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What the North Korean crisis means to you

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In light of North Korea's testing of nuclear devices, many are left wondering about the future status of the notion of world peace.

John Haas, history instructor, said, "North Korea is believed to have enough radioactive material for about a half-dozen bombs."

It insists its nuclear program is necessary to deter a U.S. invasion."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the U.S. doesn't plan to attack Korea. The country will, however, face some tough sanctions.

While members of the U.N. maintain a treaty against the creation of nuclear weaponry, North Korea is challenging the legality of it.

Both Pakistan and India are also in possession of nuclear weapons.

Dennis Falcon, political science instructor,

said, "Nobody talked about invading other countries when they tested nuclear weapons."

The U.S. is guilty of similar challenging of rules, according to Falcon.

It chooses to ignore parts of the Geneva Convention, in regards to military detention, interrogation, and physical coercion of enemy combatants.

"The U.S. picks and chooses what to follow," he said.

America has insisted on discussing related matters through six-party talks, between the U.S., North Korea, China, Japan, Russia, and South Korea.

According to Falcon, the testing of a nuclear device is not a call to war.

Although North Korea, being communist, is on a different political page than the U.S., he believes that the possession of a nuclear weapon would not be used for war, but rather for leverage in the world.

Victor Obasohan, political science instructor, said, "The country is looking for respect and an economic balance within its country."

America has been at odds with North Korea for decades.

At the end of WWII, America contributed to the Korean peninsula's division.

COLD

North Korea withdrew from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in 2003. As a result six-party talks have been the diplomatic route used.

On the Warpath WARM

Despite the threat of sanctions, in July of this year North Korea conducted a series of test launches including one long-range intercontinental missile, which failed.

NUCLEAR

On October 9, 2006, North Korea announced that it had conducted its first nuclear test, which was confirmed by the United States last week. On Tuesday it announced a possible re-test.

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Sinkewicz cites the lack of 'Gender equality' as reason for resignation

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Former ASCC Cabinet member Steven Sinkewicz spoke for the first time since he resigned as commissioner of vocational outreach, on Oct. 9.

He set the record straight as to why he took exception to an article that was printed in the Sept. 27 issue of the "Talon Marks."

During Homecoming candidate introductions on Sept. 21 members of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance were trying to promote their club, as well as show support for FMLA member Marlen Rios-Hernandez.

But when the club tried to promote the club they were denied permission by coordinator of student activities Dean

coming introductions was, "Because it was important for FMLA to be known and other members were trying to show support for Rios-Hernandez."

The controversy was with what Rios-Hernandez was going to wear for her candidate photo.

She was going to place a piece of tape with an equal sign across her mouth.

After the introductions she planned to go on stage and stand there.

Although Sinkewicz was not present during the time in which members were trying to promote the club at the Homecoming candidates introductions, he said that he supports the club for, "trying to promote equality itself as well as the whole issue of the separation of church and state."

The issue with that was caused by

highly honored by the Holy Spirit because His perfect will was done."

Sinkewicz commented he didn't like what she meant by it.

He didn't elaborate.

Casasola said that despite Ward's statement, she doesn't have a problem with someone who believes in God.

Sinkewicz continued, by saying, "The structure of society is not in the right place because as the FMLA was trying to promote rights there was a meaning hidden that being gender equality."

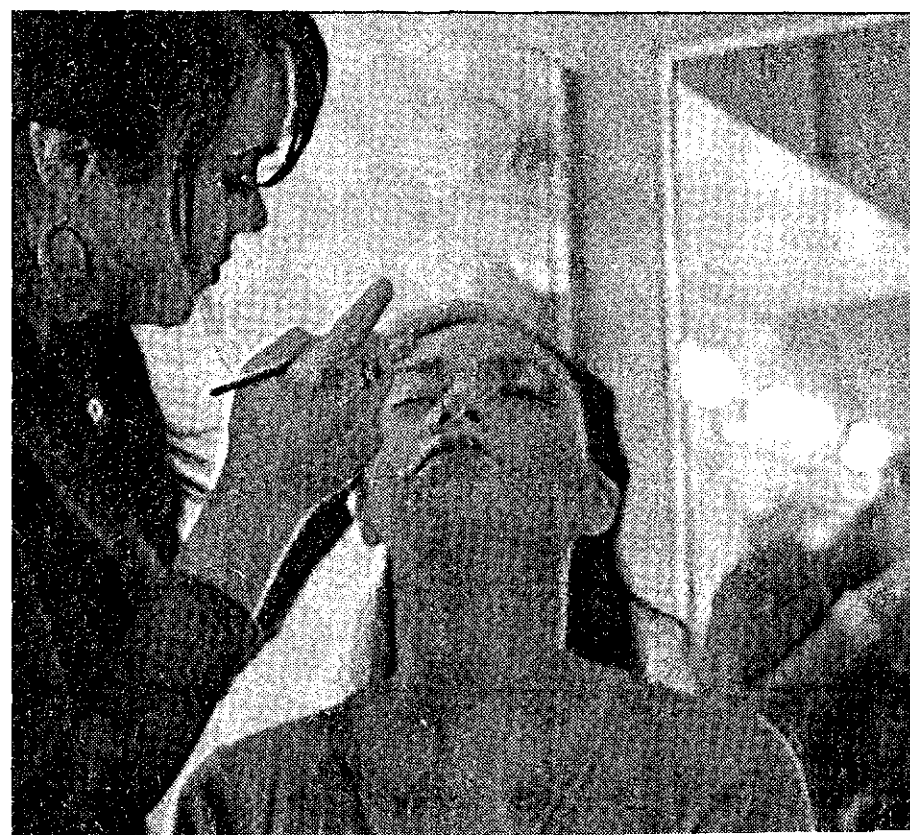
For Casasola, there was more to it than just promoting FMLA.

"It was the fact that Homecoming is looked upon as a beauty contest," she stated.

"Besides, Ackland was referring to the candidates as girls."

However, Ackland said that Home-

MAKE-UP READY



Cerritos crowns Rhodes queen

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Though it started with twenty-eight women who wanted to be the next Homecoming queen, by Saturday night, only one was able to live her fantasy of being queen for more than a day.

Erica Rhodes, court reporting major and Court Reporting sponsored, was crowned Homecoming queen during half-time of the Cerritos and Saddleback game.

Normally an introverted person, Rhodes was con-

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HACU pays for interns

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The Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities held an orientation this past Monday at SS 316.

The HACU is the largest Hispanic Serving Institution which recruits college students for paid internships. Students are placed at federal agencies and private corporations throughout the nation for 10 to 15 weeks during the spring and summer.

Alexandria Rosales, HACU director, spoke about the benefits of

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ASCC and Faculty show campus pride

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In the hopes of alleviating the workload of campus custodians and to educate students about what it takes to keep a campus clean, the ASCC is sponsoring and participating in a campus clean up day this Thursday.

This event is the start of the "Show Pride In Your Campus" campaign that will happen throughout both fall and spring semesters.

The work done will include taking staples out of boards, scraping gum off table bottoms and cleaning windows. The buildings that will be cleaned are the SS Building and Student Center.

"It isn't just students doing it, teachers and administrators are helping as well," said ASCC Vice President Alex Armendariz. "We've heard a great reply from faculty. They've told us that this is a great thing that we're doing."

The idea was the brainchild of ASCC President and Vice President Joe Cobarrubio and Alex Armendariz along with Holly Bogdo-

novich, director of student activities and was planned over the summer.

Students who have heard about the event are glad that the ASCC is sponsoring the event.

"I think it's a good idea and that more students should get involved. It is our campus and we need to learn to take care of it," said Jessica Duarte, business management major.

She added that she will probably go and volunteer but added that she doesn't know for sure.

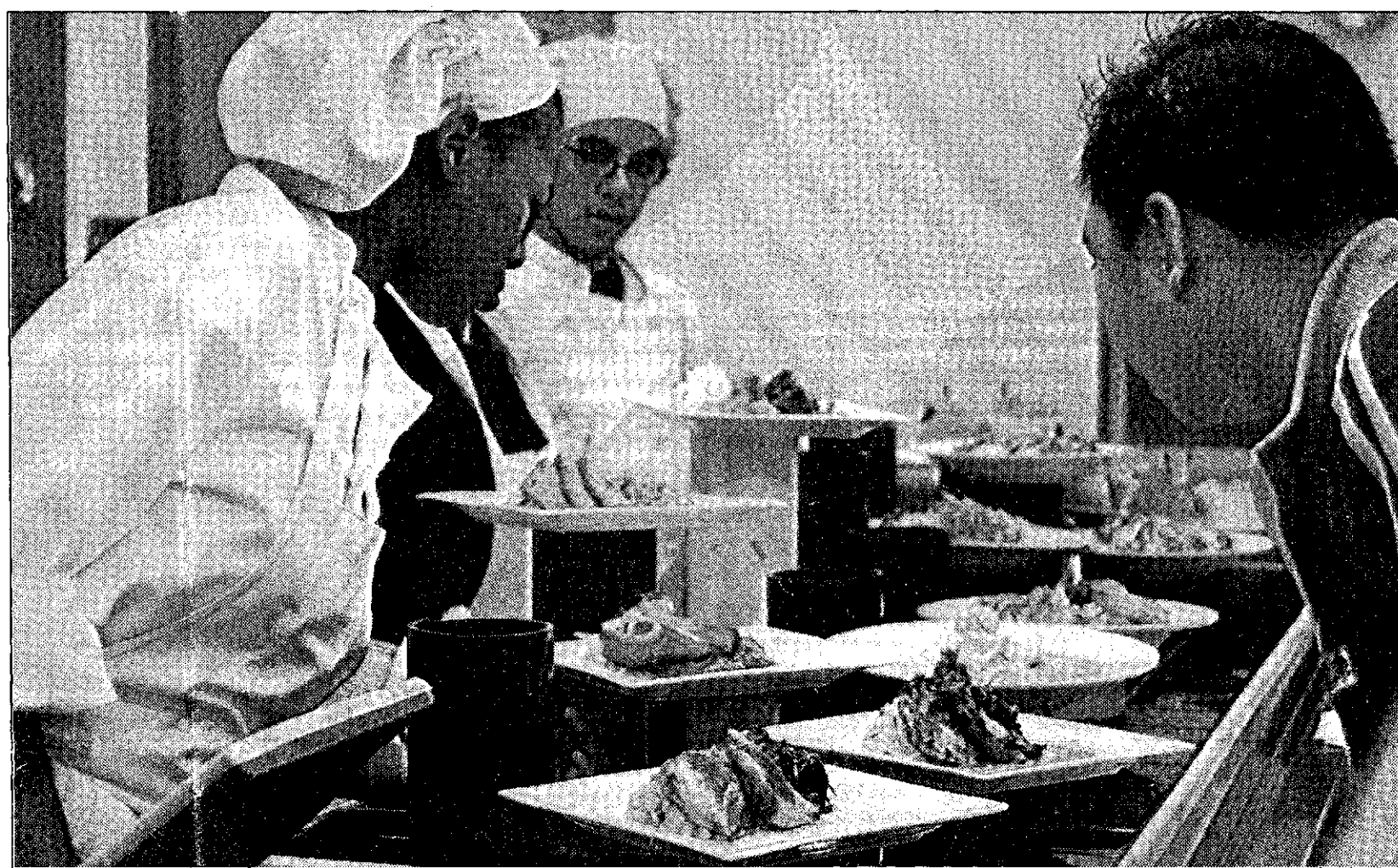
Though students like Randi Villegas, undecided major, and Dago-berto Espinoza, history major, will not be able to attend the event itself because of scheduling conflicts, they support the cause and encourage other students to help.

"Custodians aren't here to pick up after every single student," Villegas said. "Students should do their part to clean the campus. If (the campus) looks bad, it's our fault."

Espinoza said, "I heard about this event being put on, I just didn't know when the date was. We all want to come to school in a clean environment, so I'm glad that someone is taking a step forward to make it happen."

"We want students to realize that we make extra work for the custodians. It's easy to criticize them for what they aren't doing but it's harder to do the work yourself," said Armendariz.

Cobarrubio said that the purpose is to spark interest among students.



Pick a plate: Culinary arts students display various dishes for an admiring student. The department's new website is www.cafecerritos.com

PATRICIA GONZALEZ/TM

Culinary Arts program launches website

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Café Cerritos is now open for business. Culinary Arts has now gone cyber and an online ordering service will soon be available.

The new website, which can be found at www.cafecerritos.com includes features that give tours of the kitchens and a syllabus of the courses offered.

To some culinary arts majors the website was news and shocking,

Sandra Morales, intermediate culinary arts major said she had no idea that the department had a Website, but thought that it was a good idea.

Regular customer and business major, Anne Walker, however, says, "Sometimes they get the orders mixed out when you're here (in line)! So I don't have a lot of confidence in the system."

But David Galindo, culinary arts major, believes that, "There might be a lot of problems in the beginning, but after time it should work

out all the mistakes."

Students like Veejay Donor, culinary arts major, hope that the new site will give new opportunities for students. "It would be helpful if (instructors) gave us a weekly recipe that we could work on during the weekend. And offer job searches to see what else is out there."

Special plates will not be available to order online and only the regular lunch menu will be offered, which is on the website.

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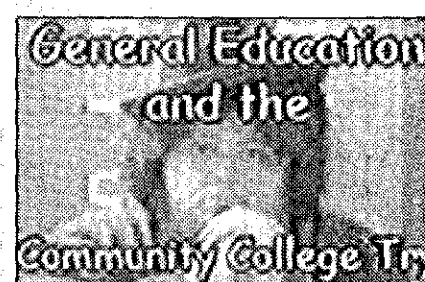
"But hey if I wanted to work for the devil I would have joined the Young Republicans long ago."

- Erick Galindo, CE and the Community College Try

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FMLA candidate censored during Homecoming

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with the school's events and activities," Ackland said.

"If a club like the FMLA or any other club feels they want to promote themselves then that club can hold an event, and the whole point of Homecoming is to promote student involvement, not to promote oneself or club," Ackland added.

FMLA member and women's studies major, Audrey Silvestres, said that for her, she too supported the effort by the club, "Because there is a meaning of promoting not only the club but gender roles in society."

Rios-Hernandez commented that if she had the opportunity to run for Homecoming again she would.



"It was the fact that Homecoming is looked upon as a beauty contest. Besides Ackland was referring to the candidates as girls."

- Gredina Casasola, FMLA

"As long as I have the support of FMLA."

As for any regrets the club had done, Casasola said, "If FMLA had the opportunity to do it again, we (would)."

As for Sinkewicz resigning as commissioner of vocational outreach on Oct. 9, he said, "I have decided to resign as commissioner of vocational outreach, because being in the position has taken me away from my studies in all of my classes."

He declined to comment any further.

Both ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio and Vice President Alex Armendariz declined to comment but at Monday's ASCC Cabinet meeting, Cobarrubio did accept Sinkewicz's resignation as commissioner of vocational outreach but refused to go into further detail.

Tyler Xuetzal, assistant to commissioner of vocational outreach, will take the place of Sinkewicz as commissioner of vocational outreach.

Xuetzal could not be reached for comment.



TANYA BERMUDEZ/TM

Royal Celebration: Erica Rhodes, Court Reporting Club, gets to be queen for a year as she was crowned Cerritos College Homecoming queen of 2006 during the half-time show of Saturday's Homecoming football game. ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio (left) was on hand to place the crown on the new queen's head. Rhodes was also the top vote getter of the Homecoming Court election for which she earned the spot of princess No. 1.

Queen: Falcons crown their monarch

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vinced to run for queen by members of the Court Reporting Club.

"I'm a shy person so I was a little hesitant (to run) at first but I decided to do it anyway to represent my club," she said.

"I didn't really expect to win. I don't really know a lot of people on campus, I just come to do my work."

Though her campaign strategy of passing out candy and putting up flyers was no different from that of the princesses, Rhodes said that campaigning was hard work those things were hard work, but her friends helped her out.

"The Mock Rally was fun but

the interview process was hard because I'm shy," she said. "It was fun I enjoyed the whole process. Thanks to everyone who voted for me!"

As in every competition, there can only be one winner. But there were no sore losers in this competition.

Lindsay Marcia Cox, liberal arts major, ran for homecoming queen to represent the Pep Squad. Though she didn't win, she was excited about participating in the process.

"It was an overwhelming but fulfilling experience."

"The best part was having my

dad walk me down the field," she said.

When she found out she didn't win the crown, she wasn't as surprised as Rhodes.

"I didn't have a reaction (to losing) really," she said. "I was happy that Erica won and happy to have built friendships with the other candidates. I've grown a bond with all of the girls."

This election isn't the first time that Cox has run for a crown.

During high school she was nominated to run for homecoming queen.

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She notes the difference between campaigning in high school and doing so in college.

"Here in college, everyone is for themselves. But in high school there's more of a bonding. Everyone knows each other," she said. "Whereas in college, people are here to get their education and not really socialize and make friends."

She added, "It's all about having to persuade people to vote for you. It's also convincing people that (the elections) aren't just a beauty pageant. It's not just about the beauty, it's about the brains as well."

Nuclear: Crisis with Korea may force U.S. to start draft

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The U.S. fought against North Korea between 1950-53, during the Cold War.

The U.S. has held tight economic rein over its capitol, Pyongyang for almost half a decade.

"Korea wants economic aid from countries such as France, China, and the U.S. The weapon is for bargaining purposes."

The U.S. can call Korea's bluff and search containers going into Korea," Obasohan said.

However, such action leaves a possible ramification that North Korea will attack another country, such as Japan.

"North Korea is letting the U.S. will not call its bluff," he added.

However, on Monday, Chinese customs officials searched trucks at the North Korean border.

This, along with other UN sanctions, caused North Korea to claim that the UN had declared war on the country.

Sunday Obazuaye, political science instructor, thinks the only way that North Korea would attack the U.S. is if the country "begins to trade nuclear weapons among other countries, such as Iran."

Doing so would allow for the possibility of an attack.

However, others share a different perspective.

Rey Morales, education major, said, "There is enough evidence to (support the U.S. going to war)."

While many believe that Korean missiles would not reach the U.S., chemistry instructor Sevada Chamras said, "I think it's possible, (and if it does) it will be as devastating as it was on Japan."

Some Cerritos students believe that the U.S. military is already spread far too much to consider entering another war.

The idea is disheartening to Laurence Hilliard, business major, who said, "The army is spread thin. There are not enough people in Iraq."

In the event of a war, Falcon believes the draft should be reinstated.

"The people in power say freedom is not free. If it's worth all that, Americans should be prepared to carry the sacrifice, like their (ancestors) did in (prior wars). I'm in favor of the draft now," he said,



"The U.S. looks to be very moderate in its demands because (it) has international support. If the U.S. doesn't like the UN resolutions or it feels it is not getting the result it wants, it will take harsher measures."

- John Haas, history instructor

referring to the current wars being fought in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Taking such action would send soldiers on one-year tours before their service would be completed, as opposed to the 2-3 year tours they are currently forced to take.

Falcon said, "They shouldn't be asked to sacrifice so much."

With over 30,000 troops stationed in South Korea, and in Afghanistan, and over 100,000 in Iraq, some believe the draft is possible.

"If the U.S. continues to war with countries around the world, (it could happen)," Haas said.

Jessica Marie, criminal justice major, said that she comes from a Navy family, and it is a tradition in her family to join the military.

"I think a draft might happen. But I'm already joining the army," she said.

However, not wanting to become involved in the war effort, Hilliard said, "If (the U.S. initiates a draft) I'd probably shake to Canada."

Walter Fernandez, history instructor, felt that a draft would open Republicans up to serious criticism.

Yet, Falcon does not believe that the nuclear issue will initiate a war.

HACU:

Students get a chance to work with the CIA

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doing internships through HACU.

"The most appealing aspect of our program is the fact that it is a paid internship program and we provide airfare and housing," she said.

In order to apply, students must meet the following requirements: have a minimum of 3.0 GPA in a 4.0 scale, be authorized or liable to work by law in the United States be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program have completed their freshman year in college before the internship begins.

Students have an opportunity to be placed among the twenty-three sponsoring agencies, among them the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency. There are also 19 corporate partners such as JP Morgan Chase and Lockheed Martin Corporation.

"We are the only minority group that's under-represented in Congress, so with these opportunities, we are serving as a pipeline to students to change that," Rosales said.

Cerritos student Roberto Molina got the opportunity to intern at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation last summer. With a tentative transfer to UC Berkeley,

Molina said that the experience helped him build a lifelong body of networking.

"I was a translator for the company and I worked in the outreach program of the company," Molina said. "My boss said I could always go back and try to get a job there."

Christina The, student placement specialist at Cerritos Career Center, said, "Opportunities like this one enhances communication and builds interpersonal skills in students. It is also a great resume building opportunity."

Application deadlines are Nov. 1 for the Spring internships.

Applications are available at www.hnnp.net.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Campus Clean-up:

Thursday, Oct. 19 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

Stop being an idiot, vote!

People always tell you what to do and you complain and complain, but you're a sham if you won't do anything about it.

Frankly, every damn election the youth has to be convinced to vote. It's outrageous. It's ridiculous and there is always some idiot who says it doesn't matter.

It doesn't matter? Really? Well gee golly, we don't have a worry in the world then.

So then why did so many people die in too many wars for you to have such an insignificant thing? Why did people take to the streets to insure that equality at the polls insured equality in the Capital? Why is it that we still complain so damn much?

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was never elected to his office. In fact, he was elected as a replacement to then governor Gray Davis.

He was elected by a mere 11 percent of the population of this state.

To get on the ballot all he needed was 65 signatures from his Republican party and pay a \$3,500 fee. Roughly 4 million, out of 25 million registered voters, chose Schwarzenegger for governor, and only 9.5 million voted out of 35 million Californians.

Since the vote was split amongst 134 candidates he never received a majority of the votes cast on that historic day.

Since that day, Schwarzenegger has vetoed the minimum wage hikes, raised tuition, allowed himself to be bullied by President Bush on immigration and spent millions of your tax dollars on a failed special election.

Now it would be apropos to concede that in the past year the replacement governor has changed his tune a bit and has announced cuts to tuition, a raise in minimum wage and has been the moderate muscle man everyone hoped he'd be.

Although, it's just as appropriate to note that it is an election year.

In case you've forgotten why you marched along side immigrants in May or why so many students protested the death of financial aid a year and a half

ago, it was for change.

The truth is there can be no change if you remain ignorant and continue to be the idiot that says your vote doesn't matter.

If you don't vote you are letting someone, who may not care for your troubles, make decisions for you.

According to the Public Policy Institute of California only about 35 percent of the adult population in California regularly votes.

Most members of that group are white, college graduates, age 45 or older who own their homes and have household incomes of at least \$60,000.

These upper middle-class white people decide your future.

On the ballot this year, besides getting the opportunity to grade our elected officials on their performance, are several initiatives, that will impact even the dumbest, youngest Californian.

Proposition 86 intends to raise taxes on cigarettes. Smoke much?

Proposition 37 may relieve global warming. Breathe much?

Proposition 1E deals with terrorism and Proposition 84 deals with water and food supplies.

In fact, every single proposition on the ballot is either a direct benefit or in direct conflict to you.

So if you can't stand Schwarzenegger, you better vote because the numbers are on his side and it looks like we'll have four more years of terminator jokes.

And if you don't like Phil Angelides, then you better vote, because nothing breeds more dumbass complaints from idiots that didn't vote than a political upset.



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Getting papers equals an education

Gov. Schwarzenegger vetoes bill to not pay for college education



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In one of his wisest decisions since becoming governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed Bill SB 160, a bill that would allow illegal immigrants to apply for financial aid from the state.

Schwarzenegger said, in a letter to the Senate, that the State has limited funds and also noted that undocumented students in California are already receiving reduced tuition rates.

Not only that, but these undocumented residents are also receiving tuition exemptions from certain community colleges and universities through the bill known as AB 540.

Over 100,000 students, who are here in California legally, compete for financial aid annually. Many of those students don't receive financial as-

sistance from the state and end up having to pay much of their college tuition out of pocket, often struggling to do so.

Senator Gil Cedillo, SB 160's sponsor, wanted to take away that financial aid from the eligible, legal residents of California and give it to those undocumented immigrants that really have no right to financial aid.

These sorts of bills only further encourage illegal immigrants to flood into the country.

If bills like this were made into laws and such, it would be a horrific situation for the nation.

It would be saying that illegal immigration is okay, and that you don't have to follow the rules of the country, but you can still garner the ben-

efits of legal citizens.

You might as well stamp it on your forehead now: illegal immigration, accepted everywhere.

I understand that immigrants come to this country in hopes of pursuing better career and education opportunities.

However, as an illegal immigrant, you don't have the same rights and eligibilities as a legal citizen, and you know that.

You cannot reap the benefits of a college education if you don't abide by the rules that are in place to ensure the quality of that education.

Legal residents have dreams of accomplishing a college degree, many of which would not be able to take place if not for financial aid.

Now those dreams are being squashed by illegal immigrants who think that they have the same rights and are eligible for the same financial opportunities as legal citizens.

This is not the case.

If you're an undocumented student and want to be included in the State's financial aid programs and open to all opportunities given to a college student, get your papers and then we'll talk.

Stop complaining about the process, how long it takes, blah blah blah.

Get it done.
Get an education. Move on.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK GOVERNOR DISOWNS HIS ALLEGED LINK TO PRESIDENT



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger commented on the Jay Leno late night show regarding the recent allegations that have been made which associate him as a close link to George W. Bush. He retorted to all this by stating how absurd the accusations were.

"To link me to George Bush is like linking me to an Oscar. I mean that's Ridiculous."

The governor was never nominated for the grand show biz prize during his acting days. He later clarified his stance on the war in Iraq.

"Without any doubt, we have to find an exit strategy as quickly as possible."

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT NORTH KOREA TESTING NUCLEAR BOMBS?

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SAIDA ESPY
Liberal arts major

"I think it's a bad thing because I have a feeling they are focusing on America."



MARITZA ACOSTA
nursing major

"By them testing it people will be getting hurt by it."



J. VARGAS
business administration major

"I guess it's wrong; it shows that they obviously want to get involved in some kind of conflict but if we can test for now, why can't they?"



JOSE RIVERA
physical education major

"I don't feel comfortable knowing that it's a threat and if they test it, you know they are capable of actually doing something about it."



DAVID MENDEZ
criminal justice major

"It's for their defense from the U.S. then I don't blame them."



AZAR SARGERAN
biology major

"I don't think it's right; we should show some reaction toward this event."

Teach love not hate

Parents teach their kids discrimination instead of equality

Hate crimes. People being beaten, taunted, and murdered because they are different. Racial slurs and sexual comments are becoming very normal in our daily lives. All of this is happening in our very own front yards, in our schools, our restaurants, even our shopping malls. I was watching a show the other day in which a mother of eleven children sat on stage and argued that by holding offensive signs condemning homosexuality and teaching her young sons to hate homosexuals, she and her family were earning a seat in Heaven. If there is something that both-



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me it's that people excuse their hate towards others with religion. The Bible says this, the Bible says that, but show me where in the Bible does it say that it's OK to publicly humiliate others, to call them slurs, to beat them, all because they have a different skin color or because of their sexuality.

Since when did we earn the right to point fingers and intrude on other's intimate lives?

The reason why hate crimes are still so common today is because people do not break the vicious cycle.

Racism and prejudice is passed from one generation to the next.

Instead of teaching tolerance

and respect for others, parents are teaching their children from a young age to hate.

It's horrifying to hear that people get dragged by cars to their death because of their skin color, or to say that it is "God's will" to break a man's jaw because he is homosexual.

It should be unacceptable to hide behind religion to justify these atrocities.

Everyone is entitled to his opinion and personal beliefs, but everyone should also be accountable for his opinion, instead of using the Bible and God as an excuse to hate others.

Now that I am a mother myself and have been discriminated against many times, I think I owe it to my son to raise him to respect others for who they are.

After all, you are not smarter, richer or wiser based on the color of your skin, your place of origin, or your sexual preferences.



It's not about race, it's sex

Educational gap may have more to do with gender than race



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helped women break the cycle of gender discrimination?

Yes! As for the ethnic background, have you as students thought about that?

Being a former high school student and one who has been in college, it should be noted that I have seen that there is a group of people who have been serious about an education and there are other who have not.

But more than anything, it goes both ways and should not be based on gender and background because everyone that has been through the education system should take into consideration the importance of an education.

One thing that I think is important in this country is to have the basic skills of reading, writing and math.

It's no wonder that only eight percent of African American males have a 3.0 GPA to those 18 percent of African American females that have a 3.0, while 41 percent of females are proficient in reading com-

pare to only 29 percent of men.

Throughout high school parents were watching their children, as they had to make sure that the kids did their homework and had an understanding of what they learned in class.

However, as soon as those kids turned in teenagers and they went to high school reading, writing and math became non-existent.

Don't tell me it's a lie because I have seen it happen and unfortunately it has continued.

Both men and women continue to ignore the fact that they need to learn the skills.

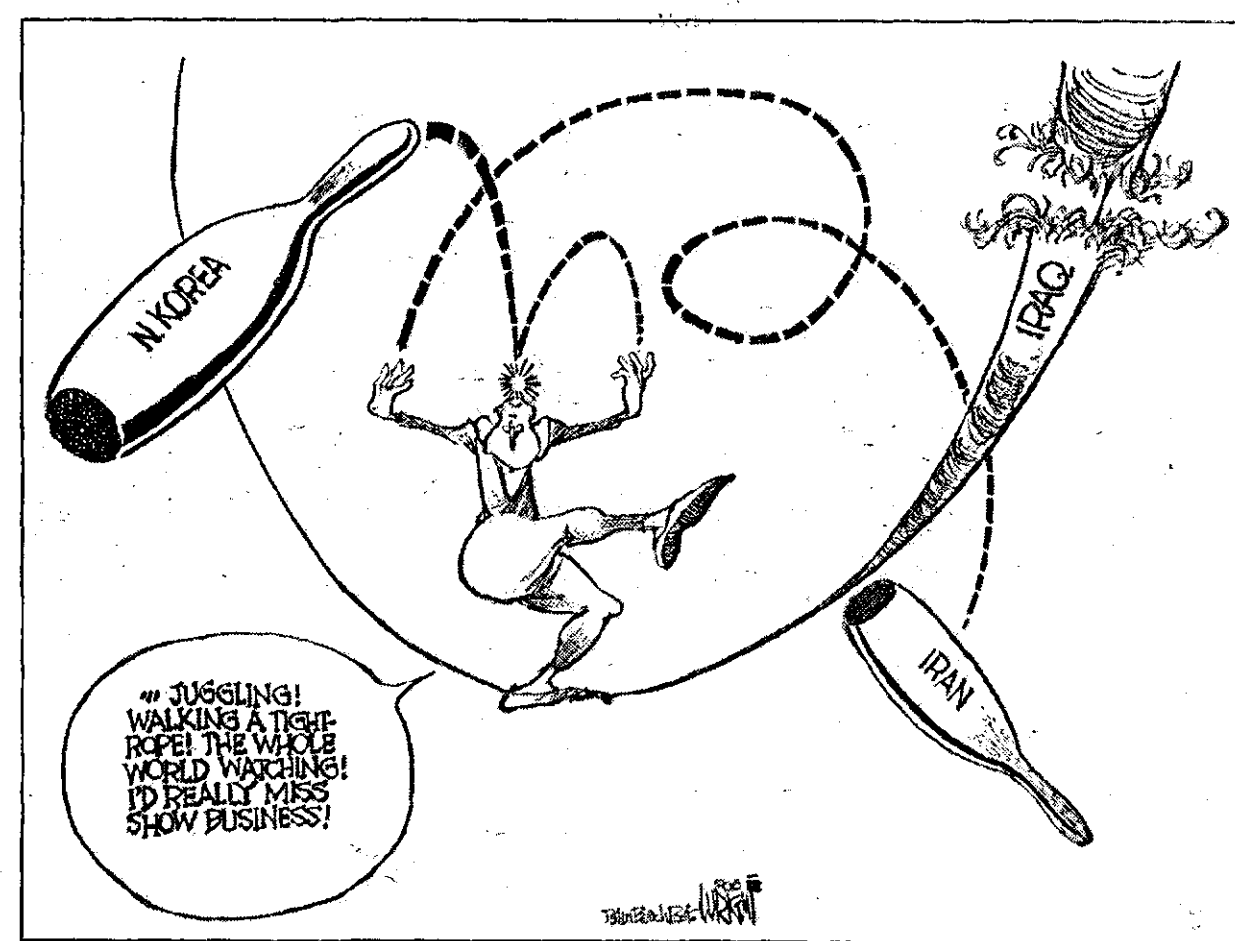
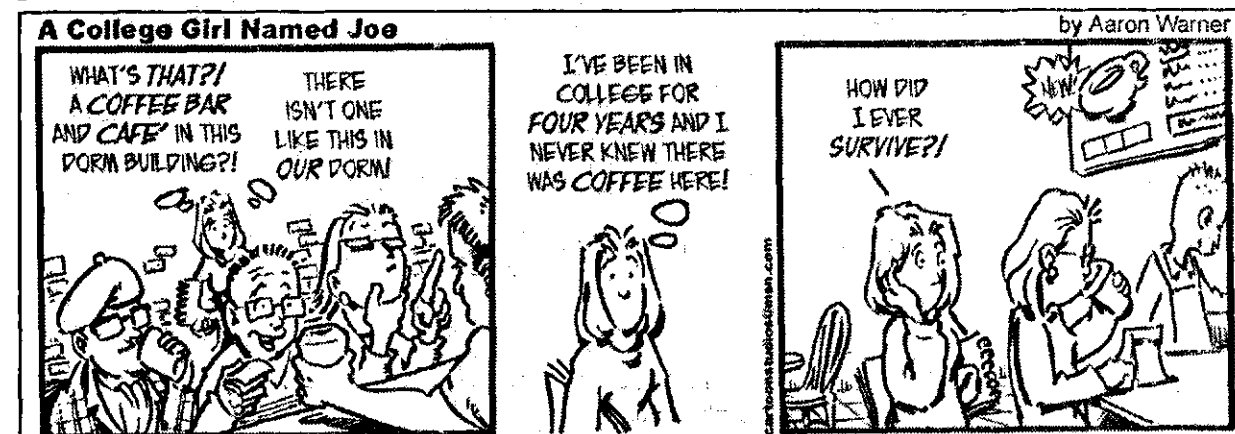
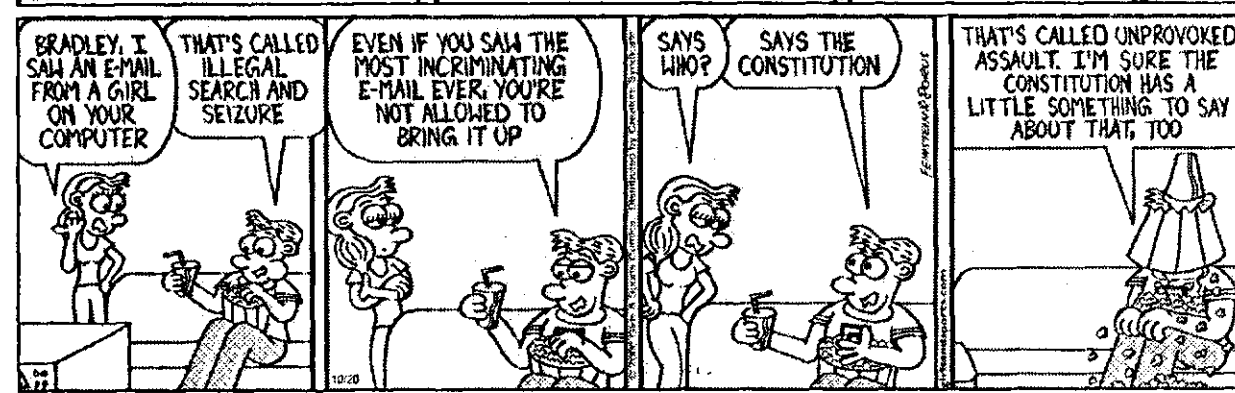
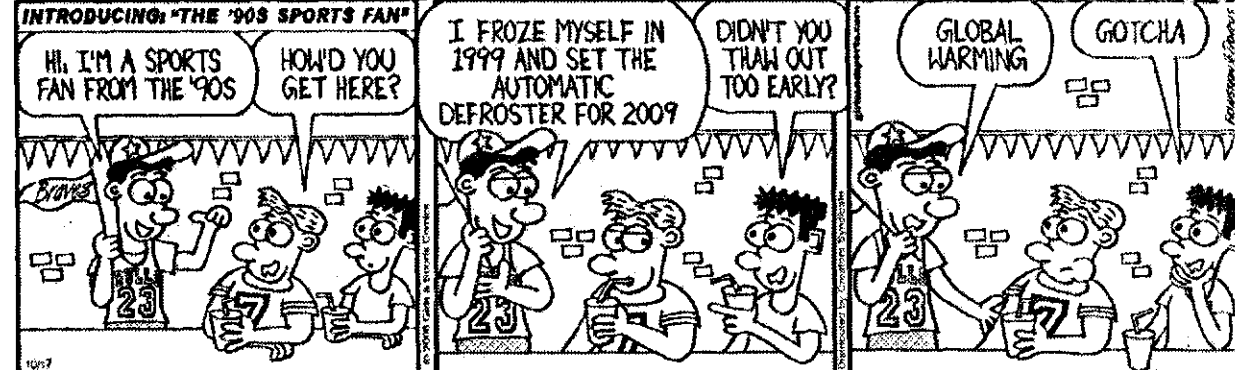
Men are just too lazy to open a book and read, that is what the study has said because without a doubt women are becoming the leaders.

Could you imagine if former first lady Hilary Clinton was actually our nation's president?

There would be great debate about her as the U.S. president no matter if she were white, black, Latino or Asian because it would be a matter of her being a woman.

Time to wake up because making education a priority is key and start taking the classes you are enrolled in right now with motivation and determination.

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CERAMICS MOLD INTO SHAPE

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Have you ever wondered, as you buy a teapot or plate, what it would be like to have what it takes to make that kind of stuff?

Ed Zimmerman, art major, said that he has been interested in ceramics for 10 years and added that the reason he has taken the class repeatedly is because it brings out the creative side in him as a student.

"Not only is there a creative side to ceramics," he said, "but for me, personally, I get to use my imagination with clay."

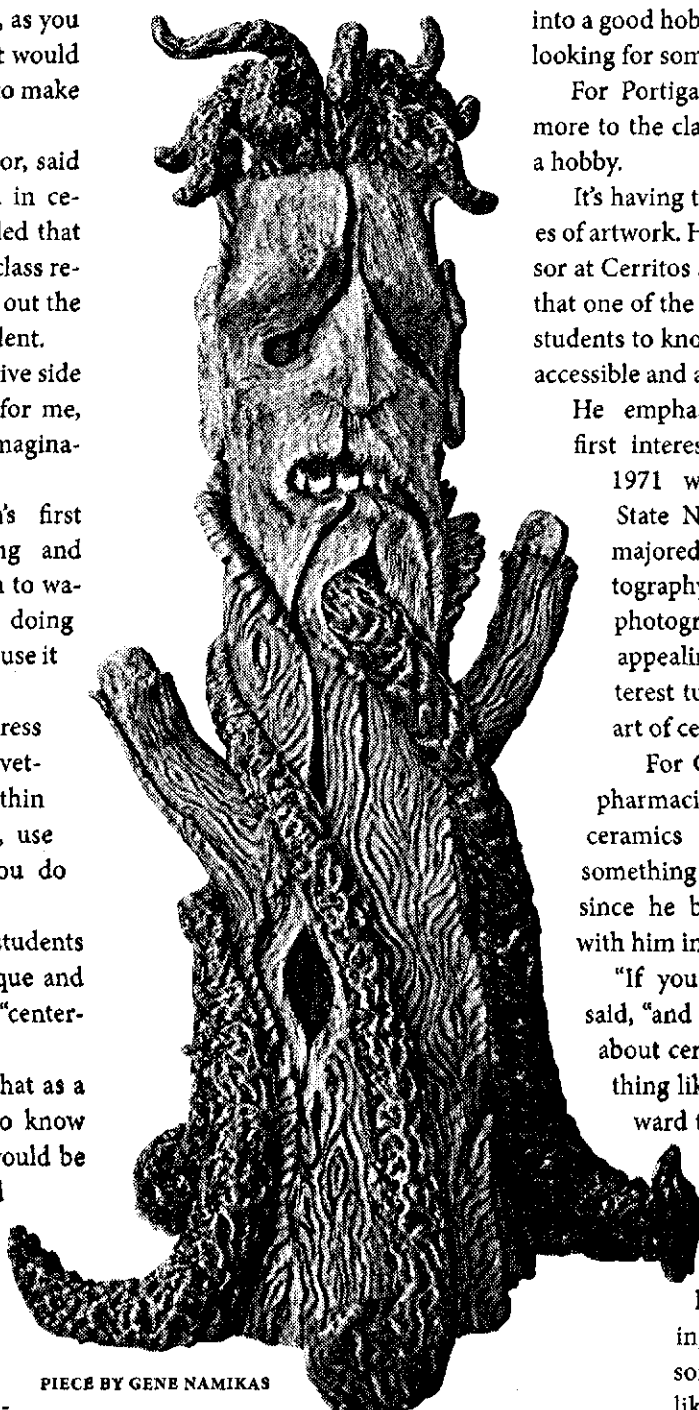
Originally Zimmerman's first interest had been painting and drawing, but later moved on to water coloring and ended up doing ceramics, "the reason is because it is a great stress reliever."

Not only is it a great stress reliever, but Joseph Len, veterinarian major, added, "Within this class you, the student, use both sides of mind (as you do projects)."

One of the things that students learn in ceramics is technique and also what he described as, "centering on the wheel."

Furthermore, Len said that as a student, one would have to know how soft or hard the clay would be and the thing that he said that most students have learned is that pieces of ceramics, whether a plate, teapot, or picture, will have a greater meaning to them and they will appreciate them more.

Within the class, Zimmerman is currently working on a sculpture and as for art instructor Steven



PIECE BY GENE NAMIKAS

Portugal, he commented that he is always available for questions.

Len continued adding that being in a class just as ceramics would turn into a good hobby for those who are looking for something to do.

For Portugal, however, there is more to the class than it being just a hobby.

It's having to create usable pieces of artwork. Having been a professor at Cerritos since 1990, he stated that one of the things that he wants students to know is that ceramics is accessible and also an art form.

He emphasized that he was first interested in ceramics in 1971 while attending Cal State Northridge where he majored in art and photography, but realized that photography was not that appealing so instead his interest turned into the visual art of ceramics.

For Cerritos student and pharmacist Gene Namikas, ceramics is a visual art and something that is useful to him since he began taking classes with him in 2000.

"If you are a student," he said, "and don't know anything about ceramics or how something like that (is made), toward the end of the class a student will be able to."

One of the things that Charlene Sun, who is taking the course for personal interest, would like to be able to do is

center the clay on the wheel because as she put it, "I have been working on the skill of centering for the last four weeks," she added, "and I hope to get it down by the end of the semester."

Cecilia Chen, industrial design major, also agreed and said that she hoped to be able to center the clay on the wheel. Is there mathematics involved in ceramics?

According to Chen, "A student will have to not only deal with math," she exclaimed, "but also be able to have patience, because it does take time to mold a project, whether it's a plate or mug, together."

Chen said that she doesn't plan to make a career out of ceramics but if there's a desire to want to try it out for fun why not?

Additionally, she said for her, being in the class is worth it, because "it's cheap," and because there are not a lot of supplies to buy.

Namikas agreed, but as he said, "When I come into the class I'm able to leave all the worries and stress of work out the door."

In the end, Portugal said that the reason that he takes ceramics seriously is because he supports the visual arts.

"That is one thing I hope students will get," he said, "because what I'm doing is I'm preparing students for their own livelihood."

Scorsese's flick has a great plot, cast

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The wait for a good crime drama has come to an end thanks to legendary director Martin Scorsese.

In his new film "The Departed," Scorsese fills the flick with great performances from an all-star cast and a story that will keep you on the edge of your seat until the very end.

The movie is based on the 2002 Hong Kong movie "Infernal Affairs." "The Departed" stands on its own two feet while it brings a lot more violence and foul language to the big screen.

The story line begins with Boston crime boss Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson) as he enters a local store to collect protection money.

"I don't want to be a product of my environment. I want my environment to be a product of me," Costello said.

While inside, he meets a young boy sitting at the counter. Costello has the owner give the boy food to take home and says that if he ever needs some extra cash, to come and see him.

Fast forward to the present day, and we see a grown up Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon), now in the police academy along with Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio). We see both of these men make it through the academy and then go in very different directions from there.

Sullivan climbs the ranks of the Boston State Troopers until he

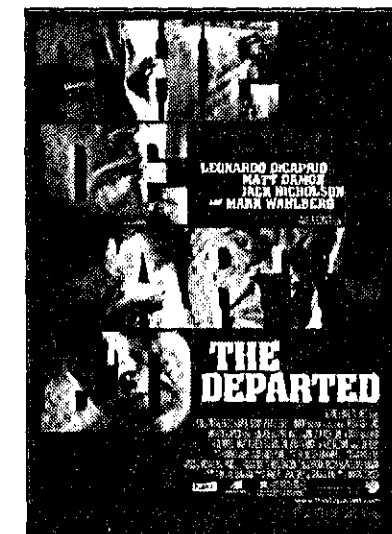
lands in a special unit with its focus on taking down Costello. This gives Costello a mole inside the unit.

Costigan finds himself in front of Captain Oliver Queenan (Martin Sheen) and his surly partner Dignam (Mark Wahlberg) who are the heads of the undercover unit for the state troopers.

"Do you want to be a cop or do you want to appear to be a cop?" Queenan asks Costigan.

After being berated with insult after insult by Dignam, Costigan agrees to become a plant inside of Costello's crew. What follows is the struggle between Costigan and Sullivan of finding the rat in the other's crew before they both end up dead.

The performances in "The Departed" are fantastic. Nicholson brings his dry wit and charm in his performance as Costello.



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Victim: Fullerton



ROSE NORIEGA/TM

Overbearing: Hanna Anzai, driver, powers through on the competition during Saturday's Citrus College Tournament. The Falcons would go on to win the tournament and set a new school record for most wins in a season with a record of 22-2.

Cerritos sets record for wins

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New highs and records have been set for the Cerritos College women's water polo team this year.

It has won its fourth tournament of the season and upped its season record to 22-2, which is a new record for the most wins in a year, after the Citrus College Tournament, Saturday.

The Falcons' old record of 21 wins was established last year under head coach Sergio Macias.

They were coming off an 18-1 South Coast Conference victory against Rio Hondo College that took place on Wednesday in which 14 players scored to clinch their 10th win and put them at an 18-2 record for the season.

They will now host El Camino College as they resume Southern Conference play at 4:15 p.m. on

Wednesday.

In their first game of the tournament the Falcons got off to a good start as they went on to snatch up a 7-2 win over San Diego Mesa College.

In the match against Mesa, driver Graciela Quintana led the team with three goals and three steals, while driver Daisy Carrillo added two scores and three steals.

Driver Berlyn Sanchez drew a five-key injection, had one goal and three steals, with goalkeeper Sarah Kenny having eight blocks and one steal to wrap up the Falcon win against Mesa.

This win would be followed by a 19-5 win against El Camino, who they will host on Saturday, a semi-final 15-7 win over Palomar College, which ultimately led to a 8-6, victory over fifth-rated Fullerton College.

In the game against El Camino, nine players would score and there would be a total of 16 steals for the Falcons, with utility Gloria Quintana a season of four goals on for shot attempts.

Michelle Garoutte, along with the Sanchez duo, each added three goals, while drivers Krystal Perez and Kimberly Diaz would score two goals a piece.

Goalkeeper Barbie Diaz made eight saves and driver Christina Edwards would have four steals snatching the second win of the tournament.

Jeannette Diaz got off to a rocky start and would score in the first two games, but would get back to her normal ways as she scored contributing to the Palomar win with six goals.

Sanchez would finish with four steals, Carrillo and Grace Quintana would each finish with two goals a piece, while driver Roxanne Carriaga and utility Vivian Aguirre would have two steals each to grab the semi-final win for Cerritos.

In the championship win against Fullerton College, Sanchez led the team with four goals, while Grace Quintana added two goals.

On defense in the goal, Kenny would finish with 10 saves to finalize the Championship victory.

Falcons break Homecoming winning streak

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Though the Homecoming theme "Movie Memories" was quite exciting for the new homecoming queen, the memories of Saturday night's game were less than pleasant for the Cerritos College football team.

The Falcons lost to Saddleback College 49-21 and didn't score all 21 points until the fourth quarter. By that time, the game was too far out of reach for a Hollywood ending.

"Even though we were losing, we still wanted to go out with some kind of pride and put some points on the board," said Cerritos running back Marquiese Reed. "It's embarrassing for us to lose like that."



"We lost momentum; you could look in the (men's) eyes. They were in shock. Instead of playing with a swagger... they weren't confident."
- Frank Mazzotta,

Reed rushed for 107 yards on five carries in the loss. He went on to say that the Falcons beat themselves that night by causing turnovers and giving up the ball.

The loss makes it the first Homecoming game that Cerritos has lost in more than six years.

The Falcons, who have yet to win a game on their newly remodeled home field, will attempt to recover Saturday as they play Golden West College on the campus of Orange Coast College.

The team's current overall record is 2-4.

"Our goal is to win the next four games so we can qualify for a bowl game at the end of the season," said Terrell Cole, safety.

Cole had eight tackles and also ripped the ball out of Gauchos running back Andrew Nakihei in the second quarter.

Saddleback, the No. 1 ranked team in So. Cal according to www.coasports.org, dominated the game from the beginning, scoring a touchdown within the first two minutes.

The game got off to a bad start for Cerritos when Genoa Dill fumbled the opening kick-off.

"We should have scored our 21 points earlier. But (scoring those 21 points) showed that our kids didn't give up," said Frank Mazzotta, Cerritos head coach.

"We were playing pretty good

defensively. But our offense needed to help by keeping the other team off the field."

During the third quarter, coach Mazzotta had a discrepancy with game officials. He said that Saddleback made illegal substitutions.

"The third quarter was the downfall of the whole game. (Our record) should be 5-1 right now," he said. "These last three games we have played much better and we've been ahead. But for some reason we're still losing."

Cerritos got its first touchdown with 6:33 left in the fourth quarter when wide receiver Cory Rhoane caught a 77-yard pass from reserve quarterback A.J. Toscano.

Reed rushed for 107 yards on five carries in the loss. He went on to say that the Falcons beat themselves that night by causing turnovers and giving up the ball.

For the Gauchos, running back Andrew Nakihei had 170 yards and four touchdowns on eight carries. Running back PT Gates added two touchdowns and ran for 16 yards and 18 carries and 66.

Saddleback head coach Mark McElroy was pleasantly surprised with the way his season is coming and was also pleased with the Gauchos' win. But he recognizes the talent and play of the Falcons.

"Cerritos is a good team with good talent. (The Falcons) got a good up-front (offensive line), good size and good speed," McElroy said.

"I was a little worried coming into the game. On any given night in the Mission Conference, any team can beat another. (But) once we got up 21-0 in the half, I wasn't worried as much."

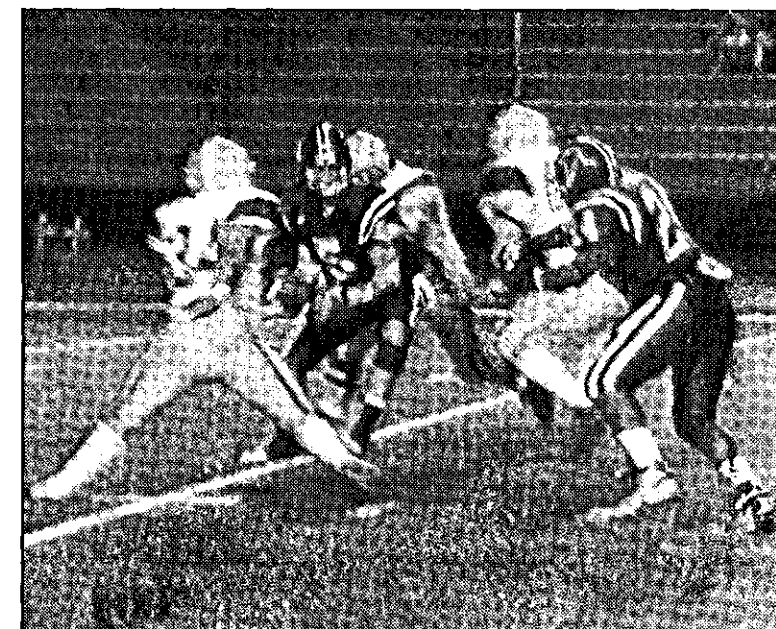
In the loss, one of the key factors that players and coaches noticed was the confidence factor.

"I stepped up and tried to get (the team) motivated (at halftime), but it didn't work," Cole said. "The team stopped running the ball and (players) started hanging their heads. It was like they didn't want to play anymore."

Mazzotta agreed with Cole and added, "We lost momentum; you could look in the (men's) eyes. They were in shock. Instead of playing with a swagger, it seems like they weren't confident."

This game also marked the beginning of the Scholar Baller program. The program is for student-athletes to excel in academics as well as athletics. Students who are part of the program have 3.0 GPAs.

The program was co-founded by C. Keith Harrison and Cliff Parks. Both players are former Cerritos football players.



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Swarm: Quarterback Chad Manis is in the process of being sacked during Saturday's Homecoming game against Saddleback College. The moment came to connote the Falcon season. The 49-21 loss is the fourth for the Falcons.

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Source: www.voterguide.gov
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The Democrats vs. The Republicans



"You have the largest amount of special interest money pouring in-- all to tear me down." - Phil Angelides

State Treasurer Phil Angelides is running a platform aimed at the middle class.

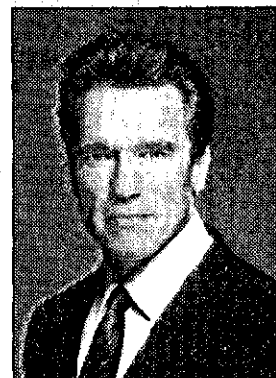
Angelides says that he will clean up the state's budget mess - restoring fiscal responsibility and balancing the budget - so California can invest in new opportunities and prosperity - including a tax cut for middle class families.

Criticisms:

- Is seen by some Republicans as a tax hungry politician who will raise taxes and push business out of California.
- His opponent has called him weak on the environment, despite having numerous endorsements from environmentalist organizations.

"Throughout my life - even when it hasn't been popular - I have stood up for the values of responsibility, fairness, and broadened opportunity that built the wealth and strength of our state," Angelides says.

Source: <http://www.angelides.com>



"You (Phil Angelides) have been so far for every single tax increase." - Arnold Schwarzenegger

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, is in the final months of former Governor Gray Davis' term. Schwarzenegger replaced Davis in California's historic recall election in 2003.

Since then the governor has championed stem cell research and has fought to control global warming while maintaining that it can make the state money.

"We started out with a state that was in a big mess," Schwarzenegger notes. "Our credit rating was worse than ... Croatia's. ... And now we have turned the state around because of the help of Democrats and Republicans."

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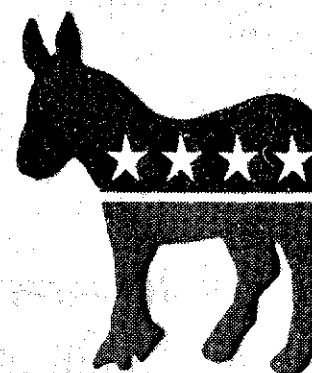
- Is seen by some Democrats as a poster boy for the right and as such falls in line with President Bush's policies.
- Cost the state millions in last year's special election in which all of his measures were voted down.



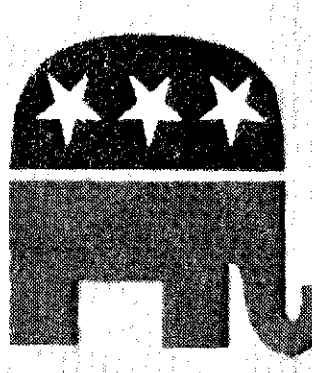
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*Proposition 86

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*Proposition 87

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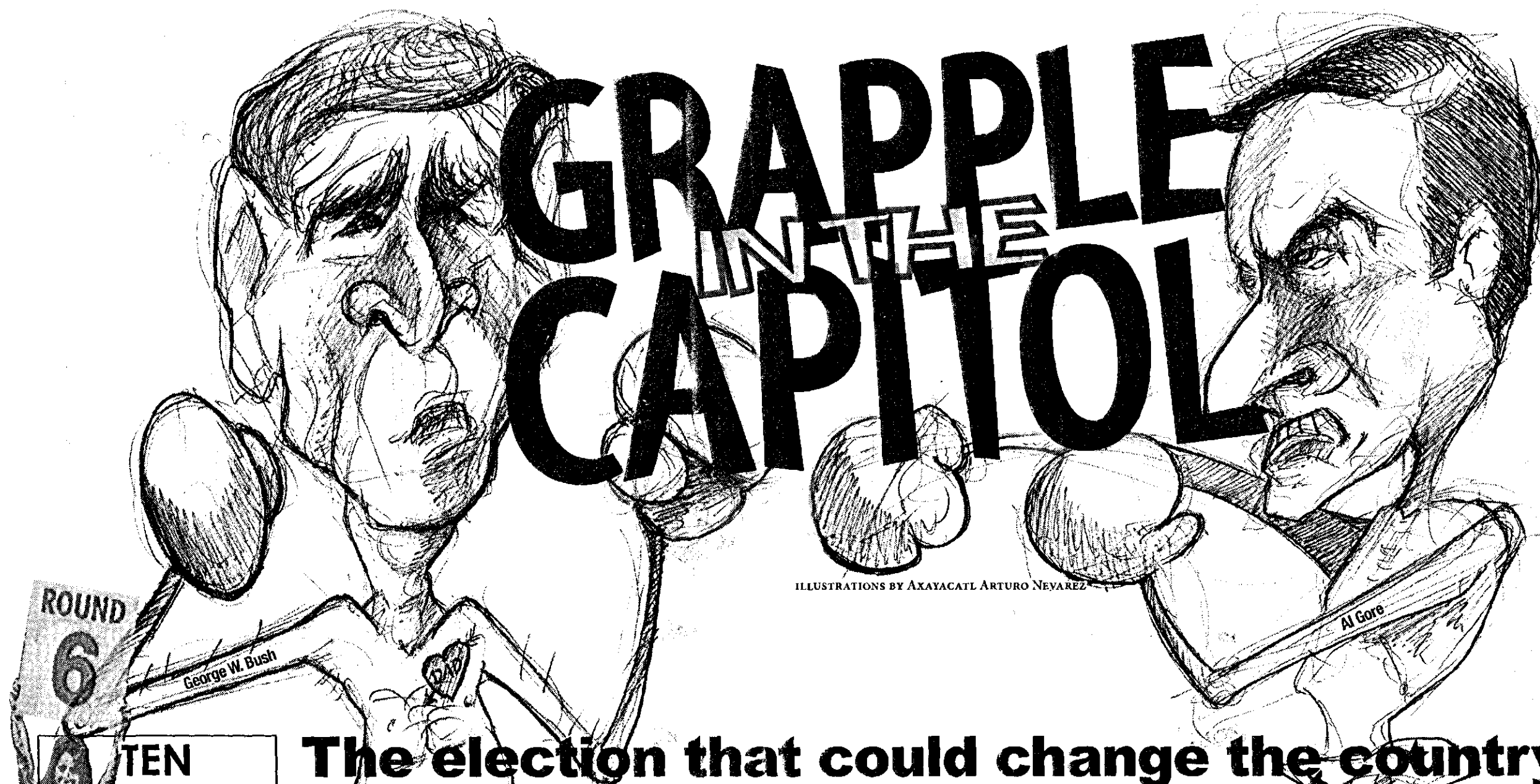
Proposition 89

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The election that could change the country

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TEN ROUNDS OF SHAME THAT MAY TKO GOP HOPEFULS

(Source: CQPolitics.com, Associated Press)

10. Former Rep. Mark Foley's (R-Fla.) resignation amidst the discovery that he had sent some inappropriate text and emails to underage boys may be the final nail in the coffin for the GOP. The scandal has grown to encompass the corruption of GOP leadership.

9. Recent polls show that more than half the country is asking for House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) to step down for his alleged involvement in the scandal.

8. Bob Ney, a six-term Republican congressman from Ohio, pled guilty Friday to taking bribes in the Jack Abramoff scandal.

7. Rep. Jim Kolbe, (R-Ariz.), under investigation by the Justice Department for a 1996 camping trip involving two former pages. A former page himself, Kolbe is the only openly gay Republican in Congress, though he is retiring at the end of this year.

6. Ohio Republican Gov. Bob Taft pled no contest last year for failing to report gifts as required by law and is leaving office after two terms with an approval rating under 20 percent.

5. In Pennsylvania, an ad by the challenger accuses Rep. Don Sherwood of "attempting to strangle" a young girlfriend. Sherwood admits to the affair but denies there was ever any abuse.

4. Former Majority leader Tom DeLay (R-Texas) resigned his seat after a grand jury indictment that he had conspired to violate campaign finance laws.

3. Michael Scanlon, a former aide to Tom DeLay (Texas), received kickbacks, while offering access to lawmakers.

2. Randy "Duke" Cunningham (R-Calif.), former congressman, resigned after admitting that he took \$2.4 million in bribes.

1. Jack Abramoff, a once powerful lobbyist, started it all. He pled guilty to fraud and conspiracy charges involving many top Republicans, and is cooperating in ongoing congressional investigations.

The Talon Marks Editorial Board sat down with Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-39th), who represents the Cerritos College community on Capitol Hill. This is part one of the interview. Sanchez provided insight into a possible Democratic takeover of Congress and why the country has changed since Al Gore's win/loss, even when its leaders haven't.

"We'll close the gap in the Senate, but we won't take control back."



Mark Foley

Why Now?
The (Mark)

Foley (see pull out box, left) scandal has certainly had an impact on Americans perception of the leadership in Washington. I think that, added with the past record of scandals that have been unfolding now for quite some time, really have made people stand up and take notice. And I think that people are very angry and upset with the lack of leadership by the Republican party."

Sanchez feels that there are several examples of this lack of leadership and this may fuel the shift in Congress.

The Good, the Bad and the Republicans

"You have here in California (Randy) 'Duke' Cunningham that was convicted of accepting bribes for government contracts. You have (Rep.) Bob Ney (R-Ohio) who has said that he will not run for re-election because he admits to giving special favors in exchange for money."

"And now you have Mark Foley... it seems by press accounts, and this is what the Ethics Committee is investigating, by all accounts leadership was notified on at least several occasions about a problem with him preying on under-aged children and leadership was so concerned just about preserving its power that it really effectively did nothing."

"And that is a big indictment on how secretive, how power hungry and how willing (Republican leadership) is to cover its tracks if it suits its needs. I think the Foley thing has

soured the country."

A New Course

According to Sanchez, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi is set to be the first female speaker of the House and has laid out a new plan.

"Pelosi and the Democratic leadership have put together an agenda for what we would do in the first hundred days should we take back that House."

"One of (the proposed bills) would raise the minimum wage, which hasn't been done in 10 years."

"There's a whole agenda called 'Six in 06,' which has very concrete proposals that the Democrats would hope to pass in the first hundred days."

"Just because (Congress) passes it doesn't necessarily mean they become law because they go to the president's desk for signature."

"That's really going to put pressure on the president to step up and determine if he wants to help support those issues that we hear the most from our constituents or if he wants to simply disregard them."

So Why Not a New Boss?

Many of President Bush's toughest critics have thrown around the possibility of a forced removal from office, but his fate may not be so sealed.

"I think impeachment is something that should be utilized when there is serious, serious wrong doing. I'm not a big fan of President Bush or his policies, I think they've really hurt this country, but unless there is a degree of wrong doing and cover up, I don't think it's worthwhile to pursue something as serious as impeachment."

Why Do GOP always Win?

"I don't want to underestimate the ability of Republicans to campaign hard and in some instances campaign in an underhanded way to strengthen their position."

"People ask me all the time, 'Why aren't the Democrats fighting? Why aren't we united?' The truth is we are more united than we've ever been. We do fight back."

The problem is that the Fox Newses of the world don't air our opinion. There are very few progressive media outlets that carry out that Democratic message. But when we are in session we are standing up every day and calling for more accountability."

"The Executive Branch is keeping Congress in the dark. It's not giving us the information that we need to be a check on its power. Unfortunately when you are in the minority party it's harder to demand accountability."

"This election cycle is going to be a very big, big election cycle for a lot of reasons. I think it's going to be a turning point in leadership. I think it's going to reestablish what our priorities for this country should be."

"I'm just hoping that we see, not only a Democratic victory, but a very decisive Democratic victory."

Next week we talk about Iraq, Korea, terrorism and immigration. The congresswoman will also share her views on the importance of voting.



Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-Calif.) of the 39th

The district includes Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, La Mirada, Lynwood, Paramount, and South Gate, a large portion of Whittier.

Legislation

"Bullying and Gang Prevention for School Safety and Crime Reduction Act of 2005" (HR 283), signed by the President in early 2006.

"Access to Higher Education Act of 2005," (HR 1293) which permits refinancing of student consolidation loans and increases education grants.

"National Forest Roadless Area Conservation Act" (HR 3563), which provides additional protections to specified lands in our National Forests.

"Transportation Equity Act," (TEA-LU) on July 29, 2005. This program is designed to phase-out pre-1984 diesel engines, replacing them with more fuel-efficient and cleaner burning engines.

Source: www.lindasanchez.house.gov

The toughest contenders, pound-per-pound

(five of the most heated contest in the country)

(Source: CQPolitics.com)

CALIFORNIA

Rep. John Doolittle (R-4th) faces a tough foe in retired Air Force pilot Charlie Brown (D). Doolittle is linked to scandals involving admitted criminals Jack Abramoff and Randy "Duke" Cunningham.

ARIZONA

Rep. J.D. Hayworth (R-5th) is up against former Tempe Mayor Harry Mitchell (D). Hayworth is under investigation for his ties with Jack Abramoff, involving luxury skyboxes.

NEW MEXICO

Rep. Heather Wilson (R-1st) and her close ties to President Bush are in a row against a very popular Latin attorney general, Patricia Madrid (D), in a heavily Latin 1st.

MONTANA

Sen. Conrad Burns' seat seems to be a sure loss for the GOP. Burns accepted \$150,000 from Jack Abramoff in return for what Abramoff himself has admitted was any kind of favor.

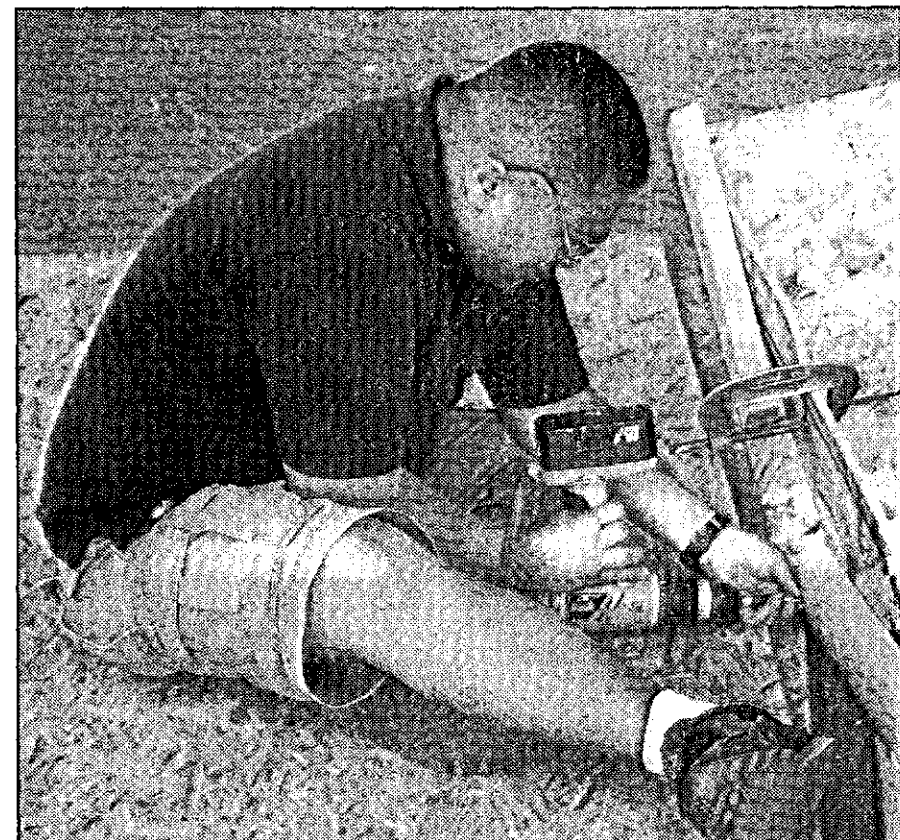
PENNSYLVANIA

Sen. Rick Santorum (R), who once compared homosexuality to sex with dogs, faces a tough centrist contender in Bob Casey Jr. (D), whose opposition to gun control and abortion is gold.



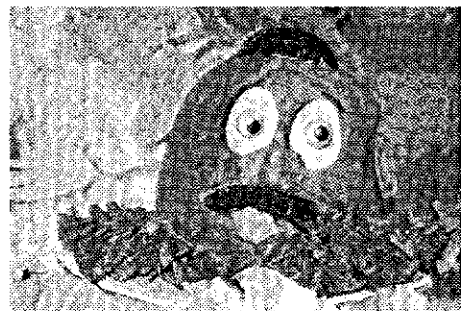
BEHIND THE SCENES

CERRITOSLAND



Float building was the topic of the week at Cerritos College before Saturday's Homecoming Game.

Campus clubs gathered members and tools to accomplish their goal of assembling their floats, following the theme of "Movie Memories," that were judged on various elements at the Homecoming Game.



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1. The Dental Hygiene Club won the Amy Dozier Award (best overall float) for its version of "Pirates of the Caribbean's The Curse of the Black Pearl," complete with mast, artificial waves lapping at the sides, and pirates.
2. It was all about the children for the Child Development Club, which won the Board of Trustees Trophy for bringing the "Little Rascals" back to life.
3. Working on the base for the "Moulin Rouge" float, Frank Lee, science major helps ISA win the ASCC Award.
4. Taking home the President's Award, the Pep Squad showed "Wizard of Oz" Cerritos style. Elizabeth Noriega, Pre-Med Club member, paints parts of the yellow brick road.

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