



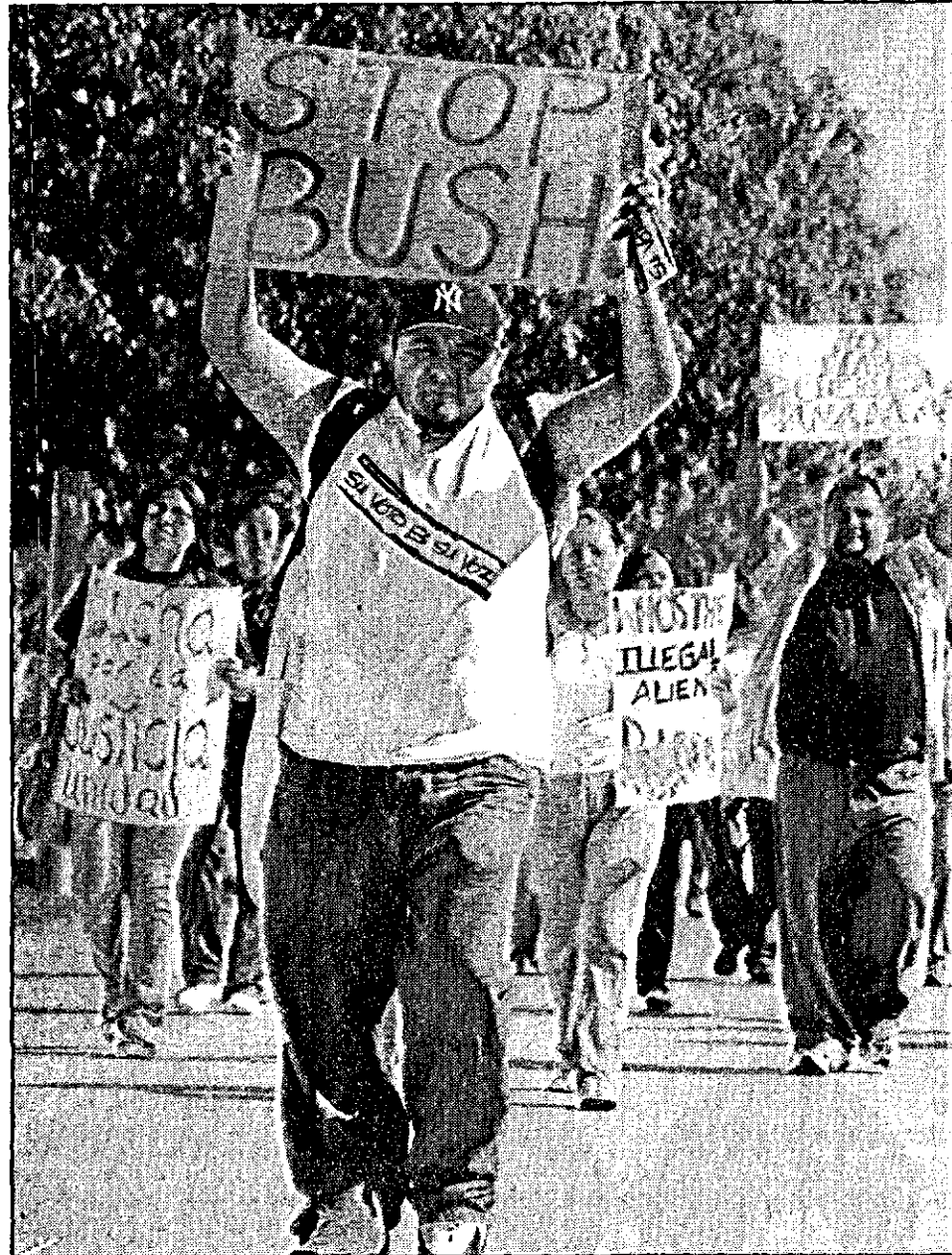
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First steps: Hulmaro Agustin, M.E.Ch.A. President, leads the march to protest the war against Iraq.

## M.E.Ch.A. protests war, police detain, cite three

♦ Students march through campus, hold signs and chant against President Bush.

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An anti-Bush protest leads to three citations and detentions on campus Thursday afternoon.

Hulmaro Agustin, Chicano Studies major, Bardo Martinez, Latin American Studies major, and Carlos Jimenez, English major where detained as the M.E.Ch.A. organized protest of roughly 20 members made its way through the campus.

According to Campus Police, the three students were taken in for disturbing the peace due to the fact that the protest made its way through the Administration Building.

The protest that began near the Student Center made its way through the middle of the campus, winding its way around the Administration Building and Liberal Arts Building.

The chants of "Drop Bush not bombs" echoed throughout the

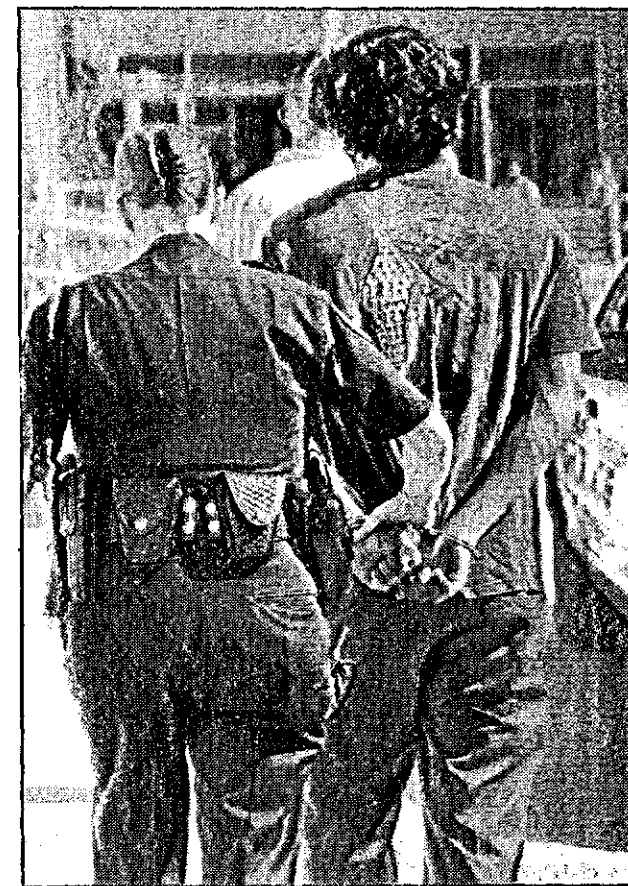
corridors of buildings the marchers passed and inside the Administrative Quad, at 12:30 where a faculty luncheon was still going on.

Protesters carried signs with anti-Bush slogans such as "Bush guilty of war crimes" but they also had signs that protested anti-Latino acts like "Alto a las redadas" (Stop immigration raids.)

The protest itself was greeted with both positive and negative reaction from students and employees on campus.

"I think it's great, I support them and what they are doing," Mario Cervantes, Business major said about the cheers and signs carried by the protestors.

But just as those that were fully supported the protest and the message that it sent out, there were also those that were completely opposed, like Jose Cuen, Business major, who had just returned after



Cuffed: Bardo Martinez, a member of M.E.Ch.A., is being detained for protesting on campus. The group was protesting against Bush and the war.

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## Newspaper staff earns awards at SoCal conference

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Talon Marks staff took home 16 awards from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges last Friday and Saturday. The organizations Southern California conference was held at Cal State Fullerton.

The fall semester is the time when the So Cal Region of Community Colleges prepares to attend its annual conference hosted by JACC. At this event young inspiring journalists from 26 colleges competed in categories such as Feature Writing, Sports photo, Critical Review, Copy Editing, Editorial Writing and some of these same categories apply for mail-in entries and gives the students the chance to receive an

honor for their quality of work.

"I was very happy for a lot of our staff who won awards for their first time. I knew they were trying hard for a long time," said Editor-in-Chief / JACC Southern California Student President Herisson Preciado.

Some took home their first writing awards and others made improvements on their previous record competition.

The Talon Marks design staff took home three awards for ads it designed.

"It was really great that 17 of us went to the conference. For a lot of us it was a new experience and for some of us we were able to reconnect with those from other schools whom we met at past con-

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## Potential contractor examines Health Occupations Skills Lab

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A pre-construction walk through of the Health Occupations Skills Lab occurred this past Tuesday.

A potential contractor toured the building with Tom Richey, facilities manager.

"We covered the scope of the work," Richey said.

A contract with Case & Sons has been executed, subject to

insurance verifications, according to Jo Ann Higdon, Interim Vice President of Business Services.

The Health Occupations Skills Lab had been left 90 percent complete after Aurora Modular Industries abandoned the jobsite Aug. 6. The incomplete portion had been determined by the Cerritos College Board of Trustees to be in emergency status at a special meeting Sept. 8.

In response to partially capped

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## Crowning Glory

♦ Court reporting takes two at Homecoming.

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Seven girls stood before the crowd anxiously waiting to hear their name through the stadium's speaker box.

"I didn't hear my name until someone tapped me and told me I won. That's when I started crying," said Crystal Rangel, this year's Homecoming Queen.

Homecoming Court 2004 was announced last Saturday during the Cerritos vs. Golden West football game halftime show.

The election process took place Oct. 13 and 14, and the homecoming court was left wondering who would win for two days.

Saul Romero, Associated Students of Cerritos College Vice-President, crowned Rangel as Replika Bhullar, last year's Homecoming queen, placed a red cape around her shoulders.

"I wasn't expecting to win," said Rangel. "When I went to get my hair done, my stylist asked if I wanted my crown pinned loosely. I said 'No, I don't think I'll win.' [Romero and Bhullar] had

the hardest time removing it."

As soon as the coronation was over, Homecoming floats paraded around the field.

"Sixty judges from a variety of organizations like the Board of Trustees, the Homecoming Court and some Cerritos faculty judged the floats on a ballot to decide on 14 award winners," said Trudy Foster, Secretary of Student Activities.

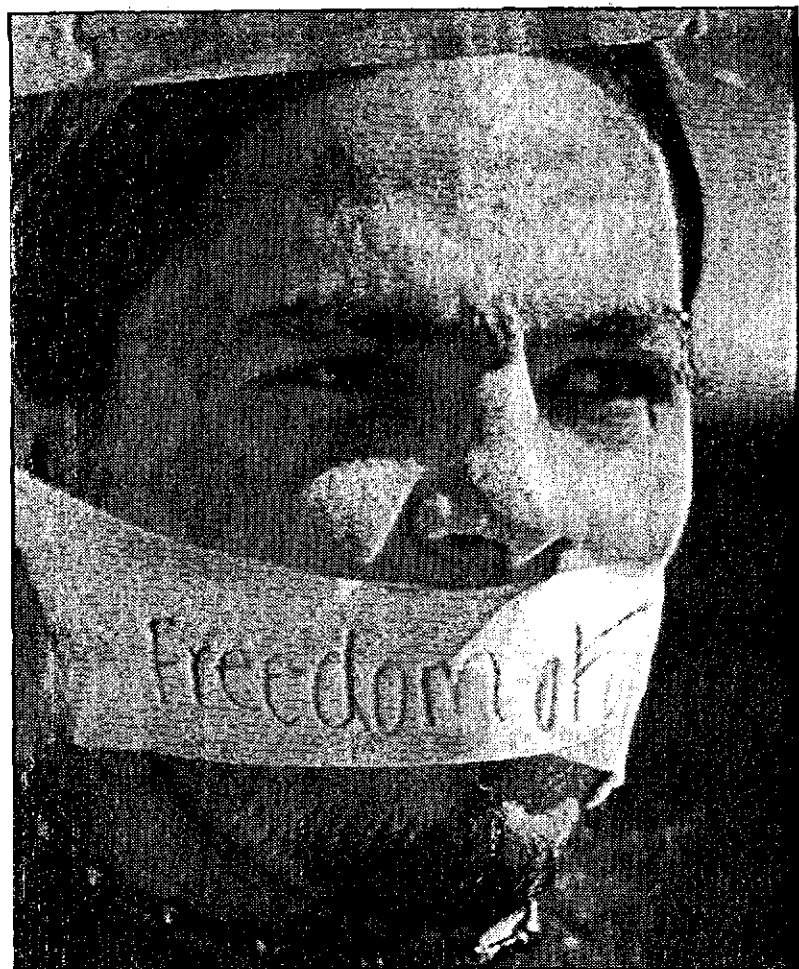
The Half American Polynesian Association and the Latter Day Saints Student Association floats tied for the California School Employees Association Award.

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**Sweeping the competition:**  
Above: Crystal Rangel, Court Reporting, is crowned Homecoming Queen.  
Right: Winner of the Amy Dozier Award for best over all, Court Reporting's Chinese Parade Dragon.





**Gagged:** On Oct. 14, M.E.Ch.A. marched to protest Bush and the war. Members were detained for disturbing the peace. Others, like Rafael Lopez (above), covered their mouths with tape in silent protest.

## PROTEST:

M.E.Ch.A. march prompts mixed opinions

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a seven-month tour in Iraq.

He feels that they should be doing more productive things rather than protesting a war they know little about.

"They have too much time on their hands," Cuen said.

Carlos Umana, also a Business major, echoed Cuen's sentiments.

Umana who had just returned from an 11 month tour in Iraq himself, questioned the protest's purpose and its participants' service record and lack thereof.

"Have any of them ever served?" Umana said.

Despite the negative feedback from soldiers on campus, the protest seemed to be greeted pleasantly on most areas of the campus except for the final part of the protest where Campus Police met it.

The protestors, after having three of their members take away in handcuffs, taped their own

mouths after being threatened by police with further detainments and arrests and silently marched over to the police station for moral support.

"We are here letting them know that we are supporting them," said Linda Aguirre, M.E.Ch.A. member and protestor.

As the group waited, they plotted and planned new protests and activities that would get their point across.

"This is the first of many" Aguirre said.

Along with that, the group also frantically sought out legal advice from different places in hopes of being able to help their friends inside.

After the three protestors were released, the crowd of protestors who had been waiting relatively quiet, cheered as Agustin, Jimenez and Martinez explained to the anxious group what had happened and exactly why they had been detained.

"They said we made terrorist threats and they could have gotten us for that but what we got was disturbing the peace," Jimenez said.

## AWARDS:

Journalism students take home 16 prizes

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ferences, and a chance to reaffirm our love for journalism," Community Editor Sonia Saenz said.

Cerritos College students also won mail-in competition awards.

Editorial Writing- 4th Place: Sonia Saenz.

Online photo- Honorable Mention: Talon Marks staff and 4th place: Dominick Ulloa.

Editorial Cartoon- Honorable Mention: Oscar Rodriguez.

Inside page layout- 3rd place: Chris Herring.

Informational graphic- Honorable Mentions: Benedict Orbase and Ana Maldonado.

Advertisement-Honorable Mentions: Benedict Orbase and Dominick Ulloa and Honorable Mentions: Benedict Orbase and Dominick Ulloa and 1st place

Benedict Orbase.

Magazine Cover Design- 3rd place: Andrew Delira and Benedict Orbase.

General Excellence: Online Newspaper- talonmarks.com staff.

Those who went to the conference competed in on-the-spot and bring-in contests and won the following:

Broadcast News Writing- Honorable Mention: Herson Preciado.

Team Feature- 4th place: Sonia Saenz and Dominick Ulloa.

Bring-In: Advertisement- 2nd place Benedict Orbase and Dominick Ulloa.

Copypetting- Honorable Mentions: Alicia Warner.

News Story- Honorable Mentions: Alicia Warner.

As names were being called for the category of news writing the two staff members who competed waited and one name was called for Honorable Mention.

"I won, then laughed! And I looked at my staff and got up to receive my award," Managing Editor Alicia Warner said.

## HOMECOMING:

Court reporting nabs best float and queen

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"At Cerritos, this is the first tie for this award," said Foster, who mentioned she loves seeing students start out with an empty float bed and finish with a magnificent float each year.

"Myths and Legends" was this year's Homecoming theme.

One of the awards granted in the float contest was the Queen's Award with Best Utilization of Theme, received by the Child Development Club with its float titled, "The Lord of the Rings."

The President's Award for Best Display of the Spirit was awarded

to the Puente Club with a float titled, "Pirate Legends."

The 13 winners of each category received a plaque with the name of the award and club.

The Homecoming Queen and float winners were not the only ones to leave the night happy.



**Floating for Homecoming:** Below: Alumni Award for best utilization of paper, Phi Theta Kappa's Dragon slayer. Right: Coaches Award for most unusual, Rotaract Club's Dr. Frankenstein's Laboratory



## BUILDING:

Health Occupations Skills Lab toured

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wires protruding from a wall and shown in a photo in last week's Talon Marks, Higdon advised that the one wire left uncapped was a grounded wire and that grounded wires do not need to be capped.

"Ground wires have no charge," Richey said.

There are also projection wires with no caps in classrooms SL107 and SL108.

"The projection wires don't need to be capped because there is no electricity going to them, it's been cut off at the electrical panel," Richey said. "The new contractors will get those wired up."

"We've known that since the first day of class that the

building was and is safe for classes to be conducted or students would not have been let inside," Dr. Noelia Vela, President of Cerritos College said.

"Bathrooms will remain locked until complete," Vela said, "but students do have access to nearby bathrooms."

"It was a collective decision to let students and staff occupy," Vela said. "Our main concern and interest was that we could safely conduct classes."

A start date for construction should be able to be established once verifications are complete, Higdon advised.

"I'd urge students to take a proactive approach, not just at the Health Occupations Skills Lab, but anywhere on campus," Josh Franco, ASCC president said. "Students can address me or a faculty member and we'll find an appropriate person to pass information on to."

## Student barred from auditions

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A disturbance occurred during a play audition at the Burnight Theatre last Tuesday. Instructor Salvador Vasquez made a phone call to campus police when a student disrupted a play audition.

Campus police detained the student, who has a psychological disorder and violent history according to campus police, outside the building.

Earlier that day, the student was taken to a hospital, but was released the same day.

Campus police stated that the student reacted violently when arrested last year at the Student Center for 51/50 (endangering himself and others).

"He reacted non-violently this time, but we can't take him in, he's not endangering himself," said Officer Michael Connolly.

The student was given an assignment to portray a horse but wanted to portray a monkey instead.

The student was disturbed by Vasquez comments and slammed his foot against the podium.

Vasquez told him, "If you can't portray a horse then you could leave."

He kept on trying to act like a horse but wasn't paying attention to his surroundings.

After the situation occurred that's when he started to be rowdy within the auditions.

As campus police arrived to remove him from the auditions in doing so the student he was handcuffed.

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## Downey promotes Red Ribbon Week

❖ Downey residents and business partners come together to support students' pursuit to stay drug and alcohol free.

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Known for its drug and alcohol awareness, Red Ribbon Week is back with enriching activities to help students say no to drugs.

"Choose to be Drug Free 24/7" is this year's slogan for Red Ribbon Week. From Oct. 25-29, 18 schools out of the Downey Unified School District will participate in events ranging from poster contests, essays, contests, prizes and pizza parties.

"Whoever wins these contests will be recognized. If it is a poster contest, classrooms are judged based on the artwork presented and are given prizes," says Jennifer Lopez, office manager of Prudential Real Estate. Lopez is also a supporter of the nationally recognized week.

Not all activities are the same for every grade. "For different grades, students participate in other activities," says Angie Rademaker, Griffiths School office manager.

The first day usually starts with an assembly welcoming students to the program and what it is all about. These assemblies can have positive effects on students.

"I think every little bit counts. It's like positive brainwashing. It's a positive way to get the word out there to students," says Earl Haugen, Director of Pupil Services.

"These assemblies are effective, I think, just

by seeing the reactions on students' faces," says Lopez.

The PTA also comes in and decorates the school before the week starts.

Funding is a big part of Red Ribbon Week. With not enough funding, there may not be enough activities or even a dedicated week.

What used to be funded by tobacco-type grants is now supported by community sources.

One sponsor, Sen. Lucille Roybal-Allard, has gone out of her way to provide students with red wristbands, bookmarks and certificates for students to sign at the end, pledging that they will stay drug free.

The city of Downey has even more support backing them up. Recently, the community has recognized Rita and Mel Beidellis, Real Estate Agents of Prudential Real Estate, as huge supporters of this drug free week.

Prudential Real Estate pays for individual agents so that agent(s) can pay for the school they sponsor.

In turn, the agents pay for the funding that specific schools need for the week. They also attend all assemblies and award students' prizes.

"When students win contests, we throw pizza parties for them at our office in the evening. It's usually for a few hours and their parents are welcomed to come as well," Lopez says.

For more information on this upcoming week, please call Downey Unified School District at (562) 469-6500 and ask for Earl Haugen.

*"It's like positive brainwashing"*  
—Earl Haugen



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**A Little Unorthodox:** (From left) Terry Casey, Chris Pierce, Dave Burnett, Stuart Martz, and Brendan Harkins, make up the Celtic band, The Fenians. They've released three CD's since 1990 and are based in Orange County. They have also performed in venues like the Roxy and other LA venues.

## Bellflower feels luck o' the Irish

❖ Celtic band to play on Saturday.

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The city of Bellflower will be sponsoring a free concert this Saturday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Bellflower's Town Center Plaza.

The Fenians, a quintet that plays Celtic music, blended with rock, folk and jazz will perform at the concert. The band will be playing traditional Irish melodies and

original works.

"A free concert is great," said Kara Martinez, undecided major.

"I don't know much about Irish music, but if other students were going I might go," said Monica Falcao, Child Development major.

"Music on the Plaza" is an outdoor concert series presented on the fourth Saturday of each month at Bellflower's newly opened town plaza. Audience members can bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets. Pets and alcohol are not permitted.

The concert series started in July and will continue into the fall, Vicki Casanas, Bellflower assistant director of parks and recreation said.

"We're trying to bring a sense of community to downtown by offering culturally diverse music in the plaza," Casanas said.

The Bellflower Town Center Plaza is located east of Bellflower Boulevard, between Belmont and Oak Streets.

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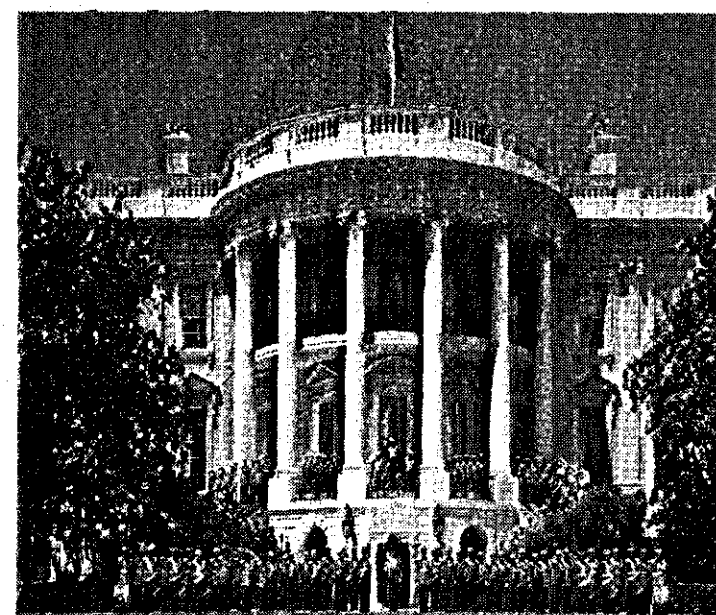
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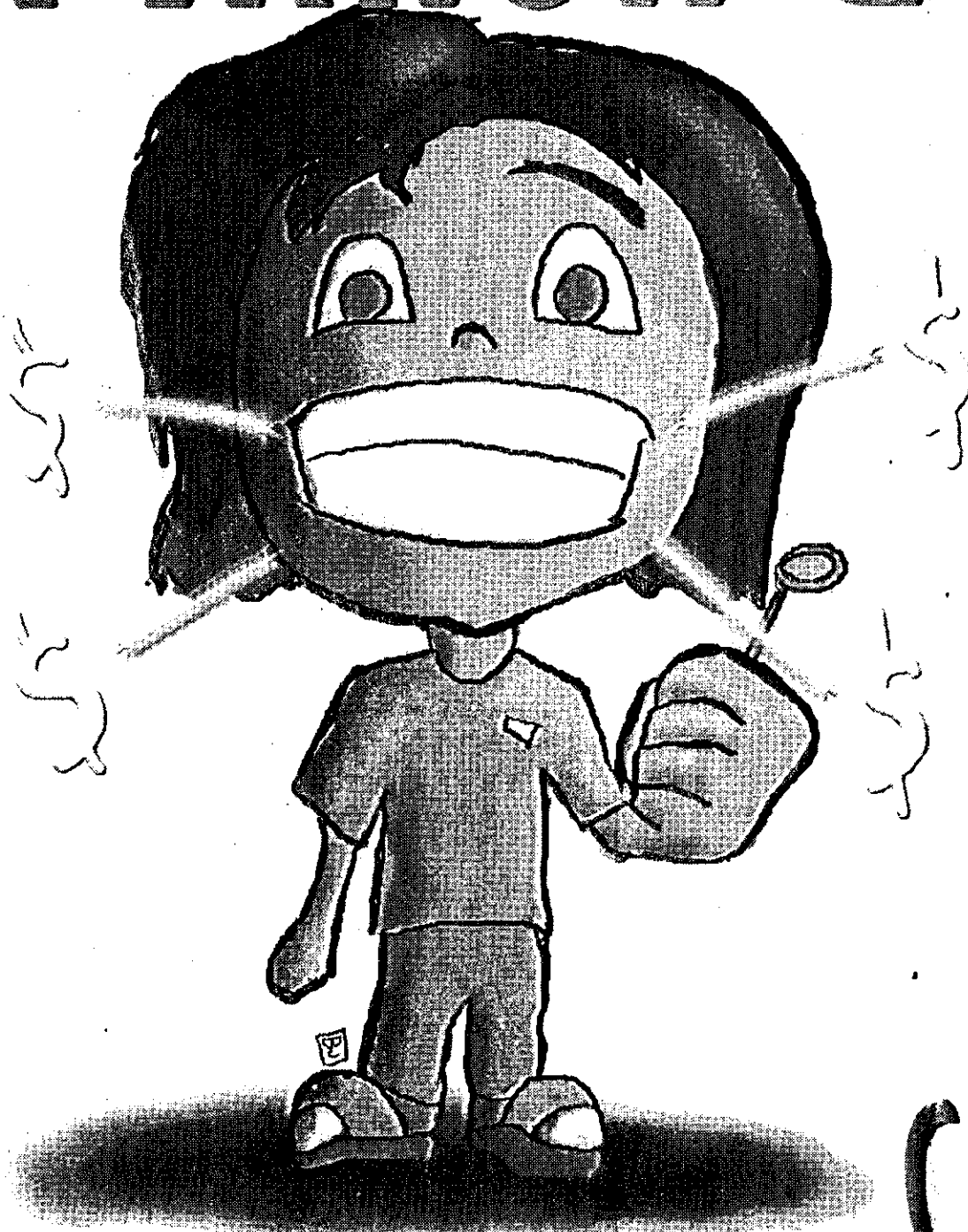
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## Million-dollar smile



◆ Dental hygiene offers Falcons chance to earn \$350 a day.

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Cerritos College has a program that will enable you to start a new career with the potential of earning up to \$350 a day.

The philosophy of the Associate Degree Dental Hygiene Program was developed to reflect the philosophy of Cerritos College.

Since 1972, Cerritos has provided a program for students who would like to learn how to be a dental hygienist or dental assistant.

This program enables a student to have a great career.

"This is a career with flexible hours," said Nicole La Corte, Dental Hygiene major.

"We are able to make clinical decisions about our patients health while under the guidance of a dentist," Tori Tanner said.

"Some of these students earn up to \$350 a day," said Pat Stewart, department chair of Dental Hygiene, "people go to the dental clinics and request Cerritos graduates."

This program enables a student

to start a career not in four years but two years.

After completing the two years, which gets them their Associate of Arts degree, the student must take a national written exam.

Upon completion of this exam they must take a state practical exam.

After this, students graduate and receive a license.

As a student in this program, one will have the chance to go to competitions.

In one competition students research a dental topic that interests them the most.

Then they give both a visual and oral presentation in front of registered dental hygienists, explained Stewart.

"We have won at the table clinics for five years now," Stewart said.

Students will earn internships in county dental clinics, Veteran's Administration hospitals, and children's clinics.

*"What affects your mouth generally affects the rest of your body."*  
Heather Martin, Dental Hygiene

dren's clinics.

Dental Hygienist, senior class president, Heather Martin stated, "It is rewarding that we can help people improve their health because what affects your mouth generally affects the rest of your body, and this is also a job that pays very well."

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- To graduate an individual who is competent in providing health education programs to the community supporting total health through the promotion of optimal oral health.

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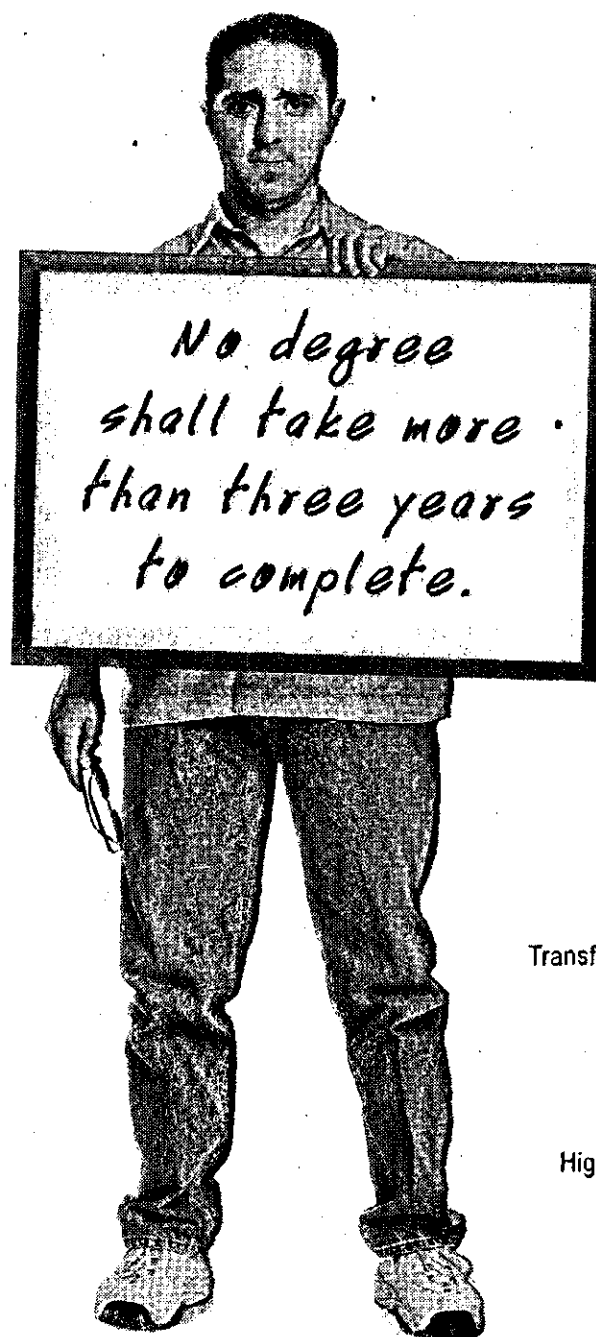
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## EDITORIAL

### Board meetings should be recorded

During last week's Board of Trustees meeting, Josh Franco, Student Body President and Student Representative to the Board, had an interesting and very feasible idea in regards to the recording of meetings.

Franco stated that the meetings could be made available to the college community, as well as communities that are able to vote for our Board, by recording them with video, audio, and posting them on Cerritos College's web site.

This idea was quickly shot down by Dr. Noelia Vela, Cerritos College President, said that by doing so, the Board would risk some of the discussions to be taken out of context if made available online.

Did she mean to say that the Board representatives have some secret code that only they understand, in which they say one thing, but really mean another?

We need some clarification about what Dr. Vela meant when she made that comment.

Franco's valid idea was therefore shot down with an invalid justification, and we propose that the Board as a whole reconsider the request made by Franco.

If for some reason, they find that this idea is unacceptable, they should then provide the community with a reasonable justification for voting, or deciding against it other than the mere statement of it "taken out of context."

It is more than obvious that the entire voting community cannot attend the Board meetings.

First of all, the Boardroom itself doesn't have the capacity to hold a large amount of people.

Secondly, even if there was enough room for the entire community of voters to attend, the fact stands that it would be difficult to get everyone together due to schedule conflict.

Does this mean that those who cannot attend should have to miss out on important discussions that often times affect the students here on campus, such as student funds spent on specific programs?

We believe it is only fair for this large number of individuals to be extended the courtesy of being able to be informed of decisions made, and topics discussed during the meetings.

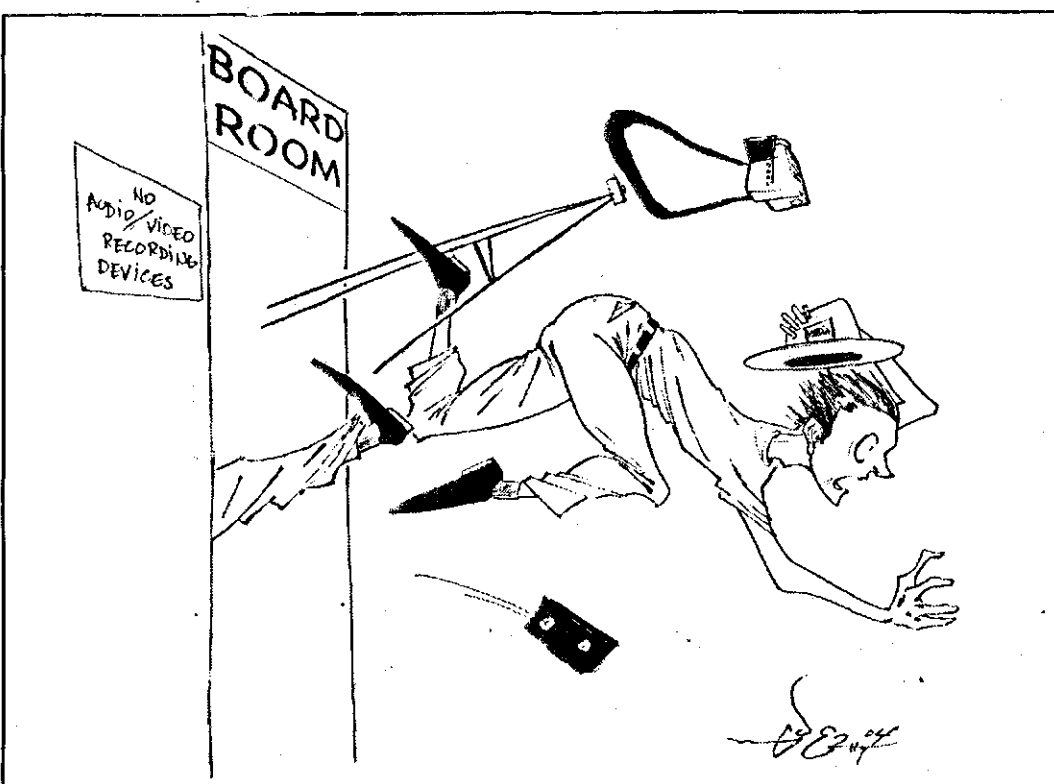


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Although the argument exists that the minutes of the meetings are subsequently available, they are not thorough enough to give a good understanding of what was being discussed.

It seems highly unlikely that by viewing a recorded meeting online, one is more likely to take the discussion out of context than by reading those brief and often inconclusive minutes.

It is our collective belief that all voters deserve the opportunity to have more involvement.

Also, let it be known that when it comes around to voting time, those who voted to elect the Board members will be less likely to reflect candidates who seemingly try to hide what goes on during these meetings by not deciding in favor of posting recorded meetings online.

How good does a decision like that really look? Voters will not fully support Board members who do not fully support them.

There is no better way to reach locals than through the Internet, and there is no better alternative to doing this than to actually post the entire recorded meetings online.

K-12 district meetings are often seen on television, so why should Board meetings not be as readily available? Is it because it would be an inconvenience to design a page on the Internet that would allow for Franco's proposition to become a reality?

If that is the reason, then we believe it is a very small price to pay, especially now that the Cerritos web site is in the process of being redesigned for more accessible use.

There is no point in having a student representative if the Board will not consider valid suggestions made in the interest of all students attending Cerritos College, as well as in the interest of their families and other locals who are involved in the actual voting for the Board of Trustees.

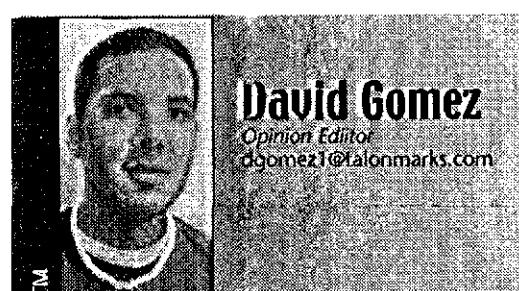
It is the duty of the Board of Trustees, who carry the responsibility of better serving the college community to look into and consider such a request rather than shooting it down and saying, "I don't think so," without first weighing out the possible advantages and ramifications.



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### A few words from an aspiring journalist

❖ The best weapons, don't shoot bullets or blow up, but are sources of persuasion. They are a pen and a sheet of paper.



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Before this semester I never really understood what an undertaking journalism really was.

As a high school student, I always saw journalism students as a bunch of geeks who had nothing better to do during snack and lunch than walk around campus and snap pictures of anything and everything that crossed their paths. It's strange however that in only two short months, my perspective on journalism has become much less dependent on teenage prejudices and is now based on first-hand experience.

This fall semester was my first ever as a journalism student. I had no idea what a rude awakening it would be.

I stumbled into it. There weren't many classes left when I registered so I joined the Talon Marks, and despite previous prejudices, I can honestly say that my respect for journalists has grown a great deal because of my fortunate accident.

I came into the class expecting easy writing assignments but I ended up getting much more than I had bargained for.

The responsibilities that face a journalism student are incredible. Getting a hold of people who could give relevant quotes (called credible sources in journalism), meeting deadlines, staying late to design the school paper, trying to phrase stories to avoid libel (stuff we can get sued for), the fact is that the responsibilities are endless.

However my astonishment during the latter part of these past two months has reached a

new plateau.

I attended an awards ceremony this past weekend for women journalists who face and have faced many obstacles in their pursuit of the truth.

Women such as Belva Davis, an African-American female reporter who was the pioneer for African-American female journalists. Or journalists who live in the Middle East who are assassinated simply because they chose journalism as a career.

Women who face death every minute of the day for exposing the brutalization of people that oppose oppressive governments around the world. These women fight day after day risking it all, including their own lives.

Many of the freedoms that I enjoy as a journalism student here in the U.S. are unfathomable in other countries, where an opinion against the leadership of that country could mean having sniper rifles pointed at my head.

All of these experiences have made me appreciate being a journalist.

I can no longer take for granted the fact that I can say and criticize whatever and whomever I please, however, I've also learned that as a journalist I must learn to remain within the boundaries of reason.

Therefore, as a journalist, I understand that I must never abuse the privileges entrusted onto me each time I pick up a pen and paper.

The pen and the paper which are the tools of the journalist, one who is accountable to no one. Not oppressive leaders, or angry adminis-

trators who question the motives of a journalist.

Whether as a student or a professional, I am still a journalist, and I will refuse to bend for any person who may launch a personal attack on myself or the Talon Marks. I will answer only to freedom, and truth.

I understand that I may not be the LA Times, and that I am only a student, but it is because of ignorant remarks like these that I strive to dig deeper, and fight harder.

A remark like that would be like saying I shouldn't take my community college courses seriously, after all, I'm not at Berkeley or Harvard. But I do take them seriously. Just as much as I take journalism seriously.

I am not yet the LA Times, but someday I may be. I will not allow myself to feel inferior because I am in journalism at a community college. I am very proud of being a student of Cerritos College. Just as proud as I am of being a Talon Marks Journalist.

I look up to the reporters who lay their lives on the line to expose abuses and corruption. I aspire to someday be as reputable as they are, whether it be in journalism, or any other field.

There is no denying that the lessons and qualities I have acquired through journalism will go with me into any field or career I choose to study.

Qualities such as not being afraid to face difficult situations, the willingness to look past the surface, and not always take things for their face value, as well as dedication are all qualities I have acquired as a journalist.

I know understand what journalism truly is. Journalism can be very complex at times, but its essence is quite simple.

It can be stripped down, and defined with a single word: courage. n. the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty or danger without fear. That is the essence of journalism. That is why I am proud to be part

## CAMPUS COMMENT

"How would you feel if your classroom hadn't been completed and posed a hazard?"

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"I wouldn't feel too good about it. I would want something to be done."

ADRIANA TORRES  
Undecided Major



"I would be a little concerned about it because life would be endangered. We should be concerned more about it."

GERI MACALINO  
Business



"I would feel uncomfortable. I wouldn't pay attention to the professor and I wouldn't focus on my lectures."

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# Voting since I was 5

❖ Important choices start at an early age.

At five years of age, I was faced with one of the most important decisions of my life. It was time to vote for president of the United States.

The democrat, Michael Dukakis and the republican, George Bush (the first one) were running and I decided to seek counsel.

I was informed that I was a donkey, or a democrat, because the Democratic Party was for poor people.

Being poor I cast my ballot, making sure the chad hung no more for Dukakis who won the school election in a landslide.

Back to reality, Bush won and I lost.

Although my vote in the school mock election really would not matter to either candidate's outcome, it would make a major difference in the lack of political apathy in my life.



That day I became a poor little democrat, but eventually I grew up and grew out of poverty, so you can understand my present dilemma as to where my party lines lie. They definitely do not lie with Bush. This is my fourth battle against a Bush for president, and I'll admit, they will never have my vote.

The current President Bush is far worse than his dad ever could have been and that's enough to turn any little kid into a democrat.

Why am I still a democrat? I'm not. I am an American.

Anyone who enters any possible decision with a clear bias should rethink their approach. As an American I am free to research the facts and make an educated decision on a case by case basis.

Why am I voting for Kerry? He

is the best man for the job, but not simply because he is a democrat.

Senator Kerry is not a perfect man, but neither are you and me.

While we can sit around and complain about Bush, Kerry is actually proposing a solution to the Bushisms of the 21st century.

To me, the facts clearly point to Kerry because he is a defender of rights.

While the Bush administration has made great strides in the reduction of our rights with legislation such as the Patriot Act, and its attempted manipulation of the press, Kerry has been a constant fighter for citizen rights.

He has fought against the Vietnam War and is a staunch supporter of a woman's right to choose. He also believes that marriage should be a state's rights issue, not an occasion for a political amendment, as Bush proposed.

While I am no longer a poor little democrat, I now know that rights are still scarce in the world and that Kerry is better able to help me keep what little rights I have left.



## Let tribes live in luxury

❖ Propositions take away from Indians.

Can we stop extorting the Native American people already?

With the enactment of Proposition 1A in March of 2000, the Indians were granted expansion of their "Monopoly on casino gaming, that has led to billions in profits for Indian tribes," according to the official Voter Information Guide. But so what?

Let the Native American people live lavishly.

Propositions 68 and 70 want to tax the revenue of Indian gaming in California.

Prop 68 wants to add 30,000 slot machines to existing non-Indian casinos and racetracks, and produce large scale casinos like those in Las Vegas.

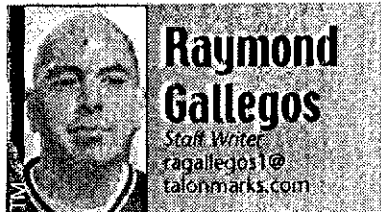
And Prop 70 wants to make a deal with the Native Americans that would tax their multi-billion-casino presence in California.

And in exchange, the Indians would get to expand more, even on non-reservation land.

Sounds like a good deal right? Wrong, the Indian reservations our sovereign nations and do not have to listen to anything the State or Federal government says.

Me being a Mexican, and having a little Apache blood in me, I feel for the Indian people living here in their homeland, which was taken from them like a Nazi blitzkrieg.

This goes back to the 1700s when Tecumseh was leading the



Shawnee war parties against the U.S. army to protect their land on the east coast. Geronimo's fear-some war party in the late 1800s did the same and the Indians have gotten a raw deal.

Now unlike Tecumseh, Crazy Horse, and Geronimo, Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce put an effort into negotiating with the U.S. Today, those treaties and landmasses Joseph was given, quickly dismantled.

Joseph said it best in a meeting with U.S. government officials.

"If we ever owned the land, we own it still, for we never sold it."

"In treaty councils the commissioners have claimed that our country has been sold."

"Suppose a white man should come to me and say 'Joseph, I like your horses, and I want to buy them.' I say to him 'No, my horses suit me. I will not sell them.'"

"Then he goes to my neighbor and says to him: 'Joseph has some good horses. I want to buy them but he refuses to sell them.' My neighbor answers, 'Pay me the money, and I will sell you Joseph's horses.' If we sold our lands to the government, this is the way they were bought."

Fast-forward to 2004 and Gov. Schwarzenegger is doing the same thing because more than 60 tribes in California do not agree with

these propositions.

Schwarzenegger is basically shaking down the Indian nation.

Before these propositions were formed, Schwarzenegger threatened the Indian's running casinos in Calif. if they did not pay a 25 percent of tax on their revenue, he would propose a bill or a proposition that would put more slot machines in non-gaming casinos.

I hate our governor with a passion; he is using Mafia "La Cosa Nostra" tactics to shake down the Indian casinos.

That is what the Mafia does; it threatens a business for a small cut of their revenue, and the business usually pays unless they want to end up six feet under.

Propositions 68 and 70 are like Schwarzenegger's hit men.

Do not let our governor deceive you by saying he is against these propositions. Join me and vote no against these propositions.

The U.S. has taken the Native Americans land, almost committed genocide on the Indian race, and has put them on little reservations with little to none natural resources.

To me, this is the equivalent of the U.S. raping the Native American people, and I am filled with anger when Proposition 68 and 70 make it to the ballot.

Isn't it time we let the Native American people live in peace?

They already make large donations to the California government but I guess greed has struck in.

Like a struggling businessman, California would do anything to get out of a deficit.

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"Guess you'll think twice before eatin' sunflower seeds again, eh, Bob?"



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## Take a slice of Cake, but pass on seconds

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The Mann Criterion Theater held a special preview for an upcoming film titled "Cake," which is still being edited, and was shown to a pre-screened audience for feedback last Monday.

The film is a romantic comedy about the misadventures of a young girl, Phillipa McGee, [played by Heather Graham] who believes that love and marriage are nothing more than marketing images for the wedding industry.

McGee's father, who is a famed magazine publisher, suffers a heart attack, and she volunteers to fill an editing spot in a magazine so her father can recover.

She soon finds out that the position is for a bridal magazine, and her father, secretly appoints his good-looking Vice President to run the publication.

Love strikes Ian, the handsome Vice President and Phillipa, which turn into a sexual battle for the magazine to take its place.

Despite being a "chick-flick," the movie flows well, and has a straightforward plot that is worth seeing.

The only part that is too comy is the beginning, which shows Phillipa and her friend skydiving.

The graphics in this scene appear to be taken from production of a low-quality high school film. It is beyond obvious that they are in front of a screen, and because it is so noticeable, some of the Hollywood magic is lost in the process.

For guys, it was a fun movie only if going on a date, and this in turn can impress her by showing how well you are in touch with your feminine side. For girls however, the movie is worth seeing.

How much the movie is worth seeing however is open to interpretation. I would not pay for a movie ticket knowing the type of movie this is, but that doesn't mean I wouldn't sit down and watch it with my date if it was a rental from Blockbuster.

The movie can be entertaining if one actually understands the many cynicisms implied about marriage, such as how commercialized it has become.

Yet the movie doesn't remain biased for long, and quickly shows a downside to being single and unsettled. Phillipa learns this the hard way when she refuses to accept finding a single partner or deciding between being single and married.

She quickly finds herself in a lonely situation, and it isn't until she gives into love, when she stops running away from relationships and is able to find a purpose.

The ending to the movie ties in very well, and actually completes the circle, without those loopholes created in other movies that leave you wondering about certain characters in the end.

"Cake" is able to bring closure to each aspect of the movie in a lovey-dovey fashion.



Live Bull: Martinez as his painting "El Matador" which was painted in front of a live audience.

## Lighter side of death

♦ Death is a celebration of the cycle of life.

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Daniel Martinez is the latest artist whose work is currently being displayed at the Cerritos College Art Gallery.

The exhibition started this past Monday and will continue through Nov. 19. Opening reception will be held on Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A decade of Martinez's artwork will be featured, ranging from drawings, acrylic paintings, to paper mache.

"Life and death are connected; they are the cycles of life. The cycle of harvest, the cycle of gathering and the cycle of replenishment of soul are all parts of this indigenous belief," says Martinez as he spoke about his view on duality of life and death.

Besides his artwork, students can learn more about the art in the reading room set up in the gallery which comes with a cultural and historical timeline to help students better understand the historical background of these paintings.

Martinez is the recipient

for the Hispanic Achievement Award in 1990. He authored a textbook that is used by fourth graders throughout California.

Martinez started his creation of art at the age of four and has a background in textile printing and design.

He teaches art throughout southern California and especially likes to teach at elementary schools.

"A kid who grows up with cultures and respects his own culture is going to be better off for the world," Martinez said.

His paintings of skeletons originated from connections with his ancestors and grandparents.

"I've always had affinities toward the dead. It's been in my dreams," Martinez said.

He uses dreams as a creative outlet, which stimulates his drawings and sketches. These then turn into paintings.

Martinez believes all cultures are connected to the earth, and death is a celebration of the cycle of life. Transforming life into dead is the satire he uses to make fun of the living.

"We don't know when we're going to die. I always see mortality as a gift," Martinez said.

He believes that his soul is ancient, which goes back a thousand years.

However, his artwork expands through ancient time and modern age. Some of the paintings and Paper Mache portray war in the Aztec background. Most of the sketches and drawings are everyday people that he sees in his life.

Martinez also paints murals throughout Los Angeles. Some of them are seen at Rio Honda Park in Pico Rivera; Newcomb Academy in Long Beach; Pizza Place & Garden Café on Broadway in Long Beach, and also at the entrance on Pine Avenue by the Long Beach Aquarium. Other murals can be seen in San Francisco.

He occasionally paints in front of a live audience. "El Matador," which has a bull and a bullfighter, was painted live while a band performed simultaneously. "Death [of the bull] is part of the entertainment but I see the revers," Martinez offers a different view on death.

He will be hosting a workshop next Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the art gallery courtyard and the Artist Talk at the gallery on November 3 at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on the artist and his work, visit the gallery or contact Andrea Bronte, gallery director at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2612 or at abronte@cerritos.edu.

## Class act: Actor, Comedian and Teacher

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Aspiring stand-up comics have a new person on campus to look toward. Jim Grollman is a new, part-time, instructor to the Cerritos College staff, teaching the art of making a fool of oneself, i.e., and stand-up comedy.

Jim Grollman holds a Masters degree in Fine Arts, in acting from the Catholic University of California. He is certified to be a great actor, and we know he is no fool. Things are looking up for Grollman.

Grollman had a number of appearances on TV including "Malcolm in the Middle" and "NYPD Blue." But his first, good paying, acting job was on "Homicide Life on the Street."

For 15 years, Grollman was acting and can still be seen on TV. He is currently in a commercial for American Airlines. However TV was not the only acting he has into.

Stage theatre acting was another great job that harbored

this actor. Working on plays took four, or even five weeks at a time. To Grollman, playing the same character for a long period of time was a good experience because the actor gets this thrill of being someone else. "It's almost like Halloween," states Grollman.

"On TV and stage theatre, the acting is really quick and you have only your stage partner to react to. It's more dynamic than stand-up comedy. Also there is not a lot of room for improvisation. The scripted needs to be memorized and followed," Grollman commented further.

So naturally stand-up comedy is a different world.

Instead of a stage partner the comedian has only an audience. Also improvisation is as much a part of the act as the script and the idea is to go up on stage and make a fool of him. A performer's life is exposed to the audience.

Grollman performed his first stand-up comedy act in New York City. "When you're on stage, it's a rush," admitted Grollman, "When

the comic is against a crowd of people, it tends to be more exciting than a whole cast of people and a studio audience. Grollman has also performed in Los Angeles. He found stand-up comedy to be beneficial to his acting.

Then Grollman decided to make yet another change.

Teaching is the new venture that Grollman decided to take on. In acting, the actors are always thinking of their own performance and how they'll they do. Now it's a different world. Now it's about how the students Grollman teaches perform and how they do. "It's refreshing," says Grollman, "to help students, and see them grow."

"Comedy Bible" is a class taught by Judy Carter. With a new life story brought to the class by each new person, students learn how to laugh at themselves as well as making life funny. "They talk about what they know," Grollman said.

On Dec. 7 the class will show what they've learned on stage in the student center. Surely it will be Jim Grollman's proudest moment.



Smile: A total package, Jim Grollman is ready to teach how to laugh at your self, as well as make life funny.

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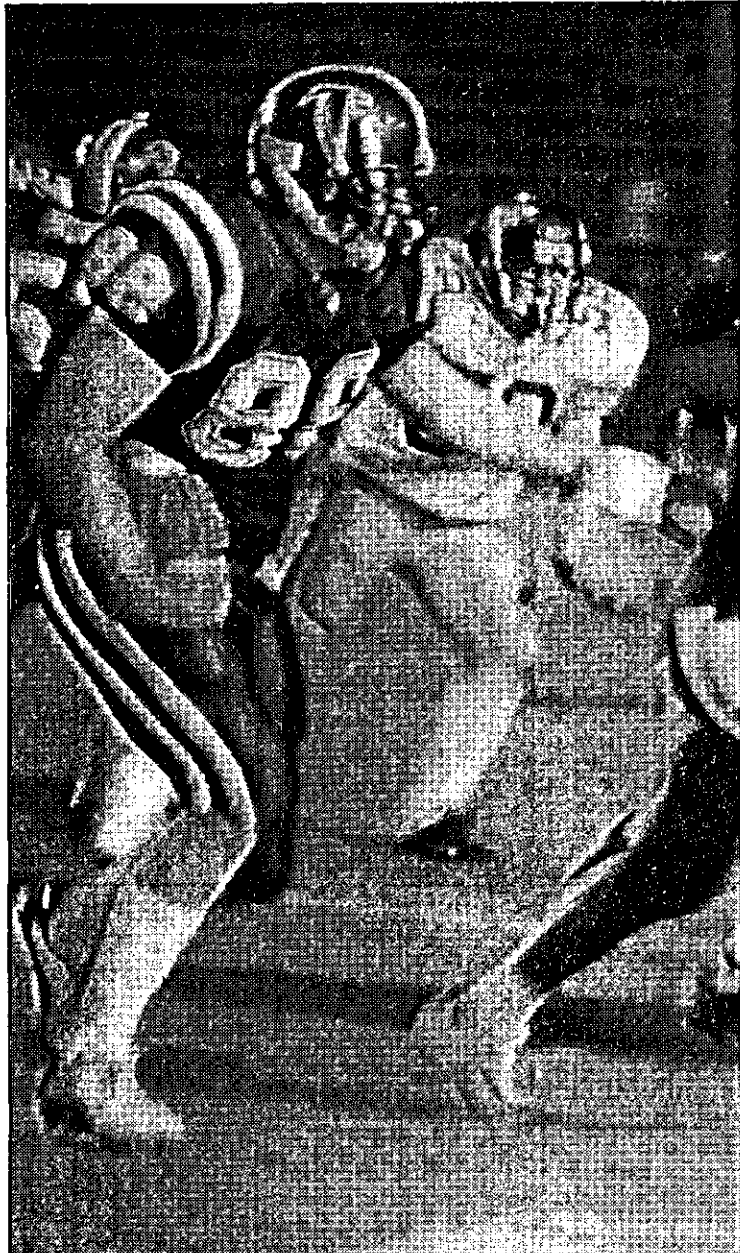


# SPORTS

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TALON MARKS, CERRITOS COLLEGE

## Quarterback throws his name in records



◆ Kevin Brown ties a Cerritos record with four touchdowns.

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Taking a cue from the homecoming court's theme, "Myths and Legends," Cerritos quarterback Kevin Brown had a legendary four-touchdown performance that put to rest any myths of what the season could have been with Daniel Dixon in the backfield.

Cerritos rallied to overcome a 14-point deficit and defeat Golden West College by a score of 31-19.

Despite having two touchdowns called back for penalties, Brown led the Falcons to 31 unanswered points on his way to his four touchdowns, which tie him for the fourth highest total in school history. Although he did not attempt a single pass in the fourth quarter, his 328-passing-yards give him seventh place for most in a game.

The victory ends a three-game Cerritos (2-4 overall, 1-0 division) losing streak and gives the Falcons (2-4 overall, 1-0 division) some much needed momentum going into the final games of the year.

Despite the poor record the Falcons could win the conference title and still secure a playoff spot.

Dixon went down for the year in the season opener. He was regarded as the best running back in the conference.



No. 8, Matthew Fantz, gets tackled by No. 22 for the Rustlers, Tyler Hall, who forces the fumble.

This Saturday, the Falcons travel to Long Beach City for 5 p.m. match-up. The winner of the contest takes home the Cross-town Cup.

In the five previous games, Brown had a combined six touchdowns passes and had ran one in. He would not have to run one in this time as he almost matched his season total in just two quarters of near perfect play.

Trailing 13-0 after the first quarter, Brown started the comeback with a 32-yard touchdown to wide receiver David Nichols.

Brown took advantage a Rustler fumble converted into a touchdown. Freshman wide receiver Anthony Oliver caught a 23-yard pass from Brown in the third quarter.

Kicker Craig James added a 26-yard field goal to put the finishing touches on the night.

Defensive end Donnell August recorded 1 1/2 quarterback sacks, one fumble recovery and four tackles on the night. In addition, defensive tackle Jose Machuca added six tackles.

Running back Bo Renaud managed 71 yards on 12 carries, while Jaron Johnson added 57 yards, as the Falcons compiled 150 yards on the ground. The 428 total yards were the most on the year for Cerritos.

Nichols caught eight passes for 176 yards, which is the fourth highest receiving total in a game in school history. The record for single-game receiving yards was set by current wide receivers coach Cliff Parks, who recorded 234 yards against Mt. San Antonio in 1991.

The record for touchdown passes is six, set by Mike Ernst against Los Angeles Valley in 1969, while current quarterback coach and offensive coordinator Dean Grosfeld set the passing record of 388 yards in 1991 against Mt. San Antonio.

## Tackling the myth of boring sporting events

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Myths and legends were at our football game this past weekend. There were also six princesses and two queens. That along with the usual substantial amount of fans got me thinking.

I realized that while even "Myths and Legends" can make out on a Saturday night there are no fans at any of the other sports going on at Cerritos College.

And it's because football is so great.

Football is so great that even when my Raiders managed to get beat by the hated Broncos this past Sunday in what was the worst beating since 1997...wait where was I going with this...oh yeah. I still love it.

So why is it so great and how can we transpose this element onto every other sport?

There should be tackling in every sport that needs it.

That's right, if volleyball, soccer, tennis, golf, track, and cross-country all added tackling to their rule book (at the Junior College level of course) they could boost fan attendance.

Sorry water polo, but what can you do in the water, drown each other? I think not. Maybe naked water polo might get some fans for the women's team at least...I'm only joking, of course, but seriously let me know if anything develops.

Now don't get me wrong, I love each and everyone of these boring sports the way they are, but if the attendance is going to reach the "show me the money" level than someone is going to have to get sacked.

For instance, if Faith Maliki, who is an excellent volleyball

player, served to the hated Vikings, but instead of just standing there attentively awaiting the result, ran under the net and just tackled one of the opposing players...I bet she would get some more fans.

The other "football" team should probably incorporate the American way of tackling.

Goalie Robert Carrillo, who has more shutouts than fans in attendance, could block a shot and pick up the ball. That's legal for a goalie to do, but then he could pass it to his nearest player and run in front of him knocking down any opposing defenders.

The women's soccer team could sure use the change in pace. They are on a five game losing streak. Nobody wants to see that. Let us just say they start tackling the opposing player anytime they get near the goal, sure they would probably give up a whole bunch of penalty shots still losing the game, but people would want to see it.

Tennis and golf might be a little harder because of all the equipment, but if hockey can do it so can they. They might just need to wear some protective gear or something incase someone takes liberties with the golf club or racket.

Track and cross-country might need it the most. No one wants to see a bunch of men and women who can out run a horse. They definitely do not want to see people who are unbelievably athletic and talented, who get away with it. Someone should tackle their healthy superior bodies.

I'm not saying they should just go and start tackling willy-nilly, but if they want more fans and possibly some "Myths and Legends" to attend their games they will.



## Water polo team dominates at Chaffey

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Coming of its third conference win of the season, in which they managed to put 20 balls in Chaffey's net, the Cerritos men's water polo team managed to carry its momentum into this past weekend's Cuesta tournament winning

three out of three match-ups.

The Falcons defeated Chaffey last Wednesday 20-8 and won the three tournament matches with scores of 18-4, 15-3, 13-8, defeating Santa Monica, Solano, and San Luis Obispo respectively.

With their three wins and the victory over Chaffey, the Falcons are now 15-4 on the year and resume South Coast Conference play on Wednesday, as they host



No. 5 makes a Falcon goal, while the Chaffey goalie covers his face.

## Injured Falcon cannot help in loss

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Without their leading scorer, Melody Calderon, the Falcons were only able to score two goals against the No. 4-rated water polo team in Southern California, Chaffey, losing the conference match by a score of 12-2.

The match was played at Cerritos this past Wednesday.

Cerritos had won the previous four out of five matches in where it had outscored its opponents by a combined score of 39-22.

The team is now 7-12 on the season and 2-3 in conference action.

The Falcons will now host Mt.

San Antonio next Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. in a conference match.

Calderon, who has 48 goals on the season, was not the only player missing from the lineup. Crystal Ruelas, who is a 17-goal scorer, was also out of commission in the match.

The Panthers led 8-0 at the beginning of the third quarter. Stephanie Tarasut broke up an 8-0 Chaffey lead with her tally in the third period.

Goalie Angie Settle spent the first half in the net before moving into the field. She came up with two saves and one steal before she scored the team's second goal.

Replacing her at goalie was the team's second leading goal scorer, Vanessa Chavez.

Mt. San Antonio at 3 p.m.

The Falcons finally managed to break the 20-point barrier in their 16th game of the season.

Seven different players scored more than one goal to help lead Cerritos.

"Everyone did their fair share throughout the game," said Sean Gutierrez, who scored two goals.

"Something that really helped was that everyone got a chance to play," Gutierrez added after the team's win against Chaffey.

Coach Joe Abing said this game was good preparation for the tourney.

Heading in, Abing was excited to get an opportunity to coach against the host Cougars, where he played from 1990-91.

His Falcons entered the tournament ranked No. 5 in the state and had won their last four matches.

The team opened with a convincing 18-4 win over Santa Monica, followed by a 15-3 triumph over Solano.

"It was a really good win with some good passes; we did however have some bad turnovers," Abing said.

Abing felt his team played their best all-around game of the year.

The Falcons followed it with a 13-8 win over Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

That set up the final game of

## Volleyball sweeps LA

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The Falcons' volleyball squad continues to soar as they sweep their opponents for a second week in a row, beating the East LA College Huskies 30-21, 30-14, 30-21.

In the first game the Falcons struggled to break away from the Huskies until scoring 11 of the last 13 points to get the win.

In the second and third games the Falcons easily handled their opponents by jumping into early leads with good offensive and defensive play by middle blocker Kimberly Stolk with four blocks and seven kills, and Falcon setter Stephanie Crowell continued to show her teamwork with 43 assists.

Falcons were led by outsider Shanell McMillen who had a team high 13 kills. The Falcons also got huge defensive play from its freshman Erika Rangel, Naoml Hobayan, and Joanna Burleson.

With assist leader Crowell, power hitters Faith Malaki and McMillen, and excellent defensive play from their freshman, the Falcons squad are proving they are a force to be reckoned with this year.

The Falcons have been on a roll as of late.

The team has won three in a row, all being important conference matchups, and four out of its last five games.

the tournament, where the Falcons would face the Cougars.

However, a power outage forced the game to be cancelled, leaving Abing and his team disappointed for not having the opportunity.

Abing said, "As for the last team we were to play...well we'll see them at conference."

In the tournament opening win over Santa Monica, Mike Kim scored five goals and added two assists, with Shane Downey, Miguel Ruiz, Kevin Armijo and Art Felix all had two goals each.

"All of our passes should have had a purpose to them otherwise should have not been made," Abing added.

The Falcons continued their tight defense against Solano, as they accumulated 25 steals, while eight different players scored at least one goal.

Felix and Robbie Garcia led the way with two goals, with sophomore Curtis Jolley leading the defensive effort with four steals. Also coming up big defensively was goalie Elliot Cowens.

He turned away nine shots and added five steals.

Closing out the tournament, Kim and Sean Gutierrez both scored three times, while Ruiz added three assists. Garcia, who was held scoreless, finished with three steals, with Cowens turning away seven shots and registering two steals.

## SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcock

1. Who was the first Colorado Rockies player to win the Rookie of the Year award?
2. Who was the last New York Yankees hitter to lead the American League in strikeouts for a season before Jason Giambi did it in 2003 with 140 strikeouts?
3. Name the last non-Florida team to beat the Florida State Seminoles football team in three consecutive seasons.
4. Who held the NBA mark for the best coaching start before New Jersey's Lawrence Frank broke it last season by going 13-0?
5. Where is Glen Sather on the all-time winningest (regular season and playoffs) NHL coaches list?
6. Who was the youngest driver to win a championship in a NASCAR series?
7. Two women have won three straight Wimbledon singles championships during the past 35 years. Name them.

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## Water Polo Stats

Name	Goals	Assist
Melody Calderon	48	23
Vanessa Chavez	24	17
Crystal Ruelas	16	9
Chris Gianakakos	14	15
Ashley Addison	11	13
Rebecca Ceballos	16	9
Stephanie Tarasut	5	9
Belinda Cortez	14	6
Angie Settle	4	11

## Goalie Stats

NAME	GP	SAVES
Angie Settle	13	109
Belinda Cortez	7	26
Vanessa Chavez	3	12