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City of Norwalk passes new resolution

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Some students will soon have to find a new place to park for free because on May 18, a new law will be enforced makes it illegal to park on Elmcroft Avenue located on the north side of the campus.

Residents petitioned the city of Norwalk in January and the resolution has passed by the city council in April.

"We saw it as a valid safety concern," Management Analyst for the city of Norwalk Public Safety Patrick Matson said.

If anyone without a permit parks on Elmcroft, he

or she will receive a \$35 ticket.

Residents will be issued preferred parking permits and will also get a visitor's pass.

"The biggest thing is that we don't want students to get tickets, they should pay for a campus parking pass and park on campus," Matson said.

There are many reasons why students do not park on campus. One possible reason is that they cannot afford parking passes.

"For students, it's getting more expensive so there is a concern that they will not be able to afford to park on campus," ASCC President Michael Barrita said.

On campus, the price of parking passes are increasing from \$20 to \$30.

"If you pay for parking on campus, the money

goes back to the school for safety and security," Barrita said. "It's better to just pay for the pass than taking your chances with the city."

Some students that park on the streets around Cerritos have other reasons for parking where they do.

"I would have to walk just as far if I parked on campus so I park off campus because at least it's free," English major Ruby Castillo said.

Other students have different opinions about parking on campus instead of off campus.

"It's more convenient," business major Alex Sanri said.

Matson said that he was not aware of this going into affect on any other streets around the campus.

Prop 1A promises to stabilize the budget

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Proposition 1A will go up for a vote in the special, statewide ballot for California on May 19.

It will be done as part of the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Supporters argue that this will stabilize California's economy, and will result in fewer tax hikes in the future.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger explains in an April 27 LA Times article, "We should just simply describe 1A as a measure that will fix the broken budget system once and for all so that you never have to make those severe cuts again," he adds. "And you never have to go back to the people for tax increases again. That's it."

Other supporters of Prop. 1A include:

- California Teachers Association,
- California Fire Chiefs Association,
- California Police Chiefs Association,
- California Chamber of Commerce,
- California State Council of Laborers,
- California Senior Advocates League,
- California Taxpayers Association and
- California State Conference of the NAACP.

The proposition calls for a temporary increase in taxes over the next four years, and the increase of California's Rain Day Fund from 5 percent, to 12 1/2 percent of the state general fund.

Opponents of Prop. 1A argue that it will be the largest tax increase in history, according to Jon Fleishman, vice chairman of the California Republican Party.

Dr. Lilian Pace, president of the California Faculty Association, stated in a phone interview with the Talon Marks that it was hastily drafted behind closed doors with no in depth analysis. As it stands now, CSU student fees are slated to increase by 10 percent.

The Service Employees International Union is also against Prop. 1A. It has donated \$500,000 of the \$900,000 donated so far to the campaign against Prop. 1A.

EOPS provides positive encouragement

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The Extended Opportunity Program and Services offers extra money to eligible students across campus.

"We are extra help of financial aid," stated EOPS Student Assistant, Cynthia Valencia.

Its purpose is to provide positive encouragement directed to the enrollment, retention and transfer/transition of disadvantaged students and to stimulate their interest in social, intellectual, educational and vocational development.

In order to join the EOPS program, students must first fill out the FAFSA form and must be enrolled full-time in 12 units when accepted into the program.

"Students believe that just because they qualify for financial aid means that they au-

tomatically qualify for the EOPS program but that is not true," Valencia stated.

Eligible students must be a California resident, fill out the EOPS application and must attend the orientation.

Valencia said, "Students that register for the program early receive a \$150 book voucher which they can use toward their books."

EOPS also offers the Achievement Mathematics Program which integrates counseling and guidance with mathematics courses.

The AIM program offers students free textbooks, free tutoring and calculator, \$50 grant, EOPS counseling, priority registration and supplemental instruction.

Their goal is provide support for students to overcome subject matter barriers and other obstacles that may keep students from reaching their academic goals.

Students in the program must meet with

their EOPS counselor twice each semester and to encourage them they give the students a gift after the meeting.

"EOPS counselors give gas cards to students when they turn in their work and progress card," said Valencia.

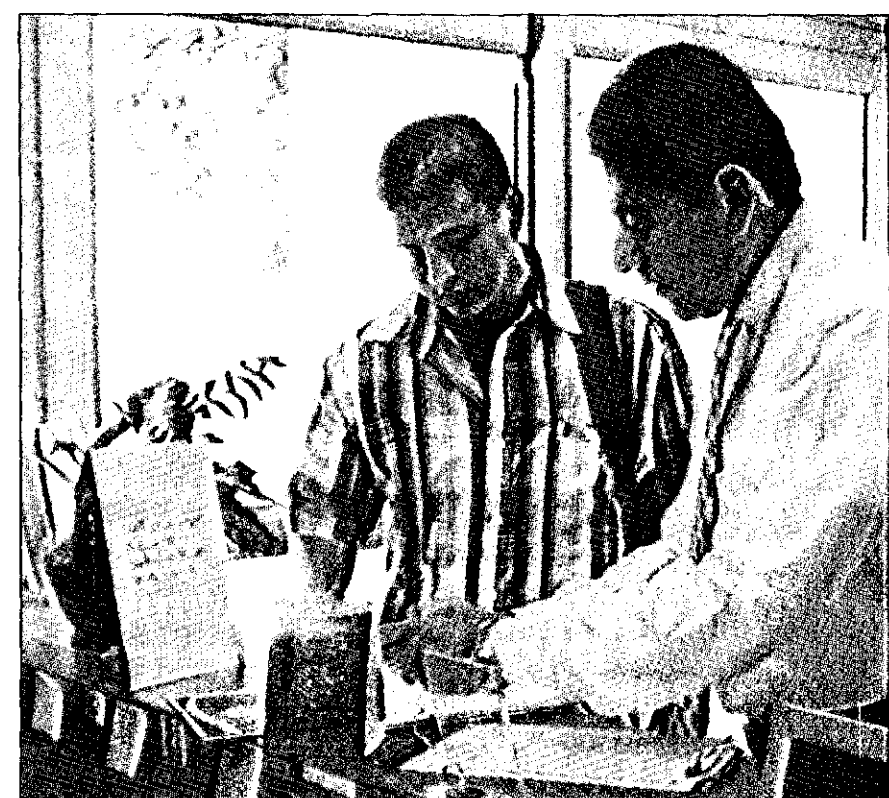
To earn extra money students in the program can also join the EOPS Counseling and Guidance 50 class.

"They can earn up to \$100 just for completing the class," Valencia stated.

The class is offered on a first-come first-serve basis and enrollment is limited.

If students would like more information on the program students are more than welcomed to stop by the EOPS office.

Valencia said, "However, we are not accepting students as of right now but we will at the beginning of the second session of summer school."



DANIELA GUZMAN

EOPS: Counselor Roberto Aguayo helps business major Daniel Fragoso.

Immigrant faces hardships for survival



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"I'm scared. In every sense of the word I am downright petrified. I wake up every morning afraid of what is going to happen. I wonder whether today will be the day I get arrested and deported or if I will even make it home safe, or make it home at all," said Mario Gomez (his name was changed in order to protect his identity).

The 24-year-old liberal arts major is one of the many people that has to fear for his life and lives every day hoping to be able to make it through the day and get home to his wife.

As an undocumented illegal immigrant, Gomez has both suffered and learned to overcome many obstacles that have been presented in his life.

He has admitted to the crimes, such as identity theft, he felt compelled to commit in order to try to survive and prosper in this "beautiful and great land of opportunities" he calls the United States.

"I've done so many things that I wish I could say I regret doing, but in all honesty I don't think I could or should regret something that has helped my family prosper and survive," he said.

He is currently attending Cerri-

tos College under a different name and working under someone else's social security number.

Prior to attending Cerritos College, he also attended ELAC and Cypress College, also under a different name, but was forced to leave because he was not able to present official proof, such as a birth certificate, in order to continue receiving financial aid.

"Since I have been here in the U.S. I have stolen three identities, six social security numbers, and 14 cars among other stolen objects," he admitted, "not once have I gotten caught but I've been close to."

He recalls a time when immigration barged into his two-bedroom apartment that he shared with 10 other tenants, and was almost arrested and deported.

Apparently, someone had called the cops and informed them of the drug use in the apartment. Some of the other tenants were not only busted with drug charges but were also deported.

"My wife and I had carved out some of the hardwood floor and cre-

ated a tiny hiding space in our bedroom," he said, "as soon as we heard the sirens I dragged my wife into the bedroom, pulled up the wooden floor and hid inside. It was horrible. My wife had her eyes closed and was biting into my shoulder so she wouldn't scream or cry so hard that the cops might hear her."

He describes the experience as one of the most terrifying experiences in his life; almost as terrifying as it was when he was crossing the border with his 2-year-old son, his then pregnant wife, and 64 other people.

It was around two in the morning when the caravan was forced to run for their lives because border patrol guards and their search dogs were spotted nearby.

"I lost my son and my wife lost the baby she was carrying," he shared in tears.

When they began to run, his wife lost grip of their youngest son and was then trampled on.

Gomez said it was impossible for him to try to search for his son because he kept getting pushed to ground and stepped on by all the people that were running in the opposite direction he was running.

As if the loss of his son was not hard enough for him to cope with, he was then forced to face the fact that his wife was having a miscarriage and that there was nothing he could do about it.

He said, "She was bleeding a lot and was trying not to give shrilling screams of pain. She was losing our child right there in the middle of the desert and there was absolutely nothing I could do about it except hold her hand and cry with her. I felt so hopeless, as if I had failed as a man."

Although it was a very difficult trip, he said, they made it across the border. As soon as they were over, a family was kind enough to offer them shelter and helped provide his wife with the medical attention she needed.

There are days when he feels he should have just stayed in Mexico that way his wife would not have had to bear everything they went through.

"Every time I think about what my wife and I have experienced I am brought to tears," he said, "I have sacrificed a lot and done many horrible things in order to survive, but I am an immigrant and as hard as it may be, I will not stop fighting. I will do anything and everything to give my wife and my future kids the future they deserve."

Mario Gomez

"It was horrible. My wife was biting into my shoulder so she wouldn't scream."

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY TIM DICKERSON/TM
Finally over: Liberal arts major Mario Gomez is one of the many thousands of immigrants that crossed the border in hopes of a better future.

Re-entry program provides assistance to students

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The Re-entry Resource Program at Cerritos College reaches out to those students that have been out of school for three or more years and that are 25 years or older.

Andrea Sanchez, undecided major, has

been out of school for about 15 years. She has been in sales for 20 years but due to the economy and that she wanted to do something different, she is going back to school.

Sanchez said, "I just want direction and have some kind of qualification; I am scared to go back to school because it is a big change, but I think I have a lot to offer."

She added, "I made good money in

sales, but I want to do something different, I just want to reinvent myself and I want to help people. I would like to do something in the medical field."

Sanchez has two kids, one that has already finished college and another one that is going to California State University Fullerton.

The Re-entry Resource Program in-

forms students about social services, agencies, child care programs, shelter, programs available on campus, scholarships and more.

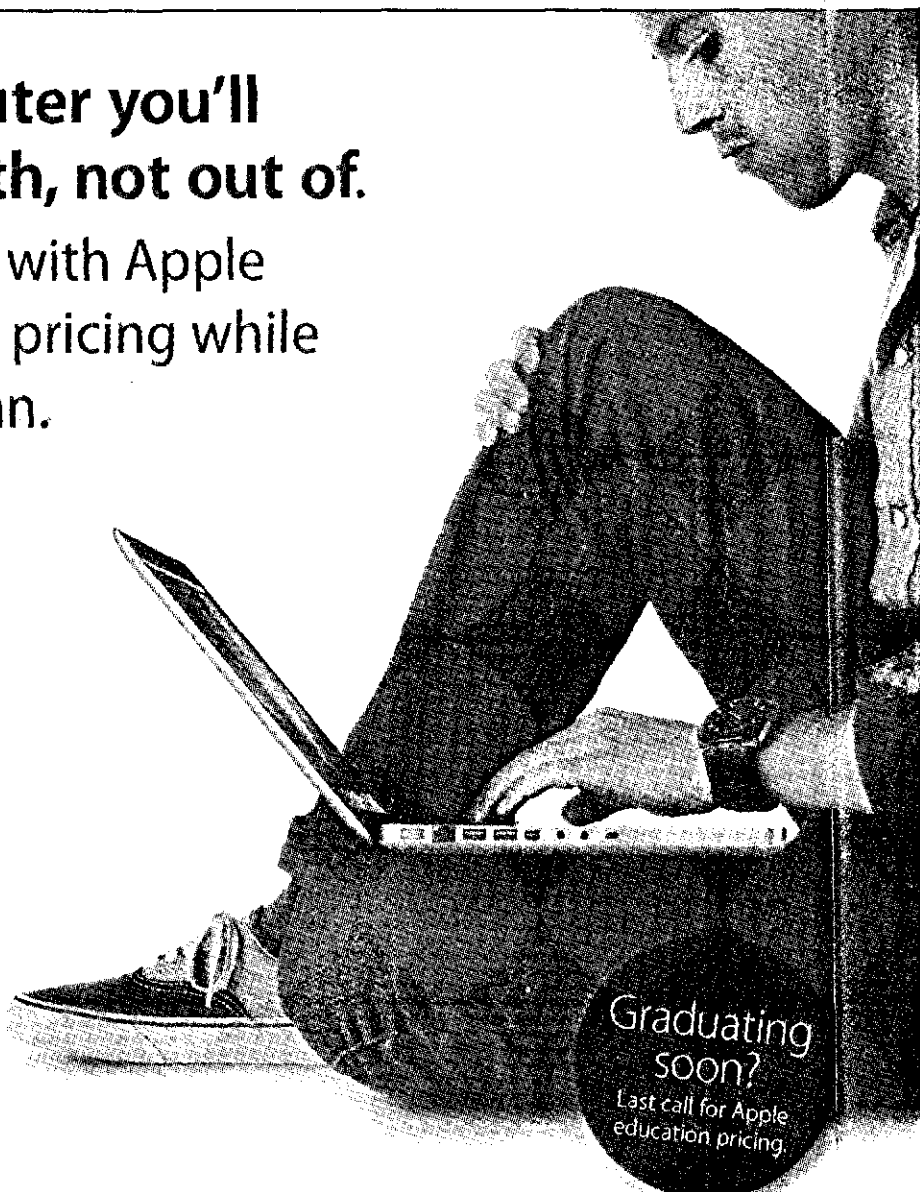
There is no qualification or sign up required for the program.

Shannon Estrada, re-entry resource specialist, said, "I'm here to point students in the right direction. They may be scared,

intimidated and they may not know what to expect,

"The program has been providing support for students who may have fears; they are older with a lot of the time families and jobs on top of going back to school. I can be their point of contact; they can always call me with any questions."

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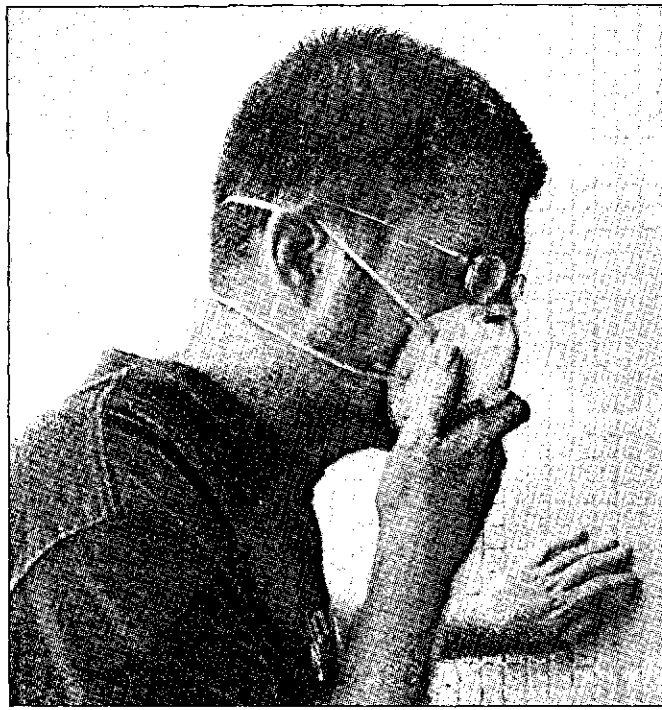
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Swine flu: People were scared of the new disease going around.



Softball: The team ranked No. 1 in the state.



Basketball: Coach Karen Welliver won winningest coach.



ASCC: Oscar Franco was elected ASCC president when he ran unopposed.

Biggest stories of the Spring semester

Cerritos College was hit with many headlines, some good and some bad in the semester of Spring 09.

Swine flu scare

The A (N1H1) virus also known as the swine flu was more a scare than nothing else. The media reacted in such a way that everybody started to panic.

Cerritos College officials said that the college would be ready if the virus were to hit here.

The precautionary measure for everyone was to wash their hands before touching their faces, noses or eyes and also before eating.

Waterless hand sanitizers were everywhere and people would get uneasy if anyone sneezed or coughed around them.

There is no vaccination for the flu but if the population follows the preventive steps it is supposed to protect them from the virus.

The regular flu has killed far more people than the swine flu. Even though there is a vaccine for the regular flu the reaction to

the flu season is not a fraction of the reaction to the swine flu infection.

Oscar Franco elected ASCC president

Oscar Franco was announced ASCC President for the 2009-2010 school year. Franco ran unopposed alongside his running mate Rosa Castaneda who will act as Vice President.

The Franco and Castaneda camp received 222 of the possible 303 votes.

"I feel nervous and I am very conscious of the responsibility I have," Franco said. "I am a servant of the students."

Franco has many plans that he would like to implement as president.

"One of the things I want to do is make sure senators get out there more. I want them to work in different areas of the campus so the students know who their senators are," Franco said.

Franco and Castaneda will replace Michael Barrita, current ASCC President and Shola Shodiya, current ASCC vice president.

Financial aid scam

Cerritos College campus police discovered a financial aid scam involving 30 to 40 names and \$200,000 on April 13.

After two months of investigation, campus police were able to arrest two students, Ronald Dennis Clark, 37, of Long Beach and Shanay Bobbie Beacham, 27, of Hawthorne so far.

Both were arrested for identity theft and financial aid fraud at Cerritos College.

According to Mark Wallace, Director of Public Affairs, the investigation all began with a complaint from a member of the public.

"The member was trying to buy a house and noticed there was a school loan on her credit report," Wallace said.

Because the investigation is ongoing, campus police were unavailable for further information.

Budget crisis

Many students at Cerritos College felt the pinch of the budget cut, as enrollment began for next semester.

Students noticed the over-crowding of

students in classroom with the lack of availability of seats.

Fortunately, Cerritos College and other local colleges were not as affected as the K-12 schools were.

Luckily, the college has enough money on reserve to cover the difference with the \$8 million that will be issued to the college as well.

The College will receive the money in payment, one being issued in July (in time for summer and fall session) and the second one will be received in October.

Though there will be tightening with the parking permit fee going from \$20 to \$30, it will bring in a great amount of revenue for the college.

Another affected area in the college is the Athletic Department.

There will be a reduction on the amount of games played for sports in upcoming seasons.

It will also cut expenses on officials and the travel of away games.

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It hasn't been recognized by the student body though.

Posters have been put up around campus, letting the students know about iFALCON's existence.

However, they don't say what the habits of mind are and doesn't explain what what F.A.L.C.O.N. stands for.

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Dean Ackland



Ackland: Dean Ackland is currently the coordinator of Student Activities.

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Coach: Ackland became the coordinator of Student Activities in 1987.

Ackland continues with 40 years

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After almost 40 years in the education field, Dean Ackland is still moving forward with his career.

Ackland has been the Coordinator of Student Activities for 23 years.

Before he came to Cerritos, Ackland was a high school teacher and coach at Downey High School.

Justicial affairs secretary Nikki Jones said, "He's a really nice guy, he's magnificent at his job."

All of the student activities held at Cerritos are put together by Ackland himself with help from the different clubs and Commissioner of ICC Nathalie Chavez.

"This is the best job in the world. I get to help the students and I also get to meet new people," Ackland stated.

He started his career in education almost 40 years ago at Downey High School.

During the 15 years he spent there, he took hold of quite a few titles.

He was both the boys and girls head varsity softball coach, the non-varsity football coach, the

drivers education teacher and both a history and English teacher.

He has been surrounded with students for quite some time, and he carries a positive vibe.

"Ninety-nine percent of my job is positive, I enjoy being able to say 'yes' to most questions," Ackland added.

When he came to Cerritos, he was coach of the men's basketball team for 17 years, while he was still juggling his activities coordinator and father duties.

He began to struggle with balancing all of his expected duties and he had to withdraw from his assistant coach position to obtain his fatherly duties.

His kids went off to college and he wasn't able to attend their games. Both of Ackland's children played college baseball and softball respectively.

Ackland was able to attend their games once he subtracted one of his many positions.

Now Ackland just holds his coordinator title at Cerritos and holds the multiple titles at home.

After all these years, he still gives his all to his job.

"Teaching and providing comes easy for me, it's what I enjoy doing," Ackland said.



Basketball: Ackland was the men's basketball coach.

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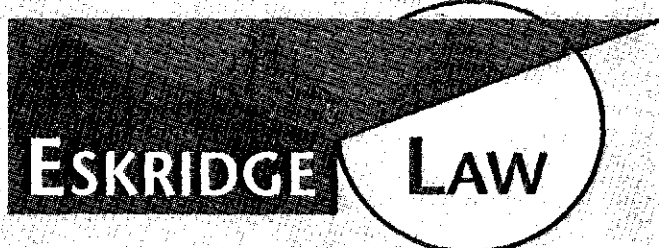
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Peralta gives Locks with Love

Cosmetology Club President Peralta gets family involved in good cause.

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Many students at Cerritos College may be cutting off their hair trying to cool off as summer nears, but what students may not know is that they could be helping by donating their hair instead of tossing it in the trash.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that takes donated hair to make wigs for financially disadvantaged kids with medical-related hair loss.

The hair prostheses provided are custom-made from donated ponytails and would retail between \$3,500 and \$6,000. Locks of Love provides them for free or on a sliding scale, based on financial need.

On Thursday, Cosmetology Club President Carmen Peralta put together an event in hopes

to make students and the public more aware of organizations such as Locks of Love.

Peralta said, "People cut their hair every day and just throw it away, not knowing that their hair could be helping to give back confidence to a little girl who may have lost her hair due to diseases like alopecia or from side effects of chemotherapy."

"I explained what Locks of Love is to my five year-old daughter MaKayla, who has gorgeous long hair, and she agreed to cut off more than 10 inches to help someone in need."

The event that Peralta put on was held at the Cerritos Children's Development Center in front of other children, Peralta's family and Cerritos faculty; all who were there to help support this cause and MaKayla.

MaKayla wanted everyone to know that she was doing this for those who aren't lucky enough to have hair.

Alopecia areata is an autoimmune condition that has no known cause or cure that keeps someone from growing hair.

Debra Ward, director of CDC

at Cerritos, said that there are 106 families affiliated with the CDC and although the Peralta family is the only family participated in the event on Thursday, the Peralta's have created interest in other family's that would like to donate to Locks of Love in the future.

Evidently the word has spread across the campus of Cerritos quick, because on Friday there were students that had already gone over to the cosmetology school and donated their hair.

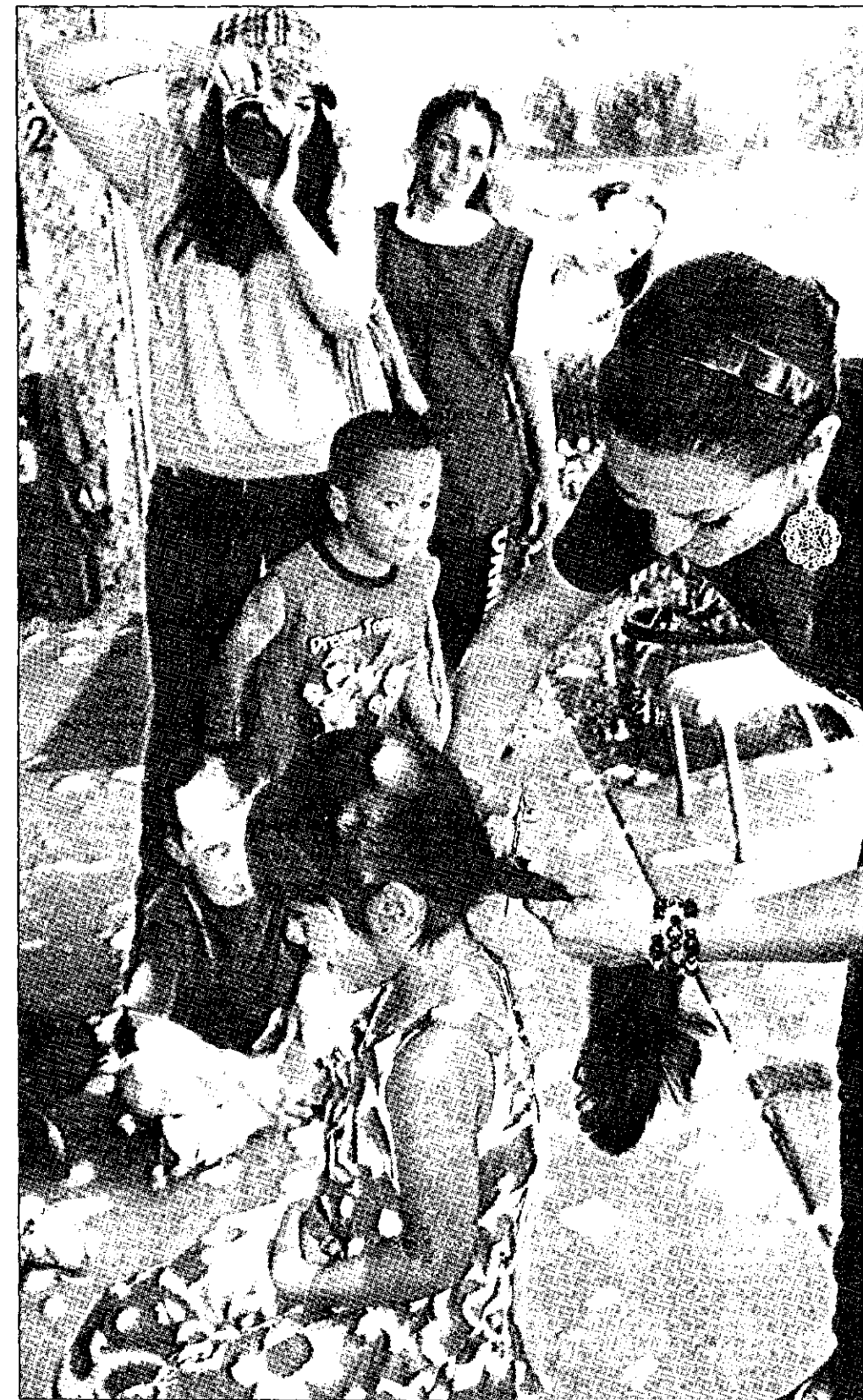
"It's been only one day and there have been three students that had heard about yesterday's event and were willing to cut their hair so that it could be donated to Locks of Love," Peralta said.

Peralta and Locks of Love would like inform those who would like to donate, the hair that is going to be donated must be 10 inches in length and be in a braided ponytail.

People can also find more information at www.locksoflove.org.



The end result: 10 inches of her hair will be donated to Locks of Love.



The final cut: Cosmetology major, Carmen Peralta cuts of daughter MaKayla's hair for the donation.



Leading by example: Other families from the CDC plan on donating to Locks of Love after hearing about this event.

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Her big day: MaKayla had many family members there to support her.

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Joy to Cerritos, Barrita is gone

ASCC President Michael Barrita has been in power, as president and vice president, for two years, but his time has come to an end. Maybe now the school will have a leader that will listen to the student body and help make Cerritos College a better place.

The main issue with Barrita is not communicating with the students of Cerritos.

He has not done enough to understand the issues most students consider important.

Many of his promises have not been fulfilled and the ones that have, been done in a way that is not acceptable.

His biggest accomplishment is saving the Hill, this is fine, but it was only important to about 50 students. When you consider that 23,000 students attend Cerritos, this accomplishment was very insignificant.

Another one of his so-called accomplishments was to create a book exchange program.

This was a great idea but the follow through was horrible.

Instead of a program to help students get their books at a more reasonable price, it turned into a glorified bulletin board that very few students actually utilized.

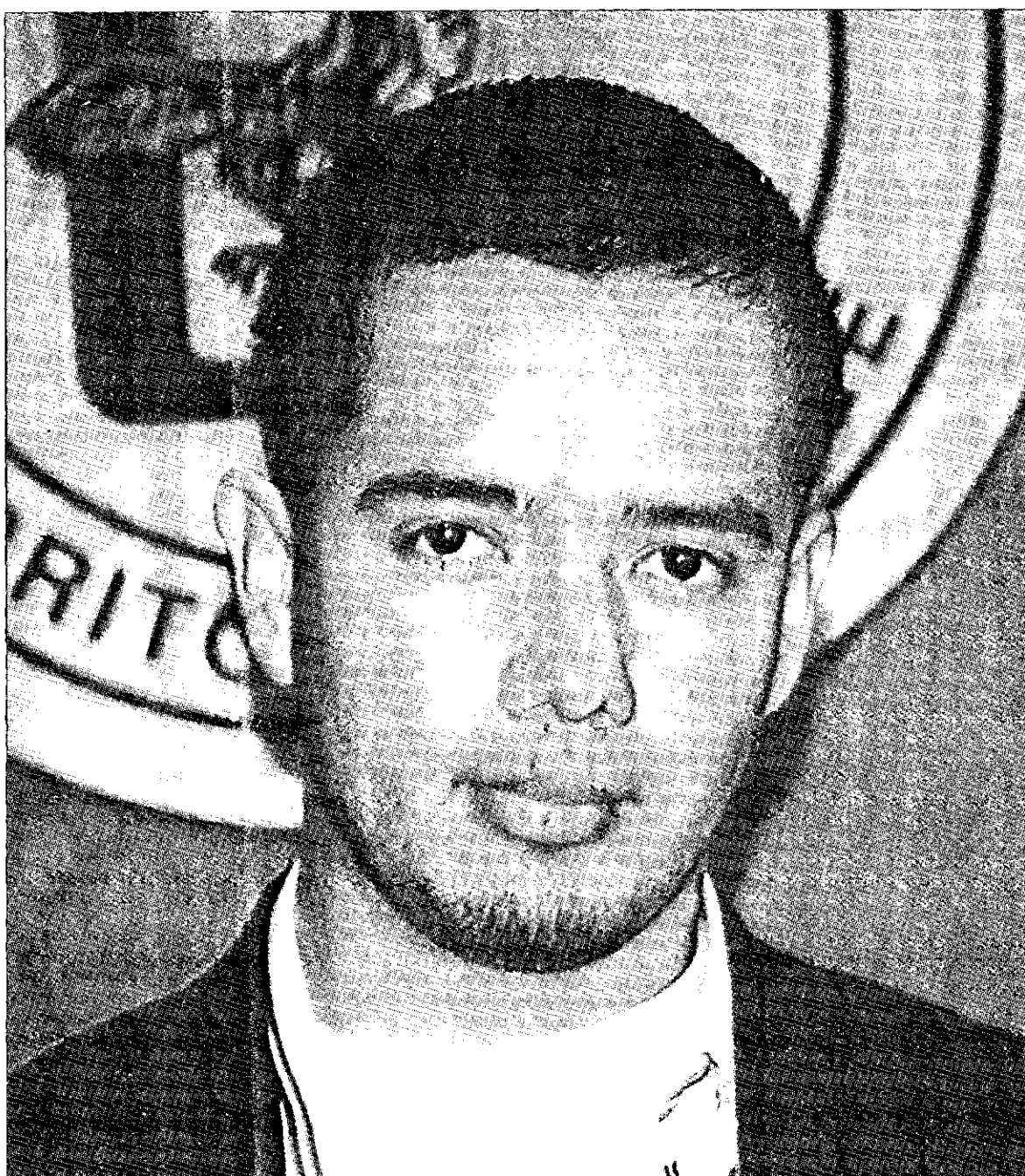
One of biggest promises was to get the drinking fountains on campus replaced or repaired so students could drink clean water.

That was another great idea and there were reports made by the ASCC cabinet to target the worst drinking fountains. However, there has been no progress made on actually replacing or repairing them.

One last thing, good job on replacing the ASCC sign.

At least the students can enjoy a sign that is practically the same as the last one.

Hopefully with a new leadership group in power next semester, the issues that are important to students will be addressed.



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•LETTER TO THE EDITOR•

Barrita explains things to Talon Marks

I would like to bring to your attention several issues, which I would not have to, if proper reporting was being done.

First of all, the carpeting in our building is not being paid for by the ASCC, but by the college itself, so again, your editorial is incorrect and misinforming our students. Not a surprise.

Secondly, the iFALCON scholarship was created outside the ASCC because of legal reasons.

The ASCC funds cannot be used to create new scholarships or fund scholarships outside of its already established recognition awards.

In regards to communication between students and their student government, well, that's your job really, that's why we the ASCC,

give you \$23,000 dollars a year.

You are our most important means of outreach to the students.

This, of course, does not mean that you must support an administration. It simply means that you have the duty of seeking out the story, investigating the facts correctly, and covering them.

However, I and many others who have been here long enough to know that we once had quality in our paper are startled because it seems that the investigating correctly part has been left out of the process.

Let me give you several examples that further this point and let me demonstrate that the fault lies with the paper, in creating an atmosphere of "misunderstandings and conflict," obviously due to great reporting.

When dealing with the amount of communication that I as president have with students, I can assure you that anyone who knows me will differ with your opinion regarding my quietness about the issues affecting students.

So, is it really me who needs to work on improving communication?

Have I not always made myself available to you and your reporters, even giving them my cell phone number?

Have I not always been well-informed about the issues and done by best to pass that information to Talon Marks?

Of course I have, it's my job to do so. It is not my job, however, to be chasing down your reporters.

In regards to our administration not ac-

complishing our goals, I again would like to correct you.

If you go back and look at the article that was written when Shodiya and I were elected, you will find that we have done nothing less than accomplished all of our proposals.

We promised to continue the book exchange program, increase the amount of scholarships, save the student amphitheater (The Hill) from being demolished and help students with their academic success.

- ASCC President Michael Barrita

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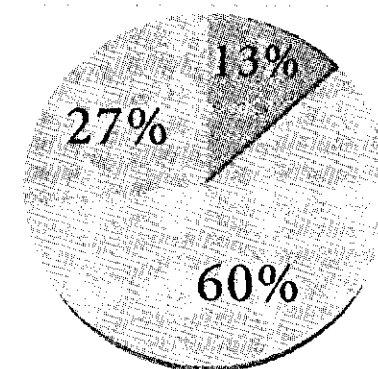
- Summer school
- Work
- Party 'til I can't remember

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How do you feel about iFALCON?

- It helps students 60%
- It does nothing 27%
- Whats iFALCON? 13%



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What are your plans for the summer?

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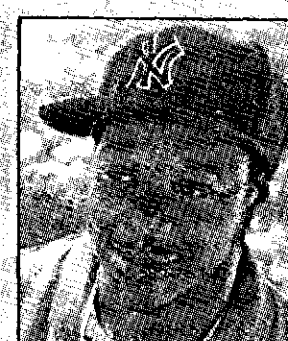
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"I'm going to try to get a job and skate as much as possible."



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"I'm going to UC Berkeley in the Fall so I'm going to prepare myself by taking classes there in the summer."



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"I'm going to go to summer school and when I'm not working I'm going to be partying."



SPORTS

AT A GLANCE

Friday

Softball
State Championship @ Salinas TBA

Track
Men State Championships @ San Mateo All Day
Women State Championships @ San Mateo All Day

Saturday

Softball
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RESULTS

Last Fri. 5/8

Baseball
vs. Mt. San Jacinto L, 7-13

Last Sat. 5/9

Baseball
vs. Mt. San Jacinto W, 8-7
vs. Mt. San Jacinto L, 11-13

Softball
vs. Saddleback W, 10-2

Track
Men's: Fourth Place
Women's: So. Cal Champions

Last Sat. 5/10

Softball
vs. Saddleback, W 12-4



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Falcons' season comes to an end

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This past weekend the Falcons baseball team season has come to an end in a playoff series fight with Mt. San Jacinto College.

Cerritos won their first ball game against the Eagles 8-7 which, gave them the opportunity to close out Mt. San Jacinto on Saturday morning.

The second game would turn out as the Falcons may have hoped although pitcher George Sanchez pitched a solid ball game through the first four innings.

In that dreadful fourth inning, Sanchez managed to hit his third batter followed by

a throwing error at the plate which, put base runners at first and third base.

Cerritos took a 13-7 loss in that second game.

The losses Cerritos took were not easy ones as the Falcons rallied back from deficits, attempting comebacks.

The Eagles showed strong and disciplined bats and that aspect of the games would decide the outcome for both teams.

In the third ball game which, was played 30 minutes after the first game on Saturday afternoon, Cerritos opened up with a 6-0 lead through the first six innings and had a 10-3 lead through the seventh inning until Mt. San Jacinto managed a comeback of it's own.

The Falcons ended up with a 12-11 loss which, had to be heart-breaking as well as frustrating, considering the lead Cerritos had and what was at stake. On a bit of a bright spot for Cerritos baseball that series, first baseman Josh Bryan hit a two-run home run in the sixth inning of that second game and tallied up three RBI hits.

In the loss for the Falcons in the last game, Bryan hit a three-run homer and third baseman Brian Gaylord hit a solo home run.

The Eagles started pitcher Skye Severns in the second ball game after he got a saved game on relief duties in the first game.

He only lasted about 2 2/3 innings, giving up three runs in the process.

The difference for the Falcons loss was Mt. San Jacinto pitcher Bj Salsbury who, had a successful regular season this year. He finished the last ball game with a save and ended the Falcons' season.

Although Cerritos Baseball continues to make the playoffs, the Falcons have failed to win a playoff series in the last six years.

The Eagles pitching, that has been the story of the series, turned out to be the Achilles heal of the Falcons.

Perhaps the youth of the Falcons ended their season but as assistant coach Jack Brooks put it, the experienced gained, win or lose, will be a learned tool for the future.

Falcons advance to next round of playoffs

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The softball team of Cerritos College won its last two games against Saddleback City College Saturday and Sunday, setting the stage for the Falcons to defend its state title.

The Falcons were due to face a pitcher that is very difficult to hit off of, but with the hitting talent that Cerritos has shown throughout this season, the players and staff were confident of advancing to next round of the playoffs.

Assistant coach Bud Murray said, "We faced a tough pitcher who had beat us in our last two meetings, but after saddleback saw our hitting in a San Diego tournament, they were intimidated."

The Falcons walked away with two mercy-rule wins this weekend.

12 hits led to 10 runs ending in a 10-2 win on Saturday and on Sunday, 14 hits led to a 12-4 win.

"The team came out confident, making great contact with the ball," head coach Kodee Murray added. "And this was against a pitcher that was relentless, constantly giving (Cerritos) everything she had."

The No. 2 seeded Falcons, who are on a 14-game winning streak having gone undefeated in

the post-season, will be facing off against No. 3 seeded Sierra College on Friday.

According to John Van Gaston, sports information director, this will be the first meeting between the two schools, who entered the Northern Regional Playoffs as a No. 5 seeded team and No. 4 in the Big 8 conference.

As for Cerritos, the Falcons won the South Coast Conference title and have been seeded No. 2 throughout the playoffs.

On Tuesday, the head coach sat down the team after practice and asked the players to come up with worst-case scenarios that could happen during the state championship tournament.

Players started listing off issues like individuals trying to win the game on their own, players misreading signals, chasing pitches, etc.

The point that she was trying to make was that the players have to be prepared for the unexpected.

Murray said, "I know that the (Falcons) have the capabilities to go out and win every game that they play."

"The team is going to go out there and play like they do every game, hard."



RICK GOMEZ/TM

A fierce pitch: Hillary Perez-Ashley sends the ball flying relentlessly toward Saddleback.

State Tournament Pairings

No. 1N College of the Siskiyous vs. No. 4S Riverside

No. 2S Cerritos vs. No. 3N Sierra

No. 2N Sacramento City vs. No. 3S Mt. San Antonio

No. 1S Cypress vs. No. 4N Ohlone

Source: www.cerritos.edu/bpea

Falcon track teams get set for the state tournament

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Women's

For the second year in a row and third time in the last four seasons, the Cerritos College women's track and field team dominated Southern California to win the team championship.

The Falcons, who are the defending state champions, amassed 161.5 team points at the Southern California Championships at Mt. San Antonio College.

The Falcons easily outdistanced second place Riverside College, who finished with 109.333 team points.

With their Southern California

Champions and 24 entries in the state championships, Cerritos looks to have the inside track on their second title in a row.

The top four finishers in all lane events, as well as the top six finishers in all other events, advance to the State Championships.

The State Championships will take place next weekend at San Mateo College.

The top fifth place time from the Northern California and Southern California Championships will also qualify for the state championships.

As a team, the Falcons will have 24 entries, with 16 of them coming from their field events.

Name	Event	Place	Name	Event	Place	Name	Event	Place
Kelsey Caesar	200 meters	4th	Apryll White	400-Meter Hurdles	2nd	Brandi McCall	Triple Jump	5th
Kelsey Caesar	400 meters	1st	Erin Straughter	400-Meter Hurdles	3rd	Cyntrail Pierce	Long Jump	2nd
Torion Bailey	800 meters	3rd	D'Auria Barker	Javelin	3rd	Karen Guravska	Pole Vault	1st
Jeramey Cutler	Discus	4th	Karen Guravska	Javelin	4th	Arianna Lugo	Hammer	2nd
Nicholas Armstrong	High Jump	4th	Rachel Butler	Javelin	6th	Whitney Ashley	Hammer	3rd
Jeramey Cutler	Shot Put	6th	Whitney Ashley	Discus	4th	Stephanie Aliimatafita	Hammer	5th
Jessica Barfield	100 meters	2nd	Karen Guravska	High Jump	3rd	Stephanie Aliimatafita	Shot Put	3rd
Cyntrail Pierce	100 meters	3rd	Aundrea Stoval	High Jump	4th	Whitney Ashley	Shot Put	4th
Sarah Muniz	3000-Meter SC	5th	Jessica Barfield	Triple Jump	1st	Aunjanæ Stoval	Shot Put	5th
Erin Straughter	100-Meter Hurdles	1st						

Men's

The Cerritos College men's track and field had one Southern California champion on Saturday at Mt. San Antonio College, as the team finished in fourth place.

The Falcons, who won their first South Coast Conference champion-

ship in school history two weeks ago, compiled 65 team points to place fourth.

Sophomore sprinter Kelsey Caesar was the lone champion, as he won the 400 meters in a time of 47.21.

Caesar also qualified in the 200 meters by coming in fourth place.

Freshman thrower Jeramey Cutler is the only other two-event qualifier.

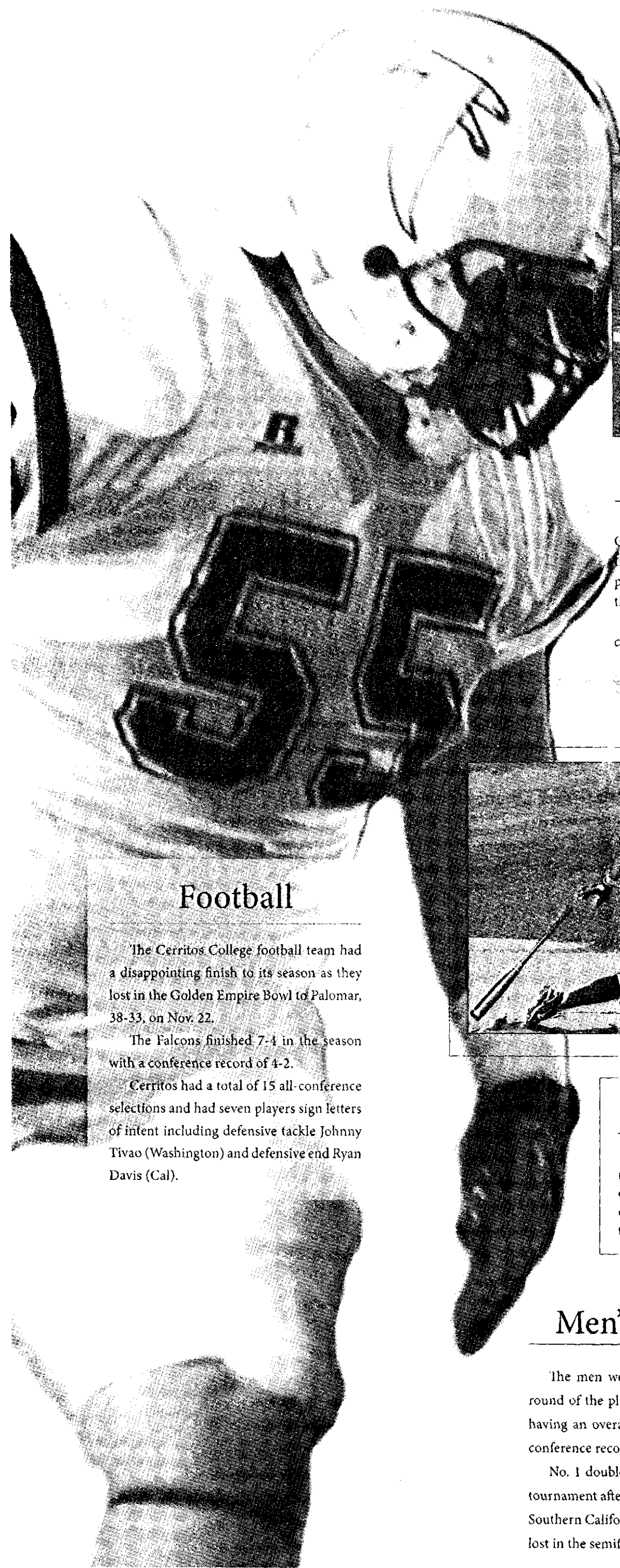
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As a team, the Falcons will have seven entries, but that will not include the 4x400-meter relay team, who was disqualified after finishing in second place.

Anything you can do...

An inside look at the year in review and a comparison between mens and womens teams in Cerritos College.



Football

The Cerritos College football team had a disappointing finish to its season as they lost in the Golden Empire Bowl to Palomar, 38-33, on Nov. 22.

The Falcons finished 7-4 in the season with a conference record of 4-2.

Cerritos had a total of 15 all-conference selections and had seven players sign letters of intent including defensive tackle Johnny Tivao (Washington) and defensive end Ryan Davis (Cal).

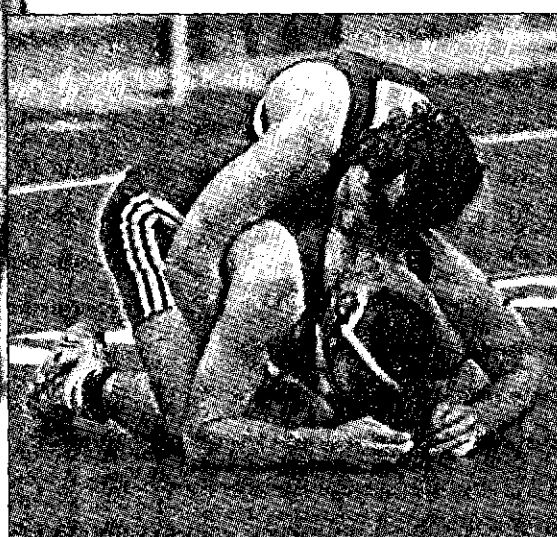


Soccer

The Cerritos College men's soccer team finished its year as state champions after defeating rival Mt. SAC in the final, 1-0, on Dec. 7.

Cerritos also ranked No. 2 in the nation and swept the conference awards as defender Jonathan Rivas won defensive player of the year, forward Luis Gonzalez won offensive player of the year and head coach Benny Artiga was selected coach of the year.

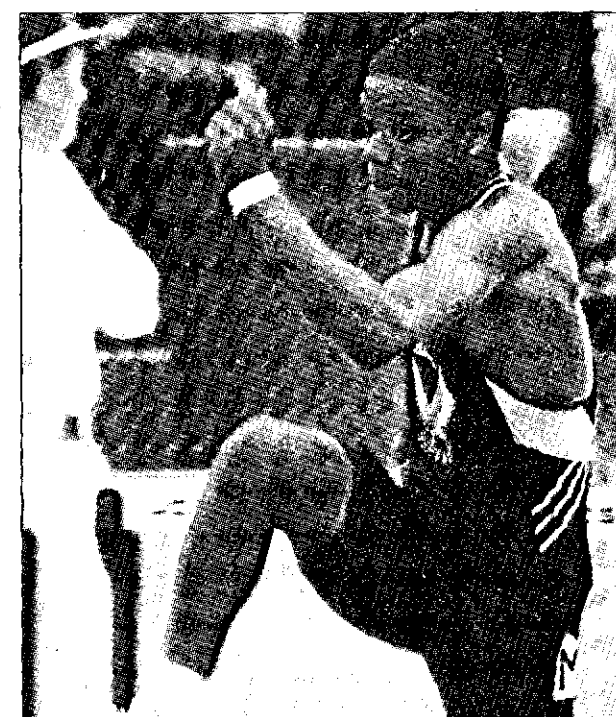
The Falcons capped off its season with an overall record of 22-4-1 and a SCC record of 10-3-1.



Wrestling

Mike Koehnlein, 141 pounder, led the Cerritos College wrestling team with a state championship title while heavyweight Juan Enriquez and 124-pounder Caleb Gerl finished second in their respective weight division.

As a team, the Falcons carried a conference record of 10-2.



Men's Track and Field

The Cerritos College men's track and field team won its first SCC championship in the last 13 years. It also placed fourth in the Southern California Championships. The men will have seven entrants in the state tournament held this Friday and Saturday at San Mateo College.



Baseball

The Cerritos College baseball team made it to the playoffs but failed to make it to the second round after being eliminated by Mt. San Jacinto in three games.

The Falcons had an overall record of 27-17 and a conference record of 16-8.

Cerritos also finished with nine players winning SCC honors including SCC player of the year second baseman Joe Terry.

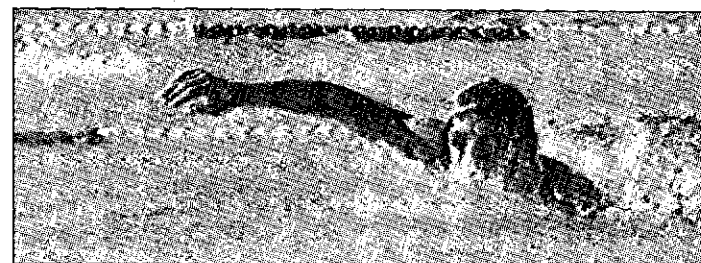
Men's Water Polo

The men capped off its season with a 23-8 overall record but failed to get past the first round after falling to rival Long Beach City, 12-8, on November 14.

The Falcons had six players get awarded SCC honors including two All-Americans in Ryan Tamula and Cory Baccus.

Swimming

The Cerritos College men's swimming team finished third at the SCC championships. It finished with a record of 4-3 in the season. The Falcons failed to reach the state tournament.



Men's Tennis

The men were defeated in the first round of the playoffs by Riverside after having an overall record of 12-5 and a conference record of 9-3.

No. 1 doubles advanced to the state tournament after finishing second in the Southern California Championships but lost in the semifinals.

Basketball

The Cerritos College men's basketball team won 10 games in a row including the first round of the regional playoffs before being eliminated in the second round to top-seeded Saddleback, 65-61, on Feb. 28.

The Falcons received six conference awards. Forwards Marcellus Jackson, Van Girard and Gregory Preer all made the first-team all SCC.

Cerritos had a rocky season after losing six-in-a-row before their winning streak toward the end of the year.

The Falcons finished with an overall record of 15-14 and a conference of 9-1.

Cerritos will have eight returners for next season.



... I can do better



Softball

With a the whole starting line-up earning SCC honors, the Cerritos College softball team is on its way to compete in the State tournament looking to defend a state title.

The women recently defeated Saddleback in the super regional on Sunday.

The Falcons finished the season with an overall record of 35-9-1 and a conference record of 17-1.

Catcher Samantha Vauulu was recently named National Catcher of the Year. She holds the season record for home runs for Cerritos.

The women show their dominance with two titles won and possibly two more compared to the men's one state title.



Tennis

The women's tennis team recorded a regular season record of 12-3 and a conference record of 8-1.

Although only losing three, the Falcons were quickly eliminated as they fell short to Cuesta in the first round of the playoffs.

Individually, Samantha Nadres made it to the state championship but lost to Ashley Litchfield of Ventura.

Women's track and field

The Cerritos College women's track and field team won its third straight Southern California Championship in four years and will travel to San Mateo to compete in the state championships.

There will be 24 entries in the state finals from the women.

Water polo

The women's water polo team will also look to repeat as state champions after winning it for the first time in school history last Dec.

The Falcons came back and defeated rival Long Beach City on its way to the title.

The Falcons also won nine individual awards including Coach of the Year, awarded to Sergio Macias.



Swimming

The women won their first conference title in school history and broke a total of 13 school records.

Natalie Peng broke eight of the 13 records and placed second in the state finals in the 100-yard butterfly.

Jenel Lopez also contributed to the teams success by being a part of 10 of the 13 broken records.



Soccer

The women's soccer team was crowned state champion as well as national champion on Dec. 7 after defeating Santa Rosa in the state championship.

The Falcons went undefeated with a record of 34-0-5.

The streak of 39 games marked the first time in school history going unbeaten.

The championship is also the second straight title for the women.

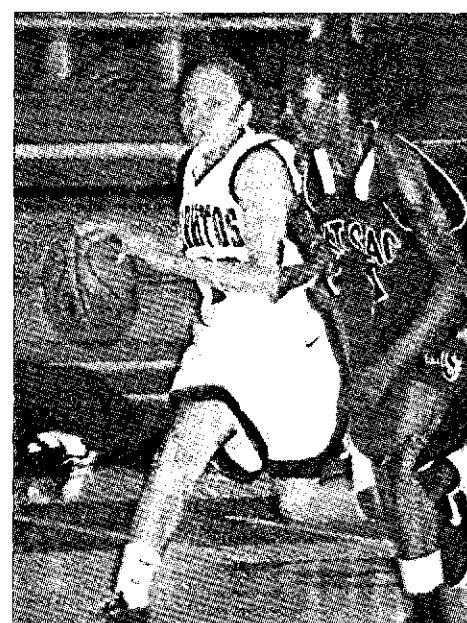
With the young core of freshmen, the Falcons will also look to defend their state championship title as well as their national title.



Basketball

The women's basketball team escaped a 72-71 victory over Santa Barbara in the first round of the playoffs but was not able to go any further as Mt. San Antonio eliminated Cerritos in the second round of the playoffs, 76-51, on Feb. 28.

The Falcons had six players named all conference.



ARTS



Berlin Renteria: Daughter of Patricia Ramirez. Grand Champion of the Renaissance Faire's costume design contest, sitting with the queen's court.

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Ramirez new Grand Champ

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Advanced costume design student Patricia Ramirez became the Grand Champion of the Renaissance Faire's costume design contest last Sunday, for a dress she made for her daughter Berlin Renteria.

"This made it the best Mother's Day ever," Ramirez said.

Other winners from Cerritos College were beginning costume design students Grace Yi won second in the nobility category and Hillary Baca won first place in the peasant category, also Susan Watanabe-Lonsbury received a special recognition from the Renaissance Faire judges.

Yi, who made a burgundy nobility dress cover in jewels said that she started the dress in April and the last two weeks she has been working on non-stop to get it finished in time

for Sunday's contest.

"I only slept hours a day for the last two weeks and I was up until 3 in the morning putting the finishing touches on it," she said.

Watanabe-Lonsbury was very proud of her beginning student.

She said, "Normally, beginning students are required to make peasant costumes, but Yi has shown such a natural ability I was confident that she would be able to do the nobility costume, which is a lot more complicated piece."

Yi admitted that Watanabe-Lonsbury was a major inspiration in getting involved in the contest.

"Her competitive spirit gave me the drive to go forward," Yi said.

Baca, who designed a peasant costume, said she that she spent more than three months on her costume.

"I am glad I made the costume I have never done anything like this before, it was a great experience."

Watanabe-Lonsbury received a special recognition award for her long support of the Renaissance Faire.

"Every year Susan has her students out here, this year when we decided to bring back the costume design contest we all knew that we had to do something to show our appreciation," the Mamzini of the Renaissance Faire said.

This was the first time since the faire moved to Irwindale in 2004.

Cerritos College has been competing in the contest since 1994 but according to Watanabe-Lonsbury this is the first time anyone from the school has been named the Grand Champion.

The costume making is a part of the major assignment that is required for the class.

"The students in my class are required one major assignment," Watanabe-Lonsbury said. "But some one like Yi who went above what was required will get extra credit for making her dress."



Hillary Baca: In front of the judges during Renaissance Faire costume design contest. She won first place for peasant category.

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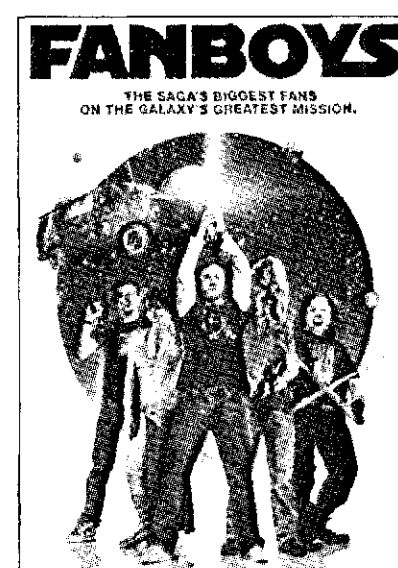


Grace Yi: at the Renaissance Faire costume design contest. She won second place for nobility category.

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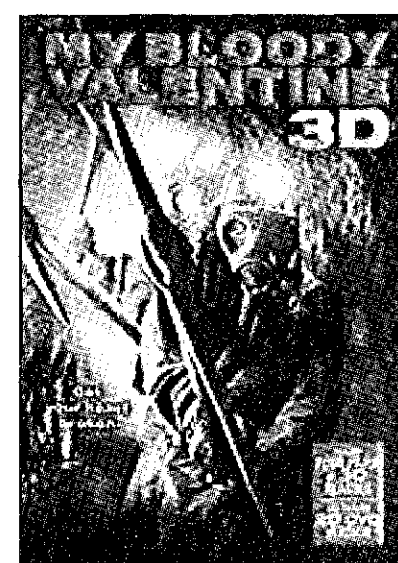
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Fanboys

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Director: Kyle Newman



My Bloody Valentine

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Starring: Jamie King
Director: Patrick Lussier

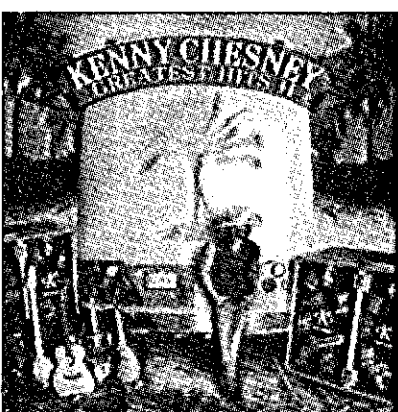
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Blackout 2

Release date:
May 15, 2009

Artist: Method Man
Label: Def Jam



Greatest Hits 2

Release date:
May 19, 2009

Artist: Kenny Chesney
Label: BNA



Just Go

Release date:
May 5, 2009

Artist: Lionel Richie
Label: Island

Big Movies this Summer



Angels & Demons (May 15)

Director: Ron Howard

Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) works to solve a murder and prevent the terrorist group, the Illuminati, from destroying the Vatican.

Terminator Salvation (May 22)

Director: McG

SkyNet has destroyed much of humanity and it's up to John Connor (Christian Bale) to lead the resistance against the machines.

Night at the Museum:

Battle of the Smithsonian (May 22)

Director: Shawn Levy

Larry Daley (Ben Stiller) infiltrates the Smithsonian Institute so he can rescue the mistakenly shipped Jedediah (Owen Wilson) and Octavius (Steve Coogan).

Land of the Lost (June 5)

Director: Brad Silberling

Dr. Rick Marshall (Will Ferrell) is sucked into a space-time vortex into an alternate universe ruled by dinosaurs.

Year One (June 19)

Director: Harold Ramis

A couple lazy hunter-gatherers (Jack Black and Michael Cera) are banished from their village and they set off on an epic journey.

Transformers:

Revenge of the Fallen (June 24)

Director: Michael Bay

The Decepticons return to Earth to take Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf) prisoner when he learns the truth of the origins of the Transformers.

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs

(July 3)

Director: Carlos Saldanha, Mike Thurmeier

Sid (John Leguizamo) gets into trouble and the others have to save him. Their mission leads underground where they find dinosaurs.

Public Enemies (July 3)

Director: Michael Mann

Set in the 1930s, FBI agent Melvin Purvis (Christian Bale) attempts to stop a Chicago crime spree led by gangster John Dillinger (Johnny Depp).

Bruno (July 10)

Director: Larry Charles

Based on the sketch from Da Ali G Show, the Austrian fashion reporter Bruno (Sacha Baron Cohen) searches the latest fashion trends around the world.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

(July 17)

Director: David Yates

Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) enters his sixth year at Hogwarts and discovers even more about Lord Voldemort's dark past.

Funny People (July 31)

Director: Judd Apatow

Comedian George Simmons (Adam Sandler) learns he has an inoperable health condition and he takes his act to a relatively green direction.

G.I. Joe: The Rise of the Cobra

(Aug. 7)

Director: Stephen Sommers

The Global Integrated Joint Operating Entity looks to dismantle Cobra, headed by a Scottish arms dealer.

Inglourious Basterds (Aug. 21)

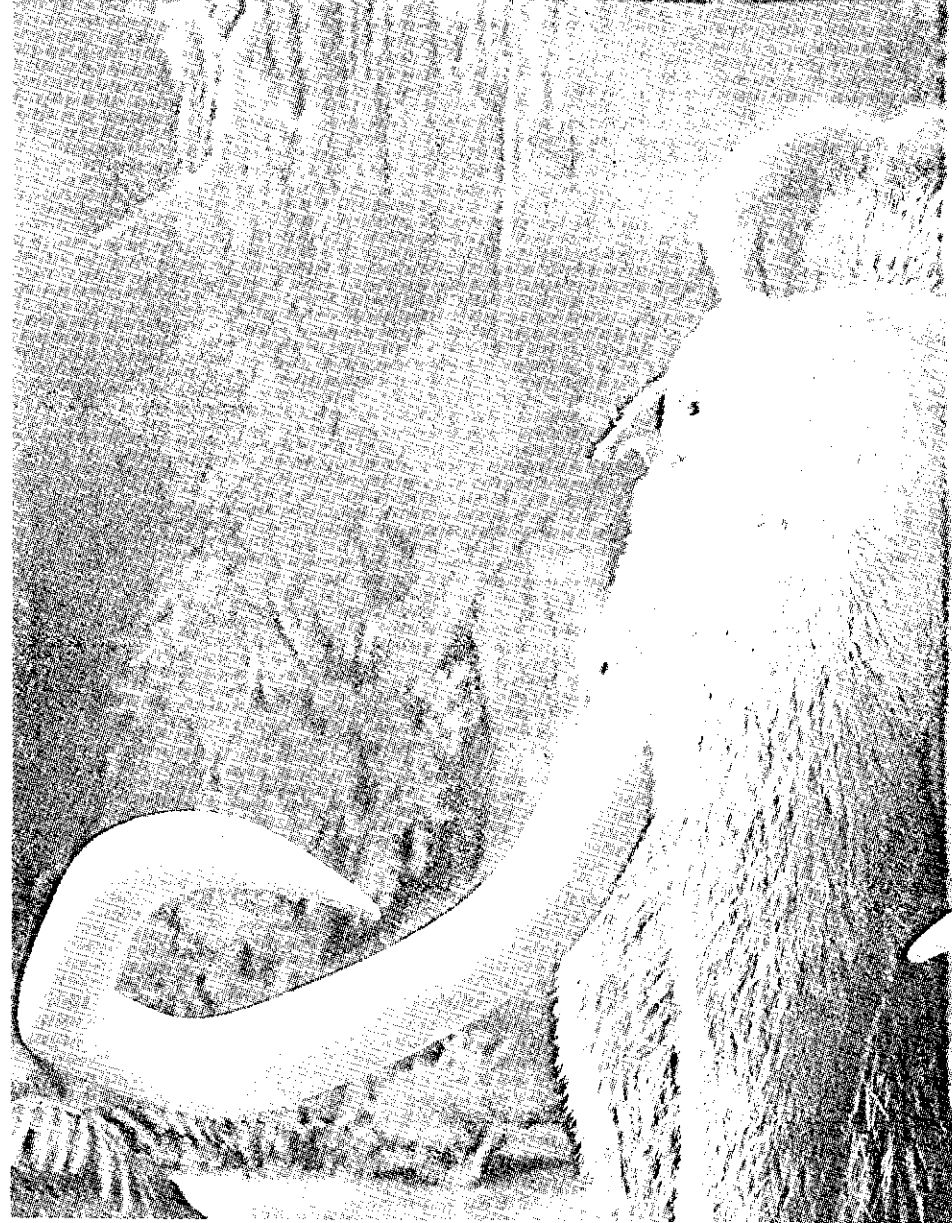
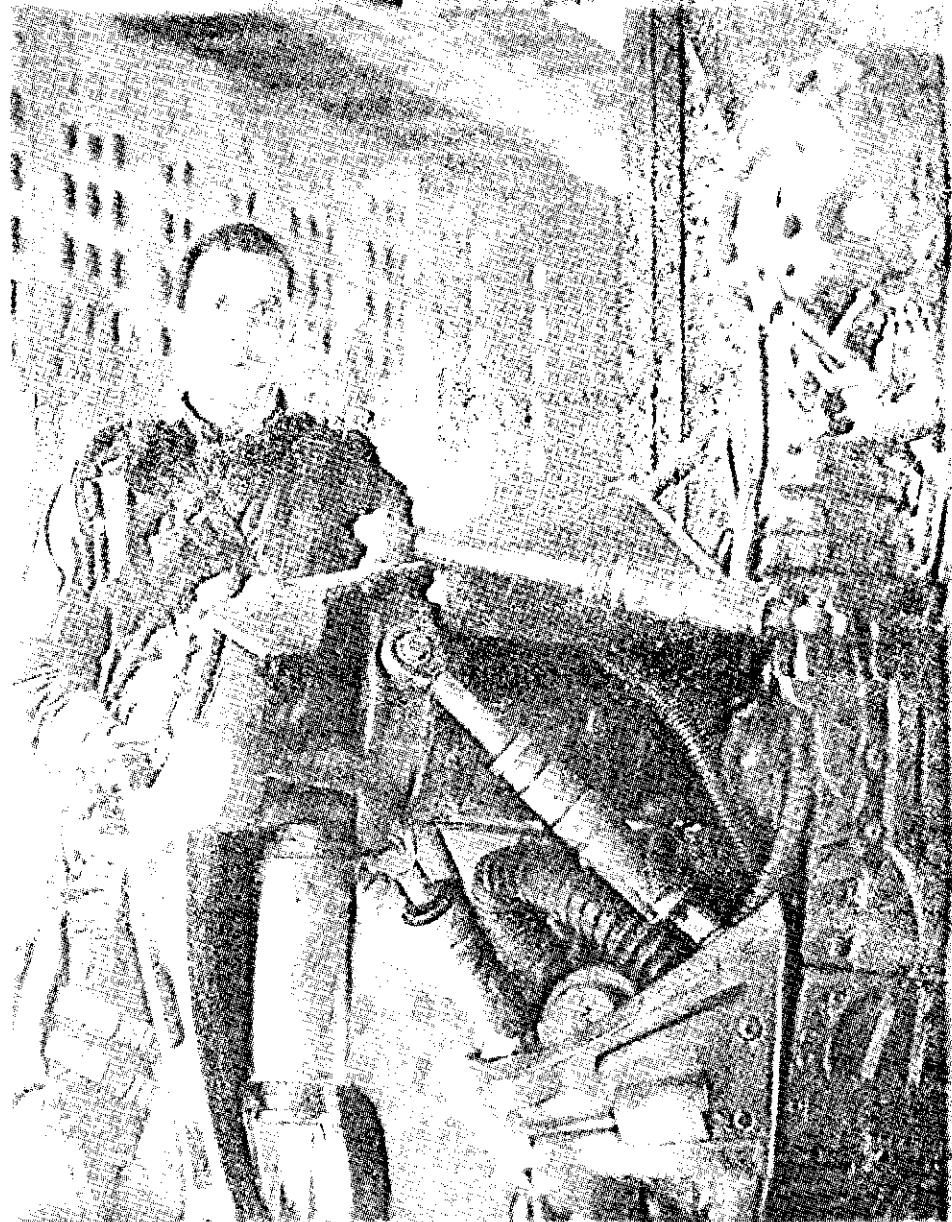
Director: Quentin Tarantino

An American-led killing squad, the Basterds (Brad Pitt, Diane Kruger, Eli Roth), terrorize Nazis in France during World War II.

H2 (Aug. 28)

Director: Rob Zombie

Michael Myers (Tyler Mane) prepares for a deadly reunion with his little sister, Laurie Strode (Scout Taylor-Compton).



Worst, best of 'Star Trek'

LEWIS BEALE
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Forty-three years, six TV series, 10 feature films, numerous video games and hundreds of novels later, "Star Trek" is still with us. Director J.J. Abrams' film, opening Friday, is an origins story, in which the young Kirk and Spock meet, fight, bond and eventually take over the running of the Enterprise. Not surprisingly, fans have been salivating over the imminent arrival of "Star Trek" for at least a Vulcan year.

Not that everything "Trek" has been a wild success. The films, in particular, have been a wildly mixed bag of sci-fi fun and ponderous, futuristic philosophizing. Here are some of the best and worst:

THE WORST

"Star Trek: The Motion Picture" (1979). The first film in the series is grandiose and deadly dull. Full of talk, talk, talk, it satisfied avid Trekkers who were dying to see the Enterprise crew on the big screen, but was just a big bag of gas for non-fans. Still, it managed to gross a very healthy \$82 million in 1979 money, which got the series off to a roaring financial start.

"Star Trek V: The Final Frontier" (1989). Upset that Leonard Nimoy (Spock) had directed two successful "Trek" flicks (III and IV), William Shatner (Kirk) decided to take a shot behind the camera. Bad

move. This tale of a madman who takes over a distant planet is both dramatically uneven and too cute for its own good.

"Star Trek: Nemesis" (2002). Not so much bad as overly familiar. Capt. Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) faces an evil clone of himself, and, well, we've seen it all before.

THE BEST

"Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan" (1982). Buoyed enormously by Ricardo Montalban's scenery-chewing turn as the title villain, this is considered by many to be the best of all the "Trek" films. It's not (see below), but it sure is great pulp fun.

"Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home" (1986). A thoroughly entertaining and often very funny time-travel flick in which the Enterprise crew goes back to 20th century San Francisco to save Earth of the future. Lots of fun is had when it appears that Vulcan Spock's weird looks fit right in with the hippie-dippy gestalt of the Bay Area.

"Star Trek: First Contact" (1996). The best of them all features Picard fighting the evil half-human, half-machine Borg, with Alice Krige totally sexy and creepy as the Borg Queen. Added pleasure comes from James Cromwell as the drunken, rock 'n' roll-lovin' inventor of faster-than-light drive.



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MTV to host casting call

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It seems that that small screen came looking around Cerritos College the past week May 5 to May 7.

According to Renee Bloch, performing arts promoter, a recruiter for MTV's "Parental Control" came by Cerritos College to have students sign up and audition for the show.

The show is about parents who are unhappy with their child's current boyfriend or girlfriend.

So the parents decide to interview perspective suitors who can go on date with their son or daughter.

"Like almost all reality TV shows, it's fake. They are just looking for young actors," Bloch retorted.

"It gives certain people the opportunity and publicity for acting," says Destinie Mane Zepeda, liberal arts major.

Bloch further explained that during the auditions, a couple will be put together to see if they have chemistry.

The "couple" that gets picked will be paid \$250.

It does not matter if it's a heterosexual or a homosexual couple.

Later, the main character will be asked to bring his or her parents to the show.

Everyone is given a script and it takes about three days to shoot.

Nevertheless, students at school did not care too much to be in the show.

"They didn't really do anything. You would expect MTV to be a little more flashy," commented Jose Gonzalez, English major.

Bloch also clarified that Theater Department has nothing to do with the casting agent.

Cerritos in no way sponsored or asked MTV to come to campus.

KISS FM DJ, Boy Toy Jesse visits Cerritos radio show

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KISS FM: Left to right, Tito Benavides, Boy Toy Jesse, Justine Reyes and Ivonne Burciaga join together for B's Mix.

Boy Toy Jesse, KISS FM radio announcer, visited the B's Mix, one of the WPMU.org shows, to support one of his interns Ivonne Burciaga, an radio, television, film major.

He was at Cerritos College on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon; it was B's Mix's last radio show of the semester.

Burciaga, along with communications major Justine Reyes and Tito Benavides, are the voices of B's Mix show.

"It's exciting to be here. It reminds me when I was doing college radio," said Lozano. "A tip that I would give to college students is to not be afraid to work for free at first, people just don't understand that."

Burciaga said, "I have been an intern for KISS for two semesters, and I wanted to bring Boy Toy Jesse, he is an inspiration, he made it to the top. In this industry, you got to be so humble."

Boy Toy Jesse is what he goes by on air; his real name is Jesse Lozano.

"I got the name from my first boss," He said, "I used to wash her car and run errands for her so she named me Boy Toy, you usually get on-air names from someone else."

Boy Toy Jesse is a single dad that has made it in the radio industry.

His show has the No. 1 spot in the Los Angeles market. He is working for the biggest radio station in North America.

Lozano said, "I have been in radio for 10 years, I'd give another 10 years. I want to retire early from radio. I would like to be a motivational speaker."

Reyes said, "I think it was great to have him in our show. I have learned a lot from him, he is not a quitter, he is a single dad."

"It was a beautiful day today, I think that more professionals should come to the college. They are great examples for the students," Benavides said.

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