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There she goes: Homecoming queen Raquel Ramirez walks toward the stage in Falcon Stadium with her father, Frank Cruz, on Saturday before being announced as the winner of this year's crown. Ramirez was representing the iFalcon Club.

Ramirez crowned queen

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"I was shocked, amazed, and so excited," Raquel Ramirez revealed after she was crowned the 2011 Homecoming Queen on Saturday.

The Homecoming festivities saw Ramirez defeat contestants representing clubs such as the Puente Club, the Kabarkada Club, the Board of Accountancy Club and the International Students Association.

"I thought that I had a shot to win. I was on Homecoming Court last year, and I figured this year that I had put even more effort into it. I had a club that was out there campaigning for me everyday," she said.

The election results were announced during halftime of the Cerritos College Homecoming football game.

The members of the Homecoming Court are Jessica Cleary, Whitney Grajeda, Lilly Hernandez, Britney Salazar, Diana Pham, and Yiem Bae.

Ramirez's reign as queen began with last year's queen, communications major Christina Leyva, crowning her.

"It means a lot to be able to pass the torch to her [Ramirez]. I hope that she does well, and promotes school spirit," Leyva said.

She also commented on suggestions for the newly-crowned queen, saying, "She has to work hard. She needs to be very social and friendly because that is her job."

Ramirez said, "I am super involved on campus. I'm an officer in the iFalcon Club as well as the Economics Club and I'm majority leader in senate. I am always doing stuff on campus and I plan to stay involved."

Following the crowning of the Cerritos College Homecoming Queen, the festivities continued with the Homecoming float contestants which all were judged on building a float that contained this year's Homecoming theme of, "Old Time Rock 'n Roll."

The Amy Dozier award for best

overall float went to the Dental Hygiene Club with "Tooth Shack."

Other winners included the Board of Accountancy Club, who won the Queens Award recipient award for best utilization of theme with "Rock 'n Roll Diner," and the Child Development Club, who won the Board of Trustees award for most creative and original float with its float, titled, "Jackson 5."

Some of the floats that participated were not award winners, but were still crowd favorites.

Psychology major Nwobu Victory commented on the nights events, saying,

"I really liked everything. It was really good. I enjoyed the Homecoming Court. It seemed like they all really had a vision, not just looks, but my favorite part was the floats. I liked the Beatles float and the Ray

Charles float most of all."

Hernandez addressed her thoughts on the results, and the process of running by saying, "She was out there a lot. I will not run again. I am done with this; it takes up to much time, but we got to meet new people, and spend time talking to them."

ASCC president Jasmin Ramirez was impressed throughout the night.

"We have a lot of people out here; we're excited. The floats were so creative, and I think that every year people's creativity comes out and shines. Congratulations to her [Ramirez]. It was awesome. It is an awesome experience to get people out to vote."

Cerritos College Board of Trustees Student Trustee Areal Hughes shared a similar perspective.

"I thought that it was pretty entertaining. The cheerleaders, the crowning and the floats were great. Everything was so beautiful. Everyone worked so hard all week long, and it was such a joy to see the final product."

The evening's homecoming events concluded with the dance which was held in the Student Center from 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Mobile News

Scan to view a video of the homecoming activities



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Applications for Leadership Conference available at Student Activities on Monday

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Applications for the 2012 Leadership Conference will be available on Monday at 9 a.m. Applications can be picked up in the Student Activities Office.

The cost is \$50 cash for each student and is best to be paid at time of application submission.

Any student who is currently enrolled in five units and has a cumulative GPA of 2.0 is eligible. For new students, without a cumulative GPA, only the units and current semester GPA are taken into consideration.

Applications are still accepted until Nov. 18.

Holly Bogdanovich, director of student activities, mentioned that last year, the day after the applications were made available, they were full by noon.

Despite this, Bogdanovich still encourages getting on the wait list.

She informs that there are drops every year and being on there is still a good chance of being accepted while on the wait list.

If the applicant is involved in clubs on campus, then that person should be sponsored by the club. Approximately, up to four students from each club would be accepted to keep a

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College adds additional session to summer

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Speech communications major Stephanie Fernandez has had to postpone her transfer to Cal State Fullerton because of the ability to not get the classes she needed.

She was planning to transfer this spring but has not been able to due to the pre-requisite classes not being available.

In response to Fernandez's situation and several other students, Cerritos College is adding a 12-week summer session which will be divided into two sets of six weeks each, effective of the Summer 2012 semester.

During this summer session students, will have the opportunity to take 12 units rather than six.

Stephen Johnson, Vice President of Student Ser-

vices, said, "some classes would start after the spring semester, and some would start later in the summer, such as the end of June, beginning of July."

Students will be able to take two consecutive classes during this time.

"Part of this will give students an opportunity maybe to take classes in two different sessions during the summer if they're available," he said.

Students can choose to take two back-to-back classes, or they could get a prerequisite out of the way.

Faculty Senate President Debra Moore said, "I don't think students choose to do math in that way but in English I think they found short sessions that work for them so they might do [English] 20 and 52 or 52 and 100 I think that's the real benefit of having two

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CERRITOS COLLEGE

NEWS BRIEFS

Clarification of a previous story

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In the “Tug of war hurts education” editorial published on Wednesday, it was stated that because of the lawsuit that was being filed against the Cerritos College Board of Trustees, tuition for the college might increase.

The Board of Trustees does not control tuition, the state controls the tuition of Cerritos College.

The lawsuit will not affect the tuition.

Faculty award applications available online

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Outstanding Faculty applications are now available online for all Cerritos College students and employees.

The nomination, according to the Cerritos College website, is available to all teaching and non-teaching faculty, including full and part-time faculty.

The criteria for the nomination include outstanding teaching, coaching and guidance, dedication to students as well as the college and other factors such as involvement in clubs and student activities.

The application has been available since Monday and can be submitted to www.cerritos.edu/nomination until Nov. 30.

Flu vaccinations now available

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According to Cerritos College Student Health Services, a contagious respiratory illness is caused by influenza viruses.

It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death.

Cerritos College Student Health Services offers flu vaccinations on campus, and is available now through Spring 2012.

“A flu shot costs \$5 for students and \$15 for staff,” Amber Hackert, medical assistant, said.

The Student Health Center is located beside the Physical Education building and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://cms.cerritos.edu/shs>

Summer Sessions: Faculty Senate President talks summer sessions

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Faculty Senate President Debra Moore said, “I don’t think students choose to do math in that way but in English I think they found short sessions that work for them so they might [take] [English] 20 and 52 or 52 and 100.

The classes that will be offered are unavailable at the time but Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Marilyn Brock clarifies that there will be a variety of classes offered to students.

The first summer session will start May 21 and end June 29.

Leadership Applications: \$50 application covers conference

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diverse ratio.
The conference typically consists of seven workshops with focuses on leadership and team-building.

The conference is over three days, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. \$50 payment covers entrance as well as the bus ride.

Former participant Daniel Fragoso, a commissioner of ICC, encourages people to apply.

“[The conference] is great to build leadership skills that can be applied here at Cerritos College,” he said.



VICTOR DIAZ/TM
Lending a hand: Student Health Services Medical Assistant America Amador (left) and Administrative Assistant Ana Flores (right) tend to kinesiology major Javier Castillo (center), who volunteered to be a victim for the campus-wide earthquake drill. Cerritos College took part in the annual “Great California ShakeOut” drill on Thursday.

Cerritos participates in earthquake drill

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Students and faculty hurried out of their buildings for the annual statewide earthquake drill on campus on Thursday.

“We partnered with the fire department across the street and they came out and showed us what should we be prioritizing on,” Associate Dean of Health Services, Nancy Montgomery said.

She organized a preparedness drill for the nurses where volunteer students acted as injured victims.

“We found out we’re in a deficit, we’re on a deficit of personnel and a deficit on people who can actually help, but they (the fire department) showed us and this is how we learned,” she said.

The Health Services department also learned how to triage.

“Triageing is different than from caring individuals who actually come into the medical facility,” Montgomery said.

She continued, saying, “In triage, there’s immediate care and we have to get to them now to save their lives, medical care is how we can take care of an illness.

“This is not an illness, this is a disaster.”

The personnel prepared on participating Cerritos College club members to play as victims.

“It was fun, we got to help each other out,” kinesiology major Oscar De La Torre.

He was a volunteer victim who had a neck injury and was struck in the head.

The nurses helped out with enough time to save his life.

“It was good to help out the nurses and doctors so they can be prepared for an evacuation,” kinesiology major Javier Castillo said.

Castillo was another victim actor who participated.

He was jumped and had his arm pop out, nurses and doctors assisted on him quickly enough to have him survive.

Since this is an annual event, more students are encouraged to participate to be victim actors for next year.

“We’ll put a better e-mail blast to let students know if they want to participate,” Montgomery said.


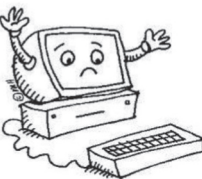
The students were evacuated from every building on campus.

“Everyone is everywhere, so I guess it’s good to be prepared,” music major Nernest Wilson said.

Queer Straight Alliance protests against Proposition 8

MICHELLE MORENO/TM
Don't speak: The Queer Straight Alliance held a silent protest as a campaign against Proposition eight. Andrew Leon, cosmetology major (left) and English major Kassandra Sandoval (right) represented themselves as opposers of the Proposition eight.

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•EDITORIAL•

Financial aid is a privilege

Privileges are given to those who earn them, not who expect them.

When you work hard, you are rewarded and that's why students shouldn't complain over the new policies of the educational plan.

Effective this fall, students who've only completed a certain amount of their units, will have their educational plan reviewed.

In a published document titled the Financial Aid Educational Plan on the Cerritos College website, the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards say that students must complete their educational program within a maximum time frame of 150 percent, the published program's required units at Cerritos College.

However, it differentiates for students who are attempting to complete an Associate Arts degree, transfer programs, and certification programs.

AA degrees and transfer programs typically require 60 units so 150 percent of the published units would be 90 units and because certificate programs usually require 30 units, 150 percent of the units would be 45 units.

While it may be easy to react against it, understand that the decision may be beneficial.

The Financial Aid Educational Plan clearly states that its purpose is to "Encourage students to focus on their education goals and suc-

cessfully complete their program within the appropriate time frame."

Part of being in college is the ability to choose your own schedule and when you want to take certain classes.

Visit counselors who will help you chose the best route for your academic career.

Don't be afraid to explore different routes. If you decide to change your career path or major, feel free to do so.

However, community college is not intended to be a long-term educational opportunity.

Realistically, students should be able to experiment with taking classes and still graduate without this even being a factor.

The school is in essence saying that it will no longer sit idly by and watch students "play college" at its expense.

If you are serious about your education, these new developments may not even apply to you.

Don't lose sight of what your goal is, earn a degree, whether is it to transfer, or just brush up on skills.

The additional policies create an opportunity for students to show accountability.

Part of being a college student is being responsible. We should all be responsible for what we say and what we do.



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Popularity chooses the homecoming queen

Homecoming seems to be nothing more than another beauty pageant and popularity contest where if you know enough people and have a killer wardrobe, you are most likely to make court.

In high school, everyone knew that only the hottest, trendiest, and most popular girls made homecoming court.

If you're not one of these girls then it feels like there's no point in even running, although there are those girls that try out just for the heck of it.

The winner is selected on whoever has three qualities: being trendy, good looking and popular.

It's no surprise when that girl wins queen. The winner herself probably figures that she has the crown in the bag prior to the crowning. You never see an underdog as the winner un-



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less the popular people have her back. It's a sad, but true cycle, that occurs every year.

What's even sadder is that it continues into college.

If you listen to all the extra things that every court member is involved in, the list is longer than their name. Every girl is involved in at least two clubs on campus.

It's like when you first start going to school and your parents tell you, "The more you get involved, the more people you'll meet."

These girls take advantage of being involved

in extra-curricular activities.

They're no "Ugly Bettys" either. They have style, class, and sophistication like that of Miss America. Not exactly Eva Longoria clones, but with features some may find appealing and attractive.

No one wants to vote for someone they think is unattractive. Why else would Miss America be that gorgeous? Can you imagine if "Cat Woman" Jocelyn Wildenstein was Miss America? Yikes!

This is not to put down the homecoming court members. Like the saying goes, "If you got it, flaunt it."

However, is this the basis on how homecoming works? If so then it seems that our society, no matter our age, will always be based on nothing but shallowness.

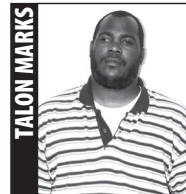
Instructors need to be able to 'crack the whip' with students

The job of a teacher is to, before all things, be an educator. Secondly, it is ensuring that students have the proper materials to succeed.

Enough is enough. Cerritos College's administration, give our instructors the authority to "wreck shop," and get rid of all of the bad apples that take time away from students that really want to be there.

Our instructors need to be able to "crack the whip" on students that they feel should be dropped.

If students don't come to class, drop them. If they don't study, drop them. If they don't partici-



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pate, drop them.

The amount of power that our instructors currently have is no different than a parent that threatens to "go get the belt," but never actually goes to get it.

Put these students in line, or kick them out. Administration, empower your instructors to

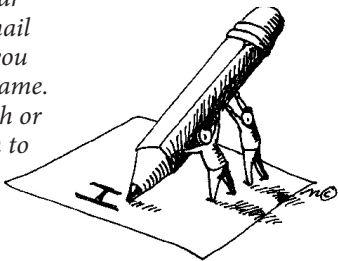
make the tough decisions for the betterment of the institution as well as the student body.

Instructors, don't wait to make a choice. If you see someone that is more of a distraction than a help, handle it. Use some common sense. It is called common sense because we all have it.

The days of coming to school to "kick it" and chill with friends may soon be coming to an end. If you are sincere and are working, work harder.

If you are here for reasons other than to further your education, put school first then extra-curricular activities because, in the words of comedian Kevin Hart, "it's about to go down."

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"How often do you visit a counselor?"

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PRICILLA RODRIGUEZ
undecided major

"I've never seen a counselor before."

JOSE DANIEL RUBIO
international business major

"I've never seen a counselor before."



AMETHYST MACASPAC
nursing major

"I've seen them once or twice. I haven't done it lately just because the walk-ins have really long waits."

ALEXANDER RENE BRAVO
atmospheric science major

"I haven't made an appointment yet but I am planning to, like sometime next week."



SANDRA FLORES
Spanish major

"Twice a semester."

ADRIANNA LOPEZ
biology major

"This is my first semester, so I see a counselor often, probably once a month."



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“Cityscape Vinyl”: A mural (above) featured in the exhibit, created by artist Jane Castillo. The mural is 17 feet by 24 feet and is being displayed on the wall of the Fine Arts Building outside of the art gallery. SUR: Biennial embraces the Latin American culture during this exhibit.

Exhibit displays Latin history

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A look at Latin American culture, the SUR: Biennial Exhibit opened on Thursday at the Cerritos College Art Gallery.

SUR: Biennial is a three-part exhibition that is being featured in the Cerritos College Art Gallery, Rio Hondo Art Gallery, and the Bluebird Art House in Uptown Whittier, from Oct. 20 to Nov. 18.

The artwork of Karla Diaz, Raul Baltazar, Gustavo Godoy, Elana Mann, and Jane Castillo is being shown inside and outside of the Cerritos College Art Gallery.

Each artist used influences of their South and Latin American roots to create their own art pieces in which different techniques were used.

Curator for the Cerritos Art Gallery and Art History professor James McDevott said, “It’s pretty extraordinary. I like the fact that the artists are working big.”

Outside of the art gallery, there is a vinyl mural being displayed on the side of the art building by artist Jane Castillo.

Castillo, a local artist, said, “In my mural, I have many layers of influences there and how, as a Latina, I have assimilated.”

Her mural consists of self-portraits of Castillo in every aspect in her life from her childhood of wanting blonde hair, to her traditional Columbian roots.

Other parts of the mural incorporates her environment, visual culture, and American

culture.

Part of her mural includes a sign that reads, “Occupy! Multiply!” as well as cityscapes.

Something different from the rest of the artwork being shown in the gallery is that she provides quick read codes in her mural for spectators.

Her QR codes are scanable and it takes those who scan it to her artwork’s Facebook and Twitter. Viewers can get a free postcard of her mural.

In 2009, Castillo received the City of Los Angeles Fellowship award and the Visions from the New California Award.

On how she felt about receiving those awards, Castillo said, “I felt like those awards were bigger than me because when I got the award, it’s not just me getting the award, it’s another woman getting an award. It’s a Latina woman getting an award so it represents something much bigger than I am.”

Art major Erica Figueroa said, “I found Karla Diaz’s work to be interesting because of the tire she had up, the clothes, and then I liked the mask and then the little slideshow they had. It grabbed my attention because I kind of liked the urban feel of it.”

Curator and co-founder of the SUR: Biennial Ronald Lopez said of the entire exhibit, “I really wanted to treat the word ‘biennial’ properly because in the art world, a biennial usually represents the cream of the crop of the artists of the current day.”

Lopez lived abroad in Istanbul, Turkey and ran an art program there. That is where he seen what a real biennial is.

“A biennial essentially takes over the entire city,” he said.

Lopez was first contacted by Rio Hondo College. When he heard that the school was just going to feature the art in the school’s art gallery, he was flabbergasted.

He wanted to expand the biennial to the entire campus. However, due to liability issues and other reasons, the college didn’t agree with the idea.

Lopez then decided it would be a good idea to expand it to other schools.

To pick which artists he wanted to be featured in the exhibit, he went on studio visits and shows and then picked artists that caught his attention.

He also asked his colleagues who they recommended and then investigated their type of artwork and what they were doing.

Every artist featured in the exhibit has had their artwork featured in galleries all throughout Los Angeles.

It is Castillo’s first time showing her artwork in a community college. Castillo said, “I really enjoy interacting with the students. That’s fresh and new for me and it just provides a whole different audience that I haven’t been exposed to and I always enjoy learning.”

More information is available at surbiennial.org.

Culinary’s kitchen provides an escape

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The Cerritos College Culinary Arts program provides students with the full benefits of learning how to either become a chef or a baker.

Chef training is offered to students who wish to complete the Culinary Arts Professional Chefs Training program, and are also able to obtain a certificate of achievement, or an A.A. degree.

The Culinary Arts program offers hands on training that prepares students for the cooking industry that teaches them the experience of how to cook for restaurants, hotels, and other culinary places.

Marcos Forresder, culinary arts major said, “This is my third semester [in the program] and I actually love everything about it.”

He added, “Students also learn how to safe

get to have the same benefits at Cerritos College.

A comfortable at-home feeling surrounded culinary arts major Daisy Zambrano, as she went through her first week in the culinary class.

“There really isn’t that stressful. You just have to watch out so you won’t cut yourself,” Zambrano said. She is taking Culinary Arts for the first time this semester.

The food these students make



BERLINE ROMERO /TM
Culinary contributions: The Culinary Arts Program teaches students how to cook a variety of dishes. Culinary sells its dishes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center.

do not go to waste. The department sells its food, such as baked goods, soups, and sandwiches, for anyone to buy located in the student center. This gives other students and faculty the opportunity to try out what is made of.

“It’s probably the healthiest food on campus. It’s really good and pretty inexpensive. It just shows how good of a college it is,” Cerritos receptionist Dana Spankie said.

The ceasar chicken salad is one the popular foods that are bought from the department.

“It’s good for it [Culinary] to sell (its’ food) because it gets feedback about how good their food is,” engineering major Miguel Butarin said. “This gives the future chefs confidence to do well.”

Culinary also offers catering services at events that take place on campus.

A set of achievements are brought upon students so they can work, doing what they love.

“My culinary arts goal is to someday become a sous-chef or a chef at my own restaurant,” culinary arts major Verenise Medina said. It is also her first semester in the program.

Students learn on a daily basis with helpful instructors, such as Head Chef Micheal Pierini. Instructors are patient with their learning process.

Instead of paying at least \$45,000 to go to Le Cordon Bleu, students

Surveillance’s ‘Free Fall’ mixtape places itself under the camera

Mixtape Preview

The Free Fall

Release Date: December 2011
Featured Single: “17 Years”
Rating: ★★★★★

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Returning with a sound infused with passion and intensity, Surveillance is back with a vengeance, ready to take over the music world.

After a three-year hiatus, guitarist Robby Caves and vocalist Kyle De Rama have chosen to flood the streets of Long Beach, Calif through means of social media, spreading their talent.

SURV will soon bring its talent to Cerritos College as it will be appearing on the WPMD show, “My Pet Dogma,” hosted by Tito Benavides on Saturday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The duo, whose chemistry is

strengthened by the fact that they are cousins, began the journey to stardom five years ago.

With the overwhelming support from different crews and teams such as Young Squad Ent., and iTeam (Try Every Available Move), SURV has mustered up the ability to possess the dominance in crowning itself, “Long Beach’s Finest Dynamic Duo.”

It’s latest project, “The Free Fall” mixtape, provides a change of pace for the group.

De Rama, normally known for intricate lyrics and speedy delivery, has definitely changed his style.

His lyrics possess a deeper meaning that is likely derived from his new mindset for his music.

Also his bold new flow stands strong and remains prevalent throughout the mixtape and makes his hunger transparent.

In the mixtape’s remix of rapper Big Sean’s “Hometown,” De Rama spews lyrics that create the ultimate imagery for the listener.

He paints the picture of the journey he has gone through without forgetting where he has come from.

Local listeners will definitely be

able to connect with this track more than any other just because of the simple references such as, “it’s just another side once you cross over that bridge,” De Rama said referring to the bridge on Willow Street over the Los Angeles River that separates West Long Beach from the Wrigley area of Long Beach.

In the same song, Caves added, “The city made us who we are so we reppin”

As for Caves, he uses his ability to evaluate his past performances to create opportunities for himself to grow.

The entire mixtape is scheduled to be released in November. However, songs will be released periodically until then.

SURV is definitely a fusion of music that is difficult to compare to any other music because of its unique style.

Caves believes his background in rock and De Rama’s hip hop experience creates the ultimate sound for the band.

The band does not believe that it has a set definition for its sound.

Caves said, “We don’t have a specific genre. When we first started out

and we had a MySpace music page, there was an option for melodramatic popular songs.

Our music is melodramatic and we hope that it becomes popular song, so that is what we went with.”

De Rama concluded by elaborating on his vision for SURV.

“When you leave songs behind, no one can take that away from you. I hope that other artists are inspired by them. That’s the ultimate goal.”

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“The Free Fall”: Guitarist Robby Caves (left) and vocalist Kyle De Rama (right) of Surveillance pose for a picture. The duo has been performing together for five years.



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Hands up: Falcons attacker Katherine Gabayeron (top) looks for a shot through three Golden West College defenders during GWC's 14-8 victory on Friday. The Trailblazers held Gabayeron, who is one of Cerritos' top scorers, to one goal and four shot attempts.

Falcons go 3-1 in tourney

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The Cerritos College women's water polo team (22-3, 6-0) overcame a two-point deficit against Chaffey College, placing fifth among 21 teams at the Battle at the Beach Tournament at Long Beach City College on Friday and Saturday.

The Falcons went 3-1 in the 13th annual tournament.

Speed and defense led to the dominating 12-5 win over Palomar College on the first day of competition.

Although the Falcons' first-quarter complacency in the second game allowed Golden West College to take an early lead, large enough that Cerritos could not catch up in the remaining three quarters.

Golden West won the game 14-8.

"Overall, the team played strong seven out of the eight quarters," Head Coach Sergio Macias said. "We were able to control the game against Palomar, but we made some early mistakes against Golden West."

"We were asleep and not playing defense, but we were able to make our adjustments and then it turned out to be a good game," he said.

Golden West attacked the Falcons early by scoring two points in the first three minutes of the first quarter before scoring an additional four to Cerritos' one.

The Falcons managed to outscore Golden West in the second, tie the third, but gave up two when trying to rally in the fourth.

Falcons made 25 shot attempts, 11 steals, and one assist.

Goalkeeper Sharon Ku made seven saves against the Trailblazers.

Utility player Adriana Rodriguez said

"We tried to keep [Golden West] on the perimeter because they had a dominant center," "but we weren't really on the same page."

In the Palomar game, the Falcons were more effective with 22 shot attempts, 10 steals and two assists.

The Falcons entered the losers' bracket on the second day of play, defeating Fullerton College 6-4 and Chaffey College 8-7.

Cerritos used its speed, played aggressive and double-teamed Fullerton's center taking her out of the game.

"We are quick and a smart team," attacker Janine Loera said. "We shut her down and pressed harder."

"We were a little nervous going into the game against Chaffey because [Macias] wanted us to defend differently," Loera said, "Chaffey was winning by two, but we were able to get used to its defense and come back for the win."

Wrestlers Harrison and Nieves place in top three in Meathead Invitational

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Moving from third to fourth place as a team, the Cerritos College men's wrestling team had two wrestlers place third and two place sixth at the Meathead Invitational at Cuesta College on Saturday.

Head Coach Don Garriott explained that because wrestlers Ramon and Alfonso Estrada not competing on Saturday, the team's amount of wins suffered, causing it to drop from third to fourth place overall.

The two wrestlers to place third were 125-pounder Jake Harrison, and 184-pounder Keith Nieves.

At first place in the state for his weight class, Harrison said, "It was disappointing placing third in the tournament."

"I was ranked first in the state and undefeated at the weight class until this weekend. It's just going to motivate me to work harder and avenge my loss."

Harrison won by pin in his first two matches and then was pinned by Andrew Delgado of Mount San Antonio College.

Harrison then came back and won his fourth match against Matt Correa of Cuesta College, 15-6, for third place.

With fifth place in the state at his weight class, Nieves said, "The fact that they cut down weight and I just walk around at 184 might have something to do with it."

Nieves added that, like Harrison, he too was disappointed in placing third in the tournament.

Gerardo Aguirre, who placed

sixth in his weight class of 197 pounds, was head butted during his first match where he broke his nose twice.

Aguirre said that his broken nose was his main issue with why he didn't do as well. Out of six matches, he only won two.

Also placing sixth on Saturday was Greg Barrera at 133 pounds.

Barrera wrestled more than one matches and won four-out-of-seven, which included a defeat against teammate Juan Rosales.

Harrison said, "I feel we'll have a good advantage going into the dual. They're coming to our house so that's more of a reason for us to want to win the dual."

Falcons will host Palomar College on Wednesday at Excelsior High School at 7 p.m. This will be Cerritos' first home tournament this season.

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Keeping stats: Sports Information Director John Van Gaston takes stats in the press box at Falcon stadium for the Cerritos College Homecoming football game. He has attended 282 consecutive Cerritos College football games.

Van Gaston's career leads to coverage of 282 consecutive football games

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While working for the Athletic Department as the Sports Information Director, Cerritos College alumnus John Van Gaston has spent the last 26 years covering the men's and women's athletic teams.

Van Gaston has attended 282 consecutive Cerritos College football games.

He said, "I didn't start out thinking, 'I'm going to every game and never miss one,' but as the years went by, it took on a life of its own, and now it's my goal to never miss a game in my career."

Van Gaston started working at Cerritos College in December 1985, at the age of 22.

He graduated from California State University, Long Beach in 1990 with a Bachelor's degree in journalism.

His job consists of keeping an accurate history of statistics for every player in every sport.

He also manages the athletic website, in which he constantly updates the press releases of every

game, along with being responsible for the publication of the media guides.

"The website is updated seven days a week, which includes any schedule changes, stats, scores and photos," he said.

Athletic Director Dan Clauss said Van Gaston works long hard hours and is very diligent with his work.

"He is a human encyclopedia when it comes to Cerritos College athletics," Clauss said.

Van Gaston enrolled at Cerritos College in 1983 after his manager at a fast food restaurant convinced him to join Talon Marks, the student publication at Cerritos College.

Three weeks after starting on the Talon Marks staff, Van Gaston became assistant sports editor and then went on to become the sports editor for the Fall 1984 semester.

Van Gaston explains that the skills and lessons he learned while being on staff have really helped him excel as an SID.

"I really enjoyed the comradery of everybody on Talon Marks, I made some great friends and chief

[Tom Nelson] was just amazing, he taught me everything I could ever want to know," he said.

In 2009 Van Gaston received the California Community College Sports Information Association BRASS TOP, an award that recognizes career achievement in sports information.

He was also named employee of the month at Cerritos College for the month of March.

"I never think I'm worthy of recognition," he said, "I'm here to promote others not to promote myself, but to be thought of in that light was very rewarding."

Instructional Dean of Physical Education/Athletics Daniel Smith said that he couldn't be more pleased with Van Gaston's work.

"What he does during a football game takes a lot of focus and concentration because everything has to be accurate," he said.

Van Gaston states that he plans on staying here at Cerritos until it's time for him to retire.

"People have asked me if this is something I want to do, and I'm sure I can adapt to another job, but I don't ever want to, I'm a lifer here."



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Rushing home: Running back Donald Livingston (center) rushes against El Camino College in the Falcons 42-21 Homecoming win on Saturday at Falcon Stadium. The running back dashed for 75 yards and two touchdowns with an average of five yards per carry against the Warriors.

Falcons smash Warriors in upset

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The Homecoming matchup proved to be favorable for the Cerritos College football team (4-2, 2-0) with wide receiver Robert Abeyta snagging two of the team's five touchdowns as the Falcons defeated El Camino College (6-1, 1-1), 42-21 at Falcon Stadium on Saturday.

"We wanted to come out as strong as possible and we did it," Abeyta said.

The freshman receiver caught one of his touchdowns to go along with 25 yards in the first half, while ending the game with 75 yards off five catches.

Head Coach Frank Mazzotta credits quarterback Brandon Denker's success early in the game to dynamic catches made by receivers like Abeyta.

"(Abeyta) to me is as good as any runner around. He is starting to grow up a little bit," Mazzotta said.

Denker finished the game with three touchdowns and 188 yards throwing the ball.

Mazzotta said that the team has settled on Denker as the team's starting quarterback.

ECC, who entered the game undefeated, acquired wins against Palomar College and Los Angeles Harbor College, the same teams the Falcons failed to defeat early in the season.

"Each week we have been getting better and better. This week we wanted to avenge

our losses to Palomar and LA Harbor," Mazzotta said.

The Falcons' ground attack showed a 158-yard difference over the Warriors.

Running back Donald Livingston, along with other running backs, carried the ball due to the absence of the team's leading rusher Thomas Gray.

"We knew [Gray] was going to be down for the season, so we went out there and ran hard for him," Livingston said, "the running backs and offensive line really stepped it up."

Livingston scored on a 10-yard run with less than two minutes left in the first half.

The run came after the defense pushed the Warriors into their own endzone, resulting in a safety.

Livingston finished with two touchdowns and 75 rushing yards on the night.

Cerritos held ECC to 61 yards in the second half, with 24 yards coming from ECC wide receiver Jarrad Shaw's touchdown with 47 seconds in the game.

Linebacker Dominick Sierra led Cerritos College with six total tackles.

Sierra was among five other Falcons to record a sack. Defensive backs Dwan Gill, Chris Metcalf and Daniel Roundtree each had an interception.

The Falcons will host College of the Canyons on Saturday. Last year, the Cerritos defeated COC, 31-24 after former running back Daveon Barner scampered for two touchdowns and 68 yards on 21 carries.

Garcia's kills lead team in victory over LA Harbor

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Falcons' setter Guadalupe Garcia had 21 kills to help the Cerritos College volleyball team (6-9, 3-4) sweep Los Angeles Harbor College in sets of 25-19, 26-24, and 25-19 on Friday at Los Angeles Harbor.

Garcia leads the team with kills with 134 so far this season.

Falcons head coach Teresa Velazquez-Ortega talked about Garcia's performance.

"She can set, she can hit, she can play any position. She's one of our key players."

Velazquez-Ortega later talked about the team's overall performance for this game and this season.

"I feel the team is getting better in every game," she said.

Middle blocker Andrea Garrett had four kills in the team's victory.

"We worked better as a team, and we were very supported of each other. I think we've come a long way," she said.

"We had our ups and downs, but it wasn't anything that we couldn't get over."

Outside hitter Aundrea Stovall said, "I actually feel good. I think that we're slowly coming together as a team."

"I think we played more as a team than individually and I feel great about our win."

The Falcons will host East Los Angeles College on Wednesday at

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