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## Lights out for college budget

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The collapse of California's Silicon Valley and an ongoing energy crisis are just two of the factors that have led the state of California into its first economic slowdown in years.

In an effort to restore California's failing economy and balance its budget, Governor Gray Davis has cut \$158 million from the budget of California's higher education system.

Although funding was cut from both universities and community colleges, California's 106 community colleges are the most affected by the governor's budget cut.

In the 2001-2002 school year the community college system will lose \$126 million of the \$158 million designated for higher education learning facilities, while the University of California and the California

State University systems will lose only \$32 million.

The cuts will be particularly hard on the community college system because it is in a routine category of funding that has been approved by the governor for almost 15 consecutive years.

"It came so unexpectedly," said Dr. Jane Harmon, president of Cerritos College.

"It cuts our budget drastically in comparison to the other higher education budgets."

"One-fourth of all the cuts the governor made were to the community colleges, that seems so unfair to everyone."

Community Colleges will soon feel the effect of the governor's decision.

"It will have an impact, we will have to deal with less," said Donald Hallinger, Earth Science instructor at Cerritos College.

Some of the schools most affected by the budget cut include Long Beach City College, who will lose \$2.5 million, Pierce College, who will lose \$850,000 in funds designated to fix water lines, sprinkler systems and maintenance, Valley College, who will have to go without \$550,000 and a health building, and many Los Angeles community colleges, whose system will lose \$10 million and will have to halt plans to restore their dilapidated campuses.

For Cerritos College the cutbacks mean a loss of \$1.6 million that school officials had earmarked for instructional materials, maintenance, field trip buses, replacing outdated air conditioning systems, fixing roofs, and updating computers.

Cerritos will also have to make drastic cutbacks in its existing budgets to these unfilled needs.

Although Davis has already made the cuts to the

budget, community college officials, outraged citizens and politicians aren't taking his decision lying down.

Republican assemblyman Bob Pacheco, who calls community colleges "the workhorses of education," has announced a bill that if accepted would return \$98 million to the community college system.

Democratic Senator Jack Scott has also promised to propose a similar bill.

Roger Salazar, spokesperson for the governor, said "the governor will review the legislation carefully, but the fact of the matter is, we've got to balance the budget."

Davis refused to speak directly to the media about his cutback.

But in a prepared statement, he said, "I am open to reconsidering funding for these worthwhile programs in the future when the economy improves."

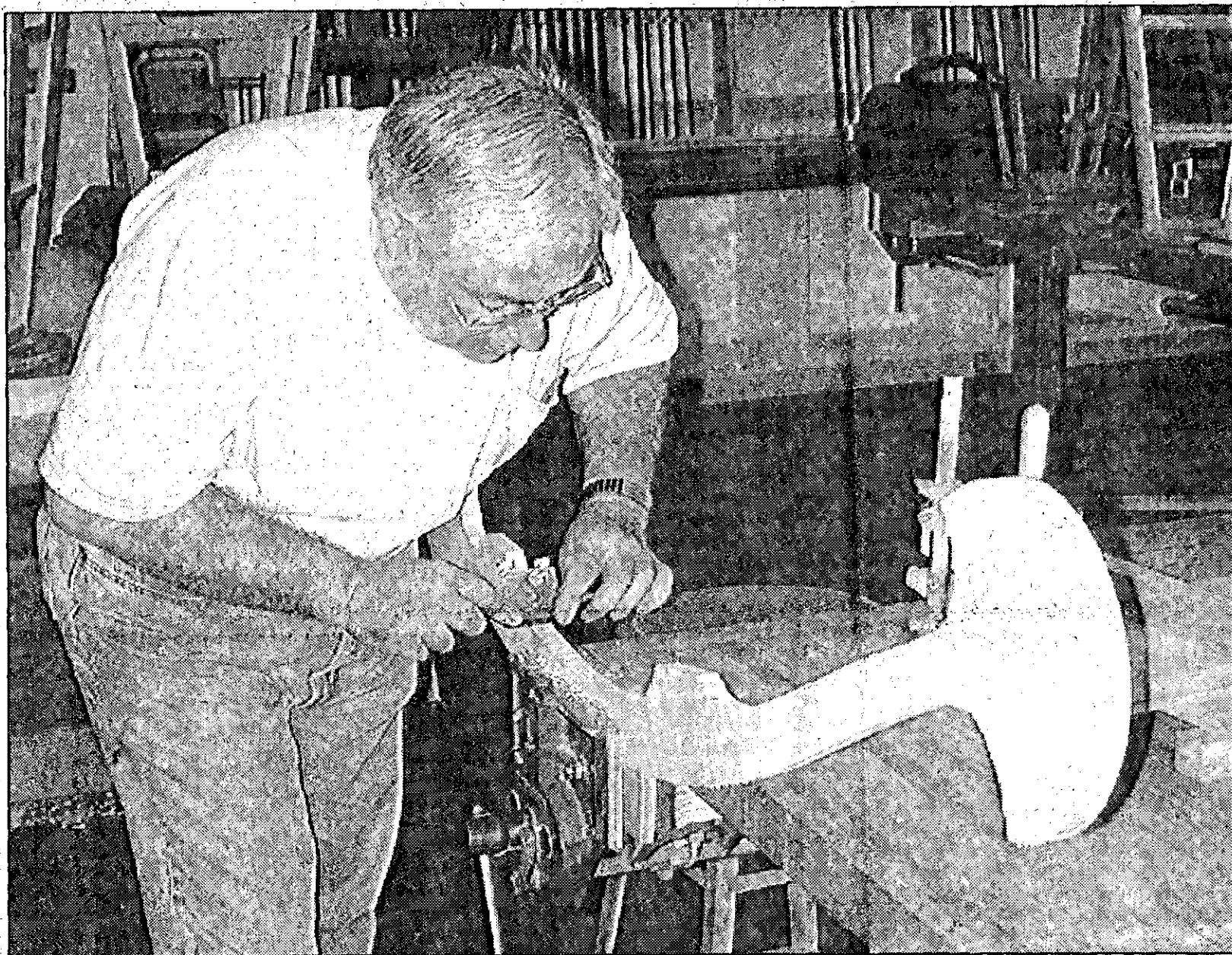


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CARVIN IN — Dave Mootchnik, first place winner in Traditional Chair Category, starts on a current woodworking project.

## Woodworking students cut up the competition

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Three Cerritos College Woodworking students won a total of five awards at the Association of Woodwork Furnishings Suppliers Fair held at the Anaheim Convention Center on August 2-5.

"Competition was fierce," said woodworking instructor Anthony Fortner of the 8,000 to 10,000 participants in attendance who came from all over the world.

"The feeling is indescribable," said Cerritos Woodworking student Steve Lacey, referring to winning three awards.

Lacey won first place and \$1000 in the Casegood Division, was voted by his peers as winner of the People's Choice Award, which came with \$500, and was also presented with the President's Award which came with \$2500 that went to the school's Woodworking program.

In the Chair category, Dave Mootchnik won first place and \$1000 while Paul Lavoie was awarded the Honorable Mention award.

Cerritos College "beat out" top-notch woodworking design schools

from all over the country such as the Art Center College of Design, Savannah Art College and Rhode Island school of Design, some of whom's tuition is \$40,000.

"We are the school of choice," said Fortner "We won the award for best woodworking college in North America."

"We are able to produce award-winning designs in a woodworking class and that says a lot about our program."

The Woodworking program has built the furnishings in the school's President and Vice President's offices, library, cosmetology and technology labs.

The experience is "beneficial to our students and campus," according to Fortner, "We are building furnishings at a much higher quality than the school can afford to buy."

"Fortner pushes us hard," said Lacey, "He really wants to make our designs better. You just basically go out there put on your head-muffs, safety glasses, and you get out there and work and do your best."

## Employers court pupils on campus

Cerritos College's Job Placement Office will sponsor the Mini Job Fair 2001 Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The on-campus event will give students an opportunity to network with over 20 employers and obtain useful job and internship information.

Attendees are reminded to bring their resumes. If you need help in creating or revising your resume, please contact or visit the College's Career Services Center, located in the Administration Building.

The Job Fair will be set up in Falcon Square from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the Social Science Patio.

On Thursday the Job Fair will return to Falcon Square from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Mini Job Fair offers several benefits and opportunities for students.

- They will be able to:
- Network with recruiters/employers.
- Find out what job and/or internship opportunities are available.
- Learn about critical skills needed in the workplace.
- And get tips and suggestions on resume writing and interviewing skills from recruiters.

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## Fall term warms up

ARMANDO BROWN  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Heat is something that is affecting the daily lives of people on the Cerritos College campus right now.

Although the temperatures during the first few weeks of school haven't been unbearable, it has been hot enough that people have had to try to find ways to keep cool.

Throughout most of the summer sessions, the weather was uncharacteristically mild, but as soon as the fall session began, the temperatures went up a few notches.

Summer attire is the order of the day as students on campus can be seen wearing cool summer clothes like shorts, tanks and flip-flops.

Some, like sophomore computer programming major Duke Kaliterna, isn't shy about leaving the buttons on his shirt open as he walks around campus.

He said, "I'm trying to stay cool... if I could come to school naked I would."

Kaliterna manages to beat the heat by coming pretty close to coming to school naked each day when he works out as a member of Cerritos' polo team.

Water, juice, Cappuccino Blasts and anything else cold to drink are in high demand right now.

Students like sophomore nursing major Amy Cruz, who manages to stay cool by remaining indoors, or finding a shaded area when she's outdoors, said she drinks a lot of water so she won't "dehydrate and melt."

Students who have to be outdoors, like Cerritos freshman softball player Shari Garcia, said, "I

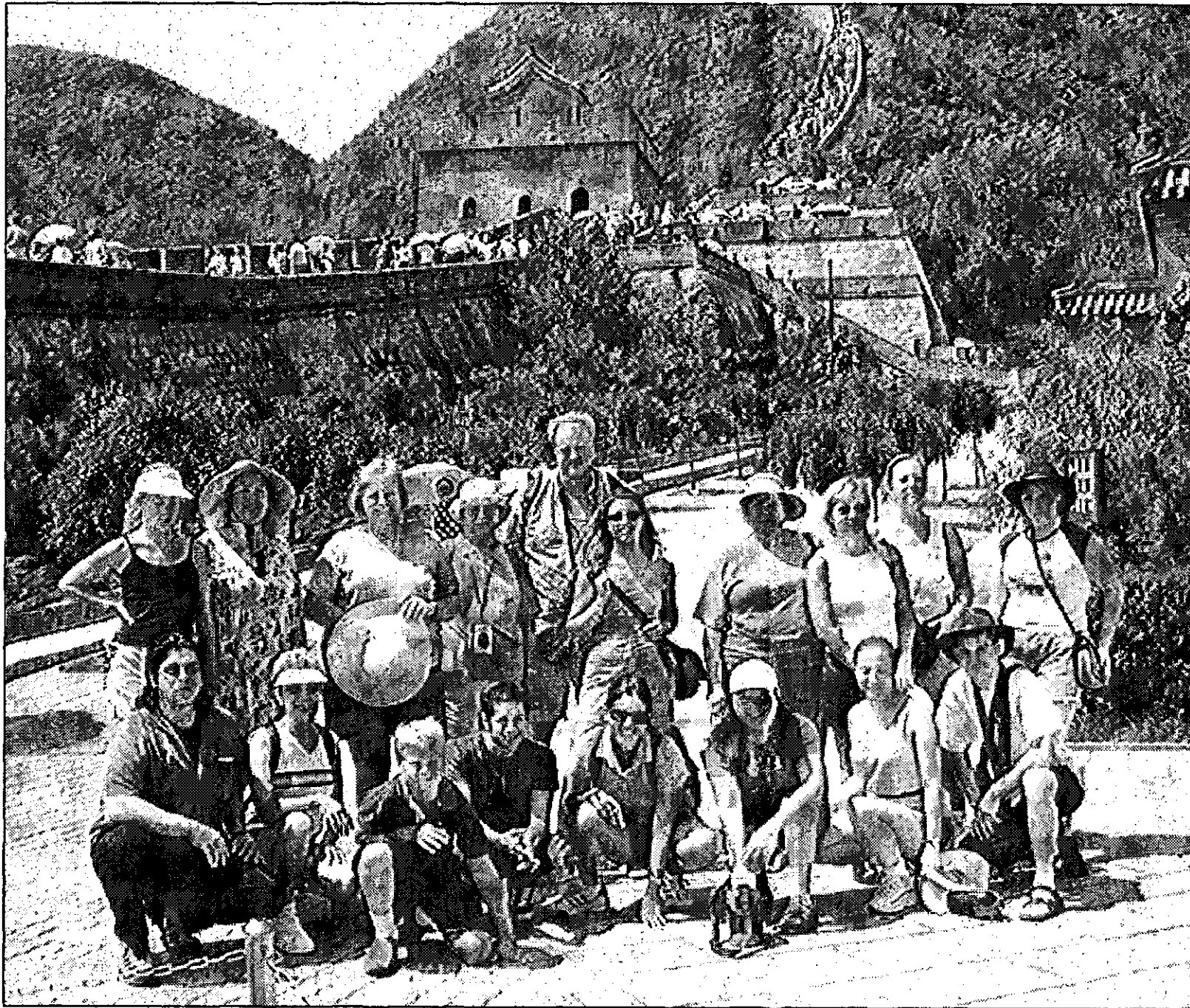
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Photo by Armando Brown/TM

SUMMER LOVIN — Shari Garcia and Duje Kaliterna looking for some shade to escape the heat.





Cerritos College students were able to receive college credit on trip with anthropology professor Jeff Rigby over the summer. Photo Courtesy of Jeff Rigby

## Wall to wall sites in China

ALICIA WARNER  
STAFF WRITER

Thousands of miles away from home, a group of Cerritos students visited historic monuments, walked famous trails and observed a monk undergoing ancient monastic rites.

Anthropology instructor, Jeff Rigby took a group of students and guests on a two-week adventure through remnants of Imperial China.

China is changing with all the new technology advancements and some of the most important history will be covered by China's plans.

"China of yesterday is quickly vanishing and it's important to get there before the changes," said Rigby.

China is on its way up to building the biggest dam in the world, called Three Gorges Dam.

With this new dam the Yangtze river will rise and many historical and old archeological sites will be covered.

The students saw everything from a monk being initiated into a Monastery, to the famous Great Wall of China, or the Forbidden City to even little towns where citizens chased them down to sell them postcards.

Jack Patterson, Anthropology major went along on the adventure to China. "It was fascinating," he said.

For some people this is a once in a lifetime experience, and to come back with 21 out of the 400 pictures that Patterson had taken was a little bit upsetting.

Even after the involvement of the American spy plane, where President Bush stated to the Chinese government that "America Apologizes," there was no hostility or tension felt toward students while on their visit.

Students saw a look into the future at what it might be like if the United States became over populated when going into Hong Kong where it was wall to wall with people.

Students had a choice of taking the class for credit, and if they did so, they had to keep a travel log and take an exam at the end for credit.

The most impressive thing for Rigby was the Guilin, Li River, and climbing up the great wall, knowing its history.

The students had many experiences with the culture and lifestyles of how the Chinese people lived.

Students saw fishermen with bamboo hats, and fishing on the river that not many now do in China.

Along with watching a ritual of a monk become initiated into the monastery with incense

burning, drums being played and watching the prayers, Patterson says, "it was great to get out from being restricted at home."

The students traveled to many places in China and it opened their eyes to a new culture.

"It is great to go out and learn about other cultures (and) in the process also gaining a better understanding of our own culture," Rigby said.

Rigby will be having a slide show of the trip to China on Sept. 6 from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in room SS 315.

The next trip to Australia is planned for next summer and information will be out within the next two weeks.

### CAMPUS EVENTS

Wednesday: Club Information Day, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Falcon Square.

Club Information Night, 6 to 8 p.m. in the Social Sciences patio.

Mini Job Fair, same times and locations as Club Info. Day and night.

Thursday: Club Information Day, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mini Job Fair, same times and locations as Club Info. Day.

## 11 year-old teaches adults about Money

LISA KIM  
SPECIAL TO TALON MARKS

Joshua Ballard has a motto: "Today's dreams are tomorrow's realities."

At 11 years old, he's not just dreaming about his future, he's making them a reality while teaching others how to plan for theirs.

This summer, Ballard taught a class at Cerritos College entitled "Future Millionaires and Junior Entrepreneurs."

Cerritos College is one of three colleges at which he taught.

The other two colleges are Golden West College and Orange Coast College.

"I needed a Palm Pilot and laptop computer, so I decided to come up with a curriculum to teach others how to make money," Ballard said in explaining how he came upon the idea to teach the class.

Now why would an 11-year-old need a Palm Pilot and a laptop computer? To build websites for professional companies, of course.

Ballard is an independent consultant for a company specializing in financial, accountancy and consultancy professionals called Executive Connections Network.

The company trained Ballard, but he works on his own designing websites for the company's clients.

Not only does he design their websites, but he also teaches people all over the United States how to make websites based on the company's software.

Where do the laptop and Palm Pilot fit in? They're so the young professional can work on the sites where ever he goes.

For those wondering how an 11-year-old got into the consulting business, it's a simple matter of fate.

While attending a Christian Business Expo some time in February or March, he visited all the booths there — but completely

the one who introduced him to the CEO.

According to his mother, the two had an instant rapport.

The CEO thought that the boy would be the perfect employee. He started working for them right away. He has been working with them for five or six months. The opportunity was there, and he jumped on it.

He didn't just jump in to website development cold, however. Before the age of 9 he took a computer class for elementary school kids and caught on so quickly that he became the teacher's assistant.

"The first day of class, I wore out the teacher with questions," he said with a grin. The second day of class, he was going around helping the laggards catch up.

The second computer class he took was a computer networking class for kids from 7th to 12th grades. He was the youngest student in the class at 9 years old.

His mother was afraid that the instructor would object to him being there, but once again, after the first day of class, he took his place by the instructor's side as a TA.

The instructor is the one who recommended Joshua to teach at Cerritos College.

Not only is the boy a web designer and an independent consultant, but he is also his older brother's PR agent.

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Christopher Ballard, who is 13 years old, is a highly-sought after, highly-paid professional violinist and pianist.

As his brother's PR agent, he produced a music video of his brother and sent it to the Bush Presidential Inauguration Committee.

## Job faire this week

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The Career Service Center offers some job fair tips:

- Be sure to look over who is at the job fair and ask yourself why you are here, what you can do, what you are looking for and what you want to learn.
- It is important to dress professionally, but comfortably. Employers are looking for clean and well-groomed employees. When speaking to employers be confident in yourself, speak clearly, and always end with a thank you.
- The Job Fair is open to the public and is free of charge. For more information about how you can participate in the Mini Job Fair 2001, call the Cerritos College Job Placement Office at 562.860.2451, extension 2598.

## Campus tries to stay cool

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have softball [practice], so I'm in the sun for two hours, and it's hot."

She said, "When I was younger I used to get sick because of the heat, but now I make sure to take my water with me."

Most rooms on campus are air conditioned, and many people simply stay indoors.

Many of the people who work at Cerritos are lucky enough to have air-conditioned offices.

But for students, classrooms are their escape from the heat.

In between classes they can go to other air-conditioned places like the library or the computer lab.

The student center is another place to go if you want to socialize, yet still be indoors. However, it is not as cool as some of the other rooms, and according to freshman accounting major and member of Cerritos' baseball team, Jason Burkhard, the game room is "too hot."

Despite the recent heat, there are still those who prefer being outdoors on a sunny day. Some even choose to remain outside because they find the air-conditioning too cold indoors.

And it just so happens, that most of the people who find the air-conditioning too cold are also the people who actually enjoy warm weather.

Sophomore Flor Campos said, "I find that my classes are too cold. I've got to bring my jacket to my Spanish class, so I have to be carrying it around, and as soon as I get out of class, take it off, and find shade."

Campos added, however, "I like this weather."

And freshman Anna Pervéz said, the classes are "extremely freezing. Outside it's like 110 degrees, but you go inside the classroom, and all of a sudden it is so cold, I have to bring out my big old snow jacket to keep myself warm."

"And people are just looking at me like 'what the hell is wrong with you?'"

Like Campos, however, Pervéz admits that she prefers warm weather.

She says she's always sitting outside studying between classes.

"You see everybody else sweating and stuff, but I'd rather be outside in the sunshine enjoying fresh

air than inside in an isolated area with no sunshine. . . I can't stand that."

Still, there are people like freshman Isidro Perez who prefer an air-conditioned room to a warm one. He said they were hot in high school.

Cruz says she feels the warm weather actually affects her study habits. "It kind of drains your energy and your thinking power, and your desire to study."

"You just want to go to sleep and not do anything."

Then there are the people who just can't stand summer, and can't wait for it to end.

Freshman Maria Santiago said she likes the winter more because she can't stand the heat, and because she likes wearing winter clothes.

Film major Carlos Moreno said, "I can't wait for winter."

Maybe school starts too soon in summer.

According to Burkhard, who has to stay on campus for three hours between classes because he doesn't have a car, said, "It's too hot to be in school right now."



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## 'Bubble Boy' movie floats aimlessly

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Are you a bird flying freely in the air called "Life?"

If the answer is "yes," ask yourself one question; what is the obstacle that suppresses your wing: money, family, disease, fame, ability, time or death?

If you're not happy because of one of them or more, just forget about it, then you'll get it. You'll become happy.

Look at the "Bubble Boy." He wins real happiness in spite of a sick body and lack of time and money, leaving the affection of his family!

Bubble boy, Jimmy Livingstone (Jake Gyllenhaal), is destined to live his entire life in a plastic bubble made by an over-protective mother (Swoosie Kurtz) because he was born without immunities.

However, when he gets to know that his sweetheart, Chole (Marley Shelton), is about to get married to the wrong guy, he sets off on a long trip in a mobile bubble of freedom. Although it is a tough journey, he

becomes a friend, god and preacher of freedom to freaks, bikers and cult members who he meets on the way.

Eventually he takes off the bubble that has imprisoned him and lives happily ever after.

There is no deep or complex story line, actor or actress who guarantees that this film will be a blockbuster, or special effects that will make you jump out of your seat.

Surely we don't even have to mention an Oscar.

This is not a story that should be taken seriously, but it is a light-hearted movie for your enjoyment, like a fairy tale where an ambitious prince rescues a lovely princess.

Go see it and laugh out loud, and then make your own way toward happiness.

If you're short on money, just wait until the video comes out.

Bubble Boy is directed by Blair Hayes and produced by Beau Flynn.

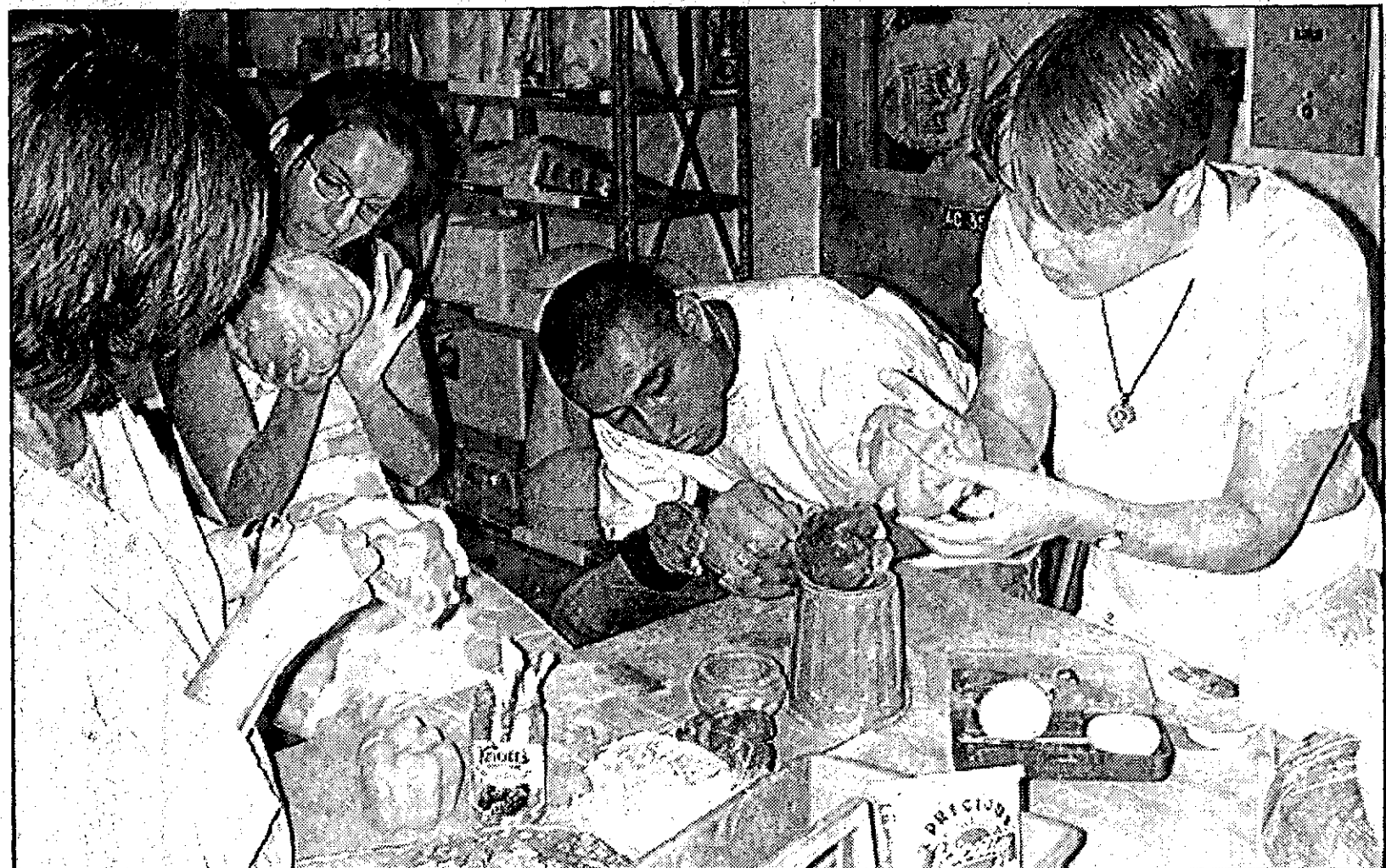


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CERAMIC FUN- Instructor Keiko Fukazawa, who is a featured artist at the faculty art show, and her class, work on ceramics.

## Costume class sews up awards

BY LISA KIM  
SPECIAL TO THE TALON MARKS

The Cerritos College costume class took one first place and three second place awards at the Renaissance Pleasure Faire held recently.

Mary Moore's middle-class child costume design, modeled by Moore's niece, won first place in the children's category. Cristy and Katie Guidry, who are sisters, tied for second place in the adult peasant category. Denise Davis won second place in the adult middle class category.

Winners received Renaissance Faire items, such as a leather bound diary and a goblet with coupons for free drinks.

The costume competition has been going on since the spring of 1992.

The costume design class is taught by Susan Watanabe.

Of the people who participated, most were beginning students. Watanabe said that most of the students didn't even know how to sew when they came to the class. By the end of the class however, not only do they know how to sew, each student has completed at least one costume and a costume piece for the costume show.

Student makes their renaissance costume entirely by themselves

from scratch. Students are responsible for researching the costumes, for finding the proper fabrics, and for drawing the designs. Once students make their rendering, Watanabe makes patterns based on their drawings.

Some time near the beginning of the semester, the entire class takes a field trip to the cloth store. There it selects the fabrics that it will use for the costumes. Watanabe only gives suggestions on which fabrics to use for different parts of the costume. For instance, she tells students that a certain type of fabric will become a chemise.

"What the judges are looking for are appropriate fabrics and construction for the period," Watanabe said.

According to Watanabe, in the past other contestants have used fabrics that were too brightly colored, and not corresponding with the dyes that they would have used in the Renaissance. Others have used fabrics that were too finely woven for a peasant.

The class will be next offered in the spring of 2003.

Watanabe said of her student's accomplishments "I'm very proud of all the students. They worked hard, they completed their costumes, and they looked good out there."

## ART SHOW

## Instructors reach 'Critical Mass'

ARMANDO BROWN  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Very talented artists are moonlighting as instructors in the art department at Cerritos College.

And some of their work is currently on display in the campus art gallery.

It is all part of an exhibit put on by Cerritos College's art department entitled Critical Mass, and will be available for viewing until Sept. 13, in room AC-50 (the art gallery).

A reception will be held Wednesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m., where some of the artists/instructors will be on hand to meet those in attendance.

Organized by instructor Geoffrey Allen, Critical Mass is a group exhibition featuring various faculty of Cerritos' art department, and is a way of introducing students to its faculty.

As a student, I was surprised to discover that the magnificent pieces on display were actually their work.

Art instructor Hagop Najarian explained that all the art instructors at Cerritos are "working artists." When they're not teaching, they are either creating, exhibiting, or selling their art.

As one might usually expect, there are paintings.

However, quite unexpectedly to me, there were also sculptures, ceramics, woodwork, photography, calligraphy, graphic design, printmaking, drawings and computer graphics.

According to Najarian, the exhibit is a way of showing the students what the instructors do.

Not only that, but it's a "good opportunity" for instructors to see what other instructors do.

In talking to some of these artists, I discovered that there is an interesting story behind a lot of their work.

For instance, Najarian's piece, is a painting

of his two children.

"I'm at a point in my life where it's about joy or celebration of . . . living your life," he said, "I've had a lot of tragedy in my life, a lot of ups and downs, but you know, the kids are kind of a reminder of an innocence, a kind of simplicity."

He created his painting while in Italy with some of his drawing students this summer.

"That painting's pretty direct to the experience of being there and having [his kids] there."

Another art instructor, Keiko Fukazawa's contribution to the exhibit is a beautiful ceramic vase.

It is a collaborative work, in which she teamed with some incarcerated juveniles, who study art at the facilities they are housed at.

According to Fukazawa, after the first firing of the vase, she then broke it into pieces. She kept some of the pieces, and she sent some of the pieces to the juveniles.

They, as well as she, painted the pieces following the same fifteenth century medieval theme as that of a show in Italy she will be doing in the near future.

Once she got all the pieces back, she glued the vase back together, then glazed it.

This is her way of "showing to society" what these kids are capable of when given the chance.

Nat Srisamans, who is majoring in art said, "It's nice seeing the instructors work in there instead of just us students'."

Art Limas, also an art major who plans on attending Wednesday's reception said, he thinks the exhibit is, "pretty cool. I don't have any particular work that I like, I mean they're all pretty talented."

The exhibit always gets an "incredible response," Najarian said.

A lot of times he hears things like, "Wow! I

would have never thought you make paintings like that.

"I think it influences them . . . you have to remember; we were all students. We all saw our teachers developing and making artwork when we were growing up . . . and we all sort of teach what we know, I think, so what we're doing in the classroom isn't separated, usually, from what they see in our own artwork."

The art gallery is not the easiest place on campus to find because it is kind of hidden behind the tall brick wall of the ceramics kiln, but once you do find it, you'll discover one of Cerritos' wonderful little gems.

Just find the sidewalk that goes between the eastside of the Arts and Crafts building and parking lot C-9.

When you come to the huge brick wall, go down one of the paths that are located on either side of it.

Once inside, you'll find an open, airy space where you can view the art, while beautiful classical music softly plays over the gallery's speakers.

The receptionist's front desk sits behind a fairly high partial wall, and you'll soon forget he/she is even there, unless you need assistance.

It is the kind of place where you can go to be totally alone, or you can go with some friends.

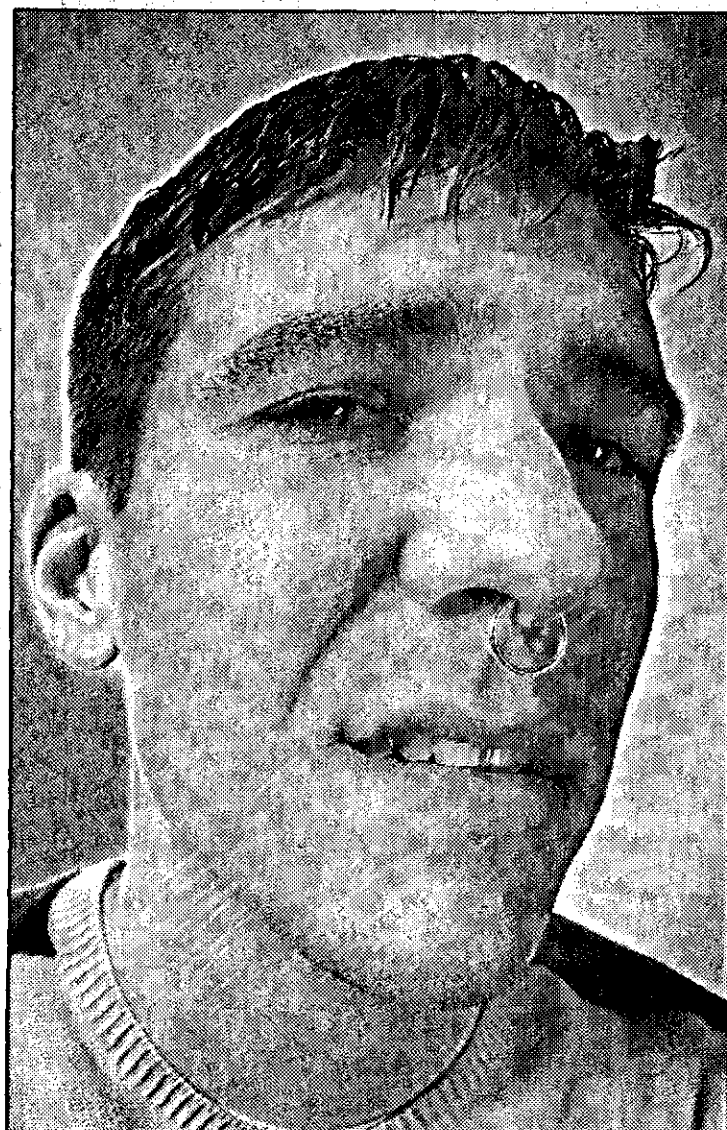
Either way, you are free to move through the gallery at your leisure.

It's a very tranquil area, and there are even a few benches outside.

It's a wonderful place to have lunch before going inside to enjoy the artwork.

Gallery hours are Monday to Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and evenings Tuesday to Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m.

The gallery is closed Fridays.



# We've got a nose for news

and you can see what we've sniffed out online







HEADING THE BALL - Liz Garibay (left) and Helida Ortiz of the Cerritos College women's water polo team do warm-up exercises prior to practice.

Photo by Elizabeth Parra

## Opening win for Men's soccer team

The Cerritos men's soccer team scored three goals in the second half at Orange Coast College and held on to defeat the host Pirates, 3-2 Monday in the season opener for both teams.

The Falcons (1-0), played with a man advantage for a good part of the game as an Orange Coast player was ejected in the first half.

Cerritos scored on penalty kicks by Jorge Vargas and Miguel Zepeda, and Vargas added another goal.

Goalkeeper Marco Lopez recorded 12 saves for the Falcons.

## Sports Schedule

### CROSS COUNTRY

Sep. 7 SoCal Championship  
Preview in Lancaster  
Sep. 15 9 a.m.  
at Fresno Invitational

### FOOTBALL

Aug. 30 4 p.m. Glendale  
(scrimmage)  
Sep. 8 7 p.m. Bakersfield

### MEN'S SOCCER

Aug. 29 3 p.m. Victor Valley  
Sep. 1-3 at Southwestern  
Tournament in Chula Vista  
Sep. 7 2 p.m. at Citrus  
Sep. 11 4 p.m. at Glendale

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Aug. 31 3 p.m. at Rio Hondo  
Sep. 3 6 p.m. at Golden West  
Sep. 7 4 p.m. El Camino  
Sep. 11 4 p.m. at Compton

### VOLLEYBALL

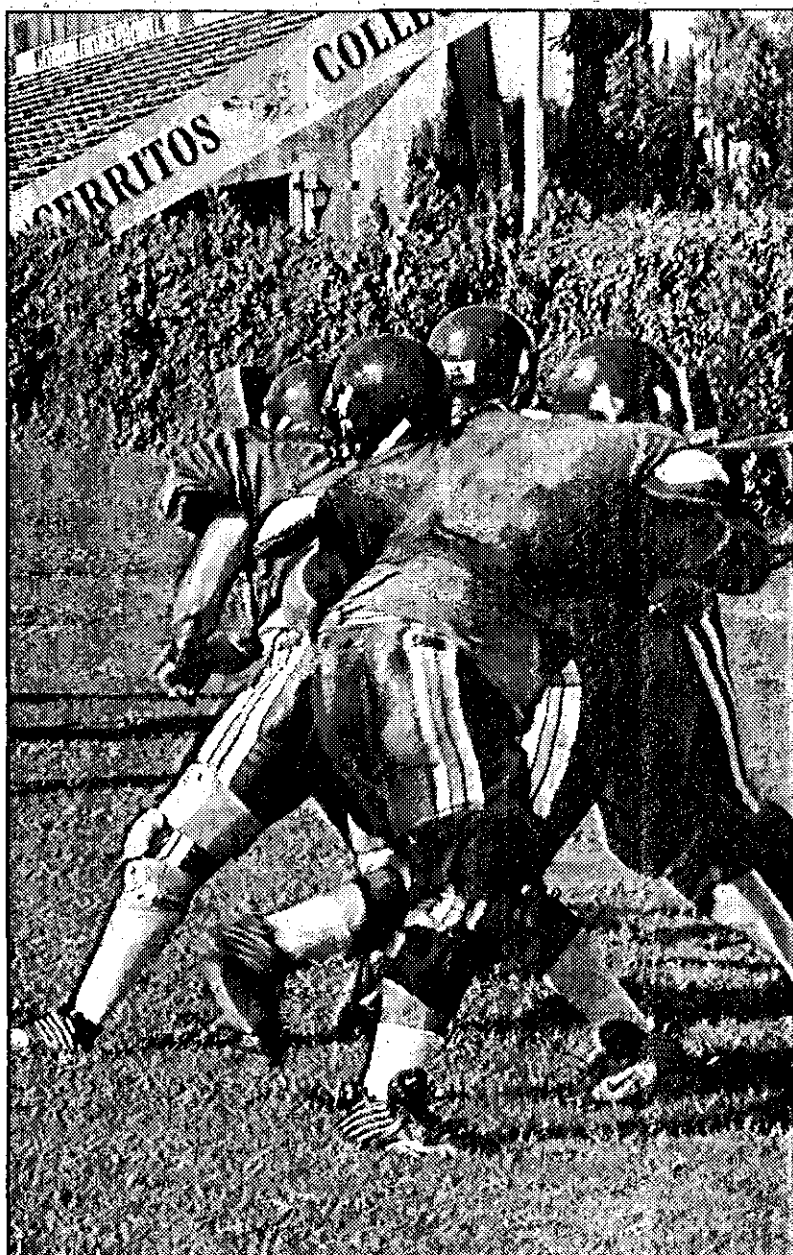
Aug. 31 2 p.m. Scrimmage pool  
play at Riverside  
Sep. 5 2 p.m. Scrimmage pool  
play at Cerritos  
Sep. 7-8 at Prescott, AZ  
Tournament

### MEN'S WATER POLO

Sep. 7-8 at Ventura Tournament  
Sep. 12 3 p.m. at El Camino

### WOMEN'S WATER POLO

Sep. 7-8 at Cypress Invitational  
Sep. 12 4 p.m. at El Camino  
Sep. 15 8 a.m. at El Camino  
Mini-Tournament



TRAINING IN THE TRENCHES - Cerritos defensive players work on line stunts during practice.

Photo by Elizabeth Parra

## Where are they now?

Where former Cerritos College athletes are playing.

Volleyball  
Ivone Aleman  
Cal. St. Hayward

Women's Basketball  
Monet Andrews  
San Jose St.

Track and Field  
Derrick Anderson  
Nebraska  
Andrew Phillips  
UCLA

Men's Basketball  
Miguel Bennett  
Cameron University (OK)  
Tony Booker  
UC Davis  
Marques Harris  
Regis University (CO)  
Marcus Harvey  
Chapman University

## Lady Falcon water poloists have new face

JOHN KITANO

SPORTS EDITOR

The women's water polo team will have a new look, with some players competing in the sport for the first time, while looking to finish higher than it did in 2000.

One of those players is Jenny Wilson, who said the game is hard to learn, "but it will be worth it in the end."

She had not previously competed in aquatic sports.

"That's why it's really hard for me."

Head Coach Glen Meyer said that this season will be a "building year" because the team is "playing in a strong league with brand new players" who have little or no experience.

"We've got so many players who are enthusiastic, we're looking for a fun season."

Meagan Robles rejoins the team after a year's absence.

Meyer said she will "be bringing strength, experience and leadership to the team."

Also returning are Jill Strick-

land, the Falcons' leading scorer from last season, and Jessica Meili, who Meyer said is "bringing her strong work ethic back to the pool."

Another returning player is Audrey Medico, who Meyer says has a strong outside shot.

Medico said the "most important thing is better teamwork," and through that and better team unity, she hopes that the team will finish higher than last year (eight place in the South Coast Conference).

"So far, three weeks into practice, everybody's getting along very well and accomplishing a lot."

She said all of the players are "trying their hardest to be the best they can" and sees "a bright future for the team."

Meyer also looks for Katrina Kimble, who placed 13th in the state in the 50-yard butterfly, and making her water polo debut, to "add speed to our game."

Other new players are Carolina Rio Frio from Peru, who Meyer said has a pretty good breaststroke and is just learning the sport, and goalkeeper Yazmin Sanchez.

## Football team moves ahead despite losing key players

JOHN KITANO

SPORTS EDITOR

When you lose your two-year starting quarterback, all-state defensive tackle and top three running backs, you ask if your team can maintain its winning ways.

If you're the Cerritos College football team, the answer is affirmative.

The Falcons return plenty of talent from the team that was eight and three last year, including a 31-17 win over Orange Coast College in the Strawberry Bowl.

This year, the Falcons are ranked fourth in Southern California by the Commission On Athletics poll and 12th in the state by the J.C. Football Network poll.

Head Coach Frank Mazzotta said, "I always think we're going to be pretty good, but every season you lose half your team."

"We still have a lot of key places that you've got to replace people."

"One of them being our quarterback. We had a two-year starter (Doug Baughman, now at Idaho State) who took us to two bowl games."

"And even though you have a lot of kids returning, that guy not being there is a scary thing. You have to have a quarterback to be

good. And I think we do."

One of those quarterbacks is Mike Harrison, who played for the University of Hawaii as a freshman.

Mazzotta called Harrison a mature player with "all the ingredients you need."

"When we lose a quarterback and bring in a guy of that caliber, we're going to be in pretty good shape."

Harrison said that he is "blessed to have one of the best quarterback coaches in the nation," and expects the team to win all of its games. "We have a talented squad."

He added that team "chemistry is the biggest thing," and that a team can have all the talent but cannot win without everyone playing together.

Mike Keeling is the other freshman quarterback, who Mazzotta said that he would like to redshirt.

### DEFENSIVE FRONT

The Falcons must also replace Demetris Veal, the state and Mission Conference defensive player of the year who is now at the University of Tennessee.

Mazzotta said that it will be hard to replace him.

Joseph Oniwar is being called upon to fill those shoes.

He said that the team has

"worked hard this summer and is ready to play."

He added that Veal was a great player and all the players on defense have got to step up because "not just one guy can replace him."

Also on the defensive line will be Chris Eagen, Loata "Big Nasty" Tolini, Armando Calderon, Anthony Flores, Marcos Arredondo, James Castillon and Mark Teo.

### REST OF THE OFFENSE

On the offensive line, the Falcons lose their all-state center, Aric Galliano.

But they return Jake Chavira, Jason Lehman and Raymond Kelso.

Lloyd Wilson and Clinton Dato, who redshirted last year, and Tom Robinson will also be on the offensive line, as well as freshmen Anthony Guerrero and John Morrales.

Chavira said, "If we put it together, nobody can stop us."

Lehman said, "We have a strong offense," and the team is "hoping to score a lot this year."

"All our hard work in the off-season will pay off."

Returning at tight end is Javier Martinez, who has caught the eye of

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# Supplemental Heat

## Teams keep cool during practice

ARMANDO BROWN  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

As football season draws near, teams all around the nation have begun practicing for the upcoming season just as they normally do every year around this time.

But this is not a normal year.

This year there is an awareness that football players can, and have been dying on the practice field.

With the high profile death of NFL player, Korey Stringer of the Minnesota Vikings, who died of heat stroke and had a body temperature of 108 degrees at the time of his passing, the deaths have become magnified.

Because of this, football programs around the country have been trying to stress to its players that they don't have to go out there and run until they drop.

Coaches are making sure to have lots of water on hand at practice, and they are telling their players that it is okay to take water breaks whenever they feel they need one.

In the past, players were afraid of looking soft, or weak if they showed they were tired or thirsty.

Stringer had thrown up three times at practice the day of his death, yet he continued to push himself.

### PREVENTION

With practice getting underway at Cerritos College Sept. 13, the question has come up; what are the coaches at Cerritos doing to prevent any of their players from dying?

According to Head Coach Frank Mazzotta, long before the talk began, practices at Cerritos were already set up with the idea of keeping the players cool.

And because of that, he says they aren't really doing anything different than usual.

Football practice at Cerritos has always started at four in the afternoon, and Mazzotta said, "It cools down pretty good here."

### LOTS OF WATER

"Plus we hydrate them pretty good."

Athletic trainer Brian Cable said, "[The players have] free access to water anytime."

Falcon running back, Terrell Williams said, "As practice is going on they just bring out the water bottle."

There are also buckets of water with sponges in them, which players use to drench themselves with, by dumping water over their heads.

According to Cable, it's very important to get the guys hydrated before practice even begins.

In the case of Stringer he says, "it almost sounds like he went out on the field dehydrated."

Another high profile death this summer, that of Northwestern University safety, Rashidi Wheeler has raised awareness of another potential problem in football. Supplements.

Several of his teammates said that he had been using an over the counter supplement that contains ephedrine, a stimulant that is banned by the National College Athletic Association.

According to Cable, "Supplements are not regulated by the Federal Drug Administration, [and because of that] nobody really knows how much is safe, and how much isn't."

He says it is known that some supplements increase the rate of dehydration.

Defensive lineman, Armando Calderon said he took Creatine, a weight gain supplement, in high school, but has since stopped because it made him too thirsty.

Like most people, Coach Mazzotta is

not sure what kinds of problems supplements and muscle enhancers can cause to players.

He said, "What do you do about Creatine and things like that. They're over the counter stuff that's sold, I mean, you can't tell a kid not to do that."

"We've had kids with MET-RX and stuff like that."

Mazzotta says he does believe players are intelligent enough to "back off" of something that someone might have been using when they died.

Many of Cerritos' players are aware that supplements can dehydrate them, and those that do choose to use them try to be careful.

Defensive back, Charles Allgood said, "The thing to do is use Creatine before [the football season] begins, then stop, and go all natural because it dehydrates you."

### SUMMARY

Defensive lineman Joseph Oniwar said, "What it all comes down to is, all of us here are men now, and once you leave high school you have to start knowing and making decisions for yourself, and using your brain."

"Everyone knows there's no point in going out there and killing yourself, and the coach will bring that up time and time again."

"I mean, the coaches here are smart. They've been coaching for a long time, and they know players, even when players don't know themselves."

Mazzotta isn't sure what's going on these days.

He says when he played, he had three-a-day practices, and there were coaches like Frank Kush and Bear Bryant out there who were "brutal to kids."

Yet Mazzotta says, he doesn't remember football players dying back then.

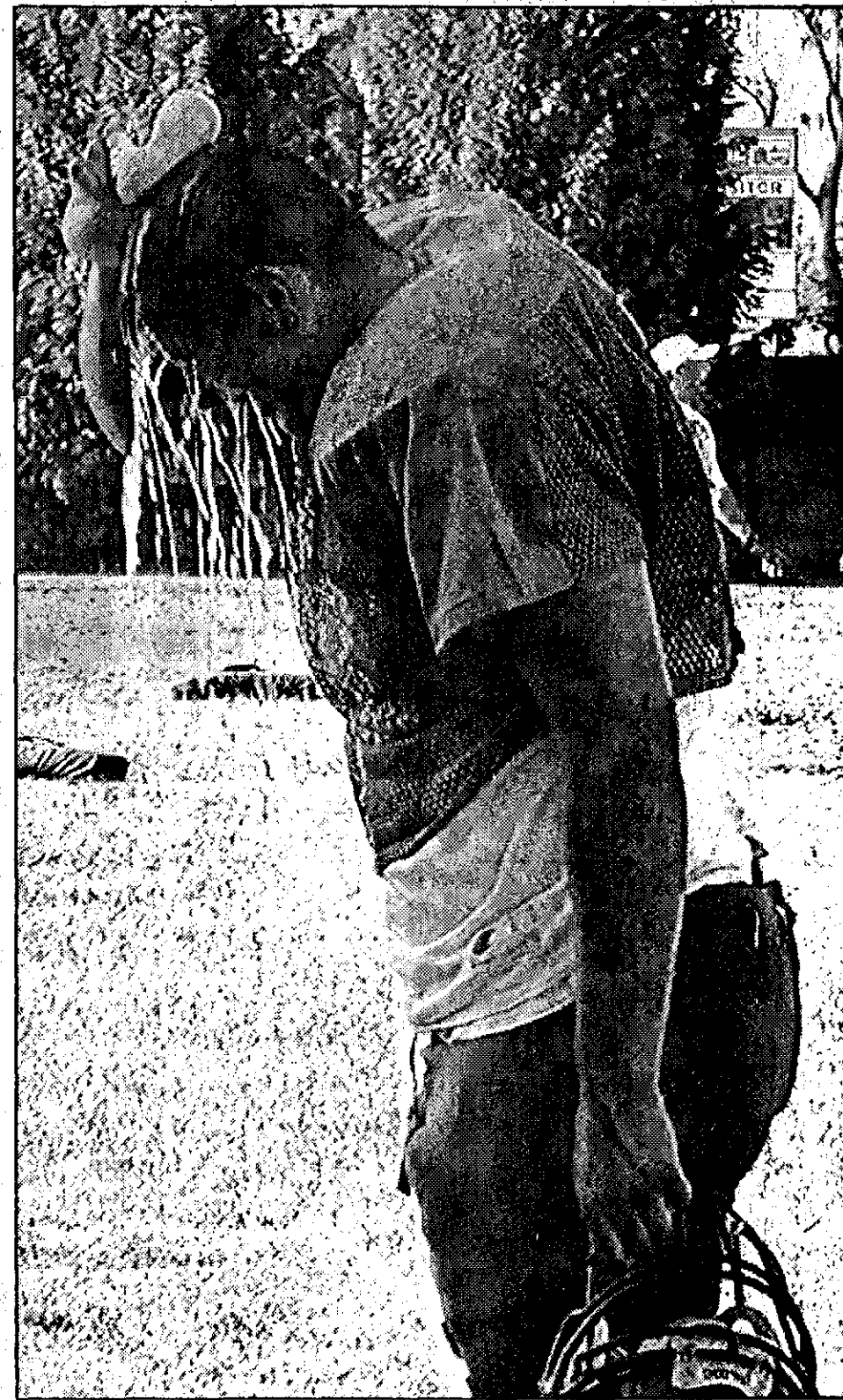


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**BEATING THE HEAT - Ricardo Fletes squeezes a sponge full of water over his head to cool off during a break in practice.**

## Men's water polo team looks for stronger season

DAVID AMEZCUA  
STAFF WRITER

The Cerritos College men's water polo team is looking forward to being better than last season. Last year the team finished 10-19 overall and third place at 2-4 in the conference.

David Marcato, holecuard and pointman, said that more people are showing up to practice and that the team has some promising freshmen and sophomores.

"I think we have a chance of beating other teams more so than last year, because the team is stronger. We have added more speed to our defense and made our defense much better."

He said that the team is more alert on the ball.

"Two teams that we need to beat this year are Long Beach City College and Mount San Antonio College."

"As the season goes on our ded-

ication and good work ethic will determine how good we will be."

"In practice the team is working hard and pushing each other to be the best."

Jerry Portillo, driver, said that the team has a good chance of going all the way.

"What makes me think that we are ready for the season is our hard work and dedication in practice. I have also seen lots of improvement in practice."

He said that the team has improved its conditioning and endurance. "We are able to gain more power as the game goes on."

"We are also able to stop other teams through our endurance. As long as we work together and work hard we will be able to beat Long Beach and Mt. SAC."

Coach Ron Parks said that the key returning players are Dujé Kaliterna, Johnny Zegarra, David Marcato, Andy Vasquez, and

Charlie Eldridge.

"We've been working hard on our defense."

"We need to improve on working together, because we have a new team and they have to learn our system."

He said that the toughest team to beat will be Long Beach. "Pasadena might be tough for us to beat, also Mt. SAC."

"I think we will match-up pretty good against most of the teams in the conference."

"In practice we are pushing each other to be the best. I see a lot of potential, but everything depends on the team willing to work together."

He said that this team is the most devoted team that he has coached in the last five years.

"As long as the team works together, that will determine how far they will go."

## Football team faces tough schedule

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several four-year colleges.

The team needs to replace the trio of Manuel Murillo, Darnell Pugh and Justin Anderson at running back.

Josh Herrera, who didn't play last year, returns as does Jeremy Bulrice.

Freshman Jermaine Whitten comes in from Cerritos High school.

Returning at wide receiver are Chris Chatman and Jason McMillan.

Danny Kirkpatrick, Freddie Davis, Randy Raphael and redshirts Andrew Harris and Scott Bajza round out the receivers.

### L.B.'S AND SECONDARY

The linebackers look to be the strongest part of the defense.

John Lopez, who started every game for Cerritos last season,

Rajae Barnett and Phillip Perry return.

Newcomers at the position are Marcus Miller, Justin Burks and Amir Jesse.

In the secondary, where Mazzotta admitted that last year, "we were a little shaky," Jermaine Lee and Michael Bragg return along with Charles Allgood and Corey Chatman, Chris' brother.

Other defensive backs to watch are Doug Stewart, Londei Ramsey and Ethan Allen.

### THE SEASON

After a scrimmage Thursday at 4 p.m. against Glendale, the Falcons open the season Sep. 8 at home against defending Southern California champion Bakersfield.

The Renegades are ranked first in Southern California and second in the state.

Lehman said the team's number

one goal right now is to beat Bakersfield in the opener.

Mazzotta said, "Word out is that it's the number one game in the state right now. That's kind of exciting."

"And then we go to Canyons, who was 9-1 last year."

The final five games of the season will be against the teams of the Mission Conference Northern Division.

Last year after a 5-0 start, the Falcons won two of the five games in the division.

Two of the losses were by a field goal in the closing minute, and the third loss came at Pasadena in triple overtime when the Lancers returned a blocked field goal for a touchdown.

"Our last five football games are probably tougher than anywhere in the country," Mazzotta said. "That's why our conference is so good."

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# EDITORIAL

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TALON MARKS

August 22, 2001

## EDITORIAL

### ...the more things stay the same.

A unique opportunity has befallen the Cerritos College community.

For the first time in almost a decade, an open seat is being contested on the Board of Trustees.

With three seats now open and only two incumbents returning next year, the community finally has a chance to add a new voice to the same old chorus of dissenting personalities.

Maybe with some new blood, the bickering and infighting of the past will stay in the past.

This might be the start of a new decade of productivity and growth for the most technologically advanced community college in the state.

The only question is who could this wondrous peacemaker be. Maybe we need to fill all three seats with new people?

When the deadline for filing closed last week, four challenger names were added to the ballot. Who are the four newcomers? Where do they come from? Why do they believe they can do a better job than the others can?

The most important question, however, should be to ask if they will campaign on campus.

The votes for the Board of Trustees come from the surrounding communities, but how many of those people attend or have ever attended Cerritos College?

The people most affected by a change in leadership are the ones who should decide who that new leadership is. However, most students will never even realize anything has changed.

Traditionally, less than 20% of all eligible voters ever bother to cast their votes. Most people are not even aware of who is up for election or for what office.

In order to prove they wish to represent the students of this college, these six people need to come to this campus and conduct a proper forum for the students.

They need to make their views clear to the people who are most affected by their decisions.... The students of Cerritos college.

The new Student Center was built for the express purpose of highlighting important community events, to give the residents of this community a place to showcase their representatives.

It is high time the center be used to highlight the most critical event of all, the election of the people who run this school.

## Same old song and dance

DEAR EDITOR

Each time I begin a new semester here at Cerritos College, it's with great anticipation and excitement.

And then reality sets in: Ninety-degree heat even in the shade. Spilling coffee on your math book two days after buying it. Trying to navigate the stairs while in three-inch heels. That one refers just to the girls. I hope.

As every college student knows, school and stress are pretty much synonymous. I mean, it takes me five minutes just to psyche myself up enough to enter the bookstore the first week of class.

And my doctor wonders why my blood pressure goes up ten

points every year come August.

That said, here's a list of my top annoyances (the ones I haven't repressed, at least):

1. People who come to school sick and spend the whole class period coughing and sneezing and hacking up all kinds of unattractive stuff (and pretty much infecting the general population).

The old adage goes, "Feed a fever, starve a cold," NOT "feed a fever, bring a cold to school."

2. Any and all things related to the school parking lot, including, but not limited to:

a) Having to arrive on campus at 8 a.m. in order to find parking for a 10 a.m. class.

b) Cars that follow ten feet

behind you while you're walking to your parking space.

c) Drivers who think the parking lot is the new site of the Indy 500.

d) Drivers who don't understand a "STOP" sign actually means "Stop."

3. Teachers who think they're the only ones assigning you 100 pages the first week of class.

4. Teachers who tell you to bring your ten-pound book to class every day, even though you never use it.

Then, the one time you DON'T bring it, is the day your teacher decides to give an open-book test.

5. People's beepers going off

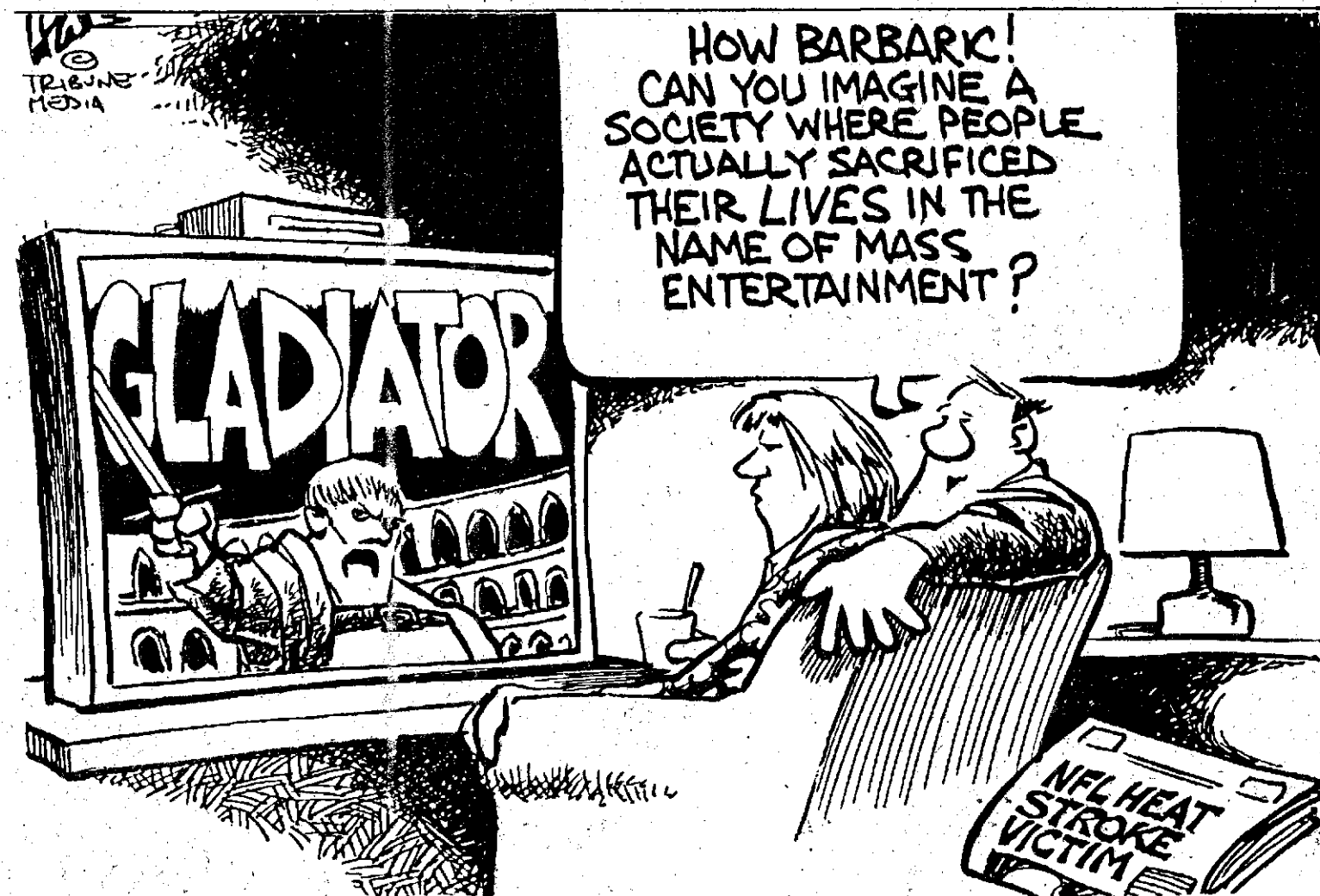
while you're trying to take a test. (Anyone think this is a secret conspiracy to undermine the confidence of others and raise the curve in their own favor?)

Don't get me wrong: I love attending Cerritos College (it sure beats a full-time job at Taco-On-A-Stick).

But there are some days I just don't feel like braving the gauntlet of the school parking lot or standing in line fifteen minutes at the bookstore just to buy 50-cents worth of Scan-Trons.

I always knew college would be difficult, but who knew it would turn out to be so much, well, WORK?

CHIMENE MATA



## Truth, justice and wild, wild women

ARMONDO BORBOA  
STAFF WRITER

Did Gary Condit's well-rehearsed (yet overused) three-sentence sound bites shed any new light on the sudden and "mysterious" Shandra Levy disappearance?

Of course not.

Did Connie Chung accomplish anything with her nervous henpecking and dogged pestering of Condit, other than showing America how much she has

declined as an investigative reporter and interviewer?

Of course not.

Did anybody really expect Condit to admit on national television that he was doing the Capitol Hill mattress tango with every tight skirt that passed his front office?

Of course not.

But what the hell, it made for a great hour of television.

Better than watching re-runs of the Drew Carey show on Fox Network.

There is no doubt Condit simply thought he was "addressing the concerns of his constituent" the intern... and the airline stewardess... and the election secretary... and the campaign worker... did I miss anybody?

The real question we should be asking is did he have anything to do with Levy's disappearance.

Most people who have been monitoring this sordid affair have already made up their minds as to the who, what, where and when.

How and why are self-explanatory to anybody with two minutes and an active fantasy life.

But so what?

Instead of asking about the intimate sexual details of a tail-chasing, self-righteous, son-of-a-Southern-Baptist-preacher scumbag congressman, why not concentrate on the real issue at hand?

Did Congressman Gary Condit kill Shandra Levy?

For those who are old enough, doesn't it remind you of the question "Who shot JR?"

Leave the sexual details of Condit's horny existence to the tabloid newspapers and to the celebrity-stalking people who obsess over them.

The important thing is to find out what happened to Shandra Levy.

It is time to bring peace and closure to her family and friends. Let Condit's wife deal with him.

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## Campus Comment

Now that America has had a chance to hear what Gary Condit has to say regarding Chandra Levy, what are your thoughts about the whole situation?

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ARMANDO BORBOA

online poll  
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- ☐ Clinton and Condit, two of a kind

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"He's guilty. He's lying between his teeth in that interview."

JAMES SANTOS,  
ENGLISH



"They're blowing it all out of proportion. Cheating on your wife and doing your job has nothing to do with each other. They should just focus on if he can just do his job."

ANA ESTRADA,  
ELEMENTARY TEACHING



"I think since he passed his lie detector tests, they should leave the man alone. He made a statement that, 'I have not been a perfect man...' No one's perfect."

DONTE GREEN,  
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE



"I think it's overplayed. Plus I think he's a liar."

JENNIFER JORDAN,  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



"He's lying. He pretty much mixes up everything he says."

JOYCE GONZALEZ,  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



"I think he's lying. You can tell by his facial expressions he was nervous. If he does tell the truth, it's going to break him personally."

VICTOR J NUEZ,  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



"It's not a Monica Lewinski thing."

DANI O'NEILIN,  
TEACHER TRAC



"I think we're in a sad state when the people elected to run the country don't have any morals."

DON ROW,  
LIBERAL STUDIES

