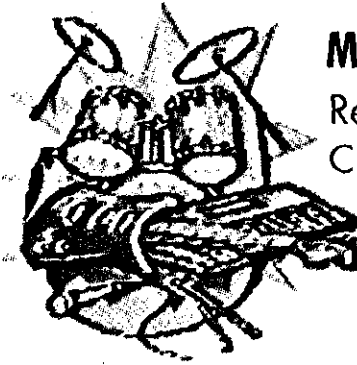


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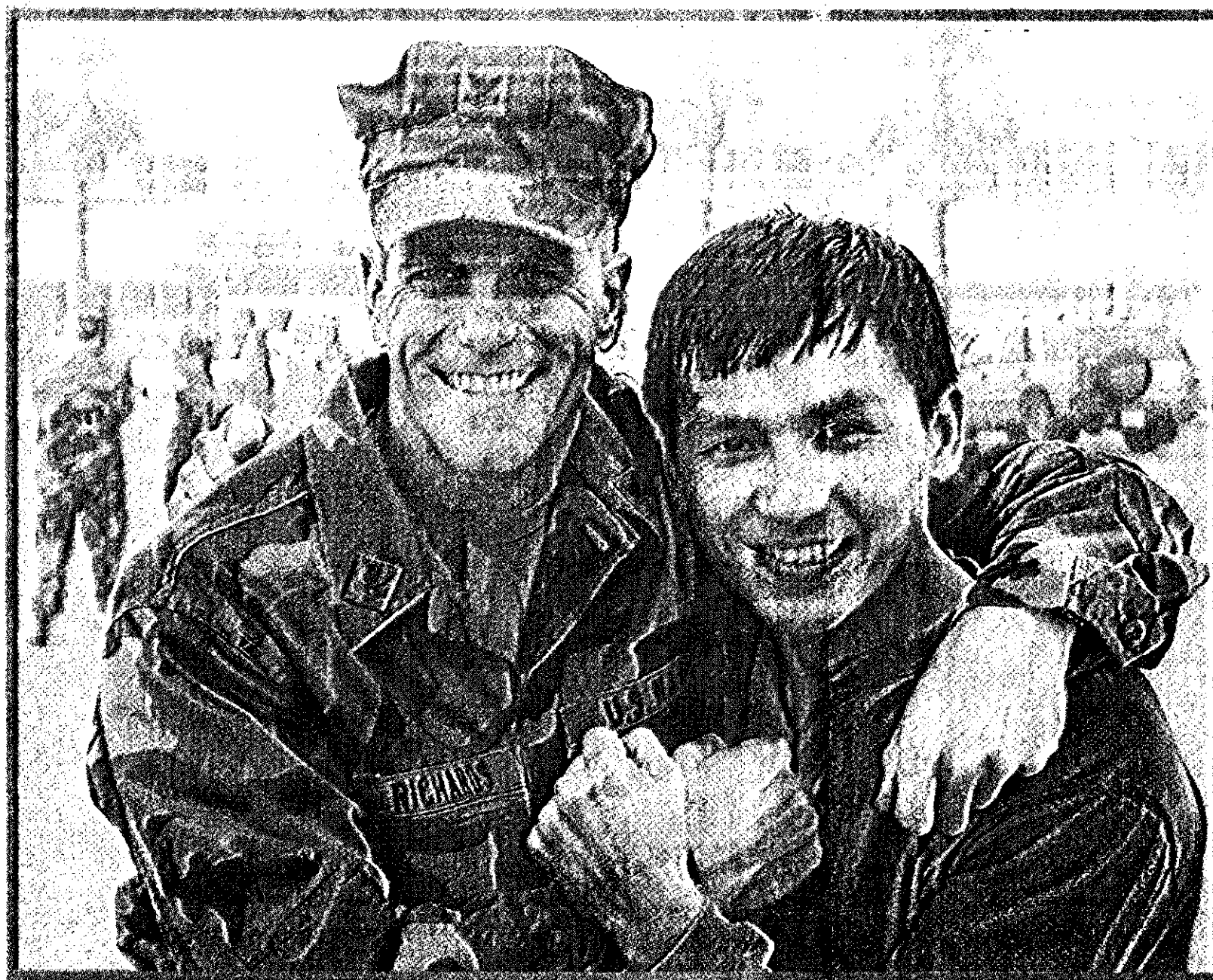
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Reservist Russ Richard and TM photographer and reservist John Ung (right), wish each other good luck Saturday at Port Huemene in Oxnard.

Columbia tragedy reaches students

Students weigh in on Saturdays tragic events

Sonia Saenz
OPINION EDITOR

"It kind of makes me uncomfortable," said Julian Mayorga, business major. Mayorga has that look on his face, like he's not quite sure what to say.

It's the same look that everyone has been wearing since finding out about the star-crossed accident that took seven astronauts' lives on the space shuttle Columbia on Saturday morning.

David Brown, Rick Husband, Laurel Clark, Kalpana Chawla, Michael Anderson, William McCool, and Ilan Ramon tragically lost their lives when they were just minutes away from their landing destination.

Although many are focusing on the chunk of insulation that fell off the ship during take off, NASA engineers are still unsure of the root of the problem.

And few can dismiss the eerie coincidence of the timing of this event.

Janet E. McLarty-schroeder, a full time astronomy instructor on campus said, "If you're a superstitious person, the end of January and beginning of February may not be the time to fly for you."

McLarty-schroeder may have a point. The Apollo 1 tragically killed three astronauts in a fire on January 27, 1967.

And on January 28, 1986, America watched in dismay as seven astronauts and one civilian teacher exploded in the space shuttle Challenger.

Now with the Columbia accident, many are starting to wonder.

"The question everyone should be asking now is why did anything break," McLarty-schroeder said, "you have to understand that once something on a shuttle breaks off, there are certain areas that are no longer protected. Now, the structure itself is aluminum, and aluminum melts. So automatically, the shuttle loses its shielding."

The second question on everyone's mind is: Should the space program continue?

Sabrina Geary, a Teacher TRAC student, thinks that it should definitely continue. "I think that when they (the astronauts) go up into space, they have the understanding that something can and may occur. But they are up there obviously because they love to explore, and that hunger shouldn't stop."

At the televised Memorial Recessionally held at the Space Center in Houston on Tuesday morning, the President, colleagues, friends, family, and members of the community came together to pay respects to those whose lives were taken.

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Shipping Out

Student John Ung leaves to serve with the U.S. Navy in the Middle East.

Lauren Rodriguez
NEWS EDITOR

It is late Monday morning. Talon Marks photographer, John Ung has come to school to tie up some loose ends before he leaves to the Middle East for an indefinite amount of time.

"Everybody always asks me, 'Are you scared? Are you anxious?' but I try to look at it as a job, so I don't have to think about being scared. I just go over there, do my job and that's it," Ung said.

Ung is a member of the U.S. Navy's Construction Battalion.

"We build bases for the military," he said.

As he is speaking, he is aware that within hours he will be shipped off to the other side of the world.

Yet his mind seems very much consumed with everyday life here.

He talks about all the things he has to do this afternoon: return camera, drop classes, and call the credit card company.

"The worst thing is it's on a weekend when everything is closed. I couldn't get my car insurance. I'm going to renew my car and give it to my dad. I have to write a will and I'm trying to call my sister."

He says, "write a will" as though it requires only as much effort as his other to-dos. It falls right behind "call MasterCard."



An officer gives orders to reservists Saturday at Port Huemene in Oxnard.

He reflects on the rush of things since he found out he was leaving. "I was always told we were supposed to have a weeks notice. But mine was a 72-hour notice. It was a big surprise. I didn't have anything ready."

He makes no effort to cover up the source of his realistic, matter-of-fact approach to this event.

"Since I was little, my Dad— he was in the Vietnam War— he would say, 'people die sooner or later.' He always tried to raise me to handle stuff like this."

For a moment, John digresses and talks

Over and out

I just found out that I am leaving as part of an assignment for the U.S. Navy construction battalion. I am a student at Cerritos College and photographer for Talon Marks. I'm feeling surprised and a little bit disappointed that I am going to active duty so fast.

I wish we had more allies on our side. If it comes to it, I'll get the job done, but it will take a while if we are all by ourselves.

I understand that there are some people out there that disagree with what I am doing, but in my heart I know I am doing the right thing. I am a little bit anxious. I want to know what is really going on. I feel like I have been left in the dark. We understand we are supposed to follow orders, but it would be nice to know what those are.

I'm getting some mixed messages as to where I am going. Our main job is to build bases and support the base. We build and we fight. We are the fighting Sea Bees.

I'm going to put schooling on hold. I'll come right back to it when I finish my assignment, but I will still keep on learning. I'm taking all my books.

I wish everyone good luck and I'll be back soon.

JOHN UNG

about his father.

"My dad is my role model. He always tried to teach me things—street smart things, like common sense to survive. He always tried to lead me to the right path."

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Bush lists plans before a pre-war nation during speech

Brian Day
OPINION EDITOR

Expectations were high from audience members of both parties January 27, as George W. Bush took the podium to deliver his State of the Union address.

In politically pivotal times such as these, with a war brewing, the economy in suffering, and countless other heated issues up for debate, a State of the Union address carries high stakes for both the President himself, and the course of U.S. actions in the near future.

As President Bush eloquently pointed out, without a doubt, this is a "time of great consequence."

The first issue addressed Wednesday was a whopping tax cut, a guaranteed crowd pleaser. Bush promised that this bill, which has already been approved by congress, will immediately save 92 million middle-class American families an average of \$1,100 annually.

He also argued for the abolishment of dividend taxes, which he called unfair, since the profits of the company are taxed before the dividends are given to the shareholders.

The next major issue he proposed to solve was Health Care reform. "Our second goal," he said, See UNION Page 2

news

DSPS
announces
Student's
Art on
Display

Mark Leeds, a former business manager who was gunned down and left for dead in 1989, discovered his talent for art during his recovery. He is now pursuing his bachelor's degree in digital art at CSULB while finishing up some of his requirements here at Cerritos College. Twenty-two pieces of his colorful and modern digital art will be on display at the City of Cerritos Library through Mar. 31.

Mark is a very talented artist whose artwork will truly compliment the beautiful and newly remodeled library. The City of Cerritos Library is located on the northwest corner of Bloomfield Avenue and 183rd Street in the City of Cerritos. Their phone number is 562.916.1350.

Wood
working
Association
to Host "An
Evening with
Sam
Malooof"

On Wednesday, the Cerritos College Woodworking Association will host "An Evening with Sam Malooof" from 7 to 9 p.m. on the Student Center main stage.

Malooof, born in 1916, is America's most widely admired contemporary furniture craftsman. Entirely self-taught, Malooof is one of only a handful of furniture designers who make his livelihood through working full-time with his hands.

Don't miss this opportunity to see Malooof's work up close, and to experience his extraordinary talent firsthand. For more information please call the Cerritos College Woodworking Association at ext. 2986. Admission for the event is \$20.

Telling a story through mariachi



Leticia Olmos, a member of the all-female Mariachi Reina De Los Angeles, instructs her beginning violin class at Los Alisos Middle School.

Community
Education offers
programs to experi-
ence Mariachi music
for all ages to enjoy

Micheaux Fortson
Opinion Editor

When most people think of music they think mainstream; the who's who in R&B, Hip Hop, Alternative, Rock etc.

How many people can identify with folk music? Do you listen to Reggae, Country or Gospel? What about Mariachi? Believe it or not these genres all have something in common. They tell stories past down from generation to generation.

These stories are often filled with hope and cultural pride. Los Alisos Middle School in conjunction with Cerritos College Community Education (CCCE) and Mariachi Heritage Society is conducting Mariachi classes to pass on the Mariachi tradition.

"This program teaches students from ages 7 to adults, how to use traditional Mariachi instruments such as: the guitar, the guitarron, vihuela, violin and the trumpet.

This program began in September of 2002. Enrollment is \$30 a month, the group meets every Monday and students are required to bring their own instruments," explains Jennifer Zaragoza who has worked with the program since the beginning.

The Mariachi program is one of many programs that is geared to promote community participation.

Laura Franklin Director of Community Education at Cerritos College and Jose Hernandez work in partnership to present programs such as this one.

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Full speed ahead for
new IT programCollege has joined
Microsoft's Information
Technology program for
students to experience

Micheaux Fortson
Opinion Editor

Cerritos College is on the move once more into technology to reach the cutting edge of technology.

Recently Cerritos was chosen, as one of two Community Colleges in the state of California to join Microsoft's IT (Information Technology) program being offered nation wide through various community colleges nation wide.

There are approximately 108 community colleges in California. However, because of Cerritos' reputation it won hand-over-list.

"Actually, we have been working on this since the beginning of the Fall Semester 2002," says Norm Fujimoto, Instructional Dean of Science, Engineering and Math.

"Microsoft approached us to see if we were interested. They [also] came and visited the campus in October.

I think the one thing it shows is that this group felt that Cerritos is one of the leading Community Colleges in technology."

There will be 12 sites that will host across the country. Despite all the budget conflicts the state has had to trifle

with.

The budget crunch will not affect this program because Microsoft is footing the bill.

In order for a student to qualify for the certification the instructor must be certified.

"One of the strongest demands in the industry is the certified professional. Obviously, Microsoft has very large market shares, so we are setting up this program to help our students get some marketable skills and begin a rewarding career," explains Ken Lou, Professor of Science and Engineering.

According to a Cerritos College news release, the Bureau of Labor and Statistics Employment Projections from 1998-2008, four of the five fastest-growing occupations in the economy are all computer related, with employment numbers expected to grow over 100 percent.

There is an annual membership that the school pays for the program, which is approximately \$5,000 annually. Students can take advantage of this program at the same rate as tuition.

For more information concerning the Microsoft IT program, please contact Professor Kenny Lou at (562) 860 2451 Ext. 2970 or at klou@cerritos.edu.

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First male to receive scholarship

Claudia Valdez
Staff Writer

For the first time in Cerritos College history the Carmen Solis-Pratt Scholarship was awarded to a male student, Raymond Perris.

The scholarship was given by the Cerritos College Foundation on November 14.

While growing up Perris attended special education classes but because of his dyslexia, the information "did not stick" said Perris.

At age 40, he realized that his life was not what he wanted it to be so he headed back to school.

Perris said that his view of life has changed and attending Cerritos College has allowed him to see that he can overcome dyslexia.

Perris has several goals for his

future. He wants to learn to read, write, and learn basic math functions to get his G.E.D.

"My desire is to receive my G.E.D. and to one day become a full-time counselor in a drug rehabilitation center for men and women," said the recently student.

Perris was chosen among 39 other students.

The scholarship was established by Judge Dan Pratt, a Cerritos College Foundation member, in honor of his mom.

According to Kimberly Corbitt, administrator of the scholarships and alumni relations, the scholarship was chosen by Pratt.

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Cerritos College
Police logs
Jan. 27 - Feb. 2

Jan. 27

At 2:27p.m., officers responded to a domestic violence call at the Student Activities office. The victim said her boyfriend choked and pushed her. The suspect was

located and arrested. He was booked at Norwalk Sheriff's Station for Willful Infliction of Corporal Injury.

Jan. 30

At 5:20p.m., an officer responded to Lot C-1 regarding a Stolen Plates report. This victim said someone stole the rear license plate from her vehicle.

At 8:55p.m., an officer responded to Lot C-1 regarding a Vehicle Burglary.

The victim said someone broke into his locked vehicle and rummaged through it. Nothing appeared to be missing.

Jan. 31

At 11:00a.m., an officer responded to a Theft call at the Math Lab. The informant said a book was left on a desk and was stolen. She had information as to a possible suspect and an investigation is being conducted.

COLUMBIA

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The Ship Bell was rung seven times for all seven astronauts, and four jets flew over the crowd performing the "missing man" formation.

John Glenn, the first US astronaut to orbit the moon, said, "It's too bad we couldn't have pushed this day back forever."

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UNION

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"he said, "is high quality, affordable health care for all Americans."

He went on to pledge \$400 billion in his budget over the next ten years to strengthen and refurbish the Medicare system. He highlighted affordable medication for seniors on Medicare and legislation to combat frivolous malpractice lawsuits against doctors in his plan to better public health care.

Bush went on to read a laundry list of proposed budget allocations. He proposed \$1.2 billion for research into the development of a practical hydrogen-powered car, in an effort to reduce America's air pollution. \$600 million was allocated for programs helping parentless and disadvantaged children.

Bush addressed drug addiction and recognized it as a large problem facing American society today. He proposed \$300 million for drug treatment over the next three years.

In an interesting digression, Bush spoke out strongly against human cloning in all forms, saying, "...no human life should be started or ended as the object of an experiment." He also damned partial-birth abortion.

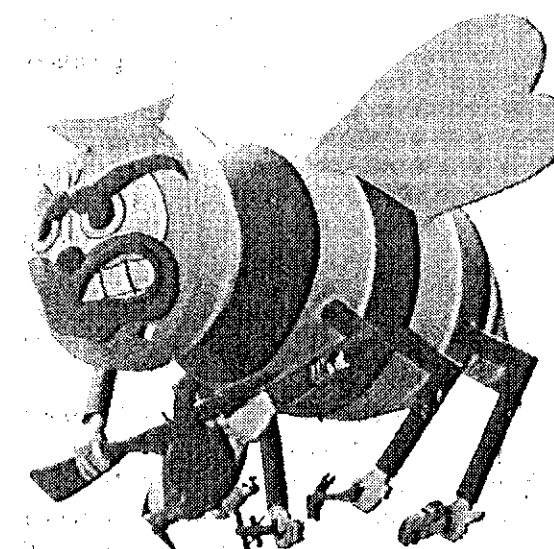
One of the more unexpected and talked about bombshells dropped by the President was the proposal of \$15 billion to combat AIDS in Africa.

He said that it was America's responsibility, as a prosperous nation, to extend help to others in need. Pointing out that 30 million Africans are infected today, in some places amounting to one out of three adults.

He argued that money sent to Africa for AIDS relief would be both benevolent and highly effective at improving the quality of life for millions of our global neighbors.

Inevitably, he moved on to the war on terror. He boasted a great deal of success, sitting over 3,000 suspected terrorists in custody. He added that much more needs to be done to make America safe from terror.

For more of the story go online to www.talonmarks.com



The Seabee represents the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion in which John Ung will be taking part in.

JOHN UNG

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the right path."

There is a pause and then John again goes over why he came to school today.

John explains that if he had more time, he would say goodbye to all his friends.

"I would love to know how they feel. I wish I could talk to them."

Ung begins to turn his attention back to leaving.

"I don't know what kind of base I am going to be on. I'm going there blindfolded."

He pauses.

"I never thought this was going to happen, until I saw the news report with President Bush. He said, 'we're going to do this with or without help.' That kinda worried me. I think it should worry everyone else too. The

last time we were in Iraq we had lots of help. But to go over there by ourselves? I know we have Britain, but it's going to be a long fight."

Later when Ung comes back to drop off his last things in the newsroom, he brings his fiancée, Selene Rivera.

Through tears she choked out, "I can't believe it's happening."

Ung reassures her, calling her princess and making everyone aware that he is just going away for a little while.

He says, "Honestly, people ask why you do this. I think it's the right thing to do. I'm doing this for my country. The most important thing is family. I want to protect this country because my family lives here. We don't just go because we want to. We have something to fight for."

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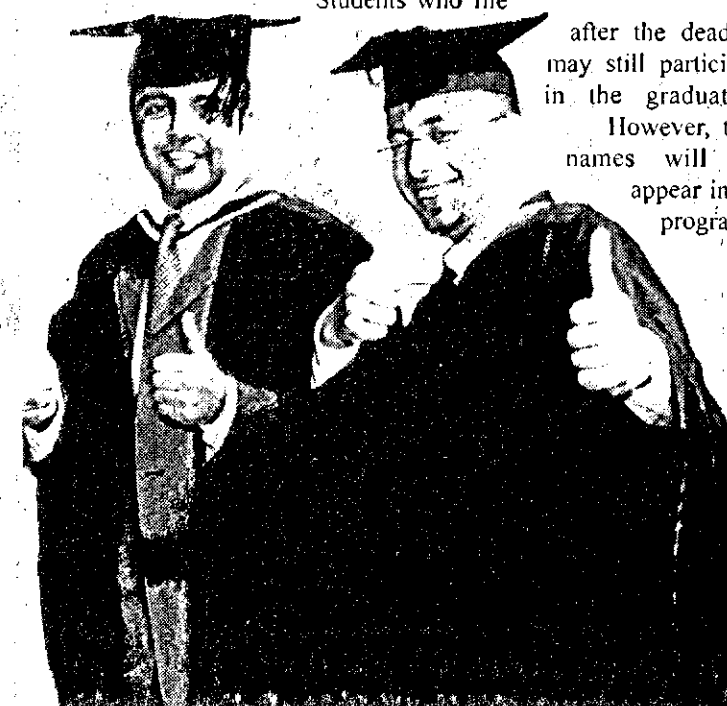
Graduation
FYI deadline

Students who are interested and eligible to attend the 2003 commencement ceremony should submit an application immediately.

A "Request for Graduation" form must be completed and returned to the counseling office by Mar. 7 in order to have their name appear in the Commencement Program.

Students who file

after the deadline may still participate in the graduation. However, their names will not appear in the program.



EDITORIAL

Media influences that change lives

Art imitates life. Or does life imitate art?

Maybe it's a mixture of both in American society today. Take for example how our entertainment godheads dictate our fashion trends. We are influenced every day by the papers we read, the shows we watch and the music we listen to. But when does that influence turn into a model for our behavior?

Entertainment 50 years ago may seem bland to a viewer of today's standards. But there were still elements of make believe violence from Hop Along Cassidy to Have Gun Will Travel. Kids still played cowboys and Indians in their back yards.

In that 50-year span we have developed a taste for more reality in our fantasy world. Now we see shootings in high schools and women being raped in parking lots. That quest for truth and realism in our art has exposed the ill behaviors some of us would rather be without.

But let's face it, we asked for it. There isn't a boardroom of television writers discussing violent plot lines riddled with sex and bloody authenticity purely for its own satisfaction. The creators of our media are more interested in the profit than the content. And right now media is profiting largely from 'R' rated material.

The bottom line at this point is that American entertainment is what it is today because we have tuned into it. As viewers of the media we have seen it, liked it, and contributed to its proliferation in our society. Taking steps backwards now would bring first amendment advocates to their feet in protest, and rightly so.

What happens now is that we have to adjust and compensate. We have to emphasize the difference between reality and entertainment. We have to take responsibility for our actions. No matter what we view, we still possess free will. We still have laws to follow coupled with compassion and decency as human beings.

Simply turning the television and radio off will not necessarily stop children from viewing bad things. And some argue that sheltering your children is just as meager. Troubling events that cut short innocence are sometimes beyond our control. But as adults, and parents, we can still communicate with youth. Rather than shelter them, we can explain it to them. Use those bad influences in media educate them, to give them hope of changing it.

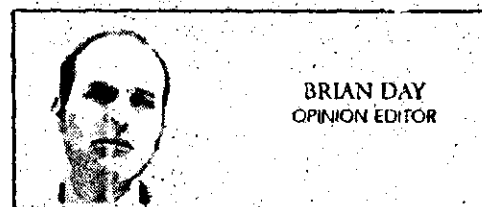
Maybe with the knowledge of the media, the understanding of violence, and the compassion for poverty we can raise our children to be creative thinkers. Teach them to rise above it and make it better.

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Tell me something I didn't already know

Peoples' minds were put at ease but bush spoke absolutely nothing about many crucial issues



BRIAN DAY
OPINION EDITOR

As President Bush gave his address, his tone was mediocre. Sure, his speech was filled with flagrant gestures and forced emotion, but on the whole, the speech lacked real passion and conviction. Perhaps this is because he had nothing to say for which to get passionate about. The entire address was characterized by eloquently worded generalities, crafty distraction, and evasion of the real issues.

As usual, the majority of the speech was padded with patriotic fluff. Bush commented extensively on America's resolve and courage, and assured the people that we would face all challenges bravely and emerge triumphant. Sounds great, yes, but it's a great-sounding way to say absolutely nothing about anything, and get a standing ovation.

His first major point, not surprisingly, was a large tax-cut, targeted at middle-class families. He claims that the extra money (estimated average of \$1,100) families would have to

spend would stimulate the economy down the road, as well as help Americans today.

This sounds outstanding to many taxpayers, who would do just about anything for an \$1,100 tax-cut, but those who are concerned with the economy raise serious questions as to whether the economic growth triggered by the cut could approach that will be done to the economy by the lost tax-revenue. Sound economics or not, when the public is involved, you can't go wrong with a big juicy tax-break.

In a classic Republican move, Bush also asked for an end to dividend taxes, which tax the profits of a company twice; once when the company makes the profits, and again when they are passed onto shareholders. While this is fair tax policy, it only benefits those who own large amounts of corporate stock, IRA-rich people.

The next rabbit George W. pulled from his hat was a proposal for \$15 billion in AIDS relief to Africa. This is a noble cause and a benevolent act, but one can't help wonder if the motives for this move were based more in the realm of compassion or public relations.

For his next trick, Bush proposed \$1.2 billion for research to develop a hydrogen-powered car.

At long last, the subject of Bush's speech

turned to the situation in Iraq. As I watched the address, I eagerly awaited some new nugget information, some piece of insight, anything at all that could shed some more light on the subject. I was sorely disappointed.

Bush laid out a list of offenses and violations we already knew about, albeit with added dramatic flair. He then went on to drop the bombshell that contrary to popular belief, Saddam Hussein is actually not a good guy. According to Bush, he is an evil dictator and must be stopped. Now there's something we didn't know.

This is not an inaccurate assessment of the situation, and wouldn't be so aggravating if Bush had gone on to say something else, anything else, about Iraq. But he didn't. He promised more facts and evidences Feb. 5, from Colin Powell, and that will have to do.

In the end, I stand in awe of George Bush's ability to talk for an hour without saying a damn thing. I can't come down too hard on the guy (for that), that's what State of the Union addresses are, but in these pivotal times, a little actual information would have been nice, that's all.

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Should tipping be voluntary or involuntary

Think if you were a waiter with extremely rude customers would you want to be rewarded a little bit



CLAUDIA VALDEZ
STAFF WRITER

Many of us are usually under a lot of stress do to school and work. To relieve some of our anxieties many times we go out with friends, boyfriends or girlfriends, or with our families to eat.

Do we really need another preoccupation at the end of the meal such as tipping?

Well, this subject recently made me think twice about what is proper and even fair, not only to us, the consumer, but also to the service provider.

To some of us this does not turn into another stressful situation. We may have seen that our server is working hard and maybe

even putting up with other rude and annoying customers and just want to show appreciation at the end of our meal. We have been taught at some point in our lives that this is not only right but it's also imperative.

During a recent conversation with a friend, she told me something quite astounding.

She told me about a nail salon where the woman in charge used to have a list behind her workstation where she would write down your name if you didn't tip or didn't tip enough.

Is this necessary?

I'm sure many of you who work at restaurants wish you could do this sometimes.

This got me thinking about this "voluntary gesture" that most of us have become accustomed to do.

Many of us have heard or read some-

where about tipping etiquette. What is it you ask? Well, like many of you, I've read and/or heard somewhere that when visiting a restaurant or any other establishment of that nature, it is said that in order to be fair, we should leave 15 to 20 percent of the total bill as tip to the person providing us with the service.

It's really up to every individual to make his or her judgment about tipping. However, this is still a voluntary way people show their appreciation of the service.

I believe that by no means anyone should be forced to leave a tip but when you're out and about think twice, what if you were the person on the serving end and tips were a big part of your income?

Wouldn't you like to be rewarded for your (I'm so sure) excellent service?

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Campus Comment

What was your initial reaction to the Columbia Space Shuttle crash?

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ONLINE POLL

What was your initial reaction to the Columbia Space Shuttle crash?

- I don't know, I was asleep
- I'm just glad that wasn't me
- It was a great tragedy
- I feel bad for the families
- I cried

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"When I saw it on TV, I thought it was a movie. It didn't sink in, until the next day. But when it did sink it felt bad."

Chris Alvarez,
UNDECIDED



"When I saw it, it made me think about my loved one because my boyfriend is over seas."

Tiffany Tolentino,
PHYSICAL THERAPY



"I was in shock, but came to realize that when you go into space there's a chance of not coming back. But I would still go in space if I had a chance to."

Adrianna Gonzalez,
MUSIC



"Disbelief I was hoping it was a mistake."

Brian Miller,
UNDECIDED



"I didn't know what to feel at first, but now I feel bad for the people on the space shuttle."

Ingrid Whalen,
ART



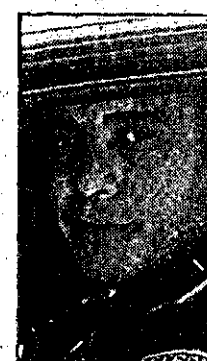
"I thought it was sad for the families and the people who need them. They died doing a service for us."

Nelissa Valdez,
BIOLOGY



"It was something sad. It was a backlash from the Challenger, 17 years ago."

Loreta Vellutina,
NURSING



"I thought it was a big tragedy because it affected the United States and different nations."

Angel Castillo,
POLICE OFFICER

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Ving
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Speedman,
Brendan
Cleason,
Michael
Michele
rated: R for
violence, lan-
guage and
brief sexuality

The Life
of David
Gale

Feb. 21
starring:
Kevin Spacey,
Kala Winslet,
Laura Linney,
Gabriel Mann
and Matt
Craven
rated: R vio-
lent images,
nudity, lan-
guage and sex-
uality



Nick Laris (left), David Aristigue (right), participate in the "Hot Game" during Friday night's improv show.

IMPROV OR
PEEP SHOW

Just one snap of the
host's fingers awaits
the start of the show

Sonia Saenz
ONLINE EDITOR

For all those who missed it, The Generic Improvisational Peep Show Comes Home (Again) is gone, done, over. And apparently on Jan. 29, opening night, not many people either heard news of the show, or didn't care to come. The audience was close to empty. Never the less, the show and its performers gave their all and committed every ounce of talent in their body to the audience. The show was done in the small stage, which was appropriately set up with lively music, and dim lights, and started at 8 p.m.

First, they started off with Smartest Man Alive. This game is when you group three people together and when you do, you get the smartest man alive.

This game can always be performed well, because as soon as the host snaps his fingers, the sentence must be completed by the next performer. Even if they have no idea what the word was.

The team went through 13 different games during the evening

including favorites such as Meet The World and The Blues.

During Meet the World, the "host of the show (John Jimenez), interviewed a paranoid man (Nick Laris), a man who crossed the Atlantic on a toothpick (Christopher Alvarado), and a bomb tester.

Blues may have been the funnest game of all. Laris, Alvarado, and Bill Blush got up and sang a blues song (live music courtesy of David Wrathall) about their "chonies" being too tight. Does it get much better than that?

I had a great time at the Improv show. Not only because the performers have the courage to get on stage and perform, but also because they are doing it right off the top of their heads. There were a few awkward moments, but that is to be expected when you are dealing with Improv which deals with the unexpected.

And to anyone who saw the show and was pleased, don't doubt yourself for a minute. Auditions to join the Improv Touring group are March 7.

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Come one, come all, it's
HYPNO-PUNKO

The Vindictives have
come to brainwash the
masses

Jessica Siskles
AGE EDITOR

Throwing a curveball at Vindictives fans is a sure fire way to lose a home run, because these fans expect it. There is nothing predictable or expected from this melodic punk rock band that has been putting out great music for five years. The latest LP, HYPNO-PUNKO, hasn't alienated any tuncful pop-punk fans, and will also grab a few new fans with its quirky, amusing approach to the punk rock album.

The Vindictives market HYPNO-PUNKO as a cure-all for bad taste, and the first step towards a "brand new, 'punker' you." The liner notes read like an experimental new drug pamphlet, encouraging the listener to apply only three times a day, and to be weary of misusage or abrupt discontinuation. Everything about this album, from the artwork, to the red vinyl and including the irresistible music is a side-splitting adventure for the punk rock fan who needs a little less sadness and pain, and a little more light-hearted comedy in his collection.

Fast, catchy and an all around brain twister, the album definitely tops my list of

"things to play at a party to really confuse the guests." You can't help but raise an eyebrow to the interwoven variations of "I Will Not", which repeats five times on the 13 track set list. The song, in its many forms, is more like a brainwashing call to arms than a poppy punk tune, but the ridiculous repetition is hard not to enjoy.

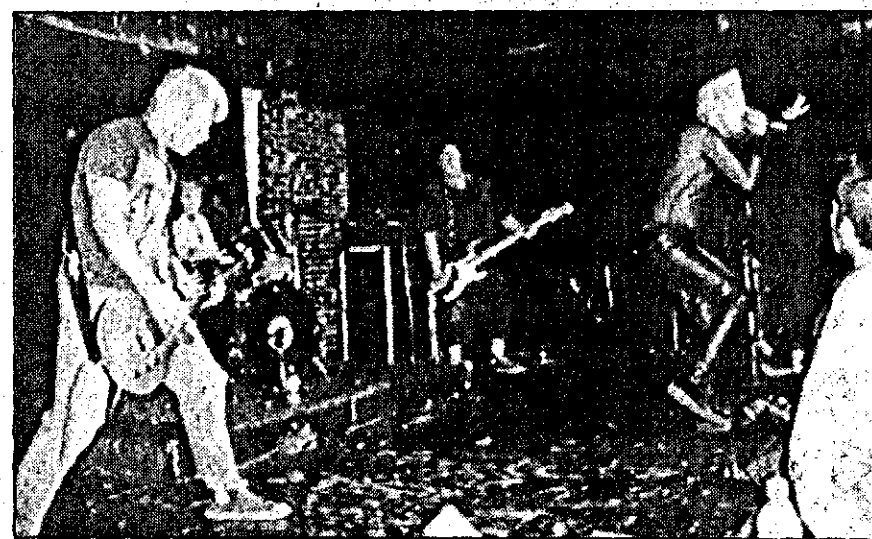
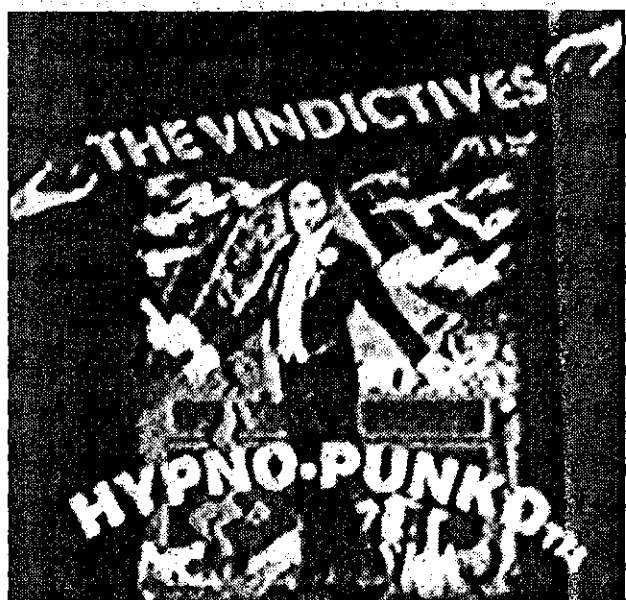
The albums artwork and content are reinventions of the circus sideshow or the traveling medicine man with the repetitive affirmations of "I Will Not" serving as the mantra to a better life. Drummer Angel, does not get a moments' rest on tracks like "The Stupid Song", "More Than Nothing", and "First on the Block" bashing out a consistent back beat matched only by the persistence of bass player Johnny

Personality.

Personality is also responsible for hammering out the lead power chords, paired with Billy Blastoff on accompanying guitar and piano. But similar to the Dead Kennedy's, the Vindictives' trademark lies with its singer Johnny Vindictive, whose cartoon-styled vocals add the loony element to the carnival events. The albums first track "Medication Time" is the best example of Vindictives crazy and unique style, while his reinvention of the Bing Crosby tune "Accentuate the Positive" is a close second.

Reviews on the Internet message board found on Cold Front Records web site (the bands distributor), are comments of mixed emotions. One former fan claims to have "listened to it once, and put it away for ever," while another listener considers it the band's best work, "odd, but good." This reviewer found HYPNO-PUNKO clever, original and comical on the first run through and actually even more entertaining and irresistible on the second and third spins on the turntable. The liner notes read, "HYPNO-PUNKO is different from any other recording you will ever own", and this writer pleads no contest to that challenge.

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Pop meets politics

Jessica Siskles
AGE EDITOR

Now more than ever, America needs a punk rock band with a political edge making albums and enticing our youth, and Moral Crux has released its newest LP just in time.

Pop Culture Assassins, the band's latest full length from LookOut! Records is littered with lyrics of disdain for today's lackadaisical consumer going through the motions of life on autopilot.

With heavy influence from the '77 scene, Moral Crux may seem catchy and sweet, but the lyrics are more on the level of Bad Religion and the Dead Kennedy's than the Ramones and the Clash. They are short and sweet, thinking man's words, pointing out the flaws of our society, especially within our younger generation. Pop Culture Assassins marries beguiling melodies with sharp messages of a troubled television culture.

Another track, "New War Generation" criticizes government motives with the words, "they've got the oil/U.S. troops on their soil/politicized, criticized, consumerized, computerized/how about a Marshall plan for the Palestinians/U.S.A. supporting dictators to ensure cheap labor."

Moral Crux currently consists of James Farris, Jeff Jenkins, Johnny Machine and Justin Warren and this line up has been making strides in the punk rock scene since 1986.

Based out of eastern Washington in the town of Ephrata, Moral Crux did not fight for a place in the "grunge" explosion that took place in the western part of the state.

Rather, this band has spent the last decade and a half touring and making powerful music together and just might be one of the most underrated bands of the time.

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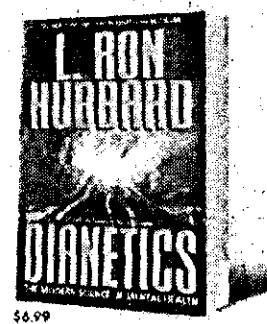


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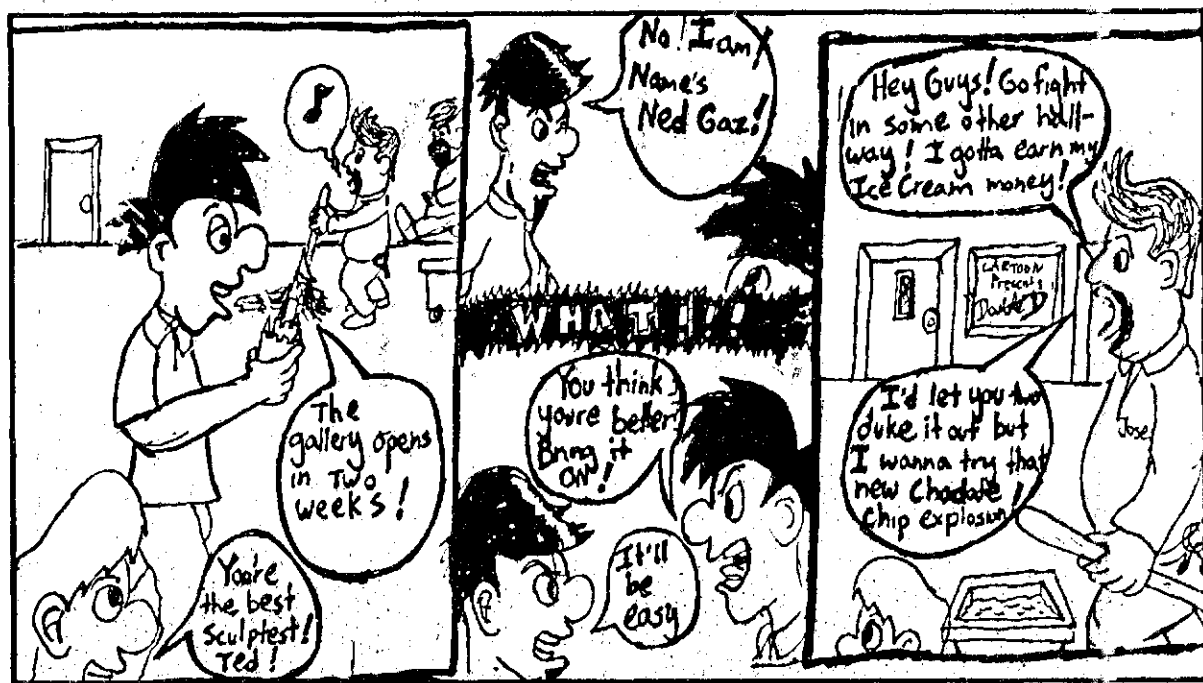
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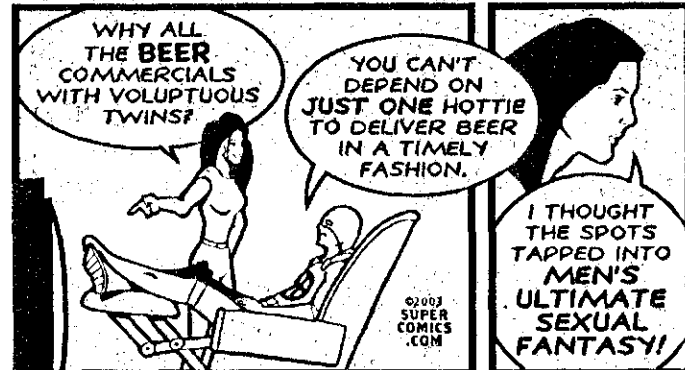
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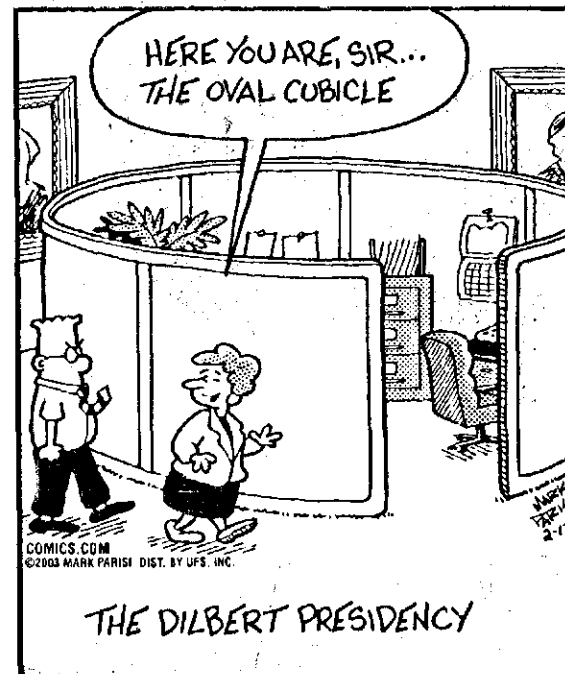
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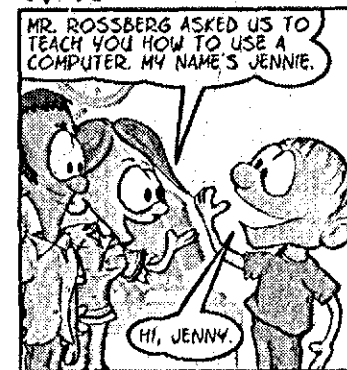
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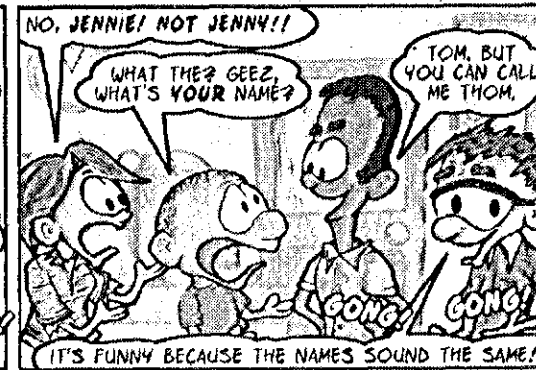
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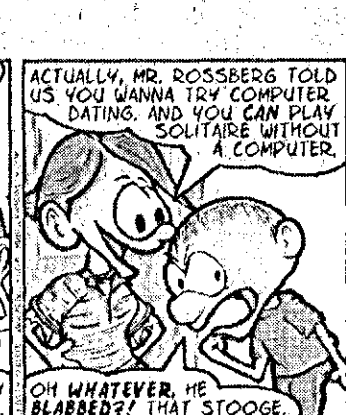
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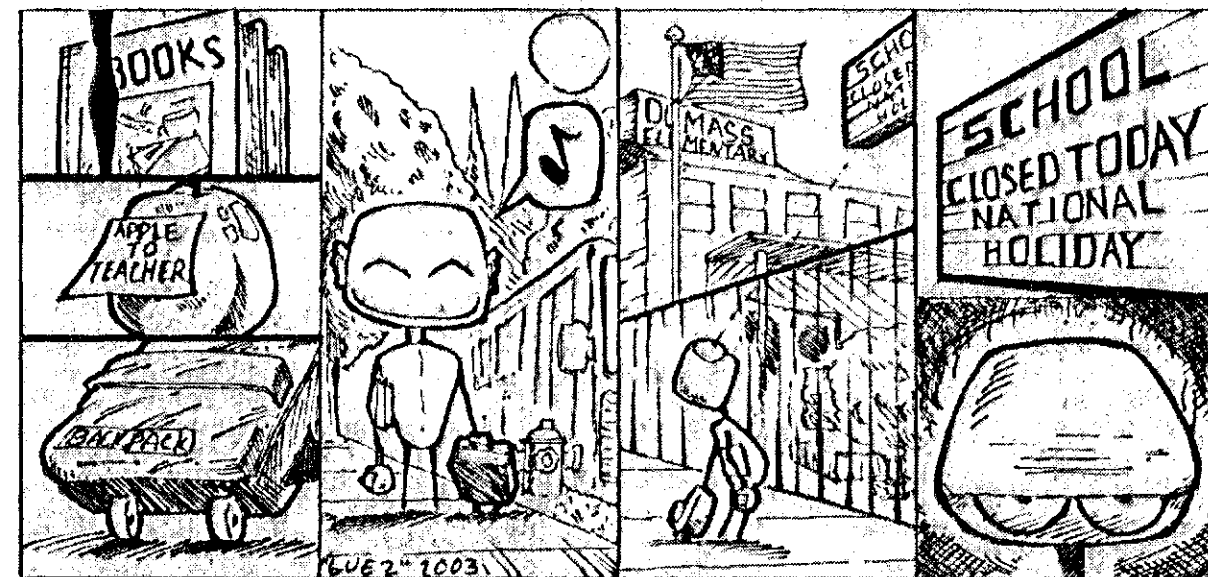
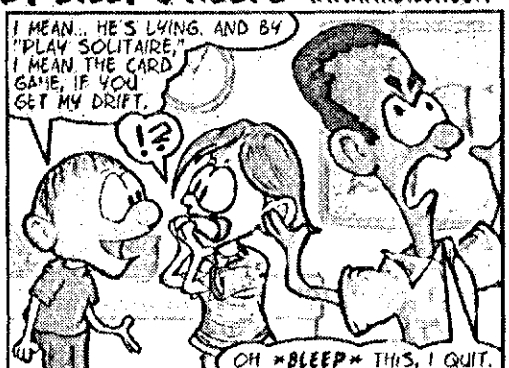
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IN THEATRES FEBRUARY 7

Falcons swoop past Cougars

The men's basketball team slips by Cougars with a 72-71 victory. Falcons have now won three in a row.

Hersson Preciado
ONLINE SPORTS EDITOR

The Cerritos men's basketball team edged the Los Angeles Southwest Cougars 72-71 Friday in a tale of two halves.

Cerritos came in on a two game winning streak with a record of 15-11.

The game began poorly for the Cougars sending the Falcons to the free-throw line a total of nine times in the first half.

Cerritos capitalized on the opportunity scoring 12 points by converting 12 of 14 attempts.

Tony Roberts led the Falcons in scoring with 14 points in the first half alone.

Roberts also contributed with six rebounds and two assists.

Despite 12 points from the Cougars' leading scorer Jason Perry, the Falcons led the Cougars 38-33 at half.

The second half was unkind to the Falcons seeing only 10 of 25 free-throw attempts.

Roberts the Falcon's leading scorer in the first half only had four points and finished the game with 18 points.

Malcolm Heron who was rela-

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tively quiet in the first half of play with only four points had seven points in the second half.

Heron was the only falcon to make more than half his free throws.

He finished the night with 11 points and five rebounds.

"If we make our field goals we win easily," Falcons Coach, Gary Cain said while assessing the close win where the Falcons went 22-40 at the charity strike.

The Cougars turnaround player at the half was Michael Ford who only scored four points in the first half.

Ford finished the night with 22 points by scoring 18 in the second half.

Ford single handedly kept the Cougars in the game.

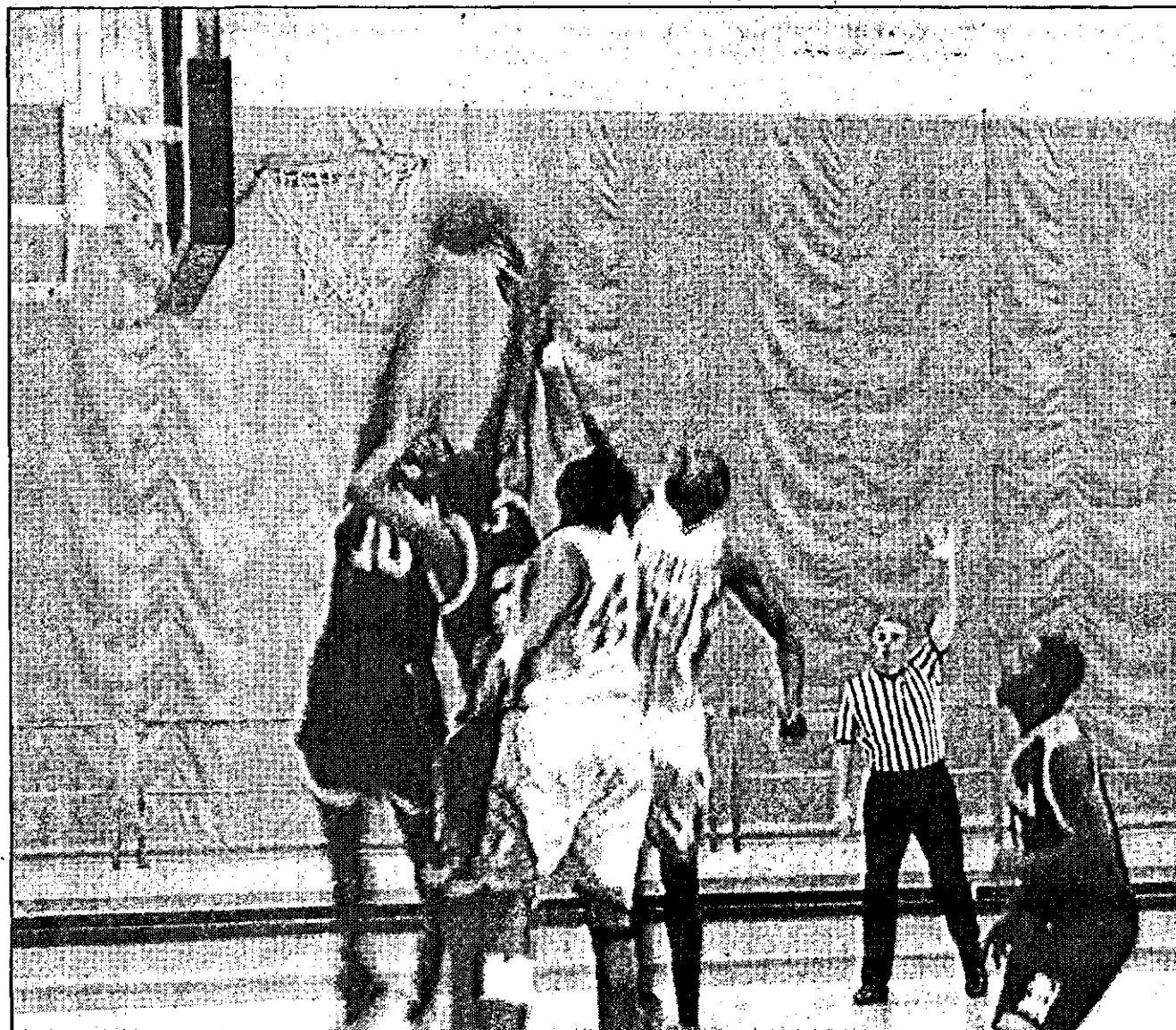
Jason Perry who was big for the Cougars in the first half tailed off only scoring three points the rest of the game.

With the win the Falcons not only improved to 16-11 overall and 4-1 in conference.

The team also caught up to Long Beach City who defeated Cerritos earlier in the season and tied them at top of the conference.

Because of the tie, this will be the match up to watch next week when Cerritos visits Long Beach in a showdown for No.1.

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The Cerritos mens basketball team battles against the Cougars in which the Falcons end up coming up ahead by one.

John Ung/TM

Women's softball team comes out on top of tournament

When softball season starts, it really gets underway. Through the first week the Cerritos College softball team has posted a 4-3 record, including a 3-2 mark at the Mt. San Antonio Tournament over the weekend.

The Falcons went into a tournament this weekend with a 6-0 win over Chaffey, followed by an 8-3 loss to Utah Valley. Cerritos responded with a 6-4 win over College of the Canyons and then defeated Los Angeles Valley, 7-2.

In the Falcons' final game, the team dropped a 4-3 decision to Fresno City that went to an international tiebreaker rule.

In the win over Chaffey, the Falcons did the majority of its damage in the second inning. Sophomore catcher Amie Barton reached base on a fielder's choice, while sophomore and left fielder Kim Sinkins was hit by a pitch.

After freshman and third baseman Jade Wilson

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hit a singled which loaded the bases, sophomore, second baseman, Michelle Santillan doubled in two runs before freshman shortstop Heather Martin drove in a run with a sacrifice fly.

Sophomore, first baseman, Michelle Mariscal closed out the inning with a two-run home run.

The run production was enough for sophomore pitcher Alana Gallatin who limited the Panthers to just four singles to earn the complete game win.

Utah Valley jumped out to a 4-0 lead through three innings, and was able to ride that to an 8-3 win over the Falcons. Wilson collected a two-run double, while Barton drove in the other run with a base hit in the fourth inning.

Freshman pitcher Raelynn Baioa made her first start of the season and was a little shaky, allowing two runs in the first inning before settling down in the second inning.

She was relieved by Gallatin in the third inning, with the big blow of the game being a grand slam in the fifth inning, which broke open a close 4-3 game.

Cerritos didn't let that loss slow them down too much, as they responded with a 6-4 win over College of the Canyons. The Falcons provided some pop in their own bats.

Cerritos swelled their lead to 5-0 after a four-run second inning that was capped by a two-run single by Martin, while Santillan and Ackland each drove in a run.

After playing to a 2-2 against Fresno City in the final game of the tournament, the teams went to the international tie-breaking rule, which places

a runner at second base to start the inning.

The Rams scored in the top of the seventh, which meant that the Falcons would have to score at least one run to extend the game. Sophomore Erin Brown who made the last out of the previous inning, opened the seventh inning on second base.

After the first two batters were unable to move her around the bases, Santillan doubled in Brown to tie the game, Martin then popped up to the third baseman to end the inning.

In the eighth, the Rams once again scored the go-ahead run, which put the Falcons in the hot seat once again.

Ackland moved Martin over with a ground out to second base. Freshman Manisha Vadgama then flied out to left field, with Martin ready to tag up and attempt to score. However, it was ruled by the umpire that she left the bag early and was called out, ending the game.

Cougars massacred by the swift Falcons

Womens basketball team demolishes Cougars, 81-59.

Hersson Preciado
ONLINE SPORTS EDITOR

The Cerritos College Women's basketball team crushed Los Angeles Southwest on Friday 81-59.

The Falcons now stand one game behind first place in the South Coast Conference.

Cerritos held a minimal 33-29 lead at halftime against LA Southwest.

The Falcons came out in the second half and took it to a worn-down and undersized Cougar defense.

The Falcons incorporated a full-court press for the majority of the game.

The result of the full court press was 22 Cougar turnovers. Cerritos shot 45 percent from the field for 48 points.

The Falcons also were dangerous from the outside, as they

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drained 11 three-pointers, led by sophomore Nicole McCarthy.

McCarthy had four three-pointers and finished with a team-high of 14 points.

Just as they had been doing all season, the Falcons used a balanced scoring attack.

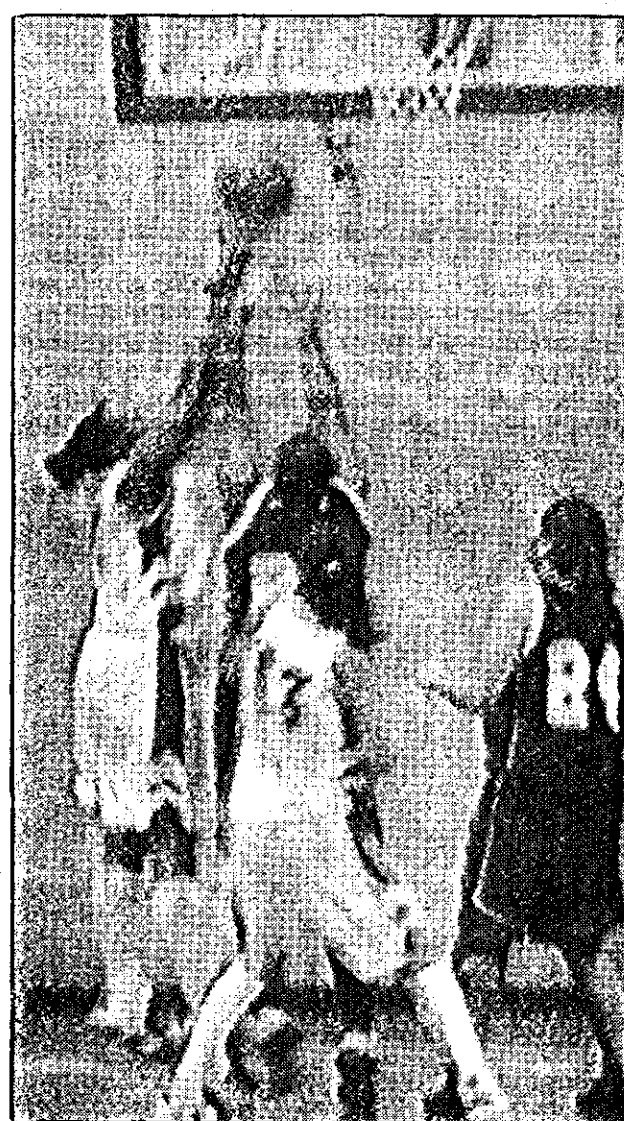
Twelve out of the 14 of players scored in the game.

Freshman forward Claudia Rodriguez and freshman forward Shannah Aiono each added 10 points to the Falcons victory.

The Falcons are now 16-9 on the year and 4-1 at the end of the first round of divisional play.

This week Cerritos will have a bye on Wednesday before its visit to Long Beach City College on Friday for a 5:30 p.m. contest.

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Cerritos goes up for the layup against LA Southwest.

John Ung/TM

Womens basketball battled the Warriors

Hersson Preciado
ONLINE SPORTS EDITOR

The Cerritos Women's Basketball team overwhelmed the El Camino Warriors Wednesday 77-45 en route to their 15th win of the season last Wednesday.

Game Highlights

Amete: 14 points, four rebounds
Lensen: 13 points, four rebounds
Rodriguez: 11 points, six rebounds
Aiono: 10 points, four rebounds
All scored in double-figures:
Cerritos had a 36-19 halftime lead.

The Falcons had four athletes who went into the double digits to add to the Falcons' victory.

Tiffany Amete led the Falcons with 6-7 shooting for 14 points.

The Warriors' leading scorers were Samania Black and Cherce Whorley who matched up with 11 points each.

Black also contributed to the team with five rebounds. Marci Wong who had five points in the game aided the Falcons with her ball handling with the tune of six assists and four steals.

The Falcons shot at 71 percent from the free-throw line in the second half to take the victory away from El Camino.

Cerritos improves to a season best with six games above .500, along with a record of 15-9.

The is the teams best mark since mid November of last year.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Ryan Andrews

Sport: Mens Baseball

No.: 43

Position: Pitcher/ Outfielder

Accomplishments: In the tournament this weekend Andrews hit the only home run on Sunday while bringing in two runners and was three for three with five RBIs.



Tiffany Amete

Sport: Womens Basketball

No.: 44

Position: Forward

Accomplishments:

During the game against El Camino on Wednesday, Tiffany Amete had 14 points and managed to pick up 14 rebounds.

Birds soar

Cerritos baseball team beats No. 2 team in state while coming out 3-1 overall in tournament.

Elyse Muro
SPORTS EDITOR

While going up against the No. 2 team in the state, Cuesta, the Cerritos College Baseball team managed to pull out a 9-6 win to add to their 4-1 record this season while breaking the schools' stolen base record.

The team played in a tournament this weekend pulling out a 3-1 record.

The Falcons went up against Glendale on Friday.

Then pulling off a double header on Saturday going up against Cuesta and College of the Canyons.

Thus topping off the tournament on Sunday playing against Los Angeles Valley College.

While playing Glendale on Saturday the Falcons suffered its first defeat of the season, 8-6.

"We had too many errors and we need to work on our bunting," No. 15, Oscar Rubattino said.

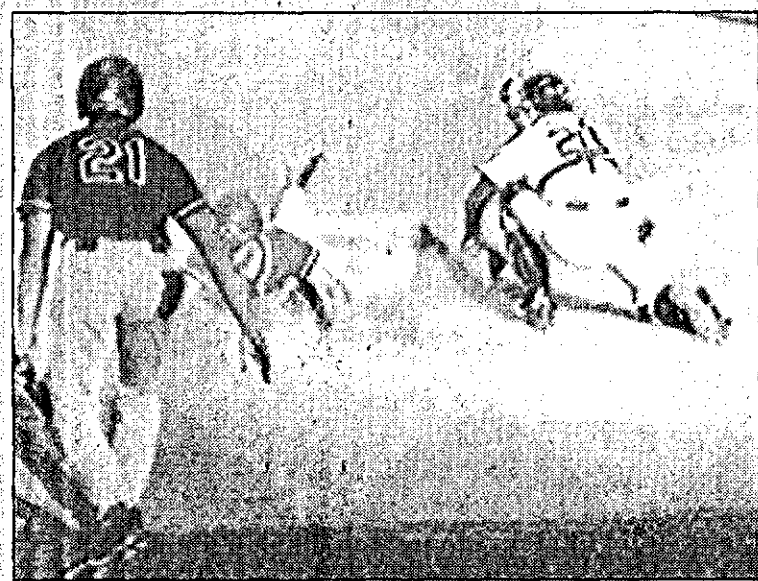
Pulling out a double header on Saturday the Falcons went up against the No. 2 team in the state, Cuesta.

The Falcons managed to pull out a 9-6 win over Cuesta, bringing the Falcons back into the tournament.

After a break Cerritos faced College of the Canyons.

With a 1-1 record in the tournament Cerritos pulled out a 13-6 win over Canyons.

Sunday was the last day of the tournament for the Falcons.



Glendale slides past the Birds catcher in order to make the play. Andrea Rodriguez/TM

Tournament highlights and records

-Falcons set a new school record during Los Angeles Valley game by stealing 18 bases in a single game.

-Ryan Andrews was three for three with five RBIs.

-Andrews hit the only homerun (in-side the park) during the Los Angeles Valley game.

-Pitcher Brian Antonitz earned his first win of the year.

-Falcons beat the No. 2 team in the State, Cuesta.

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-Cerritos lost 8-6 to Glendale -Cerritos had a 9-6 win over Cuesta
-Cerritos had a 13-6 win over Canyons -Cerritos had a 22-1 win over LA Valley

Cerritos went up against Los Angeles Valley College for its last game.

Other than beating the No. 2 team in the state this was a big game for the Falcons.

Cerritos slautered Los Angeles Valley College 22-1.

During the game the Falcons broke the school record for stealing bases.

Cerritos stole 18 bases during the game.

To add to the stolen bases Cerritos scored 22 points in the first six innings.

Ryan Andrews was three for three with five RBIs.

Andrews also an inside the park home run while bringing in two more runner as well in the sixth inning.

Andrews had the only homerun of the game.

Chad Gabriel had four hits two triples and four stolen bases as well.

Sophomore, Brian Antonitz was brought in as a relief pitcher for the next three innings.

Antonitz had his first win of the year.

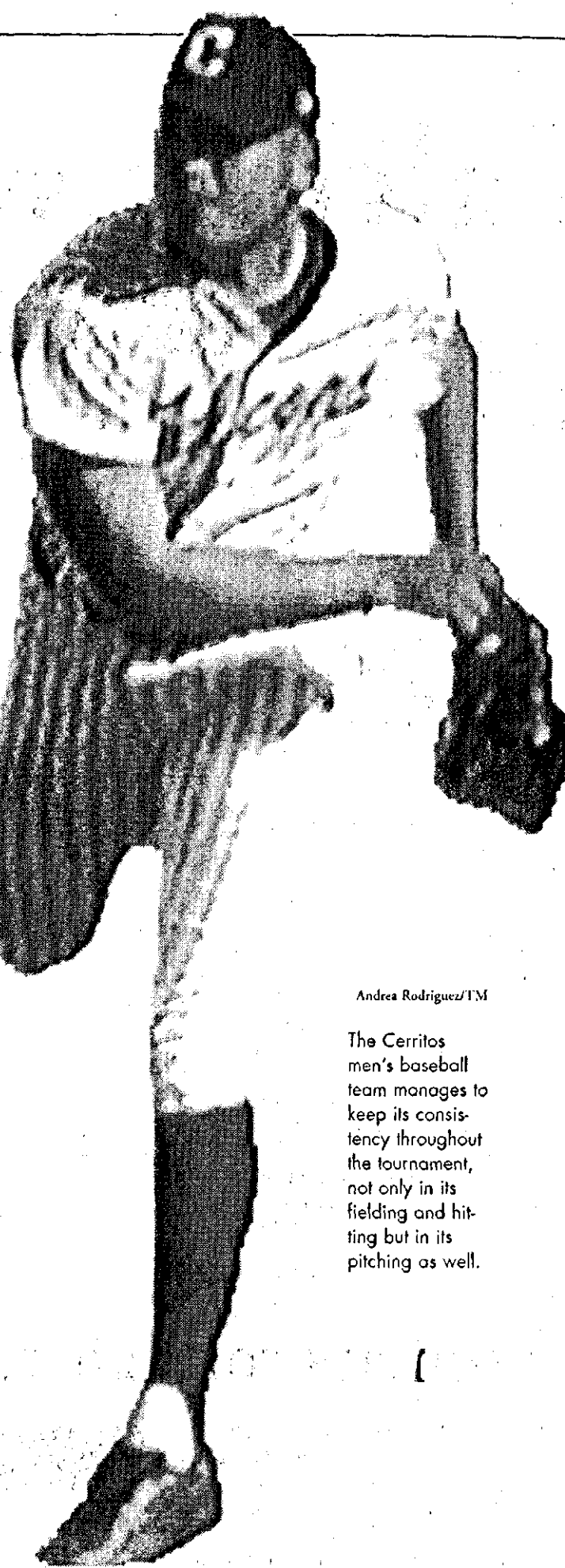
The Falcons will participate in the Fresno City College Tournament this Friday thru Sunday.

Cerritos first game will be going up against Fresno City.

who were the No. 1 Seed, 37-7, 13-6 and Central Valley Champions.

The Falcons will also face the challenge of going up against Fresno's Pitcher of the Year, Danny de la O.

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Andrea Rodriguez/TM

The Cerritos men's baseball team manages to keep its consistency throughout the tournament, not only in its fielding and hitting but in its pitching as well.

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Catcher signs with minor team

Former Cerritos College catcher Dusty Wathan, who played for the Falcons in 1995, was recently signed to a minor league contract by the Cleveland Indians.

He is going to be invited to their major league camp to compete for a major league spot. Wathan, who was released by the Milwaukee Brewers during last season, was picked up by the Royals and assigned to their Triple-A team.

Wathan was called up in September by the major league team and went 3-for-5 with a double, a walk and an RBI.

Wathan is the son of former major league catcher John Wathan, who played and managed the Royals.

Cerritos former basketball player in Europe

Former Cerritos College basketball player Mike Coffin, who was a member of the school's 1988-89 State Championship team, is currently the starting point guard for the Montan (AUT) Basket Bears of the FIBA Europe Champions Cup Conference West team.

Coffin has helped his team to a seven-game winning streak after losing their first game of the season by averaging 12.1 points, 6.9 assists and 3.4 rebounds a game.

Coffin, who has played in for numerous teams in Europe over the last decade, was a very popular player for the Falcons. Nicknamed "Red", he was a 1st Team All-South Coast Conference choice in 1989-90 and led the team in assists his sophomore year with a 5.4 average.

He was also voted as the team's Captain that season.

After Cerritos, Coffin transferred to Biola University.

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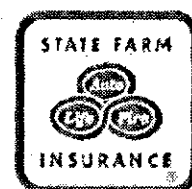


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2 weeks to 3 months later: Lung function increases up to 30%

1-9 months later:

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5 years later: Stroke risk is reduced to that of a non-smoker's 5-15 yrs. after quitting

10 years later: Lung cancer death rate about half that of a continuing smoker's

15 years later: Risk of coronary heart disease is that of a nonsmoker's

What do you the reader think about the case?

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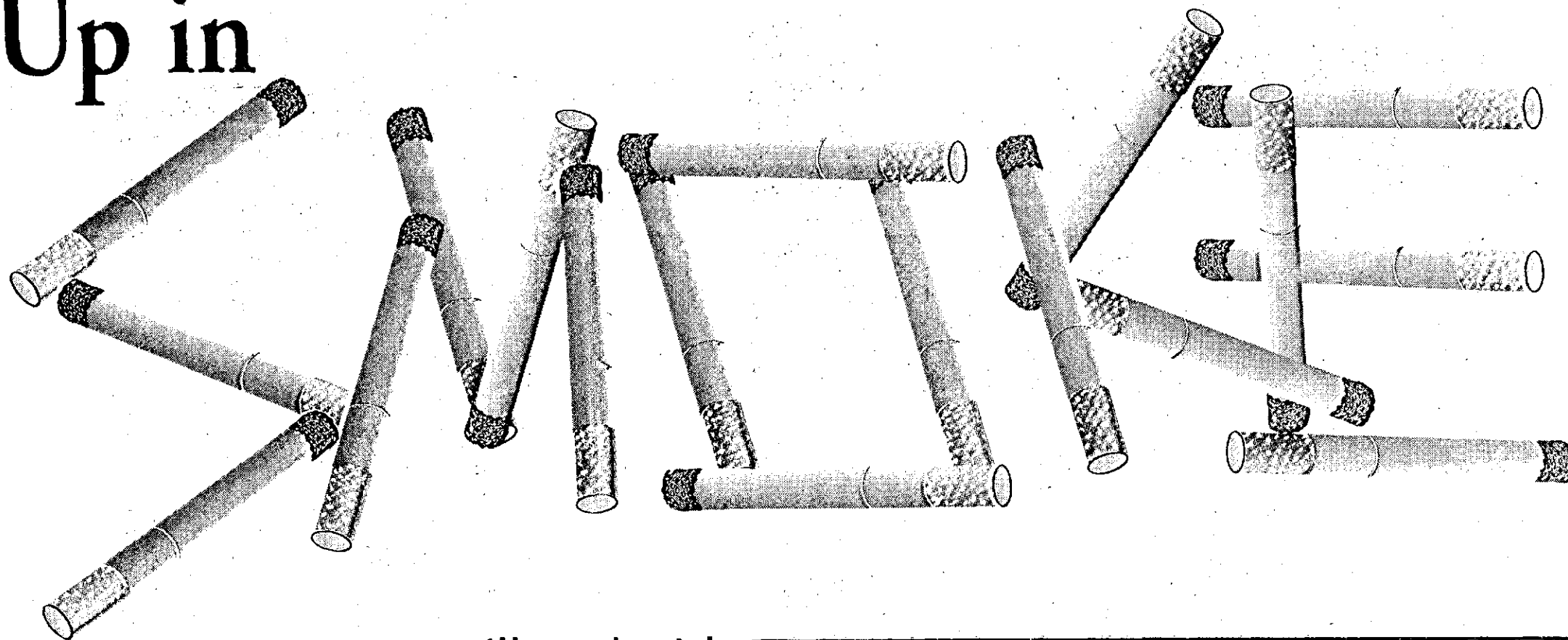
•Nah, they don't stand a chance against the tobacco companies

•Who cares who wins

•It's just another California lawsuit

•Gotta light?

Up in



Cigarette case still undecided after years of debating on advertising to minors

Alicia Wagner
Editor in chief
Are you a resident minor in the state of California anytime from April 2, 1994 to Dec. 31 1999?

Then you may be apart of a class action lawsuit against the big tobacco companies.

Are you surprised?

Lawsuits happen all the time in not only California, but also everywhere across the United States.

So what makes this one so different?

Originally, in 1998 a group of five minors in the state of California filed a class action lawsuit in San Diego Superior Court.

The five persons involved had started smoking between the dates of April 2, 1994 and Dec. 31, 1999.

There are 1.5 million minors involved with the case against the tobacco companies," said Norman Blumenthal, lawyer representing the minors.

The plaintiffs (minors) are challenging, amongst other things, the marketing and advertising practices of Phillip Morris Inc., R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Lorillard Tobacco Co. and Brown and Williamson Tobacco Co. (the defendants).

Here is a section of the lawsuit in regard to what is actually being sued for (this came from Blumenthal and Markham law offices who are representing the plaintiffs in the case in San Diego):

"The Plaintiffs' Complaint in the Lawsuit alleges that, during the relevant period, the Defendants engaged in unlawful and deceptive marketing and advertising practices in order to seduce and induce minors in California to smoke cigarettes (which the lawyers refer to as the "Practices").

The Plaintiffs allege that the Defendants' Practices constitute unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business practices in violation of the Unfair Competition Law, Business and Professions Code ss. 17200.

Based on these allegations, the Plaintiffs seek to recover on behalf of themselves and the Class certified by the Court: (i) disgorgement and/or restitution of all monies obtained by the Defendants from sales of cigarettes to minors during the class period, and (ii) an order enjoining these Practices.

The Lawsuit also requests an award of attorneys' fees and costs if the Lawsuit is successful. It is anticipated that any such request by Class Counsel will be sought to be paid from either a deduction from any recovery obtained by the Class or to be paid directly by Defendants.

The Defendants in the lawsuit deny that their marketing and

advertising practices are unlawful or deceptive and deny that they have violated Business and Professions Code ss. 17200.

They contend that the settlement that they entered into with the State of California bars this action in its entirety. Defendants have asserted various additional defenses to the lawsuit."

When the lawyers started to look over the case, they looked into the internal documents of Phillip Morris Inc. from the 1960s and discovered that they created the "first brand business strategy."

Philip Morris Inc. wanted to attract minors to their Marlboro cigarettes.

The company came up with five different ways they could attract

young smokers to their product.

The use of the cowboy image.

Placement of advertising in youth magazines

Payment to convenient stores to make the cigarettes more accessible to young smokers.

It is called Hook them young and hook them for life,"

-Blumenthal

To create a formulation that would give the cigarettes a taste of chocolate or licorice.

To produce the cigarettes so they will help a first time smoker not gag on the and will ensure a quicker nicotine addiction.

So how many of you have seen that cowboy image and wanted to be just like him?

That is what their intentions were. They wanted to drive the youth to think that that is the new trend.

He also explained that 90 percent of smokers smoke their first cigarette before they are 18. Also, 60 percent will do so before they reach the age of 16.

In the 1960s, Philip Morris Inc. became a Fortune 400 company from this practice.

Other companies started to follow along with Philip Morris Incorporated.

Brown and Williamson Tobacco Co., studied the Philip Morris Inc. "first brand business strategy" and came up with their way to hook youth into buying from them.

"It is called Hook them young and hook them for life," Blumenthal said.

Brown and Williamson Tobacco Co. brand was called "cool," and they tried to have Willy the Penguin represent the cigarette, but the leaders of the company vetoed that idea.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company followed with the "Camel" and Lorillard Tobacco Company had their "Newport."

Philip Morris Inc. is now a Fortune Four company due to its advertising and marketing practices.

"The whole concept was to target minors and others to your brand," Blumenthal said.



A student is taking a smoking break, before he starts his next class at 1p.m. at Cerritos College.

There are only four tobacco companies out of the 10 that originated.

The focus of the lawsuit is to show that the companies are using Unfair Business practices in other words "can't cheat to compete."

After looking over all the material in the case the judge ruled in favor of the Tobacco Companies (defendants).

"The judge ruled that companies were using a first amendment right and that they can cheat to compete and also that minors are not protected by the law. The judge also said that according to the federal law they can do what they want."

Blumenthal said. The minors in the case are appealing the ruling by the judge.

"The first hearing for the appeal probably won't be until the end of the year," he said.

So what do the minors get if they win their case?

"If the minors do win the case, the monies that they are asking for will go directly back to them. We want to be able to help rehabilitate the minors involved and get them the help they need to quit smoking," Blumenthal said.

With such a large population that this could affect, many may wonder who is included in the case.

Blumenthal explains, "Everyone is in the class there is no sign up for it, everyone is already in it, we just have to wait and see what the end result is."

So how does this effect you the smoker?

Well, if you were a minor between the dates stated above and feel that the marketing and advertising is geared toward minors you are apart of this lawsuit.

Gabi Miranda, electronics major, feels that much of the tobacco industries' advertising is geared toward minors.

"I have never smoked, but I do feel that young adults don't think about the long life effects it has on your body," Miranda said. Miranda also says that she does not feel that the minors have a

case in the lawsuit.

"I don't think they have a chance in court. If anything the case should be against the people that sold them the cigarettes not the tobacco companies," she said.

Even after the appeal Miranda doesn't think that they stand a chance against the tobacco companies.

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ON TARGET?

Philip Morris Inc. came up with different ideas to target minors.

*The use of the cowboy image.

*Placement of advertising in youth magazines

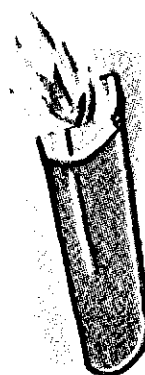
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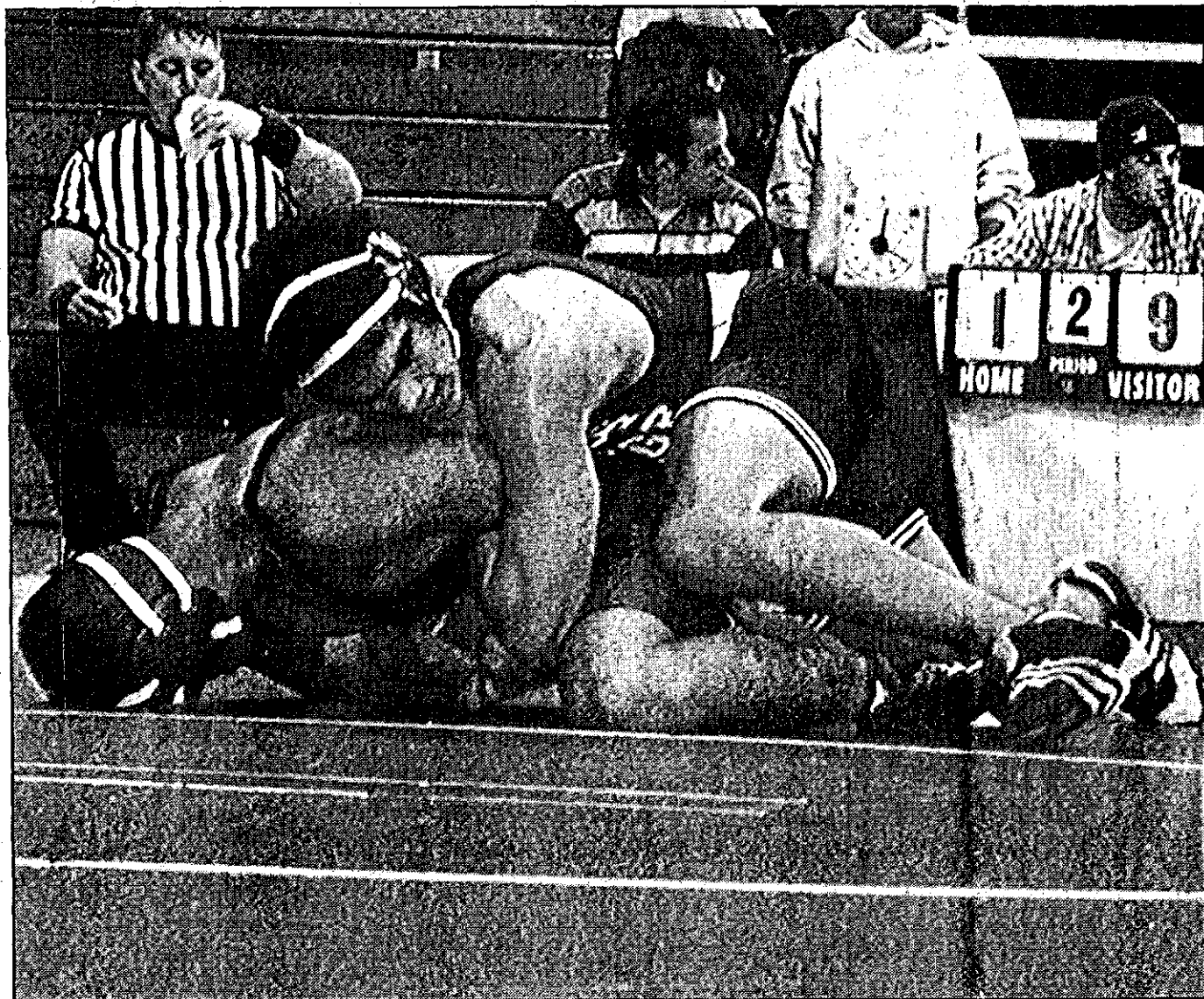
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Do you think the Tobacco companies are being fair to you?

Go to the www.talonmarks.com website to post your opinion on the issue.





The Falcons struggle to pin down their opponents in the final in the South Coast Conference Championship.

State Champs

The Cerritos College wrestling team wins State. Four wrestlers receive individual titles.

ELYSE MURO
STAFF WRITER

The year was 1995 the last time the Cerritos College Wrestling team took the title of State Champions.

Now seven years later the Falcons have brought home a victory.

The Falcons defeated Palomar 128.5 to 126, in the finals at the South Coast Conference, which put this year's team into the record books of Cerritos College History.

This is the third time in school history that the Cerritos wrestling team has won the title of State Champions.

Out of the nine wrestlers who participated this year only five of the wrestlers qualified to go to the State finals.

-Chris Lopez: A freshman, which had a 15-2 win in the finals.

-Damacio Page: A sophomore, who had a 9-7 win, which went into overtime.

-Gerry Barragrain: A freshman, which had a loss of 5-4 due to an injury during the match.

-Marco Lara: A sophomore, who had an 8-2 win in the finals.

-Shannon Slack: A freshman, which had a 12-5 win in the finals.

Shannon Slack now only won in his weight division, but also received an individual title of the Most Valuable Wrestler of the State Championships.

It is obvious these athletes put plenty of hard work and dedication into every practice and game in order to make it to and win finals, but these men were not alone every minute of every practice and game.

The Falcons' head coach Greg Gascon was named the State's Coach of the Year.

The Cerritos College head coach was not the only to be praised for his time and dedication to the team.

The Cerritos College assistant coach was acknowledged by the State as well.

Brian Ransom, the Falcon's assistant coach was named the Assistant Coach of the Year as well.

It is no wonder why the Falcons took State when the team has so many talented athletes and a dedicated staff.

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Falcons fall at the hands of the Mounties

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The Cerritos College men's basketball team, 12-9 and Mt San Antonio College, 14-10, faced off Wednesday in an inter-conference home game showdown.

The Falcons coached by Gary Cain went into the game with a three game winning streak.

This made the team 4-1 and 2-0 in their inter-conference play.

The Mounties coached by Michael Swanegan, came into the game with a 2-3 record out of their last five games.

The game began with a quick pace with both teams running fast break points.

The Mounties came out scoring 14 of 32 points in the first five minutes of the game.

The Falcons made it a close game scoring

point for point with the Mounties and with a late surge Cerritos took a three-point lead into halftime.

The second half proved to be less successful for the Falcons as Mounties took advantage of Cerritos' mistakes.

The game came down to a breakdown in basics and inability to score for Cerritos with nine minutes left in the second half.

From there the Mounties put out a three-headed attack which proved to be too much for Cerritos' spread out offense.

The Falcons went on to lose to the Mounties, 73-61, with a home court advantage.

Cerritos never established a dominant point scorer.

Tezarray Banks scored nine points and Ronald

Banks piled up eight points and Tony Roberts put up seven points in the first half.

Four other Falcons had points for Cerritos to add to the teams' 35 points at the half.

In contrast the Mounties had only four players with points at the half.

In the second half the Mounties took it to the Falcons with eight more points from Smith and 13 second half points from Dino Wilburn who finished with 21 points.

The Mounties received a good defensive guard performance from Reggie Hammon who finished with 12 points.

Terrence Martin contributed seven points while Robert Hamilton and Adrian Fletcher each scored two points for Mt San Antonio.

The Falcons had nine players who scored in

the second half.

Unfortunately, for Cerritos, Marcel Justin was their leader with a total of five points.

Tezarray Banks who led the Falcons in the first half was limited with four points in the second half.

Ronald Banks finished the night with 10 points along with Tony Roberts who contributed seven points, while Matt Reid finished the game with six points.

Malcolm Heron, Derek Wade, Leonard Ceja, Terrel Hendricks and Harold Fairweather each scored four points for the Falcons.

The Falcons are now 12-10 heading into their Mission Conference southern division schedule.

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Serving up a new year

Falcons start off season with six new athletes.

ELYSE MURO
STAFF WRITER

With the men's tennis season starting next week, these Falcons show signs of skill and talent that last years team could not put to use.

This team not only has the intent of taking the season as far as they can, but plan on being completely prepared.

"I expect this team to work hard, stay focused on the court, and to be mentally prepared," Jerry Ellis, Head Coach.

By being in one of the strongest Conferences in California Ellis believes the teams that will bring these Falcons a challenge will be Long Beach and Marymount, who makes it to the State Finals every year.

"This will be a good year for us. There is competition between us, so that will make everyone work harder," Sergio Whwerta.

Of the eight-member team there are

only two returnees:

-Sergio Whwerta (soph.)
-Key Young Kim (Soph.)

This is Ellis' fourth year coaching the tennis team at Cerritos College.

Ellis explains that he brings his athletes a willingness to help a student succeed on the court and in the classroom.

At first the athletes all agreed that since everyone on the team was new their first task would be coming together as a team.

On television it appears that tennis is a one-man sport, but Ellis explains it different.

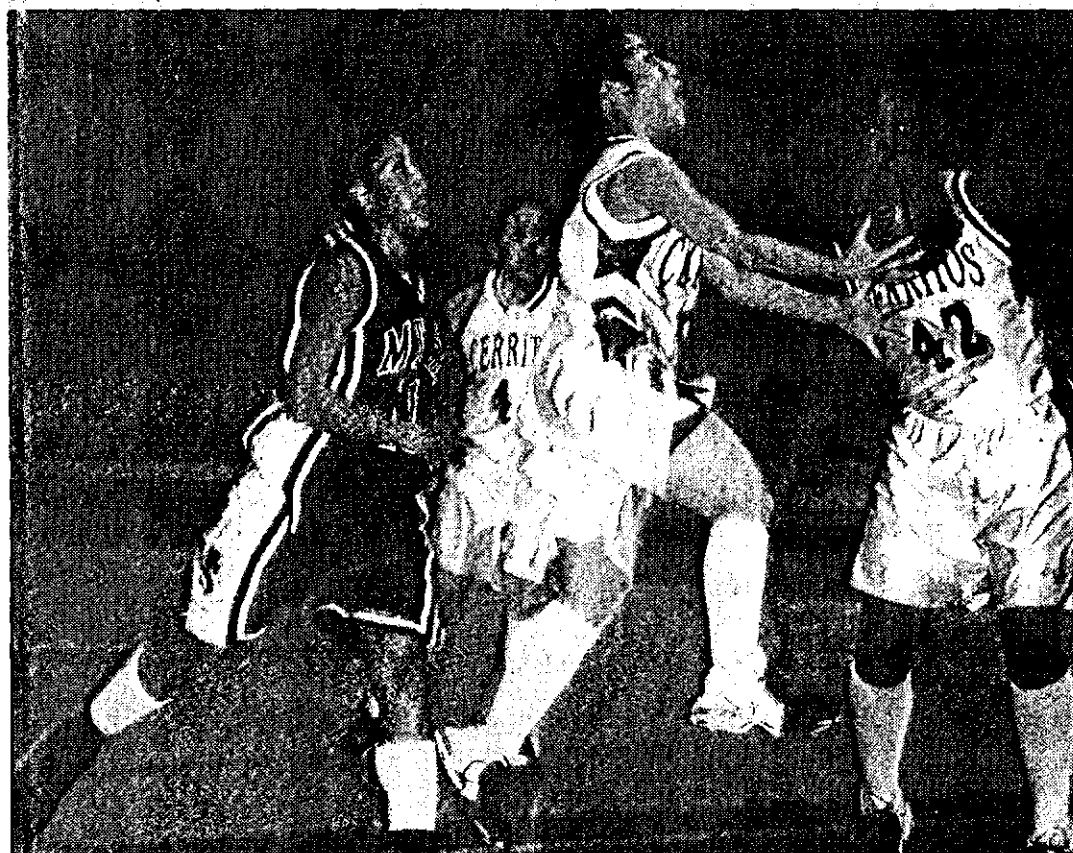
His strategy this year was to mold the team into a unit of teamwork.

"Tennis is a team sport", Ellis, Coach.

The team believes they possess unique qualities that will help them lead to a victory.

"Our strong assets are teamwork, com-modore, and we all have good positive attitudes", Whwerta.

Failed in double-overtime



Falcon, Marcy Wong goes up for the layup while the Mounties try to keep up her.

HERSSON PRECIADO
STAFF WRITER

The Cerritos College women's basketball team took on the Mt San Antonio Mounties, coached by Laura Beeman on Wednesday.

The Mounties went on a 16-0 run early in the first half.

Cerritos came back from the resilient play of Marci Wong who finished the night with 16 points.

The Falcons coached by Karen Welliver went into the locker room at half time down, but not out, the team managed to erase a 16-point deficit.

Nicole McCarthy put up six points and Jennifer Weathers whom finished with 12 points helped fuel the Falcons' first half-come back.

The Mounties countered with the two leading scorers Ashley Lavender and Tyesha Floyd, who combined for 32 points.

After an exhilarating half the

game came down to six seconds left on the clock.

The Falcons had the two-point lead with possession of the ball Claudia Rodriguez is fouled and thus put on the line for two shots.

She makes the first and inherits the ability to for all intensive purposes end the game.

But she misses and it's a three-point game with six seconds to go.

The Mounties hurry up-court with a quick pass to set up to Floyd for the game tying shot.

The shot is good and the Mounties send it into overtime.

Cerritos trailed in overtime, but threatened to take the game into double overtime. They were able to control the back boards enough to force the extra time thanks to the solid forward play of the sister duo LaVonne Amete (seven points) and Tiffany Amete (13 points) in the overtime.

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In the second overtime the Mounties took over and pulled out the win.

The Final score was 74-66 in favor of the Mounties.

Both teams had three players with double-digit points.

Cerritos very own Wong, Weathers, and Amete and as for the Mounties, Lavender, Floyd, and Stephanie Gollaz each put up 11 points.

Both teams had good offensive games but the Mounties had more in the end.

Although Cerritos came back from 16 point deficit and powered their way back into second overtime, the Falcons had nothing left and lost the game.

The Cerritos College women's basketball team drops to 12-8, while the Mounties improve to 14-9. Cerritos will face Los Angeles Harbor today at 5:30 at LA Harbor.

SPORTS

Letters of Intent

Six football players have signed letters of intent with universities and Cal States.

By signing a letter of intent, this means that the athletes have signed a written contract for the next two or four years stating that they have agreed to play solely for that school.

They have also agreed to the academic and athletic obligations that were stated in the contract. These are the athletes who have signed to Universities or Cal States:

Justin Burks:
Was signed to Arizona State as a linebacker. Arizona State's division is the PAC 10.

Anthony Guerrero:
Was signed to University of Florida as an offensive-lineman (guard). Florida is in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Richard Estrella:
Was signed to the University of Kansas as an offensive tackle.

Tom Robinson:
Was signed to Kansas State as an offensive-lineman (center).

Clint Dato:
Was signed to Rutgers University whose division is in the Big East Conference. Was signed as an offensive-lineman (tackle).

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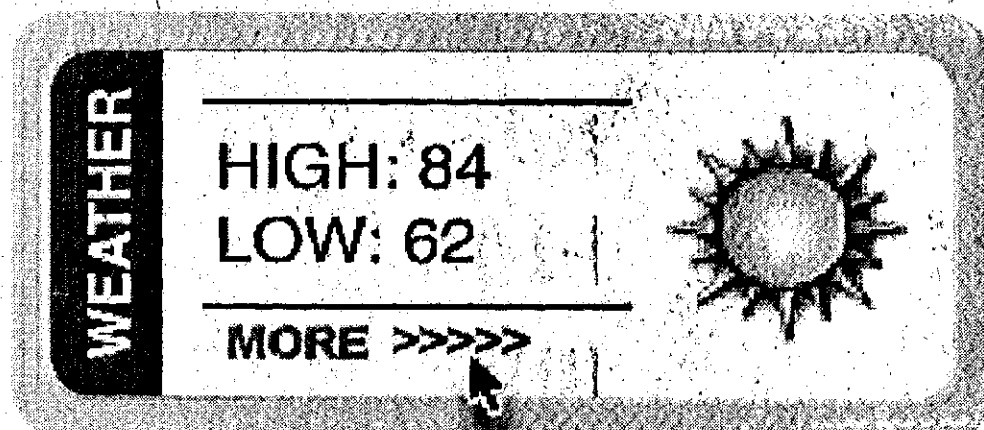
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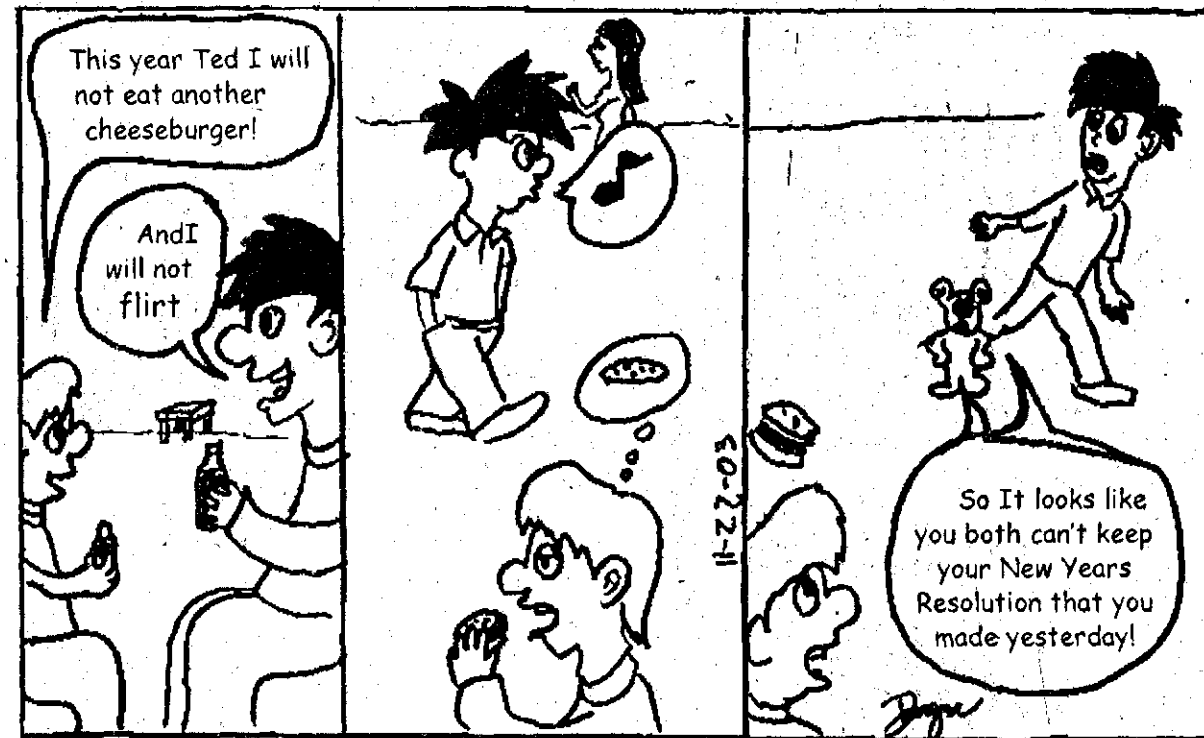
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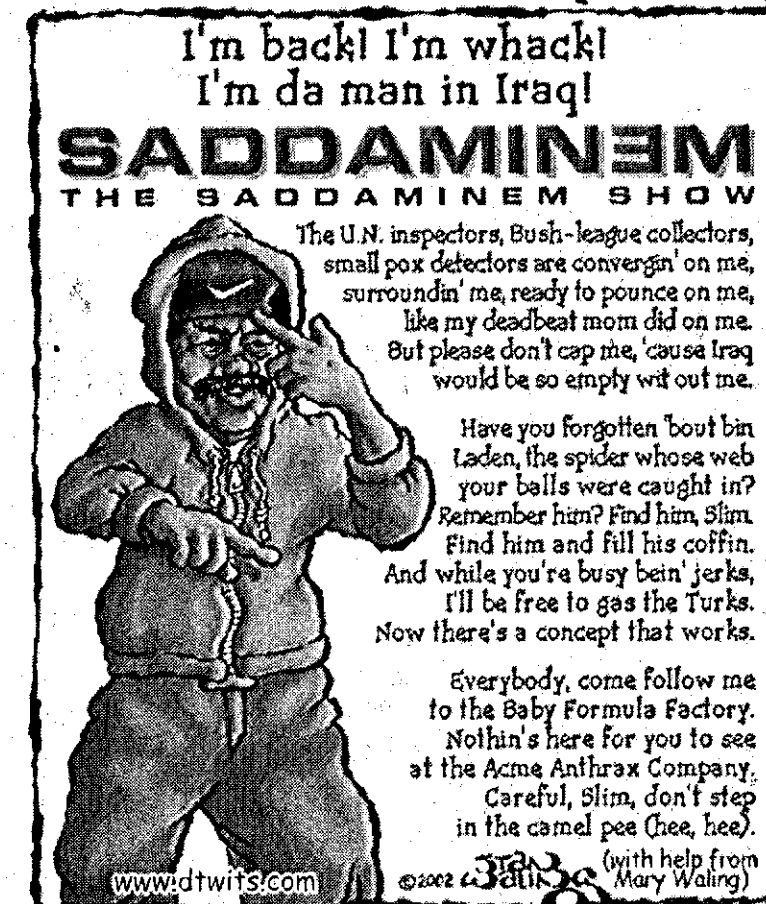
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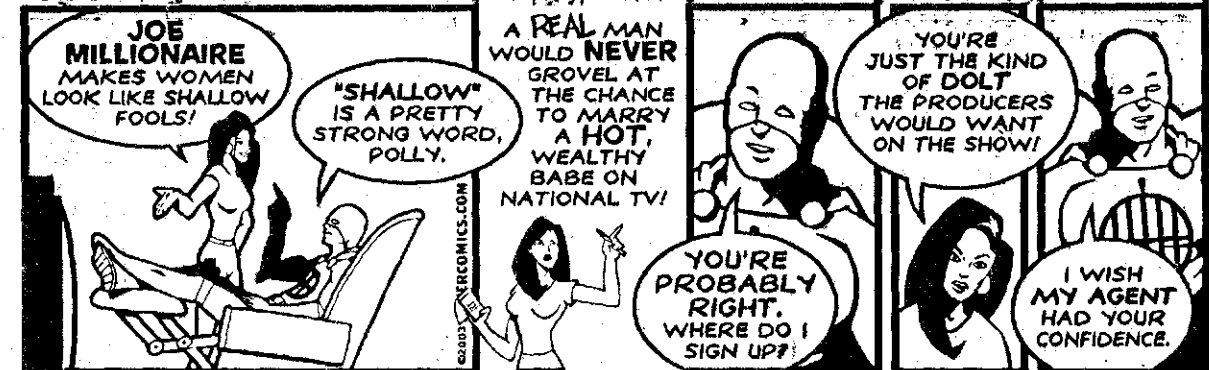
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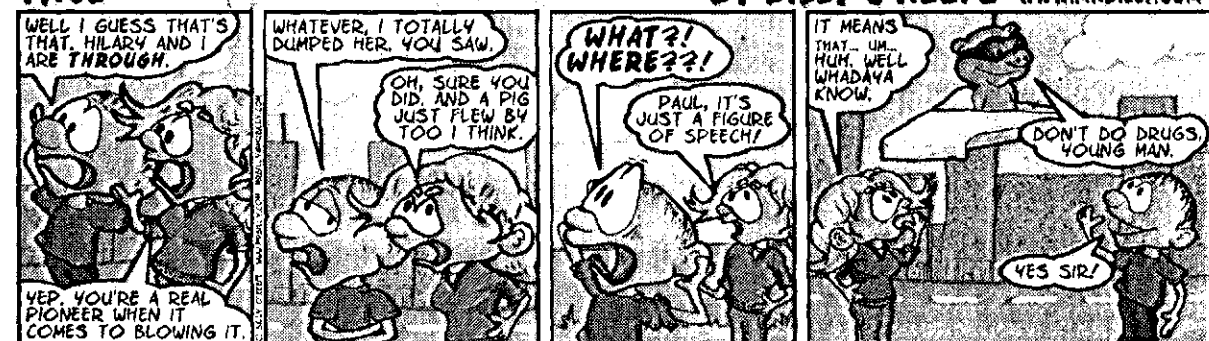


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