

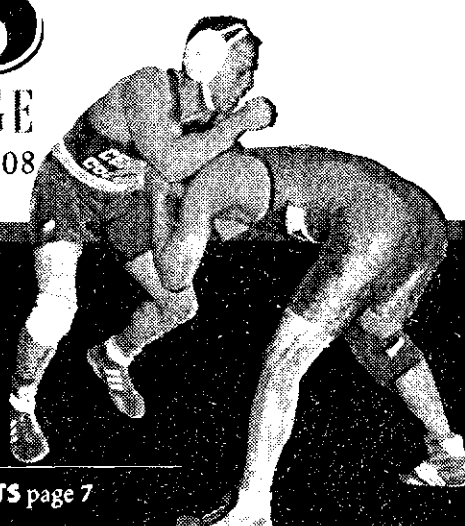
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MySpace troubles continue in lab

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A possible filtering of the internet in the computer labs to prevent students from using MySpace, Friendster or any other social Web site was of concern during the ASCC Cabinet meeting on Monday.

ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio said the reason the internet in the computer labs would be filtered is to prevent students from accessing the social sites and also prevent students from accessing pornography.

There was a recent incident involving a lab technician and an unidentified student who verbally abused and physically threatened the lab tech after the student was

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TRAC addresses special ed

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Cerritos College's Teacher TRAC program will hold its second special education symposium of the year on Oct. 28 which will address the issue of special education, while also welcoming SETuP interns into the program.

As reported in the Sept. 20 issue of Talon Marks, the SETuP program was given a \$20,000 grant from Boeing Foundation to expand the college's special education program.

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*Where
is your
ribbon?*

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Breast cancer: It's a disease far deadlier than any snake bite. It claims the lives of 40,000 women each year.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and while there are a variety of ways to treat the disease, women and men everywhere continue to die from breast cancer due to ignorance and lack of self-awareness.

However, Pam Chambers, a program assistant in academic affairs whose mother-in-law and father-in-law were affected by cancer, agrees that "awareness" months bring about just that.

"It is 30 days to get the word out and into people's faces. (Breast cancer) isn't a hush-hush thing anymore," Chambers said. "The more education we have, the better off we are for something like this."

Worldwide, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among the female population, affecting, at some time in their lives, approximately one out of seven women who reach age 90.

It is an issue that affects populations worldwide, but it is also a disease that continually hits closer to home.

Many students, staff and faculty of the Cerritos College community have been affected by the disease, whether they themselves developed

breast cancer, or knew a family member or friend who was coping with it.

Margaret Taylor, a division clerk in the liberal arts department, witnessed her mother succumb to breast cancer at the tender age of 37.

"She left a husband and three small children," Taylor said.

"I grew up thinking I would die at an early age."

She believes that early detection is the best defense.

"Breast cancer is most treatable when it's found early," she said. "Three methods of detection are breast self-examination, clinical breast examination, and screening mammography for all women."

Yet, despite being treatable, there are statistics that show it may be an epidemic. According to the American Cancer Society, "Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women (after lung cancer), and the number of incidence rates has increased rapidly in the 1980s. About 1,720 new cases of

breast cancer are expected in men (alone) in 2006."

But there definitely are survivors. Joan Walker, a part-time instructor in the cosmetology department, is a 13-year survivor of breast cancer.

She was first diagnosed with the disease back in 1993 when she was working full time here at the college.

After a routine mammogram produced x-rays that showed what Walker calls a "spider-like growth" in her breast, her oncologist sug-

gested surgery immediately.

Although the surgery was a success, Walker believes it had little to do with medical reasons.

"I was scheduled to have the surgery on a Wednesday, so that Sunday (before) I went to a Catholic healing mass," she said.

"That Monday, I also attended a non-denominational prayer service with a group of friends; I really had faith in God."

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Cerritos campus cleaned

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Armed with gloves, buckets, and cleaning supplies, students, led by ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio and Vice-President Alex Armendariz, set out to conquer the dirt and grime of Cerritos College on Thursday.

The campus clean-up day was a part of the ASCC's "Show Pride in Your Campus" effort.

Cobarrubio and Armendariz had come up with and initiated the plan.

Cobarrubio said they hope it continues in following semesters.

Near the beginning of the semester, the ASCC had encouraged people to sign a contract to join in such efforts of caring for the campus.

Such efforts include taking part in elections, canned food drives, and volunteer opportunities.

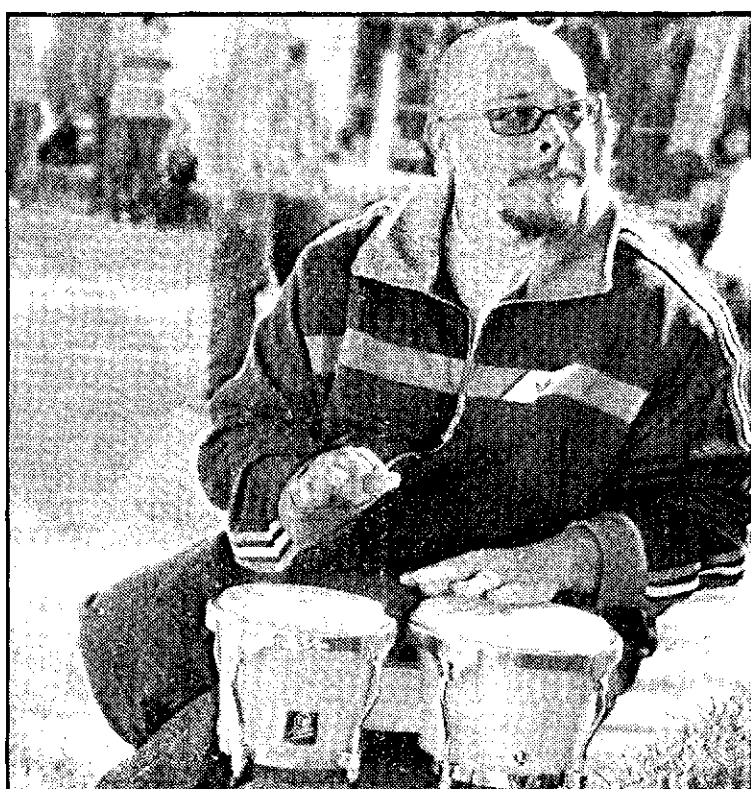
Those who take part in such events are awarded points. Upon acquisition of 10 points, they are awarded a "Show Pride" pin, which shows that they are active members of the campus community.

Armendariz said, "(We) hope future administrators continue to show pride. It will take years to change the mentality of the campus."

He said that the purpose of the event was to raise student awareness of how difficult the campus is

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RHYTHM MOVEMENT



Drum Circle: Erik Herrera, along with several other students, joined the drum circle for "Drum For Justice" rally outside of the music department. The cause was for social justice and the next meeting will be held Oct. 26 in front of SS308. For more photos visit www.talonmarks.com.

Cosmetology Department will offer Halloween help

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Halloween is creeping up and it's time to throw on a costume and snag some candy.

But before you go out and spend a fortune paying a Hollywood makeup artist, the Cerritos Cosmetology Department is offering a cheaper alternative.

For prices that range from \$5-\$50, the Cosmetology Department makes clowns, ghouls and witches out of any willing spirit.

One of the specialties is scary makeup such as bloody marks, wounds or even fairy makeup as an alternative.

Scary Halloween hair will also be available, to match the makeup.

The Halloween event will be held in the Health Science Building on the south side of campus on Tuesday. Erlinda Chavez, cosmetology instructor, makes this yearly event possible.

Chavez feels it is important to have a frightful make-

over.

"It's a project for the students doing fantasy make up," she said.

She added that it will help to promote awareness for the Cosmetology Department.

Some of the future makeup artists that will be present agree with Chavez about the benefits.

Julit Bourgeois, aesthetics major, said, "It would prepare to move on to higher esthetics classes."

For this project, cosmetology students train to develop their talent and skills to make students look horrific and realistic.

According to Rosa Martinez, dance major, "There's not a lot of people who can do this kind of project."

Whether it is to make complete your costume, to better your chances for the Halloween Contest, or just for fun, students can experience professional Halloween make-up.

According to Monique Valdez, nursing major, people should feel better about themselves afterward for creating something artistic, as well as for changing somebody to make them look scary or funny.

ASCC adds a member, loses one

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Claudia Arevalo, sociology major, was appointed as commissioner of the Inter-Club Council during the ASCC Senate meeting last Wednesday.

However, Senator Leo Zambrano resigned when he addressed the Senate during the meeting and cited that he wanted to focus on his education.

Arevalo replaces former commissioner of Inter-Club Council Socorro Munoz who resigned during the second week of the semester due to health concerns.

After her appointment, Munoz said that she was glad the position

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ONLINE

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Spring semester enrollees get invited to ESL open house

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The English as a Second Language program hosted an open house where attendees were given demonstrations on the different courses and resources offered here at Cerritos College.

This past Saturday in the Liberal Arts building, welcome letters from the president of Cerritos, Dr. Noelia Vela, were printed in Spanish, Korean, Chinese and Arabic.

"We also got publishers to donate dictionaries to raffle off," explained Diana Nakamura, ESL instructor, who organized the event.

The open house was provided to people that are looking to enroll at Cerritos College in the spring. Cheng Tung is an ESL student and was a volunteer at the event.

"I used to go to an adult school, but then I found out that Cerritos offered courses as well. I liked them much better and now I am trying to encourage others to enroll."

The activities included a tour of the library and language center where students learned about the different resources available to them to further their learning.

They also received teaching demonstrations, which included speaking and listening, grammar, writing and vocabulary.

ESL CLASSES IN SPRING 2007	
Writing & Grammar: ESL 100 & 200	
Vocabulary: ESL 21 A & B	
Reading: ESL 11 & 31	
ALL CLASSES IN MORNINGS, EVENINGS AND NIGHTS	

Students were encouraged to incorporate English into their everyday lives and stressed the importance of using English resources.

"Dictionaries are essential for your English speaking progress," Patricia Barry, ESL instructor, told the students during her speaking and listening demonstration.

Martha Yeager, ESL instructor, also shared some tips with the students to enhance their English speaking skills.

"I challenge you to integrate a minimum of two words into your working English lexicon per day. It really adds up," she said.

Tung concluded, "Many adults assume college is for young people, but I inform them that they too can benefit from this program."

For more information visit www.cerritos.edu/la.



NORMA PALACIOS/TM

Board Isn't "Bored": Board members Carmen Avalos and Bob Hughlett jokingly discuss the fun both had at the Homecoming game on Oct. 14 at the Board Meeting last Wednesday.

Board of Trustees gives kudos to ASCC

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The ASCC received praise for organizing Homecoming week (Oct. 9-14) during the Board of Trustees meeting last Wednesday. Also, Anna Jara, automotive technology programmer facilitator, was the Classified Employee of the Month for September 2006.

In addition, ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio said that the "Show Pride in Your Campus" campaign had drawn student interest and hoped that it would be a success and

that there is hope that the event will be continued in future semesters.

Among the board members who were in attendance for the Homecoming game were Bob Hughlett, Carmen Avalos, and Board Secretary Bob Arthur.

For Avalos, one of the things that stood out to her was the floats built by student clubs.

"I thought that the floats were impressive," she commented, "but especially the float by the Dental Hygiene Club in which they featured, 'The Pirates of the Caribbean.'"

The Dental Hygiene Club won the Amy Dozier award for best

overall float at the Homecoming Luncheon.

Stephen Johnson, vice president of student services, said that he too thought Homecoming was a success and that he appreciated being a part of the celebration.

Cobarrubio said that credit needed to be given to those who were on the Homecoming Committee.

"Those who were helping out made it a great success," he said. He added that he was glad to see that those on the Board were able to attend and hoped they all had fun.

During the "Show Pride in Your

Campus" event, Cobarrubio said that there have been quite a number of students that were concerned with the appearance of the campus.

He, along with ASCC Vice President Alex Amendariz and members from the ASCC Court, helped clean up the area restroom of the Student Center and the Social Science Building.

As for the supplies that were needed to move the event along, Cobarrubio said there was a \$5 donation and that showed even further that students cared and supported the efforts of the ASCC.

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Senate: ASCC fills in ICC seat at meeting

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of commissioner of Inter-Club Council was filled.

"I have spoken to Arevalo beforehand, and she has got a good knowledge about why the position is important," Munoz added.

Munoz also said that as Arevalo stood up and took questions from senators and was well spoken.

Though Munoz was sad about leaving the position, she said, "It was a great honor to serve but I know that with Arevalo in the ASCC Cabinet will do a great job without me."

Arevalo could not be reached for comment.

ASCC President Joe Cobarrubio and ASCC Vice President Alex Armendariz said that they too are glad that the position of commissioner of Inter-Club Council was filled.

"Arevalo seems like a smart person and also a hard worker, so I know that she will do a good job," Armendariz added.

Cobarrubio said that he is also glad that Arevalo was appointed but that there are still a few more positions to be filled in the ASCC Cabinet.

He added that there was no one who was really interested in filling the position of commissioner of Inter-Club Council and he and Arevalo just began talking about the possibility of her being in Cabinet.

Following the appointment Zambrano said that unfortunately he had to resign from the Senate and that it was unfortunate that he had to do so because "During my short term I was able to build relationships with those in the Senate."

He added that although he was not a senator for long he said "It was a great honor to be involved in student government."

Both Armendariz and Cobarrubio expressed that they were glad to see that Zambrano had the time to talk to the Senate prior to his resignation.

Cobarrubio said that Zambrano informed the Senate that his education had priority.

Armendariz agreed saying he understood that for Zambrano education was important.



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Pride: During the "Show Pride In Your Campus" campaign Gonzalo Tapia, nursing major and CCM Club member, washes the windows in the Student Center. The next scheduled clean-up event is scheduled for spring semester. More photos can be found at talonmarks.com.

Clean-up: ASCC cleans Student Center

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to maintain, and that duties such as washing walls and scraping gum would be done if custodians had all the time in the world.

In agreement, Jyoti Gustafson, psychology major, said, "If you think about it, maintenance does so much and it's good to help."

"It does so much to keep (the campus) clean, and we make it dirty."

Tackling the highly trafficked Student Center and Social Science building, Armendariz hoped that students would see the hard work that is put into maintaining cleanli-

ness.

Appreciating the student initiative, Operations Manager Arcadio Avila said, "It's great."

"Getting students to participate is perfect."

"They get an idea of what custodians do on a daily basis."

Attributing to the idea that many consider upkeep to be the duty of custodians alone, he said, "(Students) can't depend on facilities to do it alone."

"It's hard to do."

Students involved with the project understood this idea.

Gonzalo Tapia, nursing major, said, "If I want something to change,

it's got to start with me."

As students washed windows, walls, restroom stalls, scraped gum and cleaned off graffiti, they came to appreciate the environment around them.

Adriana Albizure, sociology major, said, "My high school was dirty. It's great to have a clean, sanitary school."

Armendariz said that it is the first time in recent years that the school has had a clean-up day.

More than anything, he hopes that students will come to realize and respect the work that is put into maintaining the campus.

Cabinet: MySpace incident discussed

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asked to log off MySpace.

Campus Police were immediately notified.

Students said that one suggestion that they have is to have a time limit that students are able to use the internet.

That was a possibility Cobarrubio said because, "that is what colleges such as Cypress and (Cal State) Dominguez Hills have done."

One of the biggest problems that students have faced is that those who need to use the computer for classroom assignment purposes.

Hector Carmona, mass communications major, and Eduardo Cordova, undecided major, both said that they have MySpace accounts and they have used the computers in the labs to access the site, but that they understand the effect it has on those that need to use the computer for classroom assignment.

"Although I have noticed that students go on MySpace or Friendster more often in the morning," Cordova said, "because that is

when students are not in class yet."

Ray Woo, biochemistry major, said that he though he doesn't have a MySpace account he does see students in the computer lab on the Web site or watching videos on the YouTube, but so far he had seen nothing pornographic.

Carmona said that he has been caught using MySpace, "but if I or a student is caught on the site, lab techs do ask you nicely to close the window."

As for the incident involving the student that pushed the lab tech both Carmona and Cordova said that unidentified student took it too far.

"That's taking it too far," Cordova said, "because he does not have to check his MySpace account that bad?"

Carmona does say that being on MySpace is like a drug, but for a student to be that addicted to the site is a bit crazy.

Whether or not the filtering will work Carmona wasn't so sure, because there programs that show you how to unlock the firewall on computer, "so there are ways to get around that."

TRAC: Symposium to be held on special ed

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According to Teacher TRAC Director Sue Parsons, the money will go toward providing 12 students with paid internships, in which they will get hands on experience in a special education classroom environment.

The first symposium, held back in April, was an "introduction to the special education program here at Cerritos," according to TRAC clerk Yvette Gutierrez.

"They talk about what to expect with the program, what it's about," Gutierrez said.

"It's also a time where we try to recruit and get people interested in this field to check us out."

This month's symposium is entitled "Response to Treatment Intervention, The RTI Model" and will open with a continental breakfast in the Student Center.

Following breakfast, TRAC students will listen to a panel pre-

sentation before separating into smaller groups and visiting their first of two workshops.

These workshops are an hour and 15 minutes long and are designated for the different school districts in the Cerritos area.

These districts include ABC Unified, Bellflower Unified, Downey Unified and Norwalk-La Mirada Unified.

After a short break, students will then transition into their next workshop before grouping together again for the keynote presentation and closing remarks.

Gutierrez believes that special education programs, such as the SETuP program, are crucial at a community college level.

"I think it's very important that schools try to impose equal opportunity. They're saying that every child gets a chance for an equal education, no matter if they're special ed or not."

Cancer: Members of the Cerritos College Community talk about breast cancer

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the need for surgery at all.

"However, I went through with it and when the biopsy on the tissue came back they found no traces of cancer at all. My surgeon couldn't believe it."

While Walker did have a miraculous healing, many other women are not so lucky.

The Survivor

Faculty Senate Clerk Dodie O'Donnell has had breast cancer twice, but is a cancer survivor of 16 years.

It was through her cancer that O'Donnell recognized what she wanted to do with her life.

"I hadn't gone to college when I was younger, and (the cancer) made me go back to school and start taking classes at Cerritos, a year after the first time," she said.

"I was taking classes and working part-time, but eventually started working full-time here on campus."

O'Donnell, having lived through the disease twice over, said there's a good chance of survival if it's detected early on.

The Missed

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, Representative of the 39th Congressional District of California, which includes communities such as Artesia, Cerritos and Long Beach, is no exception to the issue of breast cancer.

Sanchez lost a "beloved and trusted member" of her staff to breast cancer this past spring; she also said her aunt had re-

cently undergone intensive treatment after being diagnosed with the disease.

Sanchez is an advocate to the cancer cause, raising awareness both nationally and on a more local level.

"Since coming to Congress, I've co-sponsored and supported various anti-cancer bills, including one that would provide more money for early cancer detections screenings, as well as another that would create a new postage stamp to raise awareness and funds for cancer research," she said.

She continued, "At home, my sister and I have joined thousands of other local women in doing breast cancer walks that raise money and awareness."

How to Raise Awareness

Although her experiences with cancer were heartbreaking, Sanchez did not let that get her down.

"I was inspired by the courage that my friend and aunt showed in dealing with cancer," she said.

"Their strength has increased my resolve to work with others to improve the ways we prevent, treat and ultimately cure cancer."

Sanchez encourages student involvement in bringing awareness to the community.

"Students can increase awareness of cancer research through a variety of ways."

"You can do big things, like helping organize events (such as) the Susan G. Komen Race for a Cure, which raises awareness and money for breast cancer research," she said.

"You can also do something more ba-

sic - talk to your friends and your family about breast cancer, and ask them to talk to (theirs)."

While breast cancer can be a deadly disease, there are cures available and medical treatments that can be used to help eliminate the cancer, such as chemotherapy, radiation and surgery.

Cancer isn't Sexist

Yet, it's a disease not exclusive to women. Because the breast is made up of identical tissues found in both males and females, neither sex is immune to it, although cases of male breast cancer account for less than one percent of the total.

Dr. Marijean Piorkowski, department chair of the physical therapists assistance program and a 12-year survivor of breast cancer, said that after her initial "shock and denial period," she was resolute on fighting the disease.

Piorkowski said she was fortunate enough to have an outpatient surgery that happened on a day she didn't have to teach.

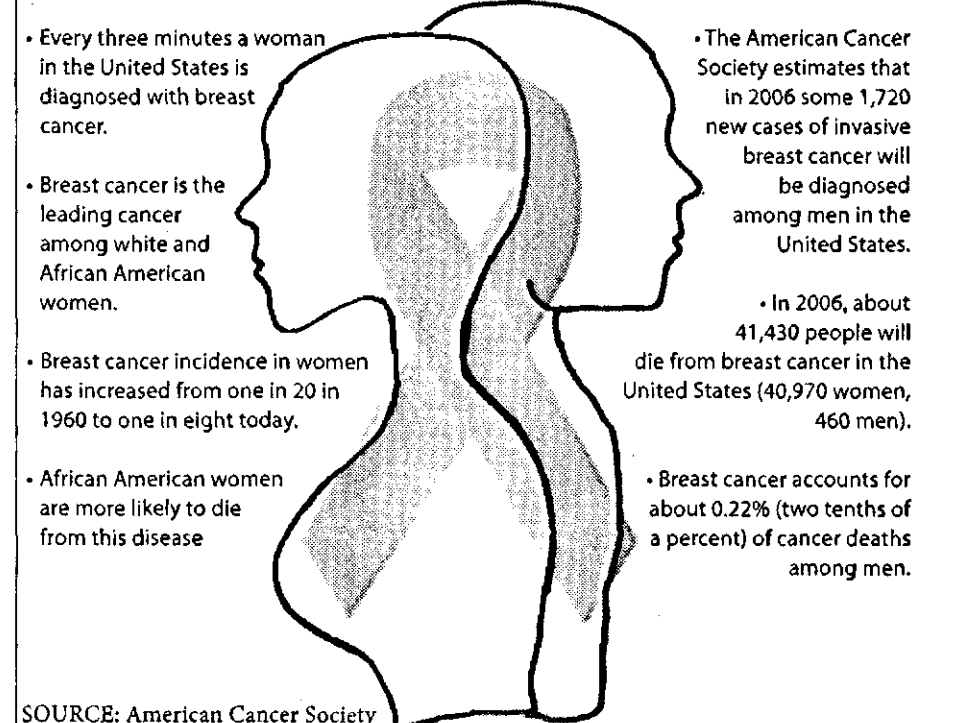
Her surgery didn't have to have follow-up chemotherapy either.

She believes medical advances and research being done on breast cancer is only getting stronger and more efficient.

Hope

"Over the last 10 to 15 years," Piorkowski said, "treatment regimens have improved greatly."

President of the Together for Hope Chapter Brenda Warner firmly believes in



the importance of being aware of a disease such as breast cancer.

Her organization helps bring awareness and raise funds for breast cancer causes, through fundraisers and organized walks.

"Students should be aware of the illness. They should know that if it's not taken care of as soon as possible it can be deadly," Warner said.

"While there are cancer survivors, there are also those that don't survive."

"It can be very aggressive and students need to know that it's a leading cause of death among females - plain and simple."

While many people feel that the college does an efficient job of covering the issue of

breast cancer through its annual breast cancer walk, students like Alejandrina Ruizeco, undecided major, think it should do more.

"It should start having flyers or handouts on breast cancer everywhere."

"Have posters in the women's restrooms and lockers," she said.

"Have them posted in the women's studies classrooms and just have them on counters all over the school. It might be costly, but it also may help."

Chambers is well aware that students and young adults may be hesitant to get examined, but she encourages them not to be.

"Don't be afraid! Just do it. It doesn't hurt," she said.



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EDITORIAL

Congress looks to tax voters

Republicans in the United States House of Representatives, again spit in the face of the Constitution last month as 224 of the 230 sitting Republicans voted in favor of creating a new voter I.D. plan that would disenfranchise the poor, young and elderly.

With a vote of 228-196 (four Democrats crossed party lines) the House voted to require Americans to show proof of citizenship through a special voter I.D. or passport in order to vote.

Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R-Mich.) likens the fascist bill to boarding planes, buying alcohol or cashing a check and says it is a "common sense" way to stop fraud at the polls.

The reality is there are other types of "cents" at play here as the new bill is basically a modern day poll tax.

If passed by the Senate, it will take affect in 2008. So you better vote now before it's too late.

Congress is acting as if it doesn't have a duty to the poor and young.

It's now more than ever time to show these politicians that we are their real bosses, not speakers and whips.

Many years ago when the U.S. wasn't an evolved nation, Southern states enacted poll tax laws designed to disenfranchise African- and Native- Americans, as well as poor whites.

Fortunately the 24th Amendment was passed and outlawed such asinine tricks by the elites at the expense of the poor.

The voter I.D. is basically the same as a poll tax, because it will require people like you, who can barely afford tuition, to pay and register for a voter I.D. or a passport before you can exercise your right to vote out these cretins that attempt to rape you of your rights each passing session.

"Common sense?" Ehlers and the rest of the greedy pigs on Capitol Hill have the audacity to in-

voke common sense, especially given the GOP's record on voting mishaps.

This is the same group of morons who sold our votes to one of President Bush's biggest fundraisers, Diebold, the company that got the contract for electronic voting machines which have proven susceptible to voter fraud and hacking.

Worse yet, the fact that Republican leadership sees similarities between being drunk and voting is quite astonishing, but at least explains its own voting record.

Getting on a plane is not an inherent right.

Drinking alcohol is not an inherent right.

Cashing a check is not an inherent right.

Voting is.

It's just another attempt by these creeps to stay in power.

It's like financial gerrymandering.

It's no wonder Republicans are so gun hoe about the poll tax as the poor and the elderly - groups that would be hurt most - tend to vote Democrat.

"Common sense" tells us that Congress shouldn't make laws that are illegal.

"Common sense" tells us that even a moron sees the paradox in legal crimes.

Luckily a Missouri court earlier last month struck down a state law requiring a voter I.D.

In Georgia, a state superior court judge ruled that a similar law requiring a photo I.D. was an unconstitutional condition for voting.

It's a good thing that one of the branches of government is using real sense and being a real check on the other senseless branches.

The Senate should truly look at these examples and vote "no" on the disenfranchising of America's youth.

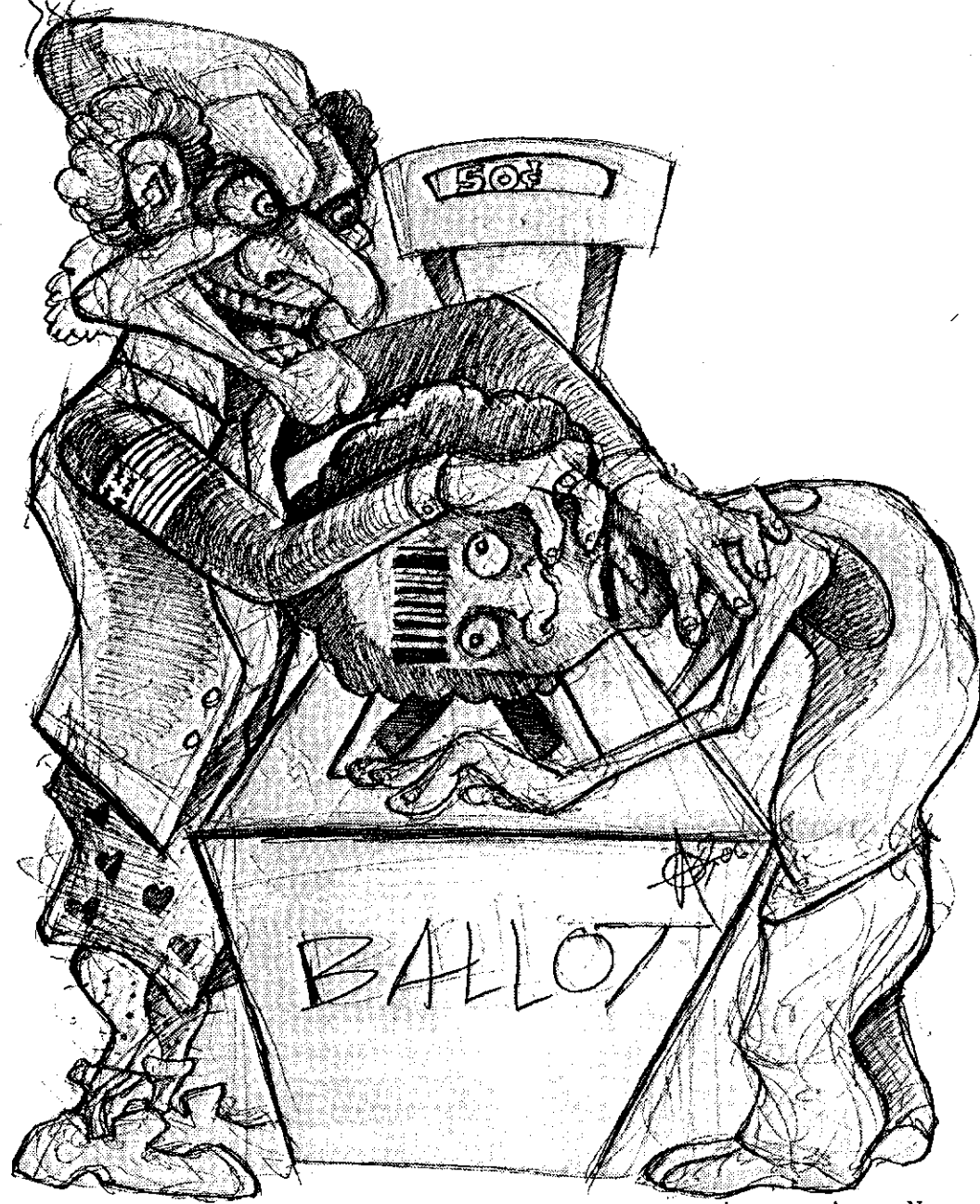


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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Undocumented are still Americans

Article fails to see that undocumented students aren't at fault

Ms. (Kristin) Parker,

The argument about immigration is a long one with no solution at sight. Before I share my feelings about your article ("Getting Papers Equals an Education," Oct. 18), I want to state a few facts that politicians always neglect.

First, we have to acknowledge that "undocumented" people support the economy by being consumers.

The very little money they make by picking fruits or selling fruits at traffic lights goes right back in my pocket and yours as they spend at our "documented stores."

Secondly, one must acknowledge that a lot of our undocumented students, who are the issue at hand, are more Americans than politicians claim.

I am not saying this to defend their (illegal

status), but because those students that entered the country "illegally" entered the country as young as 5 and 2 years old.

Heck, some of them were born south of the border and entered the country two minutes later.

For these students, America represents home.

In addition, they look at people like you as "fellow Americans."

Yet, people like yourself find it in their hearts to bash them. Shame on you.

I have to admit that your article has struck me as rather shocking.

Other than the fact that you started your article by saying that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's veto was "one of his wisest decisions since becoming governor," I also found it disturbing that you as a "Staff Writer" purposefully used your position to manipulate the readers.

You stated, "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."

This statement was distressing for two reasons.

sons.

One, you imply that "eligible" students will no longer receive financial aid as a result of this bill.

In reality, this bill offers financial aid for undocumented students and at the same time preserves access to financial aid for documented students.

Two, you referred to undocumented students by saying "those undocumented immigrants," which for me represents an ill attempt to dehumanize undocumented students, here on our campus as well other campuses.

Finally, I challenge you to acknowledge one thing: I want you to acknowledge the privilege you have over undocumented students.

A privilege which allows you to make statements such as, "Stop complaining about the process, how long it takes, blah blah blah. Get it done. Get an education. Move on."

Because I highly doubt that you ever had to go through the "process."

Thank you,
Waleed M. Nueirat
Co-chair of MEChA De Cerritos

QUOTE OF THE WEEK CHINA HOLDS KEY TO DISMANTLING NUCLEAR CRISIS

China and the U.S. got closer to a plan Friday on North Korea's nuclear test, as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice emerged confident.

"Let's just watch and see what China will do. Nobody wants to be on the wrong side of this resolution."

Rice emphasized that the world would continue to watch North Korea to see if sanctions worked.

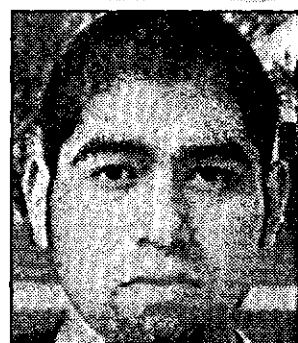
"I do believe that you're getting a firm response. If there isn't some movement, you may get a firmer response as time goes on, but I think this is going to evolve."

ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE IN THE NOV. 7 ELECTION?

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XOCHITL ORNELAS
psychology major
"Yes. It gives me the option to choose a better candidate."



SIMON AGUIRRE
liberal arts/science major
"No. I'm not voting because I don't follow up on politics."



NALLEY BARAJAS
liberal arts major
"No. Well, I don't know. I just never thought of voting before."



FRANK YI
computer networking major
"Yes, because I believe my vote may count for a greater good."



LACINDA FERGIN
business administration major
"Yes, because we have to set the example for our future children."



ERIKA GONZALES
nursing major
"No, because I haven't registered."

The Left just ain't 'Right'

Have you ever heard of the buzz words "The Culture War?" Is it actually a war or is it just something that the liberal Left media and the religious conservative Right made up to further divide the United States of America?



others were really popular. Then after the 1950s the sixties followed and that's where the Left had its beginnings and its golden age.

The Liberals

The other one that was mentioned was the liberal Left. Both of these concepts had their own golden eras that ironically enough were side by side to each other.

The Conservatives

The first was the Right. The Golden Age of American Conservatism was in the 1950s. This was a time when we just had won World War II.

Hitler and the Axis forces were just defeated and the United States, along with the rest of the world, was happy.

Peace could reign once more. But that would only last for a little while.

America saw a greater threat in Joseph Stalin and the Soviet Union and so the Cold War began.

In the process, while all of this was happening the American people went to a source of strength, hope, courage, and freedom: the houses of worship.

The American people regardless of religion went to their respective houses of worship.

Prominent religious figures like the Reverend Billy Graham and

The Hippie movement began all of those things of the Left, which started when the war in Vietnam took place.

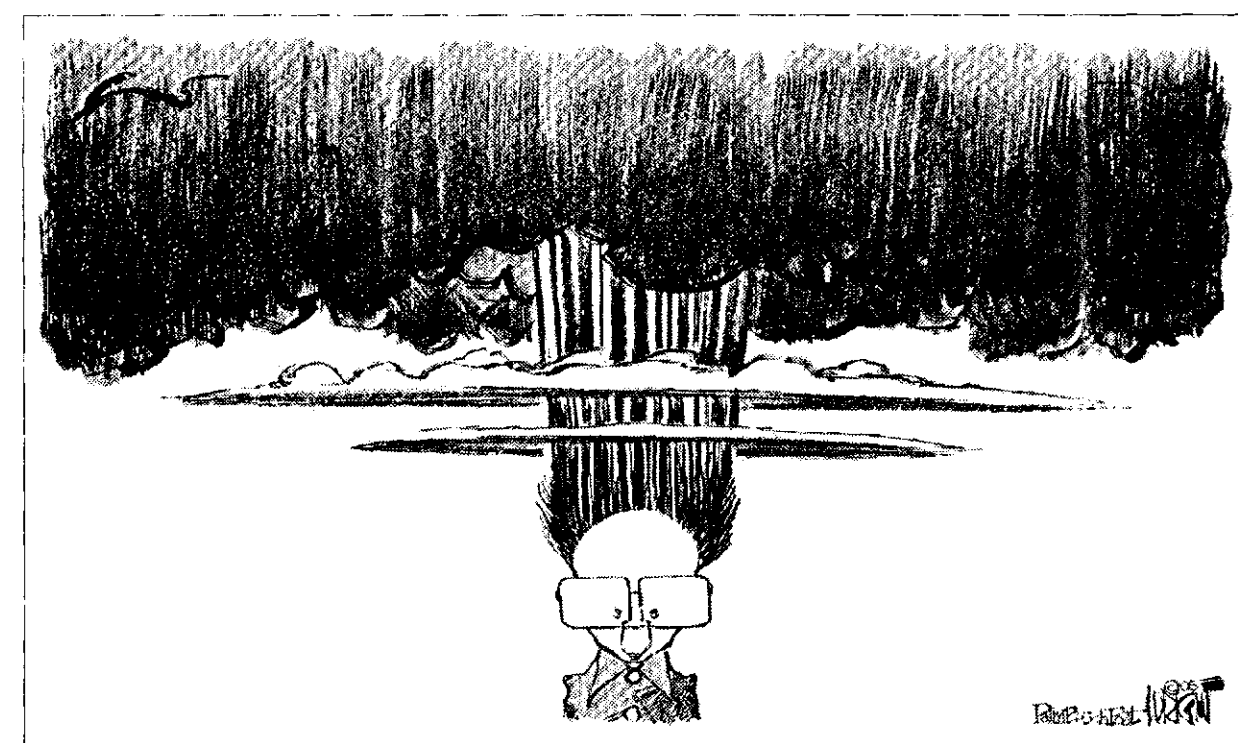
College students protested all over the United States of America, but the high point of it all was in the 1964 Free Speech Protest at the UC Berkeley campus.

The Hippies were into having sex with multiple partners while experimenting with all kinds of mind-altering, hallucinogenic drugs.

Right Side, Tight Side

Now if people objectively and comprehensively examine both of the arguments that are, the Left that was founded in the sixties and the conservative Right that was founded in the fifties, the argument that makes more sense and has society's best interest in mind would most definitely be the conservative Right's side of the argument.

Lastly, this Culture War, must come to an end and the side of good (the conservative side) must indeed win so that the United States of America could progress into a better and brighter future for generations to come.



U.S. practices imperialism

Many things have been said about U.S. imperialism; it doesn't exist, it's nothing more than mere Marxist rhetoric, the U.S. is only acting in goodwill, etc.

Defenders of U.S. foreign policy argue that it is the duty of this country to spread "democracy" and "freedom" throughout the world.

As if some higher being bestowed this great responsibility from beyond, and in this case, they say it's God.

But what exactly do they mean by "democracy" and "freedom?"

Our president and other U.S. leaders use these words so much that these words seem to have lost their meaning.

They are used as punch-lines in campaigns; put up on colorful banners everywhere; being equated with the United States, and the list goes on and on.

But in reality, "freedom" and "democracy" mean free trade, free market, and free access to cheap labor.

This is what those powerful politicians and corporate moguls mean, not self-determination, dignity, life, education or health.



Not only was Nicaragua's infrastructure nearly destroyed but over 30,000 lives were lost.

The International World Court condemned the direct actions taken by the U.S., but as usual, U.S. officials dismissed those charges.

The list is endless and brings us to the present occupation of Iraq. Numerous excuses were made to somehow justify the military aggression, since the economic aggressions were not working, of a stronger country on a weaker one.

Is there any doubt why our leaders found it in their hearts to export their "freedom" and "democracy" to this region of the world?

The fact that Iraq holds the second largest deposit of oil should point out the obvious answer.

As the powerful continue their imperial ambitions, ordinary people are dragged along on the dirt, stripped of dignity and life.

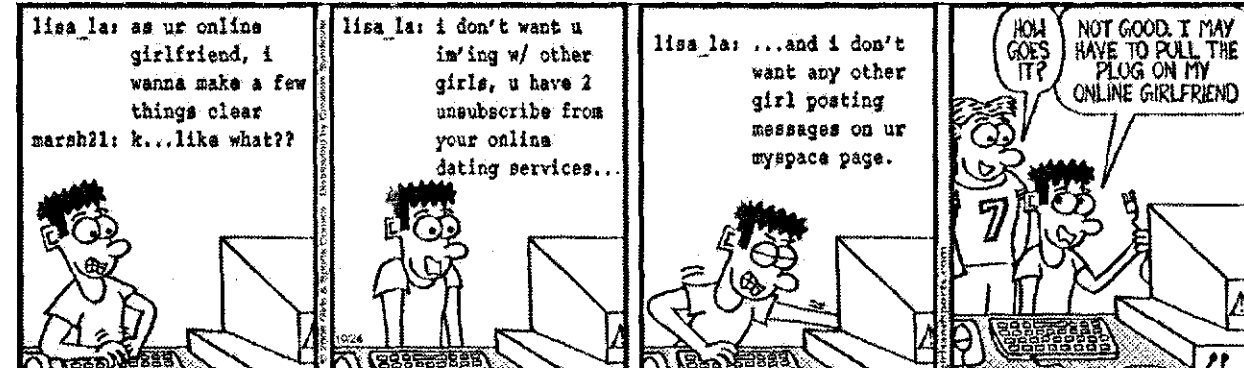
We can all buy in the rhetoric about "freedom" and "democracy" by the status quo government, or we can see their actions for what they are: outright and unashamed imperialism.



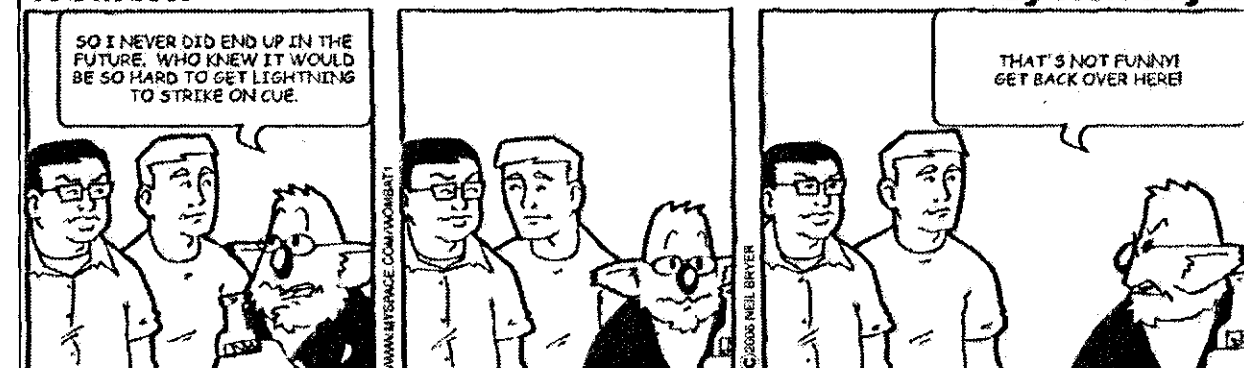
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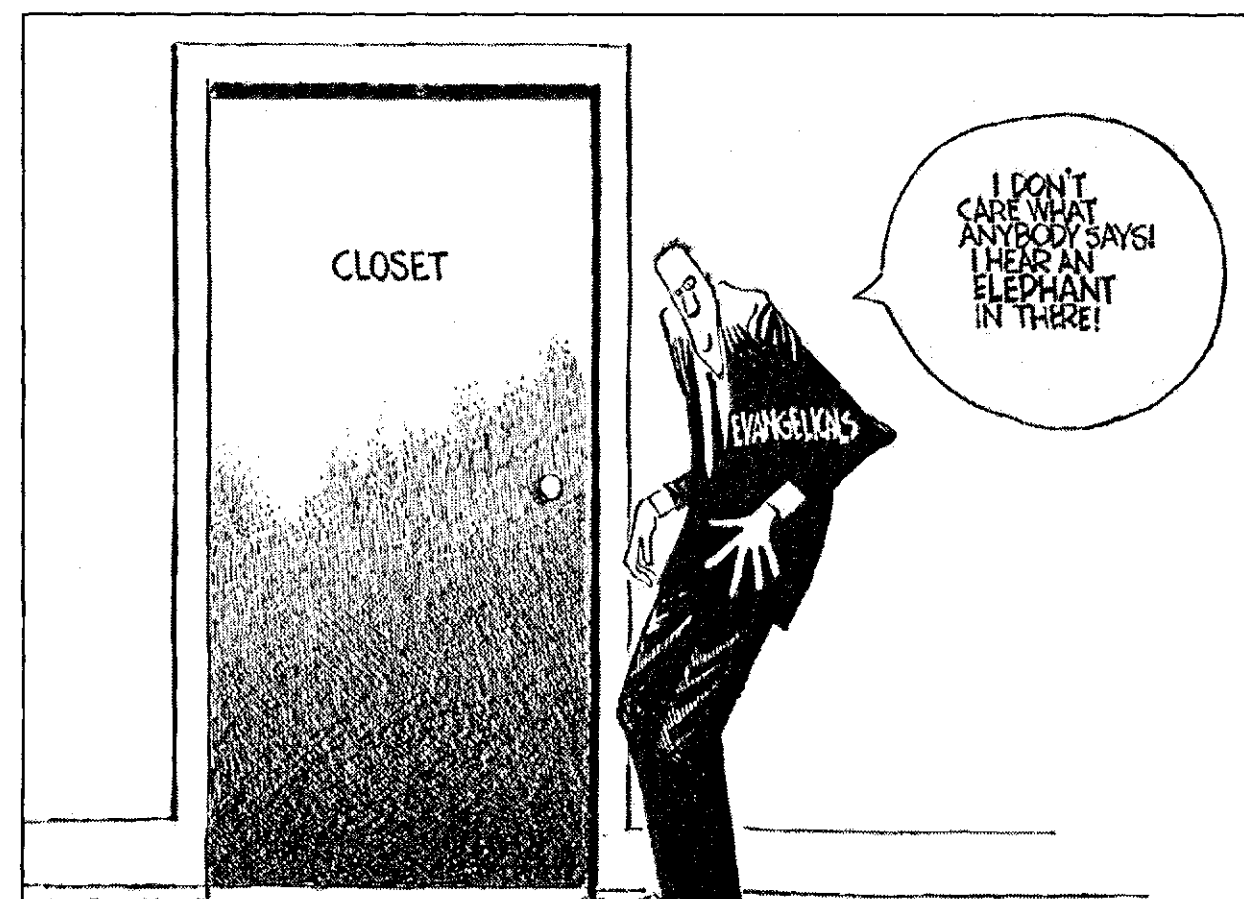
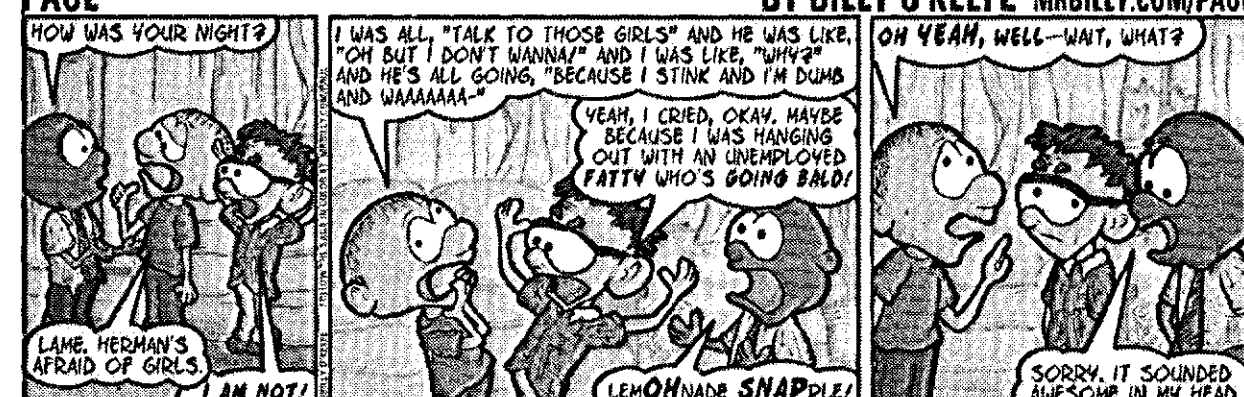
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Hamlet captures emotion

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If ever there was a student who showed passion in play than it certainly showed in the performance Gilbert Martinez, who plays Prince Hamlet, gave Friday during the opening night of the Theater Department's version of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" at the Burnight Theatre.

After two and a half months of rehearsals in which the 28 cast members worked to hone skills such as a sword fight and timing, Martinez and the rest of the cast showed that they could carry a role down to the end of the John Zamora-directed production.

The play will continue with showings Nov. 1 and 3 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at www.cerritos.edu/theater or by calling (562) 860-2451, ext. 2638.

The story is about the prince of Denmark, who tries to avenge for the murder of his father by his uncle, but isn't sure who to trust during his relentless pursuit of justice.

From the opening scene, Martinez captures the torment and rage of Hamlet because of what has happened and the anger he has toward his mother Gertrude played by Katie Lehr because of her marriage to Claudius, now king of Denmark and Hamlet's uncle, played by David Martinez.

Furthermore, there are the performances by Maria Lopez as Rosencrantz and her twin sister Barbara as Guildenstern that also stand out.

In spite of both having low key roles they make the most of their appearance and as does Kevin Hoggard, who plays the Ghost, who is Hamlet's father. What is appealing is Hoggard's voice as the Ghost.

In addition, Laertes, played by Tyrone Justis, and Ophelia played by



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Hamlet: From left Katie Lehr (Gertrude) David Martinez (Claudius), KJ Faldetta (Attendant) and Mary Ann Boice (Ophelia) perform during the opening of William Shakespeare's "Hamlet" on Friday night at the Burnight Theatre.

Mary Ann Boice make an impact. Ophelia is torn between the fact that Hamlet is obsessed with the murder of his father and that she is

not sure whether or not he could be saved and because of it, she tells him that she doesn't love him anyway. Hamlet's reaction is that of hurt

and rage that Ophelia is driven to the point that she drowns in a bathtub of water. Laertes calls out to Hamlet for a duel to avenge his sister's sudden death.

The emotion that Boice displays as Ophelia is what stays with the audience member and it's genuine throughout as her character is hurt that Hamlet is obsessed with going after his uncle for the murder of his father.

As a result of what Hamlet is determined to do, in going after his uncle Claudius, Ophelia is driven to do something unthinkable: suicide.

Hamlet is in disbelief that the love of his life would commit suicide and declares, "I did love her!"

Throughout, Martinez displays a great quality of dramatic effect on his character that was right when he said, "There are a lot of layers to Hamlet that I could write an entire essay about him."

How true that turned out to be true because as an audience one can certainly see the pain and anguish Hamlet felt.

William Shakespeare's Hamlet at the Burnight Theatre:

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Photographer shows display

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Patrick "Pato" Hebert, photo artist, held a walkthrough of his artwork last Wednesday in the Cerritos College Art Gallery.

The display will end on Nov. 2.

The first series of art he talked about was the "Territories" series he put together in 2000. The name comes from "tierra," which is Spanish for "land," and "territory," which Hebert describes as "more officially defined."

"(It is) where the official meets the unofficial," Hebert said.

What struck students and faculty viewing the photo art was that

these four photographs had no people in them.

"(They) didn't need the bodies in to tell the story I was trying to tell."

The following series he showed untitled work that only had two pictures.

The first was of the on and off ramp of a freeway, with the middle being slightly off center.

"I didn't want it to be so literal," he described the picture.

The next series was different from the previous two. In the "Hay Na Vieja Que Esta Enamorada" series, he placed side-by-side photos of landscapes and family photos. A process was used where when the viewer changes his position and the picture changes to one of three pho-

tos.

The fourth series was entitled "No Haters Here," made in 2003. Hebert ran some anti-violence pictures that were displayed at colleges, high schools, and juvenile detention centers.

The final series wasn't a photo series. It is called the "Tocado" series, made in 2006, which were chalk paintings of dance movements.

"I discovered (through making the Tocado series) things that didn't exist before."

The students, faculty and everyone else viewing the walkthrough were impressed by Hebert's work.

"I'm really interested in the landscape (work)," said Manuel Valenzuela, undecided major.

DeAnda is the next star with debut CD

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Arista Records' newest R&B and pop artist, Paula DeAnda, delivers a debut album that exceeds critics' expectations for the budding 16-year-old teenager, who hails from Corpus Christi, Texas.

While sales have only reached an approximate 35,000 and her album has peaked at No. 54 on the Billboard charts, DeAnda's success cannot be measured by these disappointments.

With an album that includes fast dance beats, lyrics with ingenious hooks, as well as the occasional ballad, DeAnda is reminiscent of an early Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera, with an R&B flare.

DeAnda was signed on the spot by big-time executive and founder of Arista Records Clive Davis, when she auditioned for Luigi Babalo last year.

DeAnda began her music career opening for artists such as Nelly, Baby Bash and Frankie J. With her strong vocals and impressive songwriting skills, it was hard to keep this teenager out of the spotlight.

DeAnda worked on her debut album with Baby Bash, Sean Garrett and R&B artist Ne-Yo.

Garrett's previous work includes hits such as Ciara's "Goodies," Destiny's Child's "Soldier" and "Lose My Breath," and Chris Brown's "Run It."

It comes as no surprise that this successful songwriter collaborated with the newest music "It" girl.

The newest single off the album, "Walk Away (featuring The DEY)," was written by Ne-Yo, Christina Milian (singer and actress from "Pulse" and "Love Don't Cost a Thing") and Stargate.

"Walk Away," like DeAnda's first single "Doin' Too Much (featuring Baby Bash)," is quickly rising on the charts and has become a favorite on local radio stations.

The lyrics are that appealing: "When you've had a long day Scratch your scalp

When you take out your braids Does she know that you like to Play PS2 till 6 in the morning Like I do



I can't explain this feeling
I think about it everyday
And even though we've moved on

It gets so hard to walk away
(I'm gonna remember you
You're gonna remember me)
Walk Away, Walk Away
(I'm gonna remember you
You're gonna remember me)"

This album features everything from catchy club hits such as "Make 'Em Clap to This (featuring AK'Sent)" to slower, ballads like "Footprints on My Heart."

The lyrics to "Footprints" melt the heart:

"Footprints on my
Heart broken crying over the
way you left your
Footprints on my
Heart aching you ran all over
me and left your
Footprints on my heart
My heart"

What's most impressive about this 16-year-old is not her early success, but her songwriting abilities.

DeAnda co-wrote seven of the 13 songs on her album, demonstrating to fans that she is the whole package.

Her lyrics are sincere, heart-felt and exactly what a 16-year-old girl should be singing about, as opposed to some of these other artists in the music industry today.

DeAnda also collaborated with some illustrious artists, including the likes of Baby Bash, The DEY, Lil Wayne, V' Nice, AK'Sent and P.B. Her album was produced by Happy Perez and Stargate.

While DeAnda is still promoting her current album, her self-titled import album will be released in Japan today, and will feature two new songs: "Alegria" and "Back Up Off Me."

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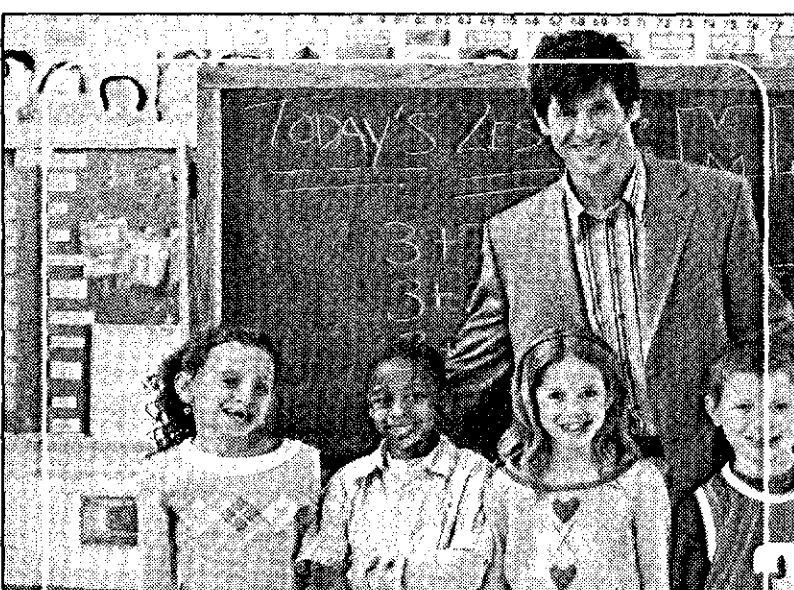
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Wrestling battles its way to title

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With a revamped coaching staff to go along with new players, the Cerritos wrestling team is taking steps toward adding another championship to go along with those the teams of the past.

It's most recent success has come with a 39-6 rout of East Los Angeles College last Wednesday.

However, the Falcons faced a bigger challenge last Saturday as they traveled to Moorpark College in the Southern California Team Duels.

Though the team defeated Palomar in team points 28-12, it eventually lost to Santa Ana in the championship game on the terms of technicality.

Both teams were tied in the total match with 20 points evenly, but the edge was given to the Dons due to the team winning six bouts in the tournament compared to Cerritos' four wins.

Cerritos assistant coach Eric Gould called the loss to the Dons "heart-breaking."

Currently ranked no. 5 in the state, the Falcons' record is 4-2. The Falcons will once again face Palomar Wednesday.

In the game against ELAC, three Cerritos players won matches due to the Huskies' forfeits. The players were: Jack Porter, 165-pounds, Louie Audelo, 185-pounds and Ali Kinslow, 197-pounds.

The highlight of the night was the 133-pound match between no.1 ranked Cerritos player Carlos Alaniz against ELAC player Ismael Armendariz.

Armendariz was ranked fourth in last year's state championship. Alaniz won the match 17-6 and pinned Armendariz down with 39 seconds to go.

"The 133 match was pretty exciting. It was neck-and-neck in the first period. Starting from then to the end, (Alaniz) had the guy pinned," said Tony Ruiz, 149- pounds.

In the 245 pound match, Brandon Doran

Garriott.

"There are some small mistakes we need to fix like our take-down defense. We

the 149 pound weight class, Wednesday he competed in the 157 match due to the player shortage. He defeated Cerritos player Brandon Dompe in the 157 pounds. Match.

Peterson, who is originally from Norwalk, decided to go to ELAC because he felt he would have had an easier time making the team in his weight class. "I would have had a (harder) battle for my spot," he said.

After the win against the Huskies, the team went to the State Duels.

Palomar started off slow but is looking to take the positives from this match.

"What really shows about this weekend is the fact that we're improving," Gould said. "We lost to Palomar and Santa Ana earlier this season at the Mt. SAC duels. But this time we gave Santa Ana a challenge, the total match couldn't have been any closer than it was."

"We should be no. 1 in the state right now. We have a lot of young wrestlers on our team and they have to get used to college style wrestling and gain more confidence," said Carlos Alaniz.

Replacing former head coach Steve Glassey, Garriott comes to Cerritos to keep the winning tradition going. He brings along new assistant coaches Marcus Mollica, Luke Santos and Eric Gould.

About the Falcons' season so far, Garriott said, "It has been a roller coaster year filled with its up and downs. But with the tradition Cerritos has, it's always our goal to win the state championship."

Returning athletes such as Alaniz and Doran note the difference between this year's coaching staff and previous staffs.

"These guys are really good coaches. They know how to adapt to each individual's style of wrestling," Alaniz said.

Doran added, "I feel that I can trust the coaching staff. Coach Garriott did a lot for us in the pre-season to get us comfortable."

"He tells us how to fix our mistakes and how to become better," Doran said.

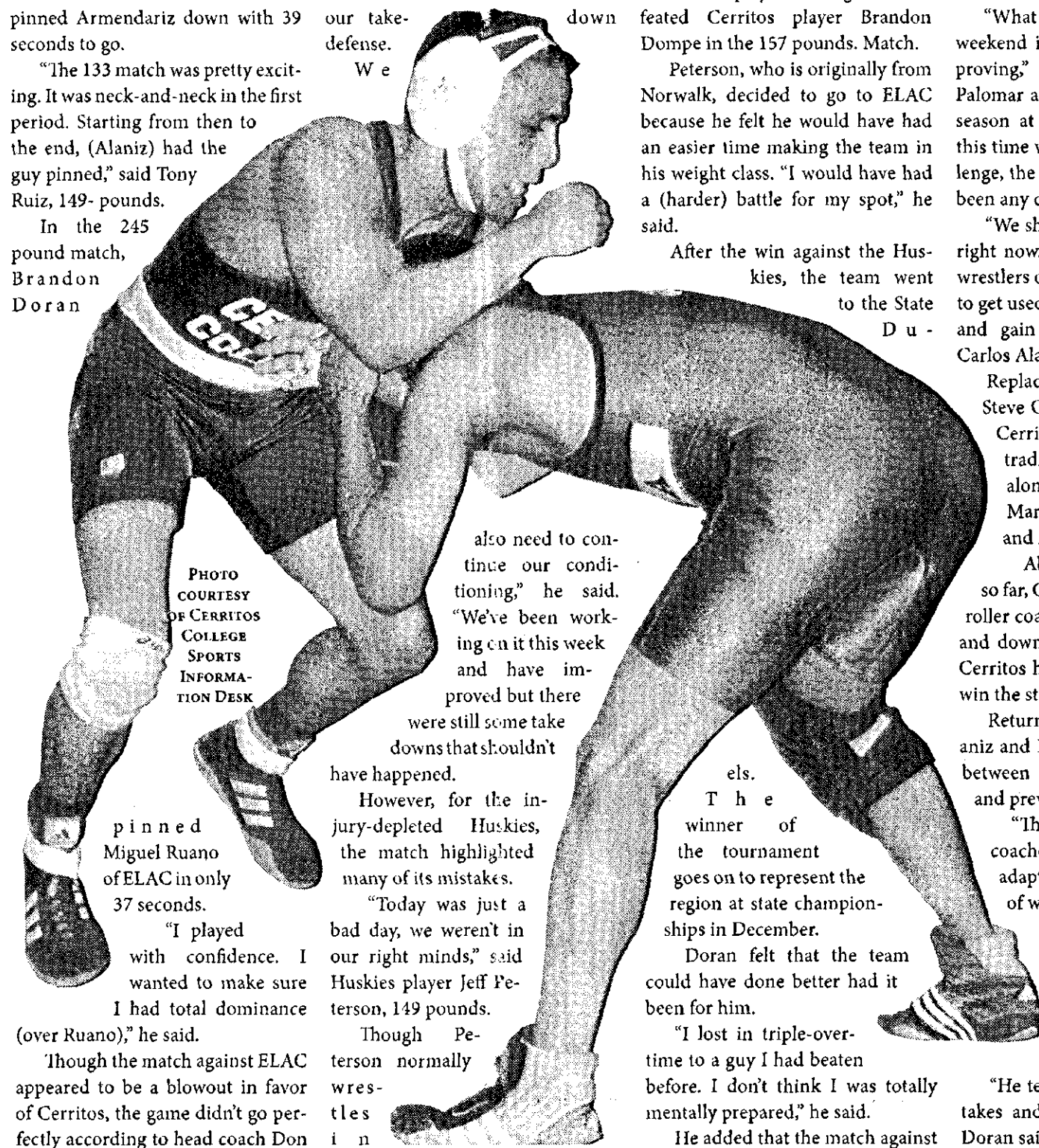


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pinned Miguel Ruano of ELAC in only 37 seconds.

"I played with confidence. I wanted to make sure I had total dominance (over Ruano)," he said.

Though the match against ELAC appeared to be a blowout in favor of Cerritos, the game didn't go perfectly according to head coach Don

also need to continue our conditioning," he said. "We've been working on it this week and have improved but there were still some take downs that shouldn't have happened."

However, for the injury-depleted Huskies, the match highlighted many of its mistakes.

"Today was just a bad day, we weren't in our right minds," said Huskies player Jeff Peterson, 149 pounds.

Though Peterson normally wrestles in

Cerritos winning streak is 10 games

The Cerritos College women's soccer team ran its winning streak to 10 games after posting a 4-0 South Coast Conference home win against East Los Angeles College on Friday afternoon.

With the victory, the Falcons remain all alone in first place in the SCC with a 7-0-0 mark and are now 15-1-0 on the season.

They will now take to the road to face ECC Compton Center at 2 p.m. next Tuesday.

Midfielder Diana Limon scored a goal and assisted on two others to lead Cerritos in the win.

Goalkeeper Elizabeth Sanchez recorded her eighth shutout of the season and fourth in the last five games.

In the seven conference wins, Cerritos has won five of them by 4-0 scores and have six on the season.

Cerritos got on the board early when Nancy Gutierrez, who's normally a defender, drilled home a goal.

That was all the Falcons needed as ELAC failed to score even once.

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Goalkeeper Elizabeth Sanchez has eight shutouts this season and has recorded four in the last five games.

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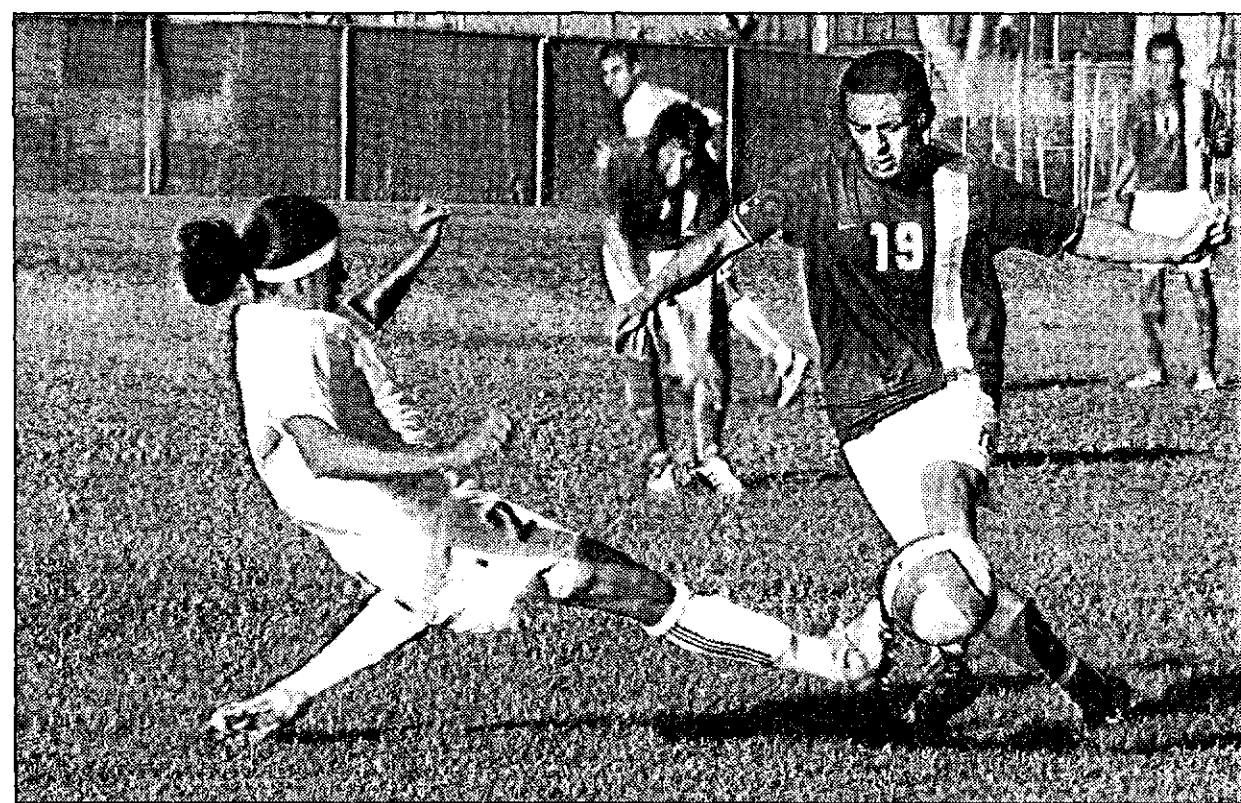
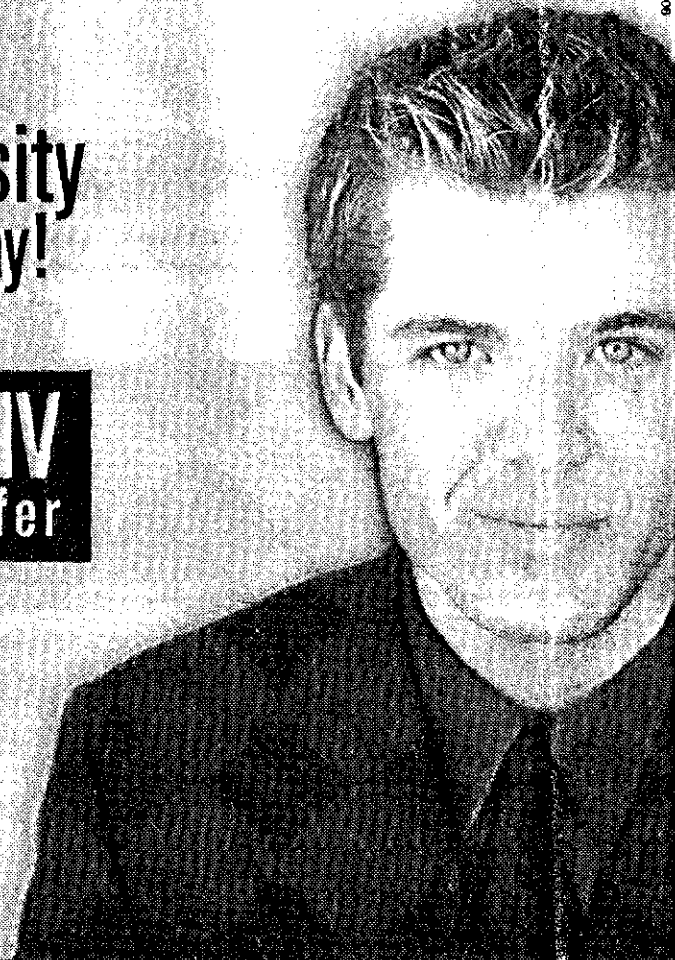
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Keep away: Cerritos defender Marco Pulido (right) puts the breaks on an East LA forward during last Friday's victory. The Falcons would only allow one score and racked up four goals themselves.

Falcons route East LA Huskies

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Midfielder Eric Gonzalez scored a goal late in the first half and forward Joshua Meyer added a goal and two assists as the Falcon soccer team routed the Huskies from East Los Angeles College 4-1.

Last Friday's win extended the Falcons' winning streak to four games and kept Cerritos in third place in the South Coast Conference, just two points behind the top ranked Mounties from Mt. SAC.

The offense was stagnant early on for the Falcons who had their flow disrupted by the Huskies' pressure defense. However, Gonzalez stepped it up late in the first half and the team soon followed.

"Eric was the spark," head coach Benny Artiaga said. "(His effort) charged up the whole team."

In the 28th minute, midfielder Ivan Perez served up a corner kick that landed in front of Gonzalez

who shot the ball on goal, only to be stopped at the goal line by a Huskies' defender.

"There was nothing I could do about it," Gonzalez said. "The defender just made the save."

Gonzalez would get another chance 15 minutes later.

In the 43rd minute, the Falcons had a throw-in deep in ELAC territory. The throw was into the box and knocked away by the ELAC keeper.

The ball floated in the air and before it could hit the ground, Gonzalez used his right foot to blast the ball into the top corner where no defender could stop it, giving the Falcons a 1-0 lead.

"We don't know who taught him that," Artiaga said.

He went on to say that it could easily be considered the goal of the year.

"I just put it in," Gonzalez said modestly. The goal turned the tide of the game, as Cerritos would take over in the second half.

In the 53rd minute, a corner kick for Cerritos found its way to Meyer, who headed the ball toward the goal. The ball walked a tightrope on the goal line, finally making its way into the goal with the help of forward Jesse Lopez's left foot.

Five minutes later, midfielder Bryan Mejia received a pass from Meyer and beat his defender. The ELAC keeper came out to try to cut off the angle, but it was no use as Mejia chipped the ball over the diving keeper and into the net for the 3-0 lead.

Meyer had set his teammates up beautifully for two goals and, in the 71st minute, it would be his turn to join the fun.

Goalkeeper Ivan Mercado, who was subbed in for starter Miguel Lopez in the 65th minute, took a free kick from just inside midfield. He skied the ball toward the ELAC goal and it landed on the head of a backpedaling Meyer who drilled the ball with surprising force into the top left corner.

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The SCARIEST director ever

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You think North Korea is scary, then you must have never seen an Alfred Hitchcock masterpiece.

Put away the mask. Keep your gore and ghouls. And forget about villains who live in your dreams. As a director through much of Hollywood's Golden Age, Hitchcock (1899-1980) created fear through

of a heinous crime and not showing the actual crime itself, but showing the terror in the victim's eyes.

Despite the fact that Hitchcock is widely considered the greatest of his time, he never won an Oscar of merit instead only winning an honorary Oscar for lifetime achievement in 1967.

But there was more to the man than the terrorizing images he put on screen.

"He went above the call of duty in his films," says Anna Maria Gfeller, a film