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Fear and doubt center of talk

❖ Physics head talks
on critical thinking,
scientific method.

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Fear, uncertainty, and doubt is what Jim Henriques, head of the department of Physics started his critical thinking and scientific method talk on Nov. 9, and at the end intrigued the attending students.

"The talk was very interesting in topic, very intellectual, and entertaining, I think I learned something here today," Fred Webb, math major said.

"You'll never learn anything

without FUD," Henriques said. FUD is what motivates any scientists' mind. There is always a question.

Henriques gave the perfect example when taking about the two presidential candidates. One candidate will steer us right into an endless war, and ruin our economy, and the other might do the exact opposite, we do not know.

The next topic Henriques discussed was a key phrase he uses, "Certainty is the fate of the uncaring, and uncertainty is the prize of the curious"

Uncertainty is all about science. The major misunderstanding about scientists is that they are often mistaken for technologists.

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Spring registration begins on Nov. 18

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If you have not checked your mailbox you may be unaware of how fast the fall semester is winding up.

So fast, that before stressing out about 'finals, you should already have registering for next semester in mind.

Especially because spring registration starts tomorrow, as recorded in the Cerritos College Spring 2005 Class Schedule, now available at the information desk of Admissions and Records.

If you have not received a registration date and time via mail, you should be worried, according to Carol C. Patrick, administrative dean of counseling, who recommends asking counseling or Admissions and Records for help.

But before you pick up the phone and register for the spring semester, there are some things you should know.

When choosing courses, remember to take those that meet the transfer and/or general education requirements, and make sure you have met the prerequisites for all courses.

"Get an idea of what your focus will be. It helps to know what type of degree or knowledge you are seeking," Patrick said.

You should also talk to a counselor about your career goals before or after registration to ensure that you are on the right track in regards to your class schedule.

According to Patrick, you should set up an individual appointment with a counselor because after Thanksgiving, counselors will only be available on a walk-in basis.

Also, don't forget to register on the date and time mailed home to you by admissions and records. Don't forget to pay within five business days or your classes will be dropped.



RUN DON'T WALK

CATHY LOZANO TM

Running: (Above) David Sandoval runs at the Turkey Trot held at the Student Center Tuesday. Sandoval later won with a time of 10:22.

❖ Cerritos College holds 7th annual Turkey Trot. Two-mile race benefits local families.

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The 7th annual Turkey Trot had a total of 167 participants, run the two-mile route Tuesday at 11:05 am. The event also raised over 500 cans of food in Falcon Square.

The Turkey Trot was sponsored by the Cerritos College physical education department, and organized by Dr. Carrie Gleckner, Physical Education instructor, and professor, Ni Bueno, also a Physical Education instructor. The Tot-Trot race was sponsored by the child development center.

"Most of the children are from the day care. We asked the parents to help out with the can goods," Jeanne Harmon, secretary of the child development center said.

The winner's of the non-competitive race were David Sandoval, with a time of ten minutes and twenty-two seconds, and the female winner was Lizette Montez, with a time of fourteen minutes and fifteen seconds.

Both Sandoval, and Montez received first place plaques for their times. But the other winners were the children in the Tot Trot race that was a much shorter course.

Crystine Sobrian, a five-year-old Long Beach resident exclaimed, "It was fun, did I

win, did I win?"

After the race, one of the female racers was exhausted and dripping sweat as she drank from a bottle of water. Diana Zapien, the eighth place winner of the turkey trot gasped, "It was tiring but I'm proud to come in eighth place."

Other than the pride of winning the turkey trot race, each participant received a raffle ticket for such prizes such as AMC movie tickets, clocks, teddy bears, cups, money clips and more turkey trot t-shirts.

The turkey trot commemorative t-shirts were in abundance although 200 shirts were in

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Cerritos hosts Mac fair

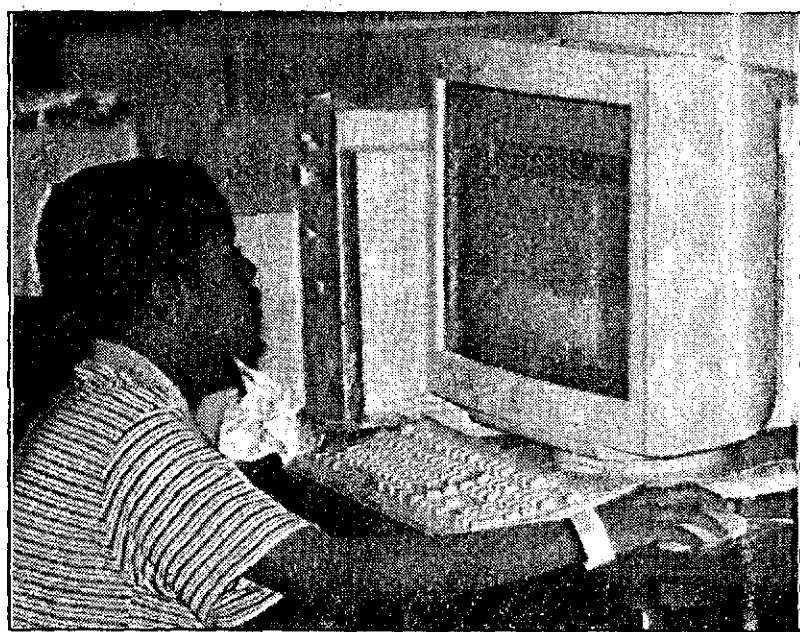
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With weather reporters threatening rain, Mac lovers alike did not let this roadblock keep them from attending the southern California Mac Fair held at the Student Center this past Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"The people who go to these fairs belong to Mac communities and they come to talk about their computers and to find out about new software," says Keith Mueller, show manager.

Not only was there an expo, but 43 seminars and classes were offered Friday through Sunday. The seminars were free, but for those who wanted to go the extra mile and take a class, there was a required fee ranging anywhere from \$79 to \$198 depending on the course.

About 40 vendors participated in the expo offering many insights as well as discounts on new soft-



CATHY LOZANO/TM

Avid user: A participant at the Mac fair browses at the cafe.

There were also highly discounted old software programs on the patio of the Student Center, a Mac Cafe and a truck to recycle old computers.

Regarding data damage, virus protection.

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Sexual assault on campus

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On Nov. 8, a female was sexually assaulted outside the Arts and Crafts Building between 7:45 and 8:30 p.m. The attack occurred on the northeast side of the building near between the Classroom Building, Student Center and the Arts and Crafts Building.

In a press release obtained by Talon Marks from the Cerritos College Police Department about

the incident, the suspect is described as a dark complexioned male with dark hair and dark colored eyes, between 6'0" and 6'4", and between 260-285 pounds, in his early to mid-twenties.

The suspect wore a dark blue or black jogging pants and similar colored sweatshirt.

The suspect has a distinctive tattoo resembling a circled "B" on the outside of his right hand between the index finger and thumb.

On Nov. 9, Dr. Noelia Vela, President of Cerritos College, sent a President's Message to faculty telling the staff that the incident occurred and that the notice is to request that faculty and staff advise students to be alert, travel in pairs, and report any suspicious activities to Campus Police.

"We must all work together to heighten the awareness of our surroundings," the message said.

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Campus closed for Thanksgiving holiday

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The Cerritos College campus will be closed for the Thanksgiving recess Nov. 25 through Nov. 28.

"Classes will resume the following Monday," Rose Alegre, admissions and records depart-

ment secretary said.

Weekend students need to be aware that there won't be classes that weekend, Alegre added.

Stephanie Huang, photography major, thinks that a holiday is good because it provides time away from school.

"Holiday's give students a lit-

tle break and more time to study for finals," Huang said.

Not all students are thinking about studying during the four day closure.

"I'm looking forward to the food and some sleep," Georgetown Villa, athletic training major said.

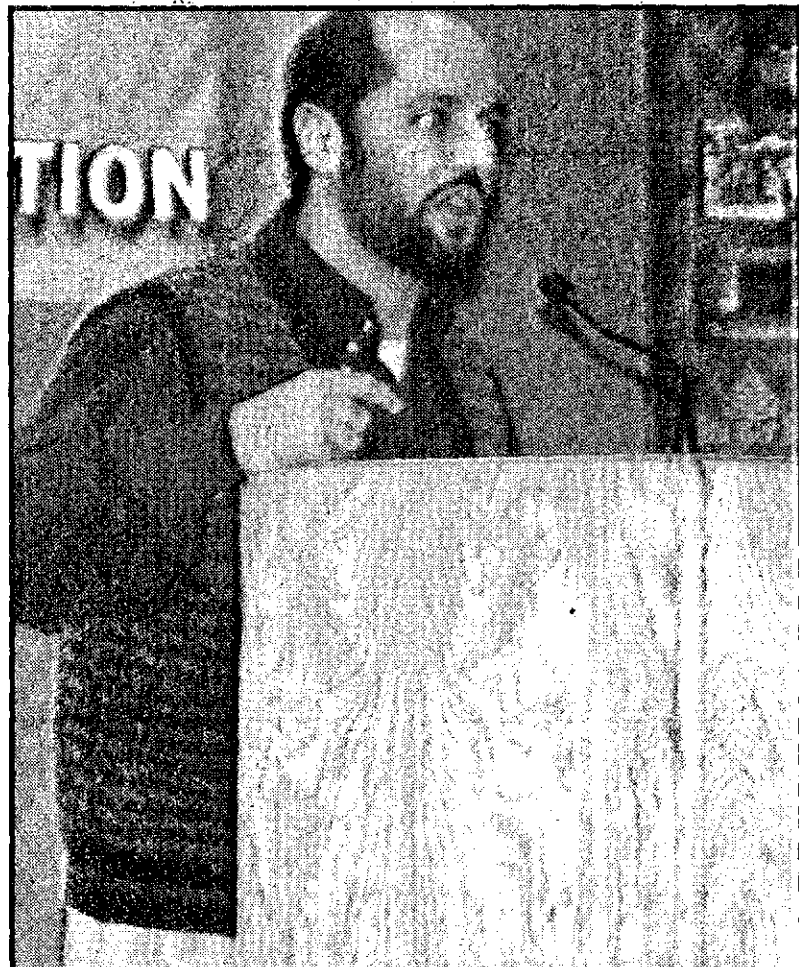


RICARDO RAMIREZ/TM

Muslims, faith, and the world today :

Above:Maghrib Prayer during the Ramadan event.

Below:Dr. Muhammad Allali speaks on the significance of Ramadan



❖ The Muslim Student Association of Cerritos College sponsors Ramadan event to promote an understanding of Islam.

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Love, feelings, faults, culture and a history were the major topics and points of interest promoted by the Ramadan Event hosted by the Muslim Student Association of Cerritos College in the Student Center this past Nov. 8.

The two things Irfan Khan, president of MSA wanted people to leave with was, A clear concept of Ramadan and the realization that Muslims are not terrorists; people are terrorists.

The event kicked off the month of Ramadan, in which Muslims fast from the first night of

the lunar month until the last.

The Student Center was decorated with a variety of posters and informational banners detailing different themes of the Islamic faith and Arab cultures.

The nights' events started off with the explanation of the significance of Ramadan by Dr. Muhammad Allali.

After which he took some questions on the topic.

There was also a discussion over the truth of the war in Iraq by Dr. Syed Shakeel. He briefly talked about the history of Iraq and the different occupations that the country had endured over the past 1000 years, including the current United States involvement in Iraq.

"A wealth of knowledge" Josh Franco, student body president, said about Dr. Shakeel's discursion and presentation.

To conclude the night, there were closing remarks by Ahmed Waheed a member of MSA. Waheed thanked several people including Franco and other members of the ASCC in attendance.

Other groups that attended and participated in the event were FMLA, M.E.Ch.A, Rotoract and other clubs.

The final activity was a feast that included many traditional Middle Eastern dishes.

Many people partook in the food, which was donated by Bismillah restaurant in Anaheim.

"It's not bad, it's different but it is pretty good" Carlos Mesa, undecided major said about the food.

In the main entrance of the

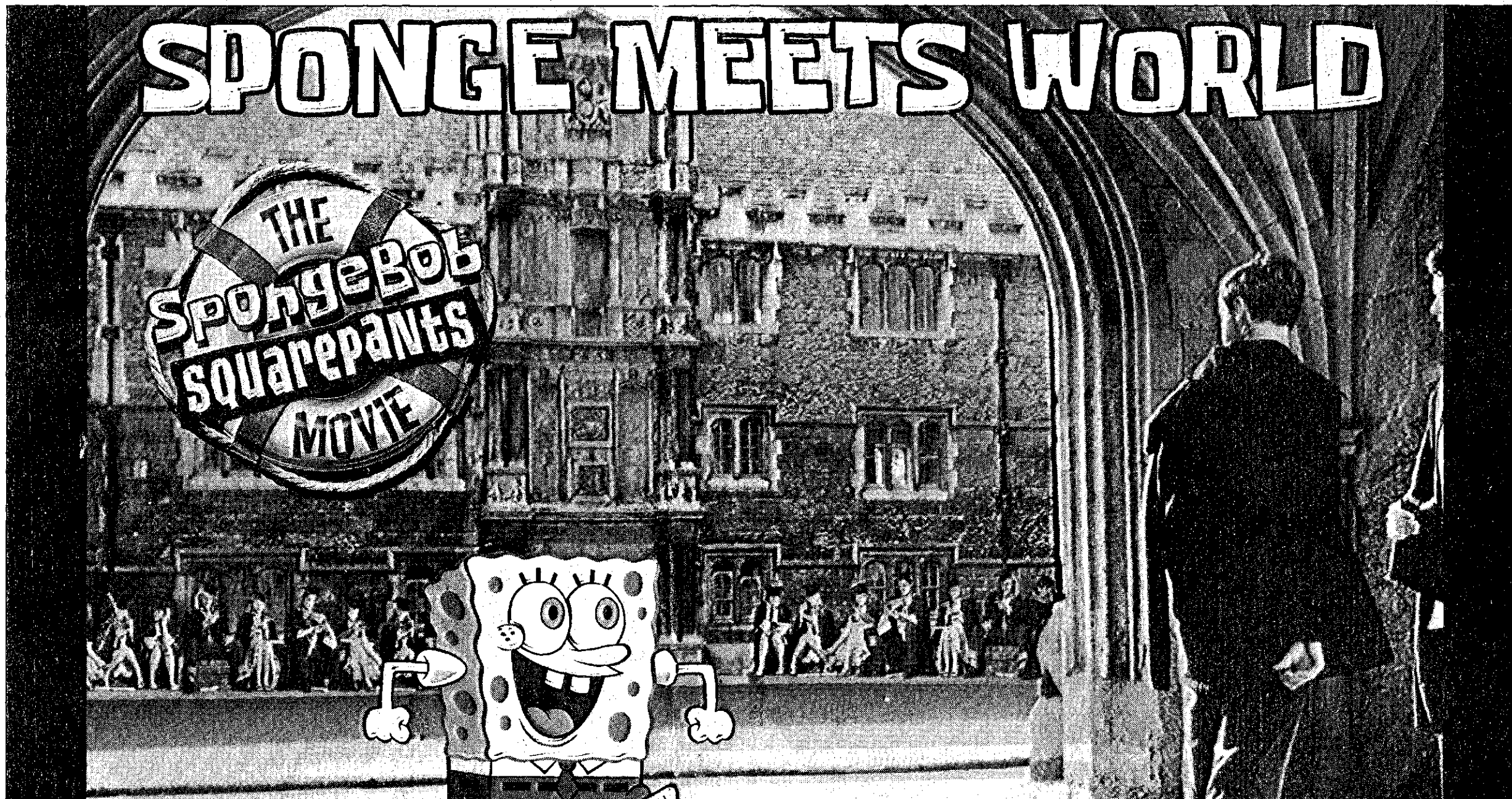
Student Center, there was a book sale that had many subjects available including Islam, the Quran and understanding the Muslim faith.

Amir Punjabi, bussines major and MSA member, handed out more than 30 books to participants that explain the Muslim faith and Islam. "A Brief Illustrated Guide To Understanding Islam."

"Islam is not terrorism," Punjabi stated about what he thought the major point was behind the Ramadan Event.

Punjabi, who in the past has taught several people how to speak Arabic and about Islam through club activities at Cerritos, felt that it is important that people see the similarities between cultures and religion especially the Christian faith and the Muslim faith.

Cultural Exchange



Turkey Trot Results

Total number registered: 197
 Number of people participating: 167
 Number of cans donated: over 550
 First place (female): Lizette Montez (14:56)
 First place (male): David Sandoval (10:22)
 Spirit Award (Academic Div.): English (37 participants)
 Spirit Award (Other): 7C's (24 participants)

Closest to Estimated Time:

Male Faculty / Staff
 Tom Jackson (2:50 minutes off estimated finish time)
 Female Faculty / Staff
 Nancy Gates (4 seconds off estimated finish time)
 Male Student
 David Sandoval (23 seconds off estimated finish time)
 Female Student
 Diana Zaplen (5 seconds off estimated finish time)

TROT:

Participants acknowledged for efforts during race

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surplus for the 164 racers who donated a can of food, and ran or walked the two miles.

Only 19 people decided to donate cans of food but not participate, most were students who were signing up people for the turkey trot. Lorena Jimenez, dental assistant major was one of them, and like most racers she was participating for, "extra credit."

Extra credit was offered from many classes; Jimenez received her extra credit from her aerobic class. And Stephanie Godinez, registered nurse major was receiving, "extra credit for my English 100 class."

And there were a few students and faculty who just enjoyed the event like Christina Hernandez, liberal arts major. Hernandez said, "I think it's a good thing, I brought in three bags of food with about 35 to 40 cans of food in them."

"I think it will be fun. I haven't ran with a large group of people before. I can't wait to start the event," said Amber Macden, health science major.

Another person who enjoyed the event was Tom Jackson, member of the Cerritos College board of trustees. "I like walking every day. This not only gives me an opportunity to walk, it gives me a chance to donate food."

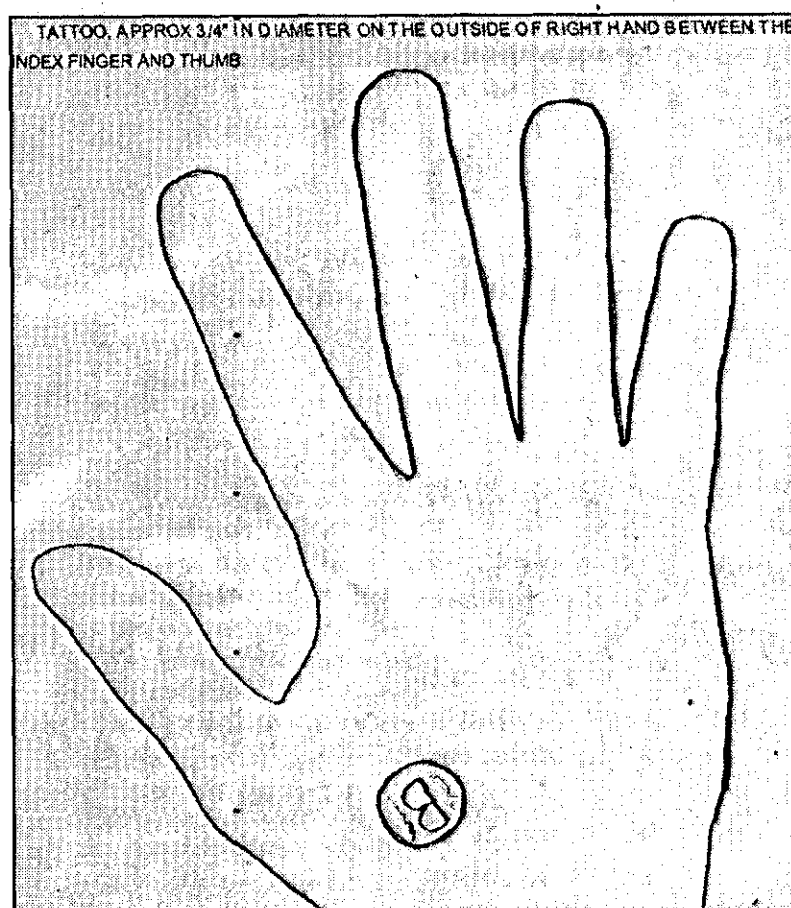
Victoria Banuelos, psychology major attended the turkey trot for extra credit and because she wanted to. "The first reason why I came is to give to needy families, and second to get extra credit, in that order too," Banuelos said.

Banuelos also said that it was good exercise, and it was as the two mile trot took it's participants all around campus, into the stadium for a lap and a half around the track and back into Falcon Square.

"There are two water stations contributed by Pepsi for this hot, sunny day," said Carrie Gleckner, department chair for fitness and wellness just before the participants in the race/walk took off.

At the finish line there was a mini health fair, which handed out condoms, flavored lubricant, toothbrushes, and free samples of food from Trader Joe's.

The Cerritos College Student Health Services was offering blood pressure and cholesterol tests. "This just isn't for Christmas, it's for year round," said vice mayor of Norwalk, Gordon Stofenhagen.



TATTOO, APPROX 3/4" IN DIAMETER ON THE OUTSIDE OF RIGHT HAND BETWEEN THE INDEX FINGER AND THUMB.
 COURTESY OF CAMPUS POLICE

ASSAULT:

Police still searching for suspect in sexual attack.

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In the Arts and Crafts Building, the President's Message was posted up on the doors and walls to notify students and faculty about watching out for suspicious activity.

There is police on campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Cerritos College Police Department is asking that anyone with information about this crime or the suspect to contact them. The Campus Police can be reached at (562) 924-3618 or (562) 860-2451, ext 2325.

On campus, students, staff and faculty can dial 911 from any phone or pick up any of the "emergency" phones on campus, which ring directly to the police department. It is also possible to relay information via the National "We Tip" hotline at 1-800-782-2463.

THINKING:

Head of physics discusses science and thinking

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For instance, "The mad scientist who made Frankenstein wasn't a scientist at all, he was a technologist explained Henriquez.

Scientists' main goal is to learn, and the technologist's main goal is to build things.

Henriques goes onto to correct the common mistakes the public and the press put onto certain scientific terms. One is the words was

"Model," Henriquez exclaimed. The super model in magazines and on billboards is a misinterpretation of the average person, a model must represent well.

The second word was, "Theory," Henriquez said. Again the average person thinks it is just a guess, when a theory is actually a scientific law like gravity.

Alejandra Perez, teaching major said of the talk, "It was exciting, everything he said I didn't know."

Most everyone is knowledgeable of the scientific theory but Henriquez has his own way of doing it. First one needs documentation that shows something,

then one needs repeatability, then objectivity, and last correct conclusions that prove ones theory.

For being Henriquez first critical thinking talk he seemed calm as he said, "I teach physical science, so this was nothing new to me."

Henriques holds a master in both physics and math, and used to work for Rockford Fosgate making the equations possible to pump out the clear music from a speaker

The Cerritos College Department of Philosophy held the talk in room SS 140. To get information on future talks contact Ana Torres-Bower, extension 2778.

MAC FAIR:

Vendors assemble on campus to display wares.

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DriveSavers® representative, Kelly Montana says that computer data could still be saved, even through a house fire.

"We can recover all data just by looking at the hard drive. We make an image of the drive and we use that to rebuild the files."

For Mac users who have no previous background with Photoshop programs, Colin Smith, author, photojournalist and designer of many How-to Photoshop books and dvds, offered his software for people wanting to learn more about this world of design.

"The people who go to these fairs belong to Mac communities and they come to talk about their computers and to find out about new software," - Keith Mueller, Show manager

"In these books and dvds, I train people to use Photoshop."

Those film geeks who are tired of cutting and re-editing over and over again that sound piece perfect no longer have to go to great heights with it. SmartSound Software Incorporated®, according to Stephanie Joyce, manager of

business development, says that a user can put their own music to their own movie and it will automatically fit in the timeline of the movie.

"The music picked will shorten itself to fit the piece. It will have a beginning, middle and end. We also offer music that users can buy and they don't have to worry about royalties. We have that covered already."

Unfortunately, the fair only held once a year, Mac users should not take an event like this for granted.

"These are for people to learn stuff. This expo has all the latest cutting-edge info," says Mueller. "This is a great time for people to share their experiences with other users."

For more information about the Mac Fair, visit www.macfair.org.

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Classified employee of the month named

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The month of October brings many things to the Student Activities Office, mainly a plethora of Homecoming activities that usually fall on the desk of Trudy Foster, intermediate typist clerk for Student Activities.

This year however, October has brought to the Student Activities Office and on to Foster's desk a sign that says, "You are standing in front of the desk of October Employee of the month."

Foster was selected by the employee of the month selection committee as the classified employee of the month for the month of October.

"I didn't get here on my own," Foster said.

"The people in this office and throughout the campus have helped," Foster added.

"I have friends that let me know what is happening that make my job easier."

According to Program Assistant I of Instructional Media Services, Debbie Thomas, who

chairs the committee, a group of 15 people selects the classified employee of the month.

The winner of each month is also entered into the running for employee of the year. The year runs from April to May. The winner at the end of the year receives a five hundred dollar award.

"It is not based on popularity it is based on merit," Thomas said.

"We look at each nomination and then I present a package to each committee member and then vote on it."

Out of the 14 votes 10 are required to select a candidate and the 15th member is there as a tie-breaker only.

It is based on what the nominator wrote and they do rule out nominations such as "he's a really cool guy," according to Thomas.

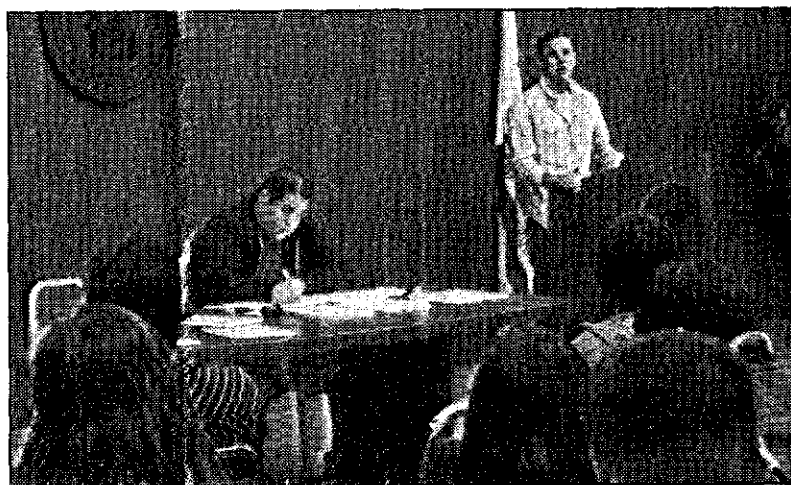
Foster, along with all other winners, will receive a printout of all the nice things discussed at the meeting that selected her employee of the month.

To Foster this is simply one of the perks of working with student as Cerritos.

"This job is fun, it's a lot of work but it is fun," Foster said.

Foster cited the Homecoming festivities as an example of a stressful situation, "like are they going to get their floats done on time," but added that it was also a lot of fun.

"I can't imagine working for Cerritos and not working with students," Foster added.



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Senate: Saul Romero Student Body Vice-President, allows Senator David Gomez to speak at the senate meeting last Wednesday at 2 p.m. at BK 111/112.

Senators aware of the pressed issues at hand

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The Talon Marks' Editor in Chief, Herrson Preciado, spoke to the Associated Students of Cerritos College Senate Wednesday during its meeting regarding the news paper and issues pertaining to senate concerns.

Preciado explained to the senate that each week, the newspaper staff tries to produce the best possible paper at the service of the students.

Soon after, Sen. Paulo Amaral informed the senate about some grammatical and factual errors he found in an issue of the paper.

Amaral added that a constructive way to make the paper better and help the staff may be to give reporters a list of events organized by the ASCC or clubs on campus.

This way, the paper will be able to cover every single event the school has organized.

A 'Dear Abby' section and a horoscope section in the paper were proposed.

The meeting moved on to other subjects, including a

reminder about the Friday application deadline for anyone interested in attending the leadership conference which will be held in San Diego for three days and two nights at a cost of \$50 per student.

The senate also touched on the Friday canned food collection by the ASCC and other campus clubs and organizations, and the reinforcement of the students and teachers' code of conduct.

ASCC President Josh Franco talked about the G.O. Bond and the list of proposed projects, and insisted senate members get involved in asking students what they need for courses like science and English, therefore, the money left from the G.O. Bond can be put to good use.

Franco also mentioned that the results and success of this measure probably will not be seen by students currently enrolled, but by future Cerritos College students.

Also, students were asked to be careful when walking alone at night. A person was attacked last week, and even though the attack is unusual for Cerritos campus, students still need to be aware of their surroundings, especially when walking alone at night.

UCLA tour available to transfer students

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Cerritos College transfer students will have the opportunity to tour the UCLA campus Friday.

Transportation will be provided with a bus leaving the college at 7:30 a.m. and returning at 5 p.m.

Students need to sign up at the Transfer Center by this Thursday at noon.

There is a \$5 deposit required to hold a seat on the bus. The money will be refunded on the day of the event, according to Amelia Vargas, transfer center staff.

"Any student interested in UCLA or any university campus can attend, even if they're not transferring this spring or fall," Vargas said.

Students can expect a campus tour, information on hous-

ing and financial aid and different workshops designed for transfer students.

"Transfer days are geared toward transfer students from community colleges," Vargas said.

UCLA academic counselors and student program representatives will be available for sessions with students.

"It gives students a chance to get a feel of the campus they might want to go to," Sushil Bhakta, fitness specialist program major said.

Students will be able to get helpful information from other UCLA transfer students, faculty and staff about the transfer process, in addition to a chance to experience UCLA.

"It's a good opportunity for students that want to continue past two year college life to get a perspective of what's out



CARLY LOZANO/TM

Honor: Trudy Foster shows off her award as she learns about her honor

FMLA to host fashion show

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The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance will be hosting a fashion show on Monday, Nov. 22 in the student center at 11 a.m.

This fashion show is not like your ordinary fashion show. It is geared toward revealing the origins of today's trends.

The goal of the show is to educate the student body about the terrible sweatshop conditions

clothing from popular brands are made under.

More of the popular success of making clothing, of our future is to have the stress of allowing children to make these clothing for the fashion of today on pennies is one of the topics being issued at the event.

What a difference it can make to help the voice of those people who can't speak for themselves.

We hope this great event will enable students to become more responsible shoppers.

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EDITORIAL

Don't become a victim of assault

On Nov 8, a sexual assault took place on this campus.

The assault took place near the Arts and Crafts building, so students were asked to be on high alert.

Signs were posted all over the Arts and Crafts Building notifying students and faculty to be aware of their surroundings and to always walk in pairs at night.

This incident brings up safety concerns that we, the Executive Editorial Board, would like to address.

We want to make sure that students and faculty are aware of the incident that happened last week. We also would like to provide you with the know-how on what to do to help protect yourselves while on campus.

With this incident happening so close to the end of the semester, we want to remind students of some of the safety tips they can use when on campus during the night or during the day.

So we have provided a list of Quick Safety Tips.

Cerritos College, like

other college campuses, has its share of crimes. Fortunately, the right attitude and actions can protect you and your belongings.

There are several things on campus that you can do to protect yourself.

The Cerritos College campus police are here to serve and protect us.

The campus police offer an Escort Service to students and faculty who would like a police escort to his or her car in the parking lot.

Not all crimes are happening during the night, crimes also occur during the day on campus.

You can also access the police web site to see what our crime statistics are from year to year.

We, along with campus police, urge you to be aware of your surroundings and develop a perception of what seems out of place or out of the ordinary.

Do not take chances.

What may appear to be harmless could be serious.

This could affect everyone

on campus if it is not reported as soon as you notice it.

Dr. Noelia Vela informed the staff, faculty and students by sending out a memo about the assault and attempted rape last Tuesday.

We are glad that this memo was sent out to notify the students that this incident took place.

It is important that everyone be notified and watch out for each other and his or her self.

We don't want anyone to become a victim of a crime. Please take the steps necessary to, keep yourself and others safe.

Know where the public phones are located around campus to make an emergency call to campus police.

If you need to report a crime or suspicious activity please contact the Cerritos College Police Department at (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2325.

If it is an emergency, dialing 911 on any of the public phones throughout campus will direct you to campus police.

Quick Safety Tips

1. Using common sense is often your best protection.
2. Use buddy system when walking to the parking lot.
3. Have keys in hand.
4. Be aware of your surroundings.
5. Immediately use emergency phones to report suspicious activities or incidents.
6. Don't bring large amounts of cash to school.
7. Lock your car and hide all valuables inside.
8. When you see something unusual, REPORT IT!

Mayhem, coming to a store near you



Oh, the holidays are approaching, quicker than even the average shopper can count down the days down to Christmas Day. The decorations are up and the holiday advertisements are all over the TV and newspapers.

I work for a retail store and about two weeks before Halloween, our store was preparing for Christmas. I think it is horrible when you can't even pause to think about one holiday and the stores are already in the Christmas brainwashing mode.

These are the days where you truly miss your childhood years when Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas were separate holidays and not all joined together by sales advertising.

Now that I work it's hard to tell the one from the other. You have to actually pause to think that Thanksgiving Day is only a week away and Christmas Day isn't far

behind. But the Holiday shoppers are out in full force since Halloween.

They come in herds with their young following behind them to destroy the departments that sales floor team members try so hard to keep clean for guests to shop.

Yes, I understand that it is my job to keep the department clean for guests to shop but can someone tell me why guests can't treat us with some courteous.

They drop clothing on the floor or just put it where it doesn't even go. Even worse they open up packages to see what the item looks like, like they couldn't see the picture or the size labeled on the outside of the package.

Now tell me why anyone comes into the store to shop for bras and underwear and not know what size they wear?

I have had guests ask me to check their bra size for them, it's like "ewwww there is a fitting room right there, please go look yourself?" Thank God no one has ever asked me his or her underwear size whew. But man if I haven't seen all, I will probably see something this holiday season.

And then you have the little monsters that run around the store messing up and getting lost from their parents who don't seem to remember that they brought them

with them.

The parents just seem to shop, shop, shop and then when they are ready to check out that is when they notice that their kids are missing. My advice for parents is if you are not going to take care of them while you shop don't bring them with you, get a babysitter.

And for heaven's sake don't yell at your kids for getting lost, they should be yelling at the parents for losing them in the store.

I believe you learn a lot from the people that you work with and that shop in your store.

Here are the things I have learned: It's a job and everyone has to work, so just do it. As if my uniform and name badge doesn't tell you I work here, I do.

Not all guests are right, but they sure try to be. And if you want Christmas decorations or gifts for everyone, do your shopping before Christmas Eve because don't expect the store to have it for you ready and wrapped.

So during the holiday season please be courteous to the workers in the stores because they can really help you if you are nice to them and treat them with some respect.



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Living in the wake of a society numb to gangs



People say you have to live through your own hell to understand what life is about.

But when you watch the effects of gangs change a loved one into someone you no longer recognize, it's hard to just let them "make their own mistakes."

Our society has grown numb to gangs and their consequences.

We watch the effects of gangs on television and think, "That's too bad" and change the channel.

In some movies and music videos, gangsters are almost worshipped.

They are projected as tough, respected and wanted by beautiful women.

Drugs, violence and sex are portrayed as the "cool" things to be involved in if you

want to be popular, respected and loved.

But the truth of it all is that gangs lead young children to lose interest in school, act out against their parents and have problems with the law.

Eventually, it becomes nearly impossible for them to escape their lifestyle.

My brother is 13 years old and he is going through the phase where he wants to get involved in what is considered cool and tough. In his case, gangs.

At first I was concerned with his change in clothes and hairstyle.

But like everyone else, I figured he'd grow out of it.

I figured that would happen because I went through a similar phase.

Fortunately, I realized that my friends weren't really my friends and that I didn't want to end up in drugs, pregnant or having to watch my back everywhere I went.

I realized I deserved more than a life like that and my choice in friends changed drastically.

My husband made a comment the other

day.

He said, "All of yours friends are very well grounded. They either go to school, work or do both."

I told him the reason was that I have learned to pick and choose my friends.

While I don't believe you should be judged by who you hang out with, your friends will eventually have a positive or negative effect on your life.

That is why I got a little nervous when I started to notice my brother's sudden change in choice in friends.

With a change in associations came a change in attitude.

He started tagging, getting into fights, losing complete interest in schoolwork and rebelled against the entire family.

It's amazing how drastically a person can change in a couple of months of hanging with the wrong crowd.

But what's the hardest to comprehend is how impossible it is to put some sense into the person's head.

God knows we have tried everything

CAMPUS COMMENT

"How do you feel about the protests on campus?"

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"It's their right to protest. If they don't, their voice will go unheard."

MIGUEL VILLAGRAN
Undecided major



"It's okay to protest as long as they don't get out of hand."

ROCHE ARLINE
Psychology major



"It's good because they are aware of what's going on in the world. I was in a protest and it wasn't hurting anyone."

CECILIA RODRIGUEZ
Mathematics major



"It should be enforced. If they protest, they should be informed on what they are protesting. People should wake up from apathy and hit the government."

EZRA MILLER
Norwalk resident



"It's a free country for the most part. People can protest for what they believe in."

EDDIE RODRIGUEZ
Undecided major



"I'm all for protesting. There are thousands of people on this campus and if a protester wants their voice heard, then why not?"

DIMETRICK RICHMOND
Business Education major

possible to keep my brother away from bad associations.

But that is the person he wants to be and he will continue to be it whether we give him rules or not.

The most difficult part is trying to convince him that gangs lead to death. He feels invincible.

No matter how much outside help I find for him, it tears my heart to know that it is true what people say.

He will not understand that he is throwing his life away until something bad happens to him.

Until he is beat, shot or thrown in jail.

I don't want him to learn about life that way and it is hard for me to think that it may be the only way for him to stop.

I just don't think I am strong enough to live through what I consider my own hell.

That of, God forbid, ever having to see him lying in a coffin, because he was not strong enough to "live through" his own hell.

Changing the world at 10



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Voting. An American duty. It's what keeps the wheels of the Disney parade float that symbolizes Democracy moving down the Main Street that symbolizes the world.

A privilege that many wait until their 18th birthday to do for the first time.

And to think I was doing it since I was 10.

No, I didn't have a friend who worked at the polls, and no, my mom didn't sneak me a ballot when she voted.

She just voted for everything I told her to.

My mom has always had the best intentions when it comes to doing her duty.

But in the early years of acquiring her citizenship through naturalization, she had a very difficult time making sense of those simple, easy to understand, straight forward propositions and discerning from true and correct leaders and two faced snakes.

Hers was truly a unique situation.

Thus, she approached me with her concern and her need for me to help her sort out the politics and how she should vote in every election.

In most cases this would be a proposition of the blind leading the blind.

But I took it upon myself to do all I could to give my mom the best analysis and in-depth investigation on the issues a library card and 10 hours of TV a day could give me.

Aside from the fair and balanced coverage on television, I also had the actual fair and balanced booklet sent to my mother via mail.

Every day, within two or three weeks of the election, my eyes would light up when I saw the mailman come near our door.

"This is it, the day I am getting 'the book,'" I would tell myself until the day it actually arrived.

Eventually, my thoughts turned to, "This is the day I'm getting more junk."

Regardless, I read those pamphlets and flyers like a legal document.

I read every word and put it next to the flyer I had received days earlier from the opposition.

That is when I started understanding the concept of two sides to everything.

It was also the time when I figured out someone was obviously lying and spending a lot of money to do so.

Until then I still went to bed with my Teddy Ruxpin in hand, and a belief that if the omnipotent voice on TV, you could never see, said hours of fun for the entire family, then that's what it was going to be.

But like most things in life tag lines like that came up short by a large margin.

As I learned more and more, I started to get frustrated and angry at the misleading and disingenuous campaigns in general.

Yes, I had reached my peak of voter interest by the age of 13.

I was almost at the point where I wanted to quit and let the rest of the country, county, and city decide what President, Official, bond they want to elect, reelect, and pass.

But one thing kept me from doing so and kept me in the loop long enough to hit my second wind as it were and want to participate again, my mother.

She didn't always know exactly what she was voting on, or what a certain proposition would do, but she always knew it was her duty because she had gone through so much to become a citizen.

And that with all the government had and was doing for her (protection security, and opportunities, not any stinking program) she had to give something back and voting was one of those things.

After she let me know exactly how she felt about voting, I never looked back.

If someone who wasn't born in this country and who lived for 22 years in another country was willing to do whatever it took to do her duty, then I was going to do the same.

I was going to do the same as a natural born citizen and someone who thanks his parents and God for allowing him to be one, when he easily could not have been.

When I was 17 my mother started to be able to read and discern information on her own after years of coaxing and teaching on my part.

She still asks me what I'm voting on and what I think, but more as a reference than anything else.

There is no TEAM in swimming



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❖ Despite the futile attempts of high school and many club programs to make it a team, competitive swimming is an individual, not a team sport.

Is swimming a team sport?

I think not!

Although many high schools and club teams try to make swimming a team sport by making up relays and making every race count for points then they add them up to see who wins, it's not a team sport.

I mean, sure, if you mess up, it does reflect on your relay team, but they're not exactly in the water helping you out either.

Swimming is truly an individual sport. Even in a race, when you swim against other people, it's still only about you and the clock.

If you swim to beat the person next to you, than you're not a swimmer, because a true swim-

mer knows all that really matters at the end of the race, whether you finish first or last, is your time.

So how does that count as team effort? It doesn't. No one but you can improve or worsen your time. It's all up to the individual, not the team.

For example, when I'm mentally preparing for a race, I'm not thinking, "I've got to beat the person next to me" or "I've got to do this for the team."

I'm actually thinking, "What's my time? What time do I need? What time do I want? How can I drop just one second?"

The last thing on my mind at the end of a race is what place I got and how my race helped my "team."

Even the coaches are more concerned about the time.

Not about how the team did together, but how well each swimmer did individually.

For example, you don't see a coach saying, "Hey, Suzy, don't swim like this. It will affect Daisy."

No, he or she will say, "Suzy, don't take too long on your flip-turns."

It will affect your time; not the team's score.

You'll see coaches at swim meets are busy taking splits off of every event for every swimmer.

Why?

Because it's not beneficial to the "team," only to the individual.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Tribute? I'll show you tribute

Subject: Chalk Tribute: Is it Really?

I, for one, being a veteran, would really like to think that it was.

But somehow I have my doubts.

I question the use of chalk outlines of fallen troops.

Usually, I only see these at crime scenes.

I hope that they weren't implying that our troops are victims or criminals?

Neither suggestion would seem appropriate as a "tribute."

Why not something more fitting such as honors to our American flag along with a speech thanking these Americans for serv-

ing our country?

Maybe my confusion lies in the fact that I can't reconcile why some of the presenters of this "tribute" say that they support the troops but want the "murdering" of Iraqis to stop.

Hmmm, lets see, they support the troops right?

But then aren't the troops the ones that pull the triggers and drop the bombs that "murder" Iraqis?

The use of the word "murder" to characterize the casualties that occur on the battlefield of Iraq coupled with chalk outlines suggests that there is something criminal about our war in Iraq.

Was that the real point of this

"tribute?"

I can't stomach that thought because of the dishonor and disgrace that it would be to the young men and women who have laid down their lives for our country as well as the disrespect for the families of the fallen.

So I am going to give the presenters the benefit of the doubt and look at it as a tribute.

I just ask one thing, next time you want to honor our heroes, please let me know.

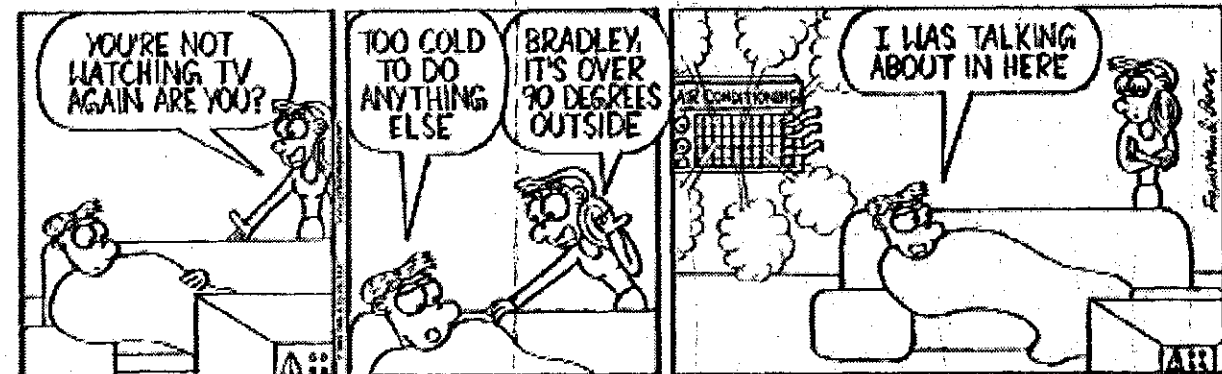
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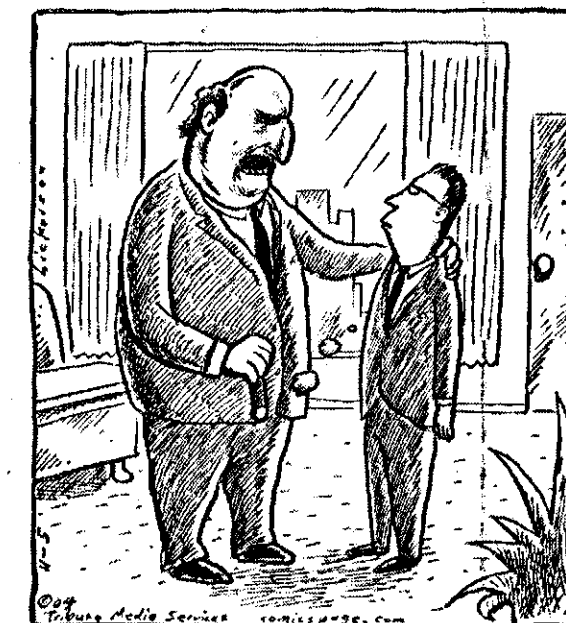
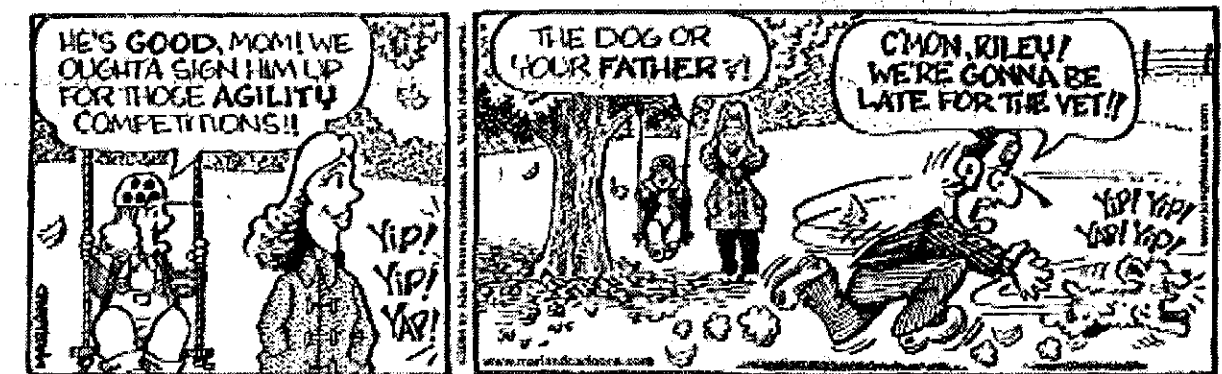
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"I like what I see in you, Pierpont. In fact, I'd like to take you under my wing ... carry you back to my nest ... and feed you to my young."

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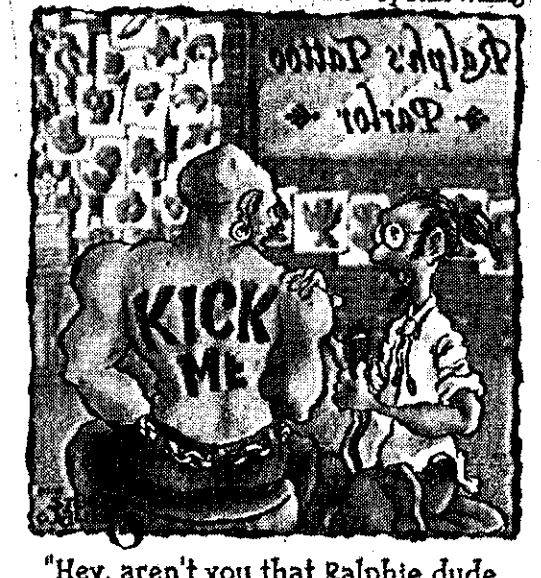
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❖ Dance department hosts concert Nov 4-6.

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Dance students at Cerritos College showed off their skills and grace at the Fall 2004 Concert last weekend, sponsored by the Cerritos College Dance Department and the ASCC.

"I really enjoyed the different types of dances," said Kumar Brahmabhatt, pediatric major.

Performances at the concert ranged from classical ballet to Irish folk dances.

Besides students, professional guest dancers were also invited to perform at the concert.

Kenji Yamaguchi, one of the guest performers born in Japan, provided the audience with a preview of a choreography that he will be performing in New York this summer.

Yamaguchi has performed throughout Asia, but continues to study dance here in Los Angeles.

He was also in the Olympics gymnastic competition in Los Angeles.

His counterpart for the performance was Kana Miyamoto, also a professional dancer.

"I was really excited to see the Asura

performance. I had heard about Kenji Yamaguchi," said Ericka Sanchez, undecided.

Another performance that the audience members enjoyed was titled Red Hot. It was an Irish folk dance performance put on by the Aniar Academy.

Two small child-dancers also performed in the concert and received standing ovations from the audience.

"My favorite part was the kids. The professionalism present in such small children left me in awe. They only look like six years old, and they're so graceful," said Marina Vega, undecided.

There was also an excerpt from the ballet rendition of Sleeping Beauty that

was choreographed by Daniel Berney. There were 10 performers who performed excerpts from the third act.

The body movements and facial gestures replaced words and song during the excerpt, and it was through body language that the dance students portrayed feelings and emotions.

Many of the contemporary dances used different lightings as a technique to set the mood of the performance.

Lighting colors, as well as the colors of the costumes were intended to reflect emotions and sentiments.

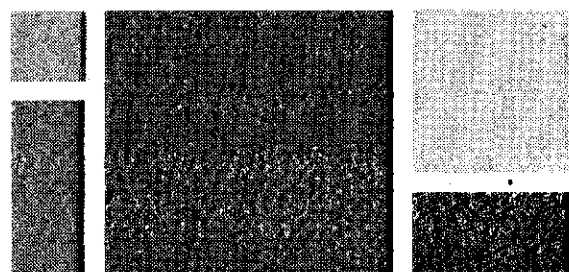
"I think the greatest impact from the performances beside the actual dance was the setup. I think that the colors were used

to stimulate certain responses from audience members. I even felt a certain way depending on the set-up of the individual acts," said Serena Sedillo, a student from Gahr High School in Artesia.

There were a great many players not only on stage, but behind the scenes.

Dr. Daniel Smith, instructional dean of HPER and athletics and director of student activities, Holly Bogdanovich, as well as dance department chair Janet Sanderson, who was also the concert director, and her assistant Yvonne Bartoli all helped make the concert a success.

The concert was sold out, and people were even turned away at the ticket booths.



Dance concert: Students portray emotion through body language and facial gestures for a dance concert on Nov. 4 - 6 at the Burnight Theatre.
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The oldest band in America plays on

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Music filled the Cerritos College gymnasium Saturday night, as "The President's Own" United States Marine Band, entertained hundreds of people, both Cerritos College students and members of the community, for roughly two hours.

Mary Davidson Farrell, a resident of Dallas, Texas, traveled hundreds of miles to see her niece, Kristin Davidson, a French horn player in the band, perform with the ensemble.

"I can't even begin to say how proud I am of her," Farrell said. "The performance tonight was wonderful. I appreciated the variety they played. It was an honor to see this band perform."

"The President's Own" United States Marine Band, under Director Lt. Col. Michael J. Colburn, played an array of tunes.

The performance set list included: March, "The Free Lance", Toccata Marziale, Hymn to the Fallen (from Saving Private Ryan), and March, "The Stars and Stripes Forever" among other tunes.

Shirley Cooper, a community member of the city of Sherman Oaks said, "I think the commitment and dedication to the music is what I appreciate most."

Also in attendance Saturday night, were many WWII veterans, as well as veterans from other wars and services.

Joe Valdivia, a Corporal of

the Marine Corps who served in Vietnam says, "Once a Marine always a Marine."

"It's great that they are honoring all the service men tonight. I feel a lot of pride being here tonight. I appreciate all the people who came out tonight to listen to the men and women of this band and what they do. I'm proud of our servicemen."

The night was filled with emotion, as the band played special tribute songs to not only the soldiers who are currently at war, but to the veterans of all past wars as well.

Retired Lt. Colonel Hodges, a veteran of WWII, a man who served with the service for 30 years, a man who once fought in Okinawa, the first battle of WWII, which featured the most casualties said, "I enjoyed it. I like the army; I feel closeness with the military."

Aurelia Barreras, anthropology major says, "The concert was inspiring and patriotic. It showed how much people are into music and into their country. I thought it was awesome it gave me pride for my country. I love the military and I am proud to come from a family who served in the military."

As the night concluded, the band played a tribute to all the services, by playing the theme tune to each one. The band played as the speaker called out: Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and finally Marines. Upon calling each service, both men

and women stood up proudly as they represented the service they belonged to.



"The President's Own" United States Marine Band plays Hymn to the Fallen from Saving Private Ryan (1998)

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Most people in attendance were extremely emotional

throughout the night sometimes shedding a tear. Upon finishing the final piece, the band was applauded and the uproaring

crowd gave the band a standing ovation.

"It made me feel so good," Barreras said. "I felt swelled with

joy and pride hearing all the services called, since both my dad and grandfather served in the Navy and Marine Corps."



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Band members of "Pray for the Soul of Betty" from left to right: Bassist Taylor Pala, Drummer Hamboussi, Vocalist Constantine Maroulis, and Guitarist Joao Joya.

New Religion hits the Viper Room

A "homegrown New York rock 'n roll" band comes to the City of Angels and prays for the soul of "Betty."

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Under the rotating disco ball in a room named after a snake, the city of Los Angeles found religion and it came in the form of four musicians from New York City.

Lead singer, Constantine Maroulis, had L.A.'s Viper Room, in unison, "Pray for the Soul of Betty."

"South side New York. The five Boroughs," Maroulis yelled into the microphone as the audience clapped in endorsement of "Pray for the Soul of Betty's" rock gem, "Truck Stop Sally" came off the PA.

With Joao Joya on guitar,

Taylor Pala on the bass and Hamboussi beating the hell out of the drums, "Betty," cranked out forceful songs like "Suicide," seems destined to be at the top of the intense rock list up there with Nirvana and Tori Amos, but before they can smell like teen spirit, they might have to put in a few more shows throughout the country.

To accompany their forceful lyrics, is an autonomic stage presence that only ascends with each minute on stage.

The band leaves no wooden stage tile untouched and it seemed as if the Viper Room's stage could barely hold them as they were crashing into each other.

At one point, I halfway expected Hamboussi to get in on the onstage moshing, drums and all.

"Every show is great, we can only get better," Pala said at the end of their 45 minute set.

No strangers to travel, the group may coin themselves as, "NYC Homegrown Rock-n-Roll," but they originate from

all over the world and have toured the country for the second time as a group this year.

No strangers to L.A. either, "Betty" has graced us with their presence before, with shows at the Whiskey a Go Go.

"I wouldn't trade the show at the Whiskey for anything," said Pala, "that was a great night."

"New York is our hometown. We have a great fan base there, but we love L.A.," Pala said.

"The fans in L.A. and New York are probably the two most identical. They are a bit sedated."

"In the middle parts of the country, they are ready for you, just waiting for you to rock."

"Here, it's more like they are waiting for us to impress. Like, 'Show me what you got,'" Pala explained.

If L.A. and New York aren't, as Pala put, it "easily impressed," then "Betty" made it seem so.

There was not one bored face in the room and according

to Maroulis, even the "cute waitresses [were] wearing our shirts."

The crowd remained into the show until the very end with not single person leaving before the prayer session ended.

Also coerced to "Pray for the Soul of Betty," were the judges of the "Billboard 12th Annual World Song Contest."

"Truck Stop Sally," along with being a great intense rock song, is an award winning intense rock song.

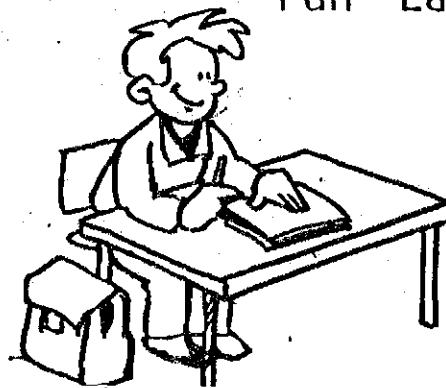
It won honorable mention for being placed in the top 1,500 entries in the original Rock/Alternative Rock composition category.

According to the judges, "Only the highest quality songs make it to the top. This honor demonstrates the talent and dedication it takes to write a 'Hit Song.'"

"Truck Stop Sally," along with the rest of their music, is available for sampling and purchase at www.prayforthesoulof-betty.com.

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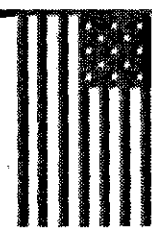
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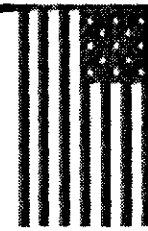
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Norwalk celebrates Veterans Day



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There were flags, a band, and lots of hero's present at the Veterans Day ceremony last Thursday at the Norwalk City Hall.

Veterans day, which was formally known as Armistice day originated on Nov. 11 of 1918, which is the anniversary of the end of World War I. It is always held on the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month.

It originated in London and France, but became a holiday in the United States on 1926 and a national holiday in 1954 when the name was officially changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. Veterans.

Not only was the holiday celebrated at the ceremony, but awards were given out as well.

Norwalk's Mayor, Cheri Kelley, rededicated a memorial to Korean War Veterans. The plaque was refurbished and rededicated to the present vets who fought in this particular war. It read: "Dedicated to the Memory of those who served in Korea."

Also present were five women veterans who were surprised to find that they were also being honored with their own plaque for fighting in past wars as well.

Mayor Kelley also pointed out that one woman was wearing her original uniform.

"Veteran is a title you can wear proudly here in the city of Norwalk," said Mayor Kelley.

The event included guests like the Norwalk All City Band, Richard Benninger who is the Commander of the American Legion Post #359 here in Norwalk, and keynote speaker James T. Nagara.

Also included in the ceremony was a Gold Star presentation in honor of Lance Corporal (LCPL) Derek Gardner of the U.S. Marine Corps. Gardner grew up in Norwalk, and was killed in "Iraqi Freedom 2." His family received the news of his death on Sept. 6, 2004. Gardner's grandparents were affectionately hugged and kissed by Mayor Kelley as she presented them with an award to honor Gardner.

Mayor Kelley credited the success of the event to the local American Legion Post #359. "We have a very

active American Legion in the city. This was successful because of their help, along with city staff."

The American Legion held a luncheon afterwards at their post (#359), and invited all those present at the ceremony.

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Lloyd Farrar, a fellow veteran who joined the army when he was 20 years old, is now 67 and is one of the many helping hands at the American Legion. Farrar was one of those who served in World War Two, and helped to start Norwalk's American Legion which has been there since 1933.

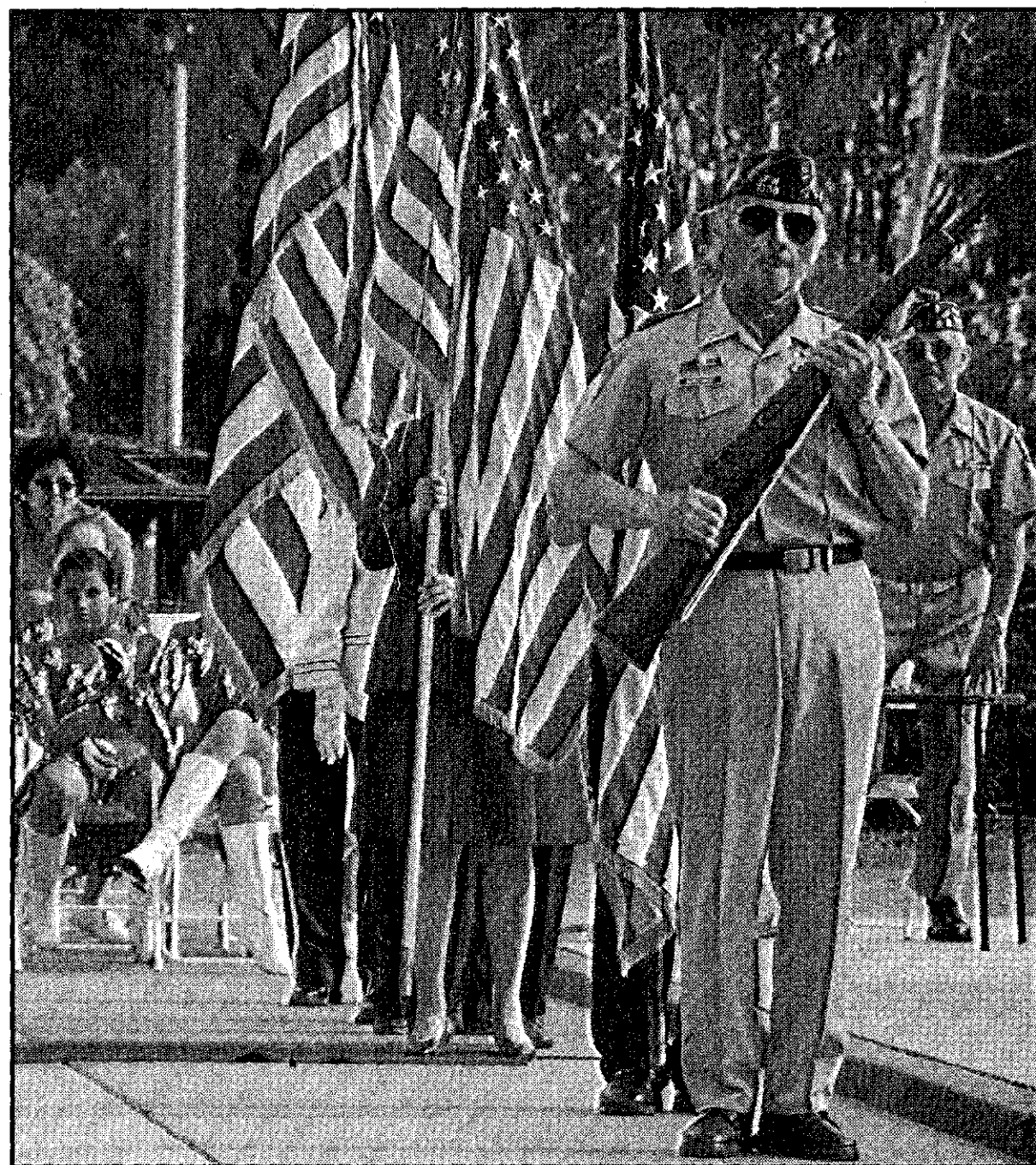
And according to Benninger, Farrar's hands were among a group's who helped to actually build the Legion brick by brick.

"Farrar joined the American Legion after he got out of the service many years ago. He tells stories of friends, the other side of war, and tales from World War 2. "I remember once, we had to go to the Philippines, and we were ordered to evacuate one of the towns there. The Japanese had been there, and they were raping the women and children," Farrar says, "some of them were hiding underground. They'd even have bar-b-que's underground. It was horrible, they went through so much. All we could do was help them."

"When we returned from war, it was very hard to talk about it, and you weren't supposed to," Farrar said, "but now, I think it's good to talk about it. It makes our history rich."

The Norwalk All City Band, led by director Lee Mitchell closed out the celebration with the song "God Bless America," and the Combined Color Guard, which was made up of 2 different posts (#359, and #7138) retired the colors (flags).

Rosa Garcia, who is has been a citizen on Norwalk for 20 years, and also works in Reliable Energy, was there to support her daughter in the band. "My daughters in the band, so that's mainly why I came. But it was a great presentation. It definitely makes you think. Definitely," Garcia said.



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Retired: A combination of Legion posts 359 and 7138 retire the colors at the ceremony Thursday

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For the Falcons, Pedro Garcia, rated No. 4 in the state at heavyweight, defeats his final opponent in 5:33. Cerritos is currently in first place.

Wrestling grapples share of title

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Cerritos routed the East Los Angeles College Huskies in the last home match of the season 48-10 Wednesday.

The Cerritos College wrestling team, ranked No. 6 in the state, defeated the Huskies via six wins by pin. The Falcons handed East Los Angeles a loss as a conference finale.

With the win, Cerritos secured at least a share of the conference title with Santa Ana College with a

4-0-1 record, while it improved to 9-1-1 on the season.

Cerritos had not been home for a match since Oct. 20 against Mt. San Antonio College, where it won 25-19. Also, with the win the Falcons finished the season 3-0.

Earning pins in the win against the Huskies was sophomore Eugene Yasutomi, ranked No. 1 in the state at 125 pounds.

He defeated Ray Saucedo in 2:04, while freshman 133-pound Carlos Alaniz, ranked No. 5 in the state, needed 2:31 to defeat Steven Torres.

At 149 pounds, No. 5 ranked

sophomore Ryan Garcia pinned Andy Lopez in 2:53, while freshman J.J. Lewis posted his win in 3:21.

As for freshman Emanuel Newton, he required 1:21 to record his win, with freshman Pedro Garcia, rated No. 4 in the state at heavyweight, defeating his opponent in 5:33.

Also registering a win by forfeit were freshman 165-pound Ronnie Hopkins, who's ranked No. 5 in the state, and 184-pound Nathan Sare who picked up a forfeit win.

Cerritos forfeited at 141

pounds, while sophomore Michael Gomes was defeated, 18-8 at 174 pounds.

This weekend, the team will travel to Wyoming to face two community college teams and then compete in a tournament the following day.

The Falcons will square off against Western Wyoming College on Saturday morning and then face defending national champion Northwest Wyoming College later that day.

Sunday, Cerritos will compete in the Cowboy Open, which will run the entire day.

Football season ends with loss

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The Falcons' football season ended with a crushing defeat by the hands of Palomar College, 30-7 last Saturday.

Playing their last game of the season, some 86 miles away at Mission Hills High School, the loss dropped them to 3-7 on the year.

Head Coach Frank Mazzotta said, "Both teams played horrible, but someone had to win."

The game also added an injury to the already injury-plagued Falcons. Tim McCulloch, cornerback, went down in the second quarter after making an interception in the end zone on the previous drive.

Mazzotta credits this year's Falcons' losing record to the many injuries suffered by the team.

"You just cannot win on the junior college level when you lose 15 of your starters to injury."

McCulloch made number 16 on the long list of starters that went down to injury, which made winning virtually impossible for the Falcons, Mazzotta explained.

The game ends Kevin Brown's tenure at Cerritos. The Falcon quarterback will not be

returning. Brown has already played his two years of junior college ball, and is not eligible for next year.

Despite throwing three interceptions in his final game as a Falcon, Brown threw for 177 yards and almost became just the third Falcon quarterback to throw for 2,000 yards in a season.

Brown threw a lot of long balls in the first half, but they proved to be fruitless as his team was pushed back when the Falcon squad would commit a turnover.

The first half proved to be a disaster for the Falcons as they were shut out. The only person scoring was Palomar's kicker, Enrique Leyva, who kicked in three field goals to make it 9-0 Comets, at the break.

The end zone was reached twice by Palomar in the third quarter to make it, 23-0, Comets going into the fourth quarter.

It looked like a shutout until Brown ran the ball in for a touchdown from four yards out, making it 23-7 Palomar.

When reflecting back on the season Mazzotta said, "Our team may have suffered a lot of injuries but they never quit, we were just not good enough."

Loss to Vikings spikes volleyball into third place

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The Falcons dropped to 11-6 overall and 7-3 on the South Coast Conference after a 3 sets to 1 (30-23, 24-30, 21-30, 20-30) home defeat at the hands of Long Beach City College.

After the game, Head Coach Teresa Ortega said, "We played well the first set, and after that we relaxed and could not pick up the momentum...Also, Long Beach played so much better than us."

The next match is Wednesday at 5 p.m. at Mt. San Antonio College.

The first set was very close, with each team exchanging leads throughout.

But when the Vikings took a 22-20 lead, Stephanie Crowell, Faith Malaki, and Shanell McMillen took over the set and finished it on a 10-1 run.

The Falcons were able to tie the score 24-24 on the second set, but the Vikings ended the set on a 6-0 run to make it 30-24 Vikings.

On the third set the Falcons kept the score within one until Long Beach went up by 10 points and Cerritos could not find its passing game, which made it difficult to come back against the Vikings, especially when Kimberly Stolk was injured.

Cerritos kept the game even through the fourth set, but the Vikings went on an 8-0 run that pretty much gave Long Beach a 30-20 set win and the match.

The Vikings (11-6 and 9-2 in the South Coast Conference) were led by setter Shanae Charette, who had 47 assists. Most of these were kills by Erika Watts and Natalie Seull.

Falcon Naomi Hobayan finished with 36 digs, some of which helped Cerritos stay in the match.

Assistant Coach Jesse Rodriguez gave an honest assessment of the game, "Half the team played to win, the other half played not to lose. So we need to find out what kind of team we are and get on the same page for the next game."



COURTESY OF CERRITOS ATHLETICS

Conference champions: The men's water polo team poses after winning the conference championship for the first time since 1966. They went on to finish second in the So Cal Championship. They now travel to Mt. San Antonio College for the State Championship.

Falcons fly into state championship

With another win over cross-town rival Long Beach City College in the semi-finals of the Southern California men's water polo regional playoffs, the Cerritos Falcons have advanced to the State Championships for the first time since they won their only title in 1966.

The Falcons recorded a suspenseful 6-4 win over the Vikings, which advanced them to the Southern California championship match, where they were defeated by Golden West College, 11-7. However, the top three teams from

Southern California, as well as the top three teams from Northern California advance to the state championships, which will be held this Friday and Saturday at Mt. San Antonio College.

"This was a great accomplishment for our team," said second year Head Coach Joe Abing.

"The win over Long Beach proved that the last one was no fluke," added Abing, referring to the team's win over Long Beach City in the South Coast Conference championships a week earlier.

"We now have an opportunity to play for the state championship, which is something I wanted to bring to Cerritos when I got here last year."

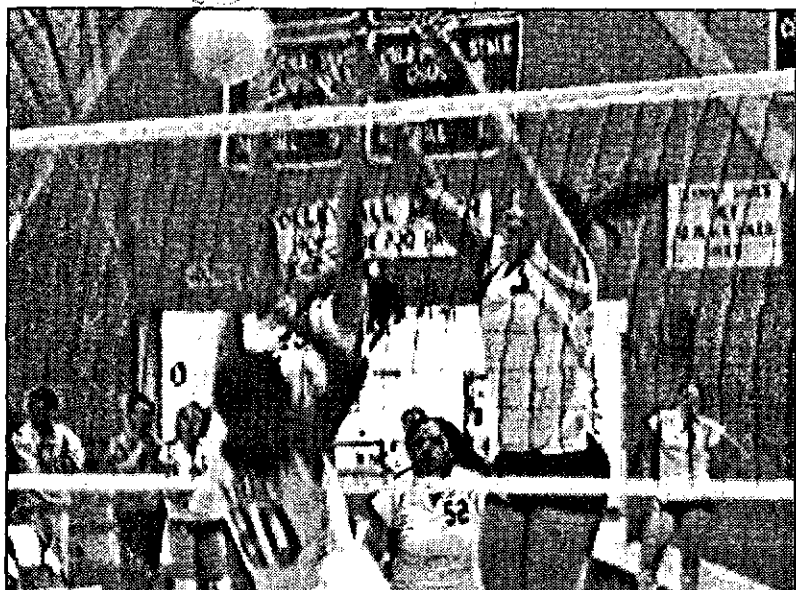
The Falcons will be paired in the state championships bracket with West Valley, the No. 1-ranked team from Northern California and the Vikings, who defeated Riverside in the third place game to advance.

The teams in the bracket will play each other once on Friday, and the team with the best record will advance to the championship game.

Cerritos opened their game against Long Beach City without Sean Gutierrez, who was ejected in the team's second round win against Grossmont.

The Falcons were riding an 18-game winning streak entering the championship match, but found themselves down 5-2 after the first period.

"Golden West did a great job with their fast break and scored all of their first period goals that way," said Abing.



COURTESY OF CERRITOS ATHLETICS

Falcon volleyball: No. 23 and No. 8 for Cerritos, Renee Clock and Erika Rangel respectively, block a Viking shot. The Falcons won the first game, but went on to lose the next three and the match.

Basketball season starts with two losses

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Despite some outstanding play from guard Niki Sims, the Cerritos College women's basketball team kicked off the new season with a 1-2 San Diego Mesa Tournament finish.

The Falcons began the tourney with a 63-56 win over the Irvine Valley Lasers in the first round, but

went on to lose their next two matches to Antelope Valley 65-60 and Bakersfield 66-55 to start the season 1-2.

The team will get an opportunity to bounce back this weekend when they play in the Glendale tournament, starting off with Santa Ana this Friday at 3 p.m.

A win will advance the Falcons to the semi-finals where they will face the winner of the

San Diego Mesa-Glendale winner. If the Falcons lose, they play the loser of that same game.

The only two sophomores on the Falcons' team posted big numbers in the win over Irvine Valley.

Sims provided an offensive explosion going 11 of 18 for a career high 26 points, also adding 10 rebounds, five steals, four blocks, and three assists.

Much of the same came from

Daisy Benjamin, as she scored 20 points, had a game-high 12 rebounds and five assists.

Turnovers were detrimental in the semifinals as the Falcons committed 21 of them and also shot poorly from the line, going 15-27.

In the third game the Renegades, led by Nicole Goss with 21 points, pulled away with timely shooting and a 14-7 run in the last minutes to seal the win.

Falcons win league

♦ Men's soccer team scores five times in clincher.

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The Cerritos College men's soccer team, 13-3-2 overall record, clinched the South Coast Conference title with a 5-0 domination of Compton College.

The conference title is third in the history of the men's soccer program.

Along with the title, the Falcons have earned the No. 2 seed behind Santa Monica in the playoffs and with it, a first round bye.

Their first match will be this Saturday at 2 p.m.

Cerritos will play host to the winner of the No. 7 Orange Coast and No. 10 Santa Barbara City match.

Head Coach Juan Sanchez and Assistant Coaches Benny Arteaga, Hugo Mendez and Henry Perez kept reminding the players to keep their heads on the game.

"The players came with the desire to play to the best of their abilities," Sanchez said.

"I am glad...they (players) were able to clinch the championship at home," Sanchez added.

The Falcons started slow and if it were not for goalkeeper Robert Carrillo, who made two key saves, the outcome of the game could have been different.

After the two saves the Falcons settled and started to attack Compton at will, with a barrage of long and short passes that finally

broke down the Compton defense in the 15th minute.

It was a long pass from midfielder Jesse Luna that forward Roberto Jorge headed past the Tartar keeper to give Cerritos the early 1-0 lead.

Moments later, forward Adrian Gonzalez was fouled inside the Tartar box. However, midfielder Salvador Sanchez missed the penalty kick.

In the 38th minute, Gonzalez received a pass from forward Eduardo Padilla, and Gonzalez did the rest, eluding three Compton defenders and putting the ball in the Tartar goal.

The Falcons wasted no time and took their momentum into the second half making the score 3-0 when

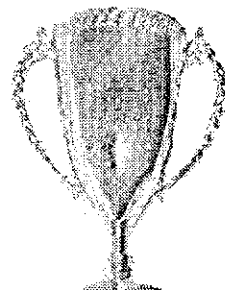
Eduardo Padilla scored off a pass from Gonzalez.

The Tartars were forced to pull a defender, to attack more, but the Falcons scored two more goals, one from Padilla and the other from Gonzalez, making the final score 5-0.

After the game Gonzalez said, "I feel very happy for the team, and also personally, because everything I did went right for me today and got me out of a funk I had been in."

Gonzalez finished the regular season with 14 goals and mentioned that he is looking forward to "the challenge and the harder competition" in regards to the playoffs.

Before the team started to celebrate their win, defender Anthony Padilla said, "We played hard and represented the white and blue, to make Cerritos proud."



MARIA GUTIERREZ/IM

Champions: Cerritos scores its first goal in conference title win. The win brings Cerritos its third soccer title in school history.

Michael Jordan an alien? Maybe

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Now that the Red Sox won, the Patriots lost, and John Kerry conceded, we can get on with basketball.

Yes! The National Basketball Association is back, and there are so many subplots that you can expect CBS to add CSI-NBA to next year's fall lineup.

Whether it is the continuation of the Kobe-Shaq saga, the possible rise of King James in Cleveland, the McYao experiment in

Houston, the possibility of Tim Duncan being even more boring, or the departure of Derek Fisher...wait who's Derek Fisher again?...the NBA has its fill of storylines.

But there is one storyline you can't help but follow. How good will Kobe (Bryant) be this year and how close will he get to Michael Jordan on the all time greatest two-guard-with-game-scale.

It really doesn't matter because Jordan is an alien.

And I'm not talking about some run of the mill resident alien from Mexico like my mom.

He is from the planet where E.T., the extra terrestrial, David Letterman, Andy Kaufman and

Gonzo from the "Muppets" are.

So, in the spirit of ripping things off much funnier aliens, here are my top 10 reasons why Jordan is an alien.

10. Those weird rechargeable battery commercials Jordan was in. Aliens love the taste of Alkaline.

9. Jordan could fly just like Superman. Superman was an alien.

8. He beat the Lakers in the NBA finals. That just doesn't happen unless you have a cast of relatively unknown guys from Detroit.

7. He refers to Kobe as the really good human player from Los Angeles.

6. He was able to multiply himself and play a one-on-one match against his clone.

5. He lives off some colored substance named for a college football program.

4. Ever seen Space Jam?

3. He's a star basketball player who never made a rap album.

2. He taught Superman how to score with the chicks.

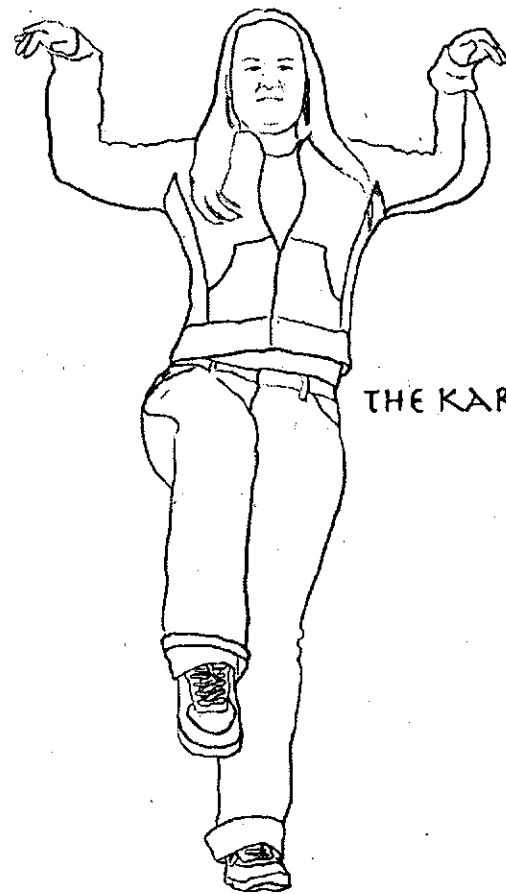
And the No. 1 reason Jordan is an alien is....

1. Gov. Schwarzenegger is proposing a constitutional amendment to allow Jordan to be the president of basketball operations for the Washington Wizards, but this time for real.

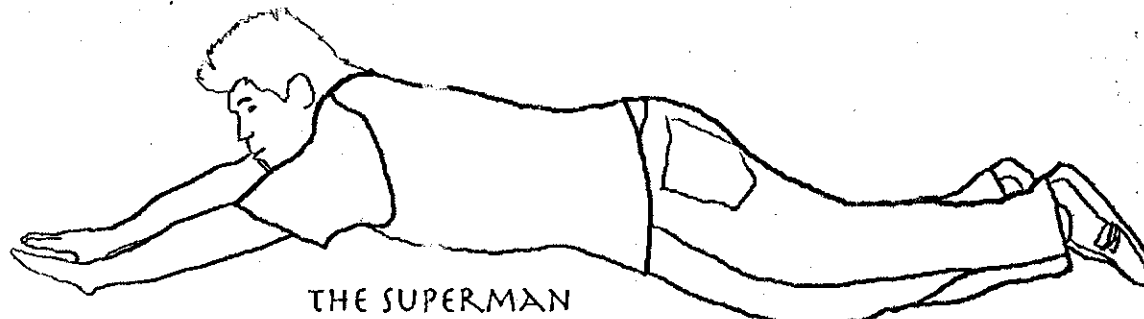


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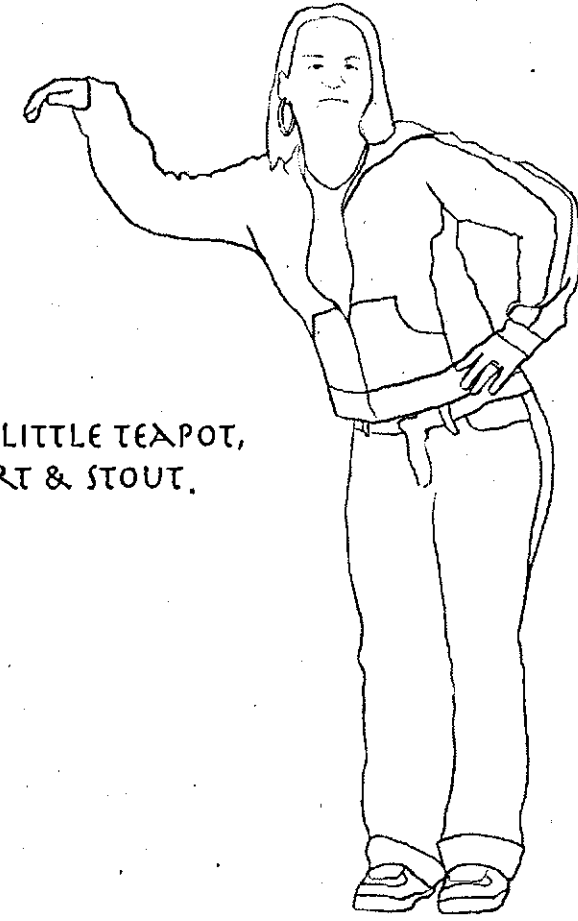


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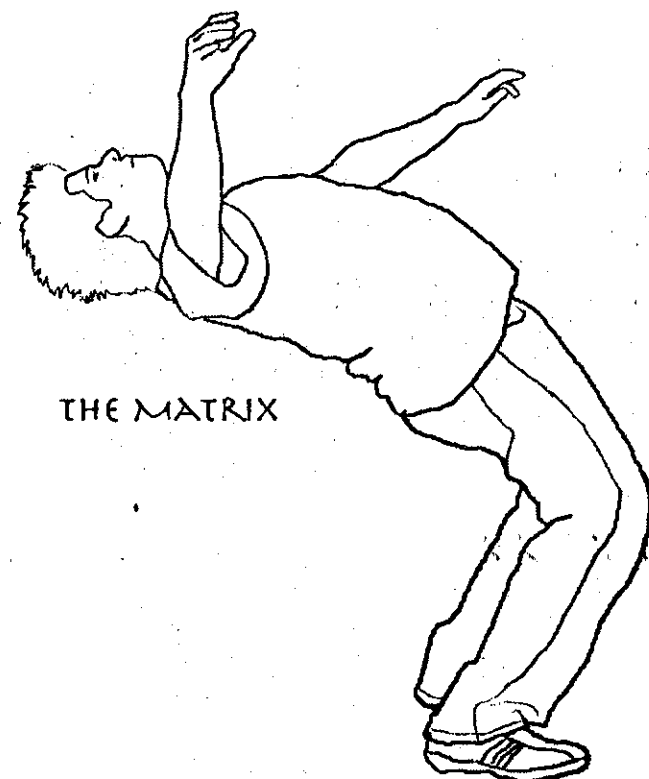


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With the increasing interest in meditation, breathing, muscle toning, and flexibility, yoga is becoming more popular and widely practiced. Today, yoga classes are offered at major fitness centers and gyms.

So, is yoga really an exercise? Well, it depends. But you will most likely get more exercise from yoga than golf.

There are many components to yoga, and exercise is definitely one of them. More often than not, as in the case of Power yoga and Bikram yoga, it could turn out to be a sweaty workout.

Other components to yoga are breathing, energy locks, sacred sounds, hand gestures, meditation, and visualization.

"Yoga, as many people have mistakenly referred to, is NOT a religion. Rather, it's more of a philosophical system that originated from Indian and Hindu culture," said Dayna Christou, a yoga instructor from Cerritos College, who's been practicing yoga for 30 years.

Sometimes, yoga could also be a science, which investigates one's inner being through meditation and introspection.

In "Introduction to Yoga" by Misly Carey, it reads, "Yoga comes from a Sanskrit word which means, 'union,' 'to yoke,' or 'to join together.' It is an age-old technique to join the body, mind and spirit. Its purpose is to create a feeling of union, the union of the physical and the spiritual, the human and the divine."

There are different types of yoga and the list continues to grow depending on the different philosophies taught by different teachers. Yet, the basic systems of yoga include Jnana Yoga, Bhakti Yoga, Karma Yoga, Yantra Yoga, Raja Yoga and Tantric Yoga.

So, what are they, and what do they mean? Well, for example, Bhakti yoga is the yoga of devotion.

Karma yoga means devotion of one's life to doing good work in the name of God. Mother Teresa is an example of someone who practiced Karma yoga.

The most commonly practiced exercise yoga is Hatha yoga, which is one subcategory of Raja yoga. Hatha yoga is the physical practice of yoga without the philosophical aspect.

Another subcategory of Raja is Mantra yoga, which is chanting of the sacred sound.

Bikram yoga is the practice of 26 postures in a heated room, often at an incredibly high temperature of 103 degree Fahrenheit.

Power yoga, which is an American phenomenon, is the practice of intense

yoga poses in an enclosed room designed to make one sweat. Most of the power yoga practice emphasizes on the listening to one's body, meaning let your body tell you how far it wants to go with each pose.

There are variations to each pose and depending on one's level, one can choose to go into the advanced variation of a pose.

Although yoga has been practiced for many years in the United States, the recent hype has helped a large number of yoga studios to flourish, especially in southern California.

Driving in Hollywood, Santa Monica, Westside, and even Long Beach, it's easy to spot a yoga studio on the street. Just follow young men and women, holding their yoga mats and you will find yourself entering a large room with hardwood floors, ample lighting, and lots of open windows for open air to practice yoga.

Yoga brings together the body, mind, soul and spirit. The benefits one gets from exercising yoga are strength, balance, flexibility, concentration, focus, and endurance.

Other benefits of practicing yoga are reduction of everyday aches and pain, rehabilitation and healing of injuries, stress reduction and relaxation, internal harmony, and mental clarity.

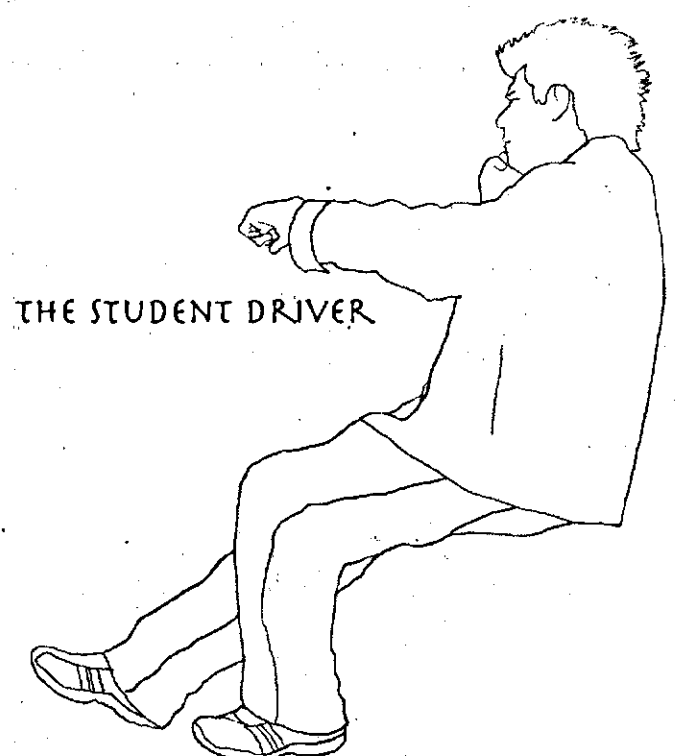
Meditation calms the mind and it's easily the most difficult component of yoga. Try standing on one leg with the ankle of the other leg resting on the standing leg's knee ["Tree pose"]. Now, try doing the same pose with your eyes closed. You'll realize that more concentration is needed when your eyes are closed.

Different from running, swimming, weight lifting, or football, yoga is not an exercise that promotes "no pain no gain." Pain is not encouraged in the practice of yoga. If it hurts too much to stay in a particular pose, you should probably come out of it.

Like all sports and exercise, there are drawbacks in practicing yoga. "One of the drawbacks is not finding the right match for you," yoga instructor Christou said. Not every type of yoga is right for everyone.

If not careful, one can injure oneself while practicing the different poses. "Sometimes, people have the impression that if something is good for them then they can't get hurt from doing it," Christou cautions students from overexerting a pose that might hurt them.

So, if it feels right, you might want to buy yourself a yoga mat and head to the nearest yoga studio. Open up your mind and body and let the healing begin.



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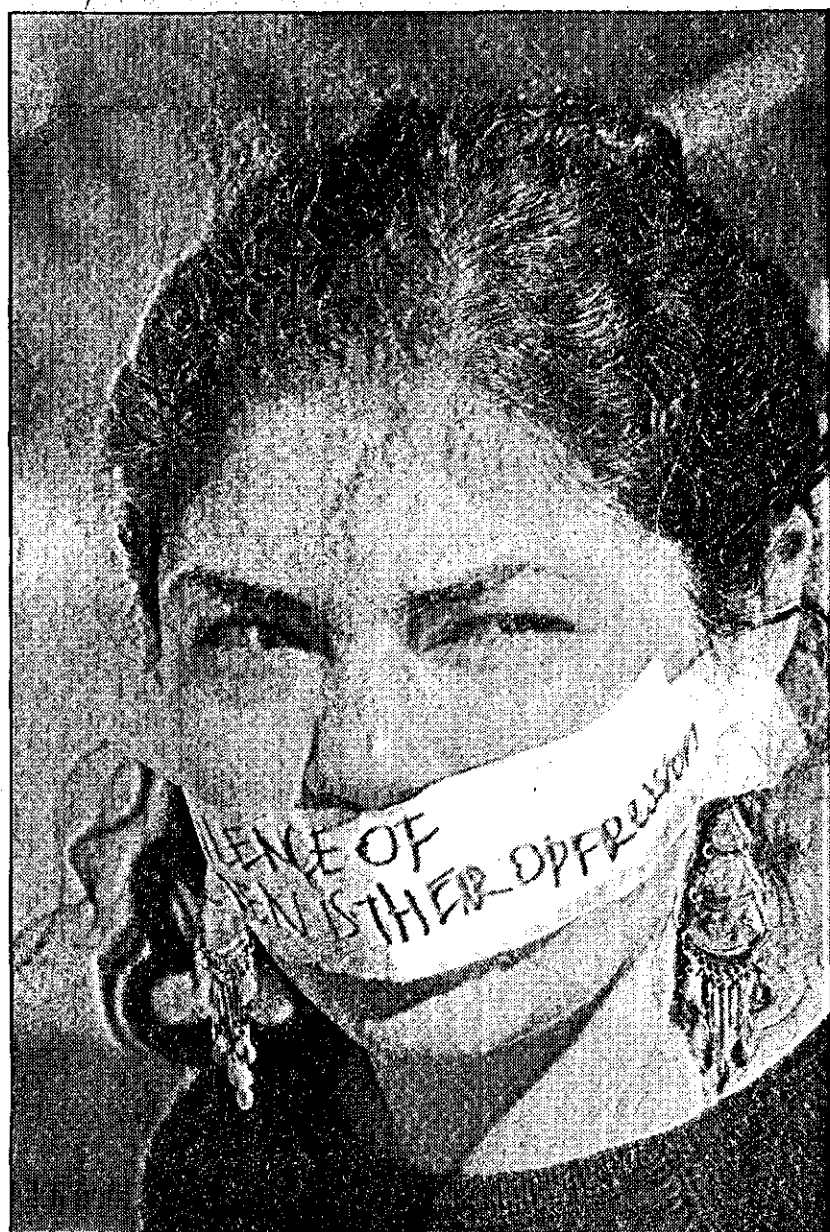
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Students with voices

ABOVE: Aubrey Simons-Araya, art major, protests with other students in Falcon Square on Monday.
RIGHT: Bardo Martinez, history major, speaks to the crowd on subjects like voting, the war, and President Bush.

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"If we don't stand up and say anything, things will happen that we don't want to happen. So we have to say something now."
Devon Handy, theatre arts major

Speaking out for free speech

❖ Cerritos College students exercise First Amendment right at organized protest one day before general elections.

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As he joined hands with those on both sides of him, the crowd began to cheer at the top of its lungs. "It's about time that our actions not be silenced on this campus," said history major and former M.E.Ch.A. member Bardo Martinez.

Martinez was one more than 300 students who gathered in Falcon Square at Cerritos College on Monday for Part Two of a freedom of speech protest.



At noon, students and faculty members of the college gathered together to protest different aspects of free speech. Many protested the war, came to show support for troops in Iraq, and to protest for women's rights.

Other clubs, such as Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, The Political Science Club and members from the Theatre Club on campus, also participated in the event.

Many students laid down on the grass with tape on their mouths to emphasize the importance of free speech, making sure not to disrupt the flow of traffic for other students.

President of the Political Science Club, Michael Alvarez, was one of the organizers of the event. "We expect to keep this demonstration respectful, peaceful and quiet. We'd like people to follow directions and we want people to know that the last thing we want is for this to turn negatively," Alvarez said.

Members of the Political Science Club handed out flyers stating that the event was a free speech gathering, and to respect people's opinions, to not block walkways, to abstain from taunting and confronting, and to not miss class to attend the gathering.

Alvarez is also a soldier, and knows first hand what it's like to serve. Alvarez served four years in the Navy and

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Automotive department receives donations

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Cerritos College's Automotive Technology Department on Monday received a donation of two vehicles from BMW North America.

The vehicles are both 2003 BMW 325ci models. They will be used in the department's Auto body Collision Repair program. They were donated from Irvine BMW and Shelby BMW.

The Cerritos College Euro Car Training program will repair the vehicles to fully drivable, like new condition.

"European cars bodies and exterior paint coats are crafted very differently than domestic vehicles," explained Dr. Randy Peebles, dean of Cerritos College's Technology Division.

"By having an opportunity to restore these BMWs, our students will gain exposure to European auto body methods which are invaluable in the field," Peebles added.

"These cars were donated because they were damaged. We were ready to take them to salvage for recycling," stated Sadir Haji, BMW regional after sales manager, western region.

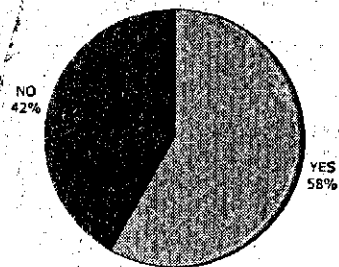
"We're eager to start a partnership with Cerritos College."

"We support their endeavors to send skilled technicians into the field where they are so sorely needed," Haji concluded.

The program is for students interested in automotive repair.

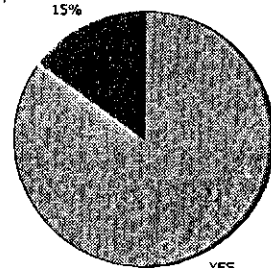
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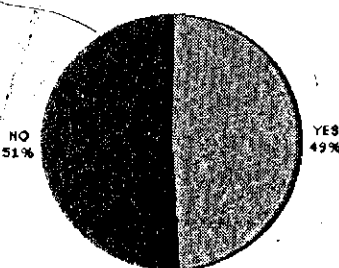
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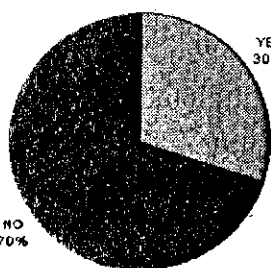
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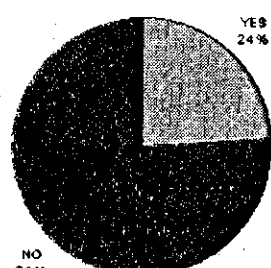
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Californians cast votes in General Election

❖ Measure A, Props. 1A, 66 and 71 pass.

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Americans lined up early Tuesday morning to cast their votes for who they wanted to lead the country for the next four years. Lines were longer this year due to the General Election being a tight until the end.

There are 3,901,106 registered voters in the LA County and 16,557,273 in the state of California.

There was problems Tuesday morning coming from some states. Florida was having problems as of Tuesday morning. According to ABC news, in Volusia County, an optical scan ballot reader broke at an early voting site but the ballots in question were "reread" into a new machine this morning under the watch of both parties. There was an estimated 13,000 votes

that have to be reread through the new machine.

As for California these are the percentages of the measure's and propositions that were key in the election as of 11 p.m. Tuesday night.

Measure A

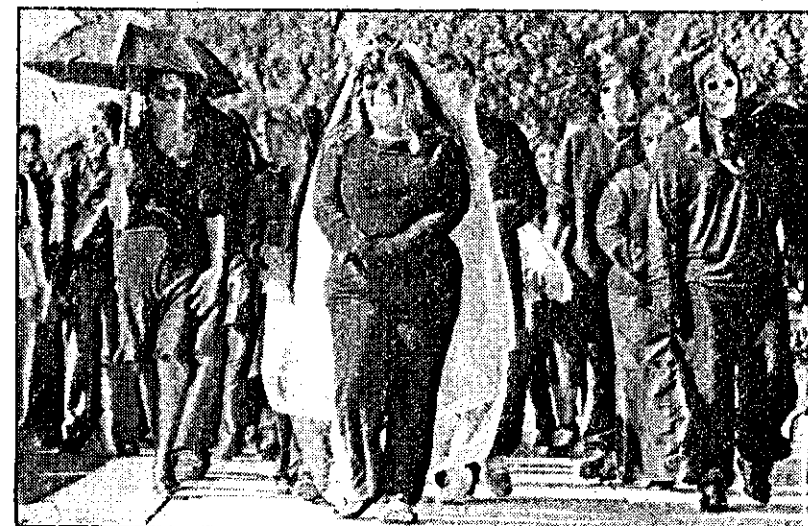
This half-cent sales tax increase's initiative, to create a permanent source of public safety funding for all law enforcement agencies in the county.

"Measure A" would allow for the net gain of 1,260 police officers and 128 civilian support personnel for the City of Los Angeles increasing sworn officers from 9,200, to a total of 10,460 officers.

Proposition 1A

Protection of Local Government Revenues. This amends the state constitution to prevent state government from taking property and sales tax from cities, counties, redevelopment

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Walk of the dead: Death leads the way to falcon square.

Students, faculty celebrate Dia de los Muertos

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Students and faculty dressed in black joined in a celebration of Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Cerritos College Falcon Square.

Students painted their faces white and darkened their eyes and lips with black makeup to resemble a skull, a symbol of death in Latin cultures.

Students from Spanish Professor Froylan Cabuto's classes were invited by the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan to march from the Social Science Building to the Falcon Square with

other club members, carrying crosses and a black coffin.

Day of the Dead is celebrated in Mexico, Central America, and South America.

It's a day for family and friends to remember and honor the dead.

The celebration was organized by campus clubs including Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, Puente Club, Anthropology Club, Muslim Student Association, Disabled Students of Cerritos College and M.E.Ch.A.

All with the intent to inform students about the significance of Day of the Dead and speak about

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Rigby takes last trip to Neverland

❖ La Mirada theater launches production of Peter Pan.

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It's not easy being a 10-year-old boy when you're a grown woman, but Cathy Rigby will do just that when she portrays Peter Pan in a national tour that began this past September at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.

This will be Rigby's final performance as Peter Pan, a role she has played 2500 times over the course of her career. The final tour is set up to coincide with the 100 year anniversary of the first theatre performance of Peter Pan.

"It's an old story kept alive through the production," Bea Sanders, theatre usher said.

The 43 city tour was kicked off at the La Mirada Theatre and produced by the award-winning McCoy-Rigby Entertainment Series.

Over the past 10 years, McCoy-Rigby Entertainment has received four Tony Award nominations, four Emmy Award nominations, one Emmy Award, 20 Theatre L.A. ovation award nominations, two Theatre L.A. ovation awards and 25 Drama Logue Awards. "Audiences get quality theatre here," said Jeff Brown, executive director, La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.

Rigby, a two-time Olympic gymnast,

soars above the audience and across the stage while connected to a cable in the physically demanding role of Peter Pan, a boy who lives with a group of "Lost Boys" in Neverland, battling Captain Hook and his gang of pirates.

"She's fearless," Brownsaid of Rigby. "She's truly Pan onstage."

Crowds have been turning out in huge numbers, according to Brown and he anticipates that the tour will be a success.

"It's bittersweet, knowing that this is the final tour with Rigby," Brown said. "She has an enormous following."

The musical appeals to all ages. At an Oct. 9 matinee, adults sang the words to the songs alongside children, some dressed in Peter Pan or Tinkerbell costumes.

"It's magical; all ages are affected," Devis Andrade, La Mirada Theatre house manager said. "Every review has been highly acclaimed."

Playing Peter Pan never gets old for Rigby, who enjoys the spontaneity and directness of a child.

"It's a gift to be able to play a child eight times a week," Rigby said. "The essence of kids is that they have no obstacles. They see challenges and they like that."

Rigby looks to children for inspiration in portraying the role.

"This Pan has all children in him, boys and girls," Rigby said.

Rigby enjoys the athletic challenges of role such as spinning across the stage while in midair and swordfighting.

"I like training and doing the impossible," Rigby, the first American woman to medal in world gymnastics, said

She has also had years of voice and dance training and does her own singing in the musical as well as playing the drums for certain numbers.

In 1991, she earned a Tony award nomination for starring in the 35th Anniversary production of Peter Pan.

"I feel so lucky to do what I love for a living," Rigby said.

The native Californian tries to connect with the audience during her performances because she believes that the show is for each individual.

"The audience is always a part of me," she said. "There's a humility about performing. You want the audience on your side because they are on the team."

Performing the role for a final tour doesn't sadden Rigby.

"This tour is not bittersweet for me because I don't look back, I stay in the moment," Rigby said.

The next leg of the Peter Pan tour will be at the Pantages Theatre in Los Angeles Nov. 9-21.

"The show will be touring for the next year," Jill Leatherwood, general manager McCoy-Rigby stated.

In the meantime, the La Mirada Theatre and McCoy-Rigby Entertainment will continue to offer productions productions each month throughout the rest of its season which ends in June.

The La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts is located at 14900 La Mirada Blvd., La Mirada, Ca 90638. For questions about upcoming performances, please call (562) 944-9801 or (714)994-6310.



Sitting pretty: Cathy Rigby relaxes between performances of Peter Pan at the La Mirada Theater with her pet bird, Buddy, Oct. 9.

"This tour is not bittersweet for me because I don't look back, I stay in the moment."

- Cathy Rigby, two-time Olympian and actor

Cerritos College Rotaract Club participates in annual parade

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The 23rd Annual Arturo Sanchez, Sr. Halloween Parade hosted a wide variety of 65 different entries that ranged from marching bands to the classic Halloween float last Saturday, according to the Parade organizer, Arturo Sanchez, Jr.

Cerritos College showed its presence during the day events. Paul Amarai, president of the Rotaract club, entered the costume contest. He collaborated with the Norwalk Rotary Club, along with the Halloween club which provided all of the props according to Limor Chuah, chemistry major.

Chuah said the reason why they participate in the parade is to, "Promote the Rotaract Club and do community service."

The Puente Club from Cerritos College also had a float. Rio Hondo College was also represented in the parade.

Gary Mendez, board member at Rio Hondo College said, "I founded this float about five years ago; we just want college students to come out; plus, it's good for public relations."

Five years in comparison to the rich history of the Norwalk parade.

The parade originated in the barrio. "Sanchez used to have a market in the heart of it, then one year he decided to start a little parade for the kids to keep them safe, when assemblyman, Bob White got involved and turned it into something big. It gets bigger every year." Espy Hale, Norwalk water commissioner, said.

This is where the parade came to a finish, at Hermosillo Park. Ralph Webb, Norwalk Sheriff Captain, had officers in full force all throughout the parade to ensure the safety of the thousands that attended the parade.

The festivities started off at Mapleale and Pioneer where the costume contest was also held.

About 75 entries were judged and only a few were

selected by a three person panel of judges: Pam Cruz, Maria Nunez, and Leonard Lucero.

Lucero warned the winners of the two and a half mile walk, "If you can not make it, leave now." Some people did as their costumes were too much to handle the long parade route.

The parade was scheduled to start at 11 a.m. with a large group of men and women on Harley Davidson's dressed up in anything from Winnie the Pooh to Tweety bird.

Cheri Kelly, Norwalk mayor, spoke about the parade after leaving in a 2005 red, convertible Mustang. "I'm having a great time; my grandson always comes with me. I just want to keep the tradition alive. There is a lot of great history in this parade."

Yet there was a sub-plot to this parade just as city council member, Rick Ramirez; congresswoman, Grace Napolitano, and assemblyman, Rudy Ramirez left in their separate cars.

John Brantuk, as assemblyman candidate, handed

out pamphlets that degraded Ramirez, and boosted Brantuk's campaign.

But that did not put a damper on the mood, when he charros came out on their horses. "Every year, the charros grow more and the crowd goes crazy because of the large Hispanic population in Norwalk," said Kathy Porter, Norwalk parks and recreations committee member.

Along with the much loved charros, the parade included 15 marching bands. The Norwalk All-City Youth Band played host as they came out first according to Sanchez Jr.

There was everything from Hot 92 Jamz radio station to the Mugong Tae-Kwondo, kickboxing center.

This parade has grown in numbers over the years that Hermosillo Park looked like one big block party. "I'm surprised there are major media outlets here like the Rose Parade has," Porter said of the parade.



Celtic Rockers: Orange county quintet posing in Ireland, offers a blend of traditional Irish music, rock and folk in an untraditional way.

Celtic rockers do it their way in Bellflower

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Orange County Celtic rock band, The Fenians, played a free concert at Bellflower's Town Plaza Oct. 23.

The quintet played a blend of traditional Irish music influenced by rock, folk and jazz using traditional instruments such as the mandolin, penny whistle and uilleann pipes, which are played with the elbow instead of the mouth.

Celtic rock is a genre born in the last 20 years, according to Terry Casey, leader of the Fenians.

"Celtic is the heart, rock and roll is the soul," Casey said. "We're a folk band with a rock influence."

The band played a variety of songs from haunting ballads featuring the flute and penny whistle to rousing jigs which used the drums and fiddle to build up to a crescendo.

"The Fenians are great!" Sally Hayward, audience member exclaimed. "It's like an off-season concert in the park."

The group appeared as part of "Music on the Plaza", a free outdoor concert series sponsored by the city of Bellflower. Approximately 200 concertgoers brought picnic baskets and blankets for the evening event.

"The acoustics are great, too bad it's not warmer," Hayward said.

The event was the last concert for the season and the crowd responded to the lively sounds of the Fenians, bobbing their heads and tapping their feet.

"I like it," Lu Hannigan, Bellflower resident said. "I live close by and wanted to come out."

The concerts bring the community together, stated Randy Bomgaars, Bellflower Mayor Pro tem.

"It let's people get to know each other," Bomgaars continued.

This was the first season for concerts in the new Town Plaza.

"Last year this was a vacant lot," Vicki Casanas, Bellflower assistant director of parks and recreation said.

Casey encouraged the crowd to share blankets in the chilly evening and told Irish jokes between songs. The audience clapped and whistled loudly to the songs that were played.

Teenagers locked arms and spun circles on the dance floor while the music played.

The last song of the night featured drummer Chris Pierce, a Cerritos College alumnus. He came out from behind the drums wearing a glittered kilt and got on his knees to sing "Danny Boy" to his 88 year old mother sitting in the front row.

"I graduated from Cerritos in 1972 with an Associate of Arts degree in music," Pierce said.

"I was so excited to go to school everyday," Pierce

added. "I wasn't a fabulous student, I had to work hard and I got through it."

After Cerritos, Pierce studied for two years with the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Last year he went back to his high school, St. John Bosco, to speak to music students.

"I believe in giving back to the community," Pierce said. "Students need to keep their dreams alive and get an education because you never know where you'll end up."

The Fenians will tour Ireland in November, taking 90 fans with them. They'll perform three shows in nine days.

"This is our fourth trip to Ireland," Casey said. "We take fans with us and tour the country on buses."

The band's philosophy is to have fun or get out, advised Casey.

"We do our best to make sure the audience has plenty of fun," Casey said.

As the evening ended, the crowd clapped loudly when asked by Casey if they'd enjoyed themselves.

They clapped even louder when Casey shouted, "Let's pack this park by next year!"

The crowd hung around afterward, shaking hands with the band and telling the members how much they enjoyed the concert.

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

EDITORIAL



Students' rights in jeopardy

Imagine Iowa in 1969. A time when patriotism meant more, because over half of the nation's men were at war in Vietnam. In Iowa, of 1969, three students were expelled after they wore black armbands to school in symbolic protest of the Vietnam War.

The Supreme Court held that students "do not shed their constitutional rights at the schoolhouse gate," and that the First Amendment protects public school students' rights to express political and social views.

This was the ruling for the *Tinker vs. Des Moines School District* case on Feb. 24, 1969. This isn't Iowa, and it certainly isn't 1969, but we certainly are feeling a little bit of déjà vu.

As an Editorial Board and Cerritos College students, we are concerned about certain individuals and their decisions concerning the school. In the past month, there has been a partial suffocation on certain First Amendment rights.

In the Oct. 20 issue of the Talon Marks, we reported on a protest that took place on campus involving members of the club M.E.Ch.A. The club members were protesting the war and other issues involving decisions made by President Bush. The protest resulted in some members being arrested for disturbing the peace.

Accusations made by students

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Less is Moore, a whole lot less

Erick Galindo's ode to liberal stupidity seems to take verbatim straight from the DNC. He should have saved some space on the paper for other letters to the editor and just supplied a link to the Kerry campaign website.

You know your hitting rock bottom when you use Michael Moore's propaganda film "Fahrenheit 9/11."

This movie is full of fallacious conclusions and lies and it is astonishing that liberals [who pride themselves on being educated] actually believe it. I have a suggestion for all that have seen this

movie. Watch "Faren-hype 9/11" and see how Moore cuts and pastes his way to one of the best propaganda films ever.

The truth is that liberals will say anything and lie to everyone to promote their agenda. Too bad the Democratic Party has been hijacked by its radical liberals. I know many decent moderate and conservative Democrats are appalled by the direction their party has taken over.

If you're ever at an anti-war protest, take a good look around at some of the "Americans" protesting. You know Bush must be doing something right when you see

Communists, Socialists and Anarchists waving their disgusting flags and marching with "peace activists."

These groups state that their aim is to destroy the principles that this country was founded on seems to be lost on the other "regular" war protesters.

Liberals have always been left of center politically, but they have drifted even more left. Its no accident that America's Communist Party and the assorted Socialist groups in this country support Kerry.

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Student tribute unfairly criticized

In my opinion last week's "Tribute to Fallen Soldiers," worked well because many students like me participated in this event, until the campus police came and washed it away.

I don't think that was fair because that's interfering with our freedom of speech, and plus the body tracing was not doing harm to anyone.

In regards to last week's published letter from an individual

stating that the people who participated in this event are ignorant and sick, is very rude. I don't think its right to insult the people who really are grateful for the fallen soldiers who put their life's at stake to defend this country.

To make it clear this was not an event of an anti-war protest, for the "ignorant" people, it was a tribute to the fallen soldiers, which was stated clearly various times in the side walk, which other stu-

dents and me personally made it visible to the people walking by.

I also don't think that drawing body outlines with the names and ages of the fallen soldiers is a form of any graffiti act, for its cause was for remembrance and thankfulness. Please stop being a child. Chalk washes away. Especially when it rains.

Ana Mendoza

We are sick: of our soldiers dying

After reading what Dylan [Letter to the Editor] wrote about the chalk memorial, I must say that first of all, it was not an anti-war demonstration. It was a tribute.

Second of all, we did not graffiti the sidewalk, as we had permission granted to us two weeks in

advance. Yes, we who were involved are sick, but it's the killing going on in Iraq and Afghanistan that we are sick off!

I was one of the four who read the names off during the tribute, and let me say, it bothered me so

much that many of those people were younger than me. Some of them were even women.

So, before any of you dismiss this as a blatant form of perversion, think about it, if anything, as a tribute.

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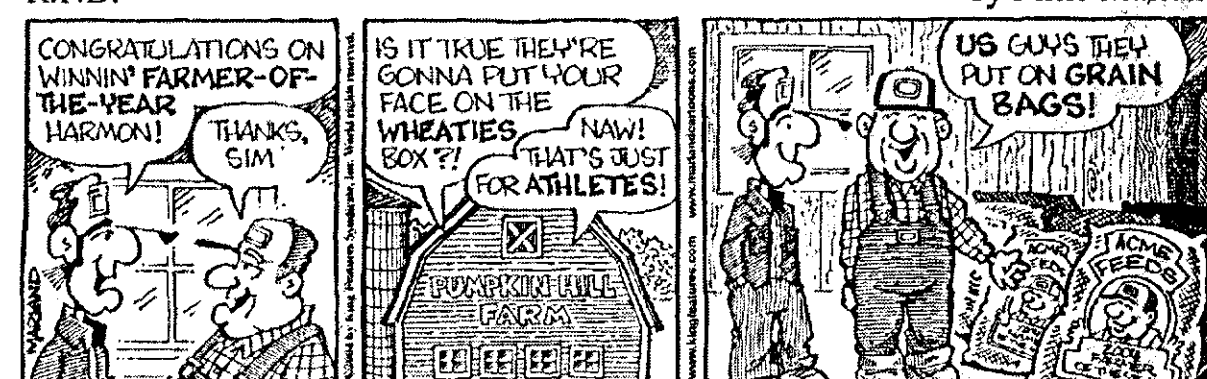
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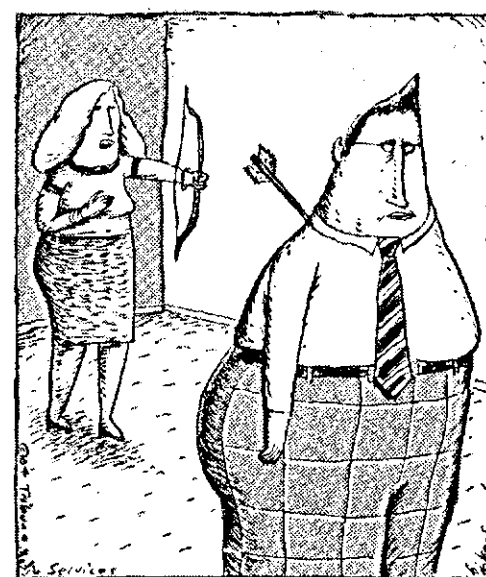
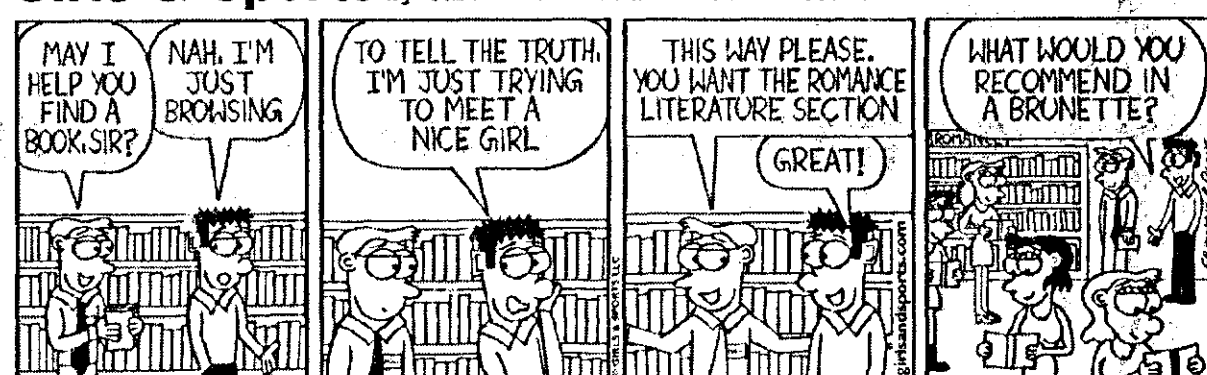


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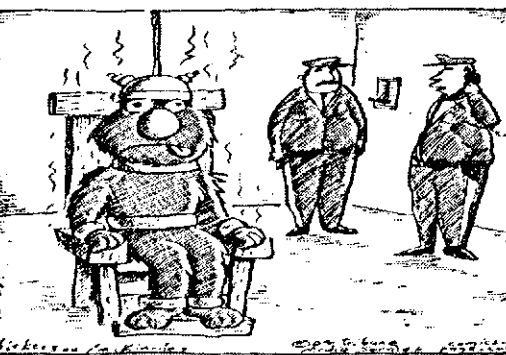
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"I'm sorry, Bob. I was cleaning it and it went off."



"We may have tried the wrong Muppet. At DNA tests show the real killer was more of a cotton-poly blend."

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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DEATH

SKELETON MARKS, CERRITOS GHOULLEGE
We know Halloween's over ... we know ... just play along.

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Extreme Makeover, Undead Edition:



Jake needed a new look to impress the Elvras of the night, so he sought the talents of Jane Kwon and Joseph Hernandez, both Cerritos students, to redo his appearance.

LEFT: Jake's pale skin was made even more so in order to achieve the shimmering deathly pallor so sought out in many circles of the afterlife.
RIGHT: The artists accentuated his hollowed-out eyes by emphasizing veins. His lips were made to appear fuller with the use of smudge-proof charcoal lip enhancer, guaranteed not to wear off for a millenium.

BELOW: The reborn Jake, ready for a dreadful evening. His low-cut pirate shirt, on sale now at The Trap (\$59.99), reveals his elaborate neck-stitching, precariously holding his once-severed head in place.

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...to die for



◆ Stage make-up students help backstage at Knott's Halloween Haunt.

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Seven students were surrounded by monsters, vampires and corpses in a cold warehouse Oct. 26.

Knott's Scary Farm opened its doors to Cerritos College's theatre stage make-up class for an inside look at the work behind Halloween Haunt 2004.

The experience is Theatre Costume Design Instructor Susan Watanabe's way of introducing students into the world of professional make-up artists.

"The goal is to let students see professional make-up artists at work. To inspire them to become better and maybe they can get hired next year," she said.

According to Tim Barham, Knott's Scary Farm wardrobe supervisor, "Knott's is considered the number one park for stage make-up in the industry. Working here makes you well-known for being good, fast and capable."

He also encouraged students to take their school seriously because it is "the stepping stone to a future in the industry," where professionals are making earnings from \$17.50 an hour.

Stage make-up class teaches students to use make-up for lighting, shadowing, and creating realistic-looking cuts, sores and bruises among other things.

"One of our most difficult tasks is our first demonstration of a skeleton on our own face," Joseph Hernandez, film director major said.

"I want to get into directing movies with special effects and I need the experience to help out. It's not a piece of cake but it is fun," he said.

Knott's Scary Farm, which opens yearly for the Halloween season, was an environment staged for the opportunity to gain experience through interactions with professionals in the industry.

Students were allowed to help the artists create latex masks of gargoyles and dead corpses.

They also painted or airbrushed faces and bodies of Knott's employees preparing to become monsters for the night.

"My career will have to do a lot with backstage and I need to know all the specifics to make production work," Otto Azurdia, theater production major said.

Alma Griffin, Cerritos Performing Arts Center stage assistant, was recommended to Knott's Scary Farm by Watanabe along with three other former Cerritos students.

"I fell in love with the make-up aspect of theater more than the stage because you are allowed to use your imagination here," she said.

Griffin's son, Gershon Young, massage therapy major, is following in his mom's footsteps. This is his third year helping her at Knott's Scary Farm.

"It feels good each time people scream when they look at the monsters," he said.

All of the students had a chance to demonstrate their imagination and skills by helping Laura Cruz, stage make-up aide, with a vampire and a wicked witch.

"I learned to be consistent and not so sloppy in my work," said Billy Niemann, stage make-up class.

At the end of the visit, Barham spoke to the group about the rows of costumes, masks and props used to put together a 25-day presentation of Knott's Scary Farm's Halloween Haunt.

He explained that with 848 employees in costume and 3,392 pieces of costume out the door each night for 25 nights, it is important for all departments to communicate and be prepared to do their job.

He encouraged the group not to take school for granted, but rather take advantage of the opportunities placed before them.

"Letting you backstage is like letting the mystery of Knott's Scary Farm out. We don't even allow TV crews back here," he said. "You should feel privileged to be here and be able to take advantage of this opportunity."

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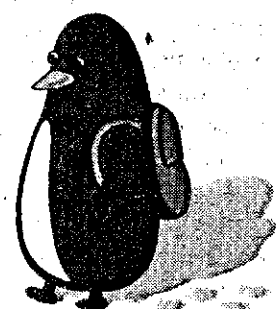
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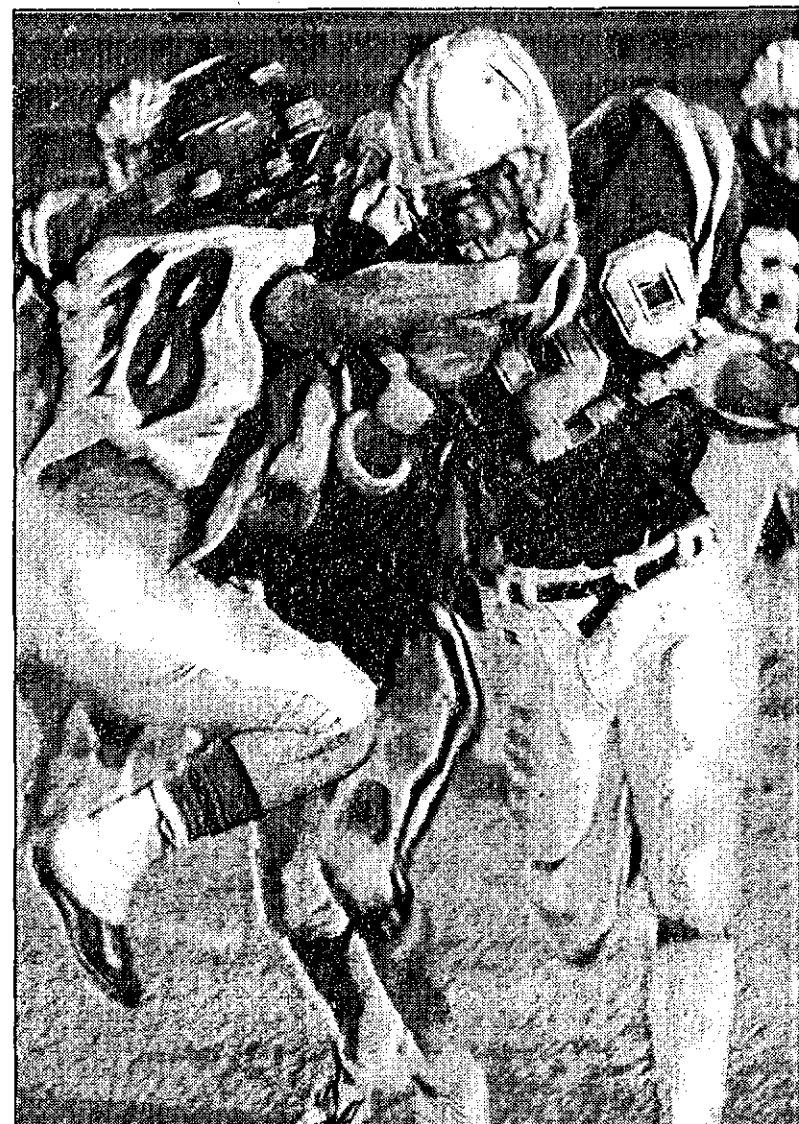


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TALON MARKS, CERRITOS COLLEGE

Playoff hopes get Mt. Sac-ked



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The Falcons fell to Mt. San Antonio College at Falcon stadium 40-25, in a loss that puts the Falcons' post-season chances on hold, maybe until next year.

The score in no way indicates how tough and rough the game was played by both teams; especially by the Falcons, who played the team's best game so far this season.

The loss puts the Falcons at a 1-2 division record and 2-6 overall. The Mounties, 7-1 overall in the division, scored the first 10 points of the game.

The Falcons scored a touchdown to close the gap to 10-7, but two miscues by the special teams allowed the Mounties to score nine points in less than a minute.

Both miscues were bad snaps that sailed over punter Craig James. One was recovered by Mt. Sac for a touchdown and the other was knocked out of the end zone for a safety.

Regarding this, Coach Frank Mazzotta said, "What happened on those plays is inexcusable... (it) is something you practice every day."

In the second half the Falcons got closer on the score when QB Kevin Brown connected with Anthony Oliver for a 48-yard TD.

A 75-yard TD run was called back for holding.

Mazzotta, referring to the officials said, "I just do not know why

officials sometimes get in the way. I mean, that seems very unfair. How is it that they (officials) saw something that happened so fast."

This penalty seemed to take the momentum away from the Falcons.

Cerritos moved the ball all the way into Mountie territory, but had to settle for a Craig James 25-yard field goal to make it 26-25.

Then, moments later, Mt. Sac would take the lead back when Michael Howard received a pass from Derek Devine to make it 33-25 in favor of the Mounties.

The Falcons then received the kick off and were moving along just fine until Kevin Brown was intercepted by Jason Martin and he took it back 52 yards for a Mt. Sac touchdown.

After the game offensive tackle Wes Phillips said, "I'm just sad because on the day we give our best effort of the season this happens to us."

At about the time the game ended, an assistant coach and some players from Mt. Sac started taunting and calling the Cerritos players names.

This almost scaled into something uglier, but the Falcons' assistant coaches controlled the situation.

On the incident, Coach Mazzotta said, "It's sad that something like this happens. They have a very good team and they don't need to be doing this sort of stuff.

That is what happens when schools hire classless staff members like that."

LBCC scores six in victory

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Coming into Friday's road game against Long Beach City, the Cerritos women's soccer team had scored three goals in its past seven games.

The Vikings, No. 1 in the nation, doubled that in just one game as the Falcons managed to get shut out for the seventh time this season, while goalkeeper Marysol Rice allowed six goals, leaving the final score of 6-0.

With the loss, the Falcons are now 3-9-5 overall and 0-7-3 in conference play, while Long Beach City extended its unbeaten streak to 69 games and are 14-0-0 overall and 9-0-0 in conference action.

Cerritos heads to East Los Angeles on Friday to play its final match of the season at 1 p.m.

Despite what the score might indicate, Rice played exceptionally well in goal, as she made nine saves and had pressure put on her the entire match.

Playing against the top-rated team in the country, Rice limited Long Beach City to a single goal in the first half of their South Coast Conference match.

Long Beach scored in the first half on a breakaway goal by forward Kristin Childers in the 24th minute while their defense did a good job of shutting down the Falcon offense.

In the final 45 minutes, the Vikings scored five times, three in a span of five minutes, to post the 6-0 win on Friday.

Brittany Jensen scored three second-half goals to lead LBCC.

The Falcons were limited to just three shots on the day, and saw a close game change quickly when LBCC scored in the 76th, 79th and 80th minute to make it a 6-0 game.

Fausta Vega had two of the Falcons' shots, while Theresa Hunt took the other.

Amira Ebel and Desi Guenther also scored a goal each for the Vikings.

Goalkeeper can't save win

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Goalie Robert Carrillo had seven saves this past Friday to bring his season total to 84, unfortunately for him and the Cerritos men's soccer team, he was unable to block two shots by Long Beach City's Kanteley Locoh-Adamagan, as the Falcons were defeated by a score of 2-1.

"We tried to put constant offensive pressure on them and it cost us because we made two defensive mistakes," head coach Juan Sanchez said.

Despite the South Coast Conference loss, the Falcons remain in first place with three regular season games left. Cerritos is 7-2-2 in conference, while Compton and Pasadena City are both 6-2-3 after a Lancer win over the Tartars on Friday.

The Falcons, 12-3-2 overall and ranked No. 9 in the country prior to the loss, go on the road this Friday against East Los Angeles at 3 p.m. and play their last home game of the season next Monday at 3 p.m. against Compton.

In their first meeting against both teams, the Falcons posted wins.

But, unlike those wins, in the loss against the Vikings, the Falcons were unable to play at the fast pace they are used to for most of the match.



COURTESY OF LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE
LBCC forward Kanteley Locoh-Adamagan scored two goals this past Friday.

Sanchez added.

The Vikings took a quick 1-0 lead in the 10th minute, as Locoh-Adamagan scored his first goal, as he sent a shot past goalkeeper Robert Carrillo.

Less than three minutes later, forward Eduardo Padilla scored after a left cross pass from Joshua Meyer found his foot and Padilla drilled it home.

"They are a very good team and they took advantage of our mistakes. That's what good teams do," Sanchez concluded.

On the day, the Falcons did outshoot the Vikings, 20-11, but LBCC keeper Mike Reaper came up with some huge saves and finished with seven.

When two Browns don't make a right

Kevin Brown
C.C. Falcons
Quarterback



VS.



Kevin Brown
N.Y. Yankees
Pitcher

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Forget the presidential race for a second and let's concentrate on a more important comparison.

The only thing more freakishly similar than the republicans and conservatives is the similarity between Falcon quarterback, Kevin Brown and Yankee pitcher, Kevin Brown.

Besides having identical first and last names, they have had similar careers and seasons this year, with both of them winding up on the losing side of several important games.

As you know, because you are a sports genius, a quarterback is widely considered the pitcher of a football team because they both lead their team and throw the ball.

Both of them throw with their right hand.

Quarterback Brown once threw four touchdown passes in a game, is part of a team that has lost four starters to injuries, and has 14 touchdowns.

Pitcher Brown played four years for the Los Angeles Dodgers, has a 4-4 playoff record, was selected as the fourth pick in the draft, and had an ERA of 4.09 this season.

Q. Brown appeared in six games last season, while the pitcher may have appeared in six games total all the years he was in Los Angeles.

"Man on Fire" is Q. Brown's favorite movie. P. Brown was a man on fire in 1997 when he won a World Series ring with the Florida Marlins and also when he punched the wall breaking his hand earlier this year.

Q. Brown's favorite athlete is Ray Lewis of the Baltimore Ravens. Rumor has P. Brown once went to a rave in Baltimore.

Also, P. Brown is from Georgia, the Baltimore of the South.

The Falcons' Brown is a transfer from Fordham University, where he was a red-shirt two seasons ago. The Yankees' Brown went to Georgia Tech.

Darren Bragg of the Cincinnati Reds, Doug Creek of the St. Louis Cardinals, and Jason Varitek of the Boston Red Sox all went to Georgia Tech and they wear red shirts.

P. Brown lost four playoff games this year and lost an important game to the hated Red Sox.

Q. Brown has lost several important games this year including a Cross-Town Cup match to the hated Vikings.

They both have traveled from team to team and had high expectations coming into their new team due to prior success.

They have yet to meet these expectations and they both have most recently lost.

Maybe they are related.

Falcon wrestlers finish second in championship

The Cerritos College wrestling team came within one match of winning its third State Dual Meet Championship (1985, 1993), but were defeated, 24-15 by Sierra last Saturday.

The Falcons (6-1-1 overall), currently tied for first place in the South Coast Conference, opened the championships with a 47-3 win over Santa Rosa. They followed with a 27-21 win over Sacramento City before posting an exciting 21-19 win over Fresno City in the semi-finals.

In the win over Sacramento City, the Falcons opened up a 21-4 lead after the first six matches, but the Panthers came back to record three straight wins and take a 21-19 advantage. But, in the heavy-weight match, Pedro Garcia

pinned his opponent in 2:10 for six team points and the win.

Prior to the final match, the Falcons received an 18-3 win from 125-pound Eugene Yasutomi, while 133-pound Carlos Alaniz and 141-pound Ryan Garcia each recorded wins by pinning their opponent. Ronnie Hopkins, who is quickly moving up the state rankings, earned a pin at 165 pounds.

It was almost the same against Fresno City in the semi-finals as Cerritos trailed 19-15 heading into the last match. Once again, P. Garcia, ranked No. 1 in the state, posted a first period pin to give the team the win. Prior to that match, the team lost three straight weights after opening up a 16-5 advantage.

SPORTS QUIZ

By CHRIS RICHCREEK

1. Reggie Jackson was the third Oakland Athletics player to have his number (nine) retired by the franchise. Who were the first two?

2. How many times has Colorado's Todd Helton tallied 200 hits and 100 walks in a season?

3. When was the last time before the 2003 season that the Miami of Ohio football team was nationally ranked?

4. Before the 2003-04 NBA season, when they won 50 games, what was the highest victory total in Memphis Grizzlies franchise history?

5. Name the last Canadian team other than Montreal (1993) to win the Stanley Cup?

6. Between 1952 and 1988, either a Japanese or Soviet athlete won the gold medal in the Olympic all-around men's gymnastic event. Which country won the most golds during that period?

7. How many times did Ben Hogan win the British Open?

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Ortega returns home to impale the Lancers

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After returning from Mexico for the second time to see her ill mother, Teresa Ortega, Cerritos College volleyball coach led her team to a 30-11, 30-24, 30-24 last Friday night.

After Ortega's mother passed away, she received some more bad news. Faith Makaki, outside hitter and the star of the volleyball team, could not make Friday night's game due to a flu, she explained.

Yet with so many obstacles, Cerritos still won with ease against the Pasadena City College Lancers. "I feel comfortable with any team I have," Ortega said.

Ortega did have a reason to feel comfortable as the Falcons'

volleyball squad jumped on the Lancers in the first game 30-11. It only took three easy sets for the Falcons to get the win.

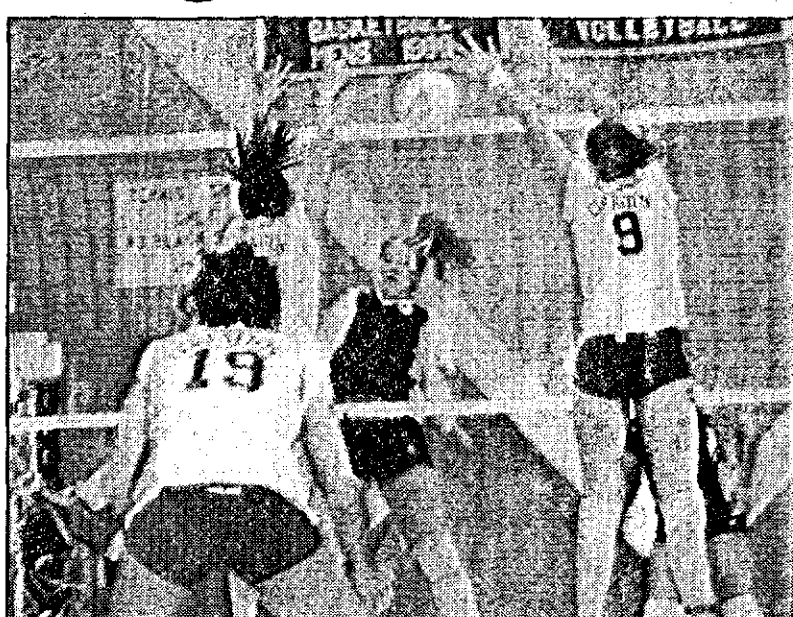
Art Garcia, Pasadena City College head coach, said that his team was not playing well because of many injuries.

"My players might be playing at all positions, which may hurt my team," Garcia said before the game.

The leading scorer who lanced the Lancers was Shanell McMillen, outside hitter.

McMillen had 10 kills, and played a good all-around game along with Kimberly Stolk, middle blocker.

After getting the win, the Falcons now are 9-5, and 5-3 in conference.



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No. 9, Kimberly Stolk, blocks a shot against Pasadena City College. The Falcons won in three straight sets, 30-11, 30-24, and 30-24.