

Reflections at the fountain

In remembrance of the sixth month anniversary of the Sept. 11 attack, the ASCC will be holding a ceremony Mar. 11 at noon.

Hoedown days next week

MARISOL REYES
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

It's time to take those dingy boots out the closet. The 2002 Hoe Down Days begin next week. Hoe Down Days is the yearly spring event sponsored by the Associated Students of Cerritos College (ASCC). It is comprised of three days filled with different activities with a western twist. "Think of it as a western carnival," said Sarah Mayorga, ASCC Vice President.

Hoe Down Days begins on Tuesday with Western Booth Day. Beginning at 10 a.m. different clubs will erect booths in Falcon Square. "This is a huge fundraising event for all clubs. The spaces usually go out with-

in a couple hours," said Nassarin Bonyadloo, ASCC President.

Also highlighting Tuesday's events is the Dunk Your Favorite Cop Booth sponsored by the ASCC. Students will pay to dunk their favorite campus police officer or parking officials. "All the proceeds go to scholarship awareness," Bonyadloo said.

At 6 p.m. food and entertainment will be provided for afternoon students in the Social Science Patio. It will be the only activity held at night.

The hot stuff begins on Wednesday with a chili cookout that begins at 10:30 a.m.

Here different clubs and staff compete for the best

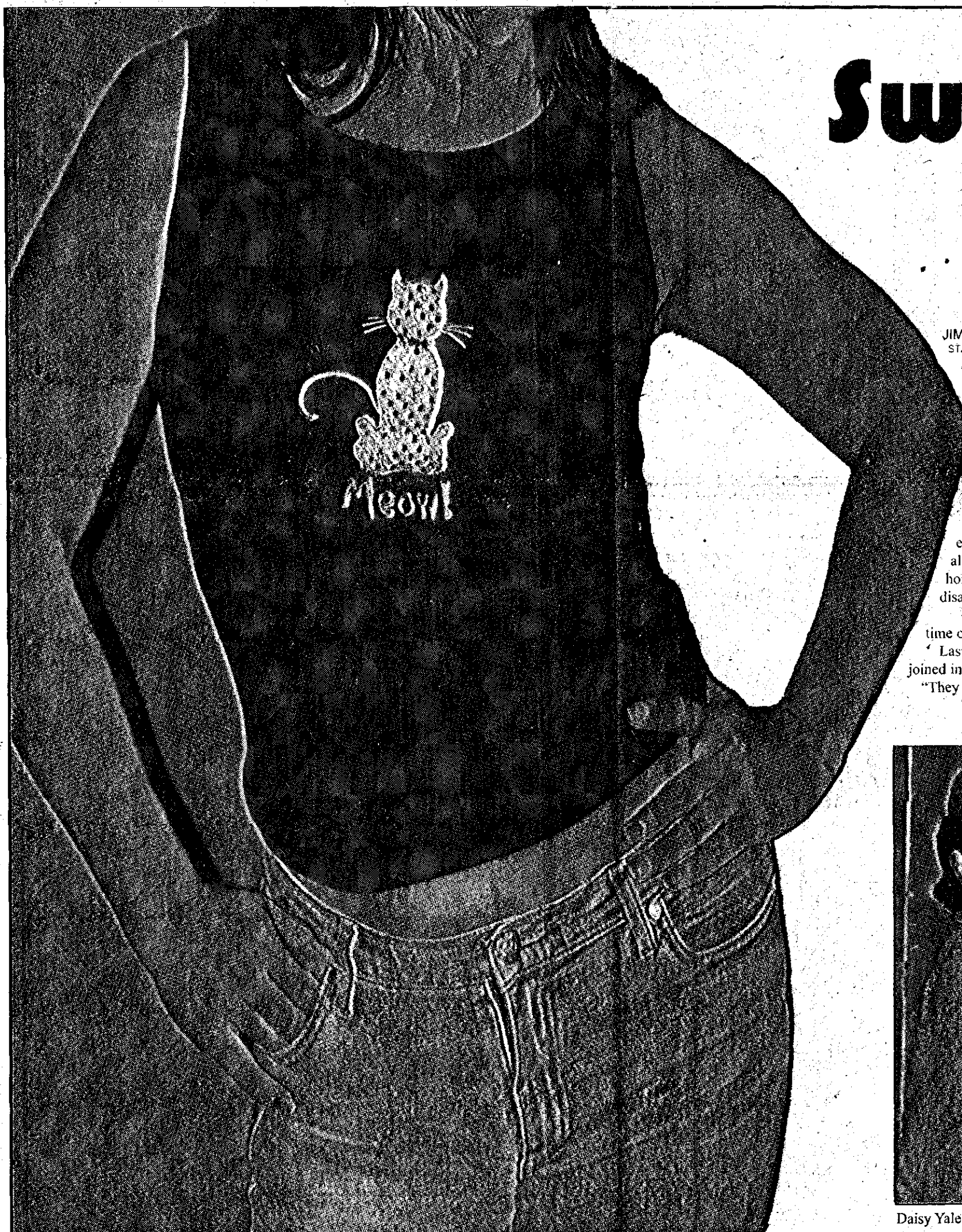
Chili.

"Culinary Arts have won for the past two years," Bonyadloo said. Students also have the opportunity to taste some of the award winning chili after the competition.

The event students look forward to the most is the Mr. Cerritos Contest.

"I can't wait to see the guys," Evelyn De La Torre, Business Major, said.

Cerritos College President Jane Hammon and Bonyadloo will host the event. Hoe Down Days finishes its week of western fun on Thursday. A concert will be held in the Student Center at 11 a.m.



Lina Santamatia poses as she walks down the catwalk modeling a Forever 21 shirt made by underpaid workers in sweatshops.

Sweatshop fashions

JIMMY MISTRY
STAFF WRITER

The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, Mecha, International Students Association, Gay Straight Alliance, Hellfire, and Disabled Students of Cerritos College, held what they call a "Sweatshop Event" in the Student Center on Tuesday. The event mocked popular brand names clothing companies that employ sweatshop workers.

Volunteers from these clubs walked the catwalk, on a runway wearing brand names like Nike, Tommy Hilfiger, Gucci, Guess, and Disney.

Mayra Gonzalez, president of FMLA said, "We are a social, economic, and political organization which works nationwide and globally for the improvement of human equality. It's not just for females (in honor of March, official Women's History Month), it's for males, elderly, disabled, and children."

This was the second annual sweatshop event and Gonzalez's first time organizing the event here at Cerritos.

Last year the event was held by FMLA alone, this year other clubs have joined in to support the fight for human rights.

"They (big corporations) sell clothes so expensive but they don't pay workers

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Daisy Yale models Calvin Klein outfit



Anthony Flores showing off Disney shirt

Walk for breast cancer awareness

TERESE LEON
A&E EDITOR

As a part of Women's History Month, Cerritos College will be holding its second annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.

The event will be held March 21 in Falcon Square. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. and the walk is from 11 a.m. to noon.

According to Dr. Carrie Gleckner, one of the presenters of the walk, the motto is "Celebrate and Educate."

"We want to educate individuals about breast cancer, risk factors and prevention, and celebrate survivors," Gleckner said.

According to the American Cancer Society, "Breast cancer" is the most common cancer

among women, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer."

The American Cancer Society also said that about 203,500 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2002. About 40,000 women will die from the disease.

However, the Cancer Society says that breast cancer death rates have declined significantly from 1992 to 1998, with the largest decrease in younger women. It said this decline is probably the result of earlier detection and improved treatment.

Because of facts like these, the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk will be doing more than just educating and celebrating. "We also hope to raise

money for breast cancer research and awareness. Donations are optional and will be accepted for the Susan G. Komen Foundation," Gleckner said.

The Susan G. Komen Foundation is a Texas-based establishment. The mission statement of the charity is "to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment."

For 18 years, the Susan G. Komen Foundation has supplied funding for breast cancer research and for original projects that consist of breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment.

Prizes will be awarded to the three people who donate the most to the Foundation.

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Students shut out of college campus housing

TARA CARTER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Community college students who are planning to attend a California university and live on campus may find themselves homeless when they transfer.

"The needs of our universities are outpacing their capacity to create enough student housing," said Assemblywoman Dion Aroner.

Students unable to afford campus housing are reporting that they have been forced to sleep in their cars, room with friends, make long commutes and even postpone their education, all because they are not able to obtain campus housing.

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Student receives scholarship

TERESE LEON
A&E EDITOR

Nichelle Long, Psychology major, won a \$500 scholarship from the church she attends, Greater Bethany Community Church.

The church, located in South Central Los Angeles, has about 16,000 members according to Long. Only six scholarships were given out to students. The scholarships were available to undergraduate students.

Long plans to use the money to help her transfer from Cerritos

College to a four-year school. She said she applied at UCLA and Cal State Long Beach. She plans to transfer in the fall.

Dr. Kimberley Duff, psychology professor, wrote a letter of recommendation for Long. Duff said, "Nichelle is a really outstanding student and she deserved it. She serves as a role model to others."

Long does research on stereotyping with Duff in her lab. In April, she will be presenting her research at a National Scholars Honors conference in Arizona.

Breast cancer walk

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Speakers will also be present at the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. Lauren Scott, the board of directors' president of Team Survivor and Barry Borkin, a board of directors member with the Susan G. Komen Foundation, will both be present to speak.

The Athletics Department welcomes everyone to join the two-mile walk. "The walk is open to everyone on campus, students, staff

and faculty. We give a spirit award to the division or group with the most participants. Anyone can participate, able bodies and wheelchairs alike. It is an easy two-mile course around campus," Gleckner said.

Gleckner said people not affiliated with Cerritos College are welcome to join the walk as well.

College campus housing

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David Hastings, a student at Cerritos College who is planning to attend UC Riverside in the fall, is concerned that he won't have a place to live when he transfers.

"I live in Norwalk with my parents right now, if I'm not able to get student housing at UC Riverside I won't be able to go. I won't be able to drive back and forth from Norwalk to Riverside everyday."

In recognition of the problem, last month lawmakers announced an inclusion of \$15 million for student housing in a proposed housing bond measure.

The measure will be part of a \$2.1 billion bond proposal drafted to provide housing for low and moderate-income students.

Arnone, who is an avid proponent of the measure, feels that it is time for the state to step in and help rectify the housing problem.

"Historically, the state has not provided money for student housing, claiming it was an ancillary service. Any housing project had to be self-supporting, with funding coming from sources such as student fees, donations or public-private partnerships," Arnone said.

She added, "Often money has accumulated too slowly to meet campus demand. The problem has been exacerbated by record enrollment and expectations that the trend will continue."

Josh Fryday, a creator of the housing bond, feels the measure is historical because if it passes, the state will be looking at housing as a critical piece of education for the first time.

Arnone said no formal opposition to the measure has surfaced but UC and CSU response has been moderate.

CSU officials said they are reviewing the language of the student housing measure but have not made any decisions on whether to endorse it.

UC officials have expressed concerns that if the measure is passed other school projects might suffer financially.

Patricia Kearney, executive director of housing at UC Davis, said the housing bond would be useful but "in tough budget times the state money should go to classrooms not bedrooms."

Court reporting career day

The court reporting/broadcast captioning industry is experiencing a severe shortage of skilled workers and students entering these realtime information technology professions. Congress recently appropriated \$5.75 million in grants for training captioners (closed-captioning), CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) providers and realtime writers.

The need for realtime writers in traditional court reporting jobs, such as working in court and taking depositions, also continues to grow.

There is a shortage of court reporters and there is an expanded need for this specialized skill, especially in the area of broadcast cap-

tioning. Cerritos College is hosting a Court Reporting Career Day on Saturday, March 9, from 1-4 p.m. in the College's Student Center.

A variety of activities and information will be available to students and the public at this event.

For more information, please contact the Court Reporting Department at 562.860.2451, ext. 2746 or visit the web site at www.cerritos.edu/busec.



Psychology major Nichelle Long (right) helps Dr. Kimberley Duff (left) conduct psychology experiments in Duff's laboratory.

Club members boycott sweatshops

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enough. It's very unfair and it goes against human rights," said Daisy Yule, who modeled Tommy Hilfiger pants and jacket.

Caroline Watanagata, member of International Students Association, knows of what these shops consist of.

"I'm coming from a country where I've seen children work very hard at a young age. Knowledge is contagious and it has affected me and hopefully it will effect others."

Abraham Macedonio, member of Mecha, researched this issue through the website www.sweatshopwatch.org and various other internet sites for the presentation.

His research uncovered many companies that people did not know utilized sweatshops as their means of profit.

Companies such as Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Gucci, Dickies, Kathy Lee Gifford, JC Penny, Robert "Ross," Disney, Etnies, and Tommy

Hilfiger, were all discovered as companies who employee sweatshop workers.

John Day, Aerospace Engineer major and spectator of the Sweatshop Event, commented, "Big companies suck. I'm gonna write a letter to the companies telling them to stop the injustice."

"I didn't know companies like Wal-Mart, Disney, and K-Mart support sweatshops," said Emmanuel Calderon, spectator and Electric Engineer major.

As the models walked down the walkway Rosa Folgar, with Gonzalez, commented on the conditions the clothes were made in.

Folgar, vice president of FMLA, wants people to be aware of what the media does not show. "So people get to know what's really out there."

The sweatshop workers in Indonesia get paid a \$1.25 a day while the promoters like Tiger Woods get paid \$550 a day.

As Gena Leguizamon showed off Adidas and Dickies outfits, Folgar commented about how Chinese workers in China get paid less than

a dollar a day to make the clothing.

"We pay \$40 for a shirt we are gonna wear for four months when the workers get paid 4 cents an hour to make the shirt and it's unjust, which is why I took part in this," said Anthony Flores, who modeled Disney and Etnies clothing.

According to Folgar there are over 35,000 sweatshops in U.S. territory, these shops are army style barracks and work goes on for seven days a week.

Folgar also added that a sweatshop worker in Cambodia gets paid \$40 a month when the minimum requirement for basic needs is \$60 dollars a month.

"I think people should know where the clothes they buy come from," said Alejandra Villacres, who modeled Tommy Hilfiger pants.

The over all theme for the event was to make the public aware of the working conditions that their clothes are made in and to get people to take action against violators of human rights.

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EDITORIAL

Communist America?

Let the Drafting begin!!
Uncle Sam wants every male, ages 18-22, to serve in the military for one year.

Fortunately, women are not forced to join but are granted the opportunity to volunteer.

Apparently the government doesn't value women as a mans equal, or else they simply do not believe they are as competent.

There are a few deferments: individuals with disabilities, high school students who are earning a diploma, members of military academies, and legitimate correction officers are among the individuals who are off the hook.

Wasn't America supposed to be the land of the free? If the House ratifies the Universal Military and Service Act of 2001, young men will be FORCED to serve in the US military.

Forcing Americans to work against their will, doesn't this sound like slavery?

America needs to realize that things have changed from the dinosaur ages when young men expressed their patriotism and love for their country by joining the armed forces and going off to war.

Kissing their girlfriends goodbye, young men proudly shipped off to war and many never returned.

Today the attitudes of young men are very different. America prides itself on offering education and endless opportunities for its citizens and the youth are taking advantage.

Today it is the American dream that is sought after. Young men would rather go to college and build a future for themselves and their families rather than spend two years of their life in the armed forces.

It's not like patriotism has become a thing of the past, it is still prevalent in today's society, it is displayed in many different ways.

A bumper sticker with a patriotic phrase, a flag on a house or car and a financial donation now replaces the "fight the enemy" mentality of the past.

And why shouldn't it?

Here in America, the supposed "land of the free" individuals have the right to express their beliefs in any form they wish.

Unfortunately America is now going the way of the communist.

In a communist country, its citizens would have no say, whether they wanted to defend their country or not. They are drafted either way.

Who cares, if your religion does not allow you to join the military, who cares if you are studying hard to earn a college degree, who cares if you've never had any intentions of joining the military? The government sure doesn't.

Forcing young men to join the armed forces against their will goes against everything America stands for.

An individual who possesses the true American spirit would not let this act come to fruition.

Help to preserve democracy by speaking out against this un-American act. Contact congress and let the House Of Representatives know that communism in America will not be tolerated.

Get cash and save the planet!



LAURA AGUILAR
Photographer

Cerritos College should have recycling facilities. Many people think that recycling is expensive but the purpose of recycling is to help the environment.

A school uses unimaginable amounts of paper. A well designed recycling program can be set up to save money and not just to be self sufficient.

Eateries use all kinds of recyclable packaging. Paper plastic and aluminum. Shouldn't we be making money off of our trash?

How much trash is accumulated from just eating? Drinks usually come in plastic bottles, aluminum cans, glass bottles,

plastic pouches, or paper cups.

A main dish could be wrapped in paper or aluminum foil, served on a paper plate, cardboard box, or in a styrofoam container. A side could be French fries in a cardboard container, a salad in a plastic container, or even a Snicker's bar in a plastic wrapper.

Imagine how much paper is involved with students, homework, notes, rough drafts, flying paper airplanes across the room when they are bored.

We are given all sorts of useless hand outs. The \$70 books of which only two chapters are read. The 18-page term papers for which we print endless amounts of online research, all for a paper that will be trashed once the professor skims through it.

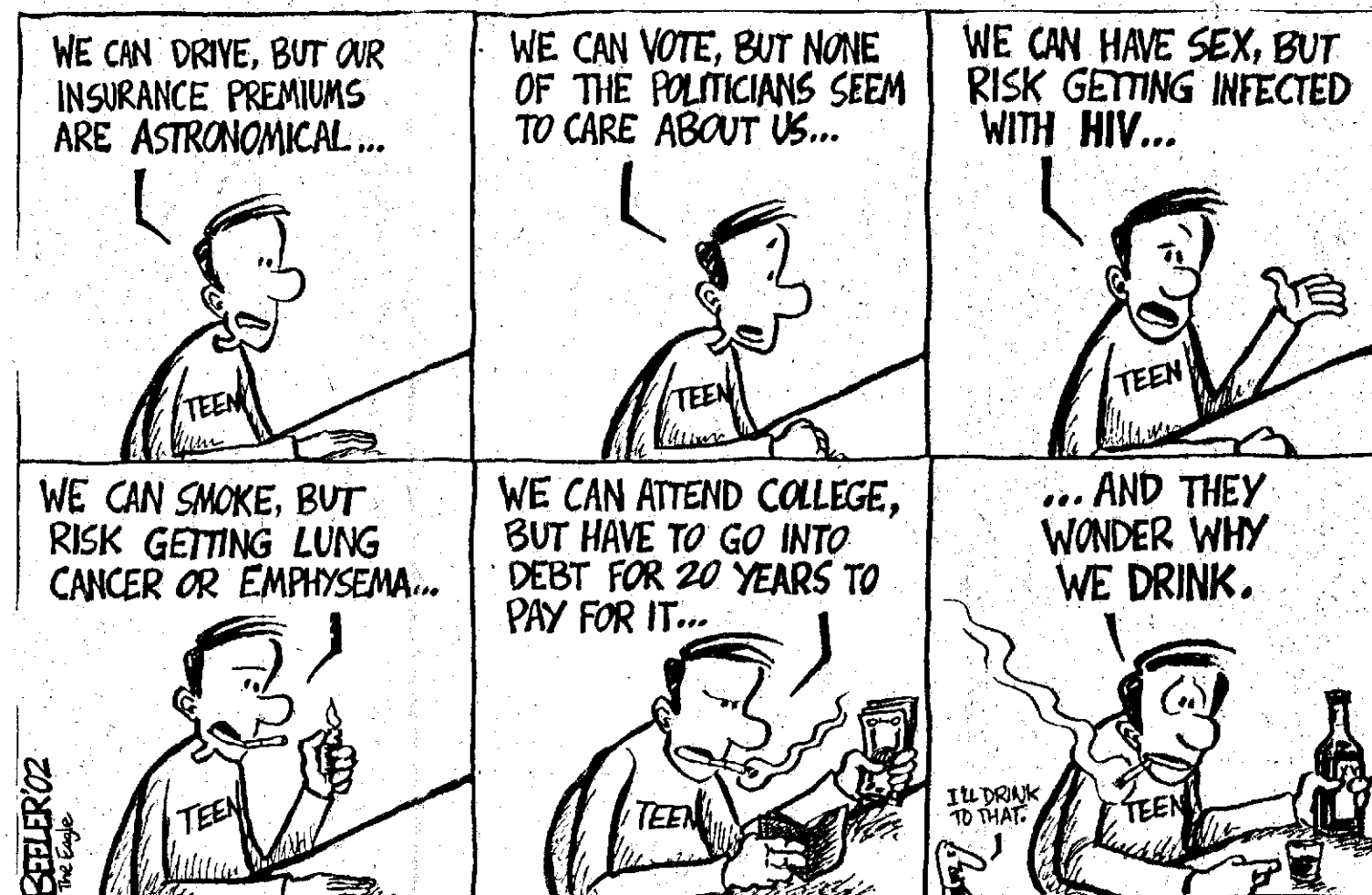
Did you know that about one billion trees' worth of paper is thrown away each

year? Well it is, and did you also know that everything used to package food is also recyclable?

If you grew up in the eighties and early nineties I'm sure you can remember the recycling campaigns telling us to "Recycle, reduce, and reuse." Captain Planet was there to help when we needed outside help.

During high school when not so many people cared, there was still a box labeled, "Recycling Paper Only" in every classroom.

The first time I walked through this college's campus I was carrying an empty water bottle, at every turn I looked for a recycling bin. I ended up carrying the bottle for five hours and taking it home. Every time I buy a bottled drink I make sure that I have space in my back pack to hold it in after I am done with it.



Who is St. Patrick? Here's the scoop



SYLVIA DURAN
Opinion Editor

I remember cutting out green three-leafed shamrocks and sinister-looking leprechauns back in the days in elementary school.

I always forgot to wear green and got pinched a every 10 minutes.

As years went by I wondered who St. Patrick was and why he was associated with shamrocks and leprechauns. I asked around but always seemed to get the same apathetic answer, "I dunno."

This lack of knowledge led to many sleepless nights. I laid awake in bed wondering if I'd ever crack the enigma of St. Patrick's

identity.

Nightmares of evil leprechauns and three-leaf clovers haunted me.

I called a 1-900 psychic and she told me, "In order for you to rid yourself of this curse you must find out the answers." With that costly advice, and believe me it was, for an outrageous \$3.25 a minute, I was on a mission.

Maewyn (also known as St. Patrick), born in Wales about 385 A.D., was a pagan until the age of 16 when he was sold into slavery.

After more than six years as a prisoner, he escaped. According to his writings, the voice of God told him in a dream to leave Ireland.

Patrick then walked 200 miles to the coast of Ireland. After leaving Ireland, he received a second revelation: An angel in a dream told

him to return to Ireland as a missionary.

Patrick's religious training took 15 years. He eventually became a priest and ministered to christians and converted the Irish.

He superimposed a sun, a powerful Irish symbol, on the christian cross to create the celtic cross. Patrick used the three-leafed-shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day.

After 30 years of ministry, Patrick retired to County Down, where he died on March 17 in 461 A.D.

Now I understand why St. Patrick's Day is one of a college student's favorite holidays: An actual holiday dedicated to drunkenness and partying. Too bad, we don't get the day off from school to allow more time for partying.

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"My grandmother, she didn't need any support from a man, she raised eight kids on her own."

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"My current girlfriend, she inspires me to do stuff for others."

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"I guess my high school biology teacher. She was just always there. She always listened and she seemed very together."

Ceci Acero
Undecided



Campus play about women

JIMMY MISTRY
STAFF WRITER

"This will be the dumbest thing I've ever done," my friend whispered to me as we took our seats to watch the play "A Piece of My Heart."

We came out of the theatre in awe, it was magnificently done.

Everything came together.

The base for "A Piece of My Heart" is the lives of women who entered the Vietnam War.

Yet, it manages to cover various amounts of topics like the brutality of war, girls in their youth, military actions, false leadership, politics, and the very moments of how it feels like to be in a war zone.

It stages the lives of six young girls who participate in the war, each with a different mentality and feeling towards it.

They all start out as young girls who are excited about entering the military for the different benefits such as touring different cities.

But as they go through the brutality and the savageness of war they realize it is not something anyone should go through, women, men, children or elderly.

The ugly side of war was picked on.

The girls get lonely, desperate, and afraid of what they have gotten themselves into.

Similar to the 18-year-old guys who go into battle without knowing what it feels like when a bullet passes through bones, their own or the enemies.

Even though I was sitting just five feet away from the actors and actresses it felt like five feet away from me was a whole world away.

As if the soil of Vietnam was really flying through their faces as the helicopters flew by and the bombs fell like rain drops.

The acting was superbly done with raw emotion.

A lot of crying took place.

The girls had real tears and real anger



A man (Dave Wrathall) hugs Leeann (Yezmin Bernal) while other cast members watch, in "A Piece of My Heart."

against war and fighting.

There were moments when there was dead silence in the theatre.

The play had frozen not only the audience but also the actors.

Every line seemed to have a significance to it, not to mention a lot of symbolism.

It was almost as if the script was from a book.

There was a lot of vulgarity mentioned, as one would expect from any warzone moments.

Vulgarity not only being words, but violent, sexual actions, and offensive sentences against race and gender.

If you are new to plays, you may be confused in the beginning because the direction of the play seems confusing as the actors start switching roles.

One moment the woman is a tear jerking sensitive person the next a yelling, grunting lieutenant.

Not to worry, after a while one gets used to it.

There are two parts to the play, the first

one goes through the military life and the other goes through the post-war experience.

We were ready to leave after the first part ended.

Not because we wanted to get away but because it felt like a whole movie had ended.

It felt like it was complete, when the meaning of the name "A Piece of My Heart" is mentioned, but little did we know it was just interval time.

When we came back, it was dessert time, something extra; the story was not

complete of course until the whole life was portrayed.

A surprising part was displayed; the women were living lives even after the war.

The horror of war continues even when the war is over.

Topics like Agent Orange, war syndromes, haunting war memories, naïve adults in combat, and leaders-who-fight-battles-while-sitting-on-leather-chairs were brought up.

Everything mentioned later on in the play was mentioned before.

The cause and effect were shown wonderfully.

Like when one of the girls is in the plane with some guys she finds out they are spraying the fields so the enemy can't hide in the thick flora.

Later on, when the girl is a mother her child has weaknesses, rashes, and other medical conditions that doctors can't identify.

It was finally found out that the medical conditions were caused by the effect of the spraying of the chemical Agent Orange.

It seems that an incredible amount of research was done about how the era was, about how the different mentalities were, about how women had a hard time getting a job, and of course racism.

Of course the play had flaws, but one would not be able to even notice them, which is excellent.

"A Piece of My Heart" is a very well done masterpiece.

The great thing about it is, is that it has a theme.

It isn't just about a contribution to Women's History Month, it's about all of the things that mankind is made of, the worst ones.

When you walk out of the theatre you will surely feel upsetting emotions that will make you want to do something about what's going on today in the world.

EDITORS' PICKS

Aesop Rock 'Labor Day'



TARA CARTER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Tired of listening to rappers talking about their money, cars and women?

If you are, pick up the latest hit by Aesop Rock "Labor Days." Aesop Rock is an obvious graduate of the Freestyle Fellowship/Company Flow genre of emceeing, but he defines his own style.

With his fast delivery and an

unfathomable deep tone, he delivers intricate rhymes faster than the listener's mind can process it.

Tracks like "No regrets" which follows a girl named Lucy on her journey to fulfill her dreams, and "9-5er's" anthem which echoes the sentiments of all of us who work for a living, are just two of the head noddors on the album that will make average listeners forget about the songs about fast cars and jewelry that dominate the airwaves.

Le Tigre 'Feminist Sweepstakes'



TERESE LEON
A & E EDITOR

Punk feminist electronica. It's a genre of music you don't really hear much about. Maybe because Le Tigre is the only band around that fits into it.

The driving force behind Le Tigre is Kathleen Hanna, the singer of the '90's punk band Bikini Kill.

Le Tigre combines the feminist politics of Bikini Kill with drum-

machine beats and samples from protests rallies, comedy routines and interviews.

The new CD from Le Tigre "Feminist Sweepstakes," released in October, is filled with political and feminist lyrics.

In this era of jock rock and pop princesses, Le Tigre is something new, insightful and experimental for those of us that are sick of commercial, pre-packaged music.

Garth Brooks 'Scarecrow'



ALICIA WARNER
FEATURES EDITOR

The new sound of country is becoming more up-beat and it's not someone singing about his wife leaving him.

Garth Brooks' latest album "Scarecrow" is one that is full of up-beat music and catchy tunes.

Ok, we know country is not always the favorite or the trend, but country does get listened to.

"Scarecrow" is one of the best Garth Brooks albums that has ever been produced. His top song "Wrapped up in You," is played constantly on country radio. He may not be a rap artist or a punk rock star, but he still has just as many fans waiting to hear him do his infamous song "Friends in Low Places," in concert.

The Calling 'Camino Palmero'



MARISOL ROJAS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

To hell with *NSync and The Backstreet Boys, The Calling is far from being labeled the average boy band.

Their premier album "Camino Palmero" is filled with powerful lyrics written by lead singer Alex Band and guitarist Aaron Kamin.

Their songs focus on situations like love and loss, rejection, and

redemption. The themes may sound similar but it's this group's powerful delivery found in songs like "Adrienne" and "Stigmatized" that make this band stand out.

The Calling's popularity has been shooting up since the release of the hit single "Wherever You Will Go." It's evident that they will stay true to their music and their fans and not to the dumb trends musicians are pressured into today.

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FALCON ROUNDUP

Women's basketball

The Cerritos College women's basketball team will begin the Southern California Regional Playoffs this Wednesday night at 5:30 p.m. against Imperial Valley College.

The Falcons, champions of the South Coast Conference South Division, received the No. 2 seed and a bye in the first round. As a result, the team had to wait and see who it would be playing in the second round.

Cerritos has not played the Lady Arabs this season, who came in second place in the Pacific Coast Conference. The Falcons will enter the playoffs riding a 12-game winning streak.

Baseball

The Cerritos College baseball team has opened the South Coast Conference season with a 1-2 record after the first week.

First, the Falcons dropped an 8-5 decision to Mt. San Antonio and then followed it up with an 8-2 win over Long Beach City. Then, the team lost a 2-0 lead to El Camino and fell, 4-2. As a result, Cerritos is now 1-2 in conference play and 9-8 overall.

This week, Cerritos will travel to Pasadena City on Thursday before taking to the road against East Los Angeles on Saturday.

Softball

The Cerritos College softball team exploded for 21 runs in the South Coast Conference win over Los Angeles City. They followed that with a dramatic come-from-behind 5-4 win over El Camino.

With the wins, the Falcons are now 11-7 overall and 3-3 in divisional play.

This week, the Falcons will travel to Long Beach City (Thursday) and East Los Angeles (Friday).

Other sports

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

All Day M&W Swimming in South Coast Conference Relays at Mt. San Antonio
3:00 p.m. Softball at Long Beach City

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

All Day M&W Swimming at Mt. San Antonio Invitational
2:00 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Compton at Cerritos

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

1:00 p.m. M&W Track & Field vs. Long Beach City & Mt. San Antonio at Cerritos
2:00 p.m. M&W Swimming vs. Los Angeles City & Los Angeles Trade-Tech at Cerritos

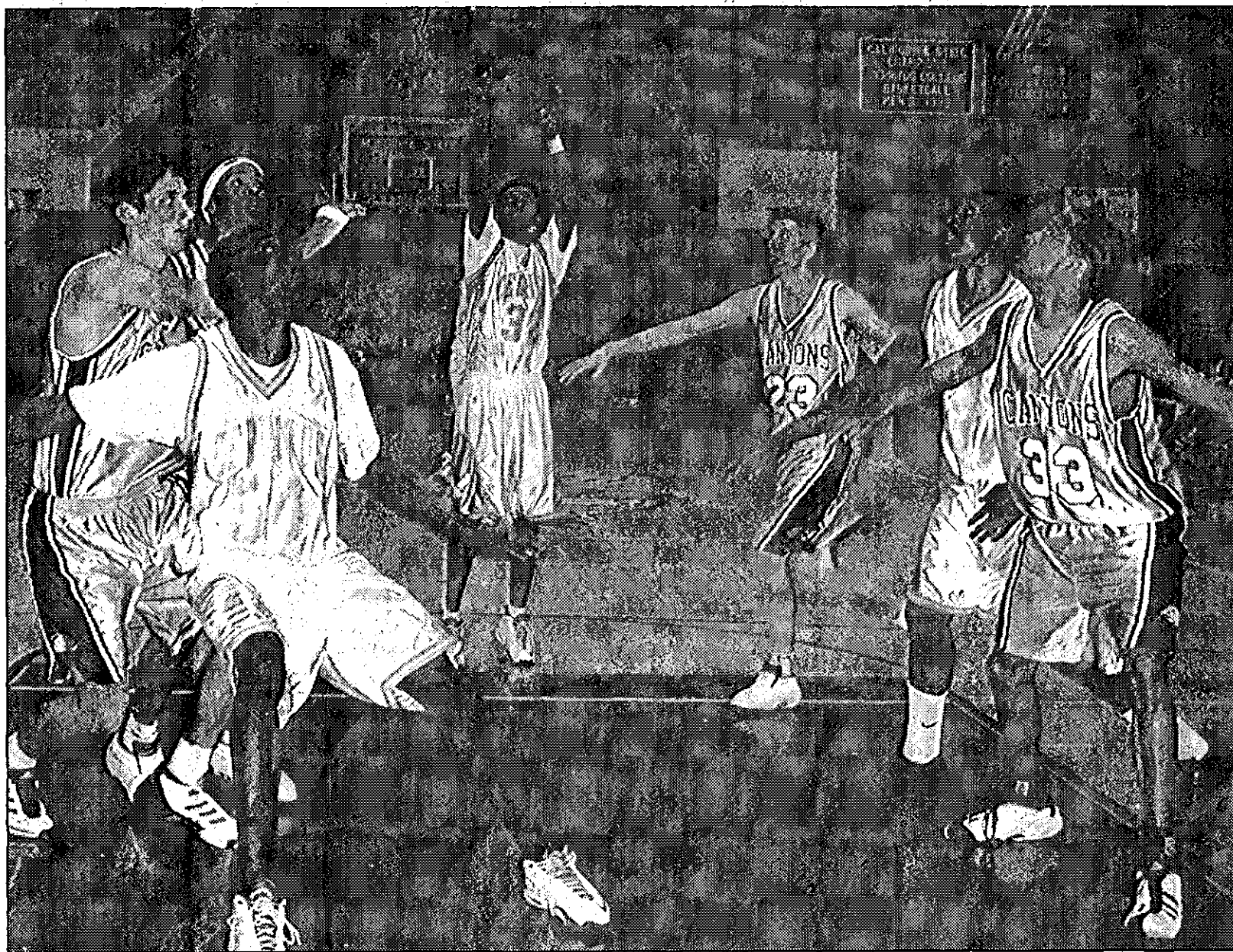


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Cerritos and Canyons players rush the key for a rebound in case Marcel Justin's free throw fails in the playoff opener Saturday.

Men win first-round opener, Oxnard next

Sophomore guard James Perkins came off the bench to score a game-high 17 points, as the Cerritos College men's basketball team defeated College of the Canyons, 63-52, in the first round of the Southern California Regional Playoffs.

With the win, the Falcons (25-7), seeded No. 6 will now advance to the second round to host No. 11 Oxnard (22-10) on Wednesday at 7:30

p.m.
Oxnard defeated Mt. San Antonio, 103-90, in the first round.

The winner of the game on Wednesday will face the winner of the No. 3 Mt. San Jacinto-No. 14 Irvine Valley game this Saturday night.

If the Falcons and Mt. San Jacinto each win, Cerritos would play on the road.

Cerritos started the game slowly and trailed at halftime, 28-24. But with less than 10 minutes left, sophomore guard Curtis Williams drained three straight three-pointers to turn a seven-point deficit into a two-point lead.

From there, the Falcons pulled away to record the win.

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Wednesday - March 6

Islamic American Women's Panel
9:30 - 11:00 a.m., SS-306

Writing Women's Lives
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., LA-29

5 Risky Things Women Do To Mess Up Their Health
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., HS-101

Essay Contest Deadline
Re-Entry Resource Program by 4p.m.

Thursday - March 7

6th Annual International Business Panel
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., LC-155

Children of a Lesser God
12:30 - 3:30 p.m., LC-155

The Changing of Womanhood
2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Student Center Stage

A Piece of My Heart
2:00 p.m., Burnight Center

Friday - March 8

A Piece of My Heart
8:00 p.m., Burnight Center

Saturday - March 9

A Piece of My Heart
8:00 p.m., Burnight Center

Sunday - March 10

A Piece of My Heart
2:00 p.m., Burnight Center

Monday - March 11

Stories about Women & Money
9:30 - 10:45 a.m., SS-306

Wednesday - March 13

A Worn Path
11:00 - 12:00 p.m., LA 29

Thursday - March 14

Life Scripts: What Works in 2002?
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m., LC 155

War, Women, and Opportunity/Radio Broadcast
10:00 - 11:00 a.m., WPMD 1700 AM
11:00 a.m. - Noon, WPMD 1700 AM

A lesson in women's right to vote



VAL ZAVALA

ALICIA WARNER
FEATURES EDITOR

"I was amazed to see all the activities going on during women's month here at Cerritos, nothing like this was ever at Yale," Val Zavala said.

Val Zavala, Vice President of News and Public Affairs for KCET, was Tuesday's keynote speaker for Women's History Month.

Zavala works at the major public television station for Southern and Central California. She oversees a program on KCET called "Life and Times Tonight," which is broadcast live each weeknight on KCET. The program examines news, politics, people, controversies, ideas and cultures.

In 1992 she attended Stanford University on a John S. Knight Journalism Fellowship. She

received a master's degree in journalism from American University in Washington, D.C. along with receiving her BA in Latin American studies from Yale University.

Zavala had a change in plan from what the topic of the lecture on "The Life of Mary Baker Eddy," was changed to a discussion about Tuesday's primary elections because being a journalist Zavala figured it would be more of a timely event to talk about.

She wanted to make students and faculty aware of how important voting is to our society, but the topic of her speech focused on how women got the right to vote in the United States.

Zavala encouraged the audience to go out and vote because not every person realizes what a struggle it was for women to gain the right to vote.

She took the audience on a trip through history of the Women's Rights Movement.

During the speech, Zavala explained about how women were not entitled to anything in the 1848.

Women were not allowed to speak in public, could not stand at a pulpit, sign contracts or be active with any church committees.

The most shocking fact was that women had no legal rights over their own children.

The spark that lit the fire to start the women's right movement was a headline in a little town newspaper that simply read, "Women's Rights Convention."

Women gathered to the little church hall and began to come up with a plan on how to get the United States legislature to side with the women on being able to vote.

The women sat down and wrote their own Women's Declaration of Independence.

Zavala explained that there were 10 items on the bill that passed easily, but number 11 held up

the process. Number 11 was the right for women to vote and during this time it was outrageous to think of such nonsense as women being able to vote.

Fredrick Douglass was at the meeting and encouraged them to pass the voting item. The group listened to him and passed item 11 and meeting was adjourned.

Zavala also explained on how Susan B. Anthony, who was very dedicated abolitionist, became involved with the group.

The thing that really connected the group was slaves and women were at the time both considered property, so the women banded together even stronger.

None of the women on the original committee had the chance to vote, except for Susan B. Anthony who cast her vote illegally and stood trial for it.

Although the topic of Zavala's speech was serious, she managed to create laughter in the room while talking about the struggle to gain the right to vote and all the hardship that the women had to push through to get the bill to congress.

Diane Keenan, chair of the Women's studies program, wants to encourage students to come to the rest of the women's month activities and to become aware of women's issues. The group encourages faculty to get involved and bring students into the programs.

Even if the teachers offer extra credit to their students. Students will gain knowledge about issues if they attend the lectures and activities. The group wants to bring awareness of today's issues concerning women in the United States and all over the world.

Zavala closed with encouraging words to the audience made up of men and women.

"The hardest thing that everyone has to do, is be true to our highest self," she said.

Young men may be drafted to military

TARA CARTER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Young male American citizens may soon be forced to enlist in the United States armed forces. In December Michigan Rep. Nick Smith and Pennsylvania Rep. Curt Weldon introduced the Universal Military Training and Service Act of 2001 to the House of Representatives.

Under the proposed act American males between the ages of 18 and 22 will be required to enlist in the armed forces for at least six months and no more than one year.

Allan Walters, an undecided major at Cerritos College is outraged with the proposed bill.

"America is supposed to be free," he said,

forcing men to enlist in the army is not an act of freedom."

The act does not require female participation in the armed forces instead it authorizes them to volunteer.

Marcela Reyes, a music major at Cerritos finds the bill un-American and sexist.

"I do not agree with the bill at all and I hope it never passes. It is sad because it shows that women are still not viewed as a mans equal counterpart."

Under the act "a person who is pursuing a standard course of study on a full time basis in a high school or similar institution of learning shall be entitled to have his induction postponed until

he obtains a high school diploma, ceases to pursue a satisfactory course of study or attains the age of 20, which ever comes first."

Others deferred from the act include those afflicted with a hardship or disability.

Steven Logo a Cerritos College students who is unable to join the armed forces due to a disability views the bill as a necessity.

"Our country is in a time of need, we need men to fight for this country."

He added, "I think we need this bill because without it we might not have men to serve our country."

The bill must pass with a 2/3 majority in the house before it can be voted on in the senate.

New director in charge of economic development

"I have always admired community colleges' role in economic development," says new Cerritos College Director of Economic Development José Anaya, "I chose to come to Cerritos College to pursue a more meaningful opportunity."

Anaya joined Cerritos College on January 15, 2002, after leaving Valley Economic Development Corporation, where he was a program manager. "I wanted to be involved in my lifelong passion: economic development," says Anaya. "At Cerritos College I can provide training and knowledge transfer to help businesses be more successful."

"I am thrilled to have Jose join the college," says Executive Dean of Community, Industry and Technology Education Nick Kremer. "His experience with the business community, as well as his marketing skills, complement the strong campus economic development team we already have."

It is the responsibility of the Office of Economic Development, to make training opportunities available to businesses in the community, so that those may succeed and grow and consequently create more jobs. This would lead to economic development in the community. Colleges go out and train the work force, so they become more

competitive, or offer specific training in their area of need to enhance expertise.

"My position has been vacant for a few years, so some of the programs have not had the support they need," Anaya says of his first challenges. "My focus is developing and implementing a strategy plan to expand services that meet the needs of the business community. Also, to partner and collaborate with business and industry to improve all levels of our economic base."

According to Anaya "this is a dream job." It has all he could ever ask for in a job: it is challenging and something he can be proud of. "I want to be successful in making our

workforce more productive so businesses can grow and prosper."

Anaya holds an MBA with an emphasis in entrepreneurship and marketing from the University of Southern California, and received his B.S.M.E. in Mechanical Engineering from California Polytechnic State University, Pomona.

Currently Anaya is involved in a program that is addressing the digital divide - the problem of low income areas not having much technology available to them. "I am involved in an organization that tries to bring technology to those areas and to give them a greater opportunity to improve their lives."

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