Sergeant Dave Bertini provide the training. Also with us were Pacifica Police Chief Jim Saunders and San Bruno Detective Sergeant Tim Mahon. The district has already provided a system by which students and employees will be able to provide, voluntarily, their cell phone numbers for use to provide text message notification in case of an emergency. The district's Office of Information Technology Services will be publishing an announcement soon about how to do that if you choose to participate. The official rollout will coincide with spring registration. In addition, the college will have another new mechanism for getting out an emergency message on campus; in addition to email and phones, there will be an electronic carillon—a public address system. We expect that to be installed within about a month. As I mentioned on Opening Day, we are in the process of updating our Emergency Preparedness Plan and we will hold a live emergency drill sometime later this year. The Active Shooter training was videotaped and CDs of it will be available shortly. We will also arrange a repeat training.

**ASTEP Math Academy off to a great start**

Great news from the ASTEP Math Academy, a learning community aimed at a discipline which has been called a "critical filter" for a huge array of other disciplines and career opportunities. Professor Pat Deamer has given her 60 students their first exam and the group achieved a 90% pass rate, a tremendous start to an important and promising project, funded by the President's Innovation Fund. Working with Pat and the students are counselors Pauline Weatherington and Murrell Green. They did a tremendous job of outreach to these students. Thanks also to Tim Dupree to Tony Jackson for his leadership.



### **President's Council Browsing Library launched**

Skyline's President's Council is made up of community leaders who raise funds for our President's Innovation Fund, a resource that has been vital in allowing Skyline to do a great many innovative and powerful things for students. This year the group has added something new to their service to the college: they have established a Browsing Library in the Student Center, on the second floor in the large lounge overlooking the Sharp Park Road entrance to the college. The Browsing Library is based upon the "Book Crossing" concept, defined in the Concise Oxford English Dictionary as "the practice of leaving a book in a public place to be picked up and read by others, who then do likewise." (If you want to know more about that, go to <http://www.bookcrossing.com/>.) Thanks to Tom Hewitt for helping us think through how to do this, to Sandy Irber for her work with the Council members in donating books, and to Jamie Fong, new Council member and proprietor of Fong and Associates, who donated the sign near the bookshelves.

### **Basketball players visit the Children's Center**

Justin Piergrossi describes it this way: "We are hoping to build a relationship with the children's center. I know the children will really enjoy their time with the players, but I think it will be an equally rewarding experience for my team. There's always such a natural connection between athletes and kids. With the children's center right here on campus, we wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to have a positive impact on some kids. We will host the kids at the gym a couple of times each semester. We would also like to have some of our players go over and read to the children a couple of times as well." I think these photos say it all.



*Photos by Justin Piergrossi*

### **Center for International Trade Development hosts Andean political leaders**

Skyline College's Center for International Trade Development (CITD) hosted a group of young diplomats and political leaders from the Andean countries of Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela on September 6, 2007. Skyline faculty, staff and students, as well as the public, were invited to meet the group and join in the discussion about diplomacy, trade and politics. The CITD is partnering with the Institute for International Education to host this delegation. Skyline College CITD and the Institute for International Education have been partners on global affairs since 1998, and Skyline College has hosted several similar delegations from all over the globe.

### **Escalambre takes Auto Tech training to New York**

In August, Rick Escalambre from the Automotive Technology Department traveled to Brooklyn, New York to conduct a two night workshop. The workshop topic was On-Board Diagnostic II systems that are

standard equipment on all 1996 and newer model vehicles. In attendance were forty seven automotive technicians from a variety of New York City boroughs.



### **Skyline's "Compendium of Committees"**

If you want to be reminded of what the charge for a particular Skyline committee is, or to find out who your representative on it is, you can do that by means of our updated *Compendium of Committees*, available on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/committees/index.html>.

**Skyline presents "The Other 49ers: Untold Stories from the California Gold Rush"**

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MAIN THEATRE, 3300 COLLEGE DR., SAN BRUNO



Thursday, September 27, 2007, 12:30 p.m.  
*"Chileans in the Gold Rush"*  
Former Menlo College President Carlos Lopez



Wednesday, Oct 10, 12:00 p.m.  
*"Where Hawaiians Met the Donner Party:  
Early Immigration into California."*  
James Houston, author of *Snow Mountain Passage*  
and *Bird of Another Heaven*



Tuesday, October 23, 11:00 a.m.  
*"A Portrayal of Yee Fung Cheung"*  
Actor/musician Charlie Chin portrays Dr. Yee Fung Cheung,  
a Chinese herbalist



Monday, November 12, 11:00 a.m.  
*"Women of the Gold Rush"*  
Ruthanne Lum McCunn, author of *Thousand Pieces of Gold*



Monday, November 26, 11 a.m.  
*"African Americans, Slavery and the Gold Rush"*  
Skyline Professor Dr. George Wright



*"The Foreign Miner's Tax: Anti-Latino and Anti-Chinese Legislation"*  
Skyline Professor Masao Suzuki

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or call (650) 738-4311.



## Coming Up ...

### Friday, Sept. 21

- Volleyball vs. Cabrillo at Skyline, 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Soccer vs. Evergreen Valley, San Jose, 7 p.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. Gavilan at Skyline, 2 p.m.

### Saturday, Sept. 22

- Volleyball at Skyline, 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
- Wrestling at Sacramento, 9 a.m.
- CPR Certification, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Child Development Center

### Monday, Sept. 24

- Cal-PASS kickoff, 4-6:30 p.m., Room 6202

### Tuesday, Sept. 25

- Women's Soccer vs. Hartnell at Skyline, 2 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at Hartnell, 4 p.m.

### Wednesday, Sept. 26

- Volleyball vs. Monterey Peninsula College at Skyline, 6:30 p.m.
- Wrestling at Fresno, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, Sept. 27

- The Other 49ers: Carlos Lopez, 12:30 p.m., Main Theatre

### Friday, Sept. 28

- Women's Soccer vs. DeAnza at Skyline, 3 p.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. Cañada at Skyline, 1 p.m.

You can see the event calendar at [www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html](http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html)  
To add events to the calendar, visit [www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/events.html](http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/events.html)

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If you do, just email me about it. Thanks.

### Do you have a suggestion?

You may want to try our new e-Suggestion Box, via the hyperlink in the box below, or on the front page of our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/>.



### For state level information on community colleges, see these websites:

- The Chancellor's Office in Sacramento: <http://www.cccco.edu/>
- The Community College League of California: <http://www.ccleague.org/>
- The Research and Planning Group: <http://www.rpgroup.org/>

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