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## College reps visit campus to seek new transferees

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For anyone who needs advice on how to transfer out of Cerritos College or even learn about what schools are available, there will be 79 college and university representatives on campus this Wednesday.

Cerritos College will play host to the other institutes of higher learning during the annual University Mega Fair, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., and College Night, from 7 - 9 p.m.

Among the 79 schools, the UC and Cal State systems will be represented.

According to Megan Richardson, Community Relations Coordinator, 33 out of 79 colleges and universities have confirmed for both day and night events.

The night time college fair will be held in the gym, located on the Alondra Blvd.

The Mega Fair, held during the day, will be held in Falcon Square and there will be an additional 22 institutions, something that the night fair will not have due to exclusive nature of their recruiting practices.

College night in turn will have 24 additional schools that will not be featured during the day and will also have an additional distinctive feature.

"There will be 16 tables that will represent 16 Cerritos' programs," added Richardson.

According to Richardson, "there are some schools that do not want students coming right out of high school."

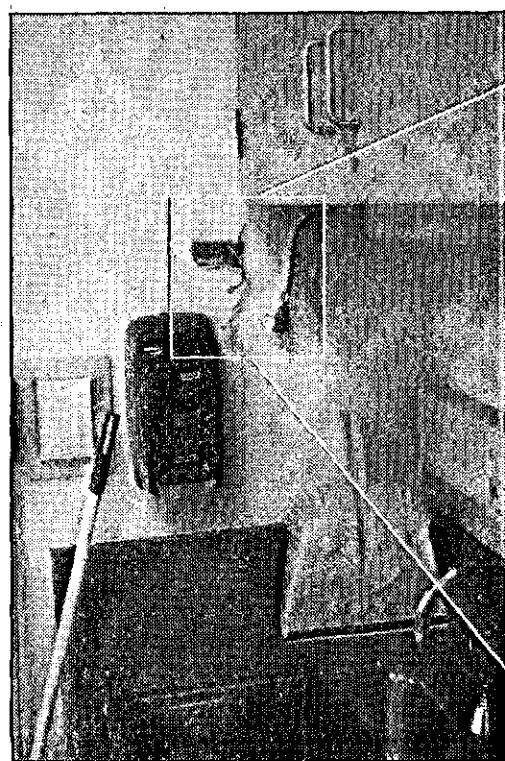
"While the Mega Fair is designed mainly for students transferring out of Cerritos, the night event is more for high school students," Richardson said.

Cerritos will be the only junior college represented.

## Mega Fair participants

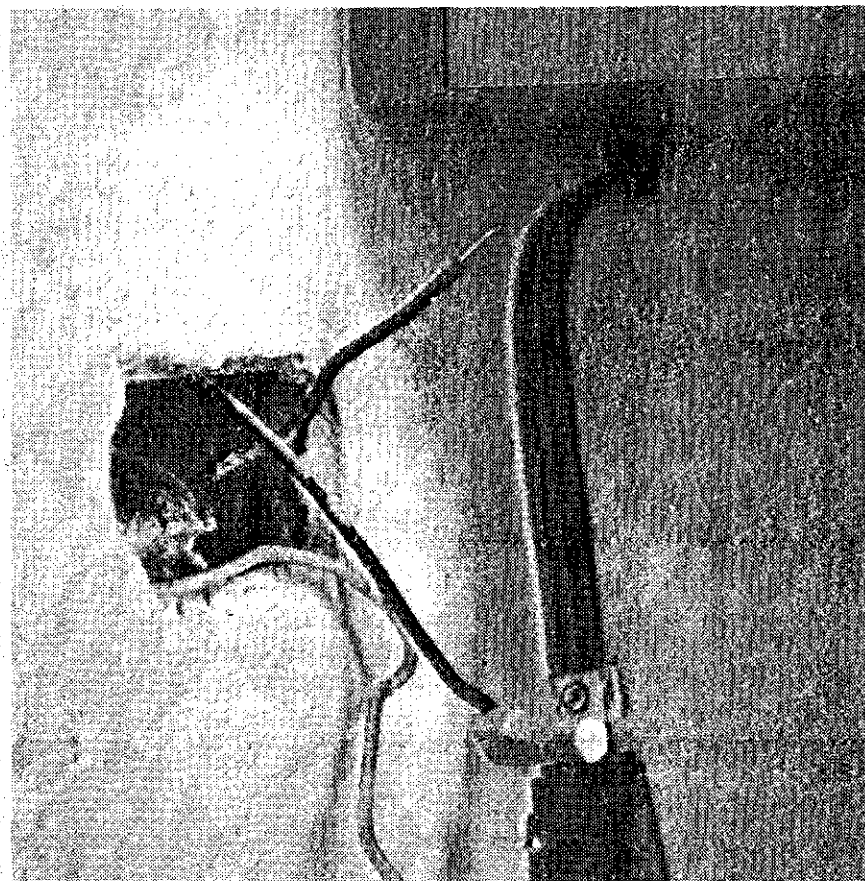
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz (College Night only), UCLA School of Nursing (Mega Fair only)

CAL STATE UNIVERSITY  
Polytechnic, University of Pomona, Dominguez Hills, Fullerton (Mega Fair only), Fullerton College of Business and Economics (Mega Fair only), Long Beach (Mega Fair only), Los Angeles College of Natural & Social Sciences (Mega Fair only), Northridge (Mega Fair only), San Bernardino (Mega Fair only), Long Beach, Los Angeles, Los Angeles College of Natural & Social Sciences, Los Angeles College of Engineering, Computer Science & Technology, San Marcos, Humboldt State University, Sonoma State University (College Night only)



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**Uncapped:** Exposed, partially capped wires protrude from a wall in SL 107 in the Health Occupations Skills Lab. This photo was taken Oct. 12.



## Building poses hazard, board told

❖ Governing board passes resolution for emergency condition.

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Classes began this fall in the new Health Occupations Skills Lab even though the building was incomplete. It was later determined that "the condition of the uncompleted work poses a physical hazard," according to the Governing Board Resolution for Emergency Resolution passed at a special meeting held by the Cerritos College Board of Trustees Sept. 8.

On Aug. 6, Aurora Modular Industries abandoned the construction site as a result of

the company's bankruptcy, leaving the Health Occupations Skills Lab 90 percent complete. The uncompleted portion includes the automatic door closures, electrical system, restrooms and hot water system.

"The incomplete portion of the building includes bathroom facilities, which constitutes an emergency by definition of the state," advised Dr. Noelia Vela, Cerritos College President, when asked by the Board to justify need for emergency.

Further advising the Board, JoAnn Higdon, Interim Vice-President of Business Services said, "In addition to not having restrooms available, we have sensitive issues with regard to fire alarms and wiring into the panel."

The special meeting was held to determine whether or not the incomplete Health Occupations Skills Lab was in a state of emergency.

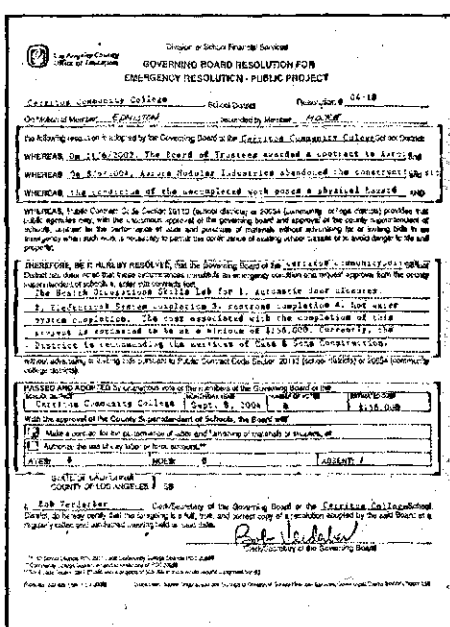
By recognizing the emergency status, the lengthy process of obtaining a new contractor to complete the unfinished work can be sped up, according to Higdon.

"It's an emergency in the sense that something needs to be done sooner rather than in the traditional time. A definition of emergency says something isn't right and allows us to streamline the process," Higdon explained.

Students and faculty have been occupying the building since the fall semester began Aug. 16. It is unclear if the building needed to be inspected prior to occupation.

"I don't know if any inspection was done before Fall 2004 to state specifically that students were safe to be in the building."

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the following resolution is adopted by the Governing Board of the Cerritos Community College School District

WHEREAS, On 11/6/2002, The Board of Trustees awarded a contract to Aurora and

WHEREAS, On 8/6/2004, Aurora Modular Industries abandoned the construction site

WHEREAS, the condition of the uncompleted work poses a physical hazard, AND

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Cerritos Community College School District has determined that these circumstances constitute an emergency condition and request approval from the county superintendent of schools to enter into contracts for:

1. The Health Occupations Skills Lab for 1. Automatic door closures.

2. Electrical System completion 3. restrooms completion 4. hot water system completion. The cost associated with the completion of this project is estimated to be at a minimum of \$156,000. Currently, the District is recommending the services of Casa & Sons Construction.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by unanimous vote of the members of the Governing Board of the Cerritos Community College

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With the approval of the County Superintendent of Schools, the Board will

☒ Make a contract for the performance of labor and furnishing of materials or supplies, or

☐ Authorize the use of day labor or force account.

Official record: Excerpts from the Governing Board Resolution document, passed Sept. 8 and submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

## Mock Rally lightens up Homecoming '04 festivities



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**Beauty Prince(ss):** Chris Wu, representing Geri Macalino, struts his stuff in front of DJ Ray Mahr.

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While the seven Homecoming princesses took a back seat to their names and numbers, Chris Wu was this Thursday's queen of Cerritos College.

Wu won the Mock Rally as representative of Homecoming princess No. 4, Geri Macalino (Phi Beta Lambda.)

In front of a live crowd yelling out sexual slurs and cheered with pompons in hand, Wu came out and shed his coat that covered his entire torso.

While the audience cheered Wu on as he went along with their gestures, he did have a little regret.

"I didn't really want to do it but I was kind of forced to by my girlfriend," Wu said.

His girlfriend, Macalino, denied forcing him, but went on to say that she did coerce him into doing it.

Macalino elaborated, "He is the only one who knows me well enough to mock me, so I made him do it."

Wu came out in drag that was almost identical to the outfit Macalino was wearing. He entertained the crowd by making sexual

## Campus club presents political film

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The screening of, "Fahrenheit 9-11" in the Student Center brought many political figures, on-campus clubs, off-campus clubs, students, and brought a very strong democratic presence to Cerritos College.

The club hosting the showing of, "Fahrenheit 9-11" was the Chicano/Latino for Community Medicine (CCM). Hugo Esparaza, Pre-Med major, established the CCM on Cerritos campus in 2002.

"CCM promotes community service and helps students pursue health occupations," said Vladimir Ochoa, President of CCM.

But that is not all CCM has been doing on campus.

All last week, CCM held a booth in front of the library urging students to register to vote before the Oct. 18 deadline.

"About 100 are registered to vote. We'll be back next week trying to get people to register to vote until the deadline," Ochoa said.

Many registered voters attended the screening of the movie last Thursday as well as some key political figures. The Hubert Humphrey Democratic club of Norwalk co-sponsored the event along with La Mirada's Robert F. Kennedy Democratic Club.

John Smith, President of the Robert F. Kennedy Democratic Club, promoted the Kerry/Edwards ticket.

Smith set up a booth that sold bumper stickers, buttons, and even lawn signs to show Democratic support.

M.E.Ch.A. also attended the screening of, "Fahrenheit 9-11" selling hot chocolate, coffee, churros, and pandulce (Mexican sweet bread).

Project Hope and the Political Science Club handed out flyers on upcoming events of their own before the showing.

Before the film started, many speakers went up to the podium and gave short speeches.

Leonard Chaldez, Mayor of Hawaiian Gardens said, "I'm proud that Cerritos College is doing this. I'm a product of the community college system. Vote left all the way!"

Before Chaldez left the podium

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innuendos directed at the events host, DJ Ray Mahr.

"Reminds me of a bold little friend of mine," Wu shot at Mahr.

The DJ replied, "I'll take what I can get. At my age getting lucky means making it to the restroom in time."

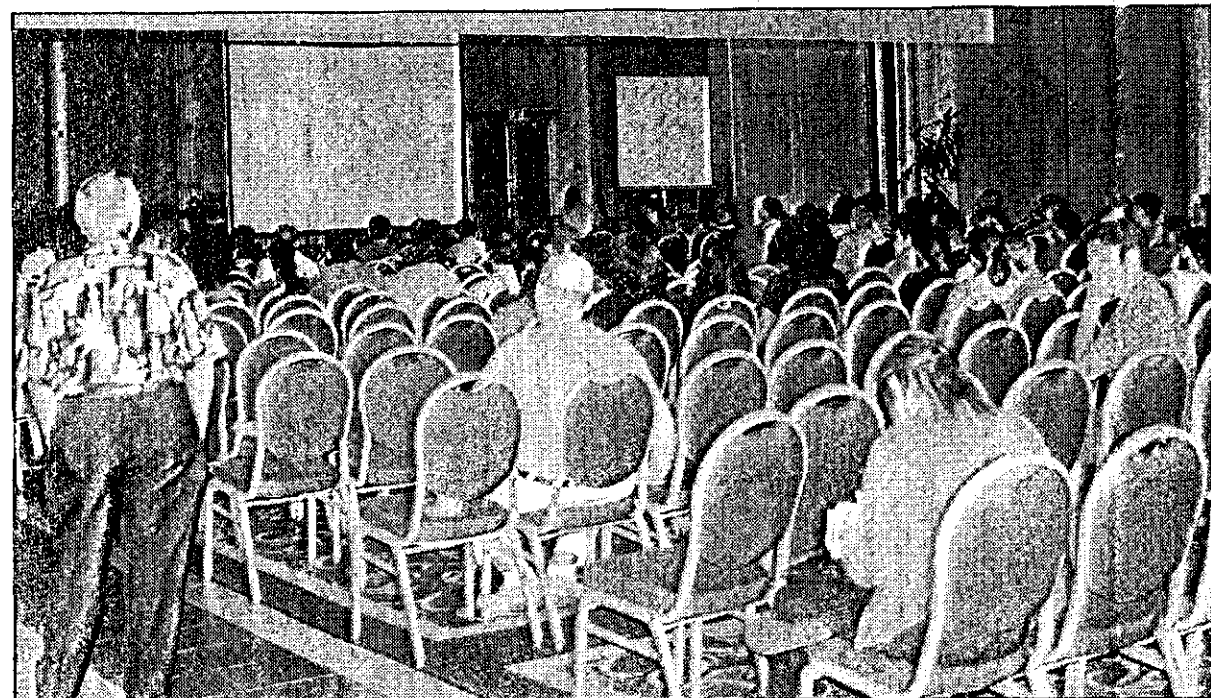
Wu is no stranger to entertaining. He is a Theatre/Arts Major and has acting experience.

According to Macalino, "We do shows together all the time, so he's used to wearing makeup and performing."

For his award winning per-

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**Free movie:** Audience prepares to watch the Chicano/Latino for Community Medicine's screening.

## MOVIE:

Chicano/Latino club screens "Fahrenheit 9/11"

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um, he raffled off one of the two DVD's of "Fahrenheit 9-11" to help fund CCM.

To the crowd's surprise, the winner of the DVD was a Republican.

David Brenson, Computer Science major, who won the DVD

screamed out to audience on the microphone after receiving the DVD, "You should vote for Bush because he sticks to what he says, even though it's wrong."

"Nobody deserved this copy of 'Fahrenheit 9-11' more than you," Chaidez said about the young Republican, Brenson.

Other students attended, but many of them went to the showing for extra credit.

Despite the extra credit students, there were some students who wanted to watch the movie because they wanted to.

One of those students was: Frank Vital, Biochemistry major. "I see a lot of people being killed in Iraq and I want to know the truth," said Vital.

After the movie ended, the crowd gave a standing ovation to the documentary.

Almost everyone did not leave empty handed as a CCM members handed out Kerry/ Edwards bumper stickers and pamphlets that gave a 100 reasons why to vote for Kerry and a 100 reasons why not to vote for Bush.

## RALLY:

Men in drag spoof Homecoming court

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formance, Wu, received a bouquet made of onions and carrots.

"All I get is the title and some vegetables."

The Mock Rally was presented by the ASCC and was held in the Student Center.

There were seven judges:

Diana Hear, the Interim Payroll Manager; Tony Gerhardt, Lola Risealia, Cheryl Thury, Administrative Secretary; Kennethia Vega, Administrative Secretary, and Erlinda Martinez, Vice president of Student Services Assistant.

The princesses were introduced first and brought onto the stage by David Shade. Christina Solis escorted the males (dressed as females) onto the stage. Dillon Powers, who represented Lucy Frias, of Child Development, wore a chicken costume.

They walked out on to the stage and each had their turn of walking down the runway to mock the princesses. They also had to answer a random question pulled out of a basket. After that, they had to mock the princesses' choice.

The election for Queen will be this Wednesday and Thursday. The polls, located at the Food Court Patio, Health Science Patio, and the Social Science Patio, will be open from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

## BUILDING:

Men in drag spoof Homecoming court

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ing," Higdon said.

Prior to the Sept. 8 meeting, the building had been inspected by the Department of State Architects as each phase of work was completed.

"I don't know who made the call to let students into the building," Higdon said. "It was deemed that there was nothing that would cause harm to students. The building was substantially complete and there were no imminent hazards. It's not a wonderful situation, but that's the real world."

"I believe it's acceptable to occupy the building because administration has allowed it. We need to trust that," said Josh Franco, ASCC President.

"It's a 'what if' situation," Franco said of concerns of a fire hazard. "Critical to look at, but the

reality is that nothing has happened."

In regard to electrical wires left hanging above inoperable fire doors as recently as last week, Jenine Nolan, Dean of Health Occupations, said that the fire doors are now working and the electrical wires were hooked in, but she could not provide the date that the repairs had been made.

"All of the key elements of the fire system were working such as the sounds and strobes," Higdon said. "The exception is a door that would have closed."

Higdon stated that the wire hookup to the fire doors was done sometime last week and that the fire alarm wire connections to the doors have been inspected and approved by the D.S.A.

"The building is safe," Nolan said. "We're relying on experts."

In regards to exposed wires, Higdon stated that any wires that can be seen should have caps on the ends. However, on Oct. 12, classroom SL107 had wires with no caps coming from the end of a light bar and partially capped wires

coming out of a wall.

"I'm not aware of any students concerned about their safety," Higdon said, "but if they do have any concerns, they can take them to their professor."

Patricia Santillo, Medical Billing instructor, stated she had not been given any information to give to students about the construction of the building and that she'd had no complaints from students.

"I thought work on the building was just slowing down," Santillo said.

The Health Occupations Skills Lab building was originally planned to be available during the Spring 2003 semester.

Because it was behind, classes were rescheduled to the Lecture Hall, which was torn down by the beginning of this semester.

Currently, a contract has been negotiated and a conditional offer has been made to a contractor.

"As soon as we have a signed contract back, we can hopefully begin work the first or second part of next week," Higdon said.

## Voter deadline nearing

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Does the word vote mean anything to you? Well it should!

Each vote counts no matter what. Each vote that is cast makes a difference in our lives such as the future of a nation, state, and even community. All of these make an impact on you and the nation.

The truth should be are you registered to vote if not the deadline to vote is coming up very soon.

Oct. 18 is the final day to register to vote in the upcoming election on Nov. 5. This vote makes the choice of who will be the next President of the United States will be.

Where can you register to vote?

Well, there are many places to do that. One important place

is the DMV, the second is the U.S. Post Office and another place would be your local city offices and even our Student Activities office carries registration forms.

You can locate more places to file the forms to be a registered voter at [www.lavote.com](http://www.lavote.com). This web site is the official Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerks site.

Ever wonder who can register to vote? A U.S. citizen, who is 18 years of age prior to an election within 15 days of the election can vote.

Other affiliates that are participating in this election are organizations such as Rock the Vote, sponsored by MTV, are helping young Americans from the age of 18-25 to vote.

The register of recorders office web site will assist any resident in L.A. on the choices of

who is running for office and what issues are being voting on.

This Nov. 2, the general election will be the time to make the decision on who we want to lead us into the future.

L.A. County Registrar Recorders office will have some changes on the voting system for this election. It will use a new system called INKA voting.

Do you remember the 2000 election with the big issue of chads?

Well they aren't using them anymore.

The new way of voting is much easier for poll workers, but unfortunately for the voters, it's harder for them because everyone is used to pushing in the vote on their ballot. Just remember, the new way is ink only.

Just gently push on the ink device to cast your vote this November.

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# CROOKS & BOOKS

❖ On campus, book theft is the number one preventable crime for students.

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Forget about your cell phones, purses or laptops. Thieves are lurking the campus for unattended textbooks to steal for profit.

"Book theft is the number one preventable crime on campus," said Richard Bukowiecki, Campus Police Lieutenant. "If you leave property unattended you are taking a chance."

In fact, over the last two weeks, five textbooks have been stolen from the library.

"It is unfortunate because so many people are struggling to buy books to begin with," said John McGinnis, Dean of the Library and Learning Resource Center.

According to Bukowiecki, when a textbook is left unattended, it is the equivalent to leaving its resell value up for grabs.

The school has done its part to prevent book theft on campus in places like the bookstore and library.

The bookstore has 23 cameras [10 VHS and 13 digital], pointing to the entrance, cubicles, and buy-back registers.

The tapes are handed to Campus Police and the digital images are automatically downloaded to corporate offices of the Follett Higher Education Group, the company that runs the college bookstore.

During non-rush hours, aisles are roped off and book clerks are assigned to help with customers' purchases, and identification is required when selling a book back.

"Over the last three years, only three books have been stolen from students inside the bookstore. All three were replaced," said Paul Flovick, Bookstore Manager.

But, according to McGinnis, cameras are not an option in the library, where most of the book thefts have occurred.

"It is a different environment. I am more concerned with students' privacy. Therefore, a stronger responsibility is placed on the students," he said.

Instead, librarians have called Campus Police to observe what goes on in the library and asked students not to leave their personal belongings unattended for even a minute.

"It is unfortunate that we have to do this. People should feel comfortable enough in the library to walk to a computer or go to the bathroom and leave their books on the table," said Lynda Sampson, Professor/Librarian and Collection Development Coordinator.

Books have also been stolen from the library itself.

"It is important for people to understand that whether you steal from the library or other students, you are hurting others. Sometimes, the books cannot be replaced in time for those who need them, if at all," McGinnis said.

But like Bukowiecki commented, some people come on campus just to steal books.

Unfortunately, there is not much more the school can do for students.

It is their responsibility to take preventive measures for keeping belongings safe.

Flovick suggests writing your name or creating a distinctive mark on the book.

"Also, report it right away to both the bookstore and police," Flovick said.

Librarians suggest if you have to get up from a table, have a friend watch your belongings until you are back.

Sadly, a thief can sell your book to any bookstore outside campus because there is no way of knowing if he/she bought or stole the book from another student.

Textbooks Inc., the bookstore across the street from campus, refused to answer questions, claiming Campus Police asked them not to talk to anyone about book theft.

"There is a larger reason for why this is happening. It is a total disregard and disrespect for others' property," said Valencia Mitchell, Professor/Librarian, Periodicals & Online Resources Coordinator.

## Dig Deeper

Visit the Life Section at [www.talonmarks.com](http://www.talonmarks.com) for links to more resources on book theft statistics and prevention.

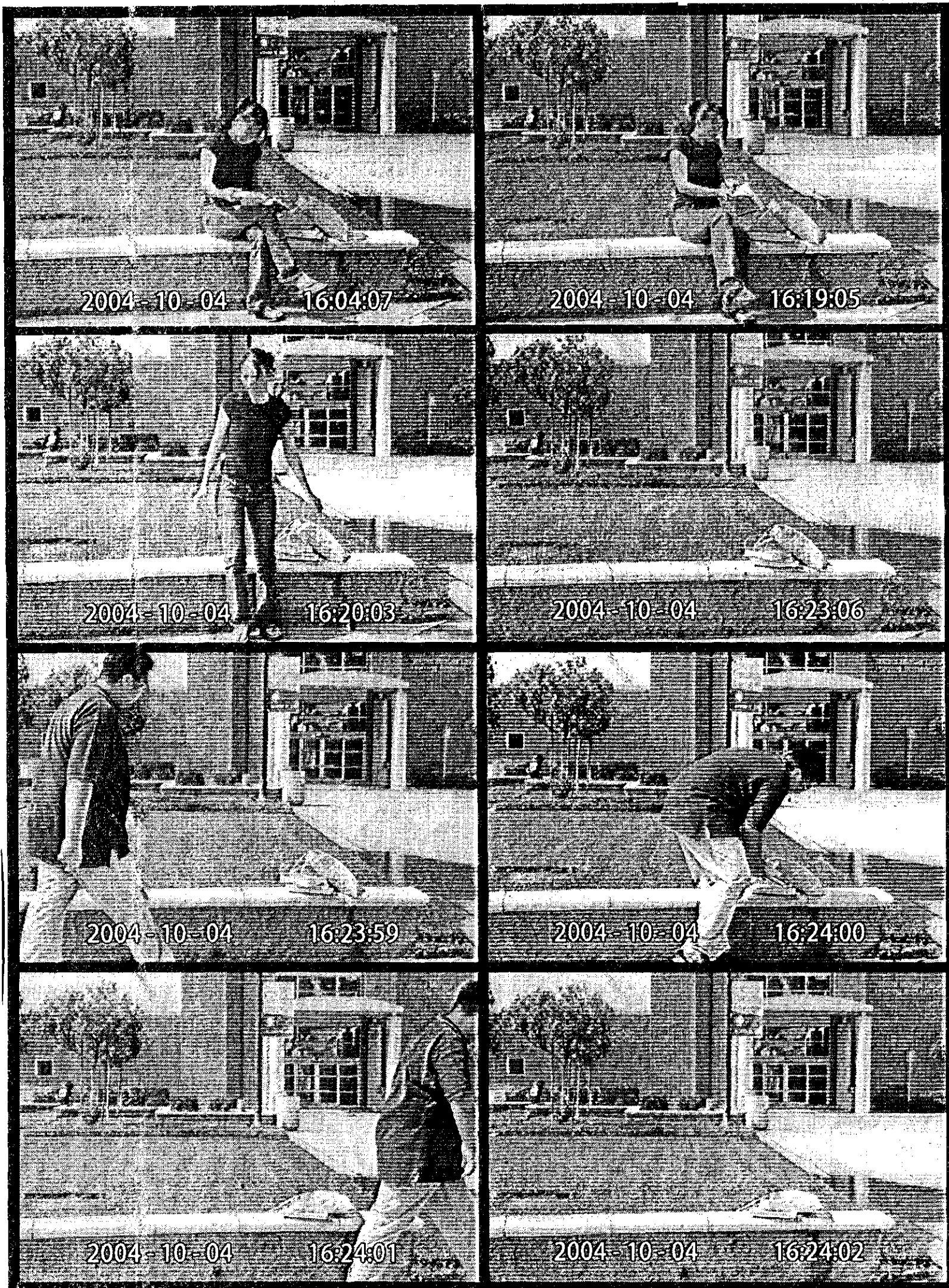


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## Many celebrate Columbus Day, while some still deny holiday

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The month of October brings a holiday celebrated by many Americans.

Columbus Day, also known in some parts of the country as "Discoverers' Day," is a day celebrating the discovery of America by European explorer Christopher Columbus who landed on this country in 1492.

This holiday wasn't celebrated at first. In 1866 out of pride, the Italian population of New York organized the first celebration of the discovery of America.

The holiday wasn't officially called Columbus Day until 1869, when Italians in San Francisco celebrated it on Oct. 12.

The holiday got a major boost in 1892 when President Harrison proclaimed the 400th anniversary of Columbus's landing in America.

Later on in 1905, Colorado became the first state to observe Columbus Day.

Since 1920, the holiday has been celebrated annually.

Finally, since 1968, it has been declared a federal public holiday that is to be held the second Monday every October.

Many students often think since

Columbus Day is considered a holiday, why are the schools still open?

"It's a federal holiday," said John Gallant, Secretary of Academic Affairs. "The state does not recognize it as a holiday."

On the other hand, post offices and several city offices are closed in observance, banks included.

"Not only is Bank of America closed, but banks in general," said Denise Ross, Customer Service Representative of Bank of America. "I wish school was closed for Columbus Day when I went."

Despite the mass celebration of this holiday, there are still those who oppose

Columbus Day.

The group known as the, "Transform Columbus Day Alliance" believes public holidays that celebrate Columbus, educate children to honor a cruel and vicious man.

In addition to that, they believe that children are being taught to support racist practices implanted in the judicial system.

So instead of celebrating Columbus Day, many people that have rejected the holiday have replaced it with "Indigenous Peoples Day."

For most Americans though, Columbus Day is no longer celebrated as the discovery of America. More people

have recognized that Native Americans inhabited this land long before.

This holiday is now celebrated in an accurate sense.

Columbus discovered the existence of this "new world" to Europeans, who before, believed that the world was flat and ended somewhere in the Atlantic.

So now, instead of focusing the holiday on Columbus, it focuses on the discovery of the "new world" introduced by Columbus. This later brought European settlers to America, which planted the seeds for what we know as the United States today.



# OPINION

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## EDITORIAL

# Students deserve safe buildings

Cerritos College has a brand new Health Occupations Skills Lab building. It's up-to-date, modern and filled with students.

It's also not completed. Bankrupt contractors left the building 90 percent finished.

Unfortunately, the remaining 10 percent directly apply to building safety in the areas of plumbing, electrical and the fire alarm system.

In fact, it was determined by the Board of Trustees at a special meeting on Sept. 8 that there was justification for emergency status to be declared in the new building due to the "condition of the uncompleted work posing a hazard." According to the Governing Board, the emergency resolution passed during the meeting and was submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

The bathrooms alone constitute an emergency by definition of the state. Fire doors were left inoperable and the electrical system were left incomplete with wires hanging above those inoperable fire doors when students and faculty were allowed to begin classes this fall.

Someone has determined that it was safe for students and staff to occupy the building prior to completion but nobody has provided evidence that this was a safe decision.

How safe is safe? What is an acceptable risk level? Would you like to be informed if you were facing a safety risk while inside of a building?

We propose that students are entitled to a 100 percent safe building when they can receive their education. Students should not have to wonder when they enter a classroom whether the electrical wiring system is complete or if the fire system of the building is in working condition. These should be requirements. Fire doors are required in public buildings. Is it odd to assume that those doors should be operable?

It's true that there are no guarantees of complete safety in any building due to accidents and unforeseen conditions. However, an institution has an obligation to do everything possible to prevent an unsafe situation. There are building safety codes in place to

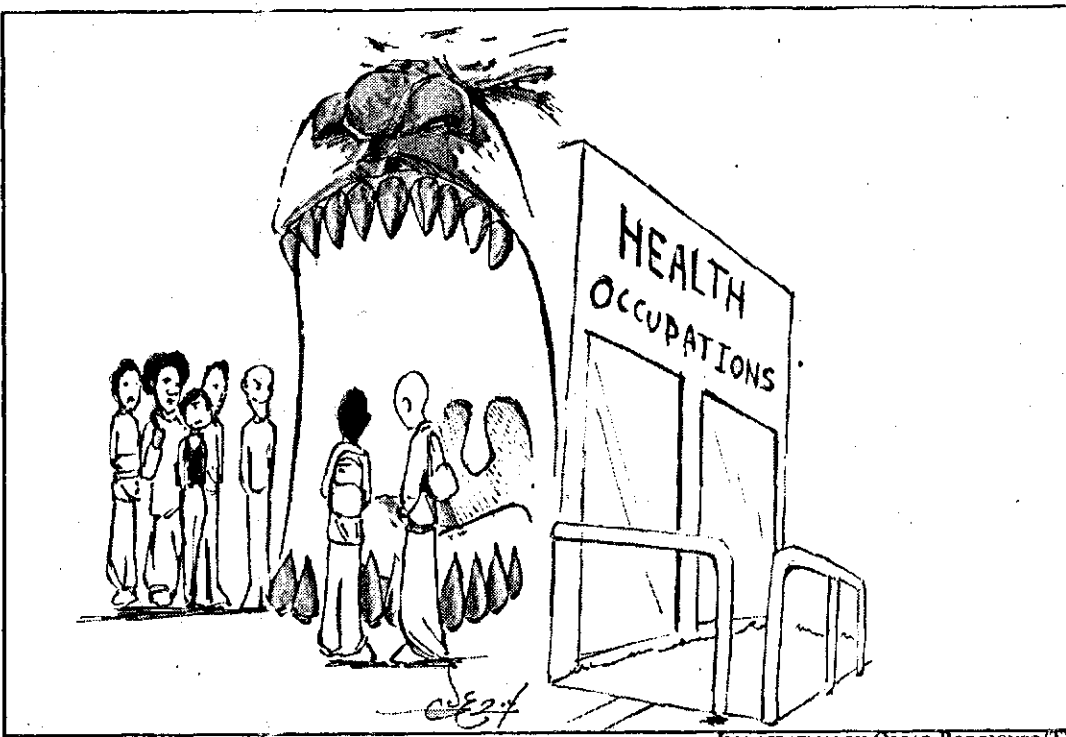


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determine that a building has met the necessary requirements to determine that a building is safe to occupy. Students should expect that the standards of building safety have been met. If there is any question about occupant safety, the institution in question should be prepared to provide evidence that the building has passed all safety inspections needed to ensure that the building is as safe as required to be.

Those overseeing the completion of the Health Occupations Skills Lab have stated that words are used to "streamline a process to take it off the traditional time table and speed things up" and that "those words can have different meanings." These words like emergency and physical hazard. Just because those words are used to justify emergency status of a building doesn't mean that the people inside are in an emergency situation. This can be confusing.

Emergency can be a tool used on paper, but it does not really mean emergency as in danger, move fast, get out as fast as you can. Precise wording processes, all of this can be understood, but it's difficult to accept when you see uncapped and wires hanging in classrooms of a building whose condition has been described as posing a physical hazard.

We believe that any known safety risk is one risk too many. We demand that Cerritos College and its Board of Trustees provide evidence that the Health Occupations Skills Lab is safe to occupy in its current condition, that all steps are taken to remove any physical hazards and the assurance that all buildings on campus can be entered without the question that all has been done to meet the minimum required standards for building safety and occupancy. If it can't do this, then it can't ensure students safety.



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# Movies decline, games ready to reap rewards

Everyone would figure that along with a great summer movie season, comes a great fall movie season, where the Academy would be opening their eyes to see who and what will get nominated for an Oscar.

But this year it seems a bit dry. No, instead you better make that dead.

Not one movie has stood out as "the best movie of the year" or of "Oscar caliber."

Instead, we are getting a bunch of leftovers that the studios have been putting off or were just not worthy enough to push during the summer.

Shall "We Dance?" "Taxi?" "Christmas with the Kranks?" "Finding Neverland?" This is Showtime Channel material, not big screen material.

In the summer, 10 movies hit over the \$100 million mark, with great movies like "Collateral," "Bourne Supremacy," and "Spiderman 2," made it a very profitable summer.



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This fall could see a big downfall due to the huge summer take in. Maybe moviegoers don't want to spend cash on sub-par movies.

One thing is sure, all the video gamers out there are loving this season.

September through December is digital heaven for the gaming industry, and their [gamers'] bank accounts will be destroyed.

For gamers, this fall will bring them "Fable," "ESPN NBA 2K5," "GTA: San Andreas," "Kill Zone," "Metal Gear Solid: Snake Eater," "Gran Turismo 4," and the most anticipated game of this generation.

By far, it is "Halo 2." Oh yeah, not to mention other pre-teen junk Gamecube is coming out with.

This season is going to be far better for gamers, and Hollywood has noticed, since many studios have pursued interest in the gaming industry.

So this fall, I'm not going to watch Richard Gere prance around like a prissy schoolgirl. I'm going to be blastin' Covenant scum in Halo 2.

I'm not going to watch Colin Farrell in a skirt in Alexander.

I'll be driving in a 1963 Impala taking over Los Santos in Grand Theft Auto.

And I certainly won't be watching Tim Allen get into a christmas disaster; I'll be killing snakes for lunch in Metal Gear Solid: Snake Eater.

If you're a dedicated moviegoer, it's mostly going to be junk, but there are some movies to watch out for like Pixar's "The Incredibles," "Blade: Trinity," horror flick "Saw," and the only movie I am anticipating for this summer, "Oceans 12."

# Teachers just don't get their just desserts

❖ Teachers are not nine-to-five workers. They are working 24 hours a day.

Knowledge is priceless. But it is expensive to impart it.

Being a teacher requires time, dedication and many years of expensive schooling to become an astute educator.

Teachers are not nine-to-five workers. They are working 24 hours a day.

When the bell rings it does not mean their day is done; it is only beginning.

Weekends mean doing all the homework assigned to you in order to grade papers, prepare exams and daily agendas. Unfortunately, teacher profits do not match the workload.

I hold all of my teachers close to my heart because they taught me everything I needed to know to get me in the right track for a career goal.

Yes, many teachers claim the true rewards of their profession are making a difference in someone's life and making life-long friendships.

But as the saying goes, No solo de pan



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vive el hombre, or Man does not live of merely bread. Neither does he live of feelings.

Teachers have families to support, houses, cars and bills to pay off, and on top of that, school supplies to pay for, because their spending budget at school is limited.

At a starting pay of \$35,000 a year and an average pay of \$54,000 a year, teachers have to love their career to not run off to look for better pay.

It is true that some educators can reach six-figure salaries, but it means spending time and money in search of a Ph.D. and an extensive teaching background.

Although they work all year they are not necessarily paid a year-round salary.

Teachers have a 10-month contract with the school. This means they do not

get paid for the months out of the year that we are on vacation.

That is the reason why you see full-time teachers with part-time jobs during summer classes. They have to make money somehow.

The most disturbing part of this is that administration earns twice as much starting pay as teachers do.

I am not saying they do not deserve more money because they do. Administering a campus is hard work.

However, I do not feel there is a fair gap between those who run the school and those who make it possible for a school to progress.

Instead of asking taxpayers to open their wallets and support a senseless war, the government should raise teacher salaries and make more money available for them to spend on supplies.

Talking to a teacher on what their life is like makes you appreciate their job a little more.

I know I would not be willing to work so hard and earn so little, but if there were no teachers in this world, at age five, who would be our inspiration?

## CAMPUS COMMENT

"What's your take on students who leave behind personal items, and get angry when they have been stolen?"

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"It's their own fault and yes it would be nice if they returned it or turned it in but that's not gonna happen."

**CHEMAINE CACHO**  
Culinary Arts



"They should be more responsible."

**JACORY BRADFORD**  
Physical Education



"It's their fault and they need to be more responsible."

**SUSANA VALDEZ**  
Teacher



"Students need to be more responsible but it is unfortunate that there aren't more honest people on this campus."

**DAMAYANTI MONROY**  
Undecided



"It sucks that people get their stuff stolen but if someone sees something cool they'll take it."

**JULIAN PORTE**  
Psychology



"It's the student's fault for leaving their stuff behind"

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Undecided

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# Do you know the 'L' word?

❖ Bringing meaning to a word that has become more and more commercial.



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To love, or not to love, that is the question.

Is it better to have loved and lost, then to never have loved at all? Is love real? What is love?

How is love defined? Is love, the sexual tension between two people? Is love the giving of your soul to someone completely? Is love the ultimate gesture of caring for someone, or simply a term that simple minded humans have made up to define the desire and lusts that we have for one another?

Love, the ultimate test that separates life long friends, from six-month partner infatuations.

To love is to care. To want someone so badly, that you cannot live another moment of your life without them.

To gasp for air at the thought of someone, to breathe and still feel breathless, that's love.

To know that you will be with them soon, yet still miss them so much, that's love.

To miss someone more and more everyday, although you see them often, that's love.

It's more than a title. It's more than words on a page. It's

more than friends with benefits. It's more than the kissing, the hugging, and the sex.

Love is an undefinable term that describes a bond so strong between two people, that not even World War III could tear them apart.

Love: the key to life, or the disaster to mankind?

I like to think of love as the first rather than the latter.

I believe in love at first sight. I'd like to think that true love awaits for those who stand strong, residing in their faith.

I like to think of love as something so unique, so special, so worthy of someone else but ourselves; something that we cannot comprehend; something that is far beyond our under-

*"To gasp for air at the thought of someone, to breathe and still feel breathless, that's love."*

standing. Something so good, that we often times find ourselves confused and puzzled about it, bewildered and angered by it, troubled and concerned about it.

Time and time again many people are destroyed by it, yet for others, it is their saving grace. For some, love is the only reason to continue forward. The only reason that everything has not yet fallen apart, and the only thing that is keeping their life intact.

I will continue believing in a thing called love because it's what keeps me alive. It's what offers me hope and endurance. It's the very aspect of everyone's life that keeps their engine running. Love is tomorrow's dreams, and the future's promises.

Love is not selfish, or stubborn. Love does not hate and love is not superficial.

Love is the feeling in the pit of your stomach that let's you know that someone is special.

It's four little letters that keep this world together. It's these four letters that allow us to prevail in our daily lives, living in such a selfish world, unharmed, untouched, unaffected by everything that is and ever will be.

Love: the gift that keeps on giving, dedicated to the one I love.

## Comics

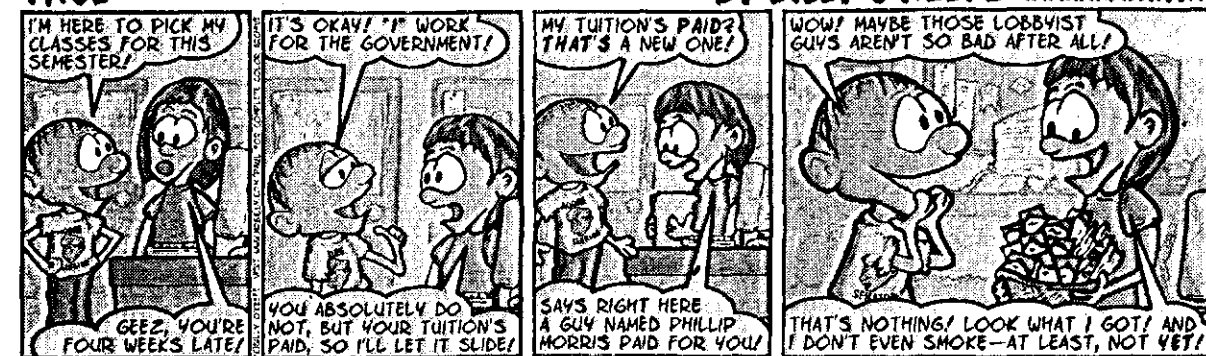
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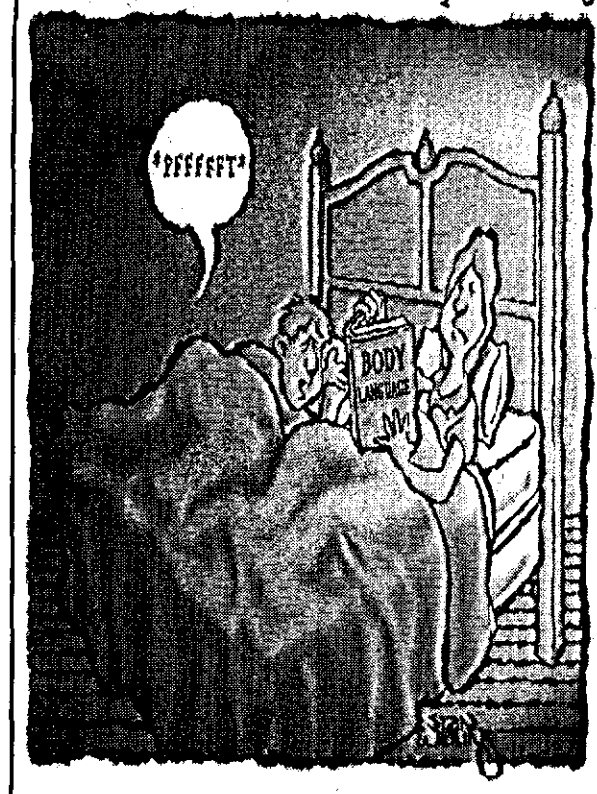
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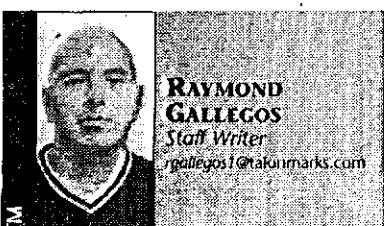
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Charity : Jay Sleep

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## Strict FCC rules take over radio

❖ Satellite Radio is quickly becoming the new stage for freedom of speech



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What is happening to our great country The United States of America? Our First Amendment rights are being stripped from us.

As a protest to this, Howard Stern, who has gotten fed up with the censorship of the Federal Communications Commission, has decided to go to satellite-radio.

"Even when one American, who has done nothing wrong, is forced by fear to shut his mind and close his mouth, then all Americans are in peril," said Harry S. Truman, ex-president of the US.

As a loyal fan to the Howard Stern show, I am willing to buy a Sirius satellite-radio and pay the monthly \$13 to listen to Stern.

For years, Stern has been ranting about the censorship, and has even gone as far as to call it a "McCarthy-type witch-hunt."

He has a sufficient reason to say that other forms of media go unpunished when they step over

the FCC boundaries.

Ryan Seacrest, and Good Day New York have gotten away with saying the "F" word.

Many other radio stations have as well. Even the Oprah Winfrey Show has gotten away with speaking graphically about sex.

Yet when Stern goes over the line, he is fined time and time again.

After Janet Jackson revealed her boob, which could only be seen if you have Tivo, the FCC warned Stern along with all other persons in the media that if they cross the line like Jackson, they will be fined \$500,000 or be taken off the air.

When the man who filmed himself having sex with Paris Hilton went on Stern's show and talked about his sexual experiences in graphic detail, Clear Channel took Stern off of the air in various markets.

Many of the 11-million

loyalists to Stern's fan-base were very upset and spoke their mind to the FCC.

Soon after, Stern was back on the markets which he was taken off of.

He even expanded his nationally broadcasted morning show after threatening Infinity Broadcasting with a lawsuit.

He even held a news conference to spit in the face of the FCC with his victory for free speech.

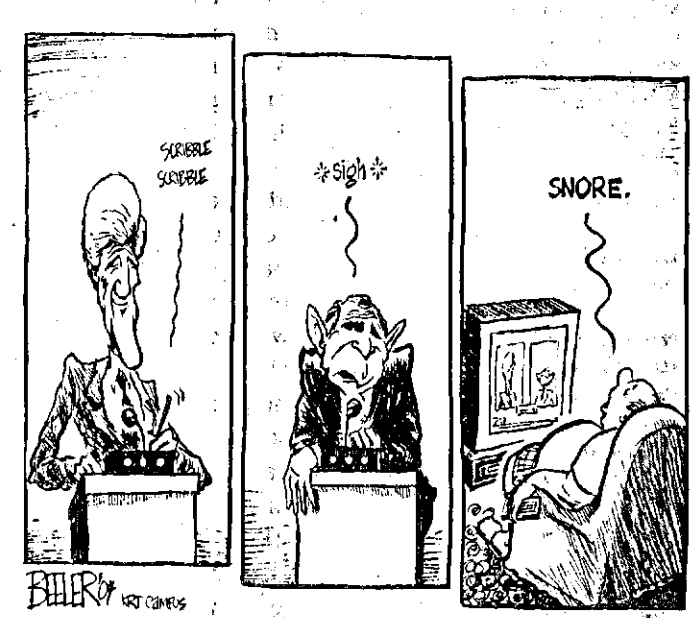
However the Stern program now sounds like a rap song on the radio. There are more bleeps than words it seems, and it is hard to understand the show.

Satellite-radio is the new HBO.

It's uncensored and exercises the true freedom of speech Americans deserve, despite the fact that it now comes at a cost.

*"For years Stern has been ranting about strict censorship, and has even called it a 'McCarthy-type witch hunt'."*

### Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps





## Something new to adore

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Right when music started to sound like a broken record with nothing new to offer except the same drum beat over and over again, a new wave of rock 'n' roll emerged on to the scene.

Bands like Franz Ferdinand, Interpol, The Killers, and The Stills infiltrated the ears of people everywhere with innovative flavors of rock, jumbled with new wave and electro clash, giving a fresh look to indie as we know it.

Outgoing, goofy, affectionate and talented are characteristics that are used to describe these four adorable musicians from Los Angeles. Meet The Adored.

Best friends Ryan George (singer), Drew Seventeen (guitarist), Max Humphrey (bassist), and Nat Keefer (drums) formed The Adored two years ago to make the music they enjoyed best.

Brit-pop, punk, new wave, and power pop describe the Adored's medley of music they like.

The band's main influences come from The Buzzcocks, The Clash, the Jam, as well as other lesser known British one hit wonders.

Their sound catches listeners with their Beach Boys drum beats in songs like "Driving," and exaggerated Hot Hot Heat vocals in the rest of their music.

Recently, the band played at Anaheim's all ages club, Chain Reaction, performing a short set of dance, energetic rhythms felt throughout the club's tiny setting.

Excitement sprang from the ani-

imated lead singer, George, who gave personal attention to front row admirers with playful hugs.

"I thought their stage presence was awesome. I could tell they were enjoying it so that made me get into the music more," said Lyndsi Revis, Cal State Fullerton student.

Other band members, Humphrey and Seventeen, danced along with George every so often, wildly jumping or running into each other.

The rest of the time, young scenesters could be seen snapping their fingers while shaking their hips to the rock-poppy sound.

"We like to think we put on a fun, spastic and energetic live show," says Seventeen. "We also think we are incredibly good looking, but that's a question for the beholder."

Like other bands who try to look or be like any other band, The Adored likes to incorporate its image into its music, showing people who it really is.

"Our image is just a natural reflection of who we are normally: fun, flirty, fraternal; a dandified version of the rock idiom with a decidedly Anglo slant, through a filtered Californian lens," explains Seventeen.

Before they started the band, each member belonged to other bands, with darker tones.

The band started with Seventeen and Humphrey writing pop songs around the house, until they met Keefer, who wanted to play in a power pop style band.

About half a year later, the band found its last member, George, lead vocalist.

The band decided to name itself soon after from the Stone Roses' 1985

single, "I Want To Be Adored." Another reference to the band's name comes from Humphrey's and Seventeen's planned electronic band that never quite took off called, "Adored and Ignored."

Currently, the band is working on its second EP, due out in October. It will give its fans a deeper portrayal of the band's personality.

"It's a balance of catchiness, spookiness, drama, sex and elation. The five songs will show our current palette and cinematic range. There will also be a surprise appearance from a guest foreign legend," says Seventeen.

With word getting out everyday of the band's success whether it be with a great show or by word of mouth, the band still insists that its down-to-earth attitude will stay the same.

"In our minds, the change has happened, so we expect to remain grounded mentally even if our creation blasts past the stratosphere," says The Adored.

The next appearances of the Adored will happen on Oct. 26 at the Zelo in Santa Barbara and Nov. 12 at Billy O's in Ventura.

"We're having the time of our lives and enjoying every minute of it," says Seventeen.

To check out this funny, loveable quartet, then go to [www.rockt-headored.com](http://www.rockt-headored.com)

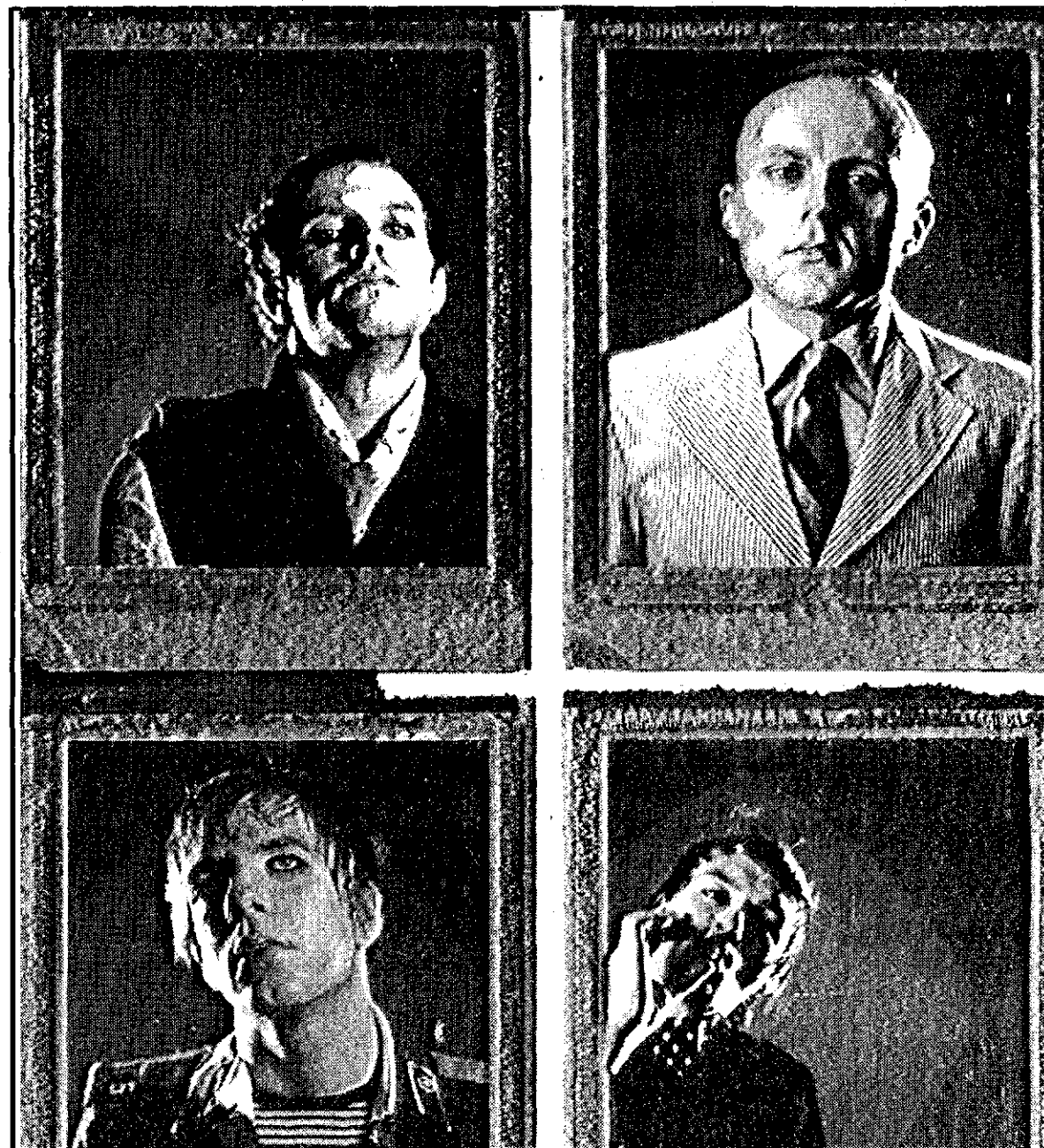


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**Adorable:** (TL) Max Humphrey, (TR) Ryan George, (BL) Drew Seventeen, and (BR) Nat Keefer of The Adored. The Adored brings a fresh new sound to its audience.

what's it all about?

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## 'Charley's Aunt' premieres, delivers slow building laughs

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The hard work of the Cerritos College's Theater department has finally paid off. After countless hours of dedication that began this fall semester, the production is finally under way.

The cast of "Charley's Aunt" presented for a selected audience with a private screening of the play last Thursday at 8 p.m.

Opening night for the show was last Friday, with the show time scheduled all weekend, and will run this weekend on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Burnight Center.

"Charley's Aunt," a comedy that took place during the early 1900s, is about the adventures of a pair of college friends who are both trying to court twin sisters.

One of the friends named Charley, who is about to meet a wealthy aunt, and his friend Jack Chesney, both plan to arrange a meeting between Chesney's father, and Charley's wealthy aunt who is a widow.

Chesney's father however meets another friend of Chesney, who is dressed to look like an old woman to replace Charley's aunt, when she is unable to attend the arranged meeting.

This is when the plot takes an unexpected turn. The characters subsequently find themselves in one twist after another, from which they try to pull

themselves out of in comical ways.

Denise Vidal, undecided, attended the production, and said she found the accents to be quite funny.

Vidal said she really liked the twins and the maid.

"[The set] was really good, I liked how it rotated," Vidal said.

Gus Ruiz, who plays Jack Chesney, has been involved in theater productions in Cerritos College for several years. He said that the cast put in an average of four hours a day, five or six days a week through the entire semester.

The show itself has a cast of only 11 members. But each delivers his or her personal touch to the show that adds variety. Some scenes of the play contained more twists than others.

Ruiz stated that he had no favorite scene. "I have the most fun when the audience laughs," Ruiz said.

Barbara Lopez, who plays Amy Spettigue, said, "the first scene is my favorite. It's fun just to throw everything back and forth. We just take it and go with it."

She also said that if she were to give any advice to someone interested in becoming involved with the show, she would tell the person to just do it, and not think about it.

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# SPORTS

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TALON MARKS, CERRITOS COLLEGE

## A winless pointless outcome

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Winless in its previous four games, the women's soccer team has failed to capitalize on several scoring opportunities, extending their streak to five games.

After the 1-0 loss, the Falcons (3-6-4 overall, 0-4-2 in conference) have now lost five out of the last four games, scoring just once in the lone tie.

With a total of six shots on goal, the Falcons weren't missing an aggressive offense, but according to assistant coach Trey Sinclair, "they lacked organization."

This lack of organization led to one missed kick, and a couple of forced goal attempts that could have been capitalized upon better if there had been another Cerritos' offender in scoring position during the attempt.

Sinclair also said that, "they just couldn't put away the game, and had missed opportunities."

He had stated that they needed to start out aggressive, and not wait until it was too late to attack the ball if they wanted to win.

Being unorganized allowed El Camino to slip the ball into the net on their second goal attempt, which was just enough to clinch the win.

Mid-fielder Katy Sears said, "the team needs to go out with intensity, and attack the ball better," if they are to win their next game."

Another goal that Sears wants to improve upon for future games is more much-needed communication among her teammates.

The first half of the game, which was spent mostly on El Camino's own territory, but saw three shots-on-goal by the Falcons.

After half-time, it looked as if the Falcons were finally ready to score with a rush by Allison Sarrell that might have led to a goal if there had been another player for Cerritos in a position to back up Sarrell.

El Camino responded with, the only goal of the game that came in within the first five minutes of the second-half.

After the goal by El Camino, Cerritos spent the majority of the second half trying to defend, and less time was spent on the offensive compared to the first half.

The time spent on each side of the field was more or less equal during the second half.

Both teams were determined to drive the ball into the opposing net, however it was the Warriors who showed greater organization.

## In the end 'THE END' is the loyal fan's only friend!

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It is over.

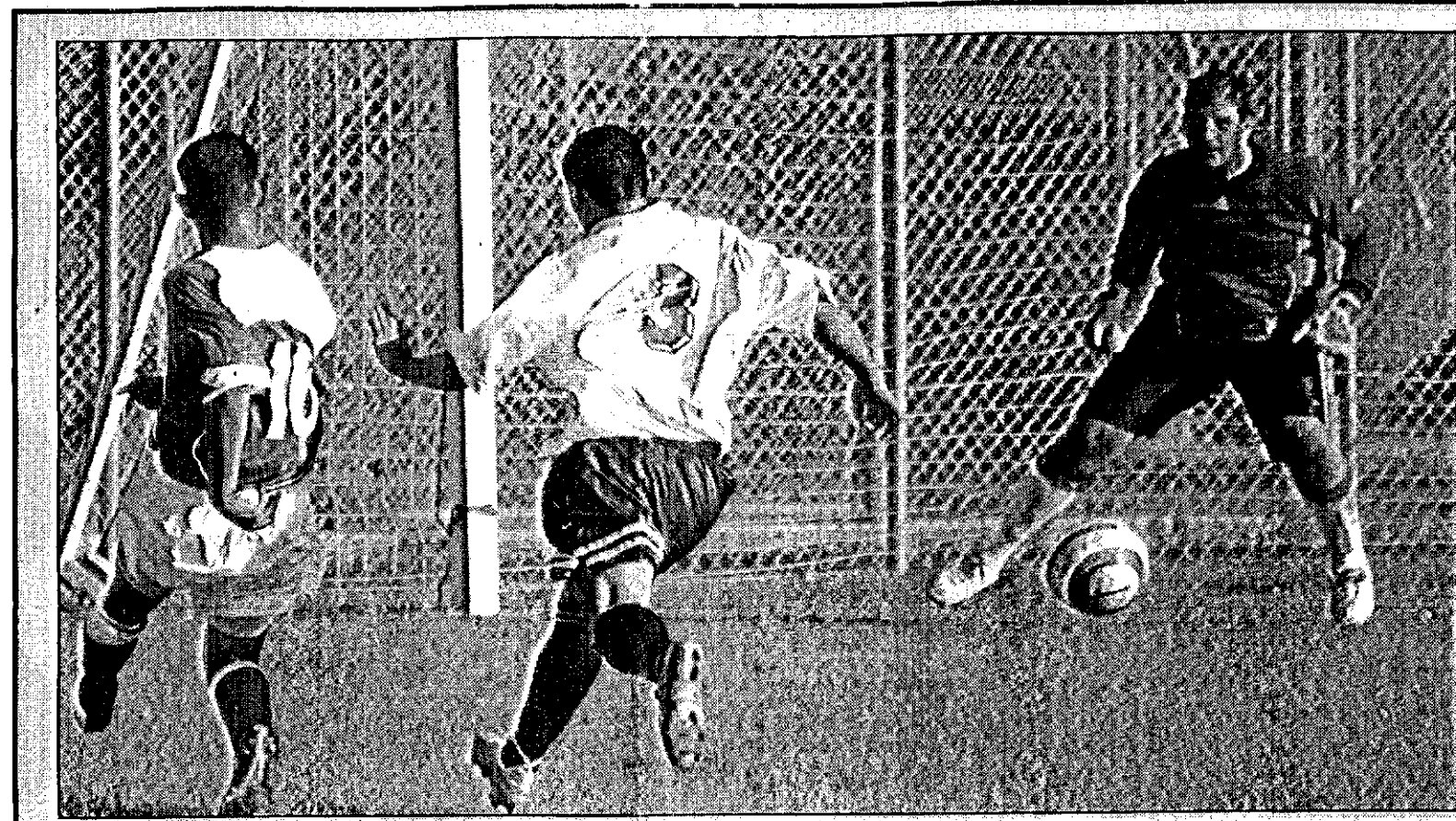
Let's not dwell on the bad ending. We should remember the good times we had. Sure we had our up-and-downs, but what a ride.

My relationship with baseball is over for now.

We can still be friends and I'll want to know who is winning for example, but the excitement that was there a week ago, when the Dodgers were still the comeback kids, is gone for now.

But saying all that, I am still royally ticked off that the blue crew is sitting around at home thinking of ways not to lose next decade; when they make it to the playoffs again.

Still I am a Dodger fan through the bad times and through the... Lets just say I'm a Dodger fan.



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No. 16, Pablo Gomez tries to make a goal for the Falcons. The game was held on Oct. 8, at Cerritos. The Falcons were leading 1-0 at this point and went on to defeat the El Camino Warriors by a score of 3-0.

## Carrillo scores another shutout

Falcons' goalkeeper Robert Carrillo recorded his second shutout in a row last Tuesday keeping all five El Camino shots from touching the back of his net.

The Cerritos College men's soccer team extended their unbeaten streak to seven games with their 3-0 South Coast Conference win over El Camino on Friday.

Over the past seven games the Falcons have won five and tied twice.

With the win, the Falcons are now 8-1-2 overall and 3-0-2 in conference play.

They look to extend their streak on

Tuesday, when they host East Los Angeles at 4 p.m.

The Falcons showed off their passing abilities and used their overall team speed to control the tempo of the match from the outset.

Midway through the first half the Falcons took a 1-0 lead when forward Joshua Meyer scored off his own rebound.

Meyer's shot would be the winning goal, but that did not stop the Falcons, who went on to score two more times.

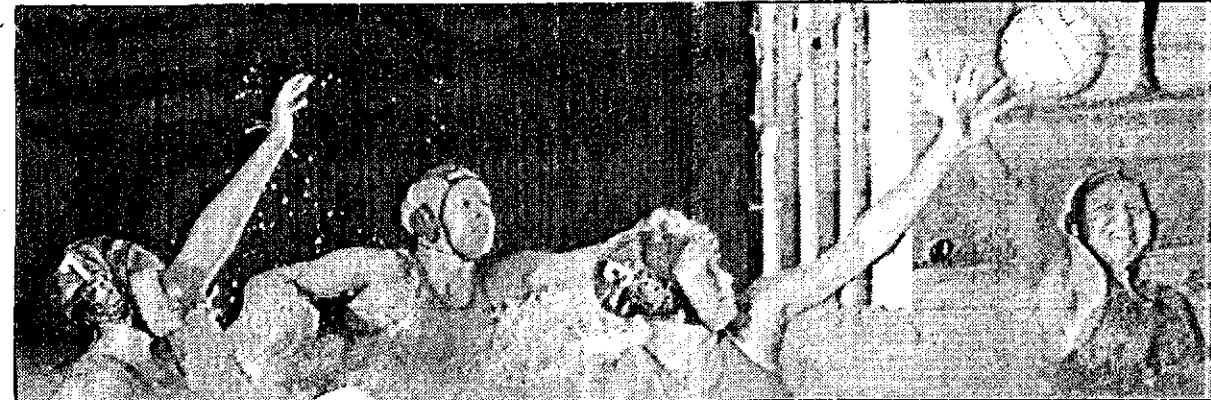
Nine minutes later, Padilla took a pass

from Salvador Ramos right around midfield and dribbled the ball uncontested before drilling the ball past the keeper.

Both teams played very aggressively throughout the match, but Cerritos was the only team making any progress offensively.

They closed out the scoring right before halftime, with freshman sensation Adrian Gonzalez scoring his eighth goal of the season, with Meyer picking up the assist.

A natural right-footed kicker, he crossed up the Warrior goalkeeper scoring his goal with his left foot.



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From left: Vanessa Chavez, Angie Settle, Christina Glanakos and Crystal Ruelas. Ruelas blocks the shot.

## Broken and on the defensive, but Victorious

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With two injured players, Christina Glanakos and goalie Angie Settle, each with broken thumbs, the women's water polo team scored eight points and played well defensively limiting the El Camino Warriors to only two goals on eight attempts.

According to Don Weyrick, assistant coach, the Falcons played really good defensively, "the best they've had all season."

Playing at home and despite the broken thumb Settle was able to block 80 percent of the Warriors' shots last Wednesday to lead the Falcons to the 8-2 outcome.

The Falcons did not allow any second chance shots of blocks, limiting the Warriors to one shot-on-goal at a time.

The Falcons are now 4-10 overall and 2-1 in SCC play, while the Warriors dropped to 2-7 overall and are winless in conference play.

Cerritos will host Chaffey this Wednesday at 4:15 p.m.

The Falcons are trying to improve on their slow season start.

Currently in fifth place, the Cerritos hopes to improve little by little in conference, "I hope the team will place fourth this year, its moving up one spot a year," Myer added, forecasting a possible first place finish in the year 2007.

The next five games are all conference match-ups going all the way up to the final days of the season.

## A Former Falcon still soars over at CSULA

❖ A Cerritos' soccer star still shines at the next level.

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Whoever said girls are weak never witnessed Grisel Ramirez on the soccer field.

In her two seasons as team captain of the Falcons' women soccer team, Ramirez scored 37 goals and received numerous awards and recognitions.

"She was the most exciting player to watch. You couldn't wait for her to get the ball just to watch her dribble around people and take crazy shots on goals that were many times goals," Deborah Jensen, former women's soccer team coach said.

Her first season on the team, Ramirez was named Freshman Female of the Year—a well-deserved award for her 17 goals and seven assists, despite an injured leg.

"Ramirez is the best women's soccer player to come through Cerritos since our first team. She was leading scorer both seasons. She dominated every game. Other teams would put two girls on her," Jensen said.

A quick look at Ramirez's record makes it easy to understand other coaches' concern when playing against her.

Ramirez held records for most goals by a freshman in a single season, second most scored in a year, and a tied Cerritos record of four goals in one game.

Even as a high school senior, she broke Norwalk High's record with five goals in a game.

"Ramirez was demanding of herself in the games and she demanded sound play around her. She was a leader who would get others to want to play hard with her," Jensen said.

## Faith easily dominates LA Harbor

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Faith Malaki dominated the Los Angeles Harbor College Seahawks.

The Falcon's volleyball squad won with ease, 30-19, 30-25, 30-17, improving their conference record to 2-1 and their overall record to 6-3.

"My performance was really good but irrelevant because it's all about team work, and they were really good. They were better than we thought so teamwork was a must," Malaki said.

After last Friday's game, Teresa Ortega, Coach of the Falcons, backed up Malaki's words by saying of the Seahawks, "They had a good team; they played tough and hustled for the ball."

The Seahawks may have been doing all those things, but the Falcons pounced on them often giving them no chance.

In the first set, the Falcons served first and never looked back as they took it 30-19.

Seahawk coach, Danielle Roman called early timeouts to regroup her Seahawk team, but it was fruitless. In the last set, the Falcons won by 13 points, the most of all sets.

