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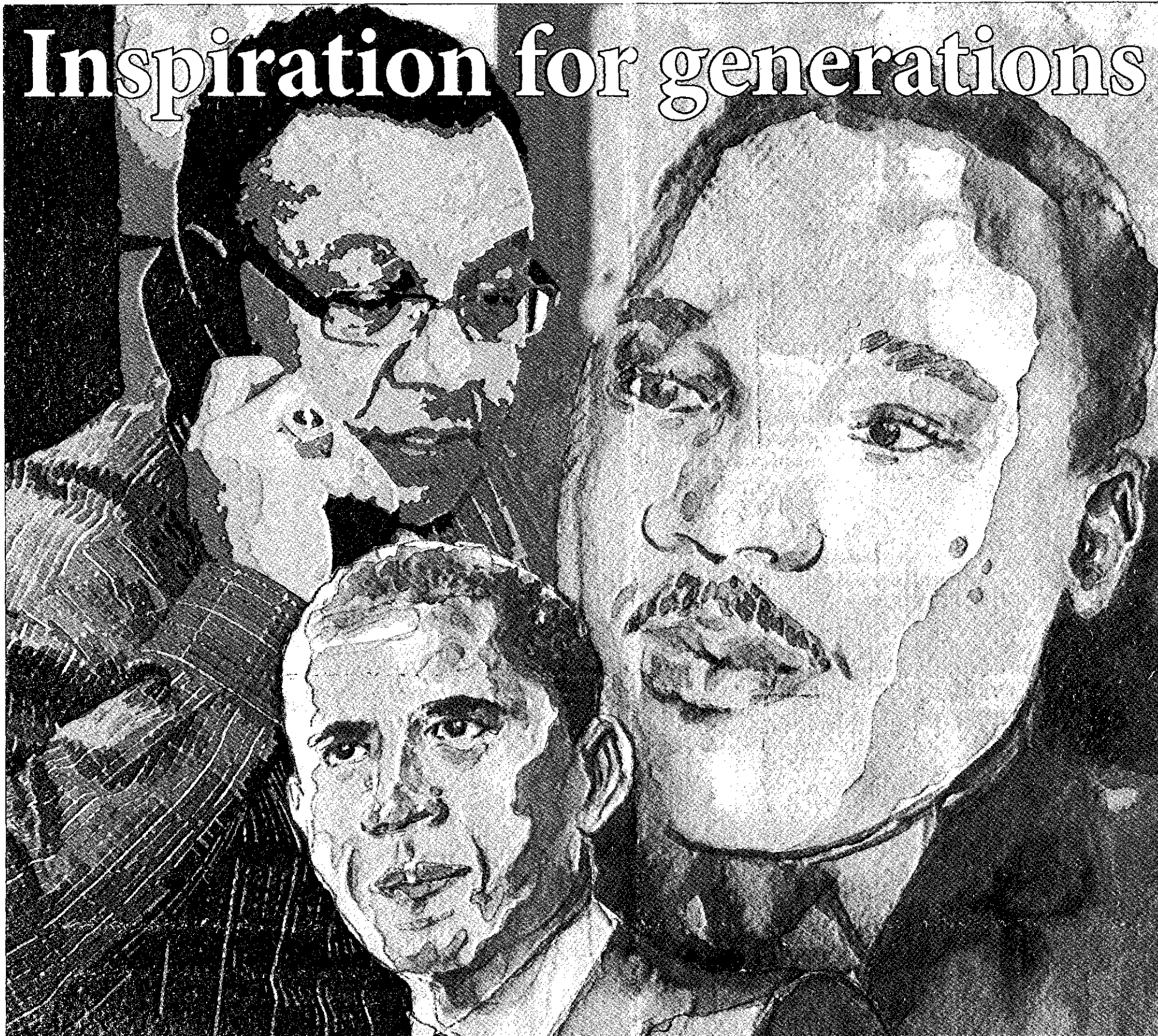


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## Has Dr. King's dream finally been realized?

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February may be a month filled with romantic dreaming and Valentine cards, but it is also a month to celebrate the history of African Americans.

Though Black History Month is usually perceived as honorary, some don't even believe in celebrating it.

Ceejay Harris, business administration major said, "right now, it doesn't mean anything to me."

Harris explained that its like a quote

from the Kanye West song, "Bittersweet" about how he celebrates Black History Month every day.

He likes this quote because he thinks that black history should be celebrated all year, rather than in just one month.

As far as his struggles, he wants to

"keep thriving, facing adversity and not being a black teen statistic."

To other students, Black History Month means a lot.

Cyntal Pierce, child development major said, "(Black History Month) represents our rights and freedom."

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## Cabinet car wash delayed

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The ASCC Cabinet convened to follow up on a number of upcoming events and to cover a few important topics on Monday.

It was very passionate about new ways to promote the iFALCON campaign and discussed a number of new ideas to bolster the new program.

The Cabinet raised the issue of instructor involvement with iFALCON and plans to make sure that classroom instructors are actively discussing the program with their students.

Several council members also declared their intention to personally involve themselves in an effort to raise student awareness of iFALCON on campus.

Due to the rainy weather that the area has been experiencing lately, the car wash fund raiser has been postponed.

ASCC President Michael Barrita stated that it has been rescheduled and will now take place on Feb. 22.

Anyone who has purchased a ticket will be able to redeem it on that day.

Oscar Franco, commissioner of student outreach, mentioned that the new computer lab hours have been a problem for a number of students, including him.

The computer lab closes at 7:30 p.m. leaving little time for many night students to effectively utilize its resources.

A number of options have been presented to solve this dilemma, including opening and closing the lab an hour later, extending the hours during the end of the semester when computer lab time will be most in demand, or extending the hours on three days out of the week.

## Automotive Technology Department holds competition for high school students

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Cerritos College's Automotive Technology Department hosted its high school competition on Jan. 24.

The Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association and Southland Motor Car Dealers Association sponsored the event.

"It's a hands-on competition. (Contestants) have to identify components of a car and retrieve codes out of a car," said David Roner, the lab technician.

According to Roner, all high schools were invited to come and bring two representatives.

The schools that participated were North Hollywood, Montebello, Lynwood, Bell Gardens, Narbonne, California, Agoura, Belmont, Mark Keppel, Artesia and the Southeast Regional Occupational Program.

cupational Program.

"Everyone who wins gets a meter. Third place will get a tool set, second a renon set, and first place will get a roll box plus a trip to New York," Roner said.

Agoura High School won first place.

The competition is held every year at Cerritos College.

Its main purpose is to try to get students to attend Cerritos.

"We have the largest automotive school in California, or at least we like to think we (do)," Jon Bender, an automotive instructor, alleged.

In accordance with Bender, the Cerritos automotive technology program works with manufacturers such as GM, Ford and Chrysler.

Also, not only do the students get to work with actual automotive companies but they get paid internships along with their education.



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Changing gears: An automotive student is working on a car in his automotive class. The Automotive Technology Department held a high school competition.



## Faculty reviews report

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The Faculty Senate discussed the ARCC report and Habits of Mind campaign at its meeting held on Tuesday.

Acting President Bill Farmer presented an Accountability Reporting Community College report for the year of 2008.

ARCC is a report that uses data submitted annually on a performance data.

The performance of the college is measured by the students' progress and academic achievement.

For the past six years, the rate of achievement of Cerritos College was 42.2 percent.

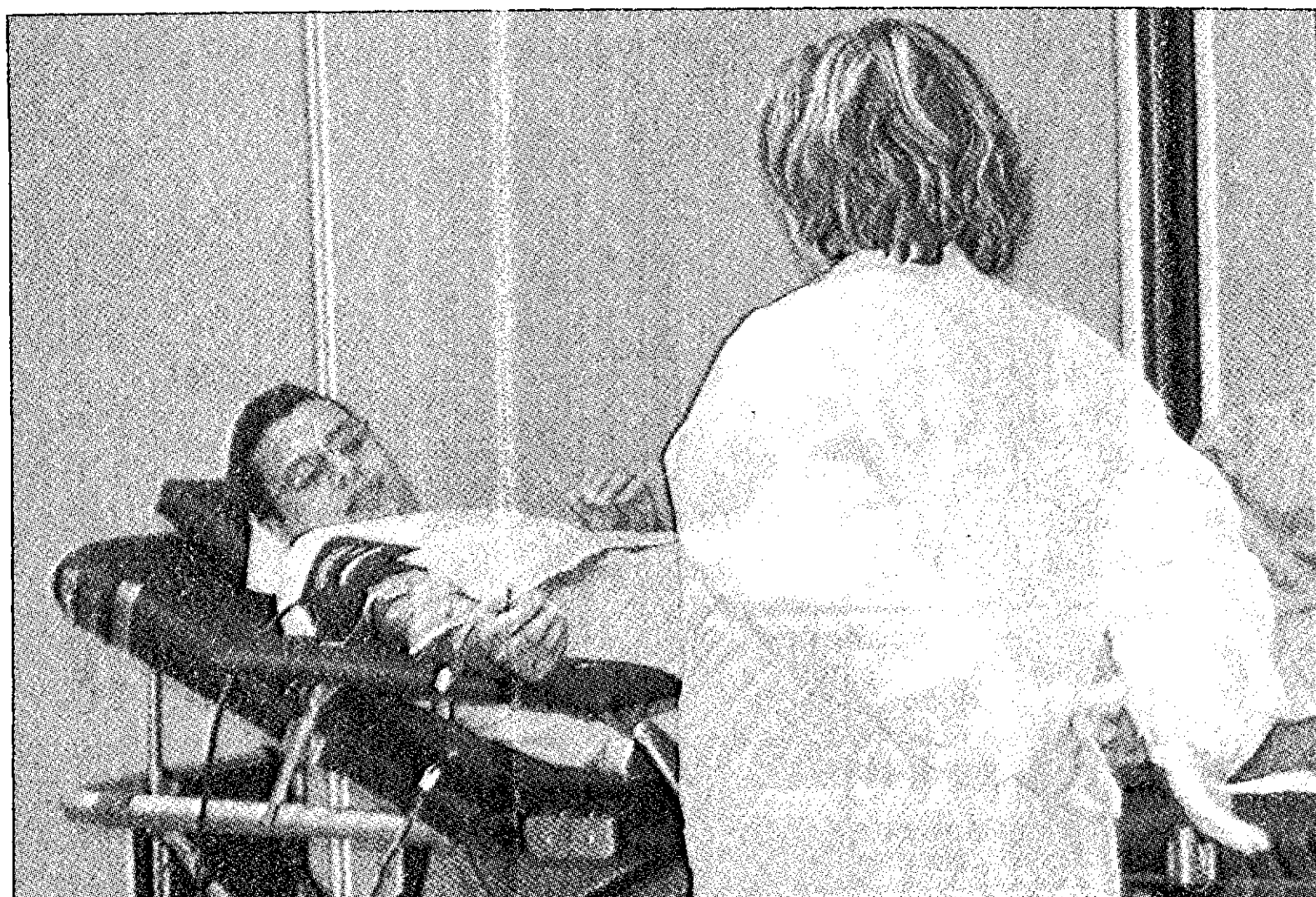
Compared to other community colleges, Cerritos is significantly lower on all performance indicators.

The Faculty Senate is searching for a solution to solve the low achievement rate.

Faculty Senate President Bryan Reece suggested senate members speak to students about the Habits of Mind campaign during their classes for about 10 to 15 minutes every other week.

The campaign may improve the school's statistics if it is successful.

It was also suggested that the statistics may also improve if students have better classroom technology and a suitable campus.



Watching the Inevitable: English major Jorge Gonzalez looks at his arm as the Alyx machine deprives him of two pints of his blood.

ELIETH KOULZONS/TM

## The bloodsuckers are back

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Sweaty with fear and twitching with anxiety, Jonathan Jovel awaited his turn to be ripped apart by the American Red Cross blood-sucker named the Alyx machine.

The anthropology major had donated blood before, but it was his first time donating through the Alyx machine.

This machine separates the red blood cells from plasma, explained American Red Cross instructor Jose Hinojosa.

Then it shoots up the plasma, along with some saline, back into

your body. "It may take about 25 to 30 minutes longer than the usual donation, but students should feel content knowing they help save more than one life," he said.

The American Red Cross comes to Cerritos College twice a semester for four days to try to collect blood. Once the blood is collected, it is taken to the main lab in Pomona where it is tested for possible diseases.

American Red Cross instructor Francis Velasco explained, "The blood can last for up to 42 days at the lab after being tested, but most of the time it is only there for three days before it gets

sent out to a hospital that needs it."

On Tuesday alone, by 2 p.m., it had already collected about 50 pints of blood.

Jovel was worried mostly about the possible pain the machine would cause him to experience.

Jorge Gonzalez, English major, tried to provide comfort by telling him doesn't really hurt much.

"Only if you're not squishing the ball, then you could really feel the machine sucking the blood out of you," he said.

Although it was Gonzalez' first time on the Alyx machine as well, his reason for donating was quite

different.

His father suffered from kidney problems and was forced to undergo treatments of dialysis.

He said, "(Donating) is my way of giving back to those who helped my dad when he was in need."

Theater major Sarah Genio-Graves, came simply for the satisfaction of helping save a life.

Though she has a low tolerance for pain, she enjoys donating because it is quick and tolerable.

She tells, "If you could stand a quick pinch, it's a fun experience."

## Hoe down slated to go down

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Hoe Down Days will be held on March 17-19.

"Hoe Down Days is a Spring version of Homecoming," said Holly Bogdanovich, director of student activities.

On March 17, booths with games will be lined up in front of the Hill for students to play and have a chance to win prizes.

The clubs that signed up for the event will have a booth where they will host games and activities.

All the money raised by these activities will go directly to those clubs who participated.

Some students are already looking forward to participating in several games.

Undecided major Pedro De Anda said, "I like the basketball booth and I'm looking forward to playing it."

Although this event raises money for clubs and provides activities for students, some people completely disagree with the entire process.

"This seems kind of childish. We're here to learn not to play games," said Raymond Nunez, criminal justice major. "But the football throw will be a game I'd like to try."

Similar to Homecoming that holds the homecoming queen contest, Hoe Down Days will have a Mr. Cerritos contest.

It will also hold a chili cook-off where clubs will have the opportunity to enter homemade chili in different categories.

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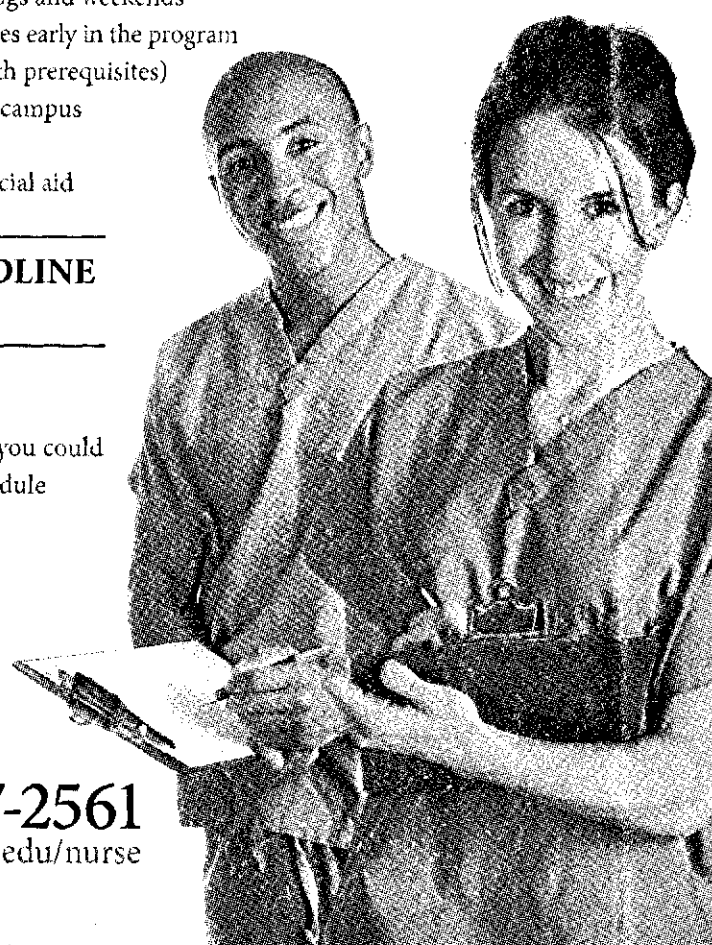
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Kids having fun: Kids are having fun playing and learning with the people at the Child Development Center

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## Helping Cerritos develop

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The Child Development Center's mission is to provide high quality child care and development services to the Cerritos College community.

The center was created in 1973 for students that needed child care while they go to school.

Director Debra Ward stated, "it is also available for anyone working on campus."

The Child Development Center is also a laboratory school.

Students who wish to seek a career in teaching children can take courses in child development and come to the center for their field work so they have hands-on experiences with young children.

"We train them to become the potential work force," Ward said.

Aside from the students, the program has its own hired staff and instructional assistants.

In order to register for the program, the child must be between 2 1/2 to 5 years of age.

"We take them whether they are potty trained

or not and we work with the parent to help them potty train their child," said Ward.

The program is available for full-time care anytime from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and part time care from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There is a process a parent has to follow before the child is admitted into the program and it is to go to the office and fill out a request form which is also known as a waiting list form.

There are approximately 360 children on a waiting list but Ward still urges parents to fill out a form so if something opens up and is available they can give them a call.

The programs philosophy is: children construct their own knowledge through exploration, experimentation, hands-on activities and opportunities to collaborate with other children and their teachers. Children learn about their world through their ideas and demonstrate what they know and what they are learning.

The daily curriculum is based on children's interests.

"We provide activities that will enhance a child's cognitive, social, emotional, creative and physical development," Ward explained. "Along

with that we also provide a breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack."

The child development center is not designed as a drop-off center for just babysitting or child care.

It is a development program so parents need to be enrolled at Cerritos, part-time or full-time.

There is a basic fee parents have to pay to get their child into the program, but it varies due to the parent's income.

"We do have a sliding scale. If you fall a certain income range then your child care can either be free or it can cost you \$5 a day or \$8 a day or \$1 a day," said Ward.

The child care program has received government grants for support.

"We have received another government grant of \$245 thousand. So that grant is starting for this semester and we will get it again for the summer. So that's a new grant that we just received and I am happy about that," Ward stated.

More information on the program can be picked up in the Technology Building in rooms two and four.

## People honoring Black History Month

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Pierce's inspiration in life is herself because she explained, "no one can set my goals except me."

Other students like to honor historical figures during Black History Month.

Uzoma Amuchie, kinesiology major, exclaimed, "Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches were inspirational."

Coordinator of Judicial Affairs

Gary Cain also is a non-believer of Black History Month and believes it should be celebrated daily.

Although he does not believe in it, he appreciates the government's acknowledgement of black history.

Cain explained, "My current inspiration is Barack Obama, not necessarily because of his skin color, but because of the amount of hope and faith he has given everyone."

### Quotes from black leaders



"Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America."

- President Barack Obama

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

"A little less complaint and whining, and a little more dogged work and manly striving, would do us more credit than a thousand civil rights bills."

- W.E.B. DuBois

"I knew someone had to take the first step and I made up my mind not to move."

- Rosa Parks

"We declare our right on this earth... to be a human being, to be respected as a human being, to be given the rights of a human being in this society, on this earth, in this day, which we intend to bring into existence by any means necessary."

- Malcolm X

## New hours for Health Center

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Students attending evening classes now have the same opportunity to use the Student Health Center because its hours have been

extended.

The Student Health Center hours have changed to Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The reason why the hours are getting cut short on Friday is because there are fewer students to use the facility.

"We would rather spend those hours on being open in the evening one day during the week," said Nancy Montgomery, student services health coordinator.

The new hours were discussed since last semester and were approved by the dean of the department.

So far, the health center has not seen very many students using the facility.

"Not too many people know about the new hours," Montgomery stated.

With the advertisement of the new hours, Montgomery hopes that all that will change.

"We have gone to every classroom on a Tuesday evening and have handed out a flier and have also put it out on the computerized board out on the square, and we also have put up posters," said Montgomery.

The new hours were first proposed by the entire staff of the Student Health Center.

"We go out and give presentations in the evening classes on education on breast health care, diabetes and stress management. As we were out on campus I was amazed on how many students are here on campus," Montgomery stated.

"Once we saw how many students attend classes, the staff and I saw the need to make sure that we're open because those students have little to no access," continued Montgomery.

The extended hours work conveniently for the evening students.

"We stay open and (students are) sick, we can always see them and take care of them," said Montgomery.

By paying the initial fee when students enroll, they can use the facility for free.

"Although there is a small amount of things we do charge for. Something like a small fee for laboratory work or antibiotics that is like \$2 or \$3," Montgomery said.



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# OPINION

•EDITORIAL•

## No Valentine for Valentine's

Valentine's Day is a day for couples to celebrate their love for one another but Valentine's Day is a made-up holiday and everyone should join to boycott this day.

Couples should not rely on a day to celebrate their love for each other they should cherish every moment they have together because you never know how long it will last.

Corporations made up this holiday to get people to spend money for things that are not necessary in a relationship. But what really is necessary in a relationship except the two people, and love.

Really, how does a chocolate heart or a dozen roses prove you love someone. The chocolate is just sold as an aphrodisiac so women will put out as soon as they see a box of chocolates on Valentines Day.

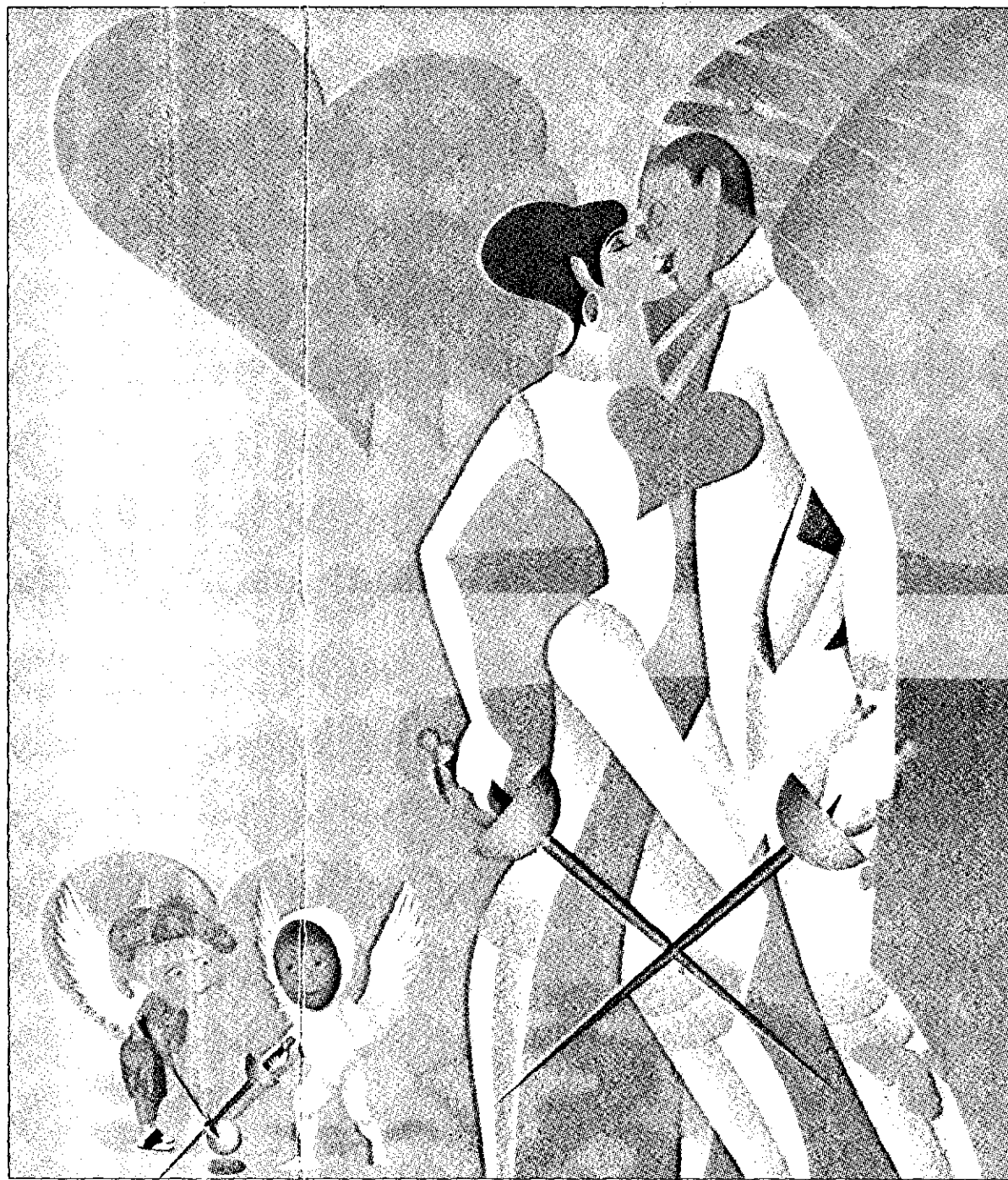
Gifts can not prove love, gestures and actions prove your love for one another and those can and should be done everyday, not just Valentine's day. Where does it say or who says that a gift has to represent love.

Gifts might be the easy way but anything worth wild is worth putting the effort needed to make it work. Any idiot can go out and buy a fancy ring or teddy bear, but a real guy will make a present the old fashion way, with paper, glue macaroni, and feathers.

Instead of taking your loved one out to a fancy dinner on Valentine's Day just because its Valentine's Day, do something much more random on a random day is much more meaningful.

Better yet, instead of celebrating commercialized holidays that were just invented to sell cards and corny gifts, make birthdays and anniversaries that much more special.

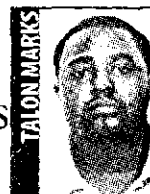
Do something special just because is far more romantic than doing it because of a certain day.



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## Obama's plan for corporate America

Obama plans to befriend corporations of America.



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America is experiencing one of the worst economic periods in the country's existence and big money is being spent in a very negative way.

Citizens are losing homes and jobs, and because of America's lack for natural resources, every necessity needed has risen in cost.

It seems that the entire country, including the thriving businesses would be suffering and have suffered, even to the point of bankruptcy.

But the banks that have lost billions and

have been bailed out by our tax dollars manage to take that money and, instead of giving it back to help fluctuate the economy, they actually go out and party with it.

It was been recently reported that senior executives from Wells Fargo planned an expensive trip to Las Vegas after just a few days of being bailed out by government funds, reportedly \$35 billion in bail out money.

Barrack Obama is currently in the process of trying to get votes and support from banks and other businesses to install a stimulus package which will help create four mil-

lion jobs.

Although there is a democrat as president of the country, corporate America still seems to be republican-minded, doing whatever is necessary to keep the wealthy, wealthy and the poor and middle class likewise.

Even when Obama reached out to John McCain for support, McCain stood in his stubborn ways, still stressing the importance of budget cuts and foreign policy.

The primary focus should be to fix the trials and tribulations that we face right here in America and then go out and worry about foreign relations.

The obvious moral to this story is for citizens to plan ahead, save as much as possible, and do what is best to insure the financial security of your families.

A new law has been passed that if senior

executives receive government money to re-establish their companies, then they can not get a salary over \$500,000.

These greedy corporations may have the support of the past government but it is clear that Obama has a stiff plan to get the total economy back on track.

The president may have promised a lot in his campaign but, he is dealing with the most important issue first.

The fact that these businesses have taken our hard earned tax dollars, gotten there companies back on track, and then go out and actually waste and party with the remainder, is an insult to us all.

If the country as a whole is to see any positive improvements, the right bills need to be supported and passed before the economy plummets completely.

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Do you celebrate Black History Month?

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No, it should be celebrated all year

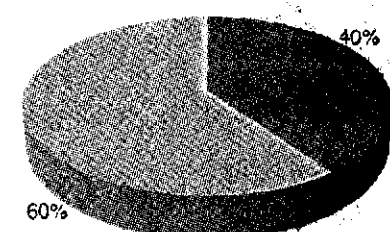
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I don't spend as much 40%

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## Free Speech Zone?

What are you doing on Valentine's Day?

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**CRYSTAL MENDOZA**  
sociology major

"I'm not going to do anything special. I'm just going to spend the day with my baby boy."



**FREDERICK DEESE**  
culinary arts major

"I'm all work and no play. I think friends are more important than relationships. I'll just hang out with some friends."



**DENISE LOPEZ**  
German major

"There's a Dollar Max near my house so I'll get her something from there. She'll never know."



**CARLA RAMIREZ**  
nursing major

"I don't have a significant other. I'm going out to lunch with some friends and then going to the movies."



**CODY FINNELL**  
health major

"I'm going to take her to the movies and then to Applebee's. I'm thinking of surprising her with candy too."



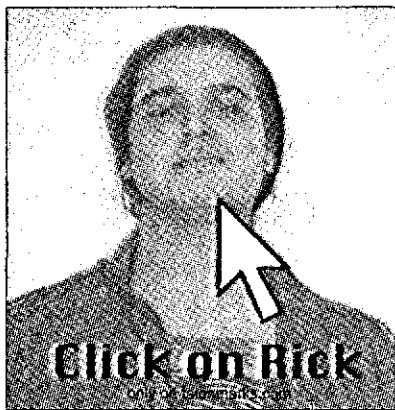
**TERRELL BERRY**  
speech path. major

"I'm just going to kick it. I'm going to try to find myself a couple of significant others."





# SPORTS



## AT A GLANCE

### Wednesday

Basketball  
Women @ El Camino 5:30 p.m.  
Men @ El Camino 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday

Baseball  
@ Irvine Valley 2 p.m.

### Tennis

Men @ Ventura 2 p.m.  
Women @ Irvine Valley

### Softball

vs. Cypress 3 p.m.

### Friday

Swimming  
SCC Pentathlon @ Chaffey 12 p.m.

### Basketball

Women @ LBCC 5:30 p.m.  
Men @ LBCC 7:30 p.m.

### Track

SCC All-Comers Meet @ Mt. SAC 12 p.m.

### Softball

vs. Chaffey (@ Grossmont) 1 p.m.  
@ Grossmont 3 p.m.

### Baseball

vs. Saddleback 2 p.m.

### Saturday

Swimming  
SCC Diving Invitational @ El Camino All Day

### Baseball

vs. Golden West 12 p.m.

### Monday

Softball  
vs. LA Valley 3 p.m.

### Tuesday

Tennis  
Women @ Victor Valley 2 p.m.  
Men @ Victor Valley 2 p.m.

### Baseball

@ Fullerton 2 p.m.

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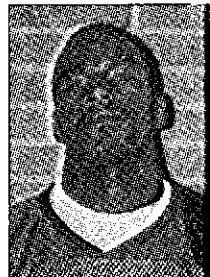
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Basketball  
Women @ LA Southwest W 63-50  
Men @ LA Southwest W 75-59

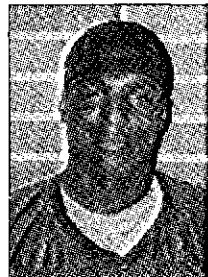
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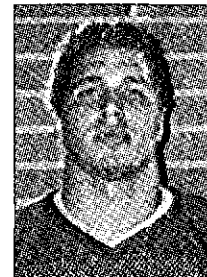
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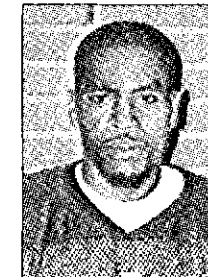
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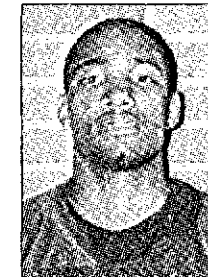
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Seven players from the Cerritos College football team signed to play for new schools next year.

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For the Cerritos College football players, a lot was said but nothing was done prior to last Wednesday's National Letter of Intent Day until seven players signed and officially committed to universities, five of which were Division I scholarships.

So far, seven have signed with universities:

- defensive end Ryan Davis (Cal),
- defensive tackle Johnny Tivao (Washington),

- cornerback LeQuan Lewis (Arizona State),
- cornerback Lorenzo Caldwell (New Mexico State),
- wide receiver Kevin Williams (Utah),
- defensive end Matt Agaiva (Sacramento) and
- linebacker Matthew Moody (North Dakota State).

Ryan Davis verbally committed to Cal before changing his commitment to Washington, after visiting the school just a week before signing day.

When all speculations were out the window and it was time to sign, Davis went back to Cal.

"(Washington) had convinced me," Davis said after his visit to Washington. "But I

wanted to go somewhere with the best academics."

After a week of contemplation over the two schools, Davis came to the conclusion to sign with Cal.

"There were three main reasons in signing with Cal: its established coaches, its winning tradition, and of course its academics," Davis explained.

Although Davis played defensive end for the Falcons last season, he will be converting to outside linebacker to fit Cal's defensive scheme.

Fellow defensive lineman Tivao originally favored Cal but ultimately signed with Washington.

"I thought I wanted to go to Cal but Washington was nice: the vibe, the coaches

and the people," said Tivao in his decision to commit with Washington.

Washington was the first PAC-10 team to go 0-12 in conference history and Tivao hopes to change that around.

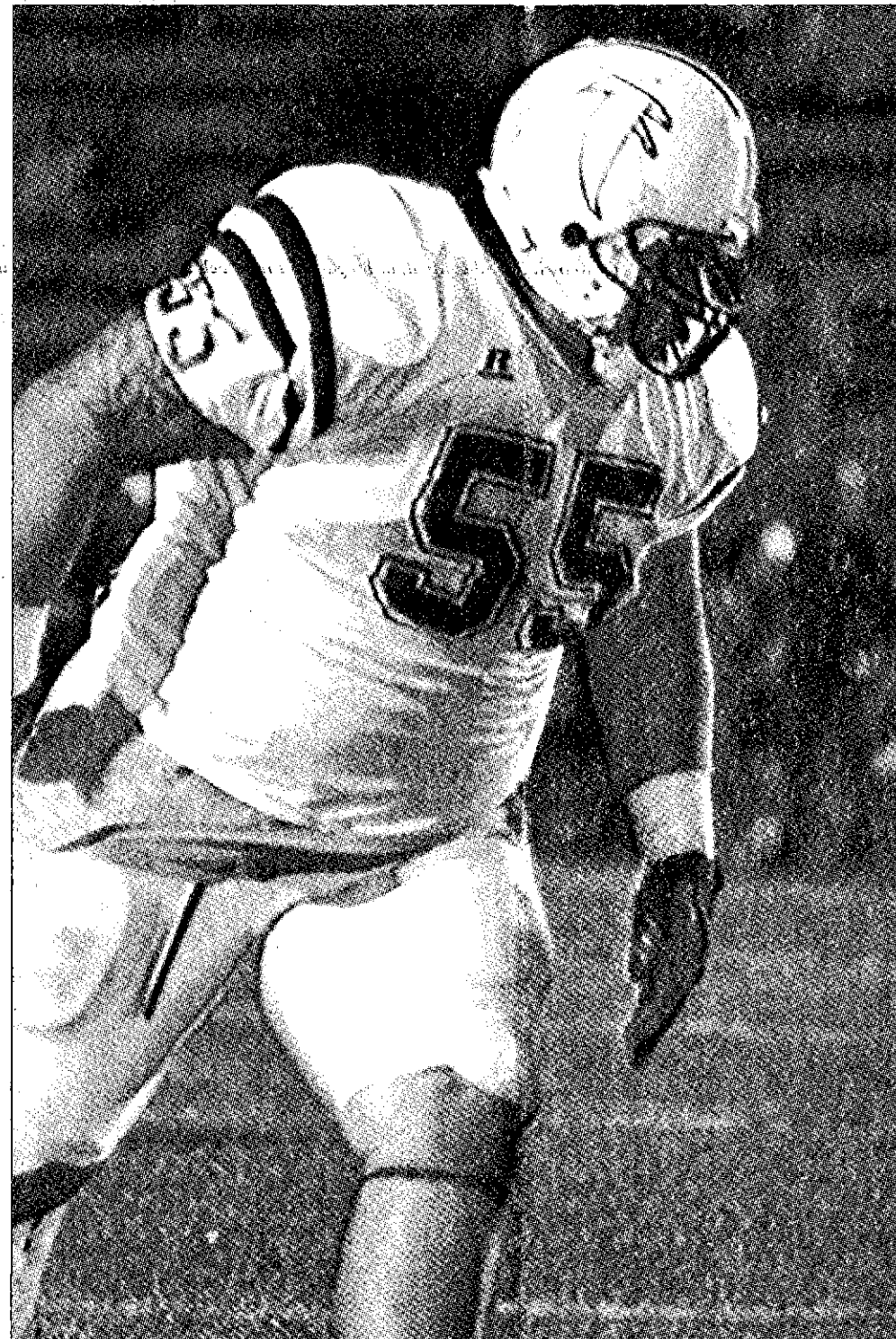
"I want to go up there and show what SoCal players are all about," Tivao said.

Moody will also be moving on to play for North Dakota State after a one year with the Falcons.

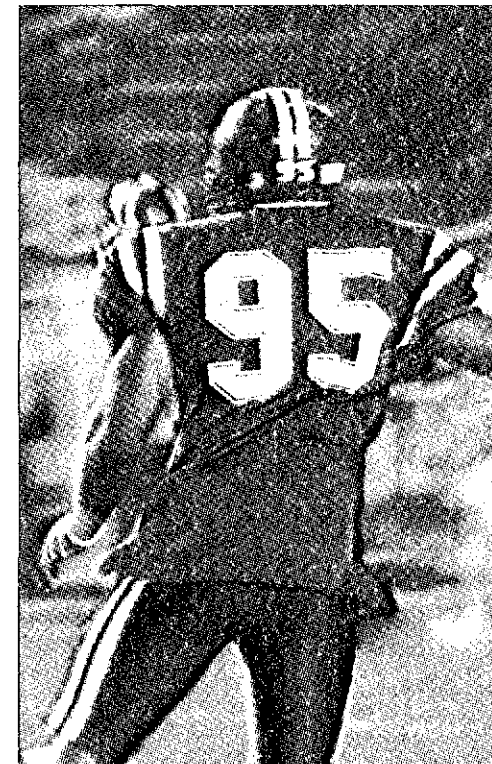
The linebacker joined Tivao to make the all state team last season after being co-leader of sacks with 5 and recording 62 tackles, 9 for loss.

At least five more players are expected to sign in the upcoming weeks.

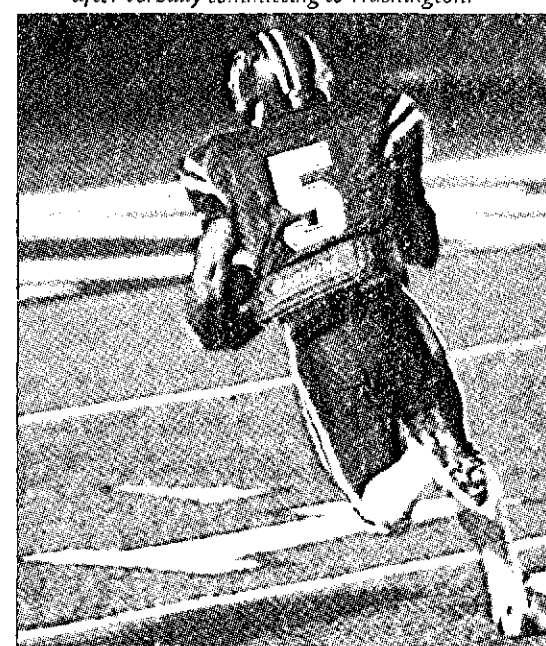
## Tivao, Davis, Lewis fly in a 'PAC'



Johnny Tivao: Tivao will be playing for first year head coach Steve Sarkisian in Washington.



Ryan Davis: Davis will play for Cal next year after verbally committing to Washington.



LeQuan Lewis: Lewis will be headed ASU next season.

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Cousins cornerback LeQuan Lewis and defensive end Ryan Davis, along with teammate defensive tackle Johnny Tivao, led the Cerritos College football team with signings to PAC-10 schools.

Lewis will be playing for Arizona State, Davis for Cal and Tivao for Washington.

The defensive unit will become conference rivals next season and the competition between the two cousins already began.

"I already started trash talking to (Lewis)" Davis said jokingly.

Davis and Lewis both attended Artesia High School where they both earned All-Suburban League honors.

Davis is already making pre-season predictions.

"I think we'll go 2-0 against Washington and Arizona State," Davis laughed.

Davis will transfer to Cal as outside linebacker under the direction of former Cerritos quarterback Jeff Fedford.

Tivao has other things on his mind in this upcoming season with the Huskies.

Tivao will look to make an impact under new head coach Steve Sarkisian who formerly coached at Mt. SAC and USC.

The Huskies finished their 2008 season as the only winless team in the nation.

Arizona State will be taking in a versatile cornerback in Lewis.

Lewis led the Falcons in interceptions with three which one was returned for a touchdown.

## Sports Briefs

### Tennis

**Men**  
Falcons have started the season 2-0 beating Cypress and Glendale.  
**Women**  
The women's team began its season on a losing note dropping its first loss to Santa Monica 2-7.

### Baseball

Falcons began their season winning three of their first four over a weekend and beat Chaffey last Tuesday to improve their overall record to 4-1. The Falcons next game will be on Thursday at Irvine Valley at 2 p.m.

### Basketball

**Men**  
The Falcons are on a five game winning streak and hold a conference record of 5-1.  
**Women**  
The women's team has won five of its last six games and is the co-leader in the SCC.

### Softball

The Falcons have an overall record of 6-2-1 but have dropped two in a row. They were crowned Glendale tournament champions in late January. The Falcons were scheduled to participate in the Green & Gold Tournament but it was rained out.

### Swimming

The first swimming meet was held last weekend in Palomar. The women's team broke five school records as they went along to win the Waterman Festival Relays. The swimming teams will compete in the SCC Pentathlon on Friday at Chaffey.

### Track and Field

The track and field teams will be on the road Friday as they compete in the SCC All-Comers meet at Mt. SAC. The meet will mark their first South Coast Conference meeting of the year.





Push and shove: Forward Mercedes Taylor clashes with the Cougars as a result of the defensive slack from the Falcons, though the Cougars take a penalty and give the Falcons a change to further the lead.

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## Falcons' winning streak continues

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The past week has been a very busy one for the Cerritos basketball team.

It traveled to LA Trade Tech and beating it in one of the best comeback performances of the year for college basketball.

Being down seven points with only 2.8 seconds to go in the second half, the Falcons definitely seemed to be out of the game but, they obviously thought otherwise.

The Beavers made it fairly easy for the comeback to occur with constant mistakes and careless turnovers.

With the ball in the Falcons' possession, Cerritos guard Jeremy Pope attempted a three-point shot and was fouled in the process, sending him to the line for three free throws.

Pope made all three of the free throw attempts and on the very next play, guard Van Girard stole an inbound pass and got a layup.

There was only about one second left in the ball game when the Beavers tried a long "touchdown" pass and it sailed out of bounds which gave Cerritos the ball right under its basket.

The Falcons had time for one last play in regulation and executed their game plan to perfection; setting great screens which left forward Marcellus Jackson wide open for a layup at the buzzer.

In overtime, the Falcons went on to put the game away handily, scoring 16 points as a team.

Cerritos carried its confidence and hot streak over to its home game Friday night against LA Southwest College.

Although the game was tight the majority of the first half, Cerritos went on a 22-8 run to take a nine-point lead at halftime.

Guard Gregory Preer had a sensational ball game with a double-double of 20 points and 17 rebounds.

He had a key statistic of 10 offensive rebounds in the game which added momentum in the Falcons' favor.

Cerritos never let the Cougars back in the game, keeping its lead at double digits the majority of the second half.

Forward Marcellus Jackson also contributed in a major way for the Falcons with 16 points and 11 rebounds as well as a productive performance off the bench from Van Girard who tallied in 12 points, nine rebounds along with three steals and assist.

The Falcons are currently on a five-game winning streak and are tied for first place in conference play.

# Falcons bully Cougars, win 63-50

Women's Basketball is victorious over LA Southwest, 63-50.

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After breaking its four-game winning streak and losing to LA City, 74-52, last Wednesday, the Cerritos College women's basketball team took out its revenge on LA Southwest, beating it, 63-50, Friday night.

The Falcons are now 5-1 in the last six games and are co-leaders in the SCC with El Camino.

The Falcons are on the verge of making it to the regional playoffs but there are three more games to play.

"I think we should finish the season off strong," head coach Karen Welliver said.

The Falcons started the game leading, 15-1, and prevented the Cougars from scoring a field goal in the first 11 minutes.

Forward Vanessa Faagata led the Falcons with 16 points, seven rebounds and three blocks but was sidelined toward the end of the game with an injury.

Guard Maleta Daughtery also contributed with 15 points, six rebounds and five assists.

"I was very pleased with the team tonight. We were able to find the open players and get rebounds," Welliver added.

The Cougars went on a shooting spree pulling the Falcons' lead to as little as four points but it wasn't

enough as Faagata scored the last six points of the first half.

The Falcons' scoring continued in the second half but allowed more perimeter shooting opportunities for the Cougars.

The defensive slack from the Falcons resulted in a shoot-out between both offenses.

"We didn't come out with the same intensity as we did in the first half," Welliver said.

The Falcons will travel to co-leader El Camino on Wednesday to decide the best in the conference.

The winner will have sole possession of first place in the SCC standings.

The Falcons have three games remaining in their schedule before the regional tournament arrives on Feb. 25.

## SCC Women's Basketball Standings

Team Name	Conference	Overall
Cerritos	4-1	17-12
El Camino	4-1	11-15
Compton	2-2	9-17
LA Southwest	2-3	9-17
Long Beach City	0-5	1-23

Source: Coasports.org

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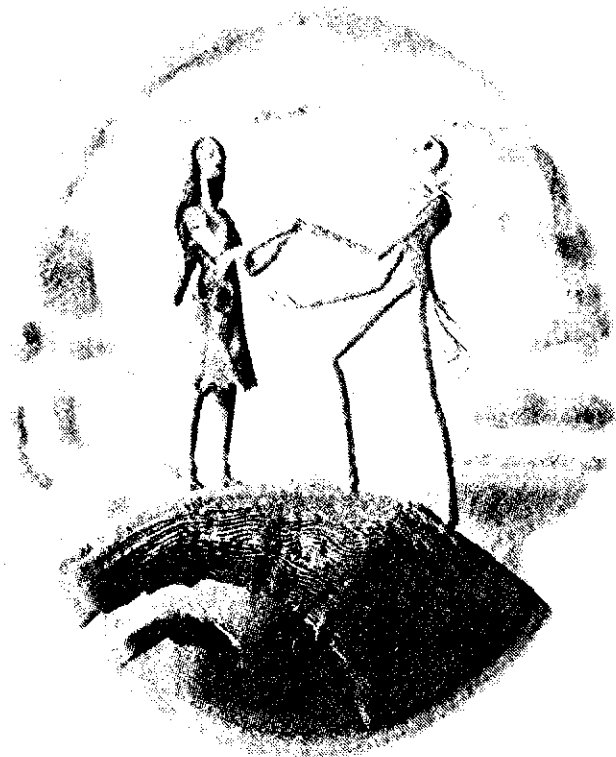
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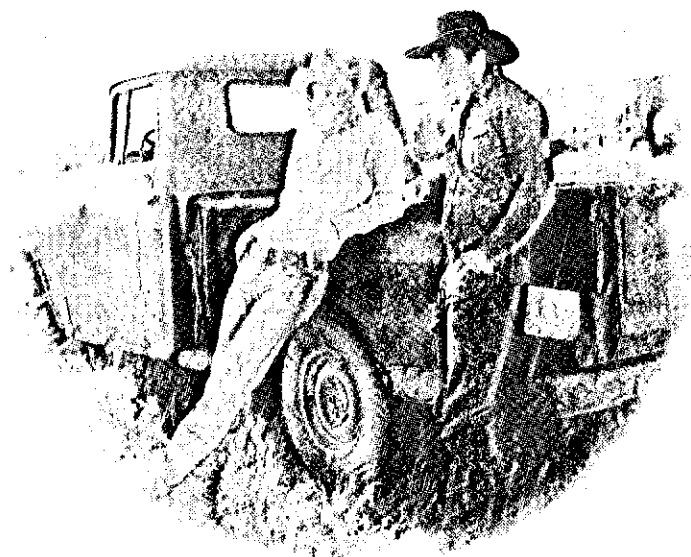
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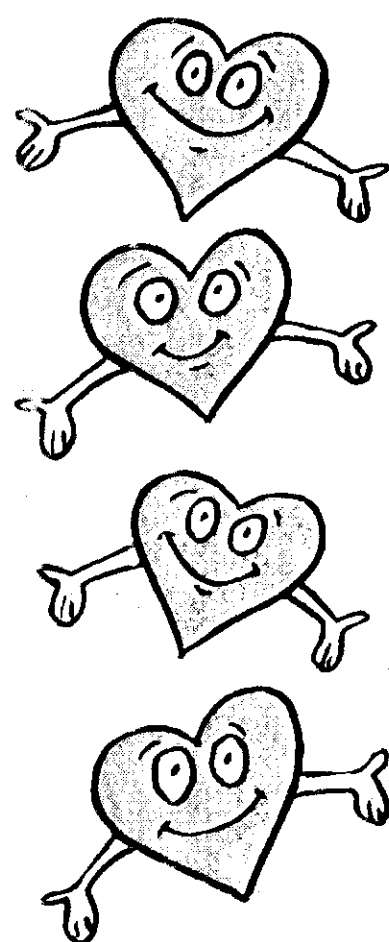
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from the award winning controversial  
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from Disney's Beauty and the Beast



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from Pride and Prejudice







"I have a bad feeling about this": Deep within the trash compactor of Skywalker Ranch, the Fanboys hear a faint hum.

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# New hope for comedy

## Movie Review

Fanboys

**Starring:** Dan Fogler and Kristen Bell  
**Director:** Kyle Newman

**Rating:** ★★★★★

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"Star Wars" fanatics and casual viewers can all enjoy the great new "Star Wars" epic adventure, "Fanboys."

The year is 1998 and a group of "Star Wars" nerds from Ohio decide

to go on a road trip to George Lucas' famous Skywalker Ranch in California to steal a rough cut of "Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace" six months before it hits theaters.

They all want to see the movie before it comes out, but mostly it's for one of their friends, who is dying from cancer and won't get to see it before it hits theaters.

One would expect that in order to enjoy the movie, you would need to be a big "Star Wars" geek.

Or at the least, audiences should be knowledgeable about things like the endless debate of who shot first, Han or Greedo.

It's really not like that at all. Anyone who has watched the saga should understand the entire movie.

There are parts of ultimate geekdom, but the film explains it for

those that wouldn't understand.

The movie has a nice blend of "Star Wars" references and good time road trip comedic action.

The van they are driving in throughout the movie was so funny. It almost makes you want to put an R2-D2 on the top of your car too.

When going into "hyper-drive," the R2-D2 on the top of the van even makes the recognizable R2-D2 noises.

The core audience of this film should also pick up on references to other films (i.e. "Back to the Future" and "Men in Black").

This allowed the characters to be more realistic than if the film just stuck with "Star Wars" jokes. They weren't all single-minded. They were pretty well-rounded characters.

The cameos were also great.

After seeing Carrie Fischer

(Princess Leia) and Billy Dee Williams (Lando Calrissian), I hoped to see a cameo from George Lucas himself shot as a God among the nerds.

Unfortunately, that never happens.

William Shatner's cameo was almost like that, however.

There were other cameos that aren't from the "Star Wars" fame, like Kevin Smith and Seth Rogen, that were perfect.

This is a film that has you cracking up constantly and makes you feel good at the end.

And there's nothing funnier than an all-out brawl between "Star Wars" fans and Trekkies.

Even if you're not a "Star Wars" fan, if you've seen the movies (at least the original trilogy and Episode 1) you should enjoy it.

# Accomplished return of Boss

## Album Review

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Bruce Springsteen and the E Street band have enjoyed a renewed relevance during the past eight years.

"The Rising" and continuing with 2007's high energy, politically-charged rock opus "Magic."

As a long-time fan I was thrilled to hear of the brand-new album, "Working on a Dream."

The album begins with the eight-minute cowboy anthem "Outlaw Pete"; a string section builds the tension with Springsteen's familiar gravelly croon narrating the story of the titular outlaw while the E Street band sweep

in behind him, rising up like a river about to flood.

The track ends with a solemn harmonica echoing in the distance before the band kicks into "My Lucky Day", revisiting the classic hard-driving E Street sound.

The rest of the album mostly keeps the ball rolling, delivering many of Springsteen's familiar traits, and enough new surprises to justify another purchase from an artist with an already impeccable discography.

There are a couple of blunders, however. "Queen of the Supermarket" is trivial at best and the lyrics to "Surprise Surprise" seem like they were written at the 11th hour.

Overall, "Working on a Dream" is quite an accomplishment, conjuring an impressive wall of sound, and the quieter elements of folk, country and blues.



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