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## Cerritos pays tribute to 9/11

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Monday marked the fifth anniversary of the attacks on America on September 11, 2001. And like many schools nationwide, Cerritos College took some time to honor the brave policemen, firefighters and other victims of 9/11.

The ceremony took place in the outdoor amphitheater that was adorned with American flags and red, white and blue ribbons.

ASCC President Joe Cobarubio, ASCC Vice President Alex Amendariz and Riley Schnitz, Daytime Activities Commissioner, were among the voices that read

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## ASCC gets its Senate

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There were a total of 328 votes in this year's ASCC Senate election held last Wednesday and Thursday with incumbent Suzy Ramirez Hernandez receiving the most votes at 84.

Ariadna Sanchez received the second highest amount of votes with 74.

Of the 42 prospective senators

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## Luncheon kicks off celebration

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The annual Homecoming celebration began last Thursday as the Student Center hosted the Homecoming Kick-Off Luncheon.

Besides Homecoming, the luncheon provided a forum for campus clubs to discuss some of their plans for the year.

It also provided an opportunity for advisers and administrators to provide some useful information for clubs and students in general.

The Homecoming celebration culminates at the first conference

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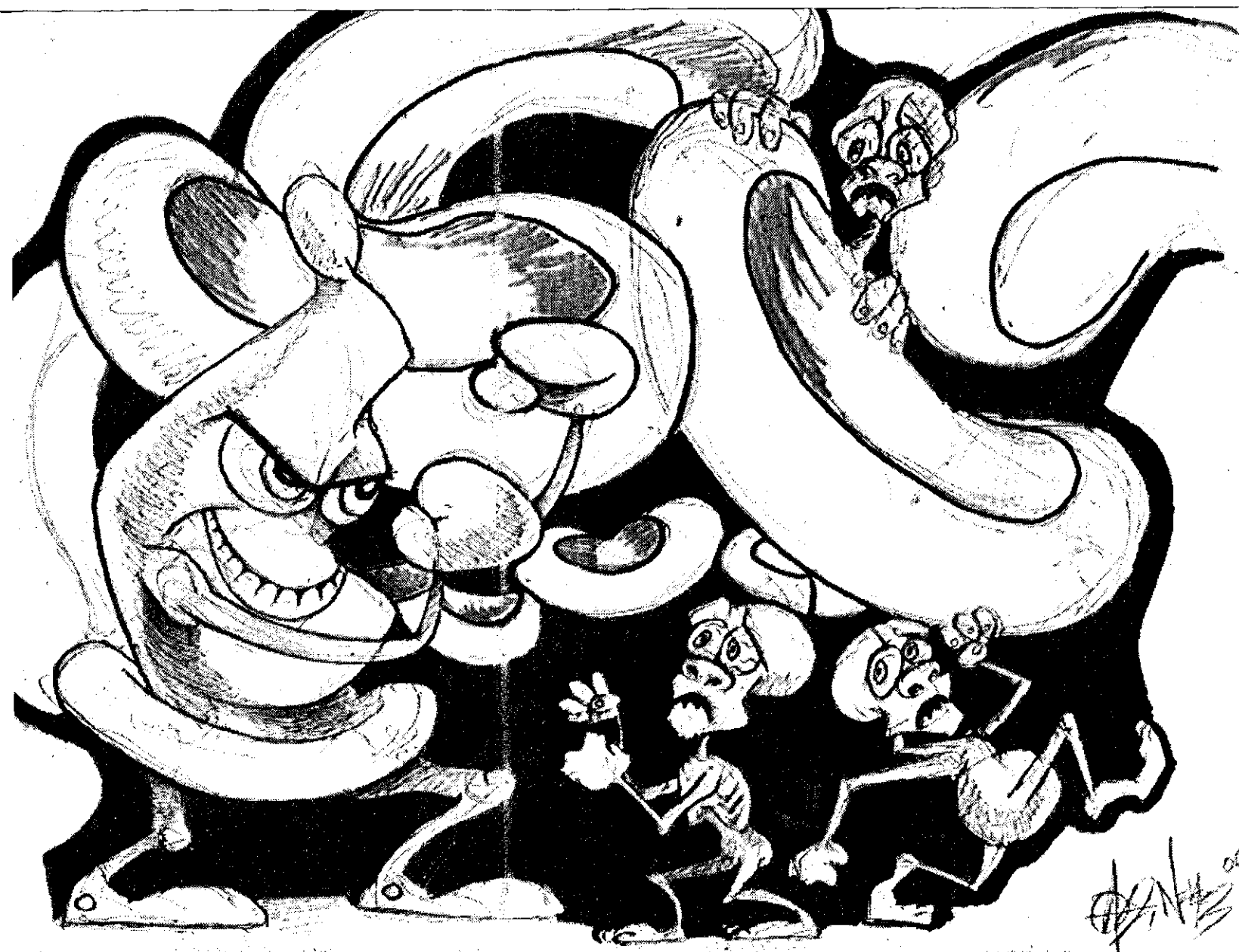


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## The fight against AIDS turns 25

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There has been one infamous constant in the past 25 years, while many things have changed, not only in the United States, but throughout the entire world.

Mother Nature has shown the world how destructive hurricanes, tsunamis and earthquakes can be. Terrorists showed Americans just

how vulnerable their country can be and many new dangers have risen to claim lives.

Yet one thing, one disease has remained constant.

AIDS has killed 25 million people worldwide and 500,000 in the United States in the past 25 years, according to the science and culture magazine, SEED.

Despite all the numbers of deaths in the U.S. many think that

the AIDS pandemic only exists in Africa, but that's far from true.

"The AIDS epidemic has not stopped being an issue in African-American and Latino communities," explained Coral Lopez, communication manager of Bienestar.

Bienestar is an organization that specializes in HIV/AIDS awareness in the Latino community.

With all the information now available about the disease, some

students at Cerritos College feel that not enough is taught about it.

"There should be more programs at schools, especially high school and colleges," Diana Bejarano, social welfare major, said.

She also believes community meetings would also help in informing people about AIDS and ways to prevent it.

Yet, ignorance in general may be an even bigger problem.

According to the Center for Disease Control at least 25 percent of people with HIV or AIDS aren't aware that they even have the virus.

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### Groups at Higher Risk

- About 80 percent of Russians who contract HIV are infected through contaminated needles.
- In India, 80 percent of AIDS cases are due to unprotected heterosexual sex.
- African-American women make up 63 percent of female AIDS cases in the U.S., triple the amount of Caucasian women.
- The Sudan averages 47,333 AIDS patients per clinic.
- Only 19 percent of young women in Haiti reported condom usage with a new partner.
- Haiti has a population of about 8.3 million.

Source: SEED Magazine

## Cerritos students celebrate Mexican independence day

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Around 200 people filled the Teleconference Center Tuesday to celebrate Mexican and Central-American Independence Awareness month.

Justin Shode, anthropology major, attended the event and said, "It's good to hear about cultural revolutionaries. I would like to see more on this."

Walter Fernandez, Chicano studies instructor, discussed Mexico's independence, which happened Sept. 16, 1810 when Mexico defeated Spain.

The purpose of the event was to inform students that this month, 185 years ago, Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla made a momentous decision that revolutionized the course of Mexican history.

Hidalgo, a Catholic priest in the village of Dolores, ordered the arrest of Dolores' native Spaniards.

Then Hidalgo rang the church bell as he customarily did to call the mass. Hidalgo called on the Indians and Mestizos to retaliate against the hated Spaniards who had exploited and oppressed Mexicans for ten genera-

tions.

The rest of Latin America also celebrates independence in September.

The event seemed to be enlightening as well as entertaining, according to Fred Deese, culinary arts major.

The gathering was brought together by Sociedad de Profesores (Society of Professors), which helps organize events addressing the cultures, histories and philosophies of the predominantly Spanish speaking countries and people.

Among the group's goals are to promote and cultivate the Castilian language through student literary activities and to promote student academic success and transfer to the university.

It's an organization that would like to grow and has good relations with the Puente Club as well as the ME-ChA group.

During the presentation, Fernandez explained the history that impacted the countries of Mexico, Central America and Puerto Rico.

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## Campus changes continue

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Change is in the air for Cerritos College as it looks to the future for renovations to achieve aesthetic continuity.

The Teleconference Center was filled with faculty and others interested in the future plans for the school last Thursday, as the G.O. Bond was discussed, along with updates, changes to the master plan and the unveiling of ideas for future improvements.

President Dr. Noelia Vela said, "The master plan has been worked on as a living document. Living documents adjust."

"All the changes are a part of what the college will become," she said.

Deborah Shepley, revealed the adjustments that had been made to the plan.

Through study and looking to maximize the plans, she said, "We're smarter now than we were a year ago."

Things were looking fine for the fine arts departments as Shepley and Vela described the possible improvements in store for the future.

For the FA buildings, an up and coming project, she said the college was looking into natural lighting and expanding space for art galleries.

The Burnight Center is also being considered for replacement. The new building would be the exact size and have the same amount of space allocated for specific needs, such as theater seating, practice rooms, etc.

However, there is the possibility of a new location at the southern end of the campus, with the theater serving as the southern entryway onto the campus.

Vela added that if the building did not have a new location, the

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### "MEET YOUR ASCC"



TANYA BERMUDEZ/TM

Commissioner of public relations, Ashley Armendariz, kicks off the "Meet your ASCC member" program. The broadcast will run on a weekly basis on WPMD. Check out the broadcast podcast at talonmarks.com.



## MEMORIAL: Remembering 9/11

thoughts and prayers submitted by the college community.

"They all came from students and faculty here on campus," Cobarrubio explained.

As the stories were being read many attendees had tears streaming down their faces.

Tissues were being handed out. One story that was told hit close to home for Norwalk residents.

Maclovio "Joe" Lopez Jr. was a local resident and was a victim in one of the planes that went down on 9/11.

His sister Rosa Ramirez was in attendance in memory of her brother.

Some felt this memorial was a good thing to have on campus.

Many students agreed.

"It was a good way to remember what happened," Wendy Veas, undecided major, said.

"I think the attack affected everybody so I think as a country everybody needs to be involved," Sylvia Lemus, business major, explained.

Chris Lloyd, business accounting major, also believes that "these sorts of events are important to have because this brings us together as a nation."

"Things like this remind us that we are vulnerable and that we should help our neighbors," Lloyd added.

At the end of the stories and as the ceremony was coming to a close, everyone was invited to place the

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**Memorial:** At the end of the 9/11 memorial Joe Cobarrubio invited the audience to place their flags in the memorial garden located in front of the music dept. building. And along the sidewalk of the music dept. building two lists of victims that lost their lives in the tragic events of 9/11.

flag that was given to them in the memorial garden.

Along with the stories, some visuals were also on display.

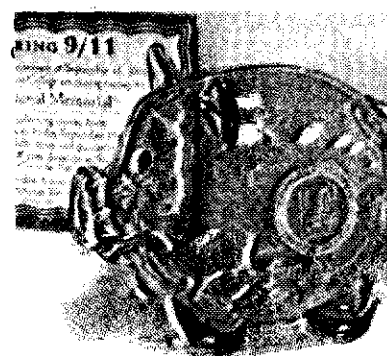
There were two long lists of names on each end of the amphitheater.

One was the names of all the passengers that were on all of the planes that went down on 9/11.

The other list was of all the other victims.

In addition there will be a blood drive in honor of 9/11 that will be taking place this Wednesday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Also, blue piggy banks will be at various locations throughout the week to collect money that will be donated in honor of the passengers



## Cerritos Board room gets a new name

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More than two years after her death, former Board of Trustees member Cheryl A. Eppe was remembered with the re-dedication of the Board Room in her name at the Board of Trustees meeting last Wednesday.

Also, the ASCC will start fundraising for victims of flight United 93.

Board President John Moore called the plaque dedication a "special occasion" and recounted Eppe as someone who would put the school's best interests first.

In unveiling the plaque on the wall of the now Cheryl A. Eppe Board Room, Vice President Tom Jackson said that it would preserve Eppe's memory.

"It will keep her legacy alive," because he said that if Eppe had one purpose, it was "her commitment to what was good for Cerritos as a whole."

Eppe was a graduate from Cal State Dominguez Hills and earned a bachelor's degree in public administration.

She was selected as a member of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees in 1993 and served as Board president, vice president and secretary of the Board twice.

On July 5, 2004 Eppe passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack.

Eppe's husband, current board member Bob Eppe, called the

dedication "wonderful" and also expressed that his wife would have been touched by it.

"She was into Cerritos, because Cerritos was important to her along with our daughter Nicole, and I was somewhere in there," Eppe said.

The Eppe's daughter Nicole said

when her father mentioned the idea of the dedication, "both my father and I cried, so, it was emotional for the both of us."

Eppe's mother Joyce was overwhelmed with emotion with the tribute to her daughter and said that, "she would have been pleased and proud of the honor."

While the Board members were hosting a remembrance celebration of Eppe, the ASCC planned a remembrance celebration of its own for a different purpose.

With the remembrance of Sept. 11, the ASCC will be raising funds for the victims of Flight 93 that will run until this Friday.

The memorial fund, according to Director of Student Activities Holly Bogdanovich, will be going to a proposal memorial on the field where the plane crashed in Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 2001.

She added that there is no specific target set, "but if students can give a penny or dollar" it would go to the memorial fund.



CHERYL A. EPPE

## Take the LAPD Written Entrance Exam

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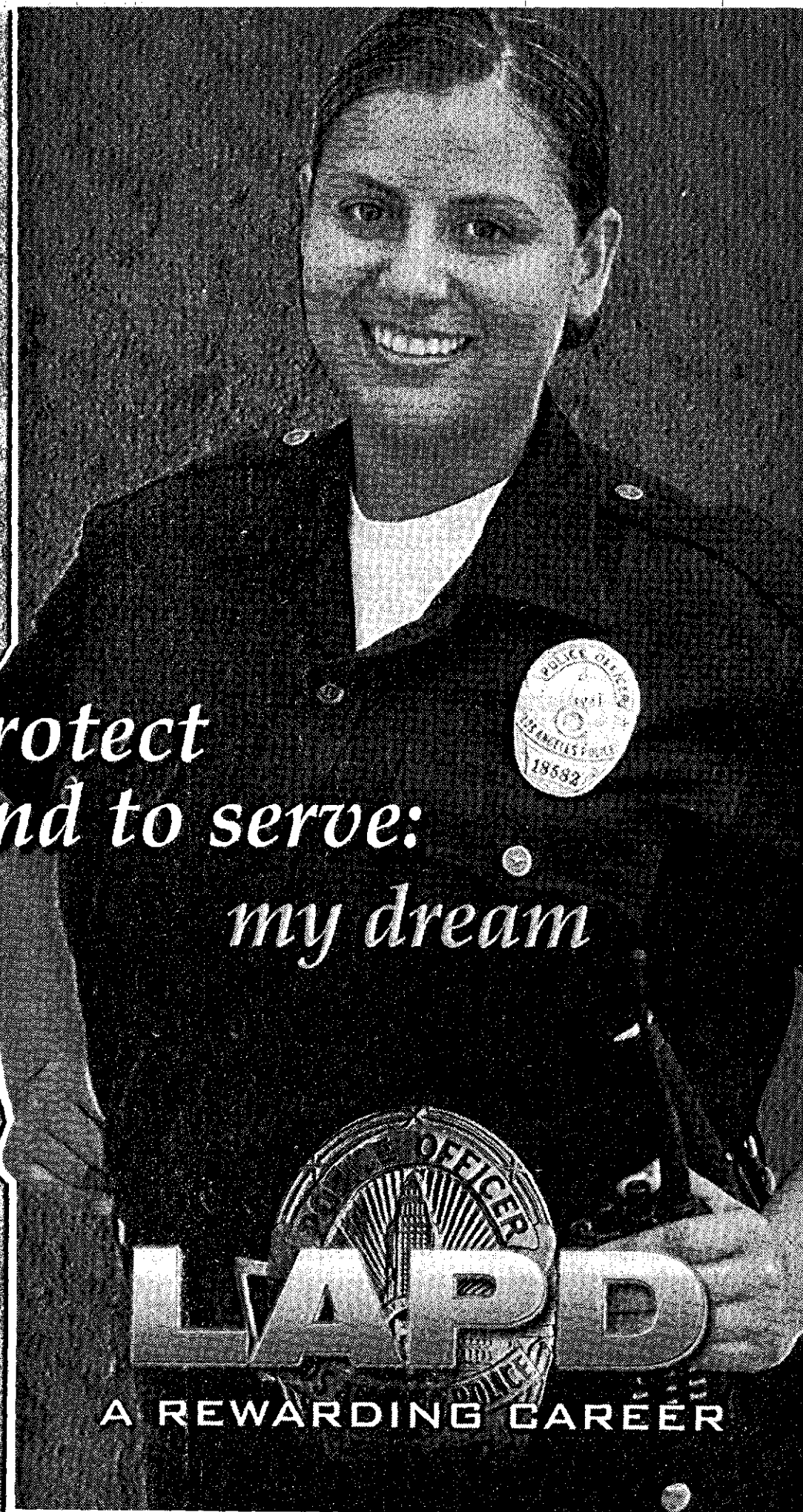
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## Luncheon: Campus clubs start plans for homecoming week

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home game of the year for Cerritos College. This year the game will take place on Oct. 14 as the Falcons host Saddleback College.

The many activities, which include a Homecoming queen election, a float building contest and a mock rally, are designed to conjure up school spirit all over campus in the weeks leading up to the big game.

This year's theme is "Movie Memories."

"It's always kind of a mystery to me what to expect (for homecoming)," said Dean Ackland, coordinator of Student Activities.

"I think we have a good theme but again, it comes from the students, they have to get enthused about it."

"We love Homecoming," said Angie Conley and Lora Carreon, both co-advisers of the Math Club.

They've met students from other clubs during float buildings. They also give tutoring during these float buildings. "We also keep the academics in it."

Many of the student clubs attended the event; about 96 people representing the different clubs on campus were there.

The luncheon also provided an opportunity for some of the clubs to talk about the plans they have for this semester and to get to know the presidents, vice-pres-

idents, advisers, co-advisers, and members of the many clubs on campus.

Kelly Banks, president of the Black Student Union, said that the club is entering the float building, the blood drive, and the food can drive this semester.

Although, the adviser for the BSU club, Connie Hunter, said that one of the most important events for this club is "Black History Month" when they will have a lot of events going on.

Ackland invited everyone to take advantages of the services that the school provides for them such as room requests, activity requests, club rooms and mail boxes.

Club advertisement possibilities were also discussed.

Richard Cameron, chair of Mass Communications, also invited the clubs to advertise its events and activities in the Talon Marks.

Craig Breit, radio station adviser, also invited the clubs to advertise their events on WPMD.

Other announcements were made during this gathering.

ASCC Senate elections were taking place that same day, and Ackland said that many students feel apathetic to these kinds of events and do not vote.

He encouraged the people present to participate and vote.

## Bond: ASCC prepares for its new radio show on WPMD

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inhabitants of the BC unit would be without a home for a year and a half.

The powers that be are attempting to get funding from the state for the BC project which is estimated at \$23 million.

Vela noted that the creation of a main gateway to the college, an entrance that would serve as a front door, has been a vision for the school since 1997.

In addition to the gateways, Vela stated that a goal of theirs is to create windows into the campus/central quad so that people can get a glimpse into the heart of the campus from the street.

Considerations are under way to create a connection between the parking lots on Studebaker and Alondra, through the grassy area in front of the Business Education building.

The rearranging of buildings and parking lots will not be the only changes. Vela said that eventually, all the multi-colored panels will be recovered, or gone with the buildings, to create an aesthetically pleasing picture.

"We want this campus to be a destination, not just for what's in classes, but on campus, so parents will want to bring their kids for walks, and grandparents will come for a walk," Vela added.

She continued, "We are trying to touch the whole campus, but can't do it all with one bond measure."

The \$210 million bond measure is not enough to put into effect all the changes the campus needs.

"We are hopeful that the funding will come from a future state bond. It is anticipated that there will be another bond on the June 2008 ballot," Vela said.

"It's important that we support such bonds because ultimately there is benefit to Cerritos College and our communities."



JESS MUNOZ/TM

**Bond:** Deborah Shepley announces new budget proposals to replace most of the buildings on campus. Their goal is simple; to redesign the campus a little more ergonomically correct.

## Senate: Newly elected senate members talk about their plans for the school

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who campaigned for the elections, 33 earned positions.

Biology major Christian Cruz was among the students running for a seat. He earned a position with 71 votes.

He stated that he would really like to bring more motivational speakers unto campus and to bring more cultural awareness to the already diverse camps.

"I am not so much about promises, but I do want to motivate people to vote," he said as he campaigned on Wednesday afternoon. "Senate is not so much of an 'I' thing, it's more of a 'we' thing."

Another prospective candidate, Natasha Saboughi was an incumbent to the Senate.

"I travel from Irvine every morning to attend Cerritos, that's how much I love it!" she explained.

Saboughi is a political science and English major whose goal is to work with the faculty now that

she is a Senator.

Many wanted to join the Senate to bring more awareness to students about their campus.

Such was the case with Jaime Sandoval, a biopsychology major. He really wants to focus on bringing awareness about the environment to campus.

"I would like to see more trees around the parking lots and have recycling bins around campus," he said.

Raymond Ballestros, psychology major, wants to promote the Psychology Club.

"I would like to have more speakers come to campus and talk about psychology," he said. "I would also try to raise the awareness of students with disabilities and the importance to keep our campus clean."

## Mexican: Awareness of history

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As well as how each country had tremendous struggles to become independent.

Although some countries did not become independent such as Puerto Rico, there were historic figures such as Ramon Emeterio Betances.

Betances, a Puerto Rican, became a doctor and surgeon in Paris.

He returned to Puerto Rico to provide medical services for poor peasants and slaves.

He also freed many slaves after buying them.

Fernandez also said, "(The purpose is) to inform of cultural awareness in Cerritos College."

## AIDS: Cerritos gets some new faces in the administration

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And there still isn't a cure for AIDS, and therefore it will continue to be spread in ignorance.

Yet, some medical advancements have changed the idea that AIDS is synonymous with death.

There is a treatment for this disease that helps prolong an infected person's life.

According to Wikipedia the antiretroviral therapy progression from HIV to AIDS is nine to ten years, whereas the survival time after getting AIDS is about nine months.

Another contributing factor to the overall ignorance is that a lot of people feel it can't even happen to them because of ethnicity or even sexual orientation.

HIV isn't just something that white homosexual males contract.

"In sheer numbers the count is over 50 percent of African-Americans are most affected by AIDS," said Circe Le Compte, member of the National Minority AIDS Council.

Le Compte also mentioned that African Americans have been affected by it since the beginning.

A recent ABC report entitled "Out of control: AIDS in Black America" reported that 70 percent of recent infections are among African-Americans.

The report also pointed out that the government isn't aware of the epidemic and that contributes to an uninformed nation.

There are many avenues to those who wish to get educated on the subject, Lopez said.

Many programs are out there nationwide and lo-

cally.

There are many programs throughout the Los Angeles County that serve the main purpose of informing minorities in the communities.

Groups such as the National Minority AIDS Council, Bienestar and Black AIDS Institute have one main goal; "educate and prevent," Lopez explained.

Kevono Hunt, Leader In The Fight to Eradicate AIDS coordinator and a member of the Black AIDS Institute, believes there should be more programs out there to promote awareness, but that there are programs out there.

According to Hunt, the only problem is the lack of participation in these programs.

Hunt's organization is a "mobilization center and its mission is to stop the spread of the AIDS pandemic in the black communities."

He also mentioned a Historically Black College and Universities student teach-in conference that will take place on Oct. 6 at Tuskegee University in Alabama.

Also, LIFE AIDS, BET, Magic Johnson Foundation and the NAACP are joining forces to create groups of Black HIV/AIDS educators on college campuses.

"Youth in general count for more than half of the infected," Hunt added. "They're engaging in unprotected sex and young people think they are invincible to these types of diseases."

However, Nancy Buenrostro, education major, believes that "young people are informed but they just choose to ignore the problem."

"People getting in a relationship should be willing to get tested, it's for their own good," she added.

Jose Noriega, civil engineer major, also agrees with Buenrostro, however he feels it's important to get more people educated as well.

"College is too late in having a program, but high schools are more important because teenagers are having sex already," Noriega said.

Bejarano, like Noriega agrees, but she thinks programs should "be in all types of schools because sex is going on everywhere and at an even earlier age."

Hunt agrees and thinks that any programs can help. "When you know better you do better."

## Community clerk retires

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As she prepares to retire after 26 years, Community Education Center Registration clerk Caron Pace said that she learned to effectively communicate with the public.

She has learned from all the students she helped register for classes "to be patient and tolerant, because I have met different types of people."

The Community Education Center will hold a retirement ceremony for Pace on Sept. 28 from 1-3 p.m. in CE 3.

Pace initially came to work at Cerritos College because her husband's job was transferred from

Illinois to California, where they soon found residence in the city of Lakewood.

Before her current position, Pace worked as a substitute within the Community Education Center until another position opened up.

"I was able to support myself because I was independent," she said, "and from then on I didn't have to worry."

She added that she would miss having the opportunity to attend plays and go on trips with her co-workers. She will also miss the friendships she had developed over the past 26 years.

Suzy Heapy, secretary, and Toni Grijalva, program facilitator, will likewise miss the relationship.

"I will miss her personality and her energy," Heapy said.

For her, "It was a blast," to know someone like Pace for her commitment to Cerritos and its students.

Grijalva, along with Heapy, who has known Pace for more than 20 years, said that being around Pace was always a positive experience because everyday Pace came to work with a smile on her face.

"No matter what happened in her life she was always willing to help out others in the office," Grijalva said.

Pace commented that she too enjoyed being in the office everyday because everyone worked as a team.

*"Youth in general count for more than half of the infected. They're engaging in unprotected sex and young people think they are invincible to these types of diseases."*

- Kevono Hunt, Leader In The Fight to Eradicate AIDS coordinator.



## Students 'club' in Falcon Square

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Club Information Day was held in Falcon Square on Aug. 30 and Aug. 31.

According to Dean Ackland, coordinator of Student Activities, 32 different clubs signed up to host a booth, though not all showed up.

The clubs in attendance varied from religion to mathematics. Students got to know the presidents, vice-presidents and faculty members of each club.

Each club had different ways of organizing its booth. The clubs provided students with candy, pencils and flyers with hopes to gain more members.

Anthropology Club President Billy Juarez said, "Last year we did a lot of fun activities like trips to museums and we watched different films. We study the connection of all cultures."

The Pre-med Club is designed for all students even though the focus is directed toward those who are pursuing a career in the medical field.

The club also participates in other non-profit organizations like the March of Dimes, according to club member Jimmy Ortiz.

Puente Club assures that students meet the required classes in order to transfer to a university.

Nicole Campos, Puente Club president, said that they help students raise money to pay off their classes and books.

They are in charge of assuring that students meet the required standards so they can transfer to any university they choose.

Phi Beta Lambda is a club that meets students from other colleges. They also travel throughout the U.S.

Applied Science, Engineering & Technology is a club designed for students in engineering, biology, and chemistry among other sciences and technologies.

Alvaro Lizcano, ASET president and Alvaro Espinoza, ASET administrative director, said that in a couple of months they are going over to UCLA to do some projects with their lab research.

More information about the various clubs and those not mentioned can be found in the Student Activities office or by visiting go.cerritos.com.



Begging to differ: Waleed Nuariat, economics and English major raises his hand to get the attention of Dr. John Haas, history instructor at the "Remembering 9/11" discussion held in the Teleconference Center last Monday.

## Global debate in memory of Sept. 11

Students and expert guests debate world issues in the post-9/11 world

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While students gathered in the Amphitheater in tribute to Sept. 11, other students convened in the Teleconference Center in a different tribute on Monday.

As part of the Cerritos College Global Consortium, Dr. John Haas, history instructor, facilitated a discussion Monday titled "Remembering 9/11."

Among the discussion topics were terrorism, anti-American sentiment, the War in Iraq and the Israel-Palestine War.

### The Experts

The discussion allowed Cerritos students to converse with students from International Pacific College in New Zealand and Arcadia University in Pennsylvania via satellite.

Guest speakers at the event included Hussam Ayloush, executive director for the Southern California Council on American-Islamic relations and Dr. Aslam Abdullah, president of the Muslim Council of America.

Dr. Hayat Alvi-Aziz, international studies director at Arcadia University, joined the discussion via

satellite.

Other speakers were Allison Taylor, associate director of the American Jewish Congress of L.A. and Dr. Roberta Seil, historian.

Also joining the teleconference was Dr. Judea Pearl, UCLA computer science professor, whose son Daniel Pearl an American journalist was captured in Iraq and beheaded in 2002.

He spoke at the teleconference via telephone.

### The Students

Students who attended the event found it to be very informing and educational.

Rose Thomas, liberal studies major, said, "It's a nice approach to understanding different perspectives."

"It is very powerful to hear different ideas from people who are all approaching the same subject."

"It was only 90 minutes but it felt like hours," said Mark Pizzo, history major.

"There was so much information and knowledge shared."

Before asking the opening question, Haas said, "These are very important topics to discuss."



"Eventually the U.S. will win the war on terrorism. The question is how long will it take? How many innocent people will have to die for the war to be won?"

- Dr. Aslam Abdullah, president of the Muslim Council of America

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"The object here is peace, I do not have an agenda."

Haas asked the opening question by asking if the U.S. is winning the war on terrorism or has the war caused more terrorism to exist.

### The Debate

"I think we are winning the war," Seil said.

"We finally recognize that (terrorism) is a problem."

"We've alerted the public and educated the public and people are beginning to be aware."

"Eventually the U.S. will win the war on terrorism," Abdullah said.

"The question is how long will it take?"

"How many innocent people will have to die for the war to be won?"

However, Ayloush disagreed.

"We've contributed in radicalizing people and pushing them on sides where they want to the other side."

"The war on terrorism has been a failure and has added to the weakness in hiding terrorism," Ayloush

said.

Though the discussion became heated at certain points, everyone who spoke was able to voice his opinion and give students different interpretations of the same events.

"People in discussions like this are very passionate and have a lot of things to say," Haas said.

"I assembled people from different walks and diversity so we have an opportunity to listen to (all sides)."

### 9/11 Fatalities

(Not including the 19 hijackers)

#### New York City

World Trade Center	2,602
American 11	88
United 175	59

#### Pentagon

Building	125
American 77	

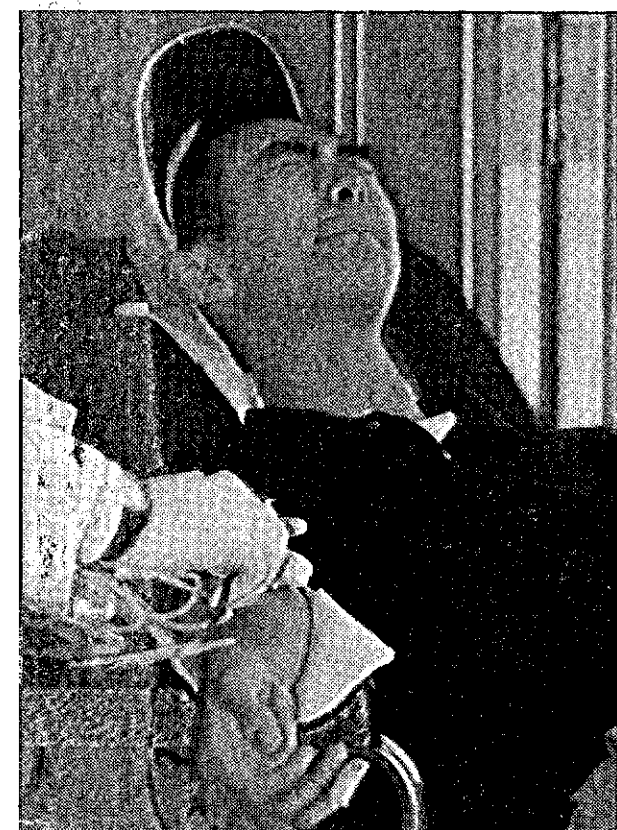
#### Shanksville, Penn.

United 93	40
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Total	2,973
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\*24 are still missing & source: Wikipedia

## 9/11 blood drive drains students veins



Ouch: Andre Pyo, business major, cringes in pain while donating blood, Tuesday.

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The Red Cross is hosting a memorial blood drive at Cerritos College in honor of 9/11.

It started Tuesday and will go on through Wednesday at the Student Center stage between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

"(We like to) keep a memory. A lot of people donated (on 9/11)," said Rob Torrez, field manager and coordinator, who has been organizing blood drives for 14 years.

"I'm proud to say that Cerritos College is one of the best junior colleges in Southern California (for donating blood)," Torrez continued.

According to Torrez, the reason that Cerritos is consistently good is that high schools surrounding Cerritos College are of the themselves

best in Southern California when it comes to donating blood. Once students at those high schools graduate and come to Cerritos it makes for an even larger crowd donating.

The Red Cross is more than eager to accept the students' donations.

During the summer, many people are on vacation and others feel it is too hot to donate blood. Torrez says, because of this, all blood donated in this drive will be utilized immediately.

"It will be in someone's body by this weekend," he predicts.

Erika Mavaro, first time donor, special education major, just walked right in and said, "Why not try?"

About 500 Cerritos College students have already signed up, with more walking in.

"It's awesome to feel like you're helping people," said Jason Macias, biology and computer science major, who was volunteering and waiting to donate blood himself.

Donors are treated to snacks and drinks afterward, not to mention a coupon for a free small one-topping pizza at Papa John's. They can also grab a sticker that reads, "Be nice to me, I gave blood today!" and a button that reads, "It's my first time!"

The Red Cross Organization comes to Cerritos College four times a year. They come in September, November, February, and June for two days at a time.

The requirements to donate blood are that the donor has to be at least 17 years old, at least 110 pounds, be in good health, and have lived in America for at least three years.

## Cerritos education not lost in translation

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Cerritos College has offered ESL classes since 1991 for those students that live in America but speak other languages.

The program is headed by instructors that specialize in teaching English to those who don't know it.

The program provides flexibility in the class schedule by offering classes during the day, afternoon and evening for those who work.

However, the English as a Second Language program at Cerritos is not only for adults.

"We also take high school students through the VEYSEY program, and although we don't have many now, we would hope to recruit more in the future," said Joann Sugihara-Cheetham, ESL instructor.

The classes here at Cerritos are \$26 per unit, and while ESL classes at other public places are free, the Cerritos College program feels it has more to offer.

"It offers more variety in terms of the type of classes to choose from. Cerritos has individualized classes, such as pronunciation, listening and speaking, vocabulary, spelling, and American Expressions and Culture," Sugihara-Cheetham said.

"Many free Adult Education ESL programs do not offer these types of classes."

However, instructors aren't the only ones that say the ESL program here is different, some students also think that paying for classes is better.

"When you pay for a class you put more effort to learning, because you don't just want to waste your money. Classes are more academic," said Emilia Rivera, former student of the ESL program.

Miguel Ortiz, dental hygiene major, agrees and feels that the classes here have helped him develop better communication skills and express himself better.

This semester the ESL program will be offering an open house during October 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"This will be the first time (the program) does this. (The school) will be giving a taste of what the classes are like to all of those that are interested and might not know what the program is about," Sugihara-Cheetham said.

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## Two students give dance a chance

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Who ever said that being in a dance class is only for women never told these guys.

Being a man in dance might be looked upon as only for women, but for two Cerritos students that is not true.

Steve Rosa, photography major, said that although he has a passion for photography he thought that he would give a dance class a try.

He and Lionel Villalta, undecided major, decided to take the class to try something different.

"This is a fun class," Rosa said, "and it's also fast-paced but it is also a great workout."

Additionally, Rosa said that although the dance is a dance workout there is strength that is built throughout the course.

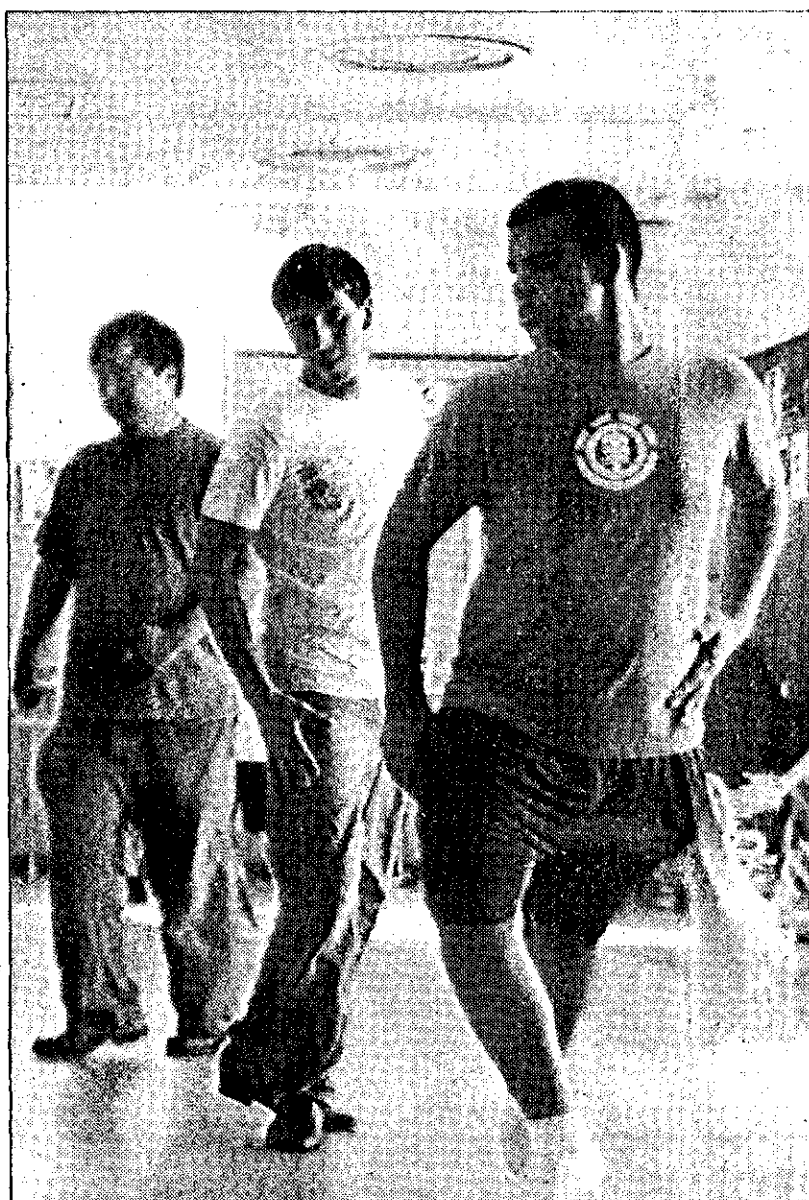
Indeed this appears to be true because on the television show "Dancing with the Stars" on ABC many of the contestants confess that their rehearsals and practices are often grueling but rewarding at the end.

He added that although dance classes are predominately female, those within the class treat him as an equal and that it is fun to meet new people.

Aside from the all the fun and getting to meet new people, there is only one minor problem; there is a shortage of male students in this dance class.

Both show that they have the dancing potential.

Meaning when it comes to be-



**Dance Duo:** Lionel Villalta (left) and Steve Rosa (right) are practicing their social latin dance routine during their class that take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. in the dance studio on campus.

ing paired off with a dance partner these guys have to dance with not only one woman but one or more

women within the class who don't have partners. Those who don't have partners would dance with an

imaginary partner. At first, Rosa said, that the reason he decided to take a dance class was because his sister was in a dance class before and he thought why not give it a try.

But professional dance may not be in the future for the aspiring photographer.

"No, I wouldn't pursue it as a career" he said, "because dancing is hard work and because it doesn't pay enough."

Villalta agrees that dance is a lot of work.

He also feels that it is intense and a good workout, but that dance instructor Maha Haddad is very encouraging despite the fact that he and Rosa, both men, are a minority enrolled in the class.

"There is a technique in dance that Haddad shows us," Villalta commented, "and it is just having the time for practice."

For two hours of practice that Villalta along with Rosa put into the class, there are times in which Villalta's legs are sore.

However, he does realize the commitment he and Rosa put into the class.

"I see the hard work there is put into dance," Villalta added.

He too said that more men should take dance.

If he doesn't feel intimidated by the large number of women in the class neither should men.

"In the class I would say that women outnumber the men by at least two to three," Villalta said.

Rosa said, "Those students who are interested or have an interest in wanting to dance, should."

## Jackson doesn't save audience from the 'Snakes' in theaters

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What is the point of "Snakes on a Plane?"

There is no point. In today's world, the movie industry seems to be split up into two categories, thought-provoking films and mindless action flicks.

This isn't a good movie. It's a terrible one. However, can a purposeful bad flick somehow be good? With "Snakes on a Plane," the answer is very likely yes!

This movie pokes fun at today's idiotic action flicks by making one itself. Not only that, but when a star is needed for such a movie, Samuel L. Jackson is the person to go to. No one could have pulled off this "bad ass" hero than Jackson.

Sean Jones (Nathan Phillips, "Wolf Creek") is a witness to a murder and consequently the target for the suspects. It is up to Neville Flynn (Jackson) to escort Sean to L.A. where he will testify in the court case. A calm flight turns into a nightmare when an assassin unleashes a crate of snakes onto the passengers.

It doesn't get much simpler than that.

Stereotypical characters, unreal-

istic plot, ridiculous situations- it's all there! And the movie wouldn't be what it is without it.

An action flick like this that does not take itself seriously and makes it almost a comedy is hard to come by.

If you cannot laugh at a man taking someone else's dog and throwing it at an awaiting anaconda, only to swallow the man's head later, then you need to see some other "artsy" film, because this isn't the movie for you.

This is the perfect action flick for people that don't care for the blandness the action genre has become.

It's also perfect for any person who enjoys his share of bad '70's horror movies and "Mystery Science Theater 3000."

It really is about laughing at the movie rather than with the movie.

Audiences will say the classic line from the flick for years to come- "I have had it with these snakes on this plane!"

There are movies that have to be taken seriously.

Jackson has been in a couple of those.

Then there are movies like "Snakes on a Plane" where one has to leave his brain at the door and bring his sense of humor with him.

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## EDITORIAL

# The miseducation of sex

In Western culture, sex has always been a taboo topic to truthfully discuss.

Ironically, while many of us feel uncomfortable discussing sexual issues, the inevitable truth is that sex is everywhere.

It is time that we all face this truth.

Let us start conversing about the dangers that are present.

Warn each other, not only about AIDS, but about other sexually transmitted diseases such as syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia.

Open and truthful discussion needs to be held about sex and the physical, emotional and spiritual attachments that go along with the act.

People of all ages and experiences need to be informed and educated.

Many of us can reflect on our adolescent years and remember the changes our bodies went through.

During that time, some of us can remember hearing "the talk" about sex from our parents.

Others of us never got that talk from the parents, and went and discussed it with friends who were as curious about sex as we were.

Since parents are scared to

tell the truth, they turn to their friends who know as little about sex as they do.

If they don't get the answers they want from their friends, then their next recourse is to turn to television.

Once viewing television, they see women portrayed as objects and men as sex-hungry animals who do not care about the emotions tied to sex.

Promiscuity is encouraged and faithfulness to one partner is ridiculed.

The media should not be solely responsible for educating our children about sex.

Parents should be the first people to inform children about sexual matters.

They may giggle when told about sex at first, but when they are older they will remember and thank the parents for the education.

Schools also need to share the brunt in education about sex.

Starting in junior-high school and continuing throughout high school and college, the more educated today's kids are about sex, the better off the current generation and the genera-

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tion to come will be.

While we at Talon Marks recognize that abstinence is the best way to protect oneself from diseases and unwanted pregnancy, we also realize that

everyone is not going to practice this lifestyle.

Because of this, other forms of contraception such as condoms, diaphragms and birth control pills must be distributed

and used in order to contain the spread of STDs.

If you are sexually active and want to keep it confidential, the Student Health Center offers free AIDS testing and contra-

ception once a month. There are also many resources online.

It is best to put this education into practice to save not only ourselves but those we care about.



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## President keeps America speechless

President Bush's policies are designed to keep Americans from exercising their First Amendment rights.



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George W. Bush could quite possibly be the worst president in our nation's history.

The ever increasing national debt, unwarranted warfare, illegal spying operations and continued lame duck perspective are just a few of the countless offenses our president has chosen to undertake during his presidential term.

While these "charges" against the president are indeed serious and detrimental to our nation as a whole, they are far less grave than the president's continuing efforts to silence our society's unalienable right of free speech.

Apparently our president believes in, subduing the rights and privileges we as American citizens are entitled to - all in the sake of saving

himself from embarrassment.

Before his presidency even began, dozens of people across the United States were banned from or arrested at political rallies for the Bush campaign.

These individuals' offenses ranged from hawking the president to merely holding signs or owning clothing that expressed disagreement or dislike over the administration's policies.

The 2004 Bush campaign even went as far as segregating protesters in a designated "free speech zone" area set up a significant distance from each rally.

According to a recent LA Times article, Bush was adamant about participating in a "seamless,

partisan rally free of embarrassing moments that attract media attention."

These "free speech zones" - often times placed far away from the main event - habitually succeeded in keeping protesters out of sight and away from media attention.

It seems that the Administration is looking upon these individuals, who are exercising their freedom of speech and assembly, as nothing more than criminals, often arresting those who overstep the "free speech zones."

Since campaign time, countless numbers of other individuals have been arrested and charged with the same offenses, often happening at official, taxpayer-funded, presidential visits - all in an effort to suppress free speech and the growing dissent for the current administration and president.

Often times, the government uses bullying tactics to repress individuals who are rightfully, peacefully exercising this right.

The government often uses threats, intimidation and force to silence the anti-Bush movement.

Unfortunately, Election Year 2008 cannot come soon enough for those of us who now fear that our civil liberties and rights as Americans will be stripped from us because the president cannot accept what we have to say about him.

*Often times, the government uses bullying tactics to repress individuals who are rightfully, peacefully exercising this right.*

## WHAT SHOULD AMERICANS BE MOST CONCERNED WITH?

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**ALAN VALANCY**  
film major

"Health care, because so many people don't have it and many jobs don't provide it."



**MANUEL CANDELARIO**  
pre-med major

"The war. We're spending too much money on the war, and we should be spending it on other things like education and health care."



**VERONICA HANNA**  
speech pathology major

"I'd like to see more discussions surrounding the UN, and the whole immigration policy, it's becoming a big debate."



**ERICK BONNET**  
mechanical engineering major

"The war in Iraq is the big issue, because we are still in a big conflict and we should be making peace instead."



**SARAH MADUENO**  
art major

"The whole immigration issue because it affects not only immigrants, but the American born children as well."



**CRESILLA RAMOS**  
biology major

"Everything that the government has to take control of, like the troops that need to go back to the war still."

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK



**"NEW RULE" COULD SAVE U.S.**

Bill Maher, host of HBO's "Real Time With Bill Maher," discusses safety on his closing editorial segment called "New Rules."

"Bad presidents happen to good people. Let me suggest that, in a world turned hostile to America, the smartest message we can send to those beyond our shores is: 'We're not with stupid.'"

He then goes on to further lampoon President Bush and gives a new mandate to Americans.

"Therefore, I maintain that ridiculing this president is now the most patriotic thing you can possibly do."



# The times don't change

In a post-9/11 world, society and its leaders fail to change for the better

It is a sure bet that we can all remember what we were doing on September 11, 2001. I know I can.

On that eventful date, I was still in the U.S. Army, taking part in another training exercise.

During a break, a fellow comrade of mine took out a radio. It was around 11 a.m. and the news coming out of that radio was quite shocking, very surreal.

At that moment I thought the events were part of some new radio drama, like that of Orsen Wells.

Planes crashing into the World Trade Center, explosions everywhere, people running for cover: Jesus, this could not be real.

Then reality sunk in.

All training was canceled and we were ordered to report back to battalion headquarters immediately.

It was there that our commander informed us of the events that had unfolded that morning.

Revenge was on everyone's lips. Our leaders promised us to bring to justice those responsible.

Five years later, the American people still wait for that promised to be fulfilled.

In the five years since 9/11, we



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have been witness to a blatant abuse of power by our government.

At home, our leaders have slowly managed to clamp down on civil liberties, such as wiretapping anyone of their choice.

Abroad, they have killed with no mercy or are responsible for the deaths of many in the Middle East.

For five years we have been fed meaningless patriotic rhetoric.

Rhetoric meant to stir up and exploit American sentiment, and blur the truth.

They scare us with the idea of radical Islam spreading not just in the Middle East, but throughout the whole world.

Have they even seriously explained what radical Islam is?

We have blindly been led into a "war" that does not seek reasonable and logical solutions.

The current policy is to wipe out people who resist to the "American way of things."

Then President Bush gives us the ultimatum of "you are with us (America) or you are with the terrorists."

Apparently we are either good or bad.

What really puzzles the mind is the fact that none of our political leaders have yet figured out why these "terrorists" hate us.

Could this dissent possibly stem from the fact that American corporations exploit their lands for their most valuable natural resource, oil?

Could another reason be that we continue to support brutal, unelected dictatorships in their lands?

Like those of Saudi Arabia and does anyone remember the Shah of Iran anymore.

Or what about the American corporations that run amok in their lands, making hefty profits, while the masses live in poverty.

Human beings can take only so much until they say, "Enough!"

Like the great Mohandas Gandhi once said, in response to a question of why people turn to violence.

"They are violent because they are desperate."

Since our leaders don't seem to get it, or pretend not to get it, we, the people, have to make them understand.

The masses are the ones that have the political power to bring change or to maintain the status quo.

It's been five years, and the only thing our leaders have managed to achieve is more despair, violence and death.



## Can you just stop 'Nagin'?

The New Orleans mayor continues to make insensitive remarks

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin couldn't keep his mouth shut, now could he?

During an interview with "60 Minutes" on Aug. 27 Nagin was asked why it has taken so long for the city to rebuild after Hurricane Katrina.

In response to the criticism, Nagin said, "You guys in New York can't get a hole in the ground fixed, and it's five years later. So let's be fair."

He was referring to the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

Despite his apology for the remark for those who died, and with the fifth anniversary of the attacks on Monday, I say that his apology is not enough.



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Excuse me, have you not seen what has happened to actor Mel Gibson when he was arrested for a DUI on July 27 and made Anti-Semitic comments against Jews?

Nagin, who has let his mouth go off before, should know that those who died in the World Trade Center, including police officers and firefighters are not to blame for the politics involved in either tragedy.

He should have never trivialized their deaths.

But then again it is not the first time that Nagin shoots his mouth off after a disaster.

After Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, Nagin was criticizing FEMA for the lack of federal aid to hurricane victims and

also said, "After 9/11, we gave the president unprecedented powers lickety-quick to take care of New York."

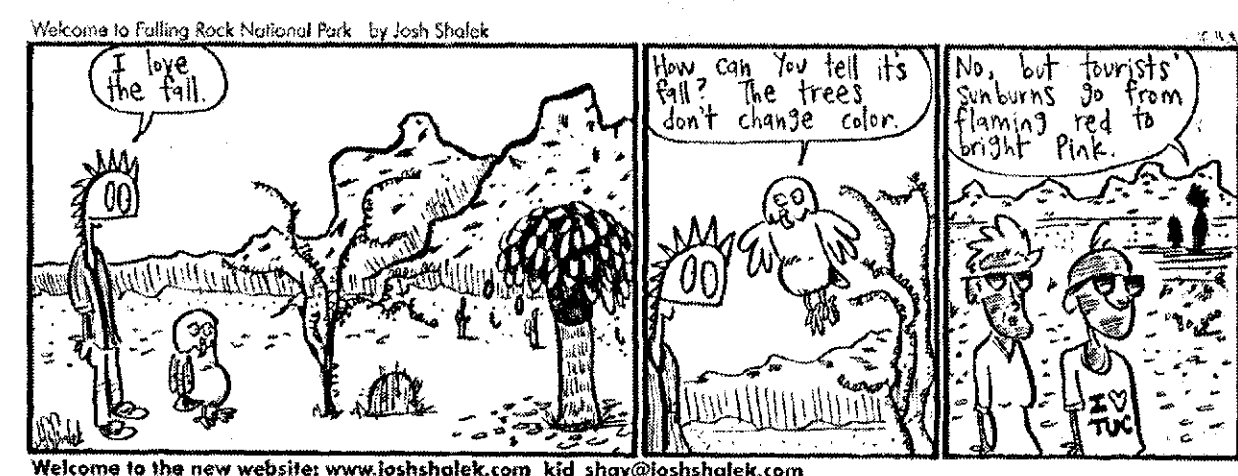
Do you see the pattern here?

Now for his apology Nagin says that he didn't mean to say that where the World Trade Center once stood was a hole and that he considered it sacred ground, but it is painfully obvious that he doesn't really think so.

You see the kind of person who they have put into office, New Orleans?

If you choose to put someone who has referred to your city as a "chocolate" city after being devastated by a hurricane and follows it with a statement trivializing another city's tragedy then you deserve him.

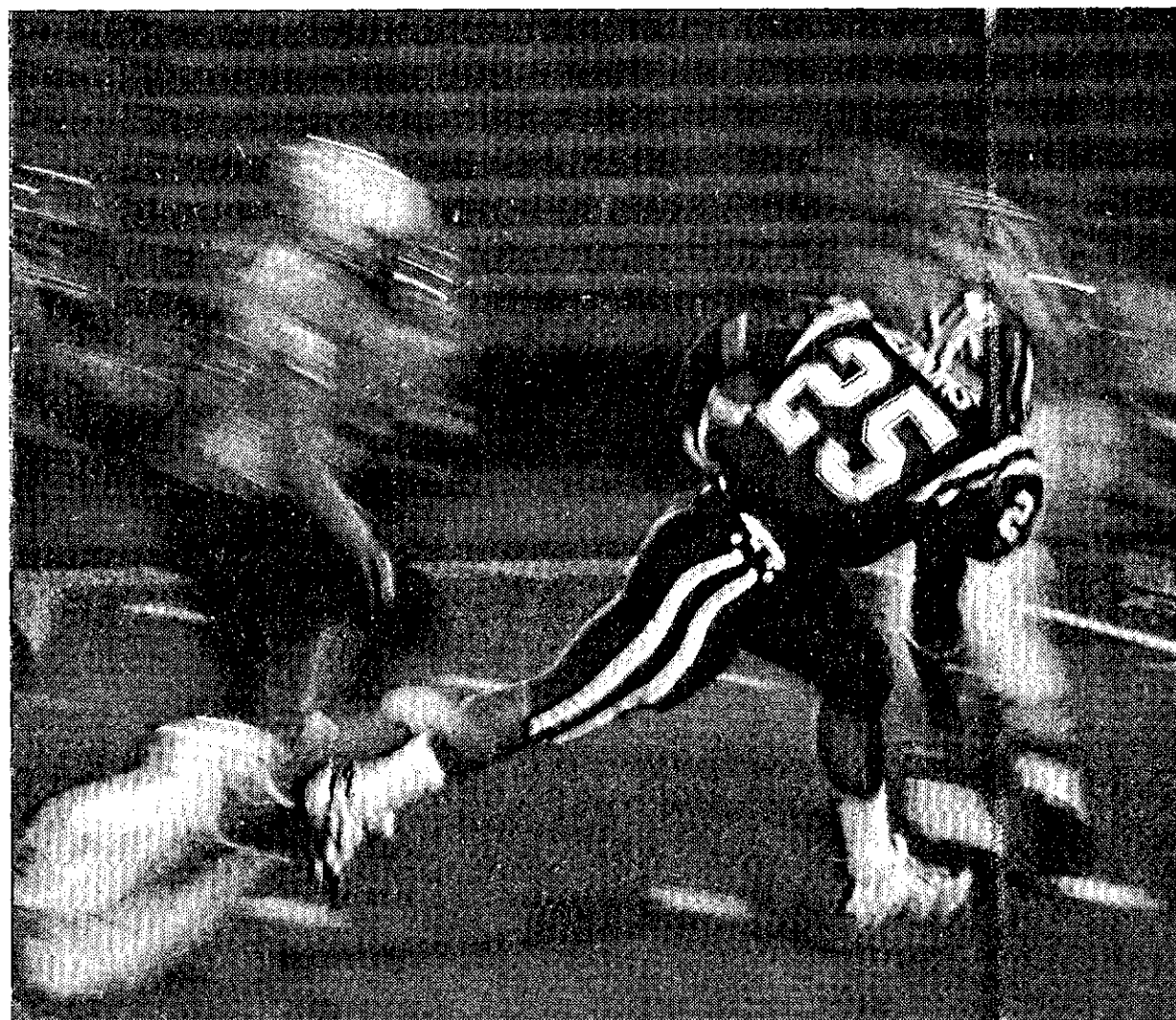
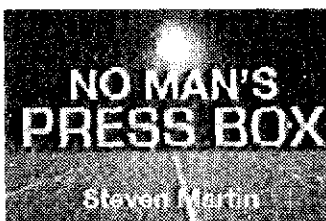
I guess that for someone who is as narrow-minded as he, it's right to assume he just doesn't see or care for those who he represents.





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- BLOG: Who knew volleyball could be this fun?
- VIDEO: Football opener



**As fast as a blur:** Running back Ty'Rone Jenkins rushes toward the goal line breaking tackles and eventually scoring against Moorpark in the season opener held on Sept. 2. The Falcons would go on to lose 14-17. A week later the Falcons redeemed themselves by crushing West LA College, 50-27. On the season Jenkins is averaging 5.4 yards per carry with one touchdown.

## Falcons run over West LA

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Cerritos College quarterback Chad Manis, threw five touchdown passes, leading to a 50-27 Cerritos victory over West Los Angeles College, last Saturday.

The 50 points were the most by the Falcons since a 53-0 win over Golden West College in 1998.

With a record of 1-1, Cerritos will now face off against Mt. SAC on at 7 p.m. this Saturday at the Mounties home field.

The Falcons had just come off a loss against Moorpark, 14-17 in the season opener.

Manis was just one pass away from tying the school record, which was set by former Cerritos quarterback, Mike Ernest, against Los Angeles Pierce College in 1969.

Cerritos wide receiver Greg Moore, also had the game of a lifetime.

He caught three touchdown passes.

The three scores were just one away from tying a school record set by Sean Willis in a game against Mt.

SAC in 1987.

Falcon quarterbacks Manis, Mike Roy, and AJ Toscano combined to throw for 390 yards to go with 246 yards on the ground.

Roy and Toscano each had one touchdown pass a piece.

The 390 yards through the air were three shy of tying the school record, while the 636 total yards was just off the school record of 670 yards in 1972.

The Falcons jumped out to a 15-0 lead in the first quarter and led 29-13 at the break.

In the second half, the offense moved down field and held leads of 43-13 and 50-20 in the fourth quarter.

Even though, West LA quarterback Boomer Welles passed for 359 yards and two scores, the Falcons put a lot of pressure on West Los Angeles, defensively.

Led by sophomore defensive tackle Justin Vasquez, Cerritos had five quarterback hurries.

The Falcon defense combined together for five tackles for losses and broke up seven pass attempts.

With the gap in the score grow-

ing, the Falcons started to use more players from the bench.

Running back, Rylon Thomas rushed for 78 yards on 12 carries and running back DeAngelo Mingo came in the forth quarter and rushed for 45 yards on four carries.

Running back Ty'Rone Jenkins, added 29 yards on three carries. Toscano completed 3-of-7 passes for 74 yards and rushed twice for 28 yards, while Roy added 62 yards on 2-for-3 passing.

Wide receiver Ryan Pettys received a pass from Manis in the corner of the Oiler end zone for Pettys' only catch of the game. He went up high and pulled down the pass for a touchdown while falling backwards.

Linebacker Kupono Kaawa led the team with seven tackles and also recovered a fumble.

Cornerback Terrell Cole chipped in with six tackles, a tackle for loss and he broke up a pass.

The Falcons finished with class as they drove down to the Oiler 4-yard line, but chose to add insult to injury and took a knee to run out the clock.

## Football stadium gets much needed facelift

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After seeing the soles of one too many cleats, the Cerritos College football field and track are getting a much needed makeover.

Continuing efforts to revamp certain areas across campus are being made, and administrators and contractors alike are now looking to the track and field for the latest batch of improvements.

New Astroturf recently replaced the grass that used to cover the football field - a task that was completed only hours before the first home game of the season that took place Sept. 2.

College President Dr. Noelia Vela has expressed that the renovations taking place inside the stadium have been greatly needed.

"The track had lived out its life expectancy. It had been worn to the base and was beyond repair," Vela said.

"The artificial field provides for better use of space. Practice can occur on the actual football field rather than requiring a separate field and a variety of classes

can now be taught on this stadium field."

Dr. Dan Smith, dean of health, physical education and athletics, said that the artificial turf "makes a lot of sense."

"The cost to maintain a grass field is far more than that of a field of artificial turf. It costs much less to maintain, seeing as it is you don't have to water or fertilize the turf," he said.

"Plus there is more opportunity to schedule events and classes out there."

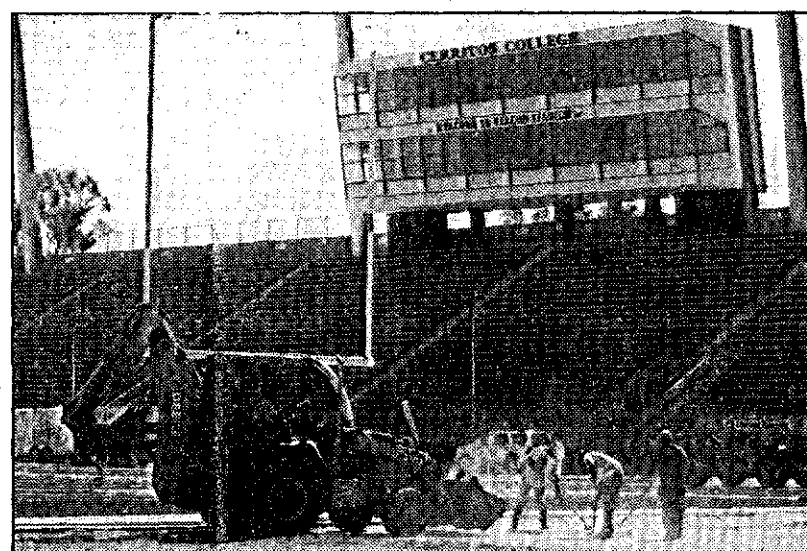
The track is scheduled to be completed by the end of January.

At that time, administrators and school officials will have some more options.

"The field has always been reserved for games," Smith said. "Upon completion, (the track and field) will be able to be utilized by other teams and for classes such as soccer and running."

Head football coach Frank Mazzotta is very excited, as his football players will be utilizing the stadium more so than any other team.

Mazzotta was given the opportunity to get creatively involved with this project, as he was in charge of choosing the color schemes for the



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**New goals:** Construction continues on the track and field. The football field has already been re-turfed with Astroturf and the entire project is set to be completed by January of next year.

field. "The field turned out absolutely beautiful, if I do say so myself," he said. "Dr. Vela really went out of her way to make this happen."

James Austin, cheer squad adviser, is just as excited.

"The improvements are a benefit for everyone. It makes it more like a real campus now, not just a little college with a football field in the backyard."

Many members of the college

community were excited that the field, was ready for the first home game.

Carlene Castaneda, English major, was present at the game and said she was just as excited as the players who got to use the field.

"It seemed as though the players were really enjoying themselves on the new field," she said.

Although the Falcons did not see a victory that night, Mazzotta said his players thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The track and field renovations, however, are not the last thing on the college's list of improvements.

Vela said among the other improvements, the college will be looking to revamp the pool and pool house, among others.



*"The track had lived out its life expectancy. It had been worn to the base and was beyond repair."*

• Cerritos College President Dr. Noelia Vela

## Cerritos comeback is too late in loss to Citrus

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A comeback in the second sets was not enough to win the entire game as the Cerritos volleyball team lost its first match of the season to Citrus College, 30-19, 30-28 and 30-20.

The loss gives the Falcons a record of 1-1 while Citrus has a record of 2-0. The Falcons' next match is against College of the Canyons on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Though the Falcons offered little resistance both offensively and defensively in the first set, they started the second set with a different approach.

"The second set was our best. We were neck-and-neck with Citrus. We played with more heart and listened to what our coaches told us," said Terri Del Conte, outside hitter.

Del Conte had a team-leading eight kills along with seven digs and two aces.

Both the Falcons and Owls fought for the lead and tied many times during the second set. The first 15 points were scored on a back-to-back basis by both teams.

"In the second set, the team be-

lieved it would win. It stuck with the game plan," said co-head coach Ali Oliver. "In the third set it lost that belief."

In the third set, the Falcons feel the loss came because of mistakes made on the court.

"We made a lot of mental errors like not blocking on time and keeping the ball in play," Del Conte said. "We pretty much beat ourselves."

"Citrus had one only big hitter and we still couldn't defeat them," she said. "I hope to (play against) Citrus in the post-season."

That one big hitter for Citrus was Kelly Fink, who led the Owls with eight kills. In 2005, she was an All-American nominee, first team All-State honoree and Western State Conference MVP.

Though stat wise, Fink was the main contributor for the Owls, she credits the win to be a team effort.

"We played more as a team than we have (in previous games)," said Citrus outside hitter Kelly Fink. "The first set was the best for us. We came out strong."

Despite the loss, Oliver said that there were bright moments for the Falcons; one of them being the play of the freshmen.

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## PROTECTING THE SKIES

The Sept. 11 suicide hijackings brought profound changes to airline security: a ban on short-bladed knives, the installation of steel cockpit doors and the deployment of armed federal air marshals on flights. Congress ordered the newly created Transportation Security Administration to hire and train 45,000 airport security officers and to address aviation's biggest vulnerability — bombs — by screening all checked baggage. Large airports were equipped with 1,400 van-sized devices that use medical imaging technology to scan luggage for explosives. Another 6,000 smaller systems that detect trace explosive residues now screen both checked and carry-on bags at all 450 airports. Recently, passenger screeners began using new CT scanners at 36 airports. But none of the devices can detect liquid explosives like those would-be Britain-based terrorists planned to use.

## GATHERING AND SHARING INTELLIGENCE

The USA Patriot Act, passed six weeks after the terrorist attacks and reauthorized in March, broadened the federal government's surveillance authority and lowered the intelligence wall that had hindered the FBI and CIA from sharing information pre-Sept. 11. A new federal intelligence czar, John Negroponte, now watches over more than a dozen intelligence agencies to ensure they work together. After being blamed for ignoring clues to the Sept. 11 plot, the FBI doubled its number of intelligence analysts. The agency also combined its intelligence and counterterrorism divisions to create the Directorate of Intelligence and formed intelligence "fusion centers" aimed at encouraging the sharing of intelligence by federal, state and local agencies. The FBI now shares its "terror watch list" with other federal, state and local authorities. Federal law enforcement agencies rely on "data-mining" to cull intelligence from massive amounts of electronic records, including phone records and e-mails.

## TARGETING TERRORIST FINANCING

In 2004, then-Treasury Secretary John W. Snow signed an order creating an office that aims to safeguard U.S. financial systems against terrorists and cut off sources of terror financing. Since then, the Treasury Department says more than 1,600 terrorist-related accounts and transactions have been blocked around the world, including 150 in the United States. About 40 charities alleged to have funneled money to al-Qaida, Hamas and other terror groups have been denied access to the U.S. financial system. More than 150 nations have endorsed global standards to combat terrorist financing, including provisions governing charities and cash smuggling. Earlier this year, news reports revealed that the United States and numerous other nations were collaborating on a program to secretly share banking records to track terrorists' financial transactions.

## DEFENDING AGAINST GERM AND CHEMICAL WARFARE

Federal agencies have spent upwards of \$28 billion since Sept. 11 and an ensuing anthrax attack to defend against biological weapons. The government has stockpiled enough antibiotics to treat 40 million anthrax victims, 5 million doses of anthrax vaccine and 300 million doses of smallpox vaccine. Every state has set up a 24-hour testing laboratory to speed detection of an invisible attack. Daily air sampling is conducted in dozens of cities to test for deadly germs. Federal officials are grappling with a newly emerging threat — that terrorists could engineer their own communicable germs for which there is no antidote. The Centers for Disease Control also has amassed medicine to treat victims of nerve agents, such as the deadly sarin gas that Japanese cultists released in 1995 in the Tokyo subway system, killing 12 people and sending thousands to hospitals.



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**Since Sept. 11, the U.S. has invested billions to protect the country from another attack**

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**D**ays after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, President Bush pledged to "direct every resource at our command to win the war against terrorists, every means of diplomacy, every tool of intelligence, every instrument of law enforcement, every financial influence."

Since then, the U.S. government has spent tens of billions of dollars to prevent another attack and created a sprawling new Department of Homeland Security, combining nearly two dozen agencies and 170,000 employees in the most significant government reorganization since the 1940s. Federal agencies have invested billions of dollars on new technology, and intelligence agencies have boosted their cadre of counterterrorism analysts. Bush and Congress have respectively issued executive orders and passed laws granting to authorities new powers to spy on, catch and prosecute terror suspects.

Here, we take a closer look at ways the government has restructured itself over the past five years to increase security and fight the war on terror.

## SECURING THE BORDERS

With the creation of the Department of Homeland Security in 2003, the roles of customs, immigration and agricultural inspectors were merged into one agency, known as U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Since the Sept. 11 attacks, 2,263 more Border Patrol agents have been hired, almost tripling the number assigned to the northern border and bringing the total to 12,084. The agency installed 855 radiation portal monitors at land and seaports to detect nuclear and radiological materials in cargo shipments. DHS deployed video surveillance cameras and more than 1,000 people "sensors" along the 6,000-mile border to help electronically alert Border Patrol agents to illegal immigrants in remote areas.

## PROTECTING CYBERSPACE

Some terrorism catastrophe scenarios wouldn't require a single explosive. Homeland Security officials worry that terrorists could sabotage or infiltrate major U.S. computer systems in financial institutions, at the Pentagon or even the Federal Aviation Administration's air traffic control system, wreaking untold havoc. DHS has created a National Cyber Security Division to issue alerts, respond to major incidents and aid in computer recovery efforts. The unit is working collaboratively with public and private partners to assess cyber risks and develop programs to insulate these systems from attacks.

## COUNTERTERRORISM INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS

The USA Patriot Act broadened the federal government's prosecutorial authority, toughening laws aimed at prosecuting suspects for the "material support" of terrorist organizations. The changes also eased the FBI's ability to obtain warrants to eavesdrop on or conduct searches during terrorism investigations. In the months after Sept. 11, the FBI held hundreds of terrorism suspects indefinitely as "material witnesses." Justice Department lawyers now file other criminal charges against a terrorism suspect, such as immigration and drug violations, if they lack sufficient evidence to bring terrorism-related charges. The FBI increased the number of joint terrorism task forces from 35 to 103.

## STOPPING NUCLEAR AND 'DIRTY BOMB' ATTACKS

To prevent a catastrophic nuclear attack or detonation of a radioactive "dirty bomb" in a major city, the government has ramped up the use of radiation detection devices. The devices now screen 68 percent of ship cargo and 91 percent of trucks entering the country. Acting on intelligence, government inspectors also have carried portable radiation detectors to sites across the country, even mosques, to test for radiation. But current devices are plagued by false positives. In July, the government awarded \$1.1 billion in contracts for advanced radiation detectors. Preparing for an attack, the Department of Health and Human Services is on the verge of buying 100,000 doses of a new drug that sharply increased the survival rate of monkeys exposed to massive radiation.

## EXPANSION OF PRESIDENTIAL POWERS

President Bush has pushed the limits of presidential authority to combat terrorism. He ordered the creation of military commissions to deal with suspected terrorists and concluded that detainees were not covered by the Geneva Conventions. He established a new eavesdropping program to target communication between suspected terrorists and their associates in the United States. He also expanded the use of rendition, the practice of sending terrorist suspects to foreign countries for interrogation and prosecution. The Supreme Court declared the military commissions illegal last June, and Bush and Congress are working on an alternative approach. The government has appealed a court ruling against the eavesdropping program.

## GUARDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE

After the World Trade Center was leveled, the government catalogued thousands of potential terrorist targets across the country and began to set priorities for defending them. The Department of Homeland Security's Infrastructure Directorate has since drawn up a highly classified list of 1,100 potential targets warranting the most attention — presumably including everything from nuclear power plants to Minnesota's Mall of America and the Hoover Dam. The agency also has drafted a national infrastructure protection plan that defines defense roles for all levels of government, private industry and even American Indian tribes. Based on agency vulnerability assessments at sites across the country, the plan aims to plug holes that could allow terrorists to attack any of 17 sectors, including food and drinking supplies, rail lines, oil pipelines, nuclear and chemical plants, defense facilities and national monuments.



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# HIV pandemic It could happen to you

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Here's the rub; it can happen to anyone.

HIV is out there waiting, and it's waiting in some of your favorite spots: like needle your best friend just with, in the bedroom between the sheets or in the back seat of your mate's Honda.

Not only does it happen, but it is not exclusive to Africa nor does it avoid the youth. College age adults are in danger.

Fifty percent of new infections in the U.S. are among people under the age of 25. Each year, over 20,000 people under 25 become HIV positive in the U.S.<sup>[1]</sup>

Human immunodeficiency virus is a retrovirus that is the cause of the disease known as AIDS, an affection that deteriorates the immune system, eventually destroying your T helper cells and leading to many life-threatening infections.

The main routes of transmission are sexual intercourse, sharing of contaminated needles used for intravenous drugs and transmission from an infected mother to her baby at birth or through breast milk.<sup>[2]</sup>

Now that may not sound so dangerous, but the early side effects are about as bad as any. Chemotherapy patient experiences, and the physical and emotional pain of full blown Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome is as hairy as it gets.

The typical symptoms are opportunistic infections, rare cancers and neurological complications.<sup>[3]</sup>

## The Symptoms

The early signs of HIV usually include some moderate or unexplained weight loss, recurrent respiratory tract infections such as bronchitis and recurrent oral ulcerations.

As your T cells dissipate the other symptoms may get a hold of you.

These include unexplained chronic diarrhea and fever that lasts longer than a month, the loss of more than 10 percent of your body weight, oral hairy leukoplakia and candidiasis and severe bacterial infections.

Then there is the AIDS. It occurs when the T

cell count drops to below 200 cells per mm<sup>3</sup>.

The symptoms include:

- Kaposi's sarcoma - a cancer of the blood vessels that accounts for extensive "bruising" sometimes seen in AIDS patients. It is aggressive, and can attack the mouth, lymph nodes, and internal organs, which may include the lungs or gastrointestinal tract.
- Pneumocystis jirovecii pneumonia - a form of pneumonia.
- AIDS dementia complex - due to HIV-infected brain cells.<sup>[4]</sup>

## The Test

Just like there's no cure for love, there's no cure for AIDS or HIV and the closest thing to a vaccine is a latex condom.

Infection with HIV occurs through the transfer of blood, semen, vaginal fluid, or breast milk from an infected person. HIV is carried as a free virus and in infected cells.

As of January 2006, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and the World Health Organization estimate that AIDS has killed more than 25 million people since it was first recognized on December 1, 1981, making it one of the most destructive pandemics in recorded history.

In 2005 alone, AIDS claimed an estimated 2.4-3.3 million lives, of which more than 570,000 were children.<sup>[5]</sup>

Most routine testing of HIV in adults are done with Antibody tests, which are inexpensive and very accurate.

Antibody tests give false negative results during the window period of between three weeks and six months from the time of the possible infection. Most people have detectable antibodies after three months.<sup>[6]</sup> During this window period an infected person can transmit HIV to others, without their HIV infection being detectable.

For a testing center near you visit plannedparenthoodsbcc.org.

## Who It Affects?

Despite all the information available about prevention, the number of new HIV cases in the U.S. has remained a constant at 40,000 cases a year for the past 15 years.<sup>[7]</sup>

During 2004, half of all new HIV diagnoses and half of new AIDS diagnoses were in the black community. There has been a slight decline in the number of black people newly diagnosed with HIV, and fewer Latinos were diagnosed in 2004 than in 2001. However, the rate of diagnoses among Asians/Pacific Islanders increased by about 40 percent between 2001 and 2004.

A US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey carried out in 2002 - 2003 found that

around one half of all men and women aged 15 - 44 in the US had been tested HIV at least once in their (excluding blood donation).<sup>[8]</sup>

Yet, an online survey conducted from Sept. 12 to 16 by Zogby International and MSN-BC.com of 56,000 adult men and women, ages 18 to 70 revealed that only 39 percent of people who took the survey always ask whether a new partner is infected with HIV. Nearly one-third said they never check.

## You Are the Vaccine

The safest sex is also the one you probably think is the lamest - no sex.

But latex condoms can save lives and well as heartache.

There are ways to treat HIV infection through highly active antiretroviral therapy, which uses "cocktails" consisting of at least three drugs belonging to at least two types of antiretroviral agents, and in the U.S. it is no longer strictly a death sentence.<sup>[9]</sup>

Yet, there is a very close association to death because of its incurable affliction.

There is also a social stigma that can cripple you emotionally and that prevents many people from being tested or talking about AIDS and HIV in a serious manner.

If you feel that a life of heroin is necessary then try smoking it or finding clinics that will give you clean needles.

If you are in a relationship where you feel like a condom is unnecessary then ask your partner about getting tested.

If you are HIV positive Planned Parenthood.com offers options for therapy and treatment.

Get educated and be your own best preventive tool.

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# Famous cases Famous faces

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**Ervin "Magic" Johnson**  
1959 - living

In 1991 Magic Johnson became one of the first sports celebrities to announce that he is HIV positive. He is one of the most well-known figures to be HIV-positive.

Johnson participates in a number of charity ventures, including his own Magic Johnson Foundation, which helps inner-city communities deal with issues surrounding HIV/AIDS and raises funds for research and prevention efforts. In 1996 he wrote a book called "What You Can Do to Avoid AIDS." Money from the book was donated to the Magic Johnson Foundation.

He played in the NBA 13 seasons with the Los Angeles Lakers, with whom he won five NBA championships. He is widely regarded as one of the purest passers and best point guards in the game's history. He is also considered by many to be the best player of all time.

sources: MagicJohnson.com, ESPN.com, Wikipedia



**Eric "Eazy-E" Wright**  
1963 - 1995

In 1995, Eazy-E entered the hospital with what he believed to be bronchitis. Instead he was diagnosed with AIDS, and almost immediately announced his illness to the public. He died soon after, on March 26, 1995 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

He had a history of unprotected sex with multiple partners and had fathered seven children with six different women. During the week of March 20, the star drafted his last message to fans. One week after making that announcement, Wright succumbed to the disease. He was 31 years old when he died.

An American rapper, hip hop producer, record executive, and the founder of gangsta rap from Compton. He initially rose to fame as a member of the group N.W.A.

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**Wladziu Valentino Liberace**  
1919 - 1987

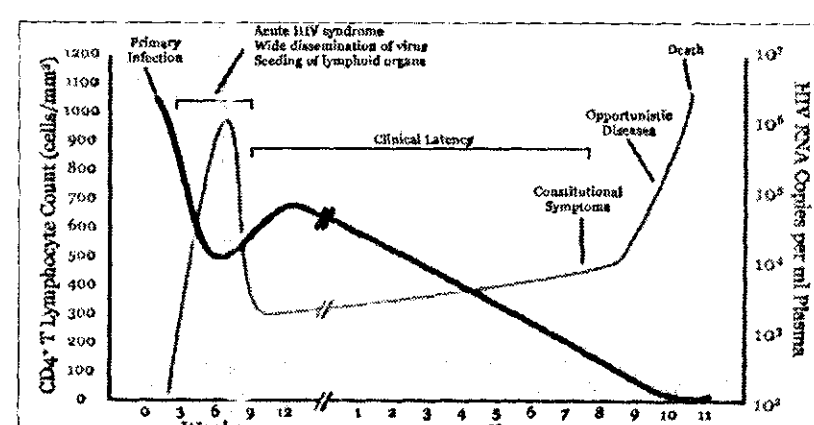
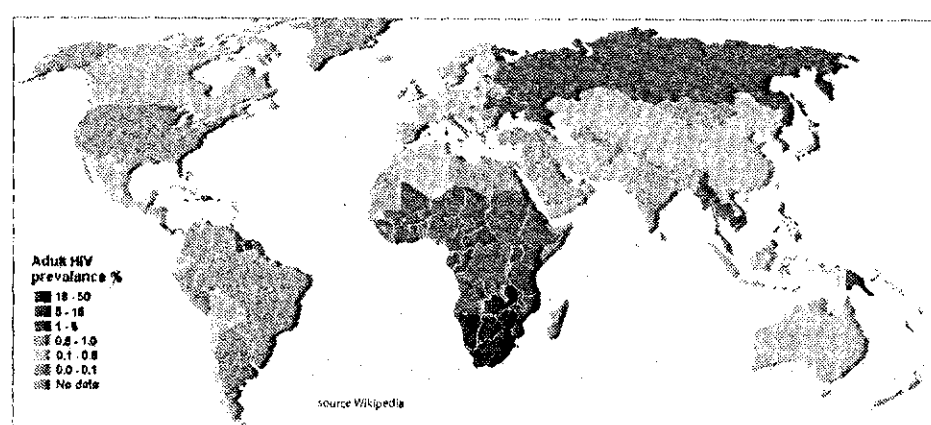
Liberace died of complications related to AIDS at the age of 67. His obvious weight loss in the months prior to his death was attributed to a "watermelon diet" by his manager, but he had been in ill health since 1985.

How and exactly when he contracted AIDS will probably never be determined since Liberace vehemently denied to the end that he had AIDS or that he was gay.

He was a charismatic American entertainer and pianist. He was the most flamboyant, popular easy listening pianist of the '50s and '70s by a wide margin.

Liberace became a star in the early '50s at the helm of his own television show, titled The Liberace Show.

sources: Wikipedia, All Music Guide, Internet Movie Database



Route of exposure to the infected subject	Rate out of 10,000 exposures
Blood Transfusion	9,000
Childbirth	2,500
Needle-sharing injection drug use	67
Receptive anal intercourse*	50
Receptive penile-vaginal intercourse*	10
Insertive anal intercourse*	6.5
Insertive penile-vaginal intercourse*	5
Receptive fellatio*	1
Insertive fellatio*	0.5

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