

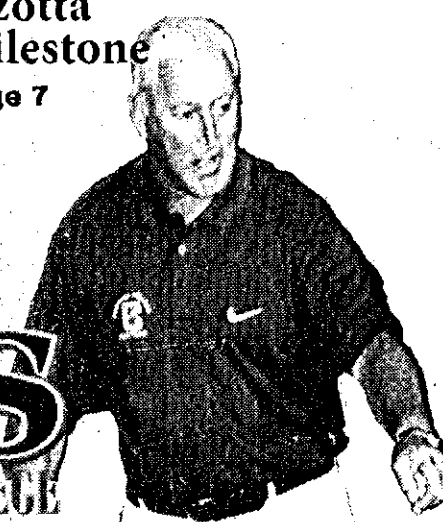


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Mentors guide students for future

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Students from the Cerritos College Disabled Student Programs and Services came back from the 2009 Mentoring Day event with more than just certificates and notes.

A group of 10 students were taken to Loyola Law School on Wednesday by the Cerritos College DSP&S for a day of direct guidance and practical learning experience regarding their future careers from professionals related to various fields.

Aurora Segura, DSP&S counselor at Cerritos, was satisfied with the response from the students and proud of their dynamic participation at the event.

"Cerritos College students stood out from the rest of the groups because they were well-dressed and had a professional attitude," she said.

Child development major Haya Rios, who attended the event for the first time, plans on attending next year too because of her amazing experience.

Her mentor was Richard Ray, Deaf Services coordinator for Deaf and Hard Hearing Services for the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability, Disability Access and Services Division.

Rios asked him about the kind of services he offers to disabled people and how he manages to overcome his own hearing disability.

"It doesn't matter if you are disabled, you still have the opportunity to serve others," she said as an outcome of her meeting with Ray.

Maria Quiroz, psychology major, was paired up with the manager of career management at Los Angeles Job Corps, a free program to train and educate young individuals and assist them with acquiring employment.

Quiroz wants to work as a counselor at Job Corps and therefore her experience at the Mentoring Day was valuable for her future plans.

The level of dedication and organization she observed when she visited the Job Corps site with her mentor really impressed her.

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All hail the queen: Evie Mendoza of the Student Veterans Club celebrates after being crowned 2009 Homecoming queen.

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Cheers for the queen

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In the midst of colorful floats and a football rout, it was Evie Mendoza of the Student Veterans Club who shined the brightest at the end of the 2009 Homecoming activities.

Mendoza was crowned Homecoming Queen during the halftime show at the homecoming game Saturday night.

Homecoming festivities began Sept. 21 when the Homecoming applications were available and proceeded to Oct. 7 and 8 to the

Homecoming Court elections.

Along with six other candidates, clubs were doing all they can to support their princess.

"The Student Veterans Club put a lot of work into it and I'm just happy that it paid off," Mendoza said. "For the last three weeks we were planning the campaign, we actually went out there and campaigned the entire time the polls were open 'til closing time, even the day before."

Representatives from Student Veterans Club were seen every day promoting their princess and their club.

Not only were students participating in

the campaigning process; children from club members were partaking as well.

Christina Leyva, secretary of Student Veterans Club, explained the dedication within their club, "We all worked together as not only a team, but we incorporated family members to make it a family gathering, that's why we won, because we never gave up and we were all there for her 'til the last minute."

Leyva went on to say, "We are making history."

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Dia de Los Muertos appreciated on the Hill

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The dead will walk the earth in parts of Latin America the 2nd of November for the Mexican holiday "Dia de los Muertos". Here at Cerritos, we got an early taste of the celebration last Tuesday.

The Society of Hispanic Professors coordinated the event on the hill and in Falcon Square to teach people about how Mexican culture celebrates life and deals with death.

"Dia de los Muertos" literally translated means "Day of the Dead" in English and the day truly is all about death. This Mexican Holiday honors those who have passed on and is based on Aztec, Mayan, and Spanish beliefs.

It addresses death by celebrating lives of those that have passed while also giving them "ofrendas", or offerings in Spanish. These offerings are presented at altars that the family and friends of the deceased make and decorate with colorful symbols of life and death.

"It's very common to see ofrendas for children," said Niurka Medina-Valin, co-founder of the Society of Hispanic Professors.



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Cerritos College's web site receives a make-over on its home page



New and improved: The new face of the Cerritos College Web site features iFALCON and a more user friendly site.

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"I am very excited and satisfied with the new design, it is more colorful and attractive," Oscar Franco, the ASCC president expressed about the recent change to cerritos.edu.

The new Web site, with the same address, is organized and features columns with drop down links which keeps the clutter away.

The old Web site was cluttered all around whereas the new features in-

clude categorized tabs aiming at efficiency while being on the cerritos.edu.

Instead of lurking around trying to find a link to the information you want, the new Web site's layout takes all the links and organizes them.

The layout puts the links into three major columns, one for students which lists services offered including admissions where MyCerritos can be found.

The middle column puts a spotlight on Cerritos College and includes a calendar tab, media tab, and success stories about past Cerritos alumni.

The third one is a campus guide with links to parking, employment, and faculty and staff.

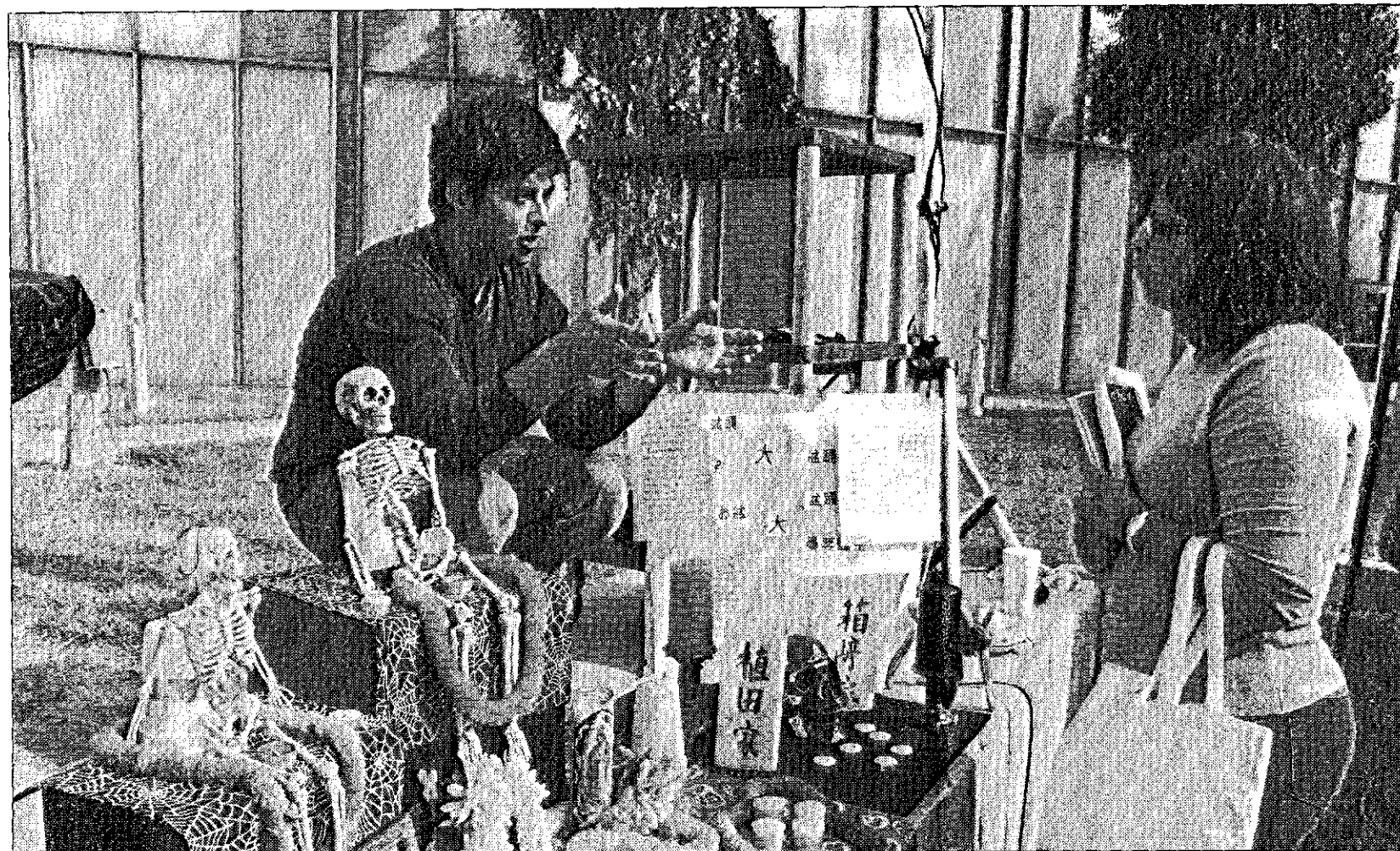
The new Web site is user friendly, with the help of "Google Translate," transforms the page to Spanish, Korean, and Chinese.

It also has links to make the font bigger or smaller to accommodate to your view. Cerritos.edu is aimed at making it easier for students to log on and check for new updates on Cerritos. The web site can be used to register, sign up for classes, and check for calendar events.



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Explaining Obon: Engineering major and anthropology club member Erik Martos explains the Buddhist custom of Obon, which is honoring and mourning ancestors, and its importance to anthropology major Avis Mireles. Mireles was one of the many students who enjoyed the "Day of the Dead" displays out on The Hill on Tuesday.

Muertos: Dead on campus

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Many groups from Cerritos made an effort to give back to the dead. Students from the EOPS/ AIM program set up their own altar on stage at the hill.

"They put candy up there, literature, traditional Mexican dolls, someone even baked a cake," said Henrietta Hurtado, counselor for EOPS/AIM. She says that it's a great way to instill pride in her students.

Anything left at these altars are meant for the dead but at the end of the celebration, the family of the deceased will reclaim their offerings, especially when it's food. "It is said that the muertos (dead in Spanish) only eat the essence of the food," said Professor Medina-Valin.

The food presented also represents death among other things. Bread and corn products are representative of flesh and salt is a protective gift used to ward off bad spirits.

Confections shaped as symbols of death are even used to show fearlessness and acceptance. "Indirectly, you're telling death I don't fear you, I can eat you," said Professor Medina-Valin.

Mexico's treatment of death isn't what most westerners would call normal, but many cultures around the world see the lighter side of death and have their own ways of celebrating ancestral ties and mourning the dead in a positive way.

"We all die, so why should we be afraid of death? We know it's coming so let's celebrate life," added Medina-Valin.

Puente Club was also part of the celebration

by setting up their own altars and vending Mexican food to raise money for a trip to Northern California.

Puente Club vice president Rigo Arenas said that for him the holiday's purpose was "To remember our dead, you know they're gone but they're still in our heart, people still love them."

One of the main beliefs of the Day of the Dead is that if people are still talking about you, that you are still alive in this world in some way. So remembering and talking about the lives of those who have passed on is the most important part of this holiday.

Mentor Day: DSP&S inspired by mentors

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"It was very interesting to see how well organized the Job Corps is and how it helps its students to get a career. It really cares about students and their needs," she said.

Tammy Brillinger, liberal arts major, also visited the Job Corps site, but focused on the office and computer skills department as well as the technological supervision at the center.

Brillinger, who is interested in becoming an elementary school teacher, didn't go to the Job Corps center with the idea of planning on joining it in the future someday, but now her experience has motivated her to reconsider her future plans.

At the site, she observed different kinds of classes going on and the various methods of teaching being applied.

"I think this experience has opened up more doors for me, and I am looking into the possibility of applying for a teaching position at Job Corps," she said incredibly delighted with her experience.

At the end of the day, all the students gathered at Loyola for dinner and shared their experience.

Betty Wilson, director of Community Affairs with the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability, and Theresa May De Vera, commissioner for the City of Los Angeles Commission on Disability, were

the guest speakers at the event who motivated the students and shared their own experiences with disability issues.

Students were also informed about their rights in the society and in the workplace.

"I felt very welcomed, and I think there is a world out there waiting for me," Quiroz said.

Overall the feedback from the students was positive, but Quiroz felt that the event needs to be advertised more extensively so that more students can benefit from it.

Furthermore, Brillinger believes that such a valuable event needs to go on for a longer period of time.

"At the event so many things go on, and if it is extended just a little bit more then it would be great. But (Disability Rights Legal Center at Loyola) still did an excellent job of trying to get us to sites where we had to go," she said.

Contrary to the popular trend of budget cuts hurting departments at Cerritos, Segura believe it did not really affect this year's Mentoring Day.

"The response level from the students were pretty much the same as last year, and the only issue we faced due to budget cuts was not being able to hire a bus instead of two vans to provide transportation to the students. We want to be able to take as many students as possible to the event," she explained.

Queen: Mendoza wins the crown

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Mendoza joins Student Trustee Felipe Grimaldo in making a name for Student Veteran's Club.

Mendoza believes that being queen will help promote her club. "Basically it means you're representing your school in a positive way. The only reason we were doing this was to create more awareness for the club and I think we've accomplished that."

Aside from the winning party, Lara Castaneda sponsored by International Student Association and Suzette Vega sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa also enjoyed the Homecoming events.

"It was really fun and exciting, something very memorable that I'll never forget," Castaneda said.

"Running for homecoming queen was a great experience to join together and unite," Vega expressed.

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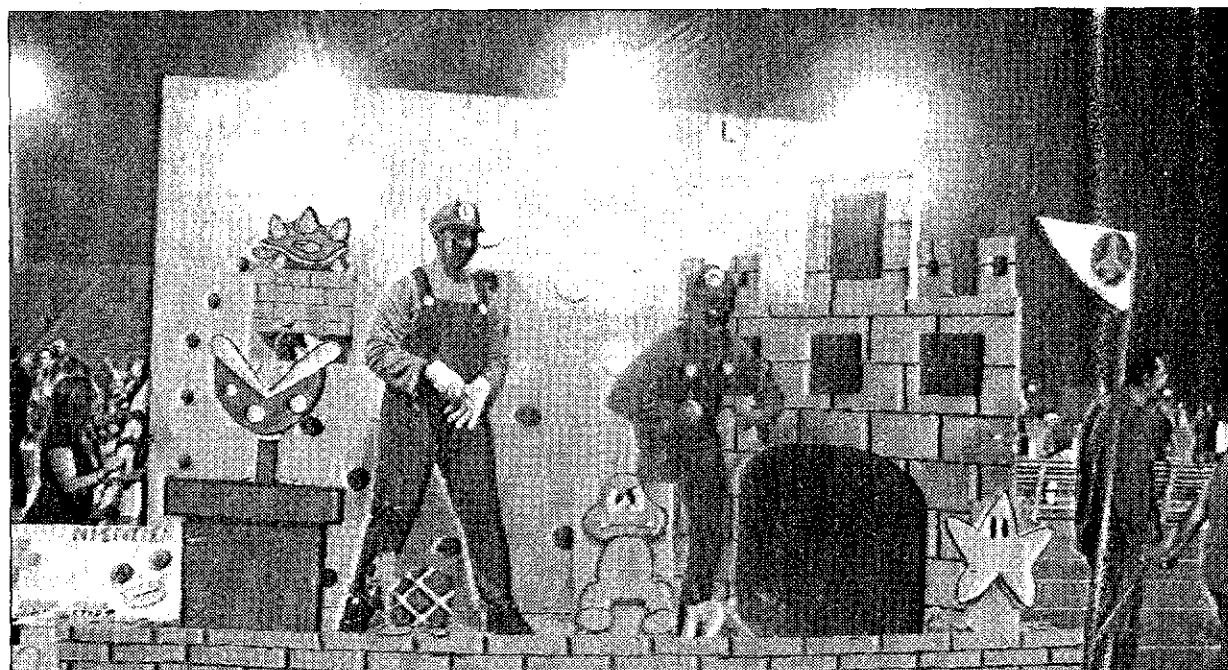
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Math Club with "The Count"

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Kabarkada Club with "Power Puff Girls"

Cerritos College had its annual Homecoming event on Oct. 24.

The event featured 20 different floats built by their respective clubs. This year's theme was "animated favorites." Some of the different floats that were included were "Finding Nemo," "Family Guy," "The Flintstones," and the childhood cartoon classic, "The Smurfs."

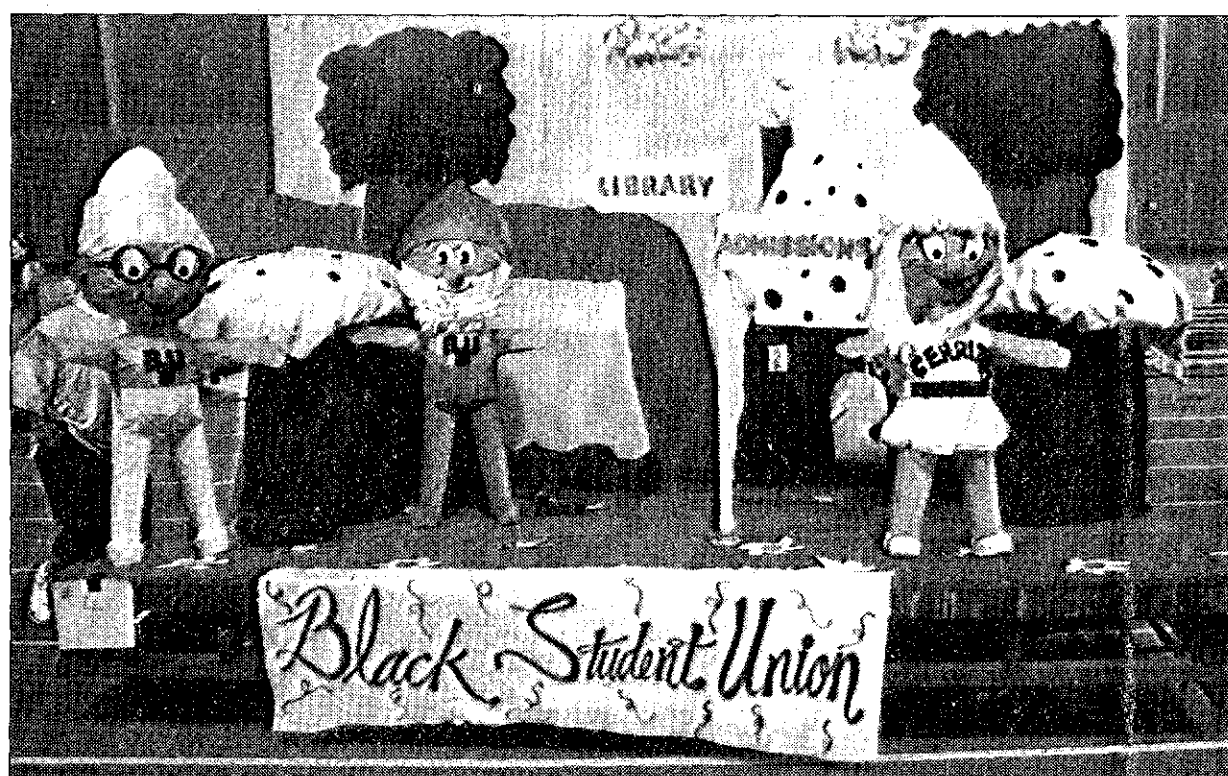
All the clubs entered with hopes of getting recognized with a win in one of the various different categories. Some of those were: best utilization of theme, most unusual, best

design, most humorous, most educational and best overall.

There were 13 different categories overall. The most coveted award, best overall went to the Dental hygiene club who's theme was the Flinstones: The smiley molar.

The Crowning of the new Homecoming Queen, Evie Mendoza, was also part of the many festivities that were sandwiched between the first and second half of the football game, in which the Falcons came out victorious over Riverside, 58-17.

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•EDITORIAL•

What people do for airtime

People need to stop being selfish, inconsiderate, annoying, ridiculous, attention-craving individuals.

The recent hoax performed by Richard Heene of Colorado used his 6-year-old son and made the media believe that he had floated away in a giant balloon, when in reality the boy was hiding in the attic the entire time, it was completely and utterly foolish and irresponsible on his part.

Have people really stooped that low and have complete disregard now for the safety of their children as long as it is a means of getting publicized?

It is ridiculous, selfish, irresponsible and most of all it is absurd.

People who do imbecilic moves like that deserve to get a slap in the face or better yet, a slap of reality.

Grow up. Wake up and realize that all your efforts are in vain.

Why not get publicity for something good and sensible?

Why not focus all your energy in doing something that

will contribute to society or benefit you in a way that does not make you look cretinous and does not put others in danger?

It is shameful for people to seek attention by committing such ridiculous stunts.

Whether it be to trigger opportunities such as getting your own reality TV show, book deal, or even getting your face on TV, it is something to be looked down upon and frowned on.

Grow up, mature and realize that by doing such ridiculous things you only make yourself look completely dumb.

Yes, you will get publicity, but is degrading yourself and being made to look like an idiot to the entire world really worth it?

But if publicity is what you want then go right ahead, knock yourself out. Dumb yourself out. In twenty years you most likely won't even be remembered and if you are, you will be remembered as just another idiot who did something stupid.

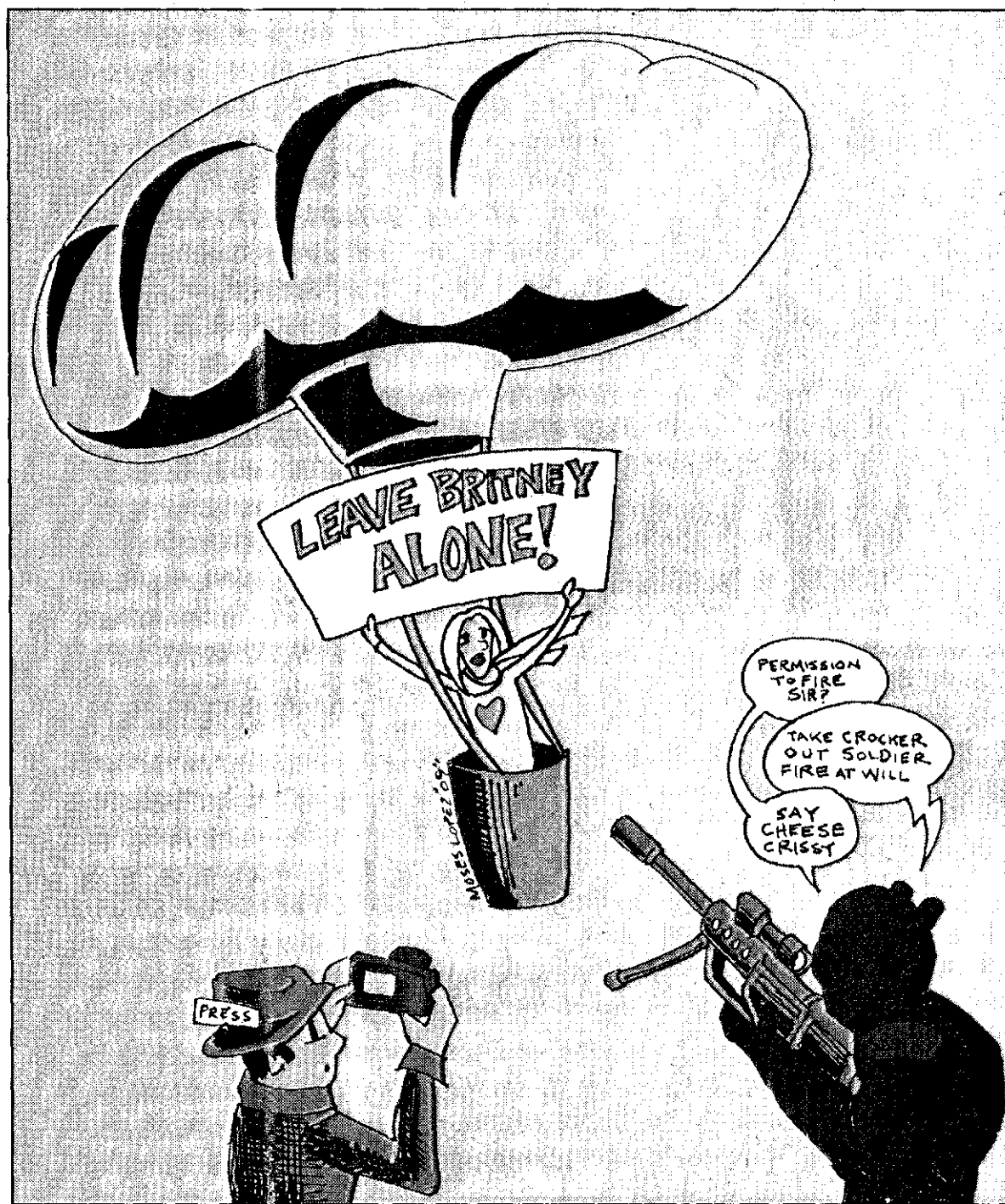


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Monsters aren't the only things to fear

Staying safe for the Halloween season

Halloween is the time of year where an individual can dress as he pleases without judging eyes; where one can finally live his dream of being a banana or crayon for just one night.

For many children, it is also the perfect excuse to eat candy all night long.

But it is one of the most dangerous nights for children.

As many children gear up for a night of trick or treating, it is important for parents to talk to their little princesses or super heroes about taking necessary steps to being safe.



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The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children released helpful tips to parents on how to keep their children safe during Halloween.

Many of these tips suggest never letting young children go off on their own.

Some other tips include:

- Make sure children never approach unknown vehicles
- Plan a route to take when trick or treating

- Never allow children to eat unwrapped or homemade goodies
- Teaching children basic pedestrian rules.

According to an article in Tennessee.com, "Children are more than twice as likely to be killed by a car while walking on Halloween than any other night of the year."

In the article, an analysis of deaths was taken from 2002-2006. It showed that children ages 14 and under are susceptible to being hit by a car on Halloween during the hours of 4 to 10 p.m.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children also stated on its Web site that, "Nearly 94 percent of children between the ages of 4 and 12 participate

in Halloween activities each year."

With a high percentage of children partaking in the festivities of Halloween, it is an open invitation to all child predators.

Last Monday, 7-year-old Somer Thompson vanished while walking home from school.

Last Wednesday, her body was found in a landfill.

After bickering with her twin brother and 10-year-old sister, Thompson walked ahead from the two and was never seen again.

Keeping your children or younger siblings close at all times can make the difference of a fun-filled night or a horrific, tragic Halloween.

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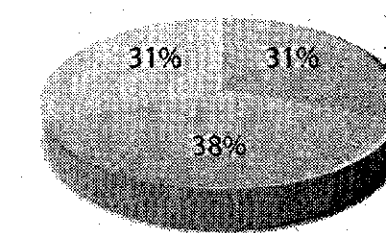
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JOSEPH MONTOYA
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"Unless I'm showing my artwork on TV, then nothing else matters"



American economy in need of legal marijuana

Amongst one of the largest economic downfalls that the United States has seen since the Great Depression, there is plenty of speculation and wide spread support for the legalization of marijuana. Many of which can be suspect at best.

Perhaps on the largest arguments is how could the government overlook marijuana as a capitalist source of income during these troubling times.

In a study done by Harvard professors, it is estimated that the legalization of marijuana would save taxpayers \$10-14 billion each year.

Over 300 different top U.S. economists, including Milton Friedman, also endorsed this conclusion.

While there is no doubt that the legalization of marijuana would be an immediate solution to a lot of the countries' financial hardships, but how would it affect the country in the long run?

Furthermore when do you start compromising one's well-being for financial gain?

During the Great Depression, it was Franklin Delano Roosevelt that went on record saying, "I think this would be a good time for beer."

Of course, referring to his first seven days of his first term that managed to pass a bill that in-turn legalized beer.

In the consequential two days, brewing companies in Milwaukee hired more than 600 workers, paid more than \$10 million in taxes and contributed more than \$12 million for delivery trucks to deliver the



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products and distributors, to once again, "start the flow," spent countless millions.

With facts like these, it is easy to jump on the bandwagon and support the legalization of marijuana.

However, what we do not see from facts are the underlined effects on a society when a new, previous illegal substance is introduced. I am by no means saying that weed is a new drug or that weed is a brand new substance that would spread the globe as fast as the H1N1 virus. The point that I am trying to make is that marijuana's legalization would lead to things that we as a society have never seen before.

Almost immediately, you would see the instant effects with marijuana bars, marijuana stores, marijuana advertisements and yet more and more people driving under the influence coming to and from these establishments.

With intoxicated automobile accidents already at a record high, it seems legalization of yet another source of inebriation is, for lack of a better word, ridiculous.

In 2007, there were approximately 782,000 arrests for marijuana possession.

While this number would undoubtedly diminish, think of the ef-

fects on the horde of underground dealers and suppliers who would in turn have to move onto other means of financial stability. Means that, from an outside perspective could appear to be even more dangerous.

This could mean increased cocaine, crystal and perhaps even gun sales right in your own backyard.

While there are many different factors that come into play when it comes to the legalization there is one incontrovertible fact, marijuana is a drug, regardless of any excuses people make for it. Whether saying that its a "natural plant" that grows from the ground, or that it is not "as addictive" as other drugs, it is still a drug. Regardless of any excuses one can think of it is imperative to understand why exactly marijuana is still illegal and why Barack Obama, even before putting his hand on the Lincoln Bible during his inauguration said, he would not support the legalization.

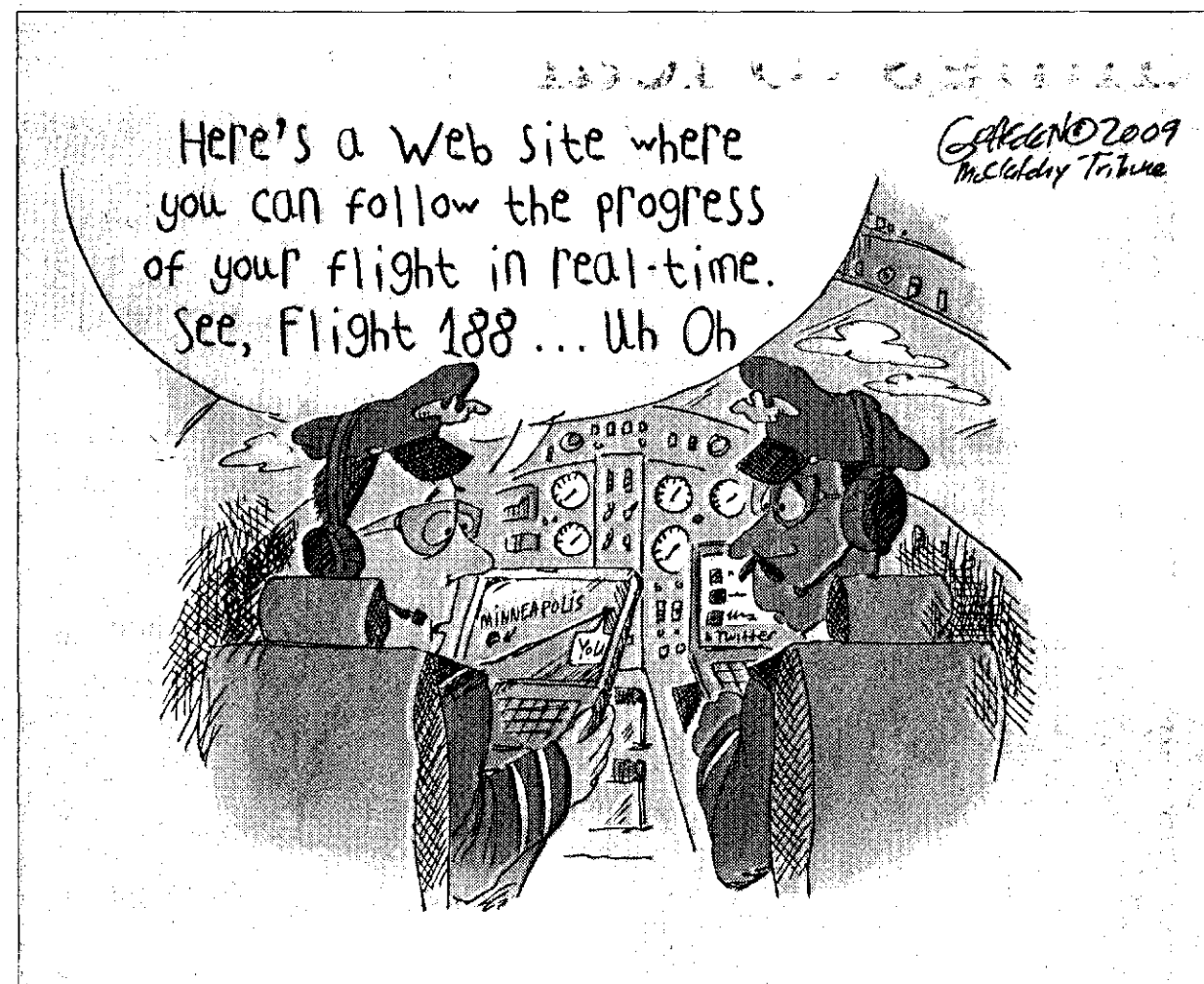
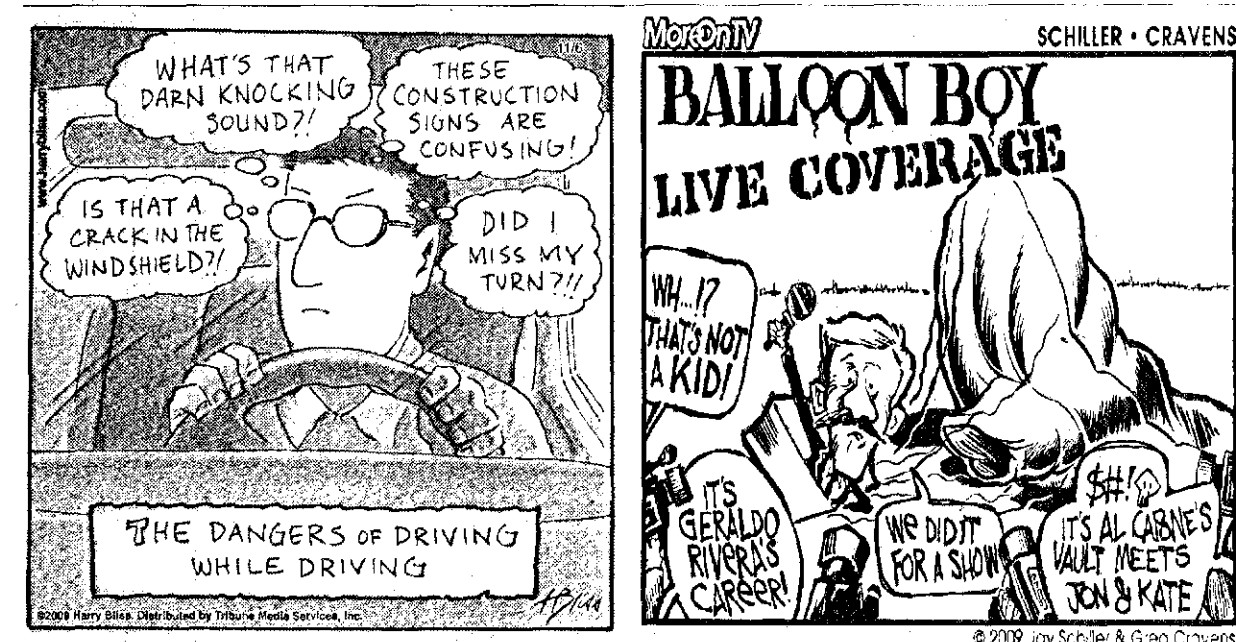
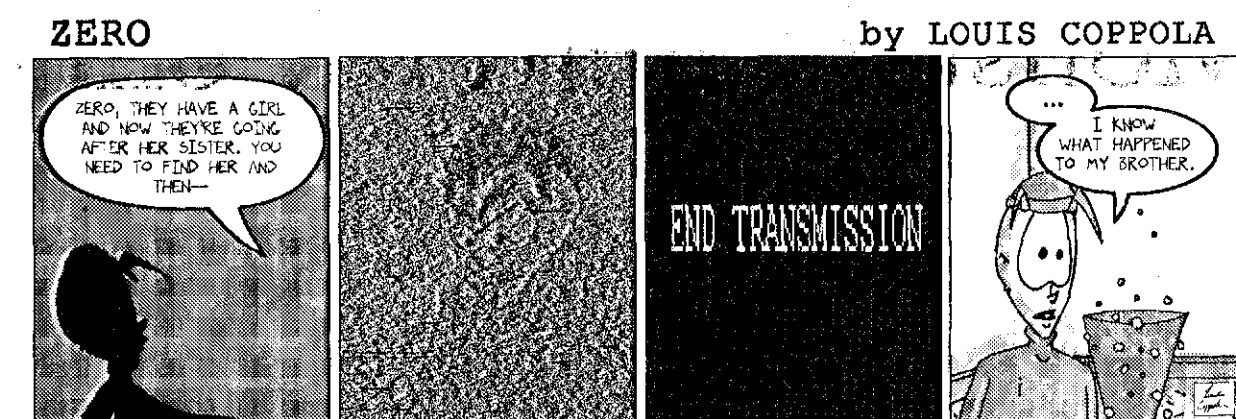
It is also very important to understand that even though the affects of marijuana consumption may not seem "as detrimental" as the affects of other "hardcore" drugs there are no long term research that proves that it does not.

So for those who look at the past and Roosevelt's actions in 1933 and try to make a connection with the marijuana debates of the 21st century, I ask one question. Do two wrongs make a right?

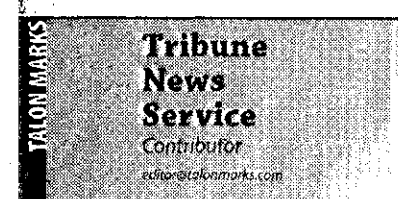
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The Nation's health care system is still underway and improving



A sweeping overhaul of the nation's health-care system cannot be considered much of a success if it still leaves millions of Americans without health insurance.

So while the approval of a reform measure by the key Senate Finance Committee was a turning point, the work of congressional lawmakers and the White House is far from finished.

The Baucus bill would impose needed reforms to prevent insurers from refusing or dropping coverage. It would require most people to obtain health insurance, or pay a penalty. And it would provide billions in subsidies so that low-income

citizens and legal residents can purchase coverage.

But the Senate's middle-of-the-road approach would fall short by leaving 25 million people without insurance. The key reason: While respecting Obama's reasonable plea for a deficit-neutral plan, Baucus simply doesn't do enough to drive down the cost of care.

In part, the Baucus bill falters because it tracks other congressional proposals that indulge the health-care industry and labor lobbyists who have beaten a well-funded path from their K Street offices to Capitol Hill.

These interest groups have succeeded in minimizing the discomfort to various stakeholders hospitals, drug makers, employers, and unionized employees with generous workplace coverage. Proposals to squeeze savings or require that employers provide coverage have been watered down, leaving less money

to devote to covering the uninsured.

At the same time, the mandate that all Americans purchase health insurance has been weakened. With a yearly penalty of only \$750 a year, the Baucus measure would enable millions of young, healthy adults to delay buying insurance with confidence that they could get it if they got sick. That means the insurance pool would be smaller, and more expensive, for everyone else.

Against that backdrop, it's glaringly obvious that the Baucus bill's chief shortcoming is that it doesn't provide for a Medicare-style government health plan to compete with private insurers.

In the same way that government health programs have succeeded in insuring 23 million children, and that seniors no longer fear health insecurity in retirement, Congress must face up to the need for a health-care safety net for working-age Americans.





Play that catchy tune: Valley Christian Middle School Jazz Band director, Erik Kooi introduces his band to the audience at the Cerritos College Jazz Exchange.

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'Lullaby of Cerritos' is played

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Dr. David Betancourt, director of bands, and orchestra presented his annual jazz exchange concert on Oct. 22 in the Cerritos College Student Center.

The instrumental ensembles draw from a vast array of musicians ranging in age from 10-80. Programs from across Southern California such as Special Admit, and College bridge allows high school, and younger students to be apart of the ensemble, in the past few years Cerritos has played with students from Artesia High, Cerritos High, Downey High, La Mirada High,

Los Alamitos High, Norwalk High, and Santa Fe Springs High.

"I've been playing since I was in fourth grade, and I'm in ninth now," said Dewey Clark, Los Alamitos High School student.

This years exchange featured the Valley Christian Middle School Jazz Band, and the Cerritos College Jazz Ensemble.

The Valley Christian band played three songs, and one along with the Cerritos.

Betancourt had this to say about the middle school performers "The middle school have only been playing for a month and a half, it's impressive."

Both bands played covers of songs from a

wide variety of jazz artists such as:

- Spencer Williams
- Doug Beach
- Stevie Wonder
- Charles Calhoun
- Dizzy Gillespie

"It was very diverse, there were several types of jazz, it was upbeat and kept my attention," said Ben Klafke, education history major.

The Cerritos band not only performed instrumental songs, but also songs with vocals sung by Cynthia Hernandez.

"It was very interesting, and the singer was amazing," exclaimed Orlando Martinez, music major.

Cosmetology student styles future for himself right into fame

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Jason Tate is a cosmetology student at Cerritos College, and he is heralded by instructors as one of the best students.

His sister, a graduate of Cerritos College, introduced him to the art of hair styling.

"My sister graduated from Cerritos and she now owns her own salon," Tate said.

Tate is a first-year student, and has been attending Cerritos College for just five months.

"I still have five to six months left here," Tate said.

Tate has had experience with cosmetology even before attending Cerritos College.

"I worked for a salon in Beverly Hills called Jonathan's for a time, as an apprentice," he said.

The salon offered him hands-on training.

The salon owner also had a show, "Blowout," on the television network, Bravo, while Tate was still an apprentice.

"The salon closed before I could finish my apprenticeship," Tate said.

Tate dreams of owning his own salon once he obtains his degree, focusing mainly on hair styling.

"Since my sister introduced me to hair styling, it's been my passion," Tate said.

Tate was studying cosmetology

theory during his apprenticeship, but the salon closed down before he could finish.

Jeanne Johnson, cosmetology instructor, said, "Tate has a lot of experience from working with Jonathan's, and he is also a very charismatic person. He has great people skills, and in this field, it's a must."

"I love every aspect of what I do, but its the atmosphere and the people that I love most," he said.

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Jason has a lot of experience from working with Jonathan's, and he is also a very charismatic person.

— JJ Johnson
Cosmetology instructor

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Tate was a former trainee firefighter, but he had to quit his training due to a back injury.

"It hurt, but I have found a new passion, and that is hair-styling," Tate said.

Tate is very focused on his career, and he dreams of owning a salon in the Los Angeles or Orange County areas.

"He is also very technical and he is also a perfectionist, wanting to do his very best every time, and that is what makes him so good at what he does. He strives to accomplish his best," Johnson said.

Tate is one of the best students to come from Cerritos in a few years, she said.

"Jason has the potential ability, the drive and the determination to be a very successful stylist. He is very focused on his dream," Johnson said.

Jason has been styling for three years and he worked for Jonathan's for about two years before it closed.

The new 'Saw' is ready to cut a new meaning to the word horror

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"A Nightmare on Elm Street," "Friday the 13th," and "Halloween" all reached their respective sixth installments with rapidly decreasing enthusiasm.

Jigsaw plays the horror franchise game differently, however.

"Saw VI," directed by Kevin Greutert, blows you away, proving that it doesn't have to be redundant and it can still be fresh and exciting.

The traps in "Saw VI" not only lived up to the high bar that "Saw" traps have set in the past, but they had a new twist to them.

Before, traps would involve one to eight people, and everyone had a chance to survive, as long as they played by the rules.

This time around, we get a new kind of game, where the victims compete with one another. Some will die and others may live.

The main game follows William (Peter Outerbridge), who works at a health insurance company.

One of the people William denied coverage was Jigsaw (Tobin Bell) himself when he was seeking cancer treatment. Jigsaw feels William ultimately killed him.

It was William's test to decide who lives and who dies in a series of traps. Jigsaw wanted to show him that his

personal policies don't necessarily match the policies of insurance companies.

The other point of the story was following Det. Mark Hoffman (Costas Mandylor), who has just framed Det. Peter Strahm for being the next Jigsaw.

The scenes following Hoffman were incredibly suspenseful. They make you constantly wonder if the FBI agents know the truth about Hoffman when they talk to him.

"Saw VI" not only created a fresh story, but also revealed some elements of the series that were far overdue.

Finding out what was written on the letter to Amanda (Shawnee Smith) in "Saw III" was a relief and was also surprising.

That's not to mention finding out what was in the box in "Saw V" that was given to Jigsaw's ex-wife, Jill Tuck (Betsy Russell), was amazing as well.

A word of warning to those that see "Saw VI," the ending will leave you eager to see "Saw VII" next year.

Movie Review

Saw VI

Starring: Tobin Bell
Director: Kevin Greutert
Rating: ★★★★★

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Volleyball
Vs. Long Beach 6 p.m.

Wrestling
@ East Los Angeles 7 p.m.

Friday

Soccer
Men @ ECC Compton 2 p.m.
Women @ ECC Compton 4 p.m.

Volleyball
@ El Camino 6 p.m.

Saturday

Cross Country
Men @ Leggs Lake, El Monte
(So. Coast Championship) 9 a.m.
Women @ Leggs Lake, El Monte
(So. Coast Championship) 9 a.m.

Football
@ College of the Desert 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Soccer
Men vs. Long Beach 1 p.m.
Women vs. Long Beach 3 p.m.

RESULTS

Last Wed. 10/21

Water Polo
Men vs. Long Beach L, 7-12
Women vs. Long Beach W, 6-4

Volleyball
@ LA Trade-Tech W, 25-10, 25-12, 25-11

Last Fri. 10/23

Water Polo
Men vs. Santa Ana W, 12-7
Men vs. LA Valley W, 14-10

Soccer
Men vs. Mt. San Antonio W, 2-2
Women vs. Mt. San Antonio W, 4-0

Last Sat. 10/24

Water Polo
Men vs. Fullerton W, 10-9
Men vs. Orange Coast W, 8-6

Football
vs. Riverside W, 54-17

Last Tues. 10/27

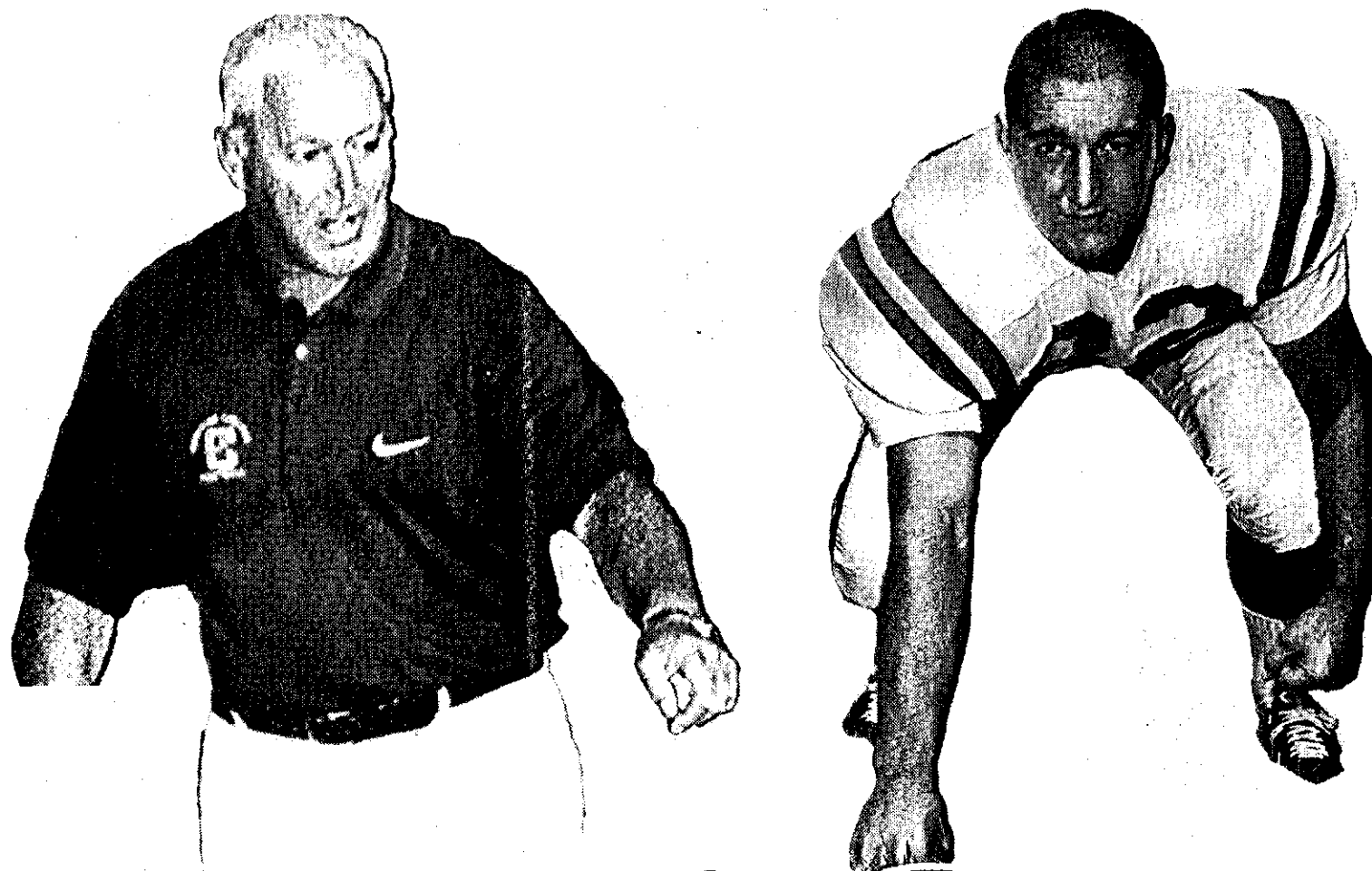
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Men @ Pasadena City W, 8-0
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Cerritos Football



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After 32 years, head coach Frank Mazzotta reached his 200th victory, all for Cerritos

Check out a special slideshow commemorating Coach Mazzotta's historic achievement at talonmarks.com

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In the win against Citrus College on Oct. 17, coach Frank Mazzotta earned the 200th win of his career at Cerritos.

"Our 6-0 record this season and the great group of players we have makes the accomplishment all the more special."

The past few seasons for Mazzotta have not been up to his standard of football, but the 100+ players he has to work with this season have been exactly what he has expected.

It is important to Mazzotta that he be able to share the win with the players he has this season saying, "As a group, they have put in the hard work and never stopped competing, even when mistakes were made."

Mazzotta expressed that players he has coached in the past few seasons didn't have the maturity and competitiveness to make the type of comeback victory that was made in the 200th win against Citrus.

"A mixture of the bye week, the weather, and lack of sharpness turned into a few fumbles

and interceptions, but this group keeps fighting and competing."

Mazzotta couldn't express enough how grateful and proud he felt to have such a group of committed and mature players.

"If we would have just had a losing or subpar record so far, today would just be another day for me, but it's a great accomplishment coaches don't earn often."

He also said that what makes the accomplishment so special is the fact that he can tell the players have bought into the football program and they want to win for him.

Earning his 201st victory versus Riverside College was also a good feeling for Mazzotta.

He humorously stated, "our new school president, Linda Lacy, came from Riverside so there was a little motivation in that."

Mazzotta also sees a bright future ahead as well with new freshman talent that has played well so far.

"Although they may be a little slow to buy into the system and maturity factor it takes, our older players are stepping up well as leaders," he said.

Falcons stay unbeaten on the year

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Running back Tylik Carter ran for four touchdowns, which was more than enough to propel the Cerritos College football team to a 58-17 victory over Riverside in Saturday's homecoming game.

Carter tallied 11 carries for 163 rushing yards in the game.

"(Carter) has been our leader. He's a vocal leader and we expect that," Mazzotta said.

The Falcons improved to 7-0 for the season and look to continue their unbeaten streak when they face College of the Desert next Saturday.

Cerritos has yet to face top-seeded teams El Camino and Mt. SAC, but head coach Frank Mazzotta said he will not overlook the game against College of the Desert next week.

"Traveling is always tough. We still need to play tough against College of the Desert," Mazzotta said.

Cerritos scored on its first four drives before back up quarterback BJ Denker fumbled. But at that point, it was already 24-7.

"Our big deal is to score in the first possession. When (Morales) makes good decisions, (Cerritos) is good," Mazzotta said.

The offense, which has been consistently efficient all year, scored 30 or more points in a game for the sixth time in seven games.

In its first drive, Cerritos came out throwing with three consecutive passing plays.

It kept the drive balanced with a few hand-offs to Carter, one for four yards and the other for seven.

Quarterback Chris Morales' throw to wide receiver Michael Willie was called pass interference, setting up a first and goal for the Falcons.

Carter cashed in the first points of the game with a two-yard run in a drive that lasted only 1:42. It capped off a six-play, 70-yard drive.

Cerritos entered halftime leading, 38-10, racking up 425 total yards on offense and three touchdowns for Carter.

Early in the third quarter, already leading, 44-10, Carter ran for his fourth and final touchdown of the night.

What seemed to be a short gain for a first down, resulted in a 75-yard touchdown run.

"I was just trying to get the first down and move the chains, but I saw the big hole and had to take it all the way," Carter explained.

While Cerritos kept scoring, Riverside also hurt itself committing 19 penalties for 168 yards in the game.

In addition to the high number of penalties, Riverside's offense could not get into any offensive rhythm.

Cerritos recorded 10 tackles for a loss, including a standout performance by defensive end Darryl Johnson, who contributed with 2.5 sacks and two forced fumbles.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball

The Falcons swept LA Trade-Tech in straight sets on Oct. 21, to improve to 6-3 in conference play and 9-5 overall.

Freshman Channele Puou led the way with 14 kills, and sophomore Krystal Luna added six service aces to go along with five digs. Sophomore Yawen Zhan accounted for nine kills and a pair of blocks, with freshman Sarah Rodriguez contributing four kills.

The Falcons will team up with the Side-Out Foundation when they host rivals Long Beach on Wednesday for their Dig for a Cure event, promoting and raising funds for breast cancer awareness. On Friday, they travel to El Camino to take on the top-ranked Warriors.

Soccer

Women: Cerritos avenged its only loss of the season by beating Mt. San Antonio 4-0 on Friday.

After a scoreless first half, the Falcons scored four second-half goals. With the win, Cerritos is now ranked No. 4 in the nation, with a 7-1 conference record, and 14-1 overall.

The team will next travel to ECC Compton on Friday, before hosting

rival Long Beach on Tuesday afternoon.

Men: The team went to 6-1-1 in conference play after a 2-2 draw against Mt. San Antonio. Two late goals from the Mounties evened the contest after first-half strikes from Luis Gonzalez and Paul Montalvo. The Falcons are now ranked No. 3 in the nation.

They travel to ECC Compton Friday and host Long Beach on Tuesday.

Football

The football team continued its unbeaten start to the season by beating Riverside 54-17 and improving to 6-0 on the year.

Running back Tylik Carter ran for four touchdowns and 163 yards on only 11 carries. The win at the homecoming game gave the team its best start to the season since it went undefeated in the 1965 season.

Wrestling

The Cerritos grapplers fell to Santa Ana, 33-6, on Oct. 21, for the second time in a week.

With the loss, Cerritos dropped to 6-3 overall and 0-1 in the SCC. Cer-

ritos only won two of the 10 weights, as sophomore Caleb Gerl won at 184 pounds and freshman Jose Lopez won his match at 285 pounds.

The team will continue its conference matches when it travels to East LA on Wednesday.

Water Polo

Women: Cerritos narrowly beat visiting Long Beach, 6-4, on Oct. 21. Natalie Peng led the team with two goals, while Miranda Bakke posted eight saves.

The team has one game left before the Conference Championships. They will face off against Pasadena City on Wednesday at home.

Men: Cerritos lost to Long Beach City College the day of the ribbon cutting ceremony at the aquatics center, but went on to win the Golden West Tournament on Oct. 23-24.

The Falcons went undefeated in the tournament with wins against Santa Ana, LA Valley, Fullerton and Orange Coast. Goalkeeper Justin Calderon had 9 saves versus Fullerton and 13 saves against Orange Coast.

Jon Canizales scored the game-winning goal in the fourth quarter of the victory versus Fullerton. The team will next play in the Conference Championships on Nov. 5-7.

Falcons ascend Mt. SAC to reclaim first place in conference

Falcons avenge only loss of the season by beating conference rivals.

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Women's soccer continued its winning ways with a 4-0 victory on Friday versus Mt. San Antonio College.

Although the Falcons started out slow and played the first half with very little aggression, they came out in the second half scoring early and often.

Cerritos Women's soccer travels to Pasadena City College Tuesday, looking to improve its conference record to 8-1-0 and sustain the team's first-place lead in SCC play.

Freshman Ruby Leon, who scored the first goal for Cerritos early in that second half, explained "in the first half we were just being too patient and tried to capitalize on the Mt. SAC mistakes instead of attacking them."

Attacking the Mt. SAC defense is exactly what the Falcons did in that second half, using their speed and keeping the opposition on its heels, pushing the ball up the field and creating scoring situations.



Around and through: Ruby Leon during Friday's 4-0 victory.

Cerritos continued that aggressive play the remainder of the game, getting opportunities to score time after time and freshman Morgan Thompson was thankful to fellow freshman Virdiana Ortega, whose missed goal attempt made an easy goal for Thompson.

"We just play so aggressively that if one of us misses a goal, we have the skills and teamwork to complete the play," Thompson said.

The Falcons rightfully took their first place standing in SCC play against Mt. SAC by spreading the field and passing the ball to one another.

This kept the opposing team defensive-minded and unable to create any scoring opportunities of its own.

Cerritos' sharp passing and speed in particular, kept Mt. SAC at a disadvantage the entire second half as the Falcons won in a convincing fashion.

A pass from freshman Miranda Madrid to sophomore Nancy Gandarilla created an easy goal for Gandarilla, who also scored all three goals for the Falcons in the previous win versus East LA.

Leon also created a scoring situation in the closing minutes of the game when her kick was tipped into the net by Mt. SAC player Brianna Joseph.



Keep 'em guessing: Cerritos' Rudy Hernandez (right) fakes out Mt. SAC defender Jose Gonzalez in Friday's 2-2 tie at Cerritos.

Unhappy ending in tie

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Cerritos and Mt. SAC are huge rivals, dating back to last season's state final in which Cerritos came out victorious.

A few weeks ago they faced off for the first time this year and lost, 2-1.

This time around, Cerritos was focused, angry, and motivated to beat Mt. SAC in a huge statement game in conference play.

The men's soccer team took on rival Mt. SAC this past Wednesday, and tied, 2-2, in conference play.

Though many feel Cerritos was robbed, anyone watching the game could tell where the calls were going, as Mt. SAC received nearly ten minutes of stoppage time in the 90th minute, and scored.

Shortly after the tying goal, the whistle

was blown, ending the game in a tie in a match where Cerritos clearly dominated.

"We came out and beat Mt. SAC in every facet of the game except refereeing. It was absolute highway robbery," exclaimed head coach Benny Artiaga.

Cerritos struck first in the match. Eight minutes into the half, Luis Gonzalez scored off a rebound from a teammate's shot.

In the 27th minute, Paul Montalvo scored the second goal giving Cerritos a 2-0 lead.

Cerritos held on to the 2-0 lead into the 84th minute where the controversy all started.

Aaron Salazar, of Mt. SAC, appeared to be offside, but the sideline referee didn't call the offside.

He then went on to beat Danny Lizama for Mt. SAC's first goal.

"He was off by three yards," said Artiaga.

The Cerritos defenders froze, waiting for the flag, and were outraged when nothing was called.

Eight minutes into stoppage time, Spencer Jones of Mt. SAC chipped the ball over the defenders and into the top right hand corner of the goal, tying the game.

The whistle was blown about a minute later. Mt. SAC erupted in cheers and celebration, Cerritos didn't feel the same way.

Many Cerritos players came up to the referee at midfield screaming. Coach Artiaga sent them away to give the referee a piece of his mind, telling him that he would send the tape to the SCC officials and get him fired.

"We played absolutely the best match we've ever played here in the history of our program," said Artiaga.

It remains to be seen what will come of the appeal to SCC officials.

Peng, women's water polo hang tough against rivals Long Beach

Cerritos holds onto narrow lead to beat the Vikings.

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Natalie Peng's pair of goals led the Cerritos women's water polo team in a narrow 6-4 victory over conference rivals Long Beach on Wednesday.

Playing in front of a packed house, it was a close, physical contest, but the Falcons were able to take an early 2-1 lead after the first quarter, and hold on until the final whistle.

The win pushed the Falcons' record to 6-0 in conference and 25-1 overall, while Long Beach dropped to 5-1 in conference play.

With a boisterous crowd to cheer them on, the Falcons jumped out to an early lead courtesy of a goal from Peng, followed by a shot from 15 meters out by Crystle Casarez.

"This definitely was the biggest turnout we've ever had," Peng pointed out.

"It pumped us up to hear all the cheering. It's nice to have that kind of support."

The two sides traded goals in the second quarter. Peng's second goal of the day was matched by Kimberly Briggs to make the score a meager 3-2 at the half.

The Falcons extended their lead to 4-2 in the third quarter off of an Angie Silva goal, but the Vikings pulled back within one, with only 12 seconds left, thanks to a goal from Alexandria Blank.

In the final quarter, goals from Cerritos' Raquel Gabayeron and Long Beach's Kimmy Morrison kept



Heads up: The Falcons move the ball in their 6-4 victory over Long Beach.

the game within one point before Yvonne Ruvalcaba put the game out of reach.

Ruvalcaba entered the game with only three minutes remaining and scored with 1:27 to play, and then came up with a crucial steal on the next possession to keep the score line at 6-4.

"Yvonne scoring that goal at the end, that was big," exclaimed head coach Sergio Macia. I loved that it was a low-scoring game. It's hard to protect a small lead like that, but we did," he added.

It took hard-nosed defense, superb goalkeeping, and a little luck from both teams to keep the score so low.

Falcons goalie Miranda Bakke and Vikings goalie Chelsea Datt recorded eight saves apiece, but the best defender of the game might have been the goal frame.

Shots from both squads repeatedly hit the post, keeping the tide of the game from turning in the favor of either team.

"Some of the women think that every shot needs to be perfect. They want every shot to be bar-in," explained Long Beach head coach Chris Oeding.

When I see that we went four for 23 in shooting it tells me that we had an off-day. Creating that many opportunities is a positive, the shots were just off," he added.

Macias also believes that were it not for a few more conversions, the game would have been completely different.

"What kept the game close was us not converting. If we would have converted better, we wouldn't have had to work as hard as we did," Macias said.

Their defense challenged our shooters and we threw away a lot of shots which gave them confidence," he added.

The win for Cerritos sets up a potential championship meeting in next week's Southern California regional playoffs.

The Falcons go in as the No. 1 seed, and Long Beach enters the tournament right behind them as the No. 2 seed.

With a number of potential meetings to look forward to, both teams expect nothing short of more close contests.

"It was an exciting game to be a part of, but we still have to beat them when it counts," Peng said.

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