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## Cerritos goes up a degree

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Those students interested in receiving a bachelor's degree in business management or automotive marketing from a fully accredited university need not look any further than the Technology and Business Department at Cerritos College.

Northwood University and Cerritos College have teamed up in a joint effort to provide students with the means to obtain a bachelor's degree in business management or automotive without ever transferring to another college or university.

Northwood University is a four-year university based in Midland, Michigan. While it has two other traditional campuses in both Texas and Florida, Cerritos College is the first and only college in California to offer Northwood classes to its students.

Javier Garza, program center

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## College celebrates Constitution

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In order to form a more educated union, Cerritos College provided information about the U.S. Constitution in honor of Constitution Day.

A banner wished students a "Happy Constitution Day" on Monday in Falcon Square, while several students manned a booth, providing information about the laws of the land.



"People know more about Beverly Hills 90210 than about our vice-president and branches," said Javier Crespo, liberal arts major.

Holly Bogdanovich, director of Student Activities, said that every university or college that receives specific state funding is obligated to celebrate the holiday in some way.

However, she believes it is a worthwhile cause.

"(The Constitution) is what our

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# It's the end of the world



ILLUSTRATION BY ANAYACATL ARTURO NEVAREZ

## And global warming doesn't feel fine

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earth even before man was around.

### The problem

It's hard to imagine how things will be in 20 years. What will our generation say to our children? How will we explain the death of victims from events like Hurricane Katrina and the Indonesian tsunami? Will we be able to say it was because of global warming?

California is known to have great weather. Cerritos weather is even better. But that hasn't been the case for some years now. The global temperature is warming up and changes can be seen and felt nationwide.

Because of the 21 hottest years measured, 20 of those have been in the last 25 years, seven of them since 1990 and No. 1 being 2005.

Earth Science instructor Tor Lacy explains that global warming always happens. That global warming is a process that happened on

The way it works is that the sun heats up the earth through energy. The atmosphere acts like a layer that bounces back some of that energy out and absorbs energy in, so that the earth can remain at a comfortable temperature.

Although the earth's temperature fluctuates, Lacy says that, "the temperature of the earth is rising at an unnatural rate. (And that) it is not normal."

There are certain gasses in the earth, specifically carbon dioxide, that trap the heat that's normally released by earth. With more greenhouse emissions being released into the atmosphere that layer is beginning to thicken and less heat is being bounced back out into space. Therefore, causing the earth's temperature to rise.

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### The savior

In an attempt to spread the global warming issue, Al Gore, former vice president of the United States, explains the irreversible consequences that will occur if the world does not begin solving the climate crisis.

In his book and film titled "An Inconvenient Truth," Gore states that, "The climate crisis is, indeed, extremely dangerous. In fact it is a planetary emergency."

"Today, we are hearing and seeing dire warnings of the worst potential catastrophe in the history of human civilization: a global climate crisis that is deepening and rapidly becoming more dangerous than anything we have ever faced."

### The Cerritos' cause

The effects are evident even to students at Cerritos that may not have experienced Katrina or a drought first hand.

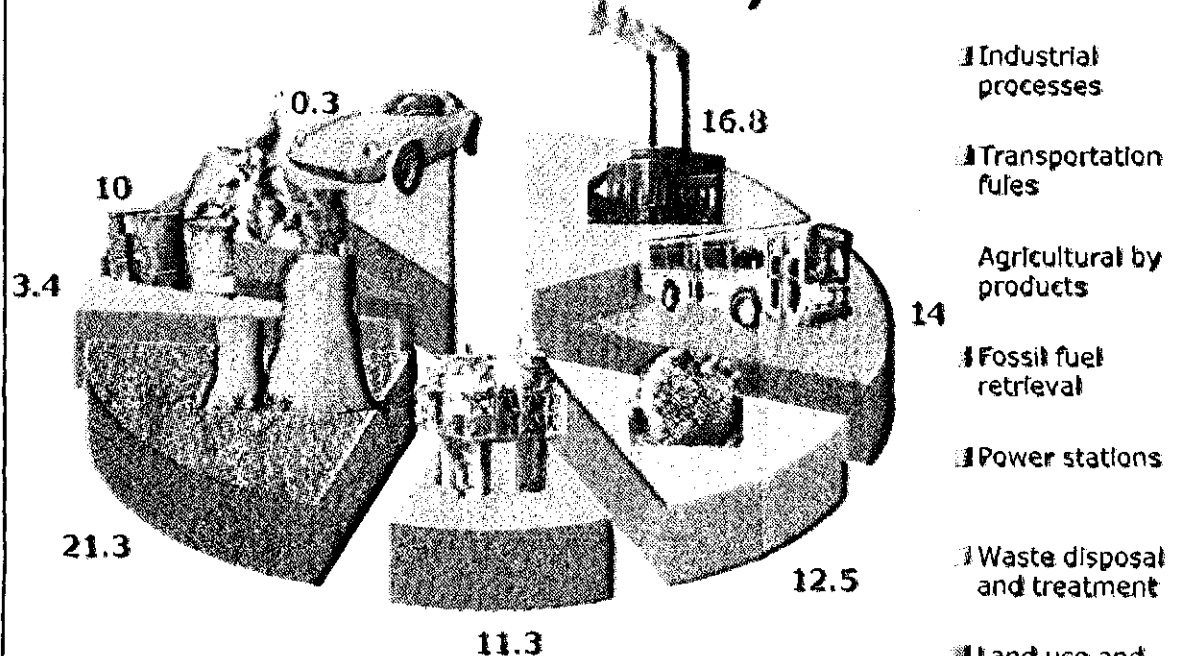
Members of the Cerritos College community realize that they don't have to wait for a giant plan to help reverse global warming.

Students like William Galuppo, history major, say that, "Perhaps all of the anomalous global behavior has in part some relation to a regenerative cycle for planetary life in which humans, being the dominant and most populous species, is particularly aware of."

"In that vain, as humans are directly responsible for pollution, atmospheric degradation, radiation and mass extinctions, any need for a global revitalization will definitely involve mankind."

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## Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Sector



Source: Emission Database for Global Atmospheric Research  
Compiled by Erik Galindo

## CDP4 Climate Leadership Index

(Top five leading auto makers when it comes to being environmentally efficient on a scale of 1-100 with a score of 100 being the best)

### BMW

Emissions 1,169,786  
Millions sold 55,034  
CLI score 85

### Ford Motor

Emissions 8,400,000  
Millions sold 177,089  
CLI score 80

### Renault

Emissions 753,133  
Millions sold 48,761  
CLI score 80

### Toyota Motor

Emissions 6,400,000  
Millions sold 173,444  
CLI score 75

### Daimler Chrysler

Emissions 7,800,000  
Millions sold 177,365  
CLI score 75

Source: Carbon Disclosure Project

## Arnold outlaws CC press censors

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California continues to be in the forefront of the country with the recent passing of new laws regarding student journalism.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Assembly Bill 2581, which prohibits censorship of college newspapers Aug. 28, making California the first state in the nation to pass such a law.

The state assembly approved the bill May 11.

He also signed a bill that prohibits people from taking freely distributed college newspapers from the stands, AB2618 bill.

Both laws will take affect Jan. 1, 2007.

The rule states that college administrators can't "make or enforce any rule subjecting any student to disciplinary sanction" based on content written in the paper.

"This law will allow college journalists to practice their craft without looking over

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## Avalon residents' hoe down

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An estimated 155 residents of the Avalon at Cerritos housing facility were treated to a performance from a live country band and a meal in its annual Hoe Down Day celebration last Thursday.

This year's theme was "Heartfelt" and also was in celebration of National Assistants Week.

Avalon at Cerritos is a campus housing facility located south of the campus designed for senior citizens from the ages of 62 and older.

Kris Schero, Avalon assistant executive director, said that events such as these gives residents and their family members a chance to interact with one another.

In addition, she said that it gives the residents a chance to get out of the house.

Laura Trujillo, Avalon executive director, agreed.

According to Trujillo, the Hoe Down day is just one of many

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## ASET plans for the start of an educational year

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Got science?

That is the slogan of the Applied Sciences, Engineering, and Technology Club.

The Board of ASET had a meeting on Friday to discuss the club's first meeting of the semester for the new members attracted at Club Info Day.

The meeting will take place this Thursday at 11 a.m. in BE 1.

There will be signs outside the door and there will be members there to greet students coming in.

Everyone is welcome at the meeting, even non members.

The Board members say that word of mouth works more than any other publicity so they encourage people to bring others with them.

The club will introduce the Board to newcomers, talk about the Web sites, and there is a study skills workshop planned.

The workshop will be led by Alvaro Lizcano, genetic engineering major and club president.

He will give tips to the students on how to dedicate time to school, how to study, how to consider graphs and pictures in the text, and how to balance between note-taking and reading.

"If you're interested in the advancement of science, engineering, and technology for the benefit of humankind, (come join us)," Lizcano said.

ASET gets guest speakers to give presentations in meetings whenever it can. Examples of guest speakers are people from bio-chem companies and NASA.

The last meeting, on Sept. 7, featured Vladimir Ochoa, a former Cerritos College student and president of Chicanos & Latinos for Community Medicine.

He talked about his experiences in and out of school and gave helpful advice on how to be prepared and have a successful career.

"The club helps to see what you learn in a textbook applies to real life," Jessica Sanchez, biology major, said.

ASET also hosts quite a few fundraisers.

The Board discussed a possible costume party the Saturday of Halloween.

And Saturday they will be headed off to a "Family Feud" taping.

For more information, you can visit <http://www.asetclub.org> or its MySpace group at <http://www.myspace.com/asetclub>.

## ASCC elects Senate officers

New leaders elected during Senate's first meeting

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Five ASCC positions within the Senate were filled during the first ASCC Senate meeting of the semester last Wednesday.

The five people who filled those positions are:

- Senator Jorge Ramirez, president pro tempore
- Senator Waleed Nueirat, majority leader
- Senator Amisha Chandra, minority leader
- Senator Atila Bojon, sergeant at arms
- Senator Natasha Sabouhi, Faculty-Senate liaison

Nueirat said he's ready to help students out.

In addition, Nueirat hoped that new Senate members can learn from the experienced ones.

Sabouhi who will follow in the footsteps of ASCC Vice President Alex Armendariz is excited about her position, "because I like going to the Faculty Senate meetings."

She said she learned from being at the Faculty Senate meetings last year with Armendariz, and that it is important for the ASCC Senate to know what is going on with the faculty.

Armendariz was Faculty-Senate



JESSE MUNOZ/TM

'Meet and Greet': Senate Clerk, Mario San Juan and ASCC Vice President, Alex Armendariz, host a welcoming meeting for new Senate members.

liaison last year.

One of the things that she would like to do during her tenure as Senate liaison is to conduct student surveys to get to know what important issues students are concerned about.

Bojon expressed that she didn't mind being elected as sergeant of arms because she is strong and will be able to handle the responsibility.

Newcomer Chandra said that she was nervous as she ran for Senate, but that she too wanted to see what the ASCC was about.

During the campaign, Chandra said that she had advertised on MySpace and now that she is involved with Senate what she hopes to do is, "build relationships with those in the ASCC and, though it is early in the semester, get to know the senators on a one-on-one basis."

For those new Senators, Holly Bogdanovich, director of student activities, gave an overview of the responsibility each senator had with the ASCC.

The most important thing

for those with the Senate, she explained, is, "to be enrolled in at least five units, maintain a 2.0 grade point average and not receive an F during the semester."

Afterward, Armendariz, said that he has grown with those who are within the Senate and hopes to continue with the five who were elected.

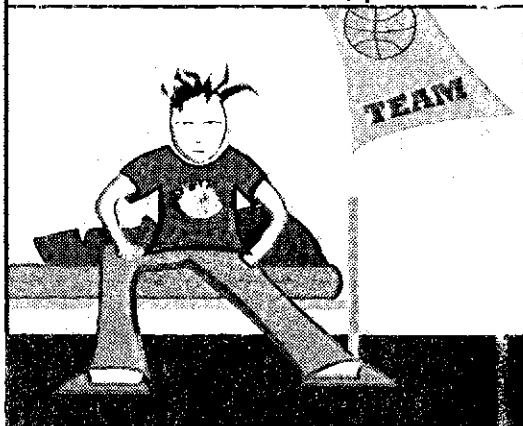
"They seem as if they want to help out the ASCC Senate," he commented, "and from what I see the five that were elected, I believe they will do a good job."

## the morning...

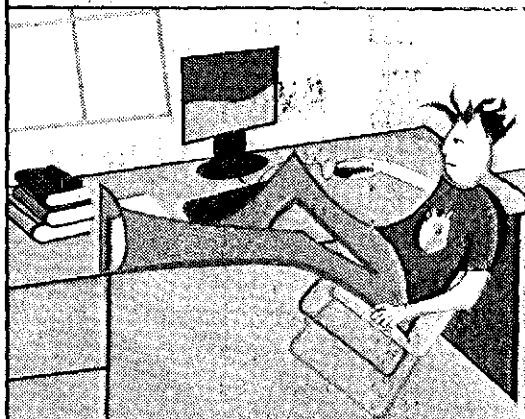
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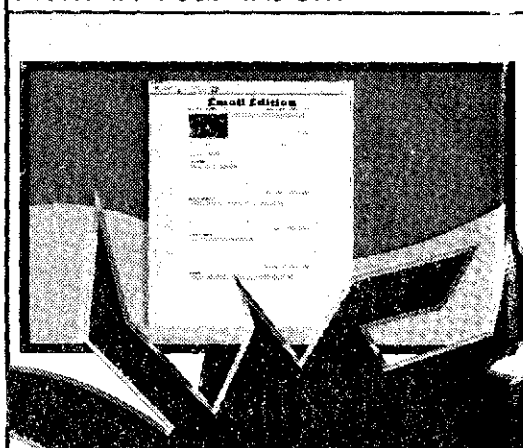
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## Constitution: Cerritos honors the birth of U.S. constitution

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country is based on, the laws that we base our lives on. It's helpful to know the Constitution since we all live here," she said.

Victor Obasohan, political science instructor, agreed. "It is important to celebrate and know the Constitution. (It) is our political bible. It's the fabric of what our government can and can't do."

However, those running the informational booth did not get in people's faces for the sake of education.

Rather than assuming aggressive tactics and forcing students to acknowledge them, they preferred to be approached on a student's own accord.

Crespo said, "We don't really call out (to people). (They) see the flag and think we're going to bribe them or push them into something."



"(It) is what we base our country on. It's helpful to know the Constitution, since we all live here."

Holly Bogdanovich, director of student activities

Taking an interest in the event, the FMLA club volunteered to get people registered to vote. Bogdanovich thought that the idea had a good tie-in to the event.

Acknowledging the importance of voting to the political process of the country, Obasohan said, "Power flows from the bottom up. It can only do so through the ballot box. It lets (people) know that the power is in their hands."

However, not all agree on the strength of a single vote.

Victor Nunez, business major, thinks that a single vote has no impact on its own, but that voters should get others to join them at the polls to really see a difference.

Audrey Silvestre, woman's studies major, helped get people registered for voting. She said that with about half of an hour to go before disassembling the booth, the FMLA had acquired, at the most, 10 new voters.

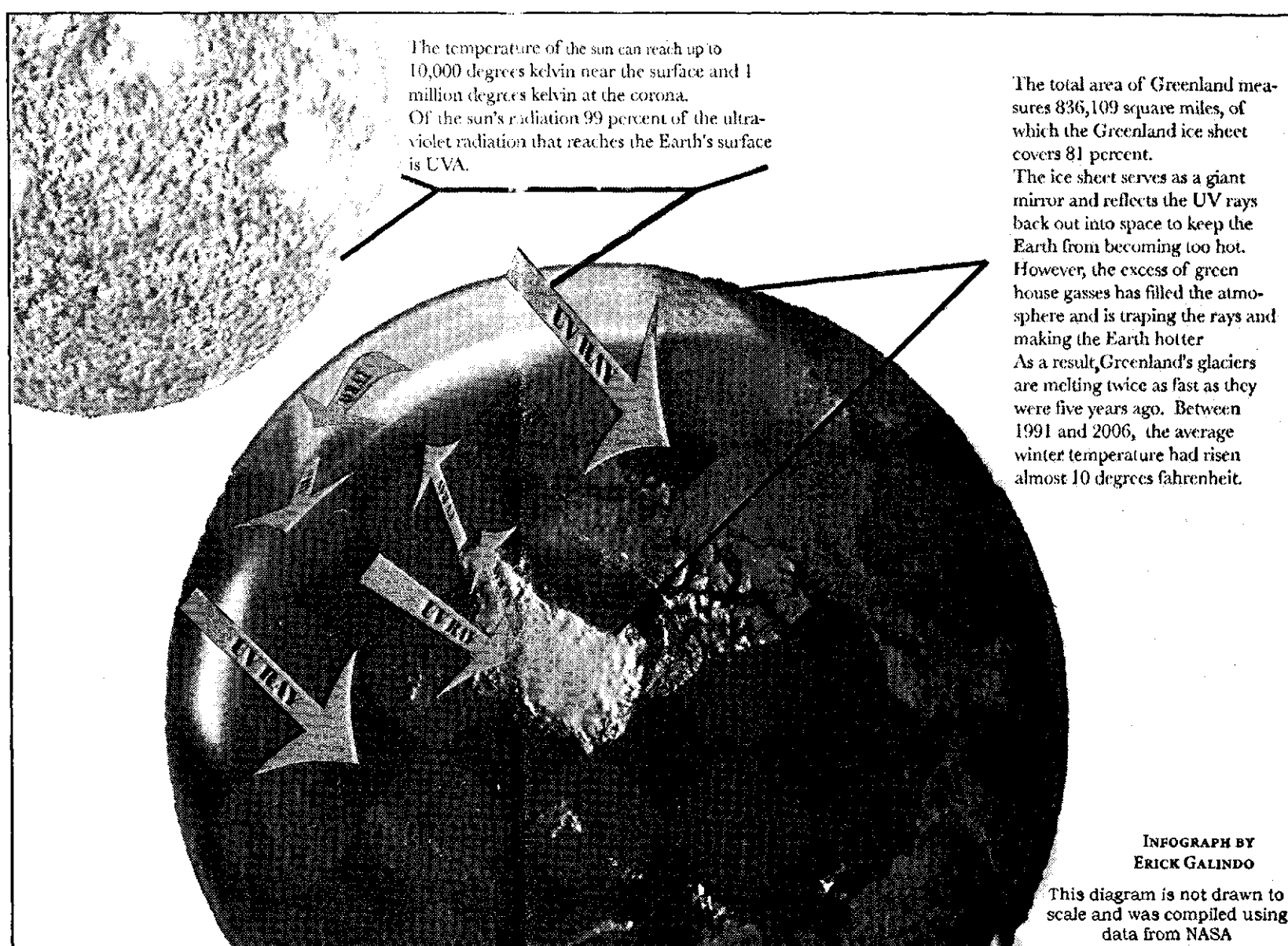
"Ten is better than nothing. People mostly say they don't have time. They don't care, which is sad," she said.

While the celebration resembled last year's first run, there were some differences.

Crespo, who helped run the informational booth, had said that last year Student Activities showed the movie "National Treasure".

However, it eliminated a movie-showing this year, he had said, as it is difficult to find an educational movie about the Constitution that would hold people's interest.

For the two years that the celebration has been in effect, the holiday has been celebrated on the Monday after rather than on the exact day, because it had fallen on a weekend.



INFOGRAPH BY  
ERICK GALINDO

This diagram is not drawn to scale and was compiled using data from NASA

## GLOBAL: As global changes continue, Cerritos looks for solutions

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Which is what Frank Vega, automotive Chrysler instructor, is trying to teach to his students.

"We have an alternative fuels course that we use to work with electrical technology. We are working with new technology mostly hybrid, which is electric and gasoline engine based."

"But we also are working with natural gas and even though it is carbon based it is a lower emission producer."

"We do work with all that kind of stuff but electric is not the way to go, not yet. Ranges, battery lasts so long; it's not efficient," Frank said.

### The culprit

In a report done by the Environmental Defense organization the study shows that U.S. SUVs release 20 percent gas emissions, which were equivalent to the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions released from 55 large coal, fire-powered plants. The average U.S. car puts over a ton and half of carbon into the air each year.

Hybrid cars may be expensive but hybrids reduce gas emissions.

The way a hybrid works is that it has two power trains; it starts off on the electric engine and once the car reaches a certain speed it switches to the gas engine.

It does this because most of the emissions that a car produces happen when the car gets going.

So to keep the car from releasing those emissions the car starts with the electric engine. Once it gets to a certain speed the car has

burned all that hard force and switches.

Frank adds that the automotive dept. has four major programs (Ford, ITTP, GM, Chrysler) and part of students' training is covering alternative fuels, because that's how it's done at the dealerships.

### Technology helps

Some automotive students are taking advantage of the training and feel that they are working toward finding a solution.

"Global warming is affecting our future! We're polluting too much!" Alberto Rivera, automotive technology major said. "A lot more research can be done to solve the problem."

"There should be more stringent laws for corporations, use of alternative fuels and regulations for fuel economy," Rivera adds.

Danny Arias, automotive technology major, hopes to see more hydrogen-fueled cars and wants to invent something to eliminate the amount of carbon dioxide released in muscle cars.

"It's very important that our students understand the alternative fuels and the impact it actually does," Frank said.

As students like Rivera and Arias try to make everyday changes to help stop global warming, legislative leaders are trying to do the same.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed a plan to reduce greenhouse emissions by 25 percent by 2020.

### Arnold's plan

The plan, according to the governor's statement, would include mandatory reporting for large scale producers of carbon emissions and a trading

system that would help companies meet specific emission reduction targets.

Also, in 2004 Schwarzenegger developed a Million Solar Roofs Initiative program that would install one million solar roofs on residential and commercial buildings by 2018. According to the statement, one million solar roofs will provide 3,000 megawatts to the electricity grid in California.

However, for assistant geology professor Meg McQuarrie, that isn't enough.

She believes that the government isn't taking the situation seriously enough, and first needs to admit that there is a problem.

The Kyoto treaty is a treaty designed to assign mandatory targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The treaty has been signed and ratified by 132 nations, but two advanced nations have yet to ratify it, United States and Australia.

### Government lacks

"The federal government has no intention of signing Kyoto, much more can be done," McQuarrie said.

Many state governments however, have been following the Kyoto protocol and finding ways to reduce emissions more than what is required.

Hundreds of organizations are joining the climate crisis cause and are providing alternative resources from cars to handbags. One organization, Ecoist is "a company that is a part of the movement to stop global warming," founder Jonathan Marcoschamer.

"(Ecoist members) plant a tree for every single item that we sell."

"They help reduce global warming by absorbing carbon dioxide in the air, they filter our water systems, provide a habitat for half of the world's wildlife species,

and much more."

### Death of plant life

In an article written by Hillary Rosner in "Seed" magazine, she explains that a group of ecologists are discovering that as temperature rises from global warming, the rainforest, a repository of greenhouse gases, is growing more slowly.

Which means that if the rainforest's temperature reaches a certain level there is a good chance that trees will begin to decay and release carbon dioxide instead of storing it.

Rawal Smita, biology instructor, is trying to make students aware of that.

"One of the things we talk about is trees and how they can take carbon dioxide out of the air."

"But we have a lot of deforestation happening, so not only are we putting out more fossil fuels but we don't have as many trees to try and balance that out," Smita said.

The Cerritos community may not be able to solve the entire global warming crisis, but it can do its part. "(Cerritos should) be a facilitator and not an obstruction!" Galuppo added.

Smita believes that, "Until you can experience it, it's really hard for people to understand. The problem is when we experience it then it's already so far ahead it's hard to stop it."

McQuarrie says that humans are behind in the research of development, and there are positives and negatives in all sorts of alternatives.

But as Gore mentions in his fight to stop global warming, "We have everything we need to begin solving this crisis, with the possible exception of the will to act. But in America, our will to take action is itself a renewable resource."

## Degree: Bachelor's degrees can be attained at Cerritos

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manager and part-time instructor in the Business Administration Department, explained why Cerritos was an ideal location for Northwood University classes.

"Cerritos has an outstanding automotive program. Northwood happens to be one of the few schools that offer a bachelor's degree in automotive marketing and business management," Garza said.

"There's a great need for this sort of program in Southern California," he said, "and Cerritos' automotive program compliments Northwood's program."

Garza also acts as a liaison to Northwood University and Cerritos College. His job includes promoting the program on campus, along with in the local community, as well as recruiting instructors to teach the courses.



"It's a tremendous savings - at only \$800 per class - compared to other universities."

Javier Garza, Northwood program center manager

"There are three main things that make this program very attractive," Garza said.

"First, it's a tremendous savings in students' education - at only \$800 per class - compared to other four-year universities. (Secondly) Northwood University at Cerritos provides a well-rounded, rigorous educational degree in business management. Finally, it's a great convenience to the student," he said.

"Students come to Cerritos and end up liking the campus and the professors. They like the idea of staying on campus (rather than transferring to another school), and that's where Northwood comes in." Unlike other institutions, Northwood University operates on a quarter system that lasts 12 weeks long. Students enrolled in the program take two courses each quarter, each class lasting six weeks.

"The quarter system is a big advantage that attracts students to the program," Garza said.

"The six week system is easier for the students to get through."

Israel Andrade, a full-time instructor in the automotive technology department, is one of the students enrolled in Northwood's program.

He said the minimal on-campus meetings were what initially drew him into the program.

"(The program) worked wonders for my schedule, as the class only meets one day a week," he said.

"Other universities and programs couldn't do that for me."

Northwood University classes are limited to one four-hour long class meeting per week and are similar to a seminar environment, rather than a teacher lecture.

## Press: New law protects student media

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their shoulder," said Jim Ewert, CNPA legal councilman. "The experience will closely parallel a professional setting."

The bill will affect colleges at all levels including community colleges.

Though the bill was sponsored by Speaker pro Tem Leland Lee, D-San Francisco, other organizations were part of the committee to enact the bill and informed politicians.

"Allowing an administrator to censor is contrary to the democratic process and the ability of a student newspaper to serve as the watchdog and bring sunshine to the actions of school administrators," said Lee, in a public statement.

The law was written in part to combat the ruling in the case *Hosky*

v. Carter.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals at Illinois ruled that administrators could review a story or an entire issue of a community college paper before it is printed.

The ruling caused uproar from student journalists and instructors from across the country.

"The hope is that other states will see what's happening in California and follow suit."

"We hoped we set a good example," said Richard Cameron, journalism instructor.

Cameron was one of the founding members of the California Journalism Education Coalition.

The organization was one of many who supported the bill.

In Cameron's 30-year career, he

says that he hasn't faced direct censorship from administrators. He has had complaints about the stories after they are printed.

"There have been times when other people have suggested that I review the paper before it is printed," he said.

"Once that happens, then I explain my position."

"(Schwarzenegger) had not indicated whether or not he would sign the bill at first," said Ewert. "We are absolutely delighted and proud of the governor."

Ewert was one of the main sponsors of the bill and he helped write its language. In between the course of drafting the bill and finding a sponsor, he says it took nine months for both of the bills.



Gitty up: Marie Hagman, and Tracy Cofield, a visiting family member, dance during a hoe down held at the Avalon at Cerritos center. The event was held last Thursday.

## Avalon: Seniors get much needed entertainment

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activities that Avalon at Cerritos hosts.

The Music Department performs and there are arts and crafts activities.

As for the Hoe Down Day events, residents expressed that they were delighted that an event like this was common.

Maurice Vernon and his wife Hazel, Avalon residents, enjoyed listening to the music though Maurice admitted that he is not a fan of country music.

"I listen to what my wife listens to on the radio," he said.

His wife said that she didn't mind the country music.



## Chicanos discuss medicine

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The Chicano/Latinos for Community Medicine held its annual introductory meeting last Thursday.

The meeting consisted of an outline of the fundamental purposes of the CCM, as well as Leslie Marlephansakul, the CCM guest speaker.

She spoke of some of the volunteer services offered at the Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier.

The CCM's President Angelica Barrera-Ng spoke on what the purpose is behind the CCM.

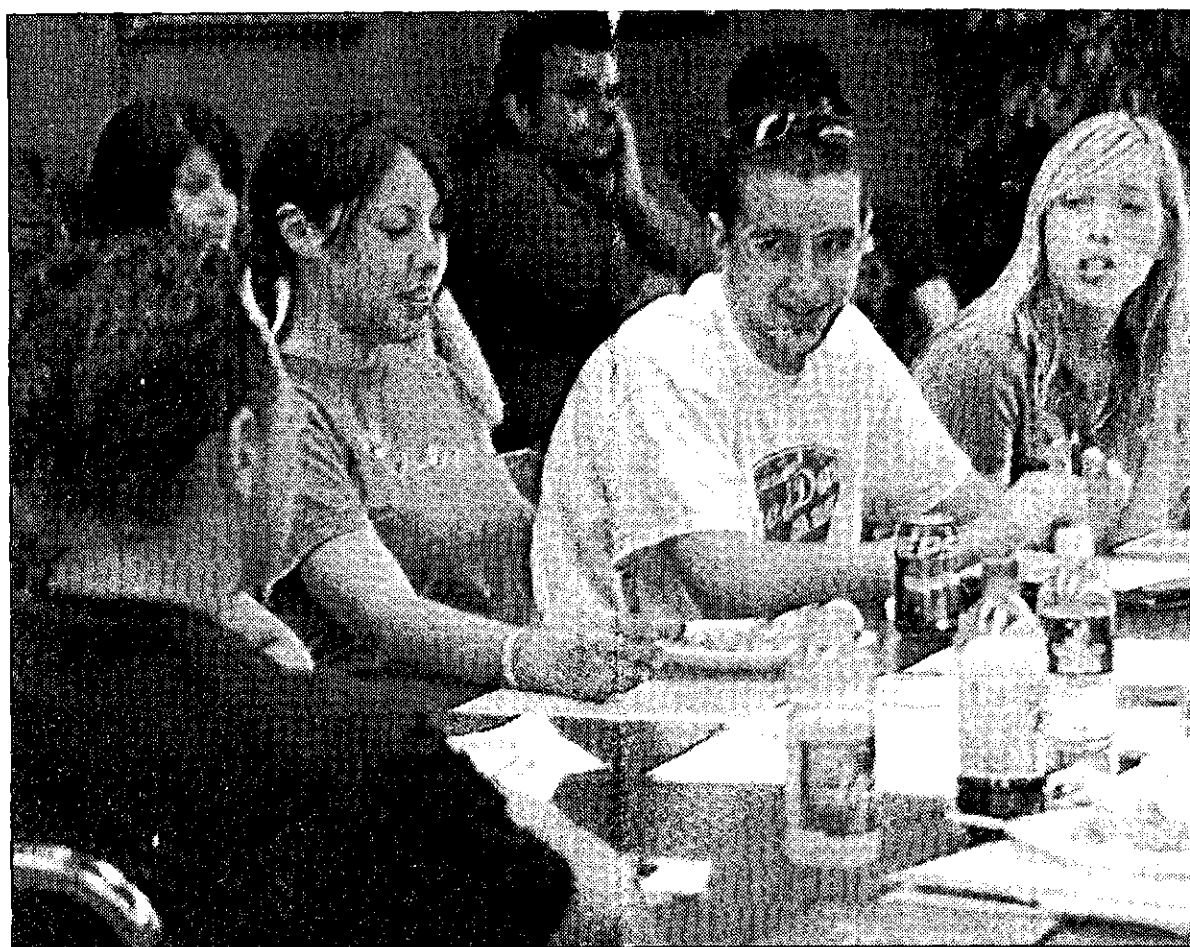
According to Barrera-Ng, the purpose behind this meeting is to help network moral support for one another.

She added that as well as giving moral support, this meeting should open doors for individuals to improve their options.

Before the meeting began, the CCM's club advisers, Graciela Vasquez and Dr. Ralph Cases, gave reasons for why it was important to join the CCM as well as general information on the club.

The meeting began with the enjoyment of food and drinks quickly followed by an icebreaker in order for the group to get to know others better.

Barrera-Ng presented the vice-president, Adela Munoz; the secretary, Alma Vasquez; Janel Esparza, the director of internal affairs; as well as others.



JONATHAN SANCHEZ/TM

Discussion: Jason Mecias, ASCC Cabinet information technician, informs both the Cabinet members and the students present of his recent activities and plans for the fall semester.

## CC receives funding

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With many events to be discussed, the ASCC Cabinet held a meeting Monday at 2 p.m.

Joe Cobarrubio, ASCC president, announced that Cerritos College will be receiving \$1.4 million to go toward renovation and improvements, though no specific areas have been selected yet.

Dr. Lucinda Aborn, Dean of Disabled Students Programs and Services, will also be receiving more money to go toward scholarships for student with disabilities.

Director of Student Activities, Holly Bogdanovich, said that the

blue piggy banks used to help raise money for the National Memorial Fund will be picked up at the end of the week. Upon completion of the collection, a check will be written.

Commissioner of External Affairs, Gredma Cassola, presented an idea that is being discussed between two clubs.

The Female Majority Leadership Alliance and the Students for a Democratic Society club will be coming up with a voter's guide.

This guide will help students on campus understand and legislation that will be placed on the ballots this year.

The fun has yet to begin as Homecoming week is quickly ap-

proaching.

Homecoming elections will start from 9am to 2pm and 5pm to 8pm at the Social Science Patio, Food Court and Health Science Patio Sept. 27 and end on Sept. 28.

Bogdanovich stated that there will be a pre-game reception held before the Homecoming game on Sept. 30 at 5:30 p.m.

The tickets are free and can be obtained from the ASCC office with your student I.D.

She encouraged those who are attending to get the tickets early.

In order to attend the reception, one must have tickets to attend or he/she will not be allowed to enter.

## Psych Club is hypnotized

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Happiness is a choice, according to Eugene Blackmun, business administration instructor, as he spoke on the subject of self-hypnosis at a meeting of the psychology club on Tuesday.

While he does not condone the notion of holding power over somebody through hypnosis, he believes in the power of the mind over the body.

He referenced the book "Psychocybernetics" by Maxwell Maltz, as "the best book other than the Bible for me."

The book detailed how patients experienced a change in personality after a physical scar was removed.

After researching the possibilities for this, Maltz came to the conclusion that it had to do with how people saw themselves.

The body runs on a sort of auto-pilot, according to Maltz, steered by experiences that have been programmed in since childhood.

To overcome an inability to achieve change, he believed in affirmation.

Blackmun said, "Affirmation is a desired goal stated in present tense. It programs the brain in a bit of self-hypnosis."

This goal setting creates a sort of subliminal message to the brain and helps to achieve change where it seems otherwise impossible.

Jaime Sandoval, biopsychology major, agreed. The speech had an impact on him. He had been a student of Blackmun, and worked

on overcoming his fear of speaking in front of a group. He worked at it and did it.

Blackmun said that it isn't the circumstances that change, but rather one's ability to do it.

Sandoval said, "Now I know what I want, what my goal is, and there are no obstacles to reaching the goal."

Blackmun himself is legally blind and has had kidney failure. However, he does not allow these things to be an obstacle or prevent him from teaching and living his life.

He refuses to be termed "disabled" when he is fully capable.

Jyoti Gustafson, psychology major, was impressed by his positive way of looking at his life. "I think giving in to a label (disabled) takes away from a person. Denying a label is empowering."

Blackmun said that too many people don't have goals. "If they don't know where they're going, no one can help them."

He recalled the story of Alice in Wonderland. "I hated that story," he said. "It was depressing."

Blackmun said that Alice found herself lost in an unknown place, and happened upon a cat, asking him which road she should take. The cat asked where she was going, to which she replied that she didn't know. The cat then answered that it didn't matter.

While having a path to follow and attaining one's goals is fulfilling, Blackmun continued by saying one must remove emotional scars.

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a movie made you  
beg for mercy?

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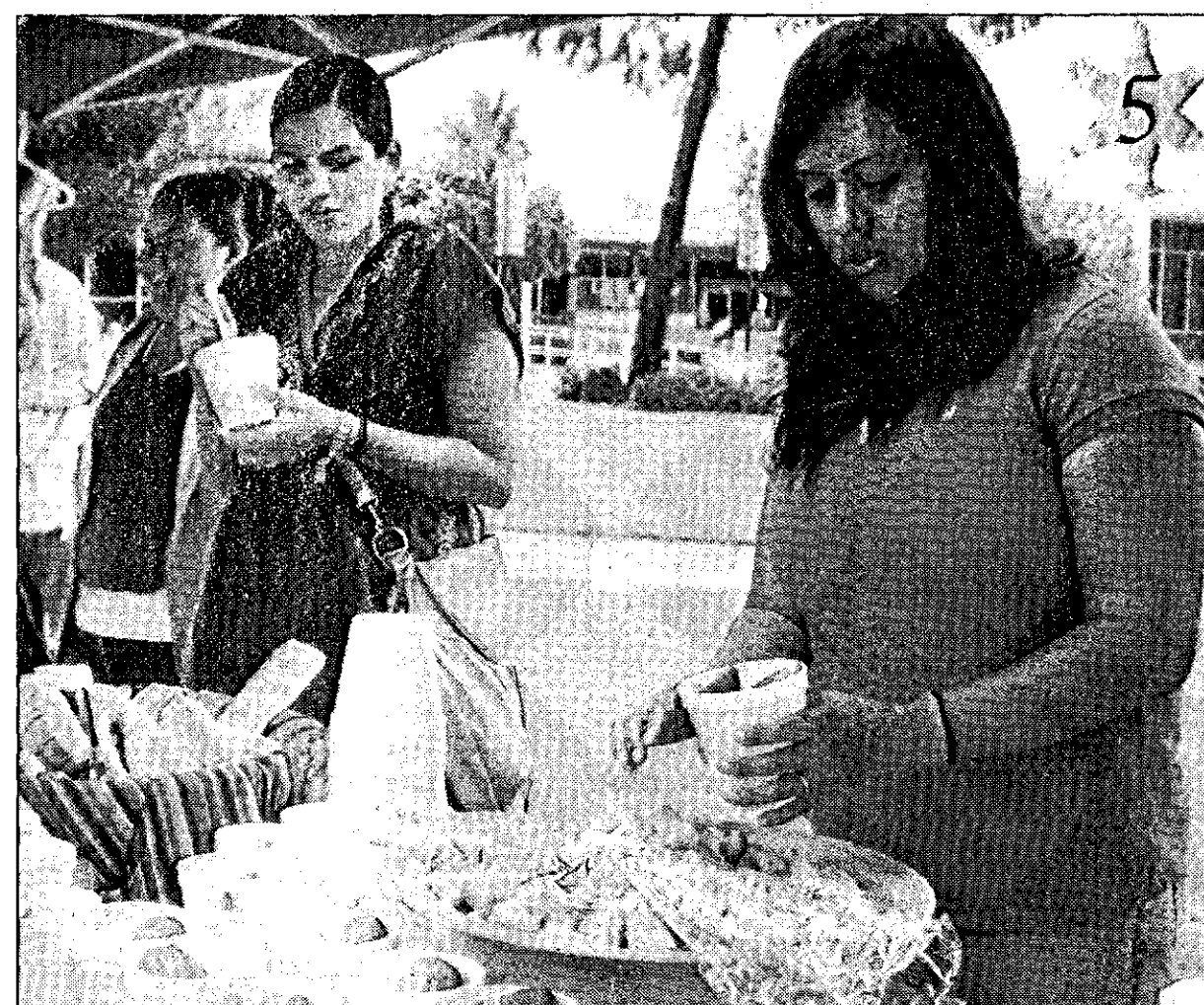






# Viva Mexico

PHOTO ESSAY BY TANYA BERMUDEZ



During the Cerritos Independence Day celebration, which is actually on Sept. 16, various clubs and students gathered in the main quad for the celebration.

Throughout the early afternoon, the Puente Club setup several booths where it sold fruit and various Mexican treats for \$2. Club members also set-up a booth to take Polaroid photos for \$2.

1. Janet Unbe, psychology major, volunteers to sing with Mariachi Y Trio Los Muñecos. After singing "La Cigara" she received a standing ovation from the audience and then sang "Jalisco."
2. Mariachi Muñecos trumpet player Clemente, from Guadalajara, performed during the celebration. The band performed for an hour and invited students to join in on the traditional Mexican music.
3. During the jalapeño contest, Fumi Takauchi (right) and Chihiro Saito (left), both Japanese visitors from the OCHT sports science organization took a bite into green jalapeños peppers. Both contestants lost and ran off the stage toward the nearest water fountain.
4. Leader of the Mariachi Muñecos and guitar player, Jorge Perez, from El Salvador, takes the stage. Perez welcomed the audience and had the audience chant "Viva Mexico!"





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#### EDITORIAL

# Time's running out on Mother Earth

Stop ignoring it.

Because if you continue to ignore it, the planet will die, you will die and there's a big chance all life on this planet will cease to exist.

Global warming isn't a theory and it's not paranoia.

Unfortunately it's real and we caused it.

The fossil fuels that enter the atmosphere everyday at significant rates are creating a trap for heat and keeping the world unnaturally hot.

The very inventions that make life easier and made the U.S. a world power are the poison that will bring Armageddon.

The levels of methane and carbon dioxide that humans produce every year is killing the earth.

The good news is humanity's greatest oversight can be reversed.

But we have to act now.

Recent studies by NASA from outer space show the polar ice caps, which act as mirrors and keep the world safe from the sun's heat, are depleting at alarming rates.

If we do not change the trend within the next decade it will be irreversible.

It's time we reevaluate what's important because sooner than later none of what you think is important will matter.

It won't matter that a hybrid car is too weird or expensive.

It won't matter that it's too much work to change all the light bulbs in your home to be more energy efficient.

It won't matter that you don't care because it won't affect you directly.

The truth is it will and has already, because while the crazy world ending events that are going to put us in the next Ice Age

are about 50 years away, the changes in the climate have already started.

- This summer killed hundreds of people.
- Last year was a record setting hurricane season.
- The tsunami.
- New Orleans.
- The earthquakes.
- The unnatural changes in climate patterns.

It's all happening.

The weather is becoming unpredictable and "The Day After Tomorrow" might not have been that much of an exaggeration.

The government is ignoring the problem for the most part and it's up to us to change. Usually, there's no undo button in real life. But this time we can change the course of humanity.

It's time for you to make changes to your everyday life that will save the planet.

Every little bit helps.

Something as simple as keeping the lights off in your house when you don't need them or walking or taking a carpool or just not wasting as much can help.

Write your congressmen. Don't forget it's an election year.

We started global warming and it didn't happen overnight, just like fixing it won't happen overnight, but little by little we can reverse it just like we reversed the hole in the ozone layer.

Global warming is the most important thing facing our generation.

Look at your kids, nephews and little brothers and think of all the things they're going to miss because we are too lazy and apathetic to initiate change.



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## Hollywood sets unrealistic goals

If TIME magazine had an issue honoring the most influential institution the entertainment industry would be right at the top, surpassing even the president.

Hollywood has become the golden standard by which society measures itself, the unrealistic self it tries to attain.

From dictating what's cool, to crushing long held childhood dreams, its impact on the world is undeniable.

No more does Snow White innocently sit and sing that her prince will come.

She is outdated, and her prince is in rehab.

Clothing that was meant to cover has become old fashioned. Now, it hangs and rides up and does things it was never meant to do.

So give a big thanks to the entertainment industry for showing us how wrong we were.

We have adopted an ideology that all Hollywood does must be revered.

The road to Hollywood is hallowed ground. It's become a case of serious brainwashing.

Hollywood is considered the epitome of success and happiness. Society follows the idea like Trekkies follow Spock.

Far too many are so bound to entertainers they would follow them to the death, or at least the death of society, self-reasoning and decency.

And yet the entertainment industry is given

free range to dictate our lives, our minds and our ideas.

Important issues and life itself becomes overshadowed by the birth of a little starlet.

Society has developed a mold for the perfect human being... no surprise it seems to fit exactly with the Hollywood model.

Many women torture themselves physically, mentally and emotionally to attain that standard of beauty.

That standard that only says you don't measure up.

And yet, without thousands of dollars for surgery, we never will "measure up" to the elusive ideal.

So we despair and make it our lifelong goal to attain that beauty, no matter the cost.

The entertainment industry has enormous power.

It has been said that with great power comes great responsibility. However, Hollywood seems to have lost that sense of responsibility, as it con-

tributes to the falling out of society.

But at least we are all cool on the way down.

Music that explicitly violates the rights of humanity, which justifies the deterioration of reason, degrading the ears and minds through which it passes is not as innocent as people try to make it.

Some give the popular reasoning that they don't listen to the lyrics and video games are just video games.

And yet there is so much more to it all.

The mind is like a sponge, soaking in everything that passes through.

It is more and more becoming a bowl of mush as such garbage is absorbed.

Yet surely our lives and world have been made better through the efforts of the entertainment industry.

After all, we are now a society of violence, crushed hopes, low self-esteem and clothing that doesn't fit right.

Perhaps it's time to rise up and take back the lives that the entertainment industry has so easily taken hostage, and so vividly exploited.

There is no time like the present to take precautions against becoming simply another statistic, another life that has turned to the other side.

The side we so simply call "Hollywood."



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#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK



#### EMITTING SOME WARM ADVICE

NASA scientist James Hansen said governments must adopt a policy to keep carbon dioxide emission growth in check.

"We have a very brief window of opportunity to deal with climate change ... no longer than a decade, at the most."

Hansen then addressed the White House's refusal to admit the problem.

"We cannot burn off all the fossil fuels available without causing dramatic climate change. This is not something that is a theory. We understand the carbon cycle well enough to say that."

## What can students do to help stop global warming?

COMPILED BY: JONATHAN SANCHEZ  
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**ANGEL HERNANDEZ**  
film major

"We could drive electric cars instead of gas cars and stop littering. We need to plant more trees too."



**BRYAN COLCHADO**  
English major

"We need to be cleaner and more responsible for our actions toward the environment."



**CARLOS MORENO**  
chemistry major

"Stop using our cars so much and depend more on buses and bicycles."



**EVELYN VARGAS**  
nursing major

"We could have our cars have better smog emissions and take care of our natural resources."



**JOON HUR**  
undecided major

"We could stop smoking and use better quality gas in order to prevent making more smog."



**KARLA MORENO**  
biology major

"We could try to stop using chemical aerosols with toxins in them."



# Beauty is mascara deep

Women make up their image and hope it can save their self-esteem



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Beauty is only skin deep. Yes, this statement may sound familiar to many of us, but the truth is, the farther along we come as a society, the more intense of a blasphemy it becomes among women.

When hearing clichés such as these, one thinks that perhaps there is some truth behind the widely known saying, but when it really comes down to it, we do just what mom always told us not to: let it go in one ear and come out the next.

Some credit mankind's greatest invention to be indoor plumbing.

Others say it was the telephone, but when looking around both on and off campus, I find that women seem to express a sense of favoritism for man's (or woman's) most deceptive invention: make up.

Anywhere from malls, beauty parlors and specialized stores, women are going crazy over the next greatest release of a product that will hide away all of their imperfections, flaws and self-dislikes in their physical aspects.

It's like they're looking for a way to hide what they really look like in the morning.

When confronting a few women about their reasons behind wearing

make up, the most common answer is mainly nonverbal.

A look of disgust screens across their face as they imagine what the world would be like without a fabricated "face."

It's that same look that a man gets when he watches "The Notebook" three times over with his sobbing wife.

The only thing that disturbs women even more is looking at their fifth grade class picture.

No tweezed eyebrows, no beauty products, and perhaps not enough Chap Stick to cover up the occasional cold sore.

It all really boils down to a feeling of disgust towards what they really look like.

The question is, how far is too far?

My mother raised me to value inner beauty over outer beauty.

She bombarded my head with thoughts of how, with time, girls will always end up looking like grandma no matter how pretty they may seem to look now.

And to top it off, she said many girls already look like grandma without all that make up they wear.

It's funny to think that many times the reason young women

wear make up is not to attract the opposite sex, but to compete within their own gender.

Upon considering when a woman's stress over her appearance could actually culminate, two words came to mind: prom night and her wedding day.

These two wonderful social events could very well turn into the nightmares one sees only on Freddie Kruger's horror flicks.

It's like the true meaning behind the event can ultimately be distorted if she doesn't look "perfect."

Dove Company recently started a new movement among women who value make up but hate the side effects titled "Campaign for Real Beauty."

Dove's main message is to accept all women, no matter what they may look like, for whom they really are.

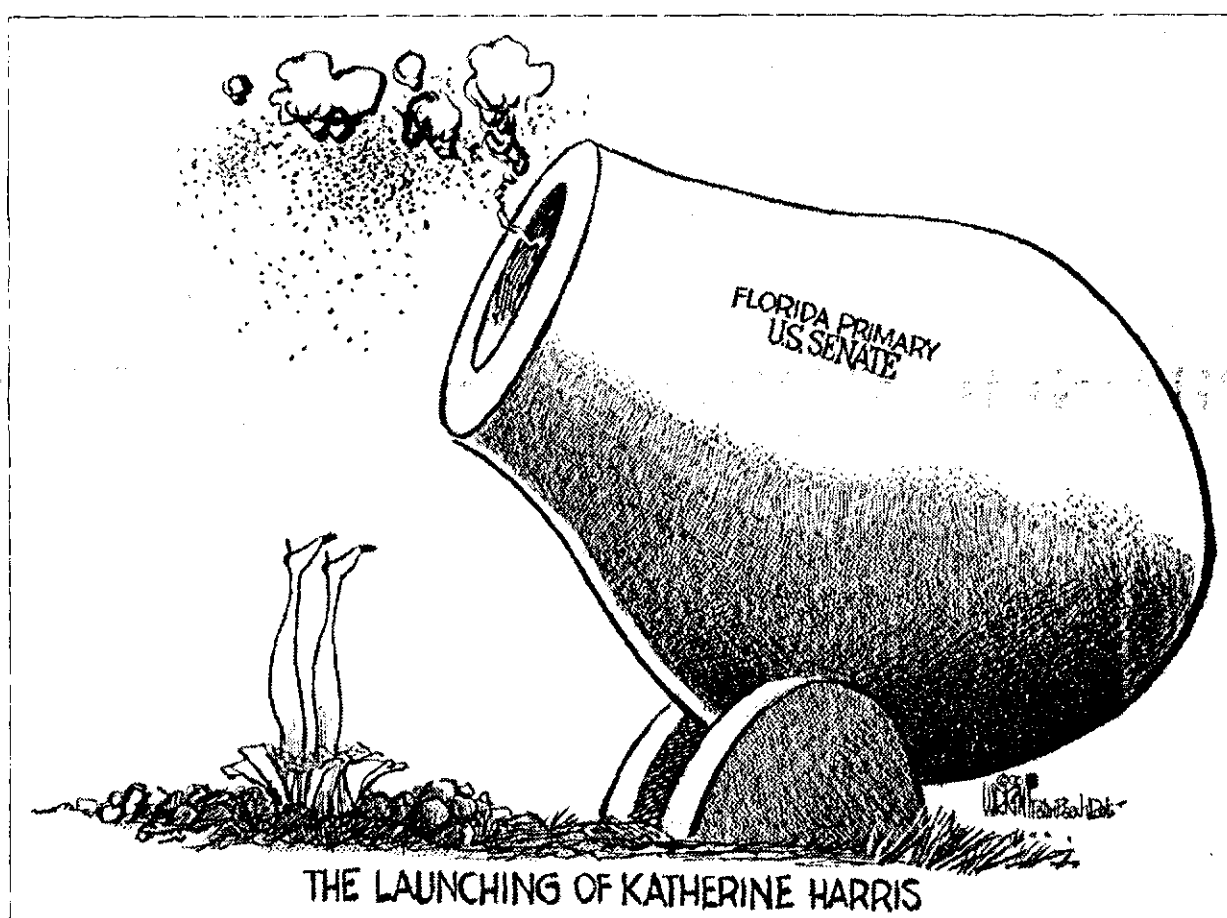
It's no longer a question about wanting others to accept you.

No, it's a question about you wanting to accept yourself.

As of today, I urge women to reconsider their reasons behind creating a facade.

There are men out there who value you for who you really are, no matter what you look like.

And if you find that your significant other prefers the thirty pounds of make up you wear, don't fret, because at least you know what to fill his stocking with when Christmas time rolls around.



# World getting too macho

In today's society "machismo" is a major problem.

Macho has seemingly gone global, influencing the views of a woman's place in commerce and in the home.

It seems that employers would rather send men out to different parts of the world before sending a woman, in fear that the woman sent will not be efficient in foreign male-dominated cultures.

In fact, some women back down from promotions due to their fear of discrimination of their gender.

This is getting out of hand.

Men are intimidated by the fact that women are proving themselves to be able to do jobs that men would usually hold and are becoming better at doing them.

The view that women should be equal in the work environment is one of very little support.

In foreign countries, such as rural Bangladesh, Africa, Mexico,



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and parts of China, it is seen that a woman's place is inside the home.

Women are not even allowed to ride bikes, shop in local markets, sell goods or services or drive cars.

Women need to take a stand and fight for their right to hold executive positions in work environments, get out the house, and not be stuck having to care solely for the children.

It is just as much a responsibility for men to provide something more than financial stability for the household.

From my own personal experience, I know how it feels to grow up with resentment toward my father because he was always working.

I still feel that he had forgotten

about what was most important and that is developing a relationship with his children.

He honestly feels that bringing money into the household is enough.

We, as women, need to take it upon ourselves to get what is rightfully ours.

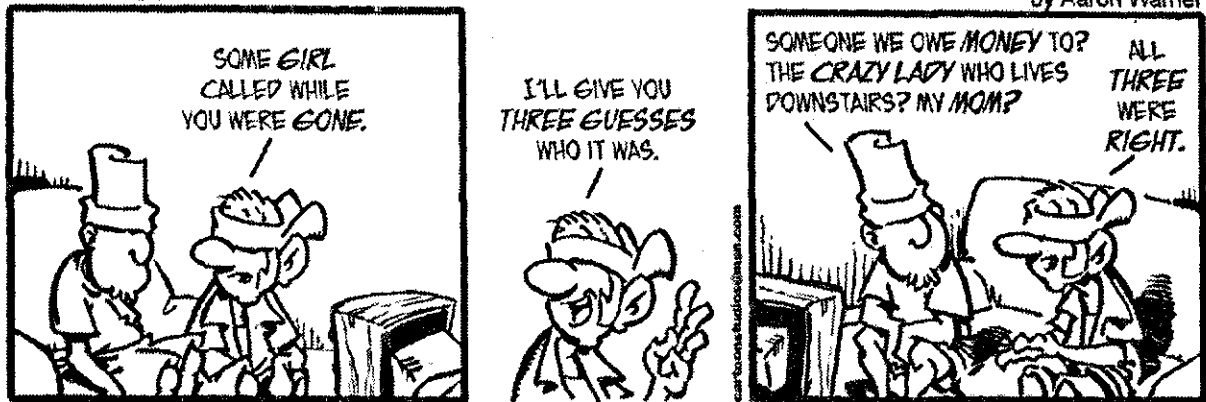
The respect of being treated equally can only be accomplished by stepping outside constricting homes, working toward and accepting those executive positions and demanding that the men in our households do more for the children than just provide financial stability.

Unless we as women fight for respect not only here in America, but all over the world, the cycle of "Machismo" will be passed from one generation to the next and the gap between men and women equally grow.

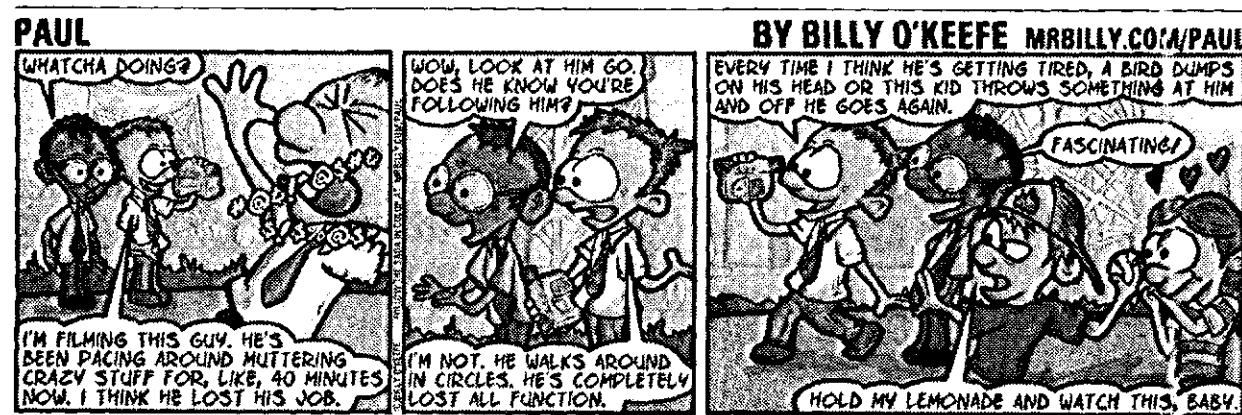
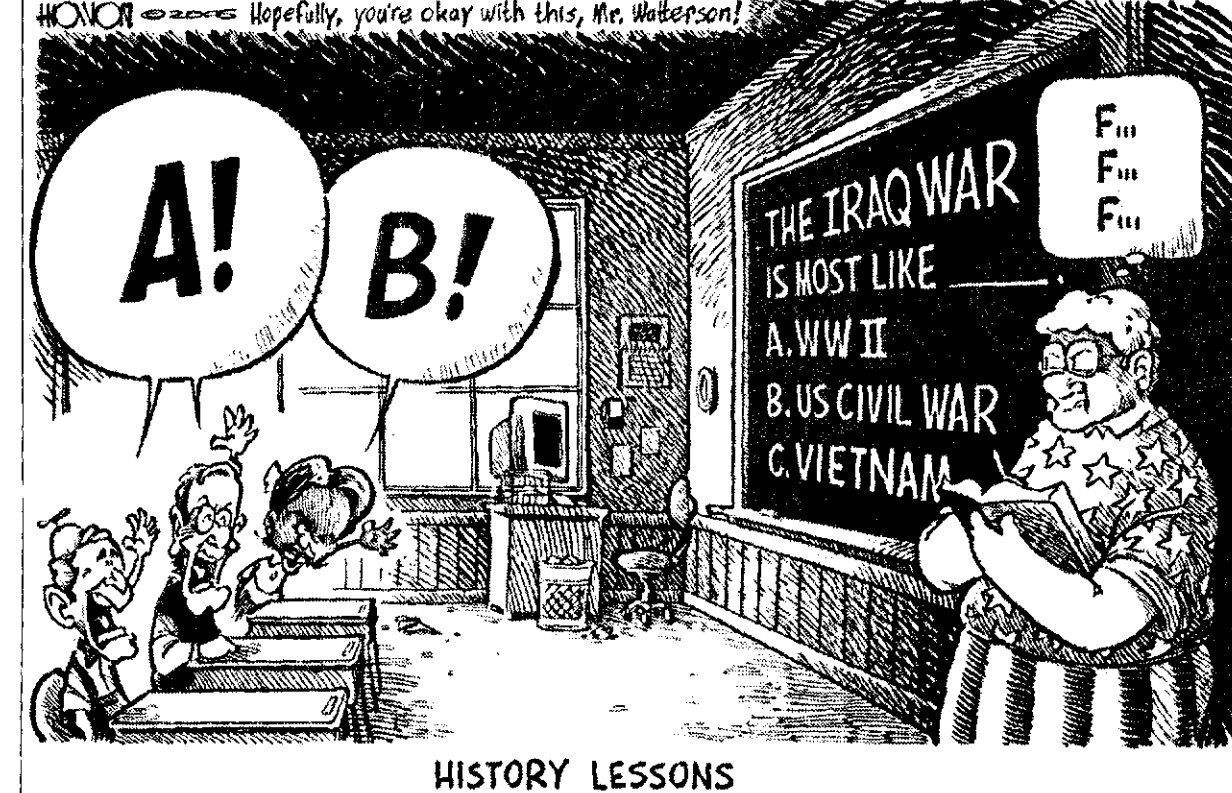
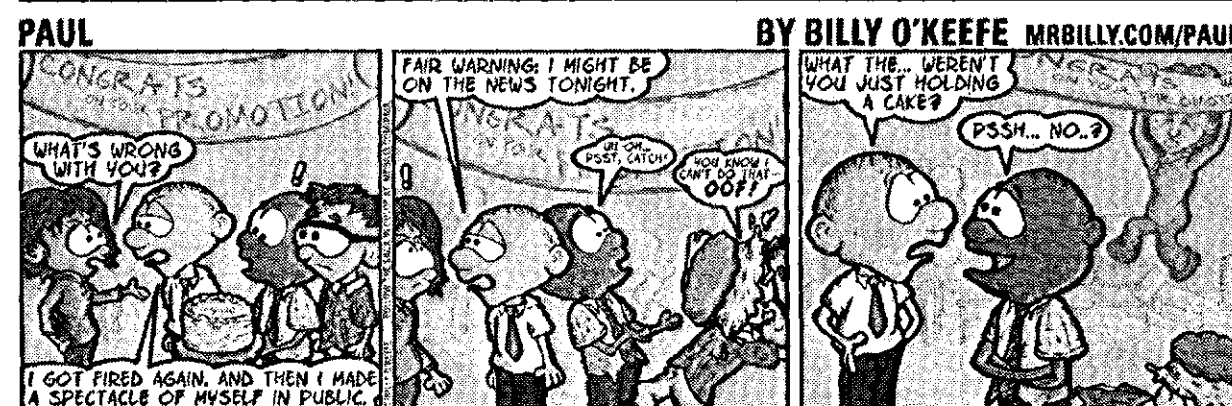
It is time to level out the separate standards set for men and women.

## Two Dudes

by Aaron Warner



## GIRLS AND SPORTS







## Jewelry class draws student interest

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Walking into a jewelry store and buying a pair of earrings or buying a bracelet is effortless. Making the jewelry, however, is where the effort shines through.

Monica Maxwell, a graduate from Central Michigan University now taking art at Cerritos College, has been learning what it takes to create jewelry and what it takes to create jewelry that someone will wear.

Maxwell said that's what it's all about, not only to know what it takes to create jewelry but, "being able to actually make a bracelet or earrings", that someone will buy.

She admits that when she first enrolled in the class that she didn't know anything about making jewelry, but now having been in the class twice she has learned a great deal of things that she didn't know before.

"One of the things that I was able to do is smash metal," Maxwell said, "and heat the metal."

John Ahr, art instructor, said there are other aspects that he hopes students would understand about jewelry that, "either it's a hobby or perhaps a part-time business for students", who are in the class.

Ahr, who has been teaching at Cerritos for six years, said that a class such as this would be fun.

He has been involved in jewelry-making for more than 20 years. Jose De La Cruz, psychology

and art major commented, "It's great because it is better than staying at home and doing homework, and besides I get to burn metal."

Being in a class like jewelry making De La Cruz said that he has the opportunity to burn metal in the class which is, something he thought he would not do.

However, Gloria Pierce, merchandising major, and Violet Pelayo, nursing major, agreed that students who take the class would have an appreciation for jewelry that is bought at jewelry stores.

Both say that they now know what it takes to create jewelry as opposed to just looking through a window and seeing the jewelry itself.

In creating jewelry Pelayo said that one of the things that she takes pride in is knowing that she creating something.

"Just knowing that I did that," she explained.

"To me it seemed like a fun class," Pierce said, "but also ever unusual and unique and I said to myself why not give a try."

For Lori Soohoo, graphic design major, it's more than just a fun class "but a great stress reliever."

Soohoo said that within the class there is chemistry and physics involved because any jewelry created has measurement and temperature.

Stress relief isn't how Adrianna Torres, anthropology major, and Sean Timoney, business management major, describe the class.

It's more of a competition be-

tween the two of them because as Timoney said of Torres, "I would hope that she would not be better than me."

As for the class itself, Timoney said, "It is as simple as you want to make because making jewelry isn't that hard."

Torres added that it was having to learn how to create jewelry that will be liked by people is the hardest part.

What Soohoo likes the most about Ahr is that he continually provides new tips as to how to make the jewelry a person wants to make and that's what makes the class fresh.

"Not only does Ahr have a fresh approach to the class but that students are encouraged by him," Soohoo said.

Maxwell agreed saying that's one thing that she liked about the class and she plans to return to the class again.

Although she graduated from Central Michigan University she said that she decided to take this class.

Being in the class and learning new terms gave her something to do.

That is one thing that Ahr hoped that students will benefit from the class.

He too get a benefit from knowing that students enjoy making their own jewelry. Ahr has been interested in jewelry for more than 20 years, and he says that he hopes students also gained interest in jewelry making too.



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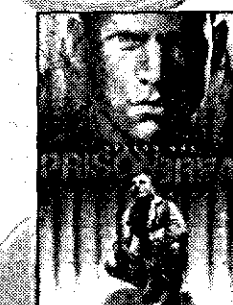
**Metal work:** Monica Maxwell, graduate from Central Michigan University, and Cerritos student works to coil metal during jewelry/metalsmithing class. The class which teaching students how to create jewelry is fun according to Maxwell.

## Entertainment Junkie New Releases



### Fergie The Dutchess

The Black-Eyed Peas front woman spreads her wings with her first album. In it she tries to express that she can hold her own. The question is, "Does she?" From listening to it, it's a maybe.



### Prison Break Season 1

Fans of the Fox TV series can now watch how it all began. Starring Wentworth Miller as Michael Scofield and Dominic Purcell as Lincoln Burrows see how they and six others break out of prison to avoid going back.

## Danity Kane's album sales are deceiving

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Although it sold over 234,000 records the first week it came out in stores, fans of the MTV series "Making the Band 3" got a disk full of disappointment with girl group Danity Kane's first album.

Danity Kane, a name originating from one member's cartoon drawing, managed to dethrone Christina Aguilera on Billboard's Top 200.

The record, which was spearheaded by Bad Boy Records CEO Sean "Diddy" Combs, has several good beats but lacks the vocals and catchy melodies that make an album great.

The quintet itself - all former amateurs - should sign themselves up for more vocal lessons with their

newly acquired allowances, as the record sounds like something any unprofessional singer could throw together in a matter of months.

The vocals are practiced, manipulated and in key for the most part, but they're very weak and lack any real substance.

The record also houses the names of Bryan-Michael Cox, Jim Jonsin, Rodney Jerkins, Rami and Timberland - all veterans of the R&B circuit - but you wouldn't be able to tell that from most of the songs on the CD as they lack chart-topper potential.

"Showstopper", one of the few songs on the CD that is actually tolerable and somewhat catchy, is quickly moving up the charts, with its snap balladry and breathy moans, with lyrics such as:

"Bet you ain't never seen (hey)

Chicks ridin' this clean (hey)  
Louis Vuitton seats (oh, oh, oh)

We do it deadly"

"Stay With Me", a much slower song than their first single, is a sexy, whispery track that's good, but again, is not mega-hit material. Also with lyrics such as:

"Raindrops, Fall From, Everywhere  
I Reach Out, For You,  
But Your Not There  
So I Stood, Waiting,  
In The Dark  
With Your Picture,  
In My Hands  
Story Of A Broken Heart

Chorus:  
Stay With Me  
Don't Let Me Go  
Cause I Can't Be Without You  
Just Stay With Me  
And Hold Me Close  
Because I've Built My World  
Around You"

The group, however, isn't sure



as to what musical genre they want to be classified in. Danity Kane has a very pop-ish sound but rather, is finding a home in the R&B section of the music store.

Danity Kane is ultimately nothing more than a consumer product Diddy has decided to manufacture for the masses.

Behind the glamorous exteriors, Danity Kane lacks the vocal and competitive edge this group needs to become an unstoppable force like previous girl groups.

## Duo sing country and 'Stand Still' and 'Look Pretty'

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Branch's take on country music could possibly introduce the genre to a whole new fan base.

The "Breathe" singer along with Nashville singer/songwriter Jessica Harper, formed The Wreckers and the band's debut CD Stand Still, Look Pretty (Maverick Records) does explore country music with the addition to pop.

The 12-track, John Leventhal produced album is as good as country as ever sounded and those who aren't fans of the genre will change their minds once this CD is in their respective stereo.

The lead single, "Leave the Pieces" has that Nashville sound with a double guitar as played by both Branch and Harper.

The song is appealing with its catchy phrase of, "There's nothing you can do or say/You're gonna break my heart anyway/So just leave the pieces when you go."

The chorus line itself is what makes the song a success, and throughout the album Branch and Harper combine acoustic guitars to an art form, and begs the question, "What took so long for those two singers to come together?"

Harper, who is not well known yet, but otherwise beginning to have name recognition, is the lead singer throughout the album, but as Branch blends into where she has her input it makes a person who is

not a fan of country, be a fan altogether; it's music that will and continues to grow.

If the track, "Rain" is any indication of the overall album or the music itself, not only can Branch and Harper create country music that is enjoyable, but they can transition in a ballad as well.

Written by Branch, "Rain" expresses the feeling of being the quiet one in a relationship and with lyrics such as "Yeah, I wanna know/ 'Cause I don't think I can take much more/Rain/You must be sick or something,"

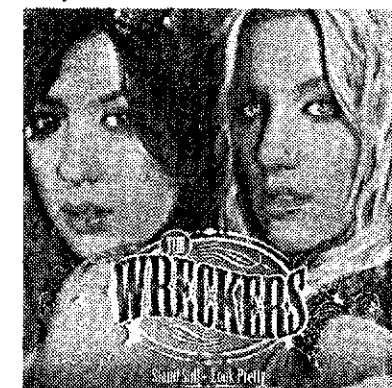
she was able to create a quality that is both romantic and heartfelt. However, not be outdone, credit should also be given to Leventhal who, played guitar, mandolin, and

percussion, and also to band member John Shanks who provided additional instrumentation of the same.

If you have never given a thought to country music before and only think that country music is for those who are cowboys, this album will change your mind.

Not only will it change your mind about the music in general but it will give you the opportunity to be open to music that perhaps you were not appealed by before because you thought that country music was boring.

Overall, an album like this will not only change your mind but the CD itself will be played over again.



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Soccer: Midfielder, Edson Portillo attempts to put the Falcons on the scoreboard in hopes to bring home a victory and prevent the end of its five game winning streak.

## Falcons at a stand still against Condors

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A 0-0 draw against Oxnard College brought the Cerritos College men's Soccer team's five-game winning streak to an end on its turf Friday.

The Falcons will have a chance to improve their result when they play on the road at East L.A. College, Tuesday at 6 p.m.

The Falcons started early, getting two quick scoring chances in the first minute of the game, but they never materialized into anything because of a foul and offside call.

Cerritos coach Benny Artiga was far from satisfied with his team after the game.

"This was a tie with the flavor of a loss," he said. "We were 10 times better than that Oxnard team."

The ball was in the Oxnard zone for the majority of the game, constantly in possession of the attacking Falcons, but they could not convert any of the seven shots taken.

Artiga added that the Condors showed up with the intention of playing toward a draw, and the Falcons accommodated them by "playing down" to Oxnard's level.

The Condors only had two

shots for the entire game, both coming early in the first half.

Midfielder Eric Gonzalez had the best scoring chance of the first half, striking a pass off a corner kick wide left of the goal.

Striker and Falcons' leading goal scorer Joshua Meyer shared in his coach's disappointment.

"We didn't put on a show today," Meyer said. "We don't expect ties, we expect to win every game, but we let them dictate the pace of the game (this can happen)."

Cerritos continued to pressure the Condor defense to begin the second half, eventually drawing a foul to the right of the box. On the ensuing free kick, midfielder

Juan Davila was wide open when he received a pass from midfielder Billy Gutierrez, but fanned on a shot as an Oxnard defender closed in on his position.

The Falcons had the perfect chance to score in the 86th minute, when defender Edgar Saldaña air mailed a pass from his defensive zone to the attacking third, hitting Meyer in stride and just ahead of the defense, leaving him one on one with the Oxnard keeper. However, Meyer's left foot skinned the ball.

Although the Falcons could not pull out the victory they felt they deserved, there were some positives for the team.

## L.A. fans demand NFL football team



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The NFL season kicked off Sept. 7th in Pittsburgh, where the world champion Steelers began defending their championship.

Three days later, the rest of the league got under way. New York and Chicago, the number one and three television markets in the country were represented.

However, for the 12th opening day in a row, Los Angeles, the number two market, was left watching someone else's team.

It has been 12 years since football has been played in Los Angeles.

Twelve years since the Raiders and the Rams began their quest for the Lombardi Trophy in the name of L.A.

The simultaneous departure of both teams seemingly left it wide open as to which games would be seen in L.A. One would think that with something so devastating, the NFL would compensate by giving L.A. the best game of the week to watch every Sunday.

Sadly, that was not the case. Los Angeles was left watching Oakland Raiders and St. Louis Rams games every Sunday.

It is understandable why this has been the case, since both teams left a lot of fans behind in L.A.

Even the most die-hard fan, except for maybe my fellow Raider fans, has to get weary of watching a mediocre team going out and losing every week. With the exception of a couple of seasons, neither team has been worth watching.

The Raiders themselves have only had three winning seasons since leaving the city, while the Rams have not had many more.

Granted, they did win a Super Bowl and were considered "the greatest show on turf" for a brief while, but they have not done much since.

There are far better games out there than the ones that have been shoved down football fans' throats for the past 12 years.

For instance, on the first Sunday of the new season, there were some good match-ups that could have been shown.

Like many others, I am curious as to whether Reggie Bush will be as great as his expectations. I know he is a USC product and has a lot of fans in the city.

However, I would like to see him match-up against a better team than the Browns. The only thing that game proved was that the Browns will again be cellar dwellers in the AFC North division.

CBS, big surprise, showed the Rams take on the Broncos. This was a game that produced one touchdown and seven field goals! Seven field goals, six of which belonged to the goats with horns! How does that taste Los Angeles?

Why wasn't the Bengals vs. Chiefs game broadcast?

From Carson Palmer returning from a serious knee injury to whether Larry Johnson would continue his powerful running from last season, not to mention how Chad Johnson would handle the NFL's new anti-celebrations policy, that game had so many story lines and talent involved in it that it was nowhere to be found on the tube!

That makes sense, if you prefer seven field goals.

Los Angeles has suffered enough. It is bad enough that there is no franchise here, but having to put up with terrible games on television when there are better alternatives is an unnecessary kick in the face.

Something must be done about this cruelty. Los Angeles should have an NFL team by now.

However, the NFL is not ready to do this, then the least it could do is buy every person in the city a satellite dish, complete with the NFL Sunday Ticket program package, so that people have an opportunity to watch a good football game in Los Angeles for once.

## Winning streak drowns for Cerritos

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New records were set, a dream was deflated and motivation was regained all in the span of a busy week that passed for the Cerritos women's water polo team.

The Falcons, who are currently ranked fourth in the state, started the season with a record of 7-0, with wins over Mt. SAC and in both the Cuesta and Chaffey tournaments.

The previously undefeated record was the best start in the team's history.

However, the streak was stopped last Saturday with a 9-2 loss at the hands of the number 1 ranked and defending state champion Riverside College.

But not to be held down, the Falcons responded from the loss to defeat American River College, 16-8, to take third place in the tournament.

Cerritos, with a current record of 8-1, will travel to L.A. Trade-Tech College to play the Techsters on Wednesday in hopes of starting another winning streak.

"Nobody likes to lose but we got a lot of positive things out of the loss (to Riverside) and it's only going to make us work harder," said Cerritos head coach Sergio Macias.

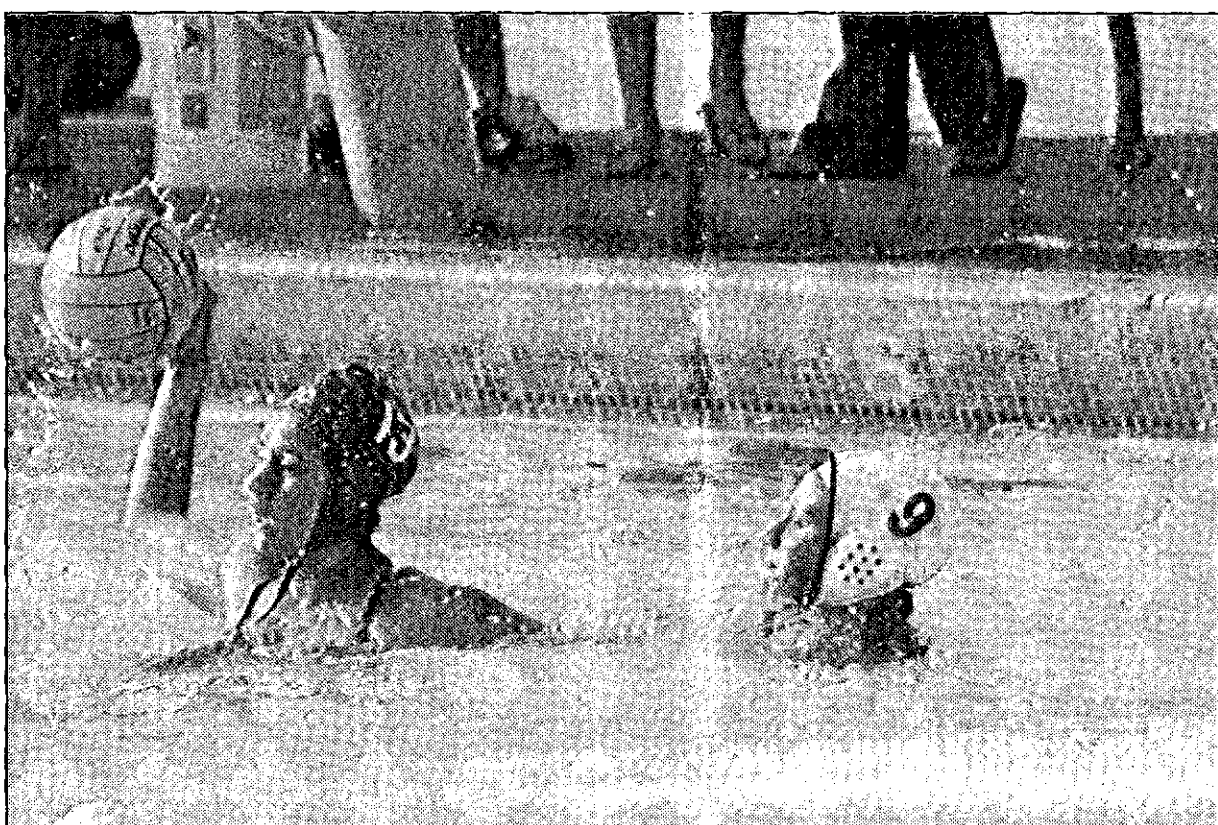
"I didn't expect us to go undefeated the season so there was no disappointment."

The winning streak began after Cerritos won its first tournament championship in school history at Cuesta College the weekend of Sept. 8 and 9, and continued last Wednesday after a 16-9 win over Mt. SAC.

"We played good defense as a team and played unselfishly," said Jeanette Diaz, driver, about the Mt. SAC victory.

Diaz led all scorers with four goals and has emerged as the most consistent scorer.

"Cerritos is a good team. (Coach Macias) has done a good job with



Water Polo: Daisy Carrillo, Falcons driver keeps the ball away from Mt. SAC by passing it to a teammate.

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the program. He has a small army," Chris Jackson, Mt. SAC head coach said.

The next day the Falcons took its quest to remain undefeated to Chaffey College where it would eventually have its hopes dashed.

Before facing Riverside in the championship game at the Chaffey tournament, they defeated Golden West College and Santa Ana College, 10-9 and 18-12 last Thursday.

The Golden West match went to sudden death after both teams played all regulation periods and two overtime periods.

Driver Berlyn Sanchez scored the game-winning goal in the sudden death period.

Macias feels this game was one of the biggest challenges for the Falcons in the season so far.

"We could not have played any worse that game but we still managed to come up with a victory against a strong Golden West team," he said.

Saturday, they faced Riverside in the semi-final match of the tournament. Goalkeeper Sarah Kenny made 10 saves for Cerritos in the loss against the Tigers.

Afterward, the Falcons used the loss as motivation to take third place in the tournament with the win against American River College.

"After losing we were a lot more relaxed and there was less pressure. That's why we played so well against a good American River team," said Macias.

"Everybody contributed to that game and there were a lot more smiling faces (afterward). It was a good bounce-back win for us."

Cerritos returns six starters from last year's team which missed the playoffs for the first time in school history.

Of this year's team, Macias notes the play of not only his returning athletes, but the reserve players as well.

"Not only did our returning

players improve tremendously from last year, but we added some strong experienced players that make us tough to beat," he said.

Among the top reserve players are Christina Edwards, driver, Michelle Garoutte, utility, and Hanna Anzai, driver.

"The first group of (reserves) showed that they were just as good as the starters," Macias said.

"They gave us the spark we needed."

"We have a strong bench, we all help each other out," said Daisy Carrillo, driver.

As the team reflects on its past winning streak, it also looks forward to completing the regular season.

Its main goal is to advance in the regional playoffs and make it to the state championship.

"(Since) we know we're going to face some of these teams (that we beat before) again, we want to be prepared," said Carrillo.

## Bad habits die hard for Falcons

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The thought of winning a battle could often be misleading and lead to mental mistakes.

With a score 24-17, the Cerritos College Falcons were surprisingly defeated by Mt. SAC on Saturday leaving them with a season record of 1-2.

The Falcons will now travel to Riverside Community College to face off against the Tigers this Saturday at 5 p.m.

In the start, the Falcons dominated with running back Rylon Thomas scoring their first touchdown with 12 min. 54 sec. left in the first quarter giving them a 7-0 lead over the Mounties.

In the second quarter, the Mounties began to answer back on the offensive end scoring with the Falcons still holding a 17-7 lead at the half.

The game took an unexpected turn as the Falcons lost their domination and found their running game.

Cerritos running back Deangelo Mingo stated, "We played our hearts out."

Playing hard was something that the Falcons did do, calculating 344 yards on the night.

"I thought we were going to win, our confidence was high," he added.

The Mounties would go on to score 17 unanswered points and score their game-winning touchdown with 10 mins. 56 secs. left in the game.

So, what went wrong for the Falcons?

Cerritos defensive back Trevor Woods said there were a lot of mental distractions, but it was a good game overall.

This was just another disappointing loss for the Falcons.

For Cerritos, Thomas would finish with 86 yards on 18 carries and running back TyRone Jenkins would add 65 yards on 8 carries.

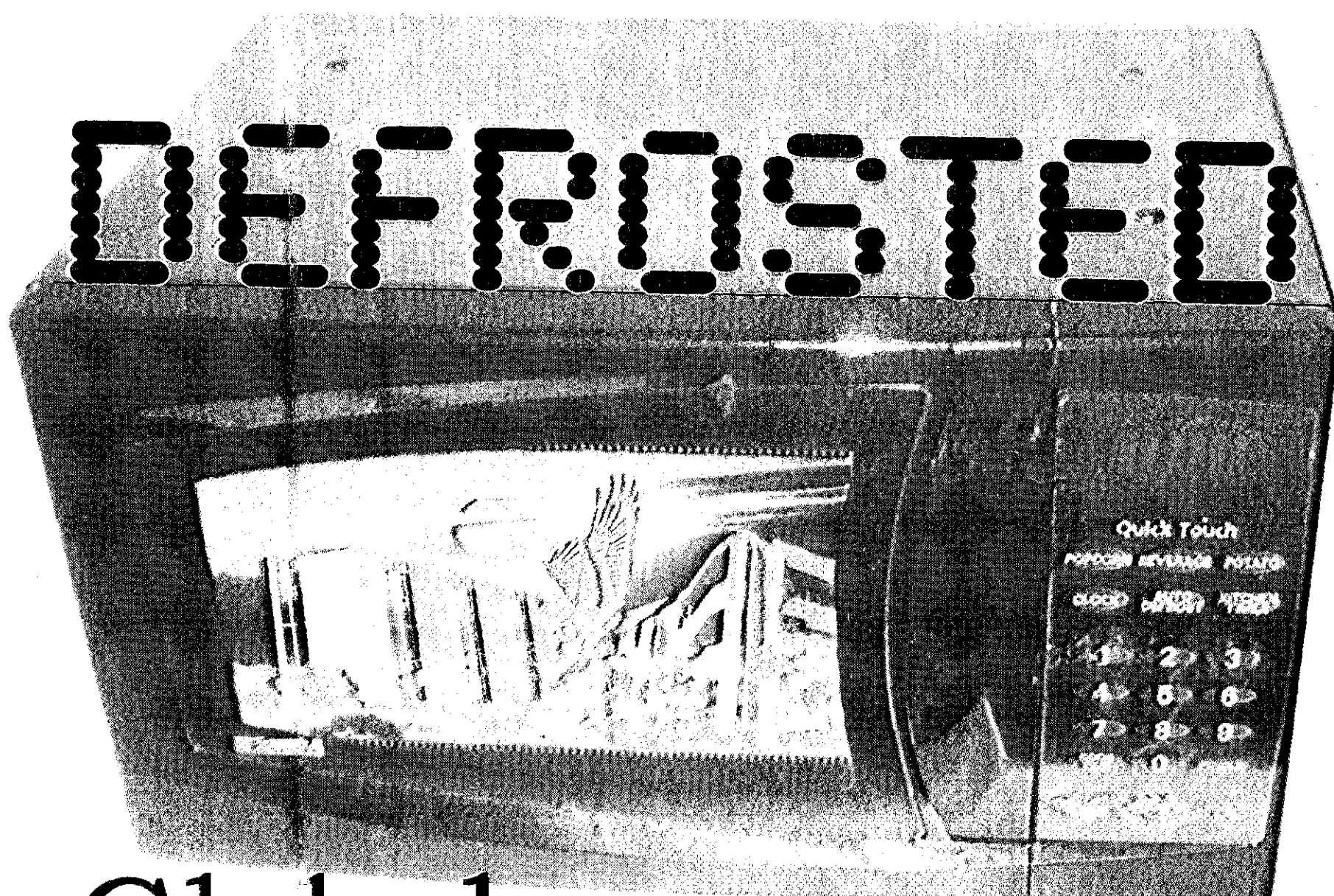
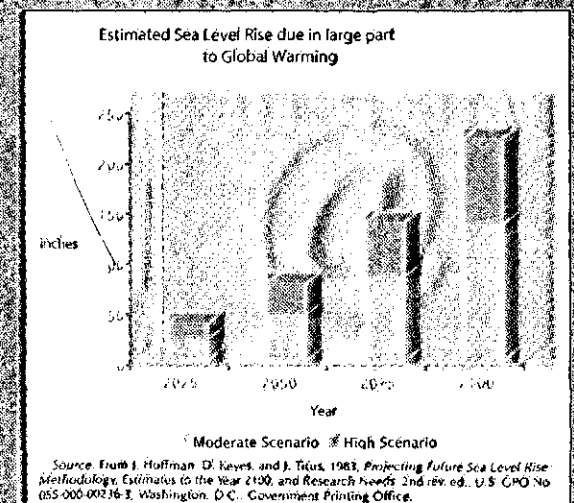
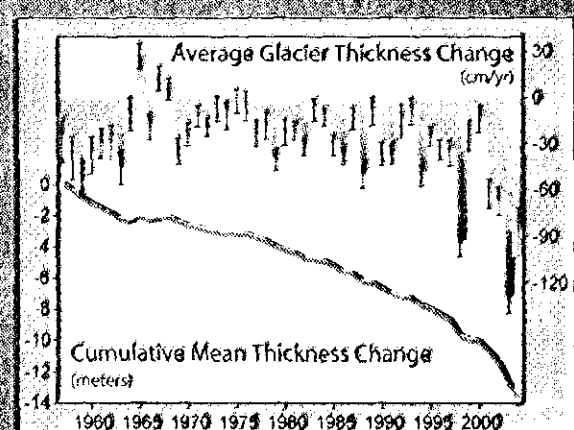
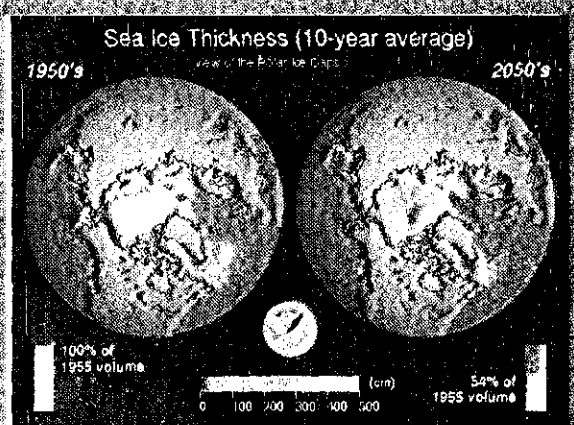
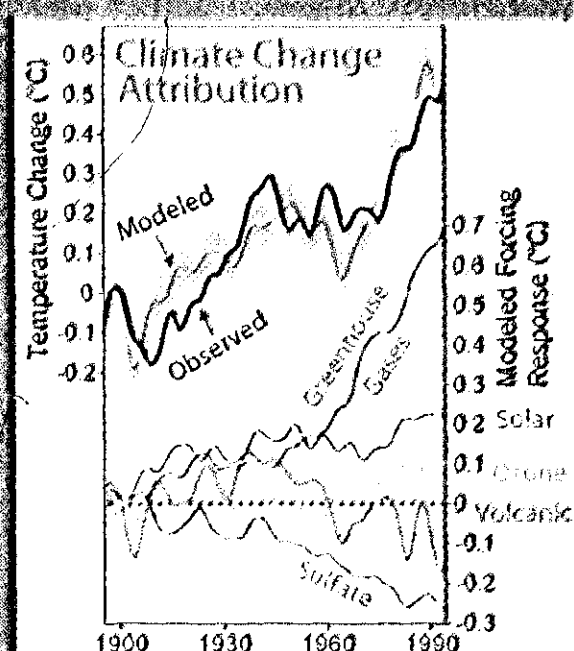
Both Thomas and Jenkins would finish with one touchdown score each.

Quarterback Chad Manis threw for 233 yards on 18-of-33 passes completed, with wide receiver Cory Rhoane, catching five passes for 81 yards.

Defensive Back Terrell Cole ended the night with 11 tackles, while defensive back Hilton Dawson would have 10 stops.



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## Global warming at its peak

### The heat

Even within Southern California, Cerritos has a unique climate.

The fog that typically covers the beach cities rarely reaches Cerritos, but the breeze that comes along the San Gabriel River from the Pacific Ocean has a significant cooling effect. Cerritos is rarely affected by the smog, Santa Ana winds, and smothering heat of the Los Angeles Basin.

All that will change in the next 50 years, as greenhouse gases continue to create a thick membrane across the ozone layer that will continue to trap the heat of the sun.

With a raise of 8 degrees Fahrenheit in California's climate due to global warming, Cerritos and the rest of the L.A. area will no longer enjoy the beautiful climate they have for the past thousands of years.

The increased heat will lead to an overwhelming increase in electricity demand and will lead to massive blackouts.

Cerritos, which is particularly susceptible to blackouts, will eventually lose the ability to maintain a consistent power source.

There will be four times as many heat wave days in Cerritos and surrounding areas.

There will be warm wet winters followed by dry summers, leading to higher rodent populations and an increased risk of outbreaks of hantavirus, a deadly pulmonary disease.

In addition there will be a doubling of catastrophic wildfires in some regions due to faster and more intense burning associated with warming, drying vegetation, and elevated wind speed.

Even the rain will be warmer and the ocean water as well, leading to the perfect temperature for a tropical storm or hurricane.

Towns like Cerritos that have a large forest life will be more susceptible to fires.

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**The truth about global warming is that if we do not act fast enough, civilization as we know it will fall.** California is the 12th largest source of global warming emissions in the world, exceeding most entire countries. During the last 50 years, winter and spring temperatures have been warmer, spring snow levels have been lower, snowpack has been melting one to four weeks earlier, and flowers are blooming one to two weeks earlier. The following article is based on facts from NASA, the EPA and the California Climate Change Center. The article takes on the assumption that nothing will be done to curve global warming and is a dramatization of the worst case scenario.

### The water

The rise in temperature will lead to the melting of the earth's natural mirrors.

The large masses of ice, such as Greenland, act as mirrors and are supposed to send back UV rays out of the atmosphere.

However the greenhouse gases, such as CO<sub>2</sub>, will have created a shield that keeps the heat melting the mirror-like ice which will cause a dramatic rise in the sea level.

This will cause massive flooding inundating the coastline as the sea level rises to 30 inches above today's level.

While the city of Cerritos is safe from flooding at 34 feet above sea level, surrounding cities like Downey and Long Beach will flood due to unpredictable storms.

The melting of the Sierra Nevadas will take a gain toll on California's agriculture. Snowmelts will reduce spring and summer runoff in the state, so that water supplies would shrink just as agricultural.

### The air

Today California is already one of the most polluted states in the world.

The rise of temperature will have adverse health impacts from increases in air pollution. Already, more than 95 percent of Californians live in areas that fail to meet federal or state air quality standards.

Recent gains in air quality could be threatened as rising temperatures cause an increase in ozone and smog, particularly affecting children, seniors, and those with existing illness.

The city of Cerritos will lose a significant portion of its population since the city has an estimated senior citizen population of 6,000.

The beauty of the city will also die off as the many trees that once peppered the city will die off due to a lack of fresh oxygen and fresh water.

This will further cripple the air supply.

### The unpredictable

The most catastrophic effects of global warming are unpredictable.

Climate changes that usually can be seen years in advance will alter the way most humans live their lives.

If they survive the heat waves, wild fires, flooding and pollution, they still will suffer from natural disasters that cannot be readily prepared for.

For example, a tsunami could hit California, a tornado could take out the Cerritos Auto Square, hurricanes could destroy Long Beach.

The climate has been steady for the greater part of civilization, but scientists are predicting that the changes coming will result in an eventual return to the Ice Age.

The mass destruction caused by climate changes will eventually destroy all industry and kill most humans and plant life.

This will lead to a total lack of greenhouse gases and will eventually lead to a frozen planet.

Greenhouse gasses are important in keeping the earth warm, though they are at dangerous levels now.

### The hope

Recently, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a commitment reducing the state's global warming emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

California became the first state in the union to begin a real campaign against global warming.

It may be too late to completely reverse the effects, but the results could be greatly curtailed.

But if there is no action in the next 10 years the scenarios described above will not be just a prediction.

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