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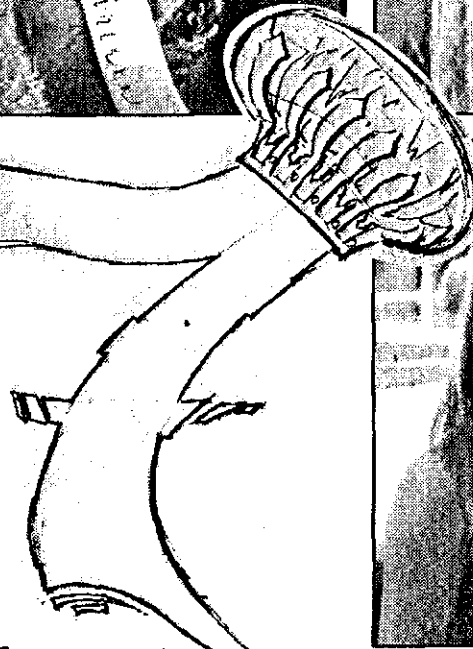
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## Homecoming 2004's Lucky

❖ Candidates campaign for the title of Queen



**Ladies-in-waiting:** Lucy Frias, Child Development, Jacqueline Benavides, Scholar's Honor Club, Tiffany Flores, Chicanos Latinos for Community Medicine; Geri Macalino, Phi Beta Lambda; Crystal Rangel, Court Reporting Club; Mariana Arias, Rotaract Club; Sayuri Nishimoto, International Student Association. (PHOTOS BY DOMINICK ULLOA)

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After last week's Homecoming elections, seven out of 24 participants were chosen for the 2004 homecoming court.

The 24 participants were promoting themselves all over campus trying to get students to vote for them, and get involved in the process.

Chris Wu, campaign manager for Geri Macalino, chased students that walked right

pass him ignoring his suggestions to vote. "I would literally chase them, and convince them to come back and vote. I had fun chasing people."

Some candidates even made friends while campaigning. "I was in the computer lab and that's where I met Jacqueline Benavides, she asked me if I would vote for her, I said yes. I thought she was a cool person and I ended up helping her with her campaign. It was fun," said Andrea Reyes.

Introducing yourself to strangers and

trying to convince them to vote for you isn't always the easiest thing to do. "This Homecoming campaign is a nice excuse to go up to people and interact, it builds a level of confidence," said Homecoming court finalist Crystal Rangel.

The seven Homecoming court finalists were announced and introduced in the student center Tuesday at 11 a.m.

The final Homecoming finalists are:  
No.1 Lucy Frias, Child Development  
No.2 Jacqueline Benavides, Scholar's

Honor Club  
No.3 Tiffany Flores, Chicanos Latinos for Community Medicine.  
No.4 Geri Macalino, Phi Beta Lambda  
No.5 Crystal Rangel, Court Reporting Club  
No.6 Mariana Arias, Rotaract Club  
No.7 Sayuri Nishimoto, International Student Association  
"This whole experience has been fun for

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## Job fair offers entry-level positions

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Mini job fairs offer students a variety of entry-level positions for those who are seeking a job. From the greatest place on earth, to hotel reservations, agents, and working with children at the YMCA.

No experience is needed for most of these jobs, but prior skills may be helpful and training is what these companies offer to all applicants who are hired. The average wage that was offered by the 23 companies that were on campus was \$8 an hour.

Students had the chance to talk to different representatives and apply. Some picked up applications, and others just took a glance and walked by.

Many of the companies happen to be based locally and are not too far from campus. Students are welcome to apply at company locations for those who didn't get a chance to apply here at Cerritos College.

John Arredondo, Manager of Reservation Sales, said, "Working with Marriott World Wide Reservations is student friendly, most of our staff are students from different areas, and we are flexible with school schedules. This is our first time being invited by career services and so far we have given

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## Student activities director becomes first-time author

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Dr. Phil Rodriguez has written his first novel. As Director of Student Affairs at Cerritos College, he has now added book author to his list of accomplishments.

"Travieso," which means

"mischievous person" in Spanish is a combination of fiction, biography, and memoir, based on Dr. Rodriguez's childhood.

A "Labor of Love" as Dr. Rodriguez calls it, the novel, is available to be purchased at Cerritos College Bookstore. The book signing will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at Cultura

Latina Bookstore.

Besides writing novels, Dr. Rodriguez also plays cello in his spare time. He will be performing in a quartet at the beginning of the signing. Cultura Latina is located at 4125 Norse Way, Long Beach.

As a fellow Falcon and true Angelino, Dr. Rodriguez has never ventured too far away from home.

He received his A.A. degree from Cerritos College, and then continued his study in English at CSU Fullerton and CSU Dominguez Hills, where he received his bachelor's and master's degree, respectively.

Dr. Rodriguez was awarded his doctor's degree in Higher Education from USC.

As a second-generation immigrant from Mexico, he grew up with his parents and grandmother working in the same grape field every summer. It was during those summers that he decided to break generations of grape picking and do something different.

The semi-fictional character Felipe is a 12-year-old boy who has a vivid imagination and sometimes acts out his ambition of saving the world in his dreams.

"I have brushstrokes from Don Quixote, Mark Twain, Hemingway, and Shakespeare's



**Novelist:** Dr. Rodriguez, who will be signing his new novel at Cultura Latina Bookstore tonight at 7 p.m., proudly displays his Mexican heritage in front of an Aztec plate wall decor.

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## Contractor bankrupt, building work stops

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The construction company Aurora went bankrupt during construction on the new Health Occupations building, causing work to stop, and leaving exposed wires dangling above inoperable fire doors in the corridor of the building.

At an emergency meeting Sept. 8, Jo Ann Higdon, Interim Vice-President of Business Services, informed the Board of Trustees that the Health Occupations Skills Lab had not been completed due to the construction company Aurora filing bankruptcy.

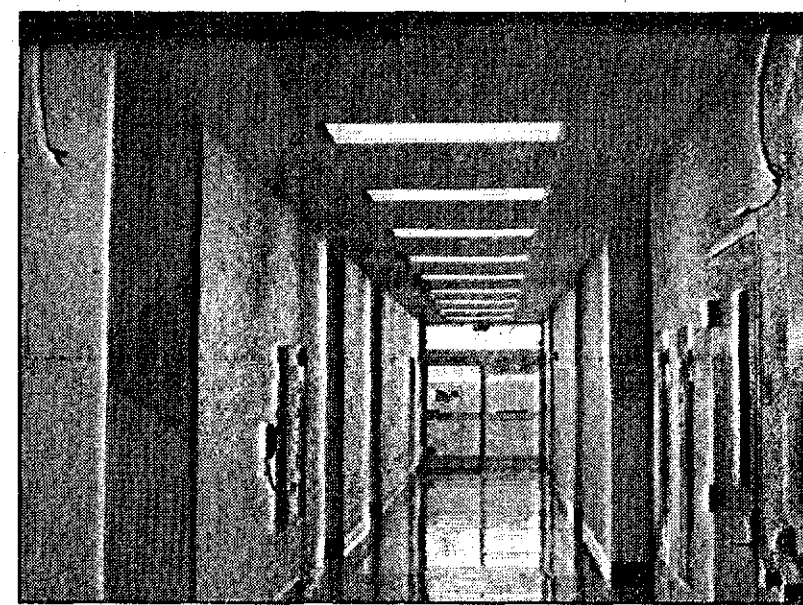
The building's fire system was left with inoperable fire doors. Additionally, exposed wires were on a wall in the reception area and there are no working bathrooms.

Students have access to bathrooms in an adjacent building.

The building has eight classrooms and 12 lab rooms, including a computer lab with 55 computer stations and is being used for instruction at this time.

"Safety is our number one, two and three priorities," Higdon said. "The fire alarm system and all heat sensors, horns, strobes and pull stations are working."

"The one thing not repaired yet is a mechanism that forces the



**Unfinished business:** Wires hang in the hallway of the Health Occupations Skills Lab, above inoperable fire doors.

fire doors to close," Higdon explained.

The fire doors are propped open and some do not have handles.

The wires hanging above the doors are connected to the working fire alarm system, but have yet to be connected to the doors.

The fire alarm system's heat sensors send a signal to the doors. "It's a low voltage of electricity," Robert Riffle, Director of Physical Plant said.

Riffle added that the building is equipped with working heat and smoke detectors that set off the fire alarm system.

"Fire doors are required, but are a small part of the fire alarm system," Riffle said. "They are tested and certified to hold heat for 20, 40 or 60 minutes, depending on what door is used."

Higdon said the building was inspected by the Department of Architects and passed except for the doors.

"The direction the Board of Trustees gave was to make the necessary corrections to resolve the problems," Bob Arthur, President/Board of Trustees said.

"We're going through the process to get things fixed," Higdon said.





**Filling up forms:** Brenda Trejo and Marina Rivera attend the mini job fair, where they have a chance to file job applications to DWSS.

## FAIR:

Companies come to recruit students

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about 150 applications out."

"I found this job fair informative and helpful one the jobs that I was interested was Disneyland and

Avon," student Ana Mylen said.

Project Apple and The YMCA were companies that students showed interest in applying.

They offer students part time jobs to work with children in after school programs.

"We want applicants to be motivated, enthusiastic and [to have] the willingness to want to work with children and above all,

have patience," said Magally Cid.

"A majority of our staff seems to be students from Cerritos College, usually people from the teacher track. Anyone who loves working with kids and is a high school graduate is welcome to apply as long as certain criteria are met such as background checks, etc.," said Jaime O' Roveri from Project Apple.

Maria Garcia and Janice Rivas, perspective students, heard about the mini job fair through a co-worker who suggested that they see the different job opportunities that were being offered.

"I found it interesting and I actually think that I may end up working for one of these companies, I was surprised by the variety of companies," Garcia said.

## AUTHOR:

Cerritos faculty member writes his first novel

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Julius Caesar," Dr. Rodriguez talks about influences he has from some of the famous writers and literature of our time.

The novel has a light-hearted humor.

"I wanted it to be positive and uplifting," Rodriguez said, "I didn't want a victim, so there were things I left out."

At the end of the novel, a social commentary is contributed to the immigrant workers working on those grape fields.

So, when and how did he come to initiate this novel? It was by accident while he was accepted into the UCLA Writing Project in 1994. The project is a program that helps faculties in academia become better teachers through writing.

From a three-page reflection-writing piece at the Project, a manuscript collected over 9 years then grew into the novel.

"At first I didn't know I could write. I never thought about writing a novel," Dr. Rodriguez recalled.

So, what was the reason behind writing the novel? Concerned with the increasing amount of time spent on video games, arcade, and the internet, Dr. Rodriguez feels that

students today don't read as much as their counterparts from earlier generations.

"You can't be a good writer unless you read," Dr. Rodriguez wants to make his contribution to the literature and encourage students to read and write.

"I have to teach every semester because it connects me with the heart and souls of what this institution is about. It's about teaching and learning," Dr. Rodriguez just celebrated his 32nd anniversary at Cerritos College.

As Director of Student Affairs, his best connection is made with students in classrooms.

"I am an educator and I came into education because I wanted to teach."

The coming of age, from struggling on the grape field to the achievement of today; has it been a long road?

"It's the American dream. It didn't come easy. I worked hard for it. But for every success, like myself, there are thousands that never made it. They are either pushed out or couldn't make it because of poverty."

Dr. Rodriguez is grateful and content for what he has today and hopes to give back to the society.

"The more you give, the more you receive." Dr. Rodriguez is starting his second novel, which is a continuation of the first one.

The giving continues.

## SEVEN:

Homecoming court chosen out of 24 entries

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me and rewarding. I am very satisfied in the point that I've reached to have made it in the final's," Benavides said.

The entire group of finalists seemed to have fun introducing themselves and answering ques-

tions.

The finalist got to pick their questions for Tuesday's introduction. Lucy Farias was asked, "If a Bank made a million dollar deposit by mistake, and it wouldn't be able to be traced. What would you do

with it?"

Lucy Farias responded, "I would take half and invest it, and the other half, I would donate it to a children's charity for children who have disabilities."

Besides introducing the seven

finalists, Ray Mar, the Cerritos College spokesman for campus events, announced upcoming events for Homecoming such as the float building and game. There will be a mock rally Thursday at 11 a.m. in the student center.

For a related story on the elections, please see "The court has arrived" at [www.talonmarks.com](http://www.talonmarks.com)

## Cheryl A. Epple Memorial Scholarship



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**Bird-house watching:** Resident Marjorie Medrano take a look at bird houses and other crafts at the Lakewood craft fair on Oct. 2

## Craft fair helps seniors

❖ Lakewood's annual craft fair gives residents a chance to buy craftsmanship.

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The Lakewood 23rd annual fall craft sale did not only help fund the Senior Citizens of Lakewood, its grown in popularity. According to Sabrina Junkin, coordinator for the Weingut senior center, "There is about the same amount of booths inside, and double outside, making it 39 inside, and 20 outside."

Junkin has been the coordinator for the last 14 years of the senior center and she is very proud of her craft sale booth growth.

"Everything must be hand crafted," says Junkin of the large assortment of novelty items, holiday gifts, wall hangings, stuffed dolls, wood-

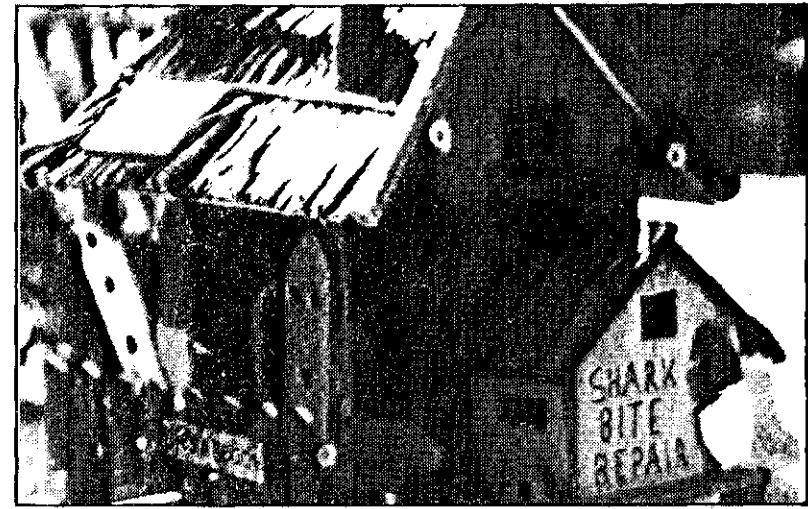
work, clothing, jewelry, and much more.

The craft sale, which was held on Oct. 2, was not just a good place to pick up a good holiday gift, it also funded the senior home's activities such as bingo, dances, and other functions from the booth rental fees. Plus a snack bar located indoors of the center was serving everything from hotdogs to nachos to also profit the senior's activities.

Along with the food there was even entertainment at the craft sale, Lou Jackson, a Lakewood entertainer sang some oldies as the shoppers looked at the booths.

Artis Blang, a Torrance resident had prime real estate at the entrance where she offered a wide assortment of crafts, "My beaded wall hangings, and sweat shirt jackets are what stand out from the other booths," Blang said.

Even a former Cerritos College student held a booth at the sale. Sonya Wiitannenn, a Lakewood resident said of her holiday themed



CATHY LOZANO/TM

**Home tweet home:** "Shark Bite Repair" is a hand craft birdhouse made by Lakewood resident Fred Mollenkramer's.

crafts, "They're all my designs, I do all of the painting and the wood cutting."

Wiitannenn's booth stood out because of her well-crafted holiday themed lawn decorations that were painted and cut with perfection.

Another booth present was Vicky Castruita's booth. A Long

Beach resident, Castruita and her husband had a booth with over 200 unique birdhouses that caught the eye of every patron at the craft sale. The houses range from \$2.50 to \$50, Castruita's birdhouses are available year round, you can contact her at (562) 422-7432 to purchase one.

## Residents tapped in: South Gate cancels order to boil water

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The "Boil Water Order" for the residents and businesses of the city of South Gate that was effective Sept. 20 is now cancelled.

Last week everyone using water in the city of South Gate was notified of the order that directed residents to either boil water for cooking and drinking or to use bottled water due to the possibility of E. coli contamination in the water system.

"It is a big relief to know its over," Madeline Saugus a 20-year city of South Gate resident said about the ordeal.

Saugus had been boiling water ever since she received the notice via door to door message and was now relieved after getting a big scare. "I panicked because I had just drank a glass of water the food I was preparing had a lot of water in it (Chicken soup)."

Saugus added, "I don't remember the last time something like this happened and I've been here for a long time."

The reason for the order in the first

place was a positive and a negative result of a water sample test last Monday.

The City of South Gate in conjunction with the California Department of Health Services and the Los Angeles County Health Department, determined that there are no indications of any unsafe health concerns with the quality of the water.

Additionally, the drinking water underwent a rigorous schedule of comprehensive testing by a state approved water testing laboratory for the drinking water and concluded that the tap water is safe to consume and that it was no longer neces-

sary to consume bottled water or to boil water.

Ericka Aguilar, clerk at the department of water for the city, explained that the cancellation of the order to boil water came only after the water was tested and approved for consumption by the county.

The order was mandatory and went out immediately to the residents who were notified by door to door messengers and door notices from the city, and media coverage on the evening television and radio broadcasts.

The residents could aside from boiling

water, pick up water bottles from city hall. One concern was the schools in South Gate and how they would deal with the water problem.

"When they told me I wasn't sure what we were supposed to do about it," Maria Gutierrez resident and mother of an 13 year-old son and a 8 year old daughter said about the prospect of sending her children to school were they would be forced to buy water bottles or do without.

But the city water works was way ahead of her as they transported hundreds of bottles to schools in the city.

## Sertoma club conducts fundraiser

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Will Rogers' Follies will be coming to the Downey Civic Theatre for a one-day fundraiser to raise money for the Sertoma Club of Downey.

The club is a non-profit organization supporting hearing/speech impaired children and adults.

The fundraising performance will be on Oct. 17 and will begin at

2:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$32 and the public is invited to attend.

The theatre gives the opportunity to clubs to hold fundraising events when the theatre has a play going on.

"We found out about the fundraising events available to us and we got a block of tickets to sell," Pat McCool, Vice President of the Sertoma Club, said.

"The ticket response has been good, we only have a few tickets left," McCool said.

The money raised from the event will go toward hearing tests, fantasy baseball during the summer for the hard of hearing and deaf, and also to the American Heritage program, which is a essay contest for elementary school children.

If you would like more information about the club or tickets for Will Rogers Follies, call McCool at (562) 862-0922.

## Downey candidate's signs stolen

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Over the past month, Kirk Cartozian, Mayor of city of Downey, has been the victim of his re-election signs being stolen from yards in Downey.

Cartozian is running for re-election for District 5 in Downey.

The Committee to Re-elect Kirk Cartozian distributed hundreds of signs all over the city during the course of the last month.

"We've had hundreds of signs stolen over the course of the last month. On one street alone (Rives Avenue), 23 signs were stolen," Cartozian said.

The campaign committee has been told that many residents' signs have been stolen and the committee has since replaced them.

In a recent "Letter to the Editor" in the "Downey Patriot," resident Joyce Sherwin wrote in about her sign being one of the 23 that were stolen. She also wrote that she wanted two signs for her lawn and an extra two signs to place in her window so

no one could steal them.

There are two other candidates currently running against Cartozian.

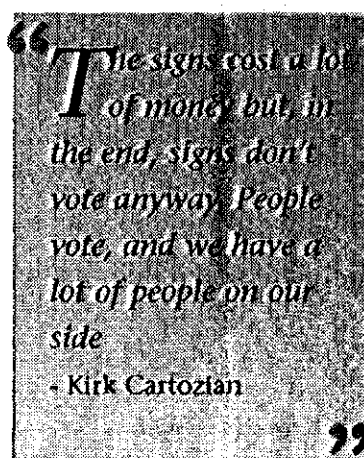
When it comes to who might

have taken the signs, Cartozian says, "My only guess is to think that people supporting another candidate are not happy with our strong presence and visibility of signs all over the city."

He also said, "Desperate conditions often lure people into desperate measures. It's very disheartening to see. The signs cost a lot of money but, in the end, signs don't vote anyway. People vote, and we have a lot of people on our side."

When it comes to running for re-election for the mayor of the city of Downey, Cartozian is confident in his ability to be mayor.

"I'm running for re-election because I love what I do and feel quite competent in my capacity. My four years of experience and record with the Downey community are indicative of this. I have become even more comfortable in getting things done on behalf of our citizens. In addition, there



are a lot of city projects that are still in the works that I am responsible for. I want to make sure that those projects (i.e. NASA development site, re-organization of permit process and entitlements, and treescape programs to name just a few)," Cartozian said.

The Committee to re-elect Kirk Cartozian wants to let residents know that if their signs are stolen, the committee will replace them.

For information on the re-election campaign for Cartozian, citizens can contact them at (562) 310-8630 or on the web site [www.KirkCartozian.com](http://www.KirkCartozian.com).

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## EDITORIAL

### Thieves: have no fear, stupidity is near

On the list of dumb things to do with a valued possession, Cerritos College has recently embarked on a monopoly.

Neither the Nigerian bank fund transfer scam nor the "I'll make it back to the car before the tow truck can get here" decisions come close to being as carelessly stupid and immensely irresponsible as the numerous counts of "oops" here at Cerritos College.

From leaving articles such as bags and backpacks in on campus, to leaving wallets and books on store counters.

These are only a few of the places where students have misplaced the above mentioned items.

As sure as beer is better cold, as sure as 'Brian's song' will make any man cry, and as sure as the C-10 parking lot is full by 11a.m.; leaving valuable items unattended, guarantees they will be stolen.

"Numerous counts" and we mean exactly that, yes one is a number and in that case so are two, three and even four.

There have been more than 30 incidents related to thefts of property and the loss of property connected with neglect.

We believe that you must always keep in mind that keeping an eye on your valuables at all times is a must.

But a special emphasis must be placed on the amount of time

items have been left unattended.

Some objects have been left unattended for hours. How do students still expect to find items such as wallets and books?

It is truly the equivalent of leaving bars of gold on the table, no one would do that, yet people do it with their \$80 books all the time.

There are those out there on campus that are more than willing

to take what is not theirs to make a profit.

They don't care that you need that book for your next class or that the book-bag had no books only your report that is due tomorrow. They steal to steal, and the worst part is that they don't care if it is important to you or not.

Despite the fact that it is really only 10 or 20 people that do it on

a regular basis out of the thousands that traffic the school in a week, one must be on high alert at all times to make sure you don't fall prey to irresponsibility.

Keep track of your personal belongings, and whether you step out for one minute, or for one hour, make sure that your items move with you.

Because chances are they will be "moved" for you.

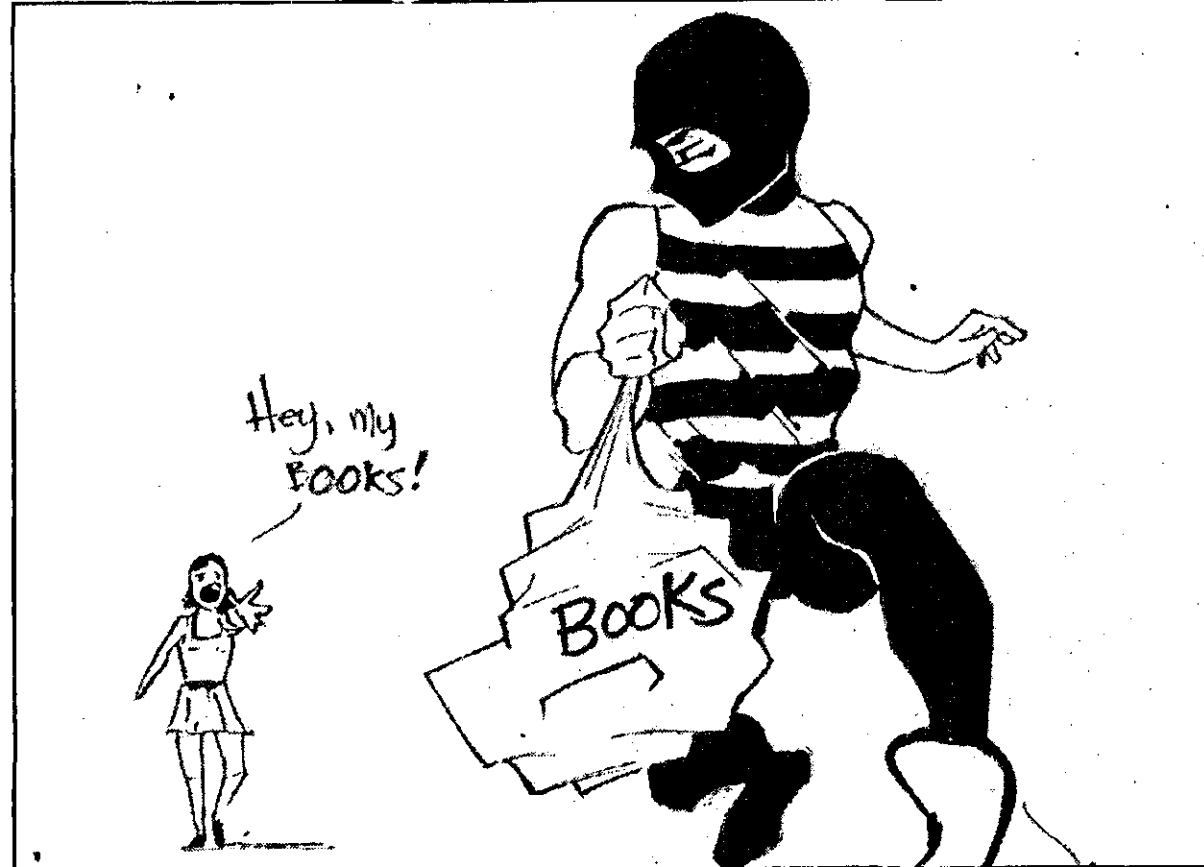


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### If the world is ending, light it up!!!

If the world is indeed nearing its end, as many religious people have believed for the past four years, then I refuse to let it end with us drowning. Besides the fact that it seriously lacks in originality, California will not sink into the ocean and Hurricane Jed will not drown the eastern and southern United States.

Fine, maybe the world is ending, but while we wait for our version of Noah, check your emails: invitations to the ark will be out soon.

So here I am to offer my contribution toward making society a little bit better. Legalize drugs. All of them.

That's right: cocaine, heroin, ecstasy, speed, crystal-meth, glass and any other damn thing humans like to smoke wallow or inject into their damn veins, should be legal. Marijuana is not really a drug, but it should be legal too.

You might ask yourself, "how would this make life easier?"



Well, there are several ways: less crime, more rehab, less murder, and more importantly, the dwindling amount of idiots who walk around all night long because they are "on-one."

I am tired of these tweakers that stay up all night because the uppers they have taken have got them all riled up with nothing to do.

Go to sleep!  
I am one of the thousands of Americans, who hardly ever gets any sleep, not by choice but by necessity.

### Sharing the superiority of the purely divine feline

❖ Cats have and always will be man's true best friend.

Cats, cats, cats, from a musical, to man's "true" best friend and pet, there are many reasons why one would love cats and should have one as a pet.

They are tiny and snuggle with you when it's cold, they don't bug you like dogs do, they don't bark all night and don't keep you up, when you just feel like relaxing they just lay there with you they don't jump all over you, like a dog would and most importantly, they don't chase after cars.

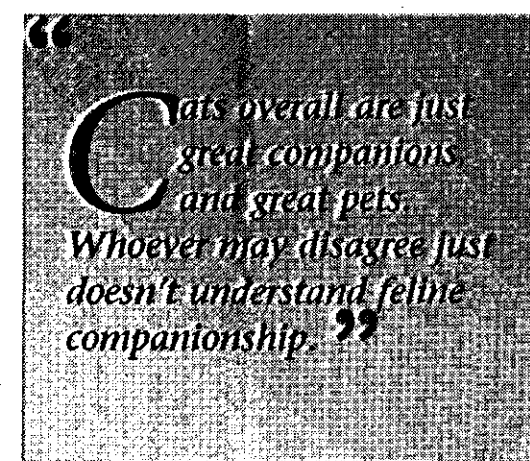
Another thing about them that makes them the best pets ever is cats are much cleaner. They get potty trained and they don't drool all over you like a dog would.

I mean they lick their paws every once in a while just to be clean, and yeah, that might not be so clean to us but at least they try. They can't exactly go to the bathroom and take a bath.

And sure, cats may shed, but who doesn't? Everyone sheds. People just don't think about it. Besides it is the owners' fault if the cat sheds. Most house cats that are well taken



care of don't shed much. Although, cats can be playful, you just have to know how to play with them. And they are so cute, it's fun to just watch them play. The way they chase bugs and attack things that dangle, like a string with something shiny attached to it.



Cats are good to have around especially because you will never have a rat problem.

They make great companions and they listen to every word you say.

Okay maybe they don't exactly listen to EVERY word, but it's nice to imagine that they do. Even if they don't understand sometimes it's just good to talk to some one or some thing. If they are all you have then hey, at least you're guaranteed that they won't talk back to you.

Cats don't growl at you. They may hiss at you once in a while but not all the time. They mainly hiss when they are feeling defenseless.

Most of the time cats won't bite you either.

Cats usually only come around when they are hungry so you don't have to worry about them constantly. Their food is a little bit costly but they don't eat too much in a day.

Cats overall are just great companions and great pets. Whoever may disagree just doesn't understand feline companionship.

The crown has been passed, felines are the king of pets and dogs can bark all they want. Cats will always have the edge; just check and see who gets leashes and who doesn't.

## CAMPUS COMMENT

"Who do you want to see win the presidential elections and why?"

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"I would vote for Kerry because I don't like Bush's political views, and what he is doing with the American soldiers."

**RICHARD LEE**  
Business



"Kerry because I don't like Bush."

**RICO AVILA**  
Engineering



"Kerry because Bush wants to continue the war on terrorism."

**ANDREA REYES**  
Undecided



"Kerry, I don't like Bush, I don't like what they are doing with the soldiers."

**YULMA LOPEZ**  
Nursing



"Kerry, I like his political points-of-view and I am a democrat."

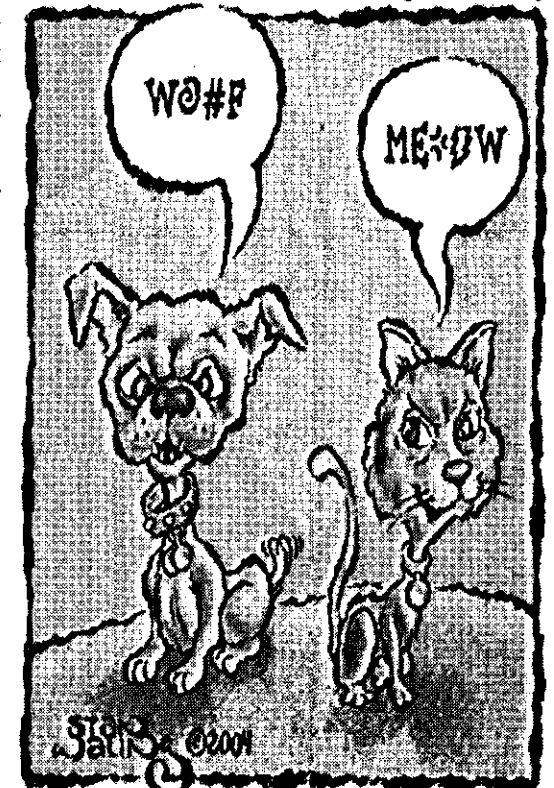
**ROGELIO FLORES**  
General Education



"Bush, he sticks with his political views. He's not flip flopping like Kerry."

**WES BENOIT**  
Chemistry

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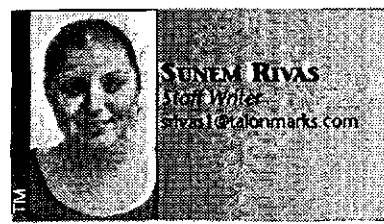


Pet Cuss Words



# Ya! Just let me get married

❖ But in our time, saying no to your mother is like saying you do not love her.



do not love her. So my intimate wedding turned into a hall, a DJ, a photographer and food for 200.

The simple white dress turned into a fancy beaded gown, a veil and a bunch of other girly stuff I am never going to wear again.

George Lopez could not have said it better: In Latino culture, there is no privacy. Your business is everybody's business.

And the fact that you're getting married does not mean you are now in complete control of your life.

It only means that it is your turn to once again sit back and keep it shut while your family decides what should and should not be done at your wedding.

For a person who grew up in this country, it is hard to accommodate your wedding to please your close family of 40 who want you to have the wedding they never had.

Forget about a simple wedding with immediate family and intimate friends. That will never happen in Latino culture.

As soon as I told my mom I was getting married she was on the phone calling Mexico without even asking if I planned to have a party.

So, when I said I wanted something very intimate she freaked out and then out came the waterworks, because how could her only daughter not have a party?

"I want to show you off to everybody. You cannot keep your family from a day so special. But you are the first grandchild to marry and your grandmother would want you to have a party".

In America, you simply fly to Las Vegas and Elvis is already waiting for you.

Twenty minutes later, you're married.

But in our culture, saying no to your mother is like saying you

So much for a simple wedding! In a week there will be over 30 people in my house pulling me from each arm and leg to do what they want me to in the most special day of my life.

But what can I say? But after giving it much thought, their presence means they care and deep down inside, I guess I really did want to see all my aunts, uncles and cousins poking at each other during the ceremony.

After all, I can live in Los Angeles for the rest of my life but my culture and all the people that come with it, will always stay with me whether I am in Mexico or not.

I am and will always be Latina and my family will always be there without asking for permission, giving me and my Americanized thoughts a reality check.



## The super lightweight PC

❖ Before the advent of computers and the world wide web dominated the coffee shops, there was the original "cool" way to get your info, the newspapers.

It is very portable, extremely easy to obtain, and for the most part, it covers many different areas of human life and the world around it.

Despite the advancement in technology and the morphing of the nature in which we get our information i.e., TV, cable news and radio, the newspaper is still the most wide spread and influential medium.



It is regretful that this is so but like all forms of communication, it has flaws.

The paper does not crash like a computer or run out of batteries like a Laptop.

The problems with TV is cost and scheduling conflicts (with life), with Radio it's commercials and repetitive information.

The paper is nothing short of being written in stone, but it is "fresh" everyday material with no "commercials" you can't ignore.

One thing that makes newspapers an important part of everyday life is its ability to combine Editorial Content, Comics, Sports, Life (stories) and important events around the world in one group of sometimes less than 30 pages.

If you read it you will get hooked. If you ignore it, what you have missed, will one day hook you.

Newspapers reach adults of all ages			
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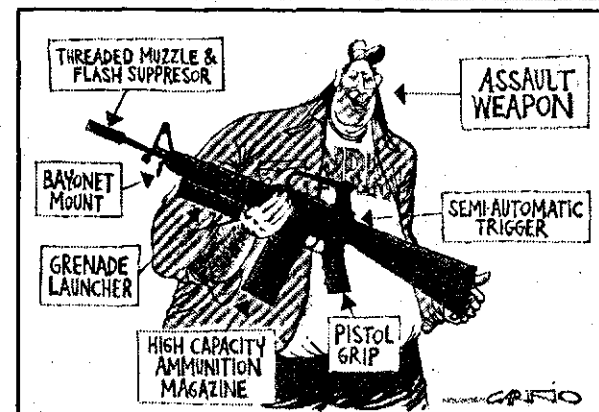
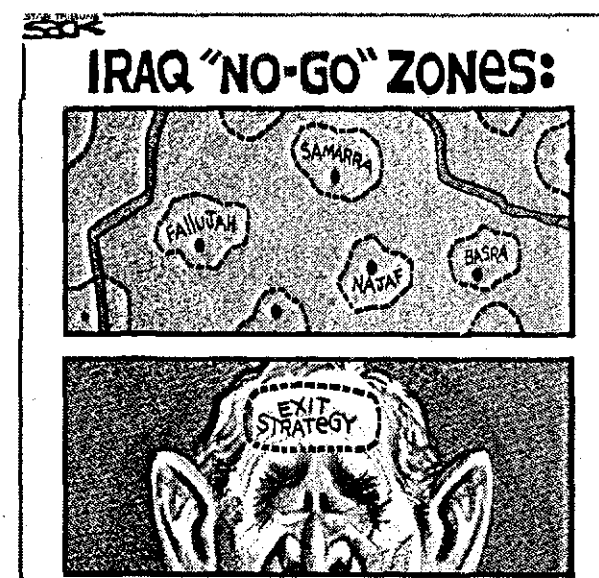
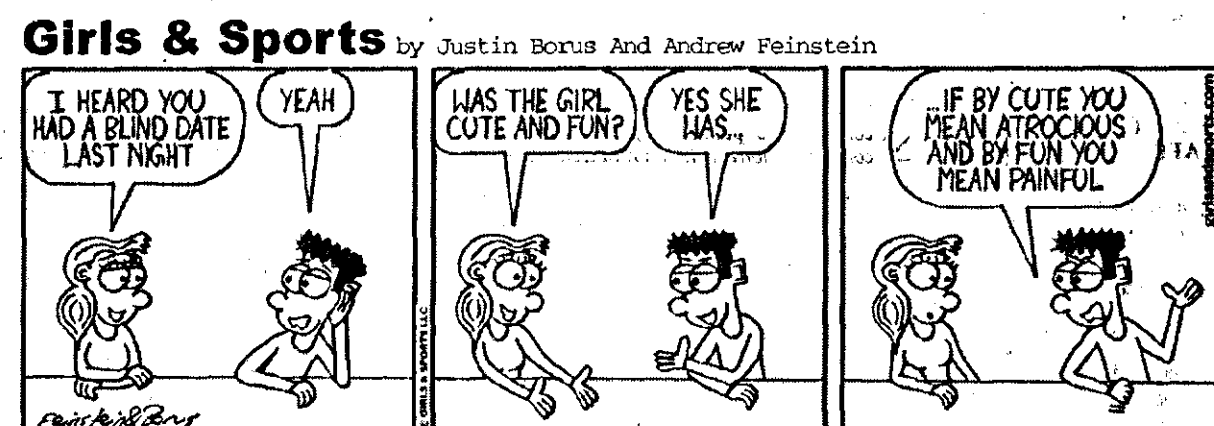
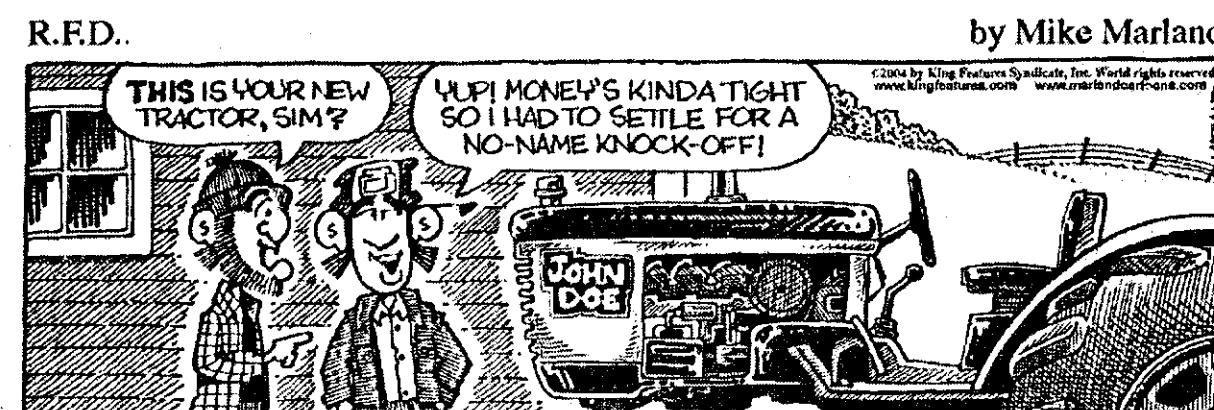
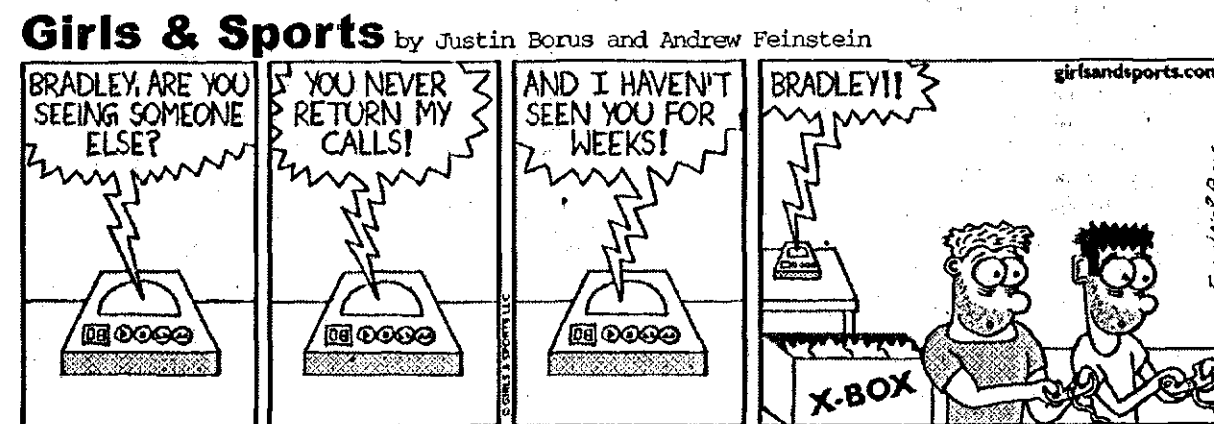
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	% Who read Sunday		
Men	62		
Women	63		

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### MAGIC MAZE • LEFT-HANDED ENTERTAINERS

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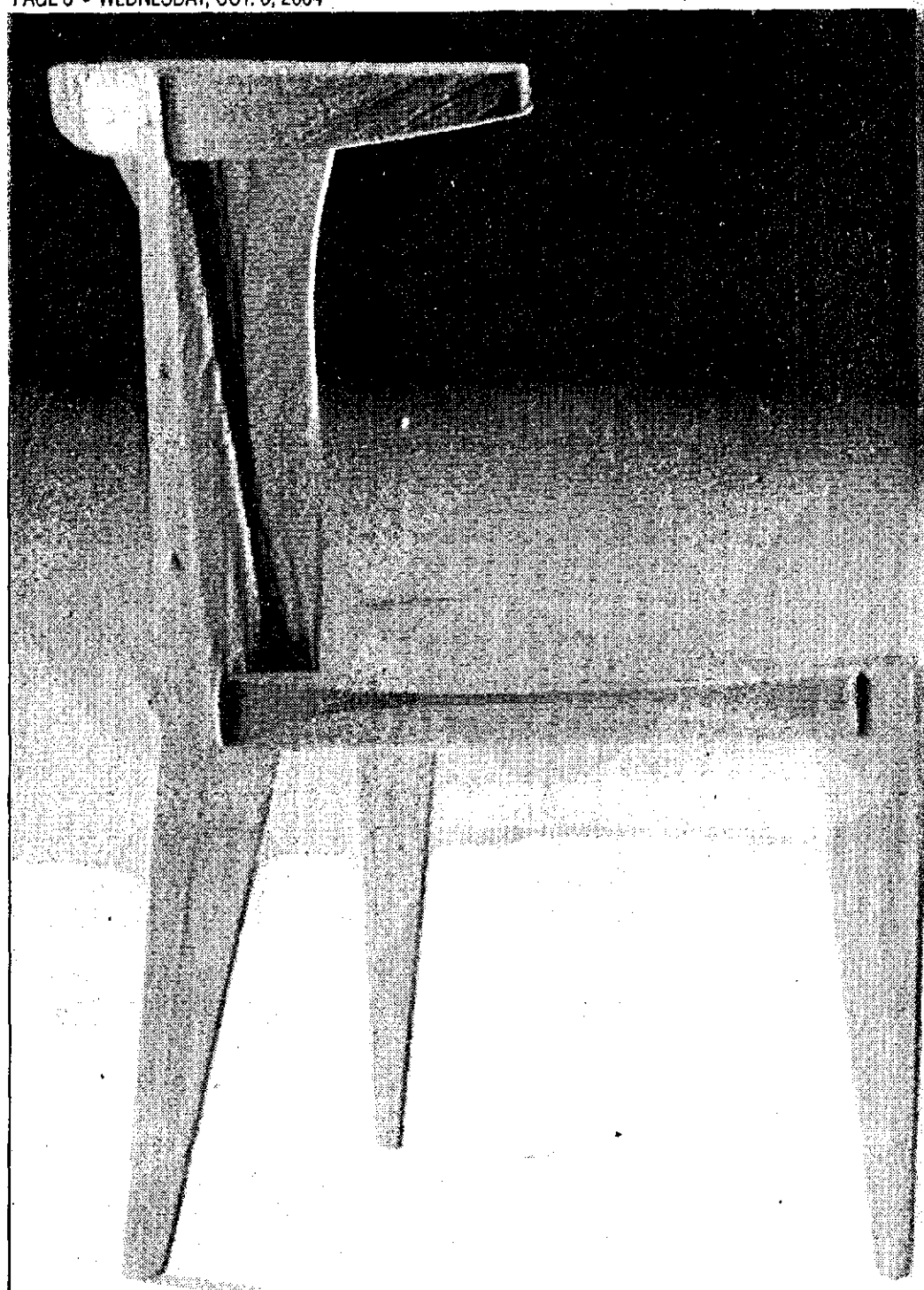
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Basinger	Garbo	London	Winfrey
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“Fire” by Luis Guerra 19" x 36" (Photo Courtesy of Luis Guerra)  
Made with genuine mahogany and ebony inlays, this first place winner at the International Woodworking Fair took two semesters to design and build. Guerra placed first out of 600 entries.

## touch of CLASS

Woodworking students take first place at state and national competitions, others earn awards for projects

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Anthony Fortner, Woodworking Manufacturing Technologies instructor, bounced around his crowded office pointing at pictures of student projects posted on his walls with a measuring tape.

There was a sense of pride in his voice as he spoke about students who earned awards for projects they created in his classroom.

“When work is recognized at the national level, it reminds me that I am so lucky to call what I love so much work,” Fortner said.

Luis Guerra, woodworking major, placed first of 600 students with a genuine mahogany chair he named “Fire,” at the International Woodworking Fair in August.

“I was surprised when I won. Fortner was really excited,” Guerra said.

The IWF is a four-day fair held each year in Atlanta, Ga. to display the newest technology in machinery, supplies and services in woodworking. It is also an exhibit for student creativity and talent in respect to design and building.

Students enrolled in an accredited college or university furniture design course may participate. Guerra competed against students from schools like Kansas State University, Savannah College of Art and Design and University of Illinois in Chicago.

“IWF is the most prestigious student design competition in the country,” Fortner said.

The woodworking department competes in many other events including the State and Orange County fairs where students have been acknowledged.

Peter Krause, woodworking major, took first place at the state fair with a “walnut and hickory” coffee table he was building for his parents.

Krause, also a part-time aide in the department, said he feels “gratification after seeing something I made.”

At the same fair, Mike Warshaw, busi-

ness owner/woodworking student, took second place in the contemporary division for his sculptured rocking chair and Best of Show for his cabinet on a stand.

Warshaw started taking woodworking classes four years ago after seeing Cerritos students’ work in a woodworking show.

“Cerritos has been an absolutely great learning experience. I really have enjoyed both the school and the relationships I have made,” Warshaw said.

At the OC Fair, Nick Kleha, a retired doctor taking woodworking courses, took first place in the Apprentice division for his hall table drawer and second place for Woodworker West People’s Choice Award.

“Woodworking is something I have always been interested in but never had the time for,” Kleha said.

At the same fair, Ryan Guthier, Cerritos College Alumnus, received first place in the master category for traditional

furniture with his Arts and Crafts chair.

Even with the experience, to Guthier, “woodworking is more than an art. It is a combination of skill, discipline, and striving to perfect a piece.”

According to Fortner, 10 years ago 60 students were enrolled in woodworking classes while today there are over 600 students enrolled in the over 30 courses.

The woodworking department offers courses on state-of-the-art cabinet-making equipment, traditional machinery, hand tools, classroom theory combined with hands-on woodworking experience and training for specific job skills.

“The people you work with at Cerritos have such a strong interest in woodworking that you get fired up and want to learn more,” Guthier said.

Perhaps the reason for the department’s rapid growth can be found in its faculty members.

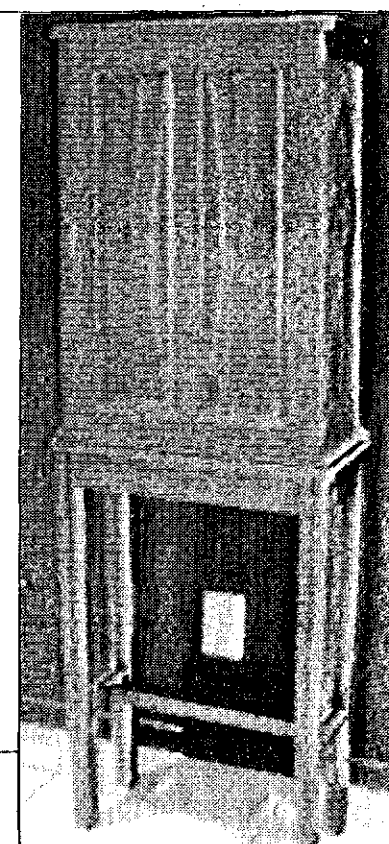
Besides teaching, James Nash, Woodworking Manufacturing Technologies instructor, also competes.

Nash placed second in the masters division for contemporary furniture at the OC Fair and was awarded four cash prizes, the most awarded to a single competitor, for his armchair with a sculptured tree as a background.

His work has also been shown in exhibits such as California Design 76 and Muckenthaler Cultural Center.

Fortner is the owner of A. Fortner Woodshop, and his work is inspired by the Arts and Crafts Movement and displayed at the Old Mission in San Gabriel. He has worked on many Greene and Greene homes in Pasadena.

As Fortner flipped through his files he smiled and said, “It’s funny how I can recall each student’s project by just reading their name.”



“Cabinet On Stand” by Mike Warshaw (Photo Courtesy of Mike Warshaw)

California State Fair 2004 Best of Show winner. Warshaw, a business owner, began taking classes after seeing Cerritos students’ work in a woodworking show.



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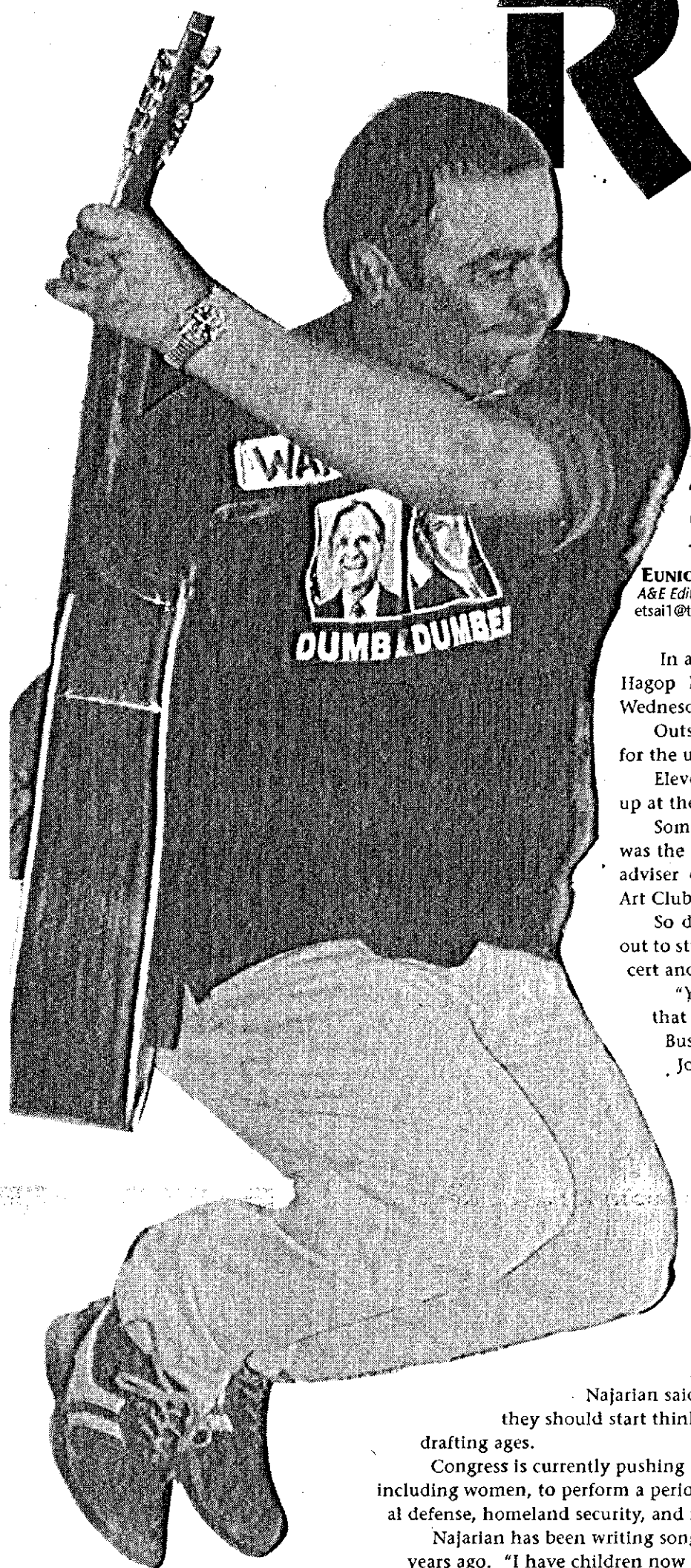
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# Rock the Vote



Hagop Najarian

Art Professor's band gives free concert to promote upcoming election.

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In an effort to bring students to the voting booths, art professor Hagop Najarian's band "Contribution" gave a free concert last Wednesday at the Cerritos College Fine Art Gallery.

Outside the gallery, students could also pick up registration forms for the upcoming November Presidential election.

Eleven songs were performed and about 30 to 50 students showed up at the concert.

Some faculty members were also there to support Najarian, who was the lead singer and as well as the adviser of our own Cerritos College Art Club.

So did the songs' messages reach out to students who attended the concert and inspire them to vote?

"Yes. I like the particular song that they sing about not having Bush as President again," said Joy Ringer, Fine Arts major.

"Listening to the music makes me want to vote. I am going to vote for Kerry because I am a Democrat," commented Eliseo Funes, Computer Animation major.

Besides writing, singing, and playing guitar, Najarian also expressed his political views in an art piece that was part of the annual faculty art exhibition, which ended on Sept. 30.

Lyrics of the songs were about the social humanistic concerns relating to the current administration and the war in Iraq.

Najarian said one thing he forgot to tell students at the concert was that they should start thinking about voting because of a possible legislative change on drafting ages.

Congress is currently pushing to require all young persons (age 18-26) in the United States, including women, to perform a period of military service or a period of civilian service in national defense, homeland security, and for other purposes.

Najarian has been writing songs for many years and started the band "Contribution" three years ago. "I have children now and I see the world in a different perspective," he said.

"The music allows me to communicate. I'm not interested in being a pop star. The purpose of the concert was to get students to vote and do what they can." Najarian hopes to send a message that would get people to care about humanity.

"Wake Up America," a song which was written by Najarian earlier this year, is the keynote song of his current album titled "What Is Your (Contribution)?"

For songs and lyrics by "Contribution," log on to [www.skatepunk.net/contribution/](http://www.skatepunk.net/contribution/).

## Young directors showcase films

◆ Presidential nominee's daughter displays film during event.

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The Bing Theater, in the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, has been the home to several up and coming directors including the daughter of Senator and Democratic presidential nominee, John Kerry.

The event, Young Directors Night, took place on Sept. 22, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The audience was shown seven short films, ranging from comical to thought provoking.

Among those films, was the short film directed by John Kerry's daughter, Alexandra Kerry, titled, *The Last Full Measure*.

The film was about a young girl who had to cope with her father's return home from war.

There were also more light hearted films, such as the film titled, *The Freak*, which a misfit creature living in a world of clones, bands with other misfits to add variety to a bleak alien world.

Jonathan Sousa, a member of the audience, said, "My favorite film was 'The Freak,' because I think it was a satire of the world we live in today. We are all slowly becoming clones of how we are told to look and act. I think we also need a 'freak' to come and spice up our world a bit."

Another member of the audience, Sara Ming, said that the film directed by Brett Simon titled, *The Sailor's Girl* gave her the chills. "I almost wish something like that was possible," Ming commented.

Ming was referring to the psychic abilities of a girl from a broken down car and for a small fee, sang to curious customers. However the songs she sang didn't attract customers, but rather visions.

Through her songs, the customers saw visions of their conception, as well as how and

"My favorite film was 'The Freak' because I think it was a satire of the world we live in today. We are slowly becoming clones of how we are told to look and act."  
- Jonathan Sousa student

where there deaths would occur.

Many were orphans who simply wanted to see their biological parents and others morbidly wished to see themselves in their last moments.

"I felt that this was a very worthwhile experience," commented Robert Enes, member of the audience. He said he felt very privileged to be one of the first people to have seen the films of possible future cinematic directors. Enes also stated that the complimentary wine was also very pleasing.

Aside from the films, there was also complimentary wine being served during the majority of the time that the screenings took place. Guests were allowed to sit down drinking their glasses of wine.

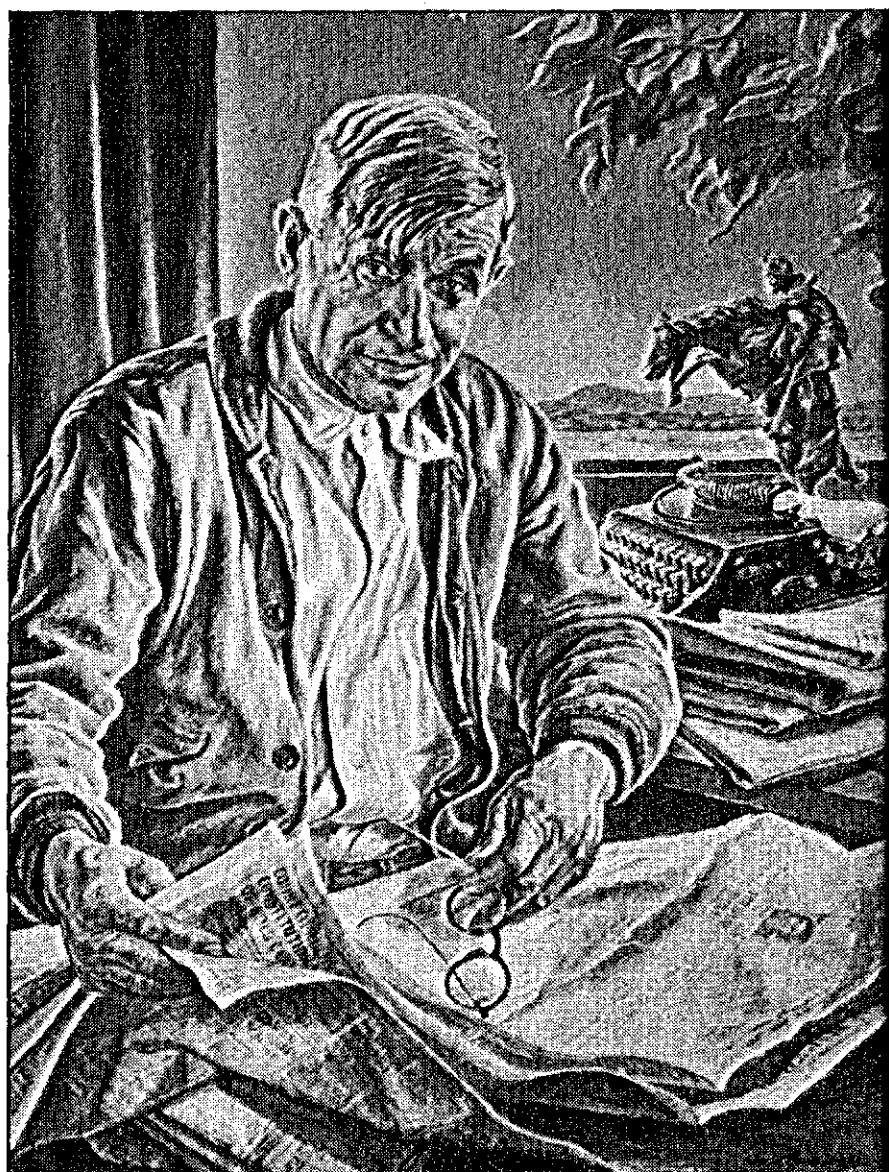
There are several other up and coming events sponsored by LACMA Muse.

On Nov. 3 and Dec. 7, there will be a private screening of several exclusive films along with dinner.

On Oct. 30, there will be an after hours costume ball to celebrate the opening of the exhibition, *Renoir to Matisse: The Eye of Duncan Phillips*.

To learn more about these and other up-coming LACMA events, log on to [www.lacma.org/muse](http://www.lacma.org/muse).

"Listening to the music makes me want to vote."  
- Eliseo Funes, Computer Animation



## "All I know is what I read in the papers."

Will Rogers used the newspapers to reach millions of Americans. His witty and profound observations in his regular newspaper columns made Will Rogers a leading journalist of the early 20th Century.

Writing more than two million words, equal to 20 novels, his syndicated columns were prized by 600 newspapers.

Will Rogers recognized that newspapers, more than any other media, are the common source of information of all the people.



## Complicated comedy plot worth admission

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Two months of hard work are finally going to pay off for one group of students at Cerritos College. "Charley's Aunt" debuts on Oct. 8 and the cast couldn't be more thrilled.

"Charley's Aunt" was written by Brandon Thomas. Set in 19th century Britain, the play is a complicated comedy filled with more than just slapstick occurrences.

The plot itself is one of the things that make the play a comedy.

Charley's aunt is a wealthy woman who takes Charley in. He needs his aunt to chaperone a get-together with his friend Jack, and two girls they have their eyes on.

Their meeting is then ruined when Charley's aunt goes out of the country. The two boys convince someone to impersonate the missing aunt.

Things get even worse when

Charley's aunt unexpectedly comes back to witness their charade. "It's a good reason not to lie," says cast member Matt Sanchez, Theatre major.

Director Kevin Hoggard says he chooses to perform this certain type of play partly because it's from the Victorian era. "It has an interesting style," said Hoggard. Characters emerge throughout the play and give the cast enough experience to develop its individual character.

The cast members seem to be confident that the play will do well. With all the fun they seem to have rehearsing, performing will just be that much better. Hoggard, too, has great confidence in his band of actors. "We have a great cast," Hoggard said.

The curtain goes up on Oct. 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, and 17.

Between the story line and the pure physical comedy of the play, it should cause some smiles and maybe even some sore cheeks in the audience once the curtain falls.



# SPORTS

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## Falcons football comeback fails again

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Kevin Brown had the ball with time running out in the game, and began to watch the season slipping away. The Cerritos College quarterback was attempting to regain the lead that had been taken away by the El Camino Warriors only one minute before.

Instead of posting the much needed six points and his sixth touchdown pass of the year, Brown threw his eighth interception of the season and the Falcons lost again by a score of 21-16.

The Falcons (1-4) seemed relaxed with 1:04 left on the clock. They were up 16-14 and sure to be the victors on Saturday at Falcon stadium.

Then Warriors' (5-0) quarterback Don Poole, connected with receiver Laferrel Payne for a 63 yard touchdown that brought the spirits of the home crowd down.

"The game seemed to be a done deal, but MAN we screwed up the coverage!" said Sal Rodriguez a Falcon football fan who screamed louder than anybody in the stadium.

The Falcons had El Camino 76 yards from their end zone but a bad play and a 5- yard penalty probably showed the Falcons' lack of concentration, leading to the long ball that beat them.

Then the Falcons had a good chance to pull the game out.

The team got to El Camino's 10 yard line with 20 seconds to go but the Warriors covered the end zone well forcing the interception.

At the beginning of the game, the action started to slow, but El Camino scored first on a 5-yard run.

After that, both teams seemed erratic and not focused on the game because of all the penalties they committed.

Unfortunately several passes were dropped early in the game by the Falcons.

Cerritos increased the lead when quarterback, Kevin Brown found Dustin Enriques for a 32-yard touchdown, the only one for the Falcons during the game.

Minutes later the Warriors managed to move the ball down the field, scoring on Heliki Fifita's 2-yard run.

The Falcons then were unable to run out the clock, punting the ball back to the Warriors with 1:22 left on the clock.



COURTESY OF RYAN EDQUIST

Warriors goalie puts an end to the Falcon's comeback. Rio Hondo won the match by 12-10 score. The Falcons are now 3-10.

## Warriors sink Falcon's comeback

Water polo hangs around, but loses in the end of a hard fought match.

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With a broken thumb, Angie Settle, the Cerritos' water polo goalkeeper, showed some serious toughness by making 12 saves before coming out late in the fourth period.

Unfortunately for Settle and the Falcons, the 12 saves were only half of the attempts made by the Rio Hondo College

Roadrunners this past Wednesday as the Falcons lost a close match by a score of 10-12.

The Cerritos women's water polo team record is now a dismal 3-10 overall and is 1-2 in South Coast Conference play.

The Falcons will host El Camino this Wednesday at 4:15 p.m.

Much like the beginning of their season, the Falcons got off to a bad start in the game.

Cerritos had some early bad turnovers that allowed the Roadrunners to take the lead early.

"Our bad passes turned into their (Rio Hondo's) first three goals," said head coach Glen Myer.

Cerritos never fully recovered and trailed throughout the whole game.

Late in the second quarter the Falcons managed to get the deficit down to just two points.

As the third quarter came to an end driver Vanessa Chavez decided to take over the Cerritos' offense.

Chavez scored two of the Falcons' four unanswered goals and turned the momentum around to help bring Cerritos within one.

The Falcons would not get any closer as the Roadrunners scored two more times to quell any comeback water fires.

## Finally, a sport where alcohol can help you score...

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Well, decision time is here. It's October and every time around this year, my buddies and I sit around the bar and after getting turned down several times, to discuss the big topic that comes around every so often.

What is and what isn't a sport?

This time, the Trinidad/Mayorga fight, and this Saturday's version of 'Singed Out' sparked the conversation.

My friend commented that, "chasing tail should be a sport," which lead to the various sport/non-sport arguments.

"It has balls doesn't it?" "Doesn't somebody have to lose...wait women lose it right?"

"It takes no athleticism, talent and the chances of succeeding increase with alcohol consumption, so how the hell can you consider it an actual sport?"

That last one was my thought but whether it was a sport or not, I wasn't going to mind scoring.

So I turned to the nearest opponent, who was watching the fight, and decided to get her involved in the situation.

"I don't like sports. Boxing is cool because it's not a sport," Jenny (if that's her real name) said. I slapped her instantly, in my mind of course, really I bought her a drink and attempted to convince her.



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Is boxing a sport?

There is no ball. Judges, mostly, decide the outcome. There is not always a clear winner. It doesn't have a season. My friend used to have a dog that could box. There is no women's boxing controversy. Kangaroos can do it.

All of this I understand, but it is a sport.

Boxing has the five essential sport qualifications:

1. It takes talent. Not any guy of the streets can just jump into the ring and become a champ. It takes a special guy off the streets to jump in and become a champ. It takes a special type of fighter to compete and it takes a great deal of talent to

be the best.

2. It takes athleticism. If you ran 12 consecutive 100-yard dashes while holding your hands in the air the whole time and had some guy trying to beat the life out of you it would take some serious athleticism. That is boxing.

3. It has specific rules and scoring.

Every punch and its degree of power gets measured and counted in boxing to determine who is winning the match. Knockdowns can also affect the judging of a round. If you knock an opponent out you win.

4. People bet on it. Basic rule of sports: if money

is ridding on it then it becomes more fun. No one bets on debate or political debates. They are not sports. If Vegas gives you odds and the above requirements are met, then it is a sport. Pete Rose bet on it and he also bet on baseball. Baseball is a sport right?

5. I dig it.

Yeah I dig boxing. It is a very cool sport. It is the best non-team sport in the world. The fact that I use the word sport in my liking it proves that it is a sport.

"So there. It is a sport." She was no longer listening to me of course, but she laughed anyways and gave me her number.

Maybe this (chasing tail) could be a sport, and finally I could nail the championship title I always wanted. Nevermind, I'm already way behind in the scorecards.

## Weekly roundup: Two ties and a loss

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For those of you who didn't get a chance to catch your favorite Falcons' sports team this is what you missed.

### Warriors come out, play and swept the Falcons

Shanell McMillen and Faith Malaki combined 22 of the team's 35 kills this past Friday in El Camino. However, they could not kill the Warriors offense, who easily swept the Falcons, 22-30, 24-30, and 21-30.

This was the first game of South Coast Conference play!

The loss dropped their season record to 4-3, while they are 0-1 in SCC action.

### Finally a score, but not a win, women's soccer gets tied-up at harbor

Fourteen days, had passed

since the Cerritos College women's soccer team had scored a goal.

Lucky for the Falcons, Midfielder Katy Sears scored in the seventh minute of the game to give Cerritos its first lead since Sept. 17, this time over Los Angeles Harbor.

However, just scoring was not enough for the win as the Falcons were unable to sustain the lead wounding up settling for the 1-1 tie.

The Seahawks also posted one goal making theirs in the 43rd minute to tie.

The Falcons are now 3-4-3 overall and 0-2-1 in conference action.

The team looks for their first SCC win this Tuesday when they host powerful Long Beach City at 2 p.m.

### Battle of goalies kept things Mora balanced

Falcon goalkeeper, Robert Carrillo, had another outstanding performance on Friday at Los Angeles Harbor as he turned away five-of-six Seahawk shots on the night. However, the gameball should go to Seahawk's goalie, Jose Mora, who capped his great night off with a game saving penalty kick block that left the contest all tied up at 1-1.

With the tie, Cerritos is now 6-

1-2 overall and 1-0-2 in SCC play.

This was the Falcons second tie in a row following a three game winning streak in which they outscored their opponents by a combined score of 12-3.

The Falcons will now host Long Beach City on Tuesday at 4 p.m. and look to extend their five-game unbeaten streak.

### 2004 Cross Country

DATE	RESULT		
09-04	W	3rd Place	3rd Place
09-11	O	2nd Place	M 3rd Place
09-18	M	4th Place	E 6th Place
09-25	E	2nd Place	N 6th place
10-01	N	4th Place	

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