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## New web site launched for community college students in California

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In an attempt to alleviate the stress on lower-income families caused by the 64 percent raise in Community College tuition, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office officially announced this month the launch of [www.icanaffordcollege.com](http://www.icanaffordcollege.com).

"With our enrollment fees being raised, it is really important that students have access to financial aid," Community Colleges Chancellor, Mark Drummond, said.

The web site is a channel to connect people who need help with their local financial aid office.

"We have created [icanaffordcollege.com](http://icanaffordcollege.com) to serve as our primary information resource for students who need help finding ways to pay for college," Drummond added.

According to the American Council of Education, 67 percent of community college students across the United States do not fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

The web site is part of a \$38 million plan to increase awareness

about fee waivers and other financial aids opportunities that already exist and to hire additional help to provide students and potential students with one-on-one personal help.

The legislature and governor set aside, the money from within the community college budget after concerns that the fee increase would further hamper low-income homes.

In addition to the launch the Chancellor's Office will be running an extensive print, outdoor, radio, and television advertising campaign that will run in both English and Spanish.

In addition, both individual and statewide community colleges' campaign will develop outreach activities to the community and other agencies to enlist their help in distributing the knowledge.

For those that do not have Internet access, the campaign has also developed a toll free helpline, 1-800-987-ICAN (4226).

The toll-free line connects the caller to its nearest financial aid office within a 25 mile radius.

"California's community col-

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**Spectators:** Students listen in during the political debate held by the Economics Club on Tuesday.

## Economics Club hosts debate

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The Economics club sponsored a political debate that included representatives from the republican, democrat, and green party that stirred up a lot of controversy on Tuesday.



Bryan Reece

It almost became hostile in SS 307 as Gerardo Flores, Psychology major, yelled out, "Why don't you go to the war then?" in response to an obvious republican comment on the war in Iraq. The students drilled the panel with questions about the war, especially Bryan Reece, political

science instructor and the republican representative.

Reece argued that almost the entire house including democrats agreed to go to war with Iraq. He then went on to say that Saddam Hussein was not giving equal rights to women and the men treated them like dogs.

Diane Keenan, Microeconomics Professor, retorted with, "Well, right next door Saudi Arabia does the same thing to their women, why are not we over there too?"

Then Reece brought up the genocide Hussein was doing in his country like in World War II, the United States had to take action against such atrocities.

Even when Social Security was the topic, the war in Iraq predominately took over the debate. Keenan mentioned the large

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**Writing away:** Students express their support by writing "Tribute to the Fallen Soldiers of Iraq" in the Falcon Square on Oct. 26.

## CHALK & CONCRETE MEMORIAL

Cerritos College students tribute fallen soldiers of Iraq.

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A thousand body outlines lay tribute to soldiers who died in Iraq and Afghanistan, in Falcon Square Tuesday.

Students and instructors alike drew chalk outlines of bodies to show their respect and gratitude for those who gave their lives for their country during the Political Science Club's Tribute to Fallen Soldiers event.

The outlines were soon after washed away by campus facilities on order by the Campus Police according to one facilities employee.

Their names and ages were written on the inside in order to pay tribute.

"I think it is a cool demonstration," Kim Barela said, Sociology Major.

Respect and gratitude for the soldiers was the attitude of the event.

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## Rains catch campus off guard, despite preparation

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Some students face their first inches of rain last week, the first of fall storms this year. As some feel the rain, others enjoy their time in it.

An accurate percent of inches on Oct. 17 was 0.6, according to the Cerritos College Precipitation gauge.

"Campus facilities have been preparing for the fall showers, the steps they have taken are cutting branches that are dead or look

weak to prevent it from falling or causing damages to buildings and parked vehicles," said Tom Richey, Operations Manager.

"They have been checking for leaks in buildings, but they can only do so much and fix it as it happens; it would be hard to check for all the leaks before hand," said Richey.

Richey said that some of the things facilities does at the beginning of each day is check all drains, gutters, sewers, and looking for low-level spots for water [flooding] and try to prevent students from walking in these areas.

"We will prepare for it by placing cones and blocks to direct students away from the low level of water [flooding]," says Richey.

"I prepare for the rain by keeping an extra jacket in my car," said Quiana Clark, Social Worker major.

The safest bet to preparing is to watch the news for the weather, seeing as how we have such crazy seasonal weather. We can never know what to expect when it's California.

Students who are unprepared for rain

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## Tricks and treats of Halloween

SoCal hosts many haunting forms of fun.

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Halloween is just around the corner complete with last minute costume planning and ideas on what to do for the weekend.

There are many things happening in L.A. from night clubs, to carnivals, haunted mazes, and theme parks also with haunted mazes.

If you want to enjoy a Halloween terror-fest featuring seven horrifying mazes and a huge dance party, plus live bands in the boiler room, the Queen Mary's Shipwreck may be a possible option. The entrance is \$25 per person and it starts from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Theme parks such as Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, and Six Flags are having mazes and shows through Oct. 31.

A lot of events are taking place in Hollywood as well. The West Hollywood Halloween Carnival is considered a premier event in Hollywood.

Streets are closed off on Santa Monica Boulevard for an expected 350,000 crazy party people who are out for a night of outrageous costumes, mingling, dancing on multiple dance floors and live music. Last years event, Maya [singer/performer] performed.

People are advised to leave home early or take the metro since traffic can get extremely heavy.

Night clubs will also be having special events planned for the Halloween weekend starting Friday through Sunday. Clubs will host Halloween contests and will give away prizes and offer drink specials.

The Stock Exchange in downtown L.A., Hully Gully in Downey and Club Soho in L.A. will participate in the festivities.

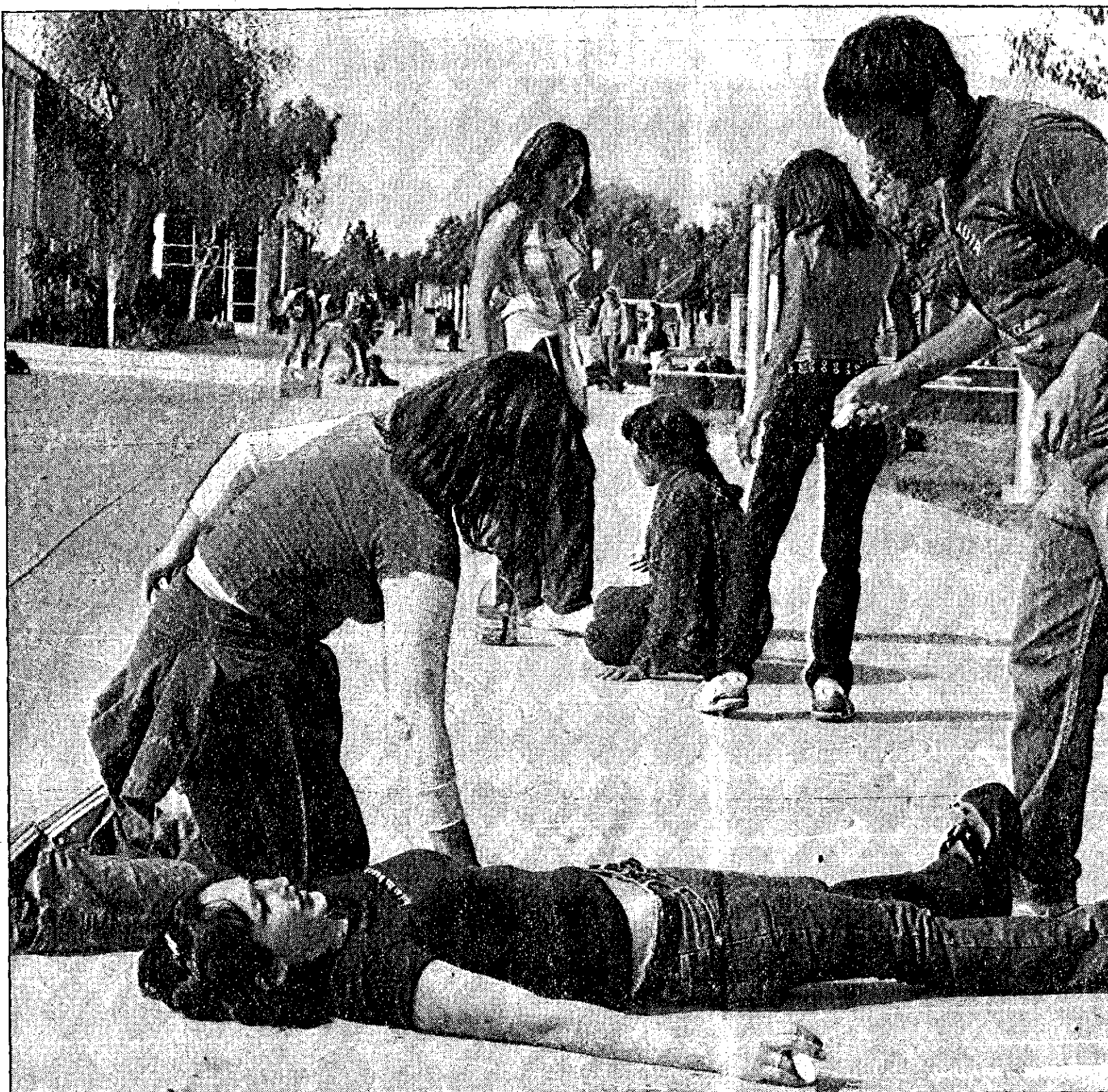
To find more information about nearby clubs visit <http://www.groovenow2000.com/West-Hollywood-clubs.html>

Besides clubs, theme parks, and Santa Monica Boulevards' street carnival, there are other options in which Halloween can be enjoyed without going too far.

There are great horror movies for rent and that can ensure fun with a friend or family member.

The Exorcist, Psycho, Halloween, Child's play, Poltergeist, The Shinning are movies that you can rent for a sure scare.





RICARDO RAMIREZ/TM

**Outlines:** Students trace each others bodies with chalk on the concrete. Each outline represented a fallen soldier.

## TRIBUTE:

Political Science club honors fallen soldiers

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The attitude for the war itself was not as supportive.

"I feel for those people who go through all of this for an unnecessary cause," Barela added.

While the outlines of the bodies were being drawn, the names of

those they represented were called out.

The reality of the war and its risks came through clearly.

Christine Opena, Undecided major said "No one really wins a war, they just survive it," as she wrote the name of one of the soldiers.

Many students came out to help, show their respect, voice their opinion and to show the soldiers still abroad, that they are waiting for them to come safely home.

"It was very impactful and I liked it, I'm not sure why they'd want to erase it," Mila Suarez biology major said about the chalk that covered most of the concrete that encompasses Falcon Square.

Student Activities Director Holly Bogdonovich said that she does not know why facilities

erased the chalk but she did acknowledge that a discussion did take place between the coordinators of the club and Campus Police and that they should know what happened.

Campus Police were unavailable for comment about why facilities were called, and the President's reported that Dr. Vela was not aware of the quick removal of the chalk and the circumstances behind it, due to the fact that the college president was in meetings all day.

"We didn't know what was going on," Saul Romero, ASCC Student Vice President said about the incident.

## Nursing fair brings job opportunities

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Over 150 students attended the Nursing Educational and Employment Opportunity Fair last Thursday.

Career Services and the Nursing Program also contributed to the fair.

Christina The, Student Placement Specialist, said, "We had a great turn-out of students at the Nursing Educational and Employment Opportunity Fair."

Six local colleges looked for potential nursing majors to attend their schools such as Cal State Dominguez Hills, Cal. State Fullerton, UCLA and even the Azusa Pacific University.

Project Hope, [an advance program at Cerritos College] assisted students in the medical field.

Dr. Charlene Fobi, Director of Nursing, said, "It was a wonderful turnout for the students at this event."

A majority of our college students, who attend Cerritos, continue on to be employed in a hos-

pital, due to the participation and support from this event.

The fair provided an experience for students to see what is offered out in the real world and to help them gain knowledge to enter into the field they want.

The vendors ranged from hospitals like the Good Samaritan and the Kaiser Permanente, services that provide brochures for their hospitals.

Los Angeles County Department of Health Services visited the fair to gather students in the field of child-care.

All vendors that came, came for the purpose of telling prospective students about a career in nursing and when their next open houses and job fairs will be.

"All the participating vendors who come to this event are very happy with the good reputation that Cerritos gives them," says The.

"The environment is pleasant and encourages them to be apart of our campus," said The.

The Nursing Educational and Employment Opportunity Fair takes place every Fall semester.

## RAIN:

Fall showers greet unsuspecting Falcons

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may catch a cold or soaked or get there books damaged due to the rain.

Students should keep warm by wearing lots of heavy clothes and stay inside, if possible, when it's raining.

"I wear comfortable shoes and drive safely," said Hortencia Picono, undecided major.

Driving more cautiously on the road will help keep students from accidents during the rain.

"I don't wear a lot of stuff in my hair when it rains. I could rec-

ommend to others to come in early to avoid traffic, said Jenny, Gonzalez, art and business major.

Gonzalez also said, "While driving, I carry extra shoes because it can get slippery out there. I also bring an extra towel to dry myself off when it rains."

"The fact that rain makes certain people sleepy and others want to have fun and run around in it. It has its high points," said Laura Hernandez, education Major.

Rain has some high perks and other times it can be bad.

"The rain makes certain people sleepy," said Latoya Williams, nursing major.

"The rain makes people do crazy stuff like run around in it," said Alex, Ramirez, biology major.



CATHY LOZANO/TM

**Debater:** Bryan Reece talks during a political debate between teachers and students at SS307 on Oct 26.

## DEBATE:

Political science professor participates in forum

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deficit this country is facing because of Bush's careless spending on war.

Reece responded by saying "That like any war, from the Civil War, to both of the World Wars, to Vietnam, to Korea; war costs money."

Keenan pointed out that unlike those previous wars, the United States has no help or funding from NATO and Europe as well.

War was the dominant topic but what the moderator wanted to do at first was educate the college students who attend the parties

about education policies on a college level.

Reece brought up one of Bush's programs such as "No child left behind," surprising facts on Bush's education record.

Bush has raised student scholarships, and that Bush implied a program to all high school graduates to be ready to enter the work force or go to college.

Solomon Namala, Green Party representative, made several jokes about Bush's education plan. "No child left behind, more like no billionaire left behind [...] and did you know that dog trainers make more than teachers."

Again the war came up but all the issues that affect Cerritos College students were brought up as well.

"The debate was well organized; a lot of good points were made from all three people," Flores, a democrat said.

## WEB SITE:

New site for community college students

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leges have always been an invaluable resource to the people of the state, helping them better their lives either through vocational training, an associate degree, preparation for a four-year college, or university education," Drummond said.

According to the Chancellor's office, "California Community Colleges' financial aid programs already serve more than half a million students each year," which total \$900 million in state, community and private contributions. "Historically we have been there for everybody. Now they are key to maintaining access for those from low-income households is financial aid," Drummond reiterated.

With 109 colleges and 72 districts providing services to more than 2.6 million students during last school year. California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the world.

*"Historically we have been there for everybody."*  
- Mark Drummond.

**Correction:** In the story M.E.Ch.A protests war, police detain cite three, of the Talon Marks October 20 issue, it was stated that the three men, where cited for disturbing the peace when in fact they where cited for disruptive presence on school grounds.

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# OPINION

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## EDITORIAL

### We work hard, and still, we get no respect

No matter what level of journalism we lie on, we still don't get the same respect as journalists at the Los Angeles Times would.

Why is that? Is there something different that separates us into a category where we get 'no respect'?

Frankly, there is no difference between the LA Times and the Talon Marks or any other publication.

We as journalists are here to do the same thing, report on both sides of the story and uphold all ethical standards.

We are the only club on campus that weekly throughout the year produces a concrete product.

We deserve the same respect and treatment that journalists receive at the Times when they interview someone for a story.

What do they do differently that says they get more respect than we do?

Talon Marks is made up of students that are interested in the journalism field.

We learn how to report and interview, yet if our sources want the questions ahead of time and we tell them no due to our policy, they can't respect that.

It is unfair that people on campus put us below other journalists.

We are journalists, no matter what you think or say. We respect the highest people in authority, we give them their chance to talk to us and we are fair.

Give us the same in return.

Some people on campus think that we are just "student journalists," and that doesn't make us "real journalists."

We know that we are journalists and we report on the real world around us, the Cerritos College community.

So what makes us different? Nothing. The First Amendment



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applies to everyone that is in America, Freedom of Press and Freedom of Speech.

We take into consideration that people might not like what we do a story on. But this is America, everyone is allowed to speak his mind.

We are an award winning newspaper and we are doing our job by reporting on campus events that are happening.

The college and its students should be proud to have a newspaper on campus.

We provide the only source of news to the campus. We are here to do our job.

Journalism is not about hiding the truth, it's about telling the readers the truth and informing students about what is happening around campus.

We are not public relations,

though our public relations at Cerritos College is a good source of information.

One thing is for sure, they don't report on what is bad on campus or if something that affects the students on campus needs to be changed.

It's all hush hush around the officials office.

Journalists are so important to today's society, why not give us the same respect.

We are hard working journalists that are in this career not only to someday make a living but we all believe in the right to know and to inform the public about good and bad things happening in the community.

Face it, without journalists you would not know half of the things you know today.

We work just as hard to tell our readers about the campus and community events that affect their lives.

To those that don't believe we are "real journalists," we are here to let you know that we are in fact real people doing real things, just like the journalists at the LA Times.

LA Times is not perfect, no newspaper is perfect. We all make mistakes and we are held accountable for our actions.

Spelling errors, fact errors and other errors happen all the time in our paper and in nationally known papers.

Have you ever seen a correction page in a paper? It exists because mistakes are made. We are all learning, and even professional journalists are still learning.

Learning is a never ending process. We are here at Cerritos College to get our education and to learn.

Give us a break and give us what we've earned; respect!



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### Halloween dies right before our very eyes



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Over the years, there has been a decline in the number of families and homes taking part in the traditional Halloween trick-or-treat.

October 31 is the day of "All Hallows Eve," or the ancient feast of the New Year, which was once marked the end of the old year and became the day of the dead, the dying, and the birth of the New Year.

In time, the official start of the New Year was changed and with the growth of Christianity, Oct. 31 became the day of Pagan demons, witches, and monsters.

Halloween, "All Hallows Eve," or "The Day

of the Dead," has been a day of rejoice and celebration, but it is about to change forever.

Today, we mark this day by wearing costumes that remind us of the lost times.

We send children door-to-door asking for candy. We have huge parties to celebrate this day. But with the dawning of the 21st century this custom is out of place. Have we out grown the need for this Pagan holiday? What purpose does it serve?

Halloween has been changed with the threat of poisoning candy, kidnapping children, and with the ever present threat of terrorism, parents have begun to question the hole idea of Halloween.

But is this really a good idea? Does it do away with the second most celebrated holiday in America, the answer is...

No. I think that in a world filled with threats, danger, and genocides, America still

needs to laugh in the face of death. For no matter what Halloween represents, one of its chief duties has been to allow people to come to terms with death and evil.

Halloween is the time for people to let go, ride the tide and celebrate not only the passing of our dead or our loved ones, but it reminds us that everyday it is a gift and we must enjoy each day and everyone in it.

Parents should not forget how much fun they had on Halloween.

The world may change and new safe guards must be taken into thought.

But to do away with Halloween that would truly mean that our enemies have won, for we would be in fear of death and have them know it.

To lose are self in the defense of those we love, means we lose ourselves in the process and lose what it means to be Americans.

Happy Halloween or not bah hum bug.

### The only reality of 'reality' television is, it sucks



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Channel surfing has gone from watching five different TV shows in the same hour to watching five different reality TV shows at one time.

It's incredible how one idea can be reproduced dozens of times, to the point that we grow numb to what we are watching and do not realize it's but the same show with a different name.

I don't know who started this chain reaction of so called "reality" shows, but it seems like it will never end.

"New" shows are emerging with the concept of putting a camera in front of a group of people and giving money to the one who survives the

stupidities they are made to do.

Take for example, The Bachelor. The show is filled with materialistic women and a desperate man.

The only thing accomplished by this show are high rating thanks to all the self-centered, silicone loving gold diggers that throw themselves at one man.

On top of that, these people claim to love each other after only spending 15 minutes of the day together.

I'll tell you what they love. They love the feel of 20s, 50s and 100s in their pocket.

Another show I can't stand is Survivor. Grab a group of people and tell them they won a vacation with all expenses paid and dump them somewhere in the middle of nowhere.

Don't tell them there are cameras recording their every move and I promise it will be the most original reality show ever.

People will be at each other's throat [literally] in a matter of seconds.

But of course, the law would never allow a producer to do something like that.

It would be called kidnapping.

I'll be the first one to tell you that I am a great fan of the show Extreme Makeover Home Edition.

This is a show that takes into consideration families who have gone through or are trying to pull through hard times and remakes their entire home.

I have many doubts about some of the things I see done on the show.

For example, there's no way a pair of twins with acrylic nails and impeccable hands and clothes is going to be hammering and painting walls for 24 hours and still look perfect at the end of the day.

All I'm saying is that there are some shows worth watching for 60 minutes and others that are so pointless, not even the 60-second commercials are worth the effort.

## CAMPUS COMMENT

### "Are you going to vote?" Why or why not?"

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"Yes, I feel like it's my duty as an American."

**JAQUELINE BENAVIDES**  
Sociology



"No, I don't know anything about it. I don't want to cast uninformed votes."

**JENNY MIRELES**  
Undecided Major



"No, I didn't register on time."

**BILLY NIEMANN**  
Stage Makeup



"Yes, I don't want Bush to be president anymore."

**NATALY BRITO**  
Psychology



"No, I just turned 18."

**CYNTHIA GOMEZ**  
History



"Yes, it's important to vote because of all that's going on."

**YVONNE VALERO**  
English

## ONLINE POLL

For the Nov. 2 election, what are you basing your vote on?

- A. Research
- B. Commercials
- C. The issues
- D. Hearsay

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# A war worth fighting for

In response to your article "Mecha protests war..." October 20. I was disappointed in reading this article as it seems these protesters were not supported by students or the administration.

In earnest, I've not historically been a supporter of M.E.Ch.A. and I do not expect to be a member of their organization anytime soon.

Nevertheless, I commend its efforts in exercising their right to protest peacefully and to reach other students on campus.

I was disturbed by the comments of the two prior service members who were quoted in the article as saying that the protesters "had too much time on their hands" and asked if any of the protesters "have ever served."

Well I would like to respond: Yes I have.

I returned from my last tour on December 2003 after giving seven years of my life for this country.

My unit buried one of our own, Army 2nd Lt. Andre D. Tyson in July of this year.

He was killed while on patrol in Balad, Iraq.

Since then, half of the men I've served with have been sent

back to Iraq for a second tour.

Some of them come back OK, some of them are never the same.

The government gives us extra per diem to pacify us but it's kind of hard to spend the money when you're dead.

Maybe I can't blame those two men you quoted, maybe they're fooled just like I was.

Our friends died for a cause you tell yourself, but what exactly is the cause?

The army does an excellent job of recruiting.

I have to give them credit.

They put on these great commercials where they pump you up and provide visions of you repelling from a helicopter saving hundreds if not thousands of lives.

They target the poor and gives us hope that we can be more than we are.

When you get to your duty station you belong somewhere.

You carry your unit colors with pride and you will die for them.

You hear army cadence on base and it sends shivers through your spine and you feel like your doing something.

The guys in your squad are

your family and even if you don't like them you'd protect them to the very end.

The army wouldn't lie to you. The government wouldn't lie to you because if they did all of this would be invalid wouldn't it?

It's a sad thing, really, that I, like my brothers and sisters in uniform were and still are, herded like cattle and shipped off to some remote place to fight for something we are completely clueless about.

We do our jobs, we are programmed to fight and kill if necessary.

We don't complain we just do.

I know because I was a sergeant in this country's great army and I didn't care what I had to do as long as at the end of the day, all my guys were alive and my mission was complete.

I hope that one day God forgives me for my sins, I had the best of intentions.

Give me a good reason and I'll fight again, until then, I'm raising my head high when I say 'No More War.'

Alejandrina Cobian

## What the chalk? Protests aren't child's play

I am responding to today's anti-war demonstration. The chalk outlines of bodies in the Quad was the most disrespectful thing I have ever seen on this campus.

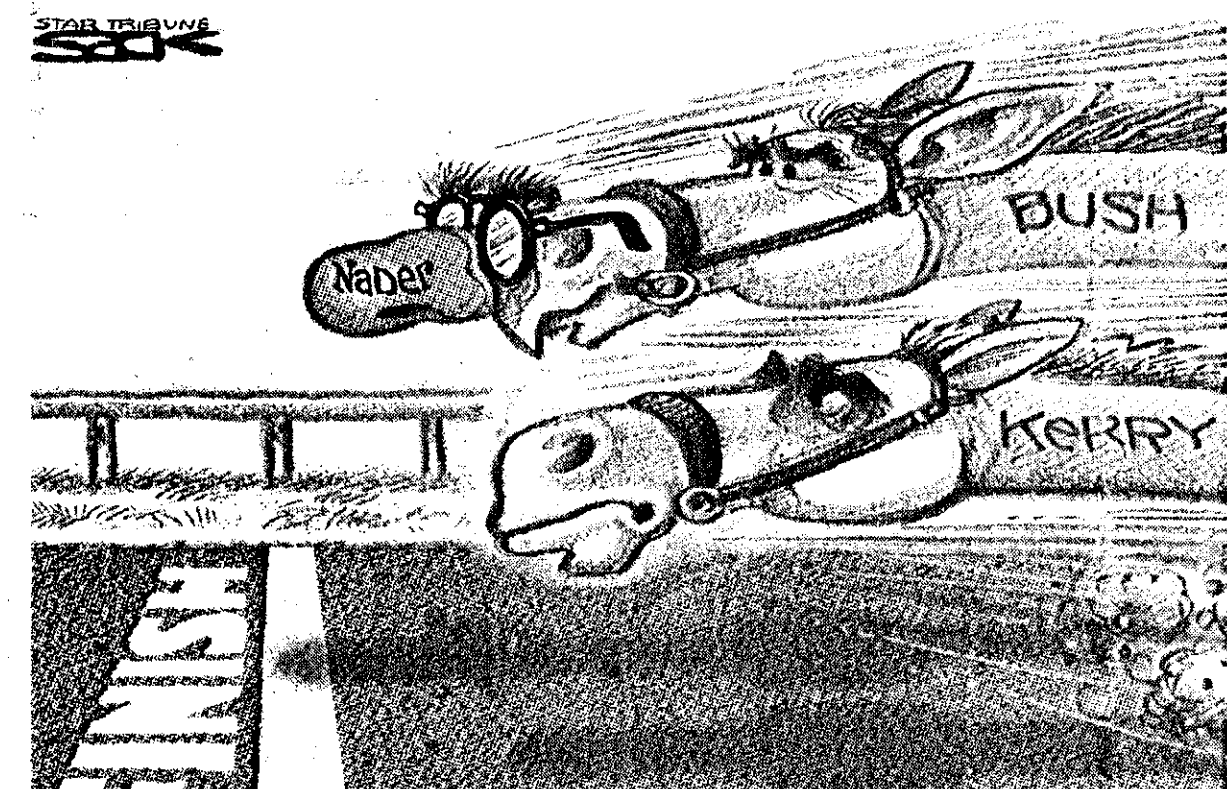
It disgusts me that these people think they can graffiti the campus that we all must walk on even when we don't all agree.

I think the people who did this are sick and ignorant. They use their freedom of speech to protest against something that they know nothing about.

They should take the time to get the opinions of people who are actually serving in the military, before they show their ignorance by speaking for them incorrectly.

I would also like to thank the administration for cleaning up the mess so quickly.

-Dylan (dylpaul@hotmail.com)



## Conservatives love the Bush

Conservatives are hard to understand. They would never allow a woman to be president, but they want a Bush in office.

Talk about a catch-22, President Bush is the ultimate oxymoron or just plain moron. The Uniter that has divided the nation.

While Bush does fight for religion, against health care, against social security, and against abortion, all pros in a conservative waspian world, he still runs a divided nation.

Conservatives and Liberals equally do not like a divided nation.

Why? It's bad for business.

Not only has Bush messed up business, but he has also increased government spending, increased the power of the government, and decreased the power of your state creating a gigantic beast of a government; all of which negates a lot of the conservative ideals.

In Michael Moore's film, "Fahrenheit 9/11," he refers to the dream of Al Gore winning the 2000 election. The dream turned into a prolonged slumber and for the first time in our lifetime, America did not have a president-elect on Nov. 2.

If you remember, after being



appointed president by the Supreme Court, Bush promised to be a uniter not a divider.

Yet the nation is split like Berlin during the cold war.

Half the nation loves Bush-not a euphemism; the other half hates him and has the backing of most of the world.

Business is so poor right now that rumor has it that, Tony Soprano will be replacing Alan Greenspan as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Bush's next term. God forbid he gets reelected.

This president has presided over the economy by giving back the surplus to his rich friends and by allowing Greenspan to run the economy without accounting to anyone.

Greenspan's age must be taking its toll on his memory making him not as good as he once was.

He stated recently that, "Record debt being carried by American households and soaring home prices do not appear to rep-

resent serious threats to the U.S. economy."

Greenspan must not remember California's downfall.

If you combine the federal deficit that we are carrying with the items the chairman mentioned; then we have California at a national level.

Bush has increased deficit spending. The White House is forecasting that the U.S. budget deficit for this year will be a high-est-ever \$445 billion.

As beautiful as California is, our economy is in a silicon toilet and it would be great to not see the Nation's economy fall on the San Andreas Fault. Bush's economy could potentially break off the continent and sink into the Pacific.

Conservatives usually do not like that. Yeah sure, Bush has cagones made of Iraqi granite, which give him the ability to lead us into the bottom of the ocean, but why do conservatives want to go there?

Conservatives are extremely hard to understand; maybe that's why Hitler managed to get a bunch of them to support his devout plan. Think about that for a second, swing voter!

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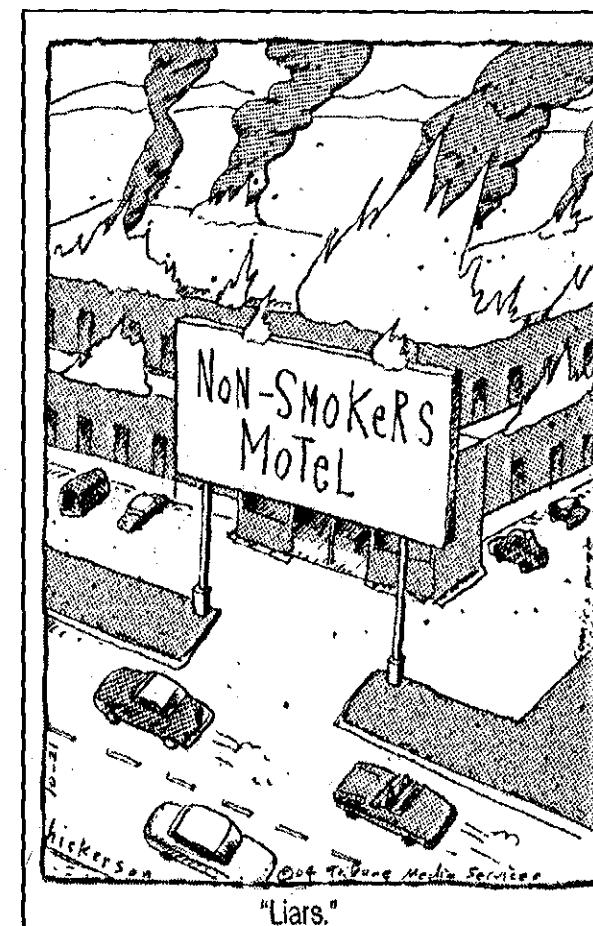
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Fall Plunge Submerge

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







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**MOVE YOUR BODY:** (Left to Right) Crystal Serna, Ka-Ce Abshier, Viviana Matyamoros, Eve Valladares, Evelyn Aquianano, Catherine Sermeno and Crisanda Johnson practice in the dance studio for their upcoming fall dance concert performances to be held on Nov. 4-6.

## Dancers prepare to show moves

Students will perform in dance concert for three shows this fall, which debuts next Thursday.

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The faculty of the Cerritos College dance department has put together and choreographed its three-night only fall concert, which will be performed at the Burnight Center Theatre starting next Thursday at 8 p.m.

The dance numbers are choreographed by the dance faculty and performed by student dancers.

Guest artists such as Kenji Yamaguchi, Kana Miyamoto, and Aniar Academy of Irish Dance have been invited to join the performance.

The 14-piece concert include dance styles such as jazz, ballet, tap, and world dance (Latin, humba, Celtic Irish, and Middle-Eastern).

Students have been rehearsing for these dance numbers since the beginning of the fall semester. An average of 8 to 12 hours or more per week is spent outside of classroom rehearsing.

Dance concerts by the dance department are usually held twice a year, in Fall and Spring semester, but the fall concert will be the only perform-

ance on Cerritos College campus this academic year.

The spring concert will take place at Cal State Long Beach during the American College Dance Festival.

Norman Follosco, dance major, has performed five times in dance concerts in Cerritos College and last year at the American College Dance Festival in Arizona expresses passion and love for the art of dance even with long hours of dedication each weekend.

"I love it. It's life for me. I am accustomed to a hectic schedule and long rehearsals. There is nothing else like performing for me," he said. "I can't find anything else that I feel so passionate about."

"Performing is a vital component in a dancer's education. The [concert] allows students to put into practice what they have learned in the classroom and to get professional experience," said Alyson Cartagena, ballet and modern dance instructor, who will perform "Undercurrent" in the concert. "It is a mile marker for both their

progress and of future challenges."

Student dancers were chosen from an audition, which was held at the beginning of the semester. All levels of dancers from beginner to advanced will be included.

The concert is composed of class projects which are collaborative pieces. That means every dancer creates his or her own movement according to each individual's level with the help from the choreographers.

Janet Sanderson, the head of dance department and concert director, has been organizing dance concerts at Cerritos College for about 25 years. She hires professional production staff and seeks out guest artists from local performances and concerts in Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and Venice.

The admission is only \$5 for students, children, and seniors. General admission is \$8.

"We want the kids, parents, and family to be able to see [the concert], and also the community to be able to afford it. The most important thing is for everybody to see and be seen," said Sanderson.

## Book highlights power of progressive activism

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There should not be any doubt in the idea that there is power in numbers. For those of you who might have a doubt, there is Michael Gecan's "Going Public: An organizers Guide to Citizen Action."

Much more than a "how to" manual, "Going Public" is a well written account of instances of public shows of legal organized power. It is an argument to "think nationally" and "act locally."

When first prompted with "Going Public," I made the overly clichéd mistake of basing any assumption of the book's content on its cover.

I thought it would be an actual manual on how to organize. After being slapped upside the head by Mrs. Smith, my first grade teacher, I actually read the book and to my surprise, it was a story of a man and the power of progressive activism.

The book is saturated with textual fat as it took 30 pages of pre/post chapter reading to finish it off. Gecan manages to have a preface, intro, conclusion and acknowledgments stuffed into his non-fictional book.

Besides the fact that the book needs no preface, intro, or conclusion (the chapters stand on their own) it adds too many additional words to the readers limited attention span.

Gecan, however, does make a compelling argument to stand up for.

He makes progress an easy task to undertake while shattering any notions that progression is merely a side effect of Presidents Wilson's, Kennedy's, and Clinton's administrations.

"Going Public" is an anecdotal ride across some of the toughest neighborhoods in Americana. The picture Gecan paints is dripping wet with stories of powerful people humbled by the wave of organized citizens that refuse to be spectators to the political discourse that affects them.

The ride starts at Gecan's parents' bar, which gets shut down by the mob, and has stops in Harlem, the Bronx and Chicago among others.

The stories are told from an almost observant point of view and you get the feeling that Gecan learned as much from his experiences as he attempts to teach the common citizen.

According to Gecan, to go public is to accept the idea that putting an end to injustice is public business. Everybody can do something if he or she is not already.

Because politics are all about who and what you know collectively, the process of nurturing relationships receive paramount connotation in this book entreating an entertaining lesson on the power of organized action.

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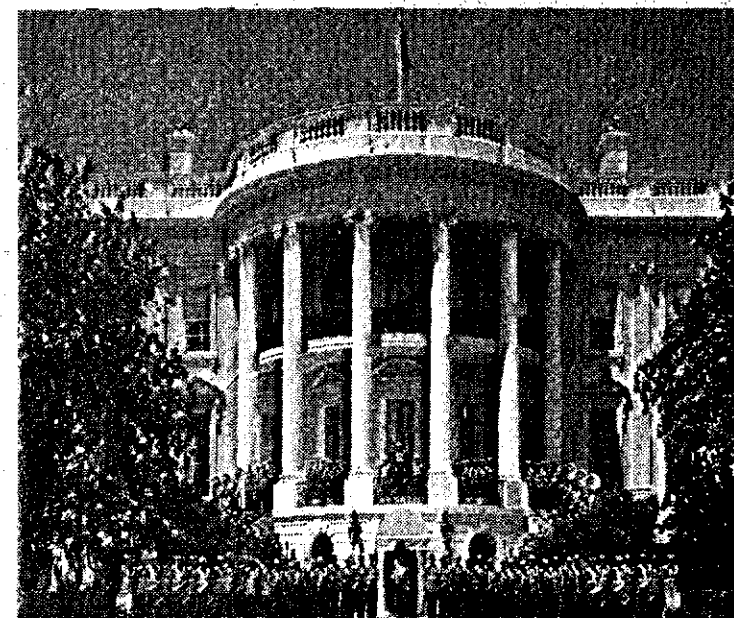
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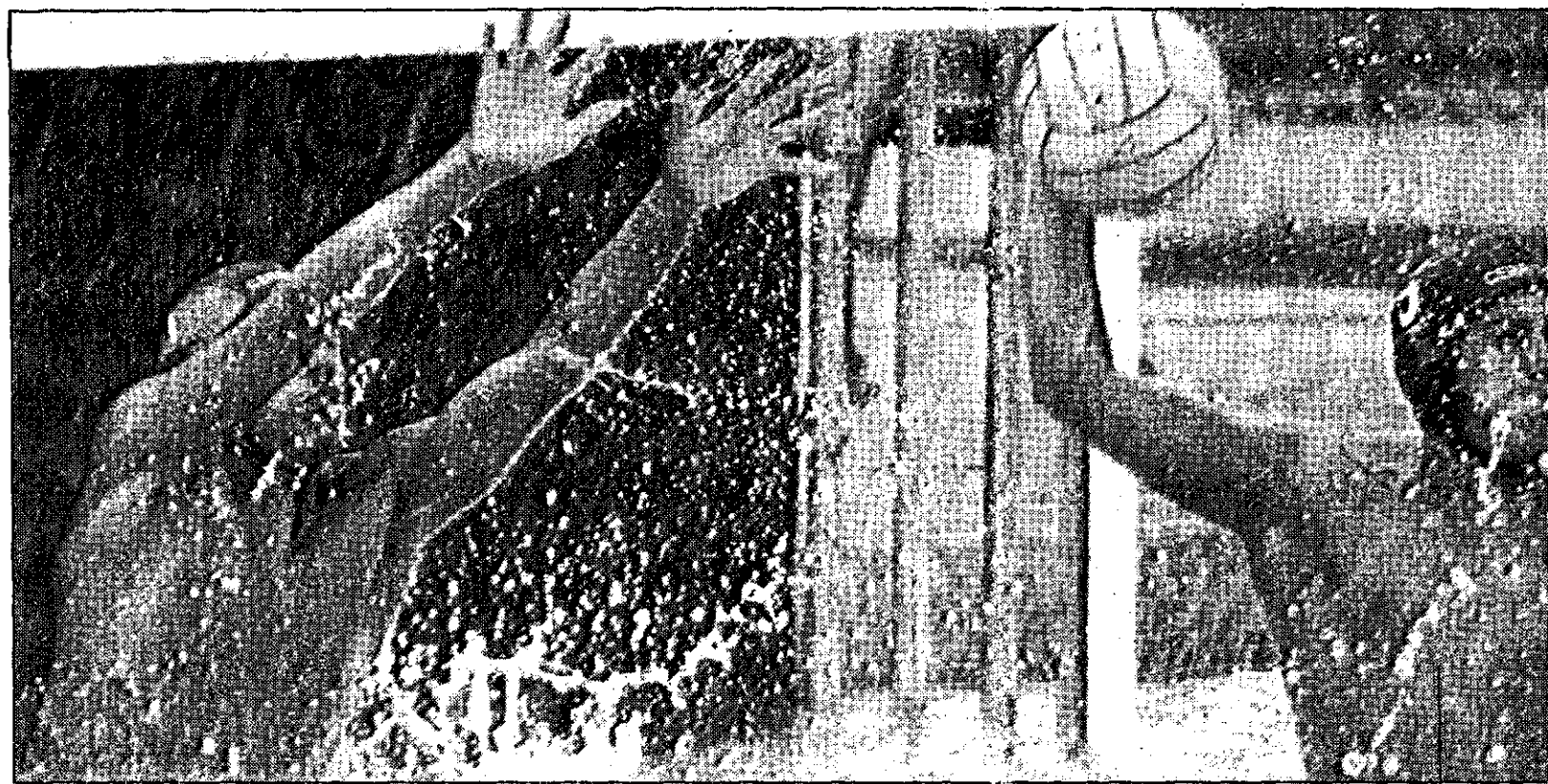
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# SPORTS

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Cerritos player, Miguel Ruiz helps the goalie, Elliot Cowens, catch the ball against Mt. San Antonio on Oct. 20 at Cerritos campus. MARIA GUTIERREZ/TM

## Water magic, as men get hat trick

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Mike Kim, Miguel Ruiz and Richard Caldwell were magicians last Wednesday, as they each managed to score a hat-trick leading the water polo team to a 12-8 victory over Mt. San Antonio in match played at Cerritos, extending the Falcons' winning streak to eight games.

With the win, the Falcons, ranked No. 5 in the state,

improved to 16-4 overall and 4-1 in SCC play, while the Mounties, ranked No. 10, dropped to 13-9 and 3-2.

The Falcons go for nine-in-a-row this Wednesday when they travel to face Los Angeles Trade-Tech at 3 p.m.

Kim, Ruiz and Caldwell each scored three times, as the Falcons seemingly controlled the match from the outset.

According to head coach, Joe Abing, "We did well. Mt. San Antonio is third in conference and

it was very important for us to beat it to go into the championships (ranked) second."

After jumping out to a 3-0 first period lead, the Falcons maintained a 6-3 lead at halftime and led by four goals the majority of the second half.

Despite the win, some of the players did not share Abing's assessment of the victory.

Ken Jolley, stated his dissatisfaction despite the victory, "The outcome was a bit disappointing because we didn't play our best."

Assistant coach Don Weyrick also shared Jolley's disappointment, "It was a difficult game because of the rain we didn't play to the best of our capabilities."

The scoring was balanced however.

Caldwell scored two of his goals in the first period, while Kim picked up two in the second and Ruiz saved two of his three for the fourth period.

Also scoring were Sean Gutierrez with two goals and Michael Alvarado with one goal.

## Malaki kills Mt. Sac

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With the best performance outside hitter, Faith Malaki had this whole season, the Falcons bounced back from last week's loss to Long Beach with a 30-26, 31-29, 18-30, 30-16 victory over Mt. San Antonio College last Friday night.

Posting 24 kills against the Mounties, Malaki should be dubbed the serial killer.

"I might as well be a serial killer for Halloween," Malaki said. Along with the 24 kills, Malaki recorded five aces, and nine digs to lead her team to a (8-4) record overall, and a (3-2) conference record.

Mt. San Antonio had an almost similar record as Cerritos College, (5-6) and (3-2); it looked like it was going to come down to five games, as the first two matches were very close.

In the absence of head coach, Teresa Ortega who was away in Mexico to be at her

Mother's side as she passed away on Oct. 16.

Assistant coach, Jesse Rodriguez filled her shoes and had no fear of the Mounties.

"I knew we were going to win, it was just a matter of time," Rodriguez said of the four game match.

Outside hitter, Shanell McMillen explained the third set break down in which the Falcons lost 18-30, "In the first two games they kept with us, and in the third fatigue was an issue."

The highlight and turning point of Friday's game was late in the second when the score was tied at 29-29. Rodriguez called time and said, "You need to step it up."

Malaki obliged, chipping in one of her 24 kills in those two last crucial points of game two.

McMillen helped the Falcons out with 15 kills and five aces. Kimberley Stolk, middle blocker, helped out the team with 14 kills.



RICARDO RAMIREZ/TM

**Falcon Volleyball:** No. 2, Yesenia Alvarez (outside hitter) spikes the ball to score a point for Cerritos. The Falcons won 30-26, 31-29, 18-30, and 30-16. Cerritos is now 8-4 overall record and 3-2 record in conference play. This Wednesday the Falcons host El Camino and Friday they will host Los Angeles Harbor. Both games are at 7:30 p.m.

## Women's soccer gets beat at home for last time



CATHY LOZANO/TM

Lauren Sanders (Cerritos) gets tackled by No. 3 for the Seahawks, who forces the ball out of bounds. The Falcons went on to lose, 1-0.

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In the last home game of the season, the Falcons lost by a score of 1-0 against the Los Angeles Harbor College this past Tuesday.

The loss brought down the team to 3-8-5 overall and 0-6-3 in conference action.

"This is an emotional game. Today it's our last home game and they are trying to play with some pride," assistant coach Trey Schallin said before the game.

Theresa Hunt had two opportunities to score for the Falcons in the first half of the game.

During the game, there seemed to be a consistency of fouls from both sides.

Melissa Zapata (forward) was hit in the face with the ball from the opposing team.

Although she was hit hard Zapata got back in the game immediately and played well defensively.

"The women played offensively, but they lacked intensity and focus to get the job done," according to head coach Debbie Jensen.

"They need to step up athletically, emotionally, physically and mentally," said Jensen.

"Each game they are emotionally inconsistent and as athletes they need to have all the above to be strong team," Jensen added.

Danielle Madrid scored the winning goal for the Los Angeles Harbor College.

## Football can't come back this time in road loss

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Unlike last week when the Cerritos College football team was able to come back from 13-0 deficits to win against Golden West, Cerritos failed to overcome a 13-0 deficit against Long Beach City College and fell to the host Vikings by the score of 40-21 Saturday.

Next up the Falcons host Mt. San Antonio on Saturday at 7 p.m.

The Falcons did not have enough time to mount the comeback, and dropped their Mission Conference American Division game.

With the setback, Cerritos fell to a 2-5 overall and 1-1 in divisional play, with LBCC improving to 3-4 overall and 1-1 in the division.

After the Vikings took their lead in the first half, Cerritos came back and cut the deficit to 13-7 after sophomore wide receiver, David Nichols caught an 11-yard scoring pass from sophomore quarterback, Kevin Brown.

But the Falcons found themselves playing catch-up all night, and were never able to get any closer than two touchdowns.

The second half started the way the first did, with the Vikings scoring on their first two possessions to take a 26-7 lead after three quarters.

But, on their first drive, a controversial play, that could have changed the complexity of the game. With Alex Alsipuro facing heat from the Falcon defensive line, he tossed the ball over his head in an attempt to avoid a sack.

However, his pass appeared to be intercepted by sophomore cornerback, Tim McCullough, which would have given the Falcons possession at about the Viking 25-yard line.

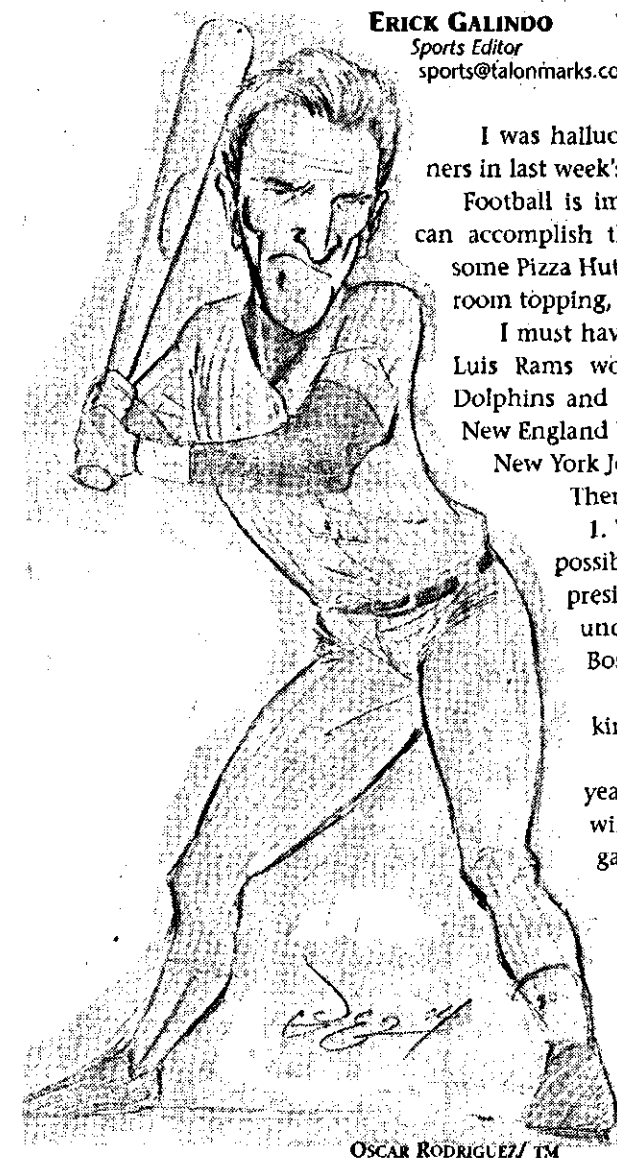
After the officials discussed the play, they ruled that McCullough did not have possession of the ball as he hit the ground. Long Beach City went on to drive the ball 79 yards in the next four plays to score their first touchdown of the second half.

Cerritos did get several opportunities to pull ahead in the first half, but one of the team's drives stalled at the Viking 31-yard line, while another ended in a blocked field goal attempt by sophomore Craig James.

It was the first blocked kick of any sort against James all season.

## Major League Kerry Ball hits stride

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I was hallucinating when I picked the winners in last week's NFL pool.

Football is impossible to predict. Normally I can accomplish the impossible, but after eating some Pizza Hut with some weird looking mushroom topping, my delirium got the best of me.

I must have been delirious to think the St. Luis Rams would defeat the winless Miami Dolphins and even higher when I choose the New England Patriots to lose to the undefeated New York Jets.

Then I came to three conclusions:

1. With the Patriots winning streak, possible end of the Red Sox curse and presidential candidate, John Kerry's undefeated debate streak; this is Boston's year.

2. Politics is really the sport of kings.

3. For the rest of the year, I will only pick the winners in Boston-related games.

1. The Patriots are an unprecedented 18-game winning streak, dating back to last season, which has many people drawing parallels to the '72 Dolphins. That Dolphin team is the only one to finish

undefeated in a season.

If they are lucky enough to not face the great Oakland Raiders, then the Pats might go undefeated.

The Red Sox came back from an unprecedented (0-3 in baseball) hole to overcome the Bambino curse and beat the Yankees for the first time in the history of my world.

Kerry is a dead heat on one of the most divided presidential elections since Kennedy v. Nixon. Under the pressure Kerry has managed to defeat Bush in all three debates. As the race gets near the finish line it seems Kerry may be gathering a slight edge as he has pulled from behind to tie Bush in the polls.

This is Boston's year.

2. Forget: golf, polo, badminton, bowling, or tennis; political racing is the sport of kings.

If any of the above mention activities can be considered a sport, then so can politics.

There is years of training, constant debating, and a nationally televised event every two, four, and six years. The nation decides the winner.

The presidential race is a perfect example. It is simply a sporty fair way of electing a king, which explains why so many presidents reach new levels of Fornication Under the Consent of the King with their interns.

3. So here are my picks for the Boston extravaganza.

Pats will defeat Pittsburgh this weekend, 21-13.

Red Sox will win the World Series in seven games.

Kerry will defeat Bush on Nov. 2. He will also pinch hit for Pedro Martinez and return a interception for a touchdown against the Steelers.

Hey, if this is Boston's year, then I'll believe anything.

