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## Tension laces room as commissioner leads group to impeach

ASCC Student Body President faces scrutiny as commissioner leads group that calls for impeachment

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Commissioner for Student Services David Aguirre is leading a group of students that wish to impeach Associated Students of Cerritos College President Jasmin Ramirez and Vice President Julian Del Real-Calleros.

The desired impeachment process is a result of alleged failures on behalf of Ramirez's administration to drop issues

such as suicide prevention and her initiative to have more student athletes involved in student government, which Aguirre believes are taking the place of more pressing issues.

The impeachment process is not immediate and is expected to go forward only if the Ramirez administration continues to collectively fail students.

"Our group is going to give this administration a chance to redeem itself. I say 'we' because I'm apart of the members that make up the administration also.

### Chances

"We are going to give them a chance from now until January to pick up on projects, and if students agree that the admin-

istration have done enough for them, we won't have to start that impeachment process," he said.

Aguirre announced his decision to begin the impeachment during a ASCC cabinet meeting on Monday.

In a letter read before the cabinet, Aguirre expressed concerns about what he referred as Ramirez's inability to focus on pressing issues to students.

A segment of the letter read, "I have approached our student body president about this issue but she feels like what she is doing is enough.

She feels that "bringing a sense of community to this group" and "raising awareness for suicide prevention" is what makes her feel accomplished as a president."

Among other complaints, it is felt that

Ramirez focuses too heavily on bringing athletes into student government.

### The other side

Some cabinet members feel that the impeachment is unwarranted.

Commissioner of Athletics, Brandon Davidson, commented on the accusations.

"I think it's crazy. She's doing a great job. She is getting a lot of students involved, and she is doing all that he can ask her to do. These accusations are pretty crazy and very uncalled for."

Davidson is also an offensive lineman for the Cerritos College football team.

Commissioner of Internal Affairs Mohammad Abbas feels that this is to motivate the administration to change.

"I don't think that the impeachment process should go forward. It is more of an ultimatum, but it is not an effective way to do things. "

### Answering back

Ramirez expressed a similar sentiment about the feeling of the ultimatum, saying, "It was definitely like an ultimatum which can be taken like a threat and I don't necessary know what the intensions were to bring that out.

"I would have felt a lot better had he discussed the problems and issues with me

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**Let's get educated:** Agriculture major Andrew Ramirez (left) speaks to a chemistry department representative (right) at the All Majors Fair on Nov. 15. Petri dishes of alginate solution and calcium chloride that produce gummy worms are displayed on the chemistry booth.

## Students flock to All Majors Fair

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A busy turnout at the Cerritos College All Majors Fair on Tuesday provided faculty members and department representatives a chance to speak one-on-one with students who wanted to know information on a specific major.

The fair gave students who are undecided on major to have an inside look on the various majors that are offered.

Representatives from departments such as English, chemistry, psychology, astronomy and cosmetology went into further detail on what courses a student needs to take in order to major in a specific subject.

"I think that this [fair] helped students out because if they are undecided they can talk to a per-

son who is in a booth," speech pathology major Cecilia Barragan said.

Barragan, as well as other students, were able to take printed information about the benefits in taking on a major and which courses a student has to complete to go further into a major.

Re-Entry Resource Specialist Shannon Estrada said that the fair was a great opportunity for students to come out to talk to faculty to learn new information about different career paths.

"I am very excited that students came through this year and that they were excited to speak to faculty," Estrada said.

Students who filled out a survey by giving their opinion about the fair and give any sug-

gestions about how to better future major fairs received a raffle ticket to win a prize.

"This fair is for students to benefit from," Estrada continued, "I hope students learned new information given by faculty."

A couple of departments offered more than just flyers for students to pick up and take.

"In the cosmetology [booth] we offered free eyebrow arching, hand massages, and applied spring eyeshadow," Lola Guimont, president of the cosmetology club, said.

Vice President Andy Calero greeted and spoke to students on information about what is offered in the cosmetology program.

"Cosmetology is not hard at all," Calero said, "as long as you have some sort of ar-

tistic form, you will do well in this department.

Representing the Physics and Astronomy Department was Thad Szabo. A 1/12 eight-inch reflecting telescope that the department owns was out beside the booth.

The telescope gave people the opportunity to see spots in the sun that are bigger than the earth.

"I figured it would be nice to bring something out that people can get a real feel for what we do," Szabo said.

Students who take the astronomy 101 class will learn how to use the telescope for looking at planets and the moon.

"[Students] learn the properties of planets, stars, and the workings of the universe," Szabo continued.

## Congresswoman attends suicide awareness event hosted by Active Minds

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The Cerritos College Active Minds Club hosted a Suicide Awareness Week event on Nov. 10 located in Falcon Square from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event brought information regarding suicide.

The club also brought snacks for sale and presented speakers, including Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano, representing the 38th congressional district and Cerritos College President Linda Lacy.

The event also brought information regarding depression peer support and information and resources regarding mental health and illness.

The event brought students around campus who were interested in information regarding suicide and depression.

Veterans Coordinator Matthew Lorscheider explained after spending four years in the United States Marine Corps from 2000 to 2004 and hearing about many veterans are diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder after serving time in the army is a good way to inform students about mental illness.

"I think it's an important event, I think there should be more discussion on this illness," Lorscheider said.

He added, "There's an 80 percent statistic of more combat veterans that end up committing suicide than soldiers dying in Iraq and Afghanistan."

He also explained he is also

glad that Cerritos College is educating students on depression and PTSD to people who have a stigma about the disease.

"Many veterans will be coming back this December for the holiday and it's good for us to greet them with open arms for putting their life on the line," he said.

Lorscheider also added that it's good to provide veterans and people with depression and PTSD with many resources which were not available before.

"It's good to know Cerritos College has an active veterans community on campus to show them we are not different from them and not crazy people running around campus with machine guns."

Lorscheider explained that it's also good for Congresswoman Napolitano to participate on the event, informing students about the illness and providing resources.

Psychology major Amanda

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Astronomy class  
featured on NBC  
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Cerritos College Astronomy students were featured on the NBC Channel 4 news on Nov. 8.

Students from Astronomy professor Thad Szabo's class looked at an asteroid known as "Asteroid 2005 YU53," which is 200,000 miles away from earth.

Szabo said "This [asteroid] won't hit us, as we can learn important lessons from this, to avoid getting hit in the future."

"By possibly directing a neon engine into a future asteroid that poses a threat and move it out into space; the more time we have to react, the better we are."

The asteroid takes 200 years to orbit around Earth.

Triathlon Club  
to host Soccer  
Tournament

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The Triathlon Club will be hosting its first Soccer Tournament to fundraise money for the club on Friday at 1 p.m.; check-in time is at 12 p.m.

The money will be used for members of the club to participate in future triathlons.

Anyone is welcome to be part of the tournament. Each ticket costs \$3, which will reserve a spot to be on a team formed by six people.

Participation is not required for the tournament; donations will also be accepted.

"[Rather than having a bake sale or selling nachos], this is the kind of fundraiser that can have people being active and show their school spirit," Chris DeMaree, president of the Triathlon Club, said.

Cerritos hosts  
University Fair

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Faculty members from schools such as Cal State Dominguez Hills, Argosy University, Concordia University and Academy of Art University were present at Cerritos College on Thursday to speak about their programs to interested students.

"We are trying to promote the next step for the students attending Cerritos," Concordia University Transfer Counselor Jose Hernandez said.

He continued, "I know a lot of people know the popular names or state schools, but the students should weigh their options in terms with the different types of education and opportunities."

Active Minds:  
Active Minds raise  
money in support of  
suicide awareness

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Perez explained that the Active Minds Club was setting up this event a couple of months before it was official.

"For the past month we were making posters and contacting outside places to provide Cerritos College students with resources," Perez said.

She also added that the money from selling snacks at the event will be going to the Active Minds Club to help get away from the stigma of mental disorders.

Perez said, "We are making a pretty good amount of money; we even have people donating for this cause."

Congresswoman Napolitano's Military Liaison Hector Elizalde explained she would be providing Cerritos students with resource information.

He said, "It's a two-fold participant event, our reach is to inform students as well in Washington D.C."

Elizalde explained that the event is to provide people with help information.

"Our primary goal is to reach out to veterans returning from Iraq and inform them with services available for them which they may not be aware of."

Ramirez: ASCC request that Ramirez changes  
her platform; Senate meeting on Wednesday

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before getting to this point.

"People don't really know that one of our own students committed suicide, so to me that is an issue and I don't think that I will ever stop making sure that our students are aware, because that wasn't just anybody," she said.

Aguirre and his group are requesting that Ramirez restructure the platform that she ran under during the ASCC presidential elections.

Ramirez feels that she is already doing that and that she has been making positive changes long before these allegations were brought up.

"There are so many things that come up on a daily basis that we have to fix and add to the platform, not just what we have. Budget transparency was not on my platform when I started and with all of the work that I've done, I've realized that there needs to be budget transparency, and now I have directed my focus to that."

"To be blindsided by this with all of our work up to now, I don't feel like he gave me that chance to address things. I don't want it to seem like I am focusing on making changes because he threatened to impeach me."

Both sides will speak before the student senate on Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Turkey Trot takes place on Thursday



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Birds of a feather: Cerritos College will be hosting the 14th annual Turkey Trot on Thursday at 11:05 a.m. The Turkey Trot is a race in which students and faculty compete.



**Job Recruiting:** Bryan Barnes (right), a representative from Inroads, a company that prepares students for internships in the workforce, speaks to computer science major Miguel Acosta (left) about his company. Inroads was one of many employers that were present at Wednesday's Job Fair to recruit students for employment.

Employers recruit students

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The U.S. army, employers the Los Angeles Police Department, and small and big businesses were among several of the jobs present at the Job Fair on Wednesday at the Cerritos College Library Sidewalk.

The event attracted students and those from the community.

The job fair helped employers promote their businesses to those who attended the job fair.

Brea Saine, business development representative from the Art Institute of California, said, "My role is not really servicing Art Institute students, I am servicing the community offering information about the Art Institute as well as employment opportunities at the Art Institute."

Community Voter Outreach

Representative from the Los Angeles County Registrar Reporter's Office Carlos Madrigal talked about why he was at the job fair.

"Primarily, we are recruiting poll workers for the presidential primary elections in June, we are recruiting between 25,000-26,000 poll workers."

"We are recruiting a bulk of poll workers as well, which is why we are at the job fair," he said.

Christian Garcia from the Employment of Development Department said, "We are here to provide service to the individuals."

"We are here to inform them about the employment development programs," he said.

Garcia added, "We are not necessarily here for hiring, however, we explain the process so that [job seekers] could eventually apply on their own. And when they come to

our offices, we can offer them job leads."

The Employment of Development Department has been part of the job fair for the last three years.

The Career Technical Education Center takes part of the job fair annually, according to Career Technical Education Center Georgi Gastonguay.

"I am here talking to [students] if they need their computer skills upgraded, or whether they want to change careers, Gastonguay said.

Terry Lopez, director of career and assistance services, talked about how the job fair went.

He said, "What I am proud about my staff is that today's event is fully student coordinated for students."


"We do have more employers than last year, although the job market in the Los Angeles County is a

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•EDITORIAL•

# Compromise will end protest

The issue between the administration of California State Universities and its faculty union is no different than a divorce with children involved.

Whenever there is a divorce involving children, who suffers the most? The children.

This whole ordeal with the impending one-day strike of Cal State Dominguez Hills and Cal State East Bay over the administration's alleged renegeing on promised pay raises is sad.

The first priority of faculty and administration should be the students.

We don't need a crystal ball to see what can possibly happen next. This one-day strike may turn into a week, then a month, then, who knows how long this thing can stretch out?

As children, we at some point have heard the rules of engagement for handling most issues; rules such as sharing and treating others as you would like to be treated.

What happened to these rules? Is it really worth risking seeing students suffer for the sake of being right?

There is a saying, which says, "The student becomes the teacher."

Maybe if the administration and faculty switch sides with the students, they will be reminded of why they got into education. This needs



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to be applied to this whole pathetic situation because apparently, priorities were forgotten long ago.

Like any argument, both sides probably think that they are right, and both probably have strong arguments in defense of their perspective, but what about the voice of the people that matter the most.

Students will suffer, all the way from the community college level to the four-year level.

Current students did not pay to go to school to major in bickering and fighting.

Future four-year students, like Cerritos College students, don't want to attend a specific school to be

pushed aside and forced to be subjected to infighting.

There is a word called compromise. Both sides need to sit down and compromise. They need to sit down together and spend a few moments away from attempting to prove their point and think about why they got into education; the students.

## Affection belongs in the bedroom, not the classroom

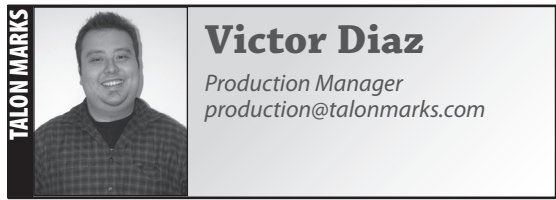
To all you overly-affectionate couples out there: can you please, for the love of everything, get a room?

Public Displays of Affection, are right up there with the snuggie as one of the dumbest, most foolish innovations created by our society.

Seeing couples in public places groping, hugging and kissing is disgusting and offensive and it probably wouldn't even be going too far by saying it should be a criminal offense, punishable by a heavy prison sentence, for performing lewd conduct.

There is no consideration for others, regardless of their relationship status, from these offenders when they're "getting their freak on" in places such as public parks, shopping centers and even on our own campus.

Treating our campus like it's room 245 at the local Motel 6 is not cool. Some of us are here to learn



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and get somewhere in life.

Then again, PDA offenders are here to get somewhere too; the venereal disease clinic.

Honestly, what's the difference between showing your affection behind closed doors and doing it during your English teacher's lecture?

You wouldn't go into a stranger's house and get it on in the middle of his living room floor, would you?

No, you wouldn't. So what makes doing it on campus any different?

Thousands of students come to Cerritos College

on a daily basis; the last thing they need to see is a live re-enactment of soft-core pornography.

Despite the freedom we have on this campus as adults, it's surprising that administrators and Campus Police aren't doing more to keep the PDA to a minimum, if not making it non-existent.

But since they want to be so publicly affectionate, then the rest of the population have the right to be publicly insulting.

For those of you who can't stand this nonsense, the next time you see a couple like this, feel free to yell at the top of your lungs, "Freaks! Creeps! Perverts!" with complete disregard to them.

After all, we're in our own right to show our reaction just as much as they have the right to play grab-hands with each other, right?

This type of depravity needs to be stopped, but it starts with someone putting that red light.

## Students need lockers for storage even at the college level

Although students today do not need to carry as many things to school, Cerritos College students are still in terrible need of on-campus lockers. The fact that some will not use them and others might find them to be a step back in maturity is hypocritical.

Those same people are probably the ones who do not invest in their own education and fail to buy their books to begin with.

The distance dedicated students may have to walk each day with a full load of books, a laptop and other necessary items varies between each situation.

So with that in mind, why not have lockers available for those students on campus and at locations convenient to each student?

Although the athletic lockers are available for almost any student on campus, the lockers may be too much of a detour and end up being more trouble



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then help.

Besides, who really wants to walk into a smelly locker room to fetch items everyday?

Some may say that the school does not have the funds to provide such a thing, but if students show interest and take initiative in having personal lockers, then the school will eventually comply.

Providing the school with a proposal of how the operation can be done will speed up the process.

A proposal that can make the lockers a real possibility is by just taking three steps.

First would be the process of choosing the locations of the lockers in which would be most effective for the student body.

Students can submit names of locations that they would want to have a locker at.

The second step would be that the school has to issue terms-of-use forms to interested students each semester.

The terms will consist of the school not being responsible for any lost or stolen items along with other rules.

The final and easiest step would be actually using the lockers.

The school would have spent time and money that it does not have to provide for the students, so show appreciation and use them.



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"Do teachers have the same right to protest as students?"

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**ABRAHAM RIVERA**  
psychology major

"I think they do. They have rights, because they're the ones in charge during classes."

**AARON KIM**  
business administration major



"I think they also got a lot more to gain because that's their livelihood, that's their job."



**BASH KHAN**  
psychology major

"Yes they do because they're human beings as well and just because they're professors, that does not mean that they have to seclude themselves."

**BRENDA CORREA**  
theater arts major



"People should be equal in what they have to say."



**JASON KWON**  
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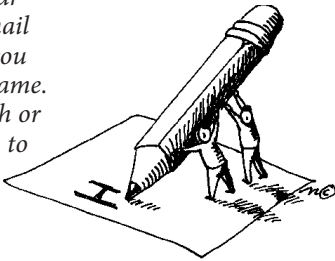
"They can protest for the right conditions that they want."

**MARTIN MARTINEZ**  
psychology major



"Everyone should have a right to protest, whether it is an instructor or a student."

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# Letter to the Editor: Women do have a place in sports



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**In regards to staff writer Robert Olmos' Oct. 19 column titled "Women and football don't go together."**

Dear Editor,

There was an article that was published and I do not know if it was to purposefully ignite feminism or if the staff writer was as ignorant and misogynistic as he seemed, that indeed "ground my gears."

It was not the argument itself that sparked strong emotions; it was the way it was written. I too believe that women should not be playing contact sports with men, but unlike the previous article, I have valid support on why.

First off, let us start off with something that even the author of the before mentioned article would understand. Most well educated men, have been taught not to play rough with girls and to protect them from harm.

Although I disagree with such treatment, they do cause internal conflicts in men that put them at a disadvantage. Single mothers are some of the toughest people I know. Taking care of, not only raising their children, but keeping up with all the household needs and paying the bills.

If men treat women just as they would any other player, they are breaking their morals; if they don't treat women as equals but instead give us a break, they run the risk of losing to a woman and thus be called weak and forever be remembered as the guy who got beat by a girl.

There was an instance earlier this year where an Iowa girl won a match to a boy when he forfeited his match against her. His reason: personal beliefs and chivalrous personality.

Indeed he could not have made a better choice, giving him publicity and putting him in good standing with the rest of the girls in his high school. Kudos Joel Northrop, but what about the numerous other

guys that did wrestle the girl? In my book they deserve more recognition.

Secondly, and probably most important than the first, would have to be the safety at hand.

I'm not talking about women getting hurt playing because we run as much risk getting hurt as any male, and it happens in women's sports all the time.

Don't worry guys, we can take broken bones and cuts just as you can. What I was referring to would be the countless sexual harassment issues and purposefully nasty actions men would do to women.

Like in 1999, when Katie Hinda got harassed and raped after she stepped in as a replacement placekicker in the University of Colorado.

The reality is that in this society at this time there is not that kind of tolerance, maturity or ability to take women seriously in such physically competitive sports.

Nonetheless, there are plenty of other non-contact sports where women can show off what we can do. Swimming, golf, track, tennis, cross country, maybe even baseball are all sports that can be co-ed to let us show that we have it in us.

It is not that we, "Don't take [ourselves] seriously," it is the fact that men have already made up their views about us, so we must sometimes work with what we have to present our strengths in other ways.

Like Lingerie Football. I bet most men were not thinking about football for that whole halftime.

I bet the huge women football aficionados out there could not wait for that to be over with; because opposed to what the article "Women and football don't go together" stated, a lot of women do prefer to watch a game with their favorite football team rather than watch a "chick flick, [get] their nails done, and [go] shopping." Plus, we would make those uniforms look, oh, so good.

Betty Rios

# Letters to the Editor: Both parties of lawsuit voice their opinions

## The Board of Trustees' 'arrogance' forced the plaintiffs to filed the lawsuit against the district

Dear Editor,

Cerritos College has issued several press releases regarding the lawsuit filed in Superior Court on Sept. 28. The lawsuit was filed to force the district to follow the law regarding the California Voting Rights Act. This law requires a district to change from an "at-large" election system to a "by-trustee-area" election when it can be shown that the "at-large" system discriminates against certain groups.

The district maintains that the lawsuit was filed prematurely and was "totally unnecessary" due to the fact that it was already moving in that direction. The facts, however, simply do not support their assertions. In fact, they completely contradict it.

In a press release issued on Sept. 29, the district stated, "This legal action is premature and does not recognize the board's work on the election issue, and defending the district in this lawsuit will be very costly to taxpayers while the Board of Trustees is already taking a course of action. The lawsuit is totally unnecessary especially at a time when we need every dollar we have to support the educational program at the college."

By the districts own admission in a press release issued on Oct. 4, the Cerritos College District received an advisory from the Community College League of California (CCLC) on Feb. 1, to consider moving to "by-trustee-area" elections.

In the same press release, it touted a study session it held on April 6, in which their attorney, Michael Toy, outlined procedures and timelines, "To change the election system."

What it failed to mention in this release was that at that end of that study session, it stated that, "The Board agrees that there is currently no interest in moving toward conducting trustee area elections."

This statement is reflected in the official board minutes from that meeting. It also failed to mention that as a result of that meeting, it voted to extend the board members' terms by one year.

On June 8, community activist Charlie Ara requested that the district change to by-trustee-area elections. On June 22, the Board of Trustees received a demand letter from the law firm of Goldstein, Demchak, Baller, et al, informing the district that its current election system was in violation of the law, and were given until August 1 to respond.

At a subsequent study session held on Sept. 21 to look into the issue, members of the Board asked

questions of the consultant (Attorney Chris Skinnell).

Their questions showed a complete lack of understanding about the process and proved that there had been little or no prior discussion of this topic.

The fact is that at no time prior to the filing of the lawsuit on Sept. 28, did the Board give any indication that they had any intention of moving to "by-trustee-area" elections.

The filing of this lawsuit should have been "totally unnecessary", but the Board's reticence and/or arrogance in their refusal to address the problem forced the hand of the plaintiffs.

So, it is the Board that is responsible for the unnecessary spending of taxpayer money. It played "Chicken" using taxpayer money as their vehicle, and it lost.

It is certainly encouraging that the district is finally moving in the right direction and hopefully the district will act in good faith throughout the rest of this process. This will be the only sure way to avoid the unnecessary spending of taxpayer money in the future.

Tom Chavez

## Appropriate actions have been taken to change the district's Board of Trustees election system

Dear Editor,

The Cerritos College Board of Trustees has set in motion a change in the way trustees are elected. With a unanimous vote for a resolution at our Oct. 5 board meeting, we approved changing trustee elections from at-large throughout the college district to trustees elected by voters in each of seven trustee areas. Trustees would have to reside in the trustee areas they represent.

Consideration of the change started last February when the Community College League of California advised college districts with at-large elections to consider such a change. The election issue has been discussed at several board meetings with the college's attorneys. In March, the board took action to move our elections to even-numbered years, with November 2012 as the next trustee election.

This decision was made to reduce the very large cost to the district of participating on a smaller odd-year ballot.

This move has also given the college district time to set in motion the Community College League's recommended change from an at-large election to a by-trustee-area election. In fact at the Nov. 2 board meeting a presentation related to Draft Trustee Area Plans from the districts demographic/redistricting consultant was presented to the board and a public hearing on the subject was conducted.

In the weeks to come the board will hold additional public hearings with the intention of taking final action on converting from at-large elections to trustee area districts at

our meeting on Dec. 7.

It is important to understand that the Cerritos College Board has taken these steps to make the election change and we have voted unanimously to support the change.

At the end of September, seven months after we started looking at the issue, a lawsuit was filed by three plaintiffs under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) demanding that the court impose trustee areas.

The three plaintiffs are Tom Chavez, Leonard Zuniga and Carmen Avalos. Avalos served one four-year term (2005 to 2009) on the board and, as a board member, never brought the election at-large issue to the board for consideration.

She lost her bid for re-election to the board in 2009 and failed in a race for the California Assembly last year. Chavez resides in Norwalk and Zuniga in Downey. They too have sought election to the College Board and lost in their attempts.

The plaintiffs claim that it is difficult for Hispanics to be elected to the board. Though right now there are no Hispanic members, over the history of the college, trustees have been elected from all over the district and Hispanic trustees have been elected to the board.

Since 1975, eight Hispanic trustees have been elected as trustees serving for a combined total of 40 years on the board. Additionally, the college has had two Hispanic President/Superintendents, and the college has successfully been funded for four Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) grants from the U.S. Department of Education in support of curriculum and program

What do you think about the Cerritos Community College District being sued for not switching the district voting system earlier?

- *The lawsuit was necessary*
- *The lawsuit was unnecessary*
- *The plaintiffs could have waited for the district to take action*
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# Jack and Jill fail to reach the hilltop

## Movie Review

*Jack & Jill*  
**Starring:** Adam Sandler, Katie Holmes & Al Pacino  
**Director:** Dennis Dugan  
**Rating:** ★

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Adam Sandler's latest film, "Jack-and-Jill" is a combination of a straight to DVD film and one that never should have been made.

Any time that a film has to fill up on cameos, it is a clear indication of the type of movie that you are about to see.

It is possible to get past Sandler's horrible decision to play both the male character as well as dressing in drag to play his female twin sister as well, but, no, it isn't possible to get past that extremely bad choice.

At least the acting was not bad. It was terrible. I see why this movie had all those cameos: It was to take away from all of the life-altering bad decisions in this film.

This movie has no structure at all.

Another problem area was the rhythm. The rhythm equaled a DVD special features section of random scenes that was made into a feature film.

Even the post-production is severely bad. The editing in this film is like one of those rides that spin you around in a constant circle at for seemingly no reason at all.



MICHAEL ARES /TM

**To the beat:** Jaden Roemheld playing a drum set at Heritage Park in Sante Fe springs photographed by Michael Ares. Ares photographs weddings, events, conventions and children's photography.

# Ares captures life through a lens

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Photojournalism major Michael Ares' love for photography began in January when he took his first photography class with professor Christina Fernandez. The class inspired him to pursue his passion of photography.

"I wasn't planning to be a photographer or do anything with photography, but I took the class because I thought it was going to be fun," Ares said.

Ares had no prior experience before he took the Photography 100 class. His skills came as a natural talent.

"I've been told I have an eye for [photography]. I would say every photographer has to

have an eye. If you don't you wouldn't have a business."

In June, Ares began his photography business known as "ReverieImage | Michael Ares" with the help of professional photographer Duke Givens.

Givens said, "I look at him [Ares] as an artist. He captures things from outside the box that helps one photo speak 1,000 words. People know him by his work, photography will be his trademark."

With a busy schedule, Ares has to manage school-work, a part-time job at Forever 21 and ReverieImage.

Ares said, "It's time-consuming because whenever I do photo shoots, it takes up a lot of school and homework time."

On average, Ares has about two clients a month. During clients' photo shoots, Ares takes

a minimum of 600 photos.

"It's funny because out of those 600 [photos] you use 40 or 50. You take a lot of photos to make sure you're always guaranteed the best shots," Ares said.

Daisy Rodriguez assists Ares in his business by keeping track of his photo sessions. She gives Ares ideas such as photo packages for clients.

"Whether it be ideas on locations or while he's taking pictures, if he needs help I'm usually there to help him," Rodriguez said.

Ares plans to include photography in his future career.

Ares said, "In the future I want to be a freelance photographer for a paper like the LA Times. If I could land an industry job in the entertainment business, that is an awesome dream of mine too."

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**Boogie:** The Cerritos College dance department held its fall dance concert on Nov. 3,4, and 5 at the Burnight Center Theatre. The show consisted of a mix of different styles of dance like ballet and modern.

# Dance show excites dancers and more

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Hip-hop, jazz, modern and choreography were some of the types of dances that performed on stage on Nov. 3-5. The Cerritos College Dance Department and ASCC hosted the fall dance show which took place at the Burnight Center Theatre.

Dance major Jerika Herod said, "It was a nice show. Everyone was organized the right way."

It was Herod's first performance. She was part of the

choreography dance.

Psychology and dance major Kendra Carnes said, "I liked the presence and it was a good atmosphere," in regards to a smooth show.

It was also Carnes' first time performance at Cerritos College.

"I can't be nervous. When the lights come on and I hear the people and screaming, it gets me amped up."

Previously, she was in the dance program at El Camino College.

"El Camino's program is more strict than the one here. Our program lets you express yourself as a dancer besides just doing something somebody wants you to do," she said.





**Scratching:** Mass communications major Gildardo Aquino has been involved in music since the age of 15. Aside from DJ-ing at various clubs, he also hosts a show on WPMD.org.

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# Student DJ brings the hits to Cerritos

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Cerritos College Mass communications major Gildardo Aquino began his early interest in music at the age of 15 and started playing music known as Tamborazo, a genre of music that is popular within the Mexican culture.

Months later, he ran across a program while that was being taught in the city of Santa Monica. The purpose of it was to teach kids how to DJ.

The program taught the kids in the Santa Monica to stay off the streets and the basics of being a DJ.

The classes showed different types of equipment and how to play and change music.

“I wasn’t going the wrong way but I was going to hang out with my friends,” he said.

Two years, later he played at his first 21-and-over club in Los Angeles called,

“Vesuvius.” Aquino is known commonly by his DJ name, “DJ Demo.”

### First time on stage

He plays from a variety of music ranging English-language music, Spanish dance music known as “cumbias,” hip-hop, house, electro and Spanish rock.

Aquino has his own radio show here on campus; he has no name for it but he has a motto that goes by, “giving you back-in-the-day and today’s hits.”

“I play anything from hip-hop from the early 90s to today’s hits now.”

### The start on-air

Aquino has had his show since April. Aquino always had interest in radio broadcasting along with being a DJ.

The two DJs that have inspired Aquino

throughout his DJ-ing career are DJ Vice and Mr. Chock.

He recieved the chance to meet them three years ago and has been very familiar with both DJs.

“I always followed them to clubs they would DJ at. I actually met DJ Vice during a performance I had at a club and he was a cool person.”

Later he met Maria Llamas, his girlfriend and Cerritos College alumnus.

She was a waitress at “La Mirage,” a club in Artesia that he performed at for about nine years.

Aquino commuted from Lancaster to Artesia to DJ. Despite the distance, he still played from Thursday nights to Sundays at the club.

After a while, he got tired of the drive and began staying at a friend’s home.

“After I met my girlfriend, things got more serious and I made the decision to move in with her in Norwalk,” Aquino said.

After moving to Norwalk, he made the decision to go back to school and decided to join the radio and broadcast program at Cerritos College. Llamas is one of his inspirations for coming back to school.

“He has great communication skills, is an excellent DJ and a remarkable voice. He deserves to be paid what he is worth,” she said.

### A future career

So far, he has applied for K-Day but will apply for KIIS FM and Power 106.

Aquino is currently working on getting his mixes ready for them.

Miloe Mayorga, a friend of Aquino for 10 years and his photographer for his events and other photo shoots, gave insight on the decision that Aquino took to apply for a future job at the FM stations.

“He is taking all the right steps and doing it the right way and not taking the easy

way out.” Catch Aquino online every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on WPMD.org.

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**Painting on set:** Cerritos College Theater Department Technical Director and Designer Dave Ward helps student Crystal Duenas paint a scenic painting for a set design. Scenic paintings are a part of stage design.

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# Ward inspires as a teacher and designer

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Dave Ward, Cerritos College theater Department technical director and designer, has designed, built and recycled sets for the department, along with instructing the portable entertainment technology classes since 2009.

“I have been a part of many of this school’s productions. Some are really good and some are not so good, but teaching the students has to be the best part,” Ward said.

One student thankful to have Ward as an instructor is Prop Master Serena Dobsin.

“He has gone out of his way to teach me about working with props,” Dobsin said.

“He has taught me many things about set construction, but it is all his little tips and tricks for finding and building props that have been most valuable to me.”

Ward explains the challenges of his job. “I have to work with the director to make sure everything is to his liking, if he does not like something, then I will change it.”

Ward was originally an arts major in the early start of his college education and claims to have stumbled upon theater design while volunteering.

“After switching majors, I acquired my B.A. in technical theater from California State University, Long Beach then obtained my M.A. in

design and technical theater from the University of Michigan,” he said.

Upon finishing school, Ward began working for the South Coast Repertory Theatre, where he attributes most of his professional experience to.

Ward then worked outside of the industry because of the distance of the SCR Theater.

Dobsin said, “I think his past experiences made him a better instructor. We get to learn from him. What stuff [will work in the real world] and what won’t because he had gone through the trial and error before.”

While looking for work, Ward obtained a job at Cerritos College in 1987 and has since started working as a consultant for Disney Entertainment, which includes projects in Disneyland’s Tomorrow Land.

Ward attributes his early hopes for a family in becoming an instructor rather than pursuing a full-time career in the industry.

“I would look at other people while at the [SCR] and see how the industry controlled their lives. I wanted to have a family and on top of that, the work was far,” Ward said.

Ward feels he has a good relationship with is students and Dobsin is one who agrees.

“What sets him apart from other teachers is that he treats you like his equal, you don’t feel like his student, but rather his colleague.”



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**Watching work:** Cerritos College Theater Department Technical Director and Designer Dave Ward observes students working backstage at the Burnight Center Theatre. Aside from working at Cerritos, Ward also has outside experience in theater, including working for the South Coast Repertory Theatre and Disney Entertainment.



Regular Season Results: 7-3, 5-0. The Falcons have earned No. 3 seed in Southern California Regional Playoffs.

Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24	Oct 1
				
L 28-23	L 41-27	W 52-34	W 26-10	L 56-21
Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29	Nov 5
				
W 31-24	W 42-24	W 48-42	W 41-19	W 35-27

Home ☒ Away ☐ Next Game: Nov 9 at Palomar (Southern California Football Association Bowl)



**'I miss you coach':** Defensive tackle Fred Lavulo (right) embraces head coach Frank Mazzotta (left) prior to the Cerritos College football team's 35-27 win over Allan Hancock College on Saturday. Lavulo and the other sophomores on the team were recognized due to it being their last home game at Falcon Stadium.

# Football tops Allan Hancock, will face Palomar in bowl

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Sending its sophomores out with back-to-back National Division Northern Conference championships, the Cerritos College football team defeated Allan Hancock College 35-27 on Saturday at Falcon Stadium.

Prior to the game, the Falcons' sophomore players were recognized by those in attendance for their contributions to the team.

The win solidifies the Falcons' winning the NDNC championship out-right.

Denker said, "It feels good to win conference out right and come out with a victory."

The match-up featured a first-half defensive struggle between both teams as the Bulldogs attained 133 yards, compared to 141 yards by Cerritos College.

AHC struck first in the game on a six-yard touchdown pass to tight end Nick Brundy from quarterback Brandon Jeffries.

Cerritos College responded just before the first half ended as quarterback Brandon Denker threw a seven-yard touchdown pass to tight end Clark Evans.

Denker struggled throughout the first half, completing two passes for nine yards.

The offense for both teams picked up in the second half.

Jeffries threw a pass to freshman wide receiver Cameron Rogers who streaked up the field for a 58-yard score.

Four plays later, Denker answered back

by throwing a 26-yard touchdown pass to a wide-open Garrion Manning. Manning caught his sixth touchdown of the season.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, which would be full of scoring for both teams, running back Cory Westbrook capped off an eight-play 80-yard drive for the Falcons with a one-yard scamper into the end zone.

Westbrook had a career night as he rushed for a touchdown 156 yards on 20 carries.

The Bulldogs were quick to strike back as Jeffries threw his third touchdown of the game to wide receiver Shane Henderson.

Denker took matters into his own legs and ran for an 18-yard touchdown and after the Falcons allowed a run for a touchdown, Denker scored another rushing touchdown.

He finished the game with 100 yards on five completions, 67 yards on 10 carries and four total touchdowns.

On their final possession of the game, the Bulldogs advanced the ball before finally getting it to the two-yard line.

The Falcons stopped them for three consecutive downs.

The down and distance was set at fourth and goal on the two-yard line, defensive tackle Kyle Peko and linebacker Chass Glaspie exploded through the Bulldogs' offensive line and tackled Bulldogs running back Cameron Artis-Payne stopping him short and ending the final opportunity for AHC.

AHC struggled to capitalize on opportunities in the red zone, scoring on only three of the eight chances it had while the Falcons

were successful in all four of their attempts.

Freshman Chass Glaspie had a breakout game against the Bulldogs, piling 17 total tackles and forcing a fumble that he advanced for 36 yards.

Freshman defensive back Myan Tave added, "It is a great opportunity win another championship with this team, especially getting a two-in-a-row for Coach Mo," he said. "I'm ready to come back and get a three-peat next season."

The No. 3-seeded Falcons will travel to play the No. 2 seed Palomar College on Saturday in the first round of the Southern California Regional Playoffs in the Southern California Football Association Bowl at Escondido High School at 5 p.m.

The Falcons lost to the Comets 41-27 on Sept. 10.

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# ‘Basketball never stops’ thanks to the college level



As proclaimed in Nike’s newest advertisement that is led by the Oklahoma City Thunder’s star forward Kevin Durant, “Basketball never stops.”

But with the cancellation of the 2011-2012 NBA season seeming nothing but imminent, local basketball fans have even more reason to look toward the Cerritos College basketball teams more than ever to get their fix of basketball.

While both teams started and will continue to play the entire fall schedule on the road, the promise of a successful season can be higher than in previous years.

Starting with the men’s team, experience and height will always be one of the biggest factors when it comes to college basketball.

That being said, with four players over the height of six feet, six inches, one of which includes sophomore forward Darius Williams, the team should not struggle to grab rebounds and defend inside.

Williams made First-Team All-South Coast Conference last season and was the Falcons’ leading shot blocker last season to go along with being third on the team in scoring with 11.6 points per game.

His ability to clean the glass will be key during the season, due to the Falcons losing the No. 1 and No. 2 scoring options from last season.

The 20-point season-opening victory over Fullerton College Nov. 9 with more than three players scoring double digits, is an ideal start for the Falcons

With a core of sophomore guards, a deep rotation will be expected for defensive purposes.

The men’s first home game will be against Santa Ana College on Dec. 23 at Gahr High School.

The women’s team has lost some important pieces this past offseason. Two notable mentions include April Perry and Rose Boatner, who were both two-time First-Team All-SCC selections.

Perry and Boatner both accepted scholarships to play for Southern University of New Orleans.

Filling the scoring void that Perry left at 15.9 points per game will be the team’s challenge, which it has somewhat been successful due to the team advancing to the championship game in the team’s first tournament of the season.

The women will travel to Santa Barbara City College to partake in the Santa Barbara Tournament Thursday through Saturday, while the men will play at the Irvine Valley Tournament on the same days.

So while the voice of Charles Barkley will be deeply missed by basketball fans across the nation, college fans and fans of the sport should take the year to observe the future talent of the league that is currently playing for merely the love of the game.



Break-time: Midfielders Dominique Escobar (left), Carlos Escobar (right) and the rest of the Cerritos College men's soccer team will take on the winner of the Golden West College vs. San Bernadino College game, after taking a first round bye. The No. 2 ranked Falcons have most recently tied 1-1 at East Los Angeles College.



## Men’s soccer has first-round bye

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With a 11-1-2 regular season record, the Cerritos College men’s soccer team is also ranked No. 2 in the SoCal Power Rankings.

The California Community College Athletic Association held a meeting on Tuesday in which the brackets for the playoffs were distributed.

The Falcons were given a first-round bye. They will then move on to play against the winner of the Golden West College vs. San Bernadino College game on Saturday.

Cerritos College men’s soccer Head Coach Benny Artiaga said, “We’ve been making playoffs since 2004 so we’re preparing the same

way we always have. The intensity is up, the physicality is up, the demands are up.”

Goalkeeper Daniel Lizama, said, “I think we have a big advantage because the first round we have a bye so we have a lot of injuries so it gives us time to heal the injuries that some of our players have.”

Midfielder Juan Ochoa said, “We got a week off so we’re doing a lot of fitness right now and a lot of kicking the ball into the net. We need whatever goals we can get in each game so we can win.”

Cerritos is currently ranked No. 2 in the South Coast Conference.

Mount. San Antonio College is No. 1 in the conference and East Los Angeles College is behind Cerritos at No. 3.

Ochoa said, “Teams like that,

you can’t have any mistakes because they won’t pass each chance you give them. They’re going to score and we have to stop giving chances away.”

With 42 points scored overall this season and ranked No. 5 as a field player, forward Angel Ayala said about his ranking, “Well being a freshman, I feel motivated for playoffs.

“It makes me feel like one of the leaders on my team so I know I’m going to have to put the team on my shoulders and just do what I can to make them move forward.”

After a 1-1 tie with ELAC in their last game of the season, Ayala said about going against them again, “I think it’s going to be a hard game but I know our team is much more capable of doing then

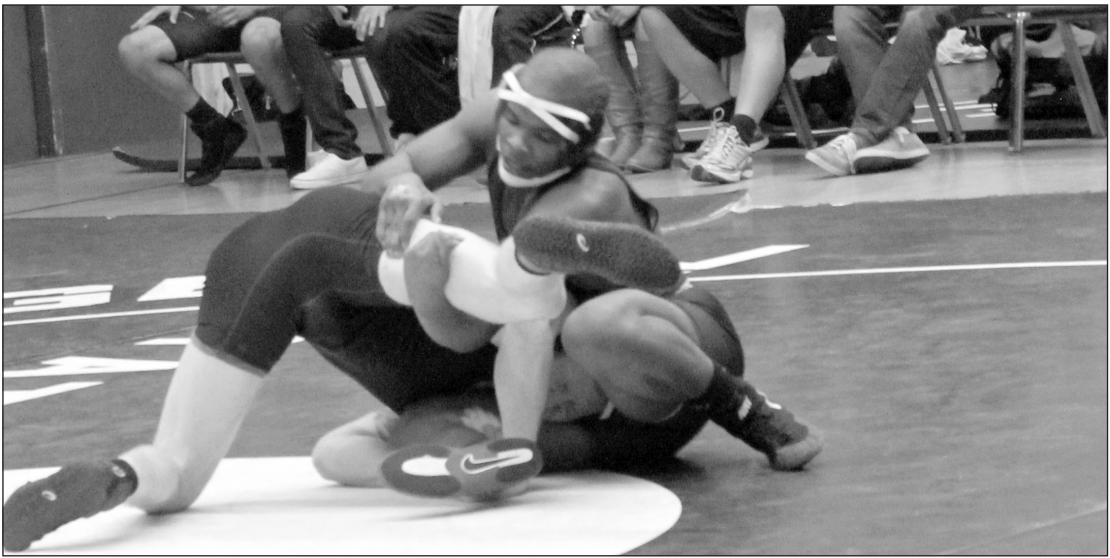
what we did on their field and I think it’d be easier for us.”

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### Wrestling team prepares for remaining matches in Novemeber



Pin falls: Tyree Cox (right) of the Cerritos College wrestling team attempts to pin his Santa Ana College opponent in a Nov. 2, home match at Excelsior High School. The team lost its last match against Rio Hondo College on Nov. 9 and will face Mount. San Antonio College on Wednesday.

## Cross Country’s Daniel Herrera awarded Male Athlete of the Month

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Cerritos College Freshman cross country runner Daniel Herrera continued an improbable season, winning the Male Athlete of the Month award for the month of October.

Herrera is the fifth male Cerritos College athlete to win the award, which is given out by the California Community College Athletic Association.

According to Herrera, his awards and first-place finishes were acquired by a change in his racing mindset.

“I would attribute my success to the change in my mindset during races,” Herrera said.

“I’ve learned to never give up, regardless of how tired I may be.”

The freshman runner has won five of the six events that he has competed in this season.

He adds, “The support of my coaches, family and teammates has helped make me a stronger individual as well.”

The only competition that he did not come in first place was at the Commodore Invitational held at Vanderbilt University in October.

He finished sixth in that competition, competing against Div. I competition such as competitors from the universities of Cincinnati and Alabama.

Herrera says he has had support since his first race.

“My coaches and team have been proud of me since day one of the season. They have the utmost confidence in my ability,” he said.

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