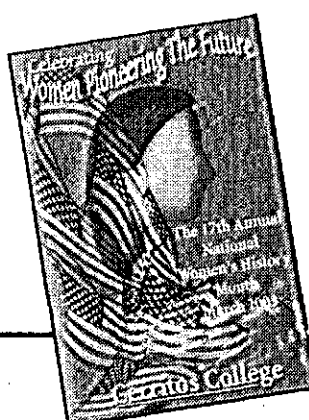


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## WOMEN'S HISTORY



March is Women's History Month. Find out how Cerritos College is celebrating the event.  
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# A Woman's Work is never done

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez plans to conquer capitol hill and make a stand for all women and their womanly rights

REBECCA DELANEY  
FEATURE EDITOR

Congresswomen Linda Sanchez, representing the new district of Lakewood, Long Beach, Whittier, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Lynwood and Paramount, spoke this past Monday at the student center on her experience with pioneering in the world of politics and legislation as a woman.

Sanchez grew up with seven brothers and sisters to two native born Mexican parents. Her parents came to the U.S. with little money in their pockets, some education, and no jobs.

Growing up, her hard-working family was economically challenged.

As a daughter of a traditional Mexican family, she noticed early on the certain status of every person and how differently people were treated. Certain things her brothers were allowed to do such as stay out late were not expected of a female. In order to go to a movie she would have to do a few extra chores. Why didn't her brother have to do more chores?

Women were given more responsibility than men were. When she approached her mother about how she felt, the only answer her mom could give her was "That's how it is; Get over it," or "If you feel so strongly about it, go to law school."

At an early age, she developed the idea that she could change things some day, though she never thought she would be a congresswoman, let alone speak in front of a large group of Cerritos College students.

Sanchez made it to law school through a variety of student

loans. She then had the opportunity to internship for the National Organization of Women where she cut down on issues about women empowerment.

One issue that stands out during her time at NOW was an active legislation case about a girl who was constantly sexually harassed by a group of boys. In tears, she would visit the school's counselor in time of need. The counselor never made any effort to report the incidents.

Later on the girl and her parents took the school district as well as the counselor to court to sue.

Sanchez learned through NOW why rape victims' cases aren't looked at right. When jurors look at a typical rape case, they think all rape victims are attacked in a dark alley with a weapon. But when there is a case where the victim knew the person, the attacker is let go.



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As part of her internship, Sanchez taught judges to recognize that not all women are assaulted in alleys.

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"Women broke down barriers that had never been. Women were given economic opportunities and non-traditional careers."

—Congresswoman Linda Sanchez

## Fighting domestic violence

Seminar promotes protection, prevention.

REBECCA DELANEY  
FEATURE EDITOR

The Cerritos College Punjabi Club will be holding a Domestic Violence seminar in the student center from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Mar. 10th.

Other campuses such as Calif. State Fullerton University and Cypress College will also be visiting Cerritos College for the seminar.

The seminar is to educate students on campus about what domestic violence is.

The Domestic Violence Seminar traditionally started out as a South Asian seminar, but people decided that they shouldn't limit it to just Asia. The more educated people are about domestic violence, the more people are willing to get help for themselves or other people.

According to Brian Verk, president of the Punjabi club says "More than 50 percent of men and women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime."

There will be several speakers at the event. Such speakers include one survivor of domestic violence, one reformed batterer, an LAPD officer, a DA officer and Diane Pirtle and Amy Holzgang, both professors of sociology here at Cerritos College. The Central Interval House, also known as a shelter house, and Feminist Majority Leadership Foundation will also take part in the event.

ASCC will hand out refreshments.

The discussion will last about an hour and a half and 100 to 200 students are expected to come. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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## Financial aid affected by drug laws

President Bush cracks down on former drug abusers applying for financial aid.

BRIAN DAY  
OPINION EDITOR

Approximately 43,000 otherwise qualified students this year will be denied for federal financial aid because they have a history of drug use. 100,000 students have already been turned down for loans and aid since the Higher Education Reform Act Drug Provision passed in 1998.

It wasn't until the Bush administration began a policy of strict enforcement of the act, systematically denying any federal aid for education to anyone with a drug conviction, that the issue really came to the spotlight, and has met with heated opposition from groups such as the Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

Representative Barney Frank (D-MA) reintroduced a bill Feb. 13, dubbed HR 685, that would repeal the Drug Provision of the Higher Education Act, and it is gaining support.

Critics of the Drug Provision argue that being convicted of a drug offense should not bar students from earning an education and bettering themselves. Groups such as the SSDP claim the pro-

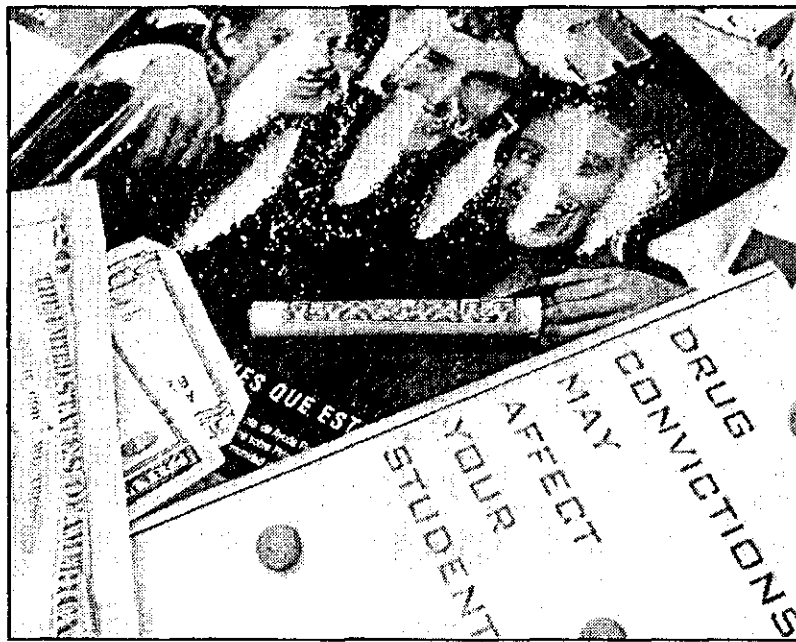


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vision is harmful and counterproductive.

Arguments are numerous. Students who have been denied aid feel they have been punished twice, once when arrested and sentenced, and again when they applied for financial aid.

Frank says that law is targeted at poor students. He stated that the bill does not bar admission to college, only student aid, and therefore "...by definition it only applies to lower-income people."

Civil rights groups have accused the act of racism. "Blacks and Hispanics are disproportionately targeted, arrested, and convicted of drug offenses," according to

Wade Henderson of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. "Therefore, a policy that denies financial aid to people with drug convictions has a racially discriminatory impact."

The strict enforcement policy of the Bush campaign has even drawn disapproval from the bills original author, Mark Souder (R-Ind). He said the bill was not intended to keep students from entering college, but to deny loans from students who are convicted while receiving aid.

He stated, "I feel bad about this situation. I'm an Evangelical Christian... One of the things I fundamentally believe is that people can change."

Supporters of the repeal also add that the bill denies aid to drug offenders, but does not affect rapists, murderers, etc.

Until this matter is voted on in the 107th Congress, groups such as the SSDP, which is planning over a hundred rallies on college campuses this spring, will continue lobbying for HR 685.

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## Graduation deadline approaches

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 program. However, their names will not appear in the program.

## Getting down to international business

Speakers discuss business tonight at a free seminar.

BRIAN DAY  
OPINION EDITOR

Three guest speakers from around the world will convene Wednesday at Cerritos College in order to share their "Insights into International Business and Employment."

This free presentation is to be held tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Teleconference room LC 155, in the library. Though this event is obviously geared towards business majors, everyone is welcome to attend, though seating is limited, so arrive early to insure a spot.

Speakers are to include Kelly Carroll, Manager of the Cerritos Towne Center branch Starbucks store, John Fanslow, President of the International Pacific College in New Zealand, and Gracielle Reynolds, CEO of EZ Cater, based out of Glendale.

These speakers are expected to share with the student body their experiences and knowledge of international business, a genuine opportunity for those with interests geared to this area.

Carroll manages the Cerritos Starbucks store, which corporately owns over 900 coffee

### Business Panel

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• **Where:** Library

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locations throughout the world. She is the Liaison to the Regional Learning Specialist, but you'll have to attend the seminar to find out exactly what that means.

Dr. John Fanslow is a man with extensive experience when it comes to world travel and business. He went into Nigeria in the first group of Peace Corps volunteers, and taught English there.

He spent 30 years training Peace Corps teachers as well as directing the graduate program for Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages.

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Cerritos College Police Logs

**Feb. 24**  
At 1:00 p.m., an officer responded to the Elbow Room regarding a theft report. The victim said he left his keys unattended in the car he was using. When he returned a couple of minutes later, he discovered his keys had been stolen.

At 4:30 p.m., an officer responded to Lot C-10 regarding a vehicle burglary. The victim said someone broke into his locked vehicle and stole several items.

**Feb. 25**  
At noon, an officer responded to the Campus Police station lobby regarding a theft report. The victim said someone stole her parking permit from her unsecured vehicle, which was parked in Lot C-10.

At 12:50 p.m., an officer responded to Lot C-3 regarding a vehicle burglary report. The victim said he left his cellular telephone unattended on a table for about 10 minutes. When he returned, he discovered his phone had been stolen.

At 2:10 p.m., an officer responded to Lot C-3 regarding a vehicle burglary report. The victim said someone broke into his locked vehicle and stole a tire gauge and four quarters. There were no signs of forced entry.

**Feb. 26**  
At 11:30 a.m., an officer responded to Lot C-1 regarding a vehicle burglary. The victim said someone broke into her locked vehicle and stole several items. There were no signs of forced entry.

**Feb. 27**  
At 11:35 p.m., an officer responded to Lot C-10 regarding a vehicle burglary and attempt vehicle theft. The victim said someone broke into his vehicle, stole several items and damaged the ignition in

# Club spends time to help those in need

The L.A. Church of Christ Campus Ministry Club leads a helping hand to those in need

CLAUDIA VALDEZ  
STAFF WRITER

Not many students have had the opportunity to go and feed the homeless, but there is a club on campus that has done that, and plans to continue its calling.

This is the first time that The L.A. Church of Christ Campus Ministry Club has been active on

campus.

"We tried to start last semester, but we lacked leadership," said Caroline Diaz, club member and mathematics major. "We are organized now; we all work together," she said.

About 13 club members volunteered at the L.A. Midnight Mission on Feb. 22.

Diaz said, "Some of us handed out the food and some cleaned the tables after it was all over."

The club has another activity planned for this Saturday.

The members will be helping with a yard sale

at the L.A. Sunshine Mission. They will help raise money for the services that the mission provides.

"We are a spiritual and religious club. God favors those who are kind to the poor," Diaz said.

Diaz continues to contact other organizations to offer the club members' help.

In the past, the club has also gone to Tijuana, Mexico, to donate clothes and toys.

"About 17 of us went to the poorest parts of Tijuana in the beginning of the new year to give to the needy," she said.

Everyone is invited to the meetings or to the activities.

During a typical meeting the members share with each other, discuss what they did at their last meeting if there are new members, and plan future activities.

Other colleges and universities also have ministries including UCLA, UCI, UCR, USC, and Mt. San Antonio College.

To join the club at their next meeting on Tuesday at 11 or participate in the Sat. activity contact Caroline Diaz at (562) 288-0576.

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## SANCHEZ

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Most rape victims are attacked through people they know which judges and jurors haven't been made aware of.

According to Sanchez, the Civil Rights Act of 1969 was not just for minorities of other races, it was for women too.

Provision Title VI & VIII are very important for women. This Title is to teach higher education for women.

Sanchez made a point to

country is 50 percent women, women make up only 13 percent of U.S. Federal Congress.

When talking about age, she says, "Most of the women in Congress have already had their family and raised their kids. I'm the youngest woman there."

Currently, Sanchez is one of the many women in this country disappointed in the Bush administration. Back in 1994, Congress passed a bill

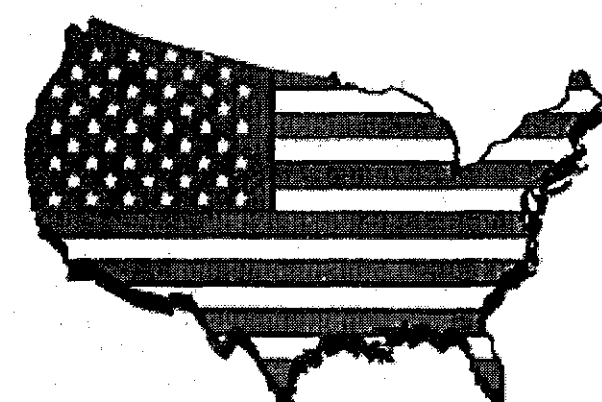
**"The fact that Women are not in as much power as men, breaks my heart."**  
—Shawn Hernandez

the audience saying, "Most young women today don't know how this provision has impacted women. Women broke down barriers that had never been. Women were given economic opportunities and non-traditional careers."

Only being in the house for eight weeks now, she explains that even though the

called, "Violence Against Women," which reduced violence against women who were abused by the opposite sex. This gave women the right to take their offender to court and sue.

In May of 2000, the Supreme Court struck the bill down. Under the Bush administration, new leg-



Chad Uyeno/TM

Congress Woman, Linda Sanchez spoke to Cerritos College students about her experience in politics and legislation policies on March 3rd.

islature is taking affect to undo women's rights. Bush also wants to seek new judicial judges who have a strong belief in taking reproductive rights away.

Tiffany Garcia, Vice President of ASCC, spoke about women rights saying, "She directly reiterated many things that affect women today. The 13% of women in Congress fight for us. Without that 13%, we can't be that 50%. I think there is hope under the Bush administration."

After the seminar was over, Sanchez gave students the opportunity to ask some questions. After she answered a few, she thanked everyone and

accepted a gift from Dora A. Lozano, Re-entry Resource Specialist, for coming to Cerritos College to speak.

Shawn Hernandez, social welfare major, talks about his feelings of the seminar saying, "The fact that women are not in as much power as men breaks my heart. Everyone should be equal."

Sanchez's advice for young women who want to make a difference is to get involved and support their candidates. "Every woman deserves a place at the table. Women who are interested in their rights should also look at what's best for Congress and their country."

Nora Vicente, child development major, says about women's issues, "I learned to support our

**"Every woman deserves a place at the table."**  
—Linda Sanchez

leaders. As women, we should reach out to other women to make a difference in the community."

Linda Sanchez says she is willing to stand up for women everywhere. After all, who said women are second-class citizens?

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## BUSINESS

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He has been published in books and periodicals, and he has been the President of the International Pacific College since 1998.

Reynold's brings to the table insights on international business from the entrepreneurial point of view. She has started and run three successful companies, and currently is involved in marketing collapsible catering carts of her husband's invention to companies around the world.

These three speakers with their varying backgrounds should provide a diverse, informative, and useful presentation to anyone planning to launch a career in international business, or any business at all for that matter.

"Insights into International Business... and Employment" promise to provide opportunities for business-minded students that they may not find any other time at Cerritos College. With free admission, you could only benefit by stopping by to take a look in the library.

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## VIOLENCE

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At the end, there will be a panel of speakers including a homosexual male who has experienced domestic violence to answer any questions students may have.

Secretary of the Punjabi club, Aishani Patel adds, "This seminar is to inform students to speak out against domestic violence. This is the age when students start to form opinions."

Brochures and handouts of addresses to various shelters like Sucasa and the Central Interval House will be there for students to pick up afterwards.

These information sheets will not only be helpful for students living in California but in other states as well.

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## Boeing sends grant towards Cerritos

JESSICA SICKLES  
AGE EDITOR

Boeing Charitable Trust honored the Cerritos College Foundation with a \$125,000 grant to share two educational events with the Boeing Company.

The first will be a Summer Science Camp, the second, Educator Enrichment Day. Both events will target educators of all grades K-12, and will be a perfect supplement to students currently enrolled in the Teacher TRAC program on campus.

"The Teacher TRAC program at Cerritos was a perfect tie in," said Marie Mungeray, a representative from Boeing, in a press release. "As a company we are trying to see students and teachers get as excited about science as we can - it's a perfect alliance."

With the EED program, future teachers will learn to develop a more hands-on approach to teaching science in the classroom for grades K-8.

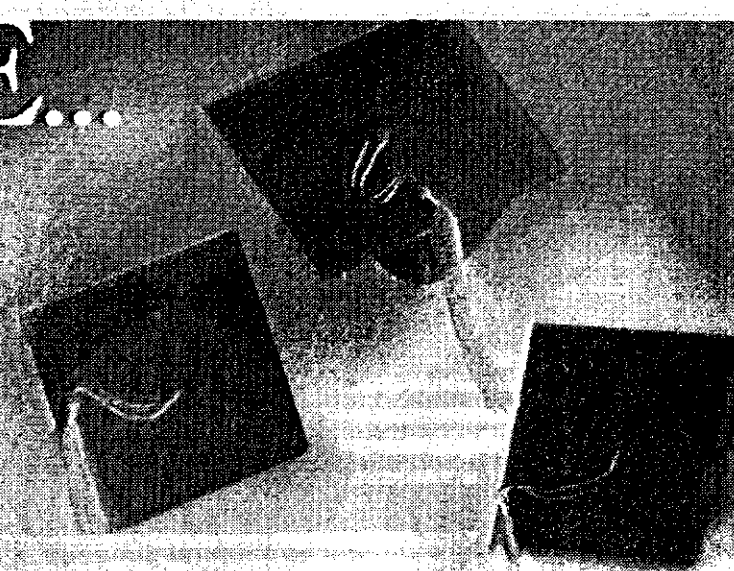
Workshops include, "How to Make Silly Putty" and "Fundamentals of Flight." Future projects to be implemented include "Basics of Rocket Propulsion," "Forensics," and "Science in a Snap."

In addition to such workshops, EED will also showcase many exhibits and demonstrations with help from the Long Beach Aquarium on Wheels, the Discovery Science Center, Knott's Berry Farm: Adventures in Education, the California Science Center and many more.

The Summer Science Camp hosts students grades K-12 for a six-day program similar to EED's workshops.

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## EDITORIAL

### Budget cuts may delay achievement

It's like being stuck in bumper to bumper traffic. Or having a hang-over. Although it seems like an average dilemma at the time, the aftermath always hits you hard, and you're left helpless. So what are we talking about you may ask? Budget cuts, that's what.

In case you haven't dissected the situation, these 10 percent slashes from community college budgets will hit us hard next year thanks to Governor Gray Davis. But here's what you may not know. Not only will this proposal affect our bank accounts, it will affect our time and education.

This is because 226 classes have already been cut. If you think it's hard to get into a class now, wait until summer school. Summer session offerings have been cut dramatically as well, limiting our ability to finish our requirements with speed.

Hour cuts in the library and Counseling offices have cut back not only our right to plan out our future with counselors, but our study time. Where can we research and study now if that was our place of preference? Maybe we should all take it upon ourselves to knock on Governor Davis' door and study in his personal library.

Will anyone want to register when they find out that the lines in the registration and business office will be longer, due to the hiring freeze for all student hourly positions? There are many reasons why we all attend Cerritos College. But now the things that this college funded to support us, the student body, are now being spit on by our government.

Some students attend because they can't afford a University. How will a raise in our tuition help us with that? Some come to speed up their voyage to a University. Now, because of the lack of classes, we may remain here another year or two longer than we planned.

Some instructors have shared that the cuts make them fearful. Not only for their jobs, but also because they fear that with so many problems arising, students may wash their hands of their education all together.

Everyone should acknowledge the fact that it is our human right to gain knowledge. It is our right to try and build a respectable career for ourselves. The question is, how can we build a successful future, when we don't have the correct tools? If we work hard to aim for our goals, we deserve acknowledgment. We should demand it. And the fact that Governor Davis doesn't, is an outrage. We should be outraged.

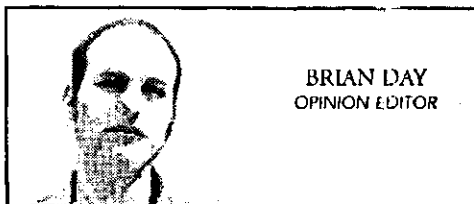
Budget cuts will hit us hard next semester, but if we use our biggest weapon, our brain, to fight it, what seems like a stab may merely feel like a scratch.

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## Losing war keeps good people locked up

Current drug laws propel drug lords into higher status while everyday people suffer



BRIAN DAY  
OPINION EDITOR

Reflecting upon the movement to reform financial aid drug policies, which have denied 100,000 students aid since 1998, my mind can't help but dwell on that simple, sad, undeniable fact: drug laws put good people in prison.

The government and the media has gone to great lengths to demonize drugs of any kind, and portray users as fiendish criminals, junkies, and deviants of the worst kind.

The fact of the matter is, as we all know, drugs are everywhere. Mailmen, policemen, politicians, teachers, people of all professions and all walks of life indulge in all varieties of illicit substances.

There are few in the country who can honestly and with a straight face tell you that the war on drugs is anything but a joke. Simple economics tells you that all the war on drugs has really accomplished is to make the big-time smugglers even richer.

Supply and demand. The concept of the war

is to wipe out drugs. But since they can't make significant dent in the supply, whatever feeble busts they do manage only serves to raise the street price, providing more profit-incentive for smugglers, more crime, as feining addicts steal VCRs for a fix, more people go to jail, and the cycle continues.

As long as they make arrests, they claim progress, but the cycle will never end at the rate it's going. The truth is, if everyone who smoked marijuana alone was arrested and imprisoned, not only are there not enough prisons in the country to contain them, there's not enough money in the budget to build enough prisons to contain them.

Drugs are more widespread than any politician either realizes, or is willing to admit in public. The stigma of "drugs equals crime" is so engrained into American minds, that any politician who appears soft on drugs is almost certainly doomed.

"Say no to drugs!" has been burned into every schoolchild's head since the '80s, and everyone else's, for that matter. This wildly successful propaganda has all the while managed to demonize anyone convicted of a drug offense.

The government could be taxing the hell out of it like cigarettes, diverting drug money from murderous smugglers and gangsters to legitimate

businesses, regulating it, of course, not unlike alcohol.

But instead, it prefers to stick to a firm regimen of building prisons and cramming in as many Americans as possible, with no end in sight.

Many drug users/abusers are criminals, gang bangers, and bad people. Many others, however, are good, hard-working Americans, who are open minded enough to question the sacred word of the DARE program, and experiment perhaps just once with an illicit substance before finding themselves in a cell.

Here's some food for thought; I asked a police 911-dispatcher how many of her domestic violence calls, cop code for a husband beating his wife, turned out to involve alcohol. She said conservatively 90 percent.

I asked her how many husbands were getting stoned and abusing their spouses. She couldn't think of one.

Drugs are here to stay. They're not going anywhere, and more and more perfectly nice, respectable people are going to prison every day. The bad guys are getting richer, \$19 billion have been wasted.

If this is a war, we should surrender.

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## Gas companies get fat during hard times

The world community of gas services has decided to kick us when we're down



HERISSON PRECIADO  
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Log: Monday December 2, 2002

Get up for school, Get in my car, drive to the gas station, check pockets, take my \$25, fill up on regular at \$1.65 per gallon and with the \$2.20 change buy a coffee and a muffin. Now I was set until Friday when my check came in and I filled up again.

Log: Monday February 24, 2003

Get up for school, Get in my car, drive to the gas station, check pockets, take my \$25, fill half my tank with \$2.05 per gallon, look over to the coffee bar and muffin rack and sigh. Tighten my belt and be on my way. Now I was set for two

whole days until Wednesday.

On Wednesday I have a great plethora of choices. Should I break down and ask my parents for money or borrow from my friend and put up with the constant 10-ton rock that \$10 would become? Or even better I can get a ride from stinky Steve or carpool with the guy who's always late? Yes, I know what you're thinking they all sound so great it's going to be awful hard to chose.

This, my friends, is a too genuine reality that is brought to us thanks to our friends at Shell Mobile, Chevron, Arco, and your local independent. And lets not forget our pals at Middle Eastern strife if it's not famine, turmoil, and suicide bombers, it's warfare and weapons of mass destruction.

There is no question that we are being gouged. The average self-serve pump price for regular gas in California jumped 9 cents to \$2.012 for the week that ended Monday and the statewide average is 48 cents higher than at the end of 2002.

Not to mention that the nations highest gas price is here in our own state in Novado,

California with \$2.37 per gallon of regular, \$2.47 for plus, and \$2.57 for premium. Wow, now that's extreme but the way prices are climbing it's conceivable that by Christmas we could be reminiscing about the days prices were in the \$2.00 range.

Because nothing we can do directly will really affect the prices now we have to be smart about getting gas. First fill-up in the morning is a well known way to make your gas go the extra mile also fill up as much as you can when you do.

Not that I don't think taking a bike to work, carpooling or taking a bus to work or school isn't a good way to save money. It just isn't going to help the guy who works 20 miles from his home.

But we must stand against this adversity and remember that the gas companies have decided to kick us when we were down that they took advantage of our situation and that they had no concern for our state of being.

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## Campus Comment

Who is the most significant woman in your life?

### ONLINE POLL

Who's the most significant woman in your life?

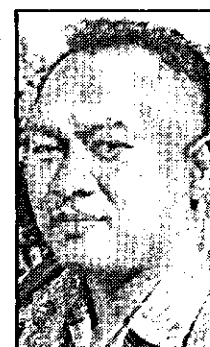
- My Momma... (sniff, sniff)
- My girlfriend/wife
- My best friend, she is always there for me
- Britney Spears, she's hot
- Sandra Day O'Connor, she's a great role model

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"My mom because she's always there for me."

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MIRNA RODRIGUEZ  
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"My mom and grandma. My mom has been both my mom and dad, [they are] my inspiration."

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"Madre Teresa de Calcuta because she dedicated her entire life to help the needy and [she] made a difference."

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PRE MED



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MIGUEL RAMIREZ  
ART



"My sister because she is always giving me good advice and is very supportive."

MONICA MERCADO  
URBAN PLANNING



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Talk to Her

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Adrian Brody  
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Jack Nicholson  
About Schmidt

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Salma Hayek  
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Nicole Kidman  
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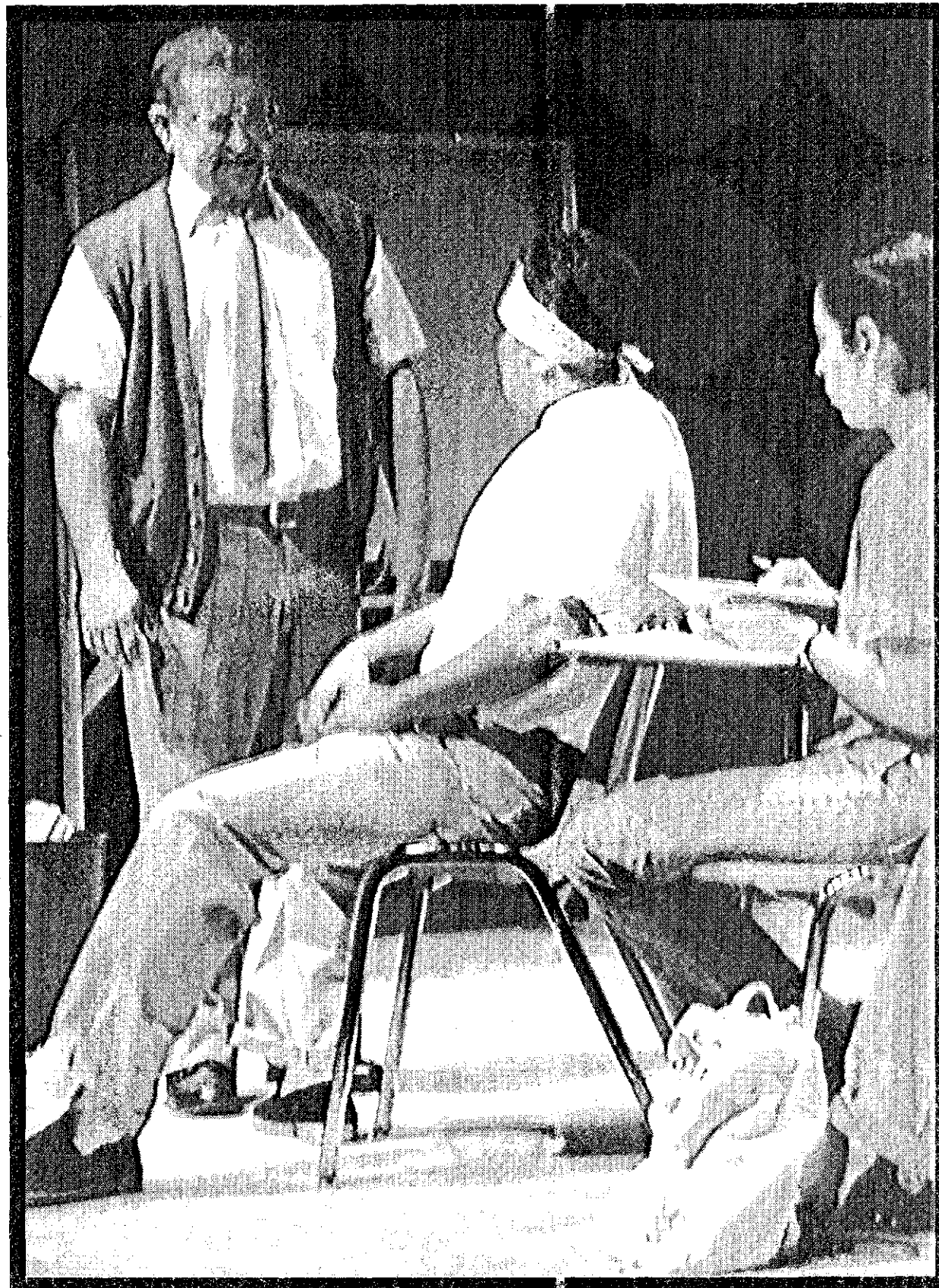
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Walken  
Catch Me If  
You Can

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Oscar's to see  
which stars win  
and what  
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the floor.  
Sunday, March  
23, 2003  
5:30 p.m. pst

## Stand and Deliver brings truth and hope



(above) Alejandro Pantino gives an aggressive performance as math teacher and devotee Jaime Escalante.  
(right) Alejandro Estoto plays Angel Guera, in a powerful portrayal of a gang member secretly striving to better his life.

DENISE GONZALEZ  
STAFF WRITER

The Department of Theatre and Associated Students present "Stand & Deliver" directed by Sal Velazquez. The play has begun since Feb. 28 and will proceed through Mar. 6, 7, 8, and 9 in the Burnight Studio Theatre.

The cast of "Stand & Deliver" did a wonderful performance on Friday. It was like being in a real classroom with balled up paper and airplanes being thrown around. With students telling jokes and name calling. All while the instructor is trying to teach the class.

Alejandro Pantino, gives an aggressive performance as Jaime Escalante, a math teacher at East Los Angeles' Garfield High in the early 1980s.

Escalante refuses to limit off inner-city students as losers. Who believes "if you treat them (students) like losers then they'll act like losers."

He is a real life hero determined to conquer The National Advanced Placement Calculus Exam.

Escalante pushes, persuades and inspires his students who were struggling with fractions and long division to become math whizzes.

In order to become who they were, Escalante proved that all they needed was "ganas," a desire to be who they really wanted to be.

Before long, the students were determined to arrive to school an hour early every day, plus they attended summer school and even had an extra class on Saturdays, all to prepare for the AP exam.

After all the hard work and effort, are any of Escalante's students really ready for the AP calculus exam along with a ticket out of the barrio?

The plays exhilarating ending is even more amazing because it is true.

An outstanding cast with great talent joins Pantino as the calculus students of 1982.

When you watch "Stand & Deliver," you'll stand up and cheer!

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## Stand &amp; Deliver

Wednesday, March 6  
8 p.m.

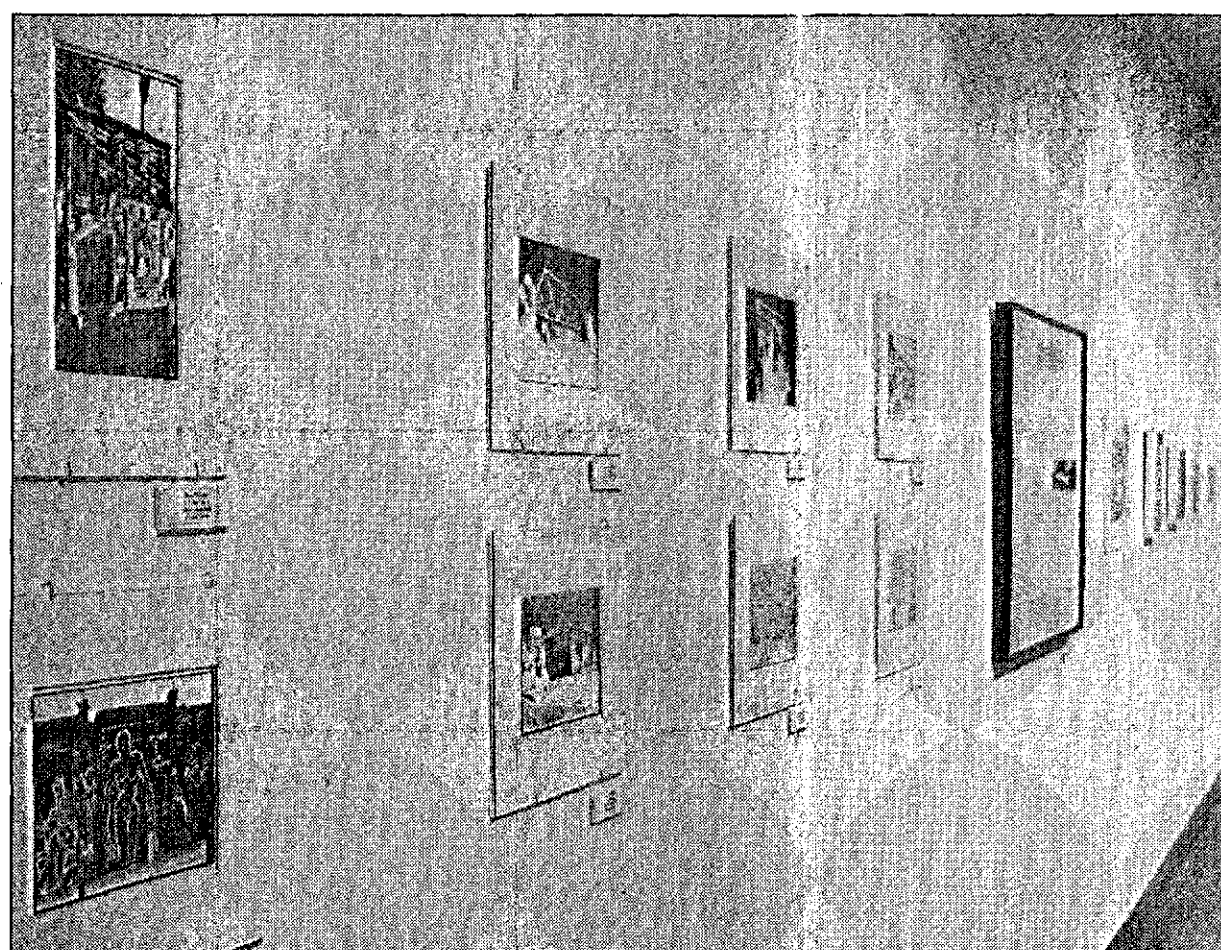
Thursday, March 7  
8 p.m.

tickets are sold at the Burn  
Night Theatre box office

Friday, March 8  
8 p.m.

Saturday, March 9  
2 p.m.

\$10 general admission  
\$7.50 for students and seniors



Students and faculty exhibit their artwork through photography.

## An eye full of emotional insight

ALICIA WARNER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The emotions of the human body is only one of many different types of photographs that can be seen at the Student/Faculty photography exhibition.

The exhibition is full of pieces ranging from contemporary to abstract photography.

The photography exhibit has both digital and standard camera work.

The pieces are gathered from introduction, intermediate, directed studies, introduction to digital and intermediate digital photography.

Along with the students work, some of the faculty members put some of their pieces up for display.

Christine Fernandez, featured three pieces of a series called Lavandera, which are in color.

The gallery photographs that are displayed has an overall theme to it.

The gallery brings human emotion, society issues, and nature all into one.

Isabel Ramirez is a directed studies student in the photography program. The prints are a silver gelatin print.

She displayed several pieces, but one entitled "She loves me, she loves me not," is a beautiful display of a man picking a flower. The piece gives the viewer the feeling of contemplation to the question.

There is also a range of how each photographer printed his/her

film.

Overall, the gallery is made up of silver gelatin prints, but there are color prints and Cyanotype prints, which is a type of non-silver photography. Also ink jet prints from the digital photography classes.

The exhibit will be open until Thursday. The gallery is located in the Arts and Crafts building in room AC50 near the staff parking lot C-9. The gallery hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 11-4p.m. and 6-9p.m.

The gallery will definitely give the viewer a new insight to nature, human emotions and today's issues in society.

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photo by Mike Kubik

Seattle punk makes  
way for The Briefs

1977 stylized punk meshed with mainstream pop punk brings forth the one sound of The Briefs

JESSICA SICKLES  
ASE EDITOR

In the industry, bands are taught to fear the sophomore release. Fans are by nature, nostalgic and become attached to a band's first album sound, and that album's lyrics.

But with "Off the Charts," The Briefs have managed to retain all of the positive qualities of their first release, "Hit After Hit." They've even upped the bar on song writing style.

"Off the Charts" hits you with 11 tracks of punk, spaz and snappy with from the Seattle foursome. These new-bie tunes will quickly become the new crowd pleasers along side older hits "Rotten Love" and "New Pair of Shoes."

Nothing has changed in the energy or delivery of The Briefs on this album. And the best part about short, poppy punk songs, is that you can probably fit all the tracks from both albums onto one set list, so no fan will leave a show dis-

appointed!

My personal favorite track "We Americans," mocks the USA's selfish, headonistic lifestyle. It is especially fitting to have an American band mock its own roots, and it's probably a huge hit overseas right now.

"We Americans is cowboys/we Americans love guns... We're better than that/we're better than this/and we're better than everybody else..." That's a small sampling of the lyrics that I am dubbing mainstream America's new fight song!

Other faves because of the laughable lyrics and anthem-aiming effects, include "22nd Century Man," "Piss on the Youth" and "(Looking Through) Gary Glitter's Eyes."

The Briefs have struck gold yet again with this newest work of art, reminding us that punk hasn't lost its sense of humour and great taste in style.

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## Ted 'N' Ed

by David Dugan / TM



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## CAPTAIN RIBMAN in Tele-Visions

by Sprengelmeyer &amp; Davis



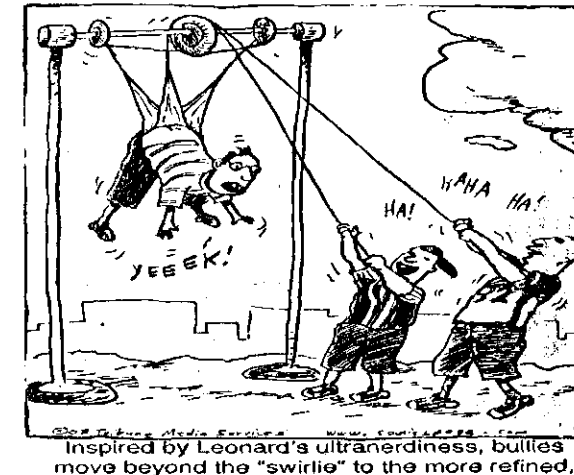
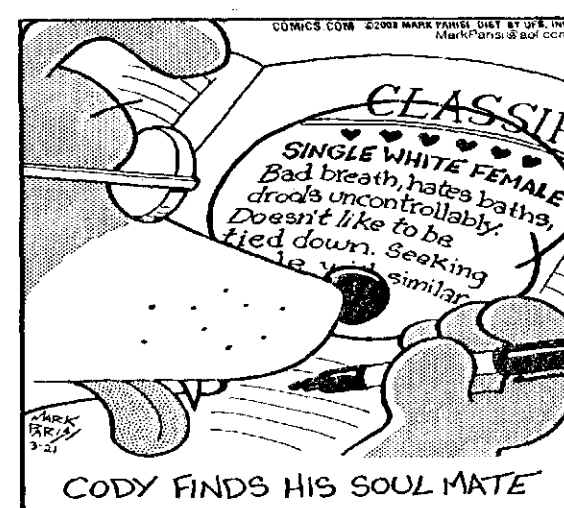
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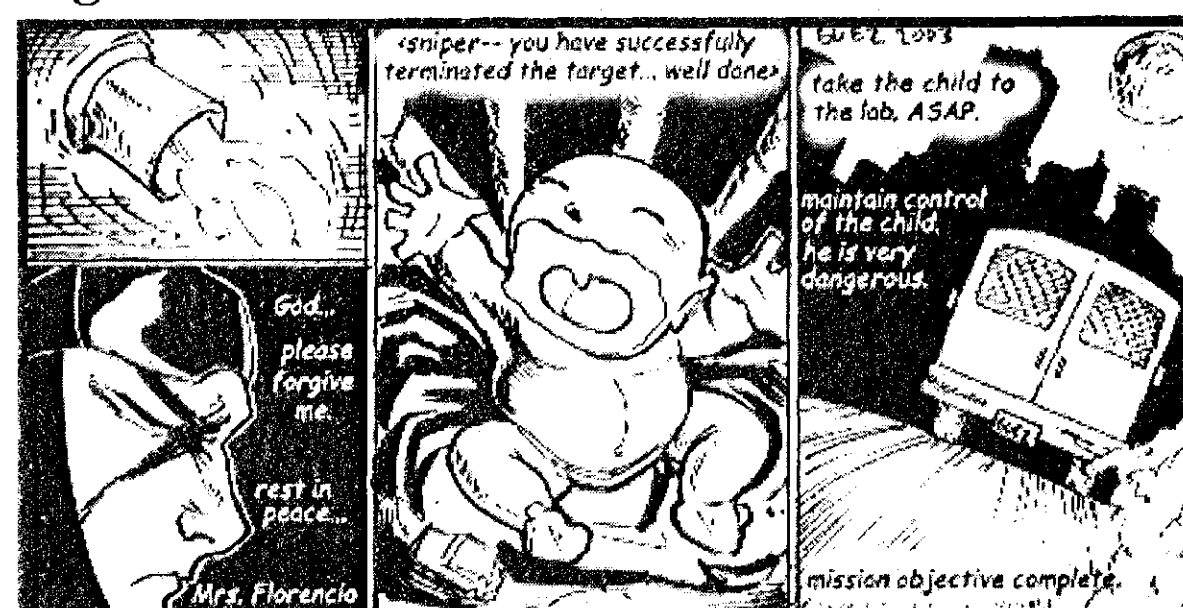
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There are several other benefits associated with Student Loan Consolidation and these include:

- The ability to reduce your monthly interest repayments by up to 54% by extending your repayment period. This may help you in matching your income level to your repayment obligations.
- Fixing the interest rate on your loans to take advantage of the historically low interest rates that are currently available for the life of your loans. Your existing loans are variable and could rise over time as interest rates rise. Consolidation can ensure that this doesn't happen.
- Dealing with only one monthly loan repayment from one lender can make your life easier.
- Save even more on your repayments by taking advantage of 'borrower benefits' that can reduce your interest rate by up to an additional 1.25% by making electronic and on-time repayments.

## Does it Matter When You Choose to Consolidate?

Yes. If you are about to graduate (or have recently graduated) timing is critical to maximizing the amount that you can save with consolidation. If you wait too long to apply for consolidation, you might miss out on the opportunity to reduce the interest rate on all your loans by 0.60%.

## What Does it Cost to Consolidate?

There are no fees or credit checks, nor is there any penalty for early repayment of your consolidation loan. Note however, that you can only consolidate once and consolidation can affect certain deferment and cancellation benefits associated with loans.

## Are you about to Graduate?

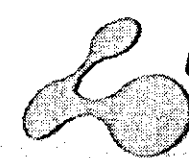
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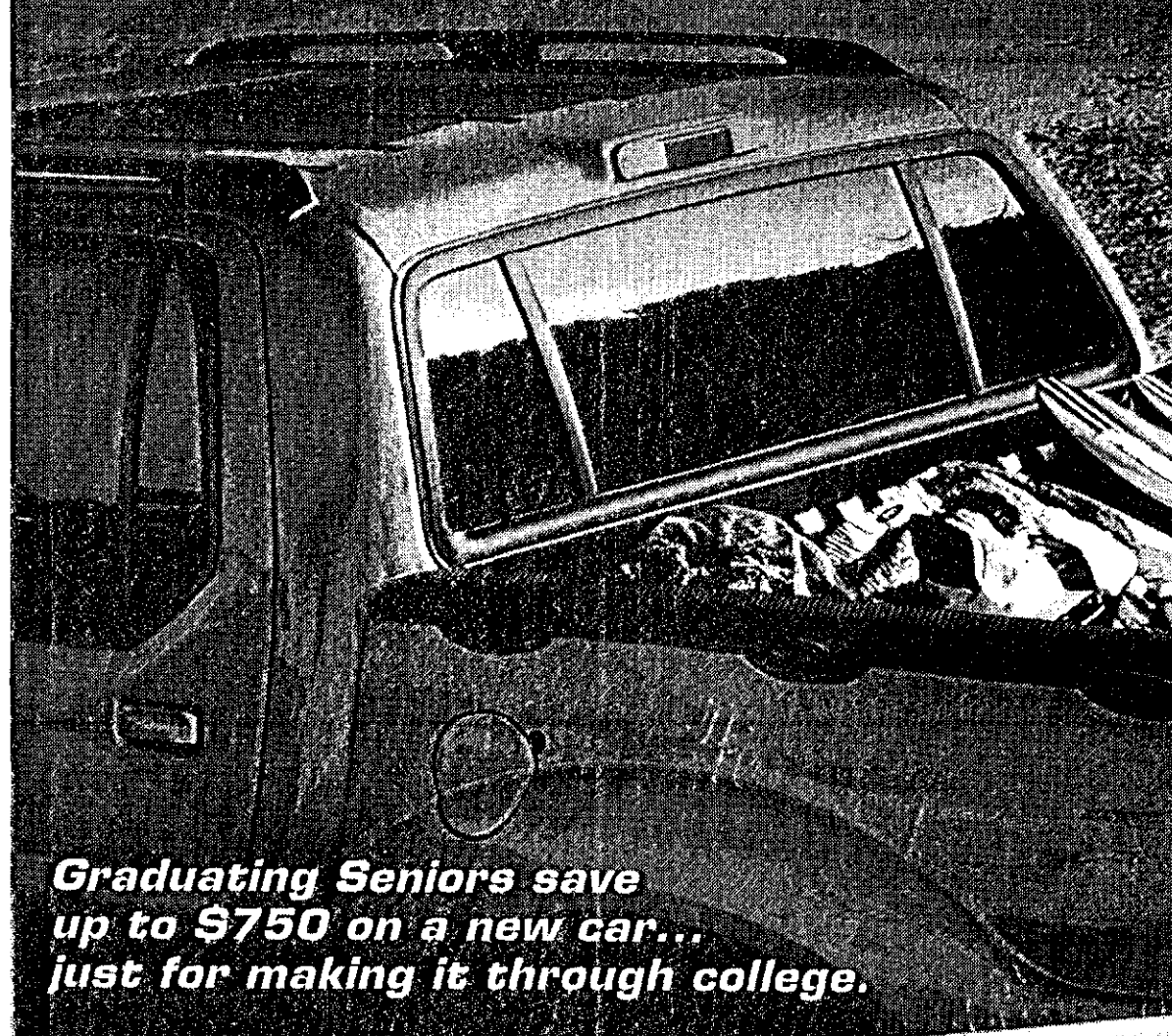
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# sports

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Men's Basketball

Wednesday  
Cerritos vs  
Oxnard at  
7:00  
(away)

### Women's Basketball

Wednesday  
Cerritos vs  
Orange Coast  
at 7:00  
(away)

### Women's Softball

Thursday  
Cerritos vs  
Long Beach  
City at 3:00  
@ Cerritos

Fri - Saturday  
Golden West  
Tournament  
all day  
(away)

### Men's Baseball

Thursday  
Cerritos vs  
L.A. Harbor  
at 2:00  
(away)

Saturday  
Cerritos vs  
Pasadena  
at 1:00  
(away)

### Women's Track and Field

Friday  
Cerritos vs  
LBCC and Mt.  
SAC at 1:00  
@ Cerritos

### Men's Track and Field

Friday  
Cerritos vs  
LBCC and Mt.  
SAC at 1:00  
@ Cerritos

### Women's Tennis

Thursday  
Cerritos vs  
Compton at  
2:00 (away)

Tuesday  
Cerritos vs  
L.A. city at  
2:00 @  
Cerritos

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Thursday  
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## Sports Editor's Note

Regarding last week's photos in the track and field story, the name Beau Jordan was run underneath a photo, but the person in the photo is Antoine Woodard.



Marci Wong practices her shot from the free throw line during practice.

# Standing tall at the line

At 4' 10" Marci Wong stands tall at point guard for the falcons helping lead the team into playoffs.

ELYSE MURO  
SPORTS EDITOR

Sophomore Marci Wong plays for the Cerritos College women's basketball team, who are now in the playoffs.

Wong is the team's shortest starting player.

At 4' 10" Wong stands tall playing guard going up against other women who are twice her size.

Wong has also been named MVP.

**Q. How long have you been playing basketball?**

**A.** I have been playing since I was five years old and this is my second year playing for Cerritos.

**Q. What would you say have been your biggest challenges?**

**A.** Being short. (Wong laughs).

**Q. Has being short ever slowed down or hurt your game?**

**A.** I would say the hardest thing is trying to get my shots up so I have to drive more, and I just have to adjust to everyone else so no one gets in my face.

**Q. As a basketball player what is your most memorable moment?**

**A.** For last season it would have to be when I got second team conference and for this year I got first team conference.

**Q. How has being a Falcon improved your game?**

**A.** Being a Falcon has helped me to become a better athlete mainly because of my coaches.

**Q. Who do you look up to as your biggest inspiration and why?**

**A.** My mom because she is always

there for me and she has always worked hard to support me.

**Q. Who is your favorite basketball player?**

**A.** Kobe Bryant and Allen Iverson

**Q. Who would you say inspired you to play basketball?**

**A.** My brothers. I have three brothers and I remember ever since I was little they were always playing basketball.

**Q. How far do you plan on going in basketball?**

**A.** I hope to get a scholarship to a Cal State, University, or a D-2 school.

**Q. What are your majors and what profession do you plan on going into?**

**A.** I'm majoring in Sociology and English because I want to become a first grade teacher.

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Marci practices her jump shot.



Marci huddles with teammates to discuss the strategies for the upcoming playoff game against Orange Coast College.

## Basketball playoff forecast

### MEN'S PLAYOFF PICTURE

HERSSON PRECIADO  
ONLINE SPORTS EDITOR

The Cerritos Men's Basketball team has advanced to the second round of the state playoffs. There are several scenarios that can occur on the Falcons' road to the championships concerning the 4th and 3rd bracket of the playoffs that will affect Cerritos.

The No. 11 ranked Falcons will face No. 6 Oxnard this Wednesday at Oxnard.

No. 19 Santa Monica will visit No. 3 Antelope Valley on Wednesday.

\*If the Falcons win and Antelope Valley wins the Falcons will face them Saturday March 8 at Antelope Valley.

\*If Cerritos Wins and Santa Monica wins the Falcons will host the Corsairs Saturday March 8.

If Cerritos wins both the second and the third round game the Falcons would enter the State Championships were they along with the other three bracket winners would be seeded along with the four bracket winners from the North section.

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### WOMEN'S PLAYOFF PICTURE

HERSSON PRECIADO  
ONLINE SPORTS EDITOR

The Cerritos Women's Basketball team has advanced to the second round of the state playoffs. There are several scenarios that can occur on the Falcons' road to the championships concerning the 4th and 3rd bracket of the playoffs that will affect Cerritos.

The No. 13 ranked Falcons will face No. 4 Orange Coast this Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Orange Coast.

No. 12 Riverside will visit No. 5 Compton on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

\*If the Falcons win and Compton wins the Falcons will face them Saturday March 8 at 7 p.m. in a South Coast Conference show down at Compton.

\*If Cerritos Wins and Riverside wins the Falcons will host Riverside Saturday March 8 at 7 p.m.

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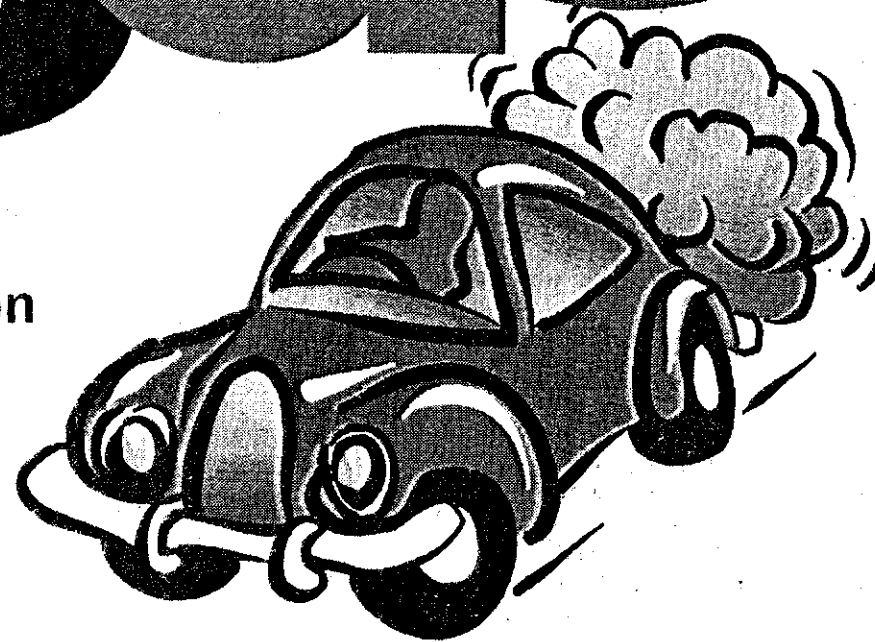
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# Falcon's balanced offense wins again

HERSSON PRECIADO  
ONLINE SPORTS EDITOR

The Cerritos College women's basketball team cruises through the first round of the playoffs with an impressive 78-58 victory at home Saturday against Santa Monica.

Tiffany Amete led the way for the Falcons with 14 points and eight rebounds as the Falcons improved to 20-11 for the season.

The Falcons had faced Santa Monica earlier in the year and won 89-62.

As usual, this season the Falcons displayed great balance with both scoring and defense.

The Falcons had only two players score in double figures, but all 12 players who got into the game scored.

Even freshman guard Wendy Ramirez, who played most of the second half in place of Marci Wong, had three points.

The three points came in at the last second of the game after being scoreless for the entire 15 minutes she played.

Jacquana Young led Santa Monica 17-15 with 15 points and 5 rebounds.

The Corsairs never seemed to get into a rhythm offensively and seemed bewildered and defensively unable to

neutralize Amete, Wong and Nicole McCarthy who nailed two key three-pointers in the second half for Cerritos.

The tough guard play of April Lensen also contributed to Cerritos successful ball distribution and defense.

The one weak point to the near perfect game for Cerritos was foul trouble.

The Falcons were in the double bonus for two thirds of the second half and four minutes of the first.

The Corsairs had 23 turnovers in the game. Cerritos only committed 15 turnovers in the game. "Fifteen was our goal," Coach Linda Wellerman said.

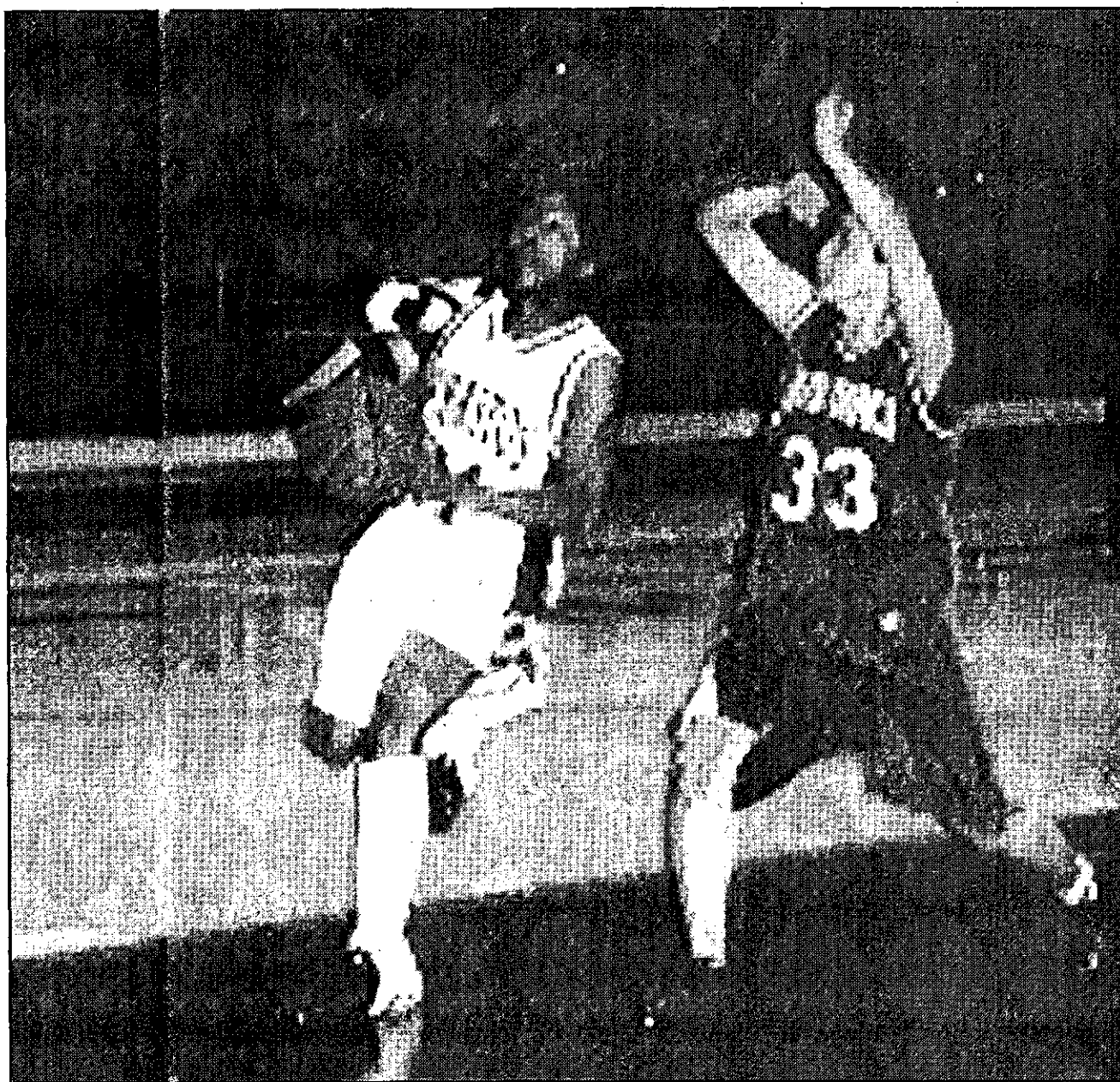
The Falcons, ranked No. 13 in the playoffs, used a bludgeoning defense to take a 40-23 lead at the half over the No. 20 Corsairs.

The Falcons were never seriously challenged in the game as they were up by at least 20 points for the majority of the night.

The Falcons will play at fourth seed Orange Coast College who had a bye for the first round of the State playoffs Wednesday.

The Falcons defeated Orange Coast earlier in the season in a low scoring game.

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Tiffany Lovelace goes up for an easy layup after breaking the Corsairs defense in one of many fast breaks on Saturday.

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## sports

PRESS  
RELEASES

DEPTH ADDS  
TO FALCONS'  
WIN

As the Cerritos College baseball team continues to post wins, overall the team's depth becomes more apparent. Last week, the Falcons recorded a 7-1 win over Mt. SAC, followed by a 6-3 win against LA City that was halted due to darkness after eight innings. Most recently, the Falcons defeated Long Beach City, 7-0 in a rain make-up game.

With the three victories, the Falcons are now 14-4 overall and 4-0 in South Coast Conference play.

This week, the team will host East Los Angeles on Tuesday before traveling to Los Angeles Harbor on Thursday and then to Pasadena City on Saturday.

The weekday games are slated for 2:00 p.m., while the weekend game will be played at 1:00 p.m.

SOFTBALL  
WINS FOR  
SECOND  
TIME IN  
CONFERENCE

After coming up empty on their first two Conference games, the Cerritos College softball team has now won two of the last three games to improve their record to 8-7 overall and 2-3 in conference.

Last week, the Falcons pulled out an 8-6 win over East LA before playing LB City to a close 3-0 game. Cerritos then came back to register a solid 6-2 win over Pasadena City on Monday.

This week, Cerritos will travel to El Camino on Tuesday before returning home to host Long Beach City on Thursday, both games slated for 3:00 p.m. During the weekend, the team will compete in the Golden West Tournament.

## Falcons fight LA City to the end

Men's tennis team tied down to the last match but pull out a 5-4 win.

ELYSE MURO  
SPORTS EDITOR

Going down to the last match the Cerritos College men's tennis team defeated Los Angeles City College 5-4 on Wednesday.

The Falcons' next match will be played at home against Mt. San Antonio College on March 11 at 2 p.m.

The Falcons started off the match with the doubles winning one out of the three matches.

Daniel Aguilar and Ki Kim teamed up for the first double match.

They lost 4-6. Charlie Robles and Sergio Huerta won the only match out of the three doubles.

Robles and Huerta teamed up to score a 9-7 lead over LACC.

In the final double match Japeth Tababan and Antwan Smith lost 6-8.

Starting off with the single matches Falcon Ramzy Abourialy went up against LACC's Sky Laws.

Laws is a D-1 player who is currently being recruited by different colleges for scholarships.

Abourialy lost to Laws 0-6, 6-4, and 2-6.

Kim once again competed, but this time he showed his skills and won in the singles match with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Nick Noa.

This was the first win in the singles matches for the Falcons.

The Falcons were now down by one.

Robles stepped up and tied up the match with a three-three tie.

Robles won his match against Andre Jackson with a 2-6, 6-2 and 6-2 win.

Breaking the tie was Huerta who went up against LACC's

William Fisher.

Huerta broke the tie with a 7-5 and 6-1 win over Fisher.

Aguilar was the next Falcon to step up against Robert Perez. Aguilar lost the match 3-6 and 4-6.

Cerritos and LA City were now tied four to four with only one match left. This match would determine who would win.

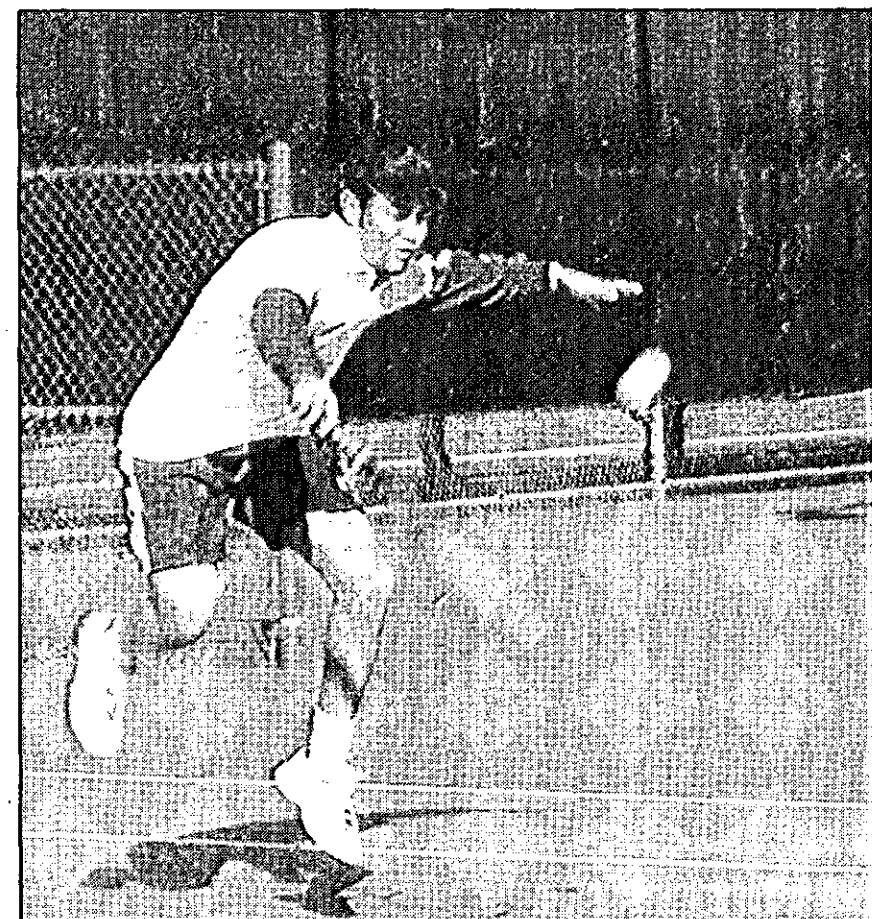
Falgun Antwan Smith went up against Julio Perez. Smith put Perez away with a 7-5, and 7-6 win.

"I just played my best and we won. I was the last chance," Smith said.

The Falcons finished the match with a 5-4 win over LA City.

"I was very proud of them, they came form a deficit. It was a tight match and Smith was the key for our victory," Coach Gerry Ellis said.

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Sergio Huerta volleys the ball while beating his opponent during the single match.

ELYSE MURO/TM

## Men's basketball wins gold against Olympians in playoffs Friday

Victory puts the Falcons a step close to returning to the playoffs.

HERSSON PRECIADO  
ONLINE SPORTS EDITOR

Led by Tony Robert's 21 points the Cerritos College men's basketball team advances to the second round of the State playoffs with a convincing win against the San Diego Mesa Olympians 91-71 Friday.

The Olympians' point leader for the night, Jason Thomas, had 26 points when he left the game with what appeared to be a knee injury late in the second half.

"I wanted to pinch myself."

—Coach Gary Cain

Although Thomas' departure was not pivotal to the result of the game it did seem to deflate the already struggling Olympian offense.

The Falcons, now 22-11, seemed to be able to do no wrong on Friday as they cruised through the first round versus the 17-14 San Diego Mesa team.

"I wanted to pinch my self," Men's basketball Coach Gary Cain said about Cerritos turning the ball over only once in the first half and not using a single time out in the first 20 minutes of the contest.

Their defensive intensity was responsible for 13 Olympian turnovers.

Cerritos was never up by less than 15 points in the second half.

The Falcon's largest lead was 32 points late in the first half.

Cerritos in predictable fashion spread the ball around and had

four players in double digits including Ferrell Hendricks who had 16 points and Matt Reid who chipped in 14 points.

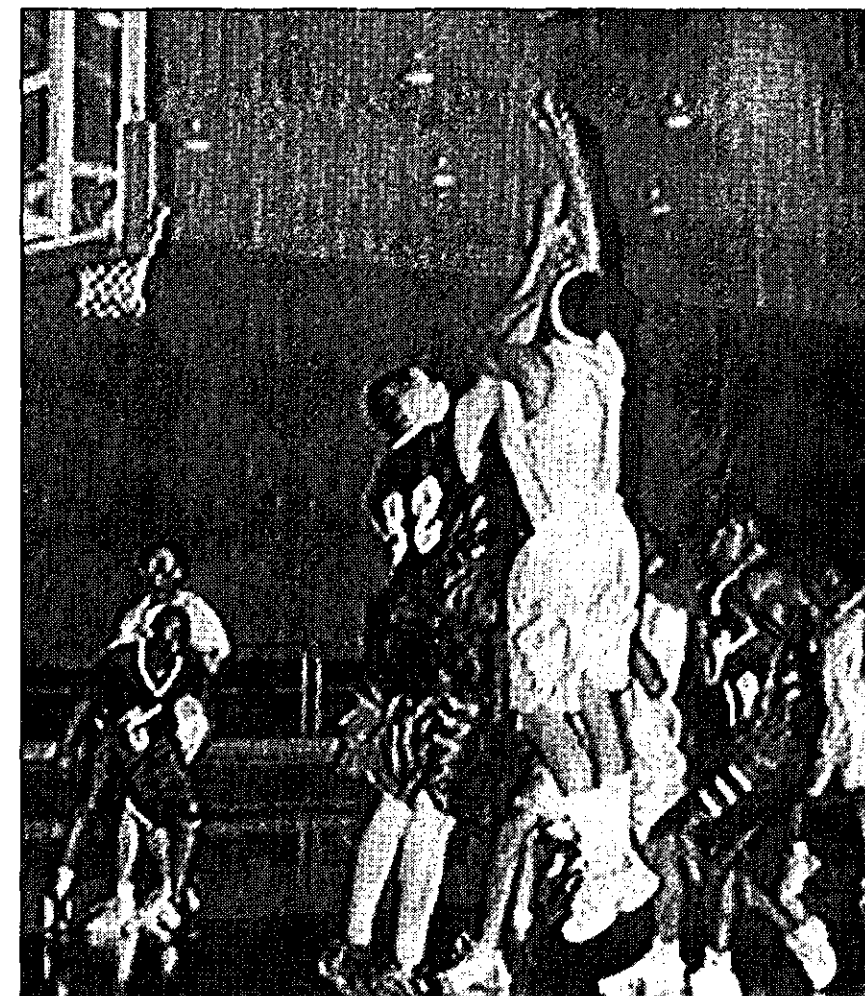
"I want my guys ready to be able to play and win a

50-55 game were our starters aren't hitting their shots" Cain said about the falcon point spreading and strong defense to win the close games.

The Falcons will now face the six seed Oxnard Condors who won their first round game versus College of the Canyons 96-74.

The Falcons for the remainder of the playoffs will only host a game against the 19th ranked Santa Monica Madraiders who must get past a very tough third ranked Antelope Valley team.

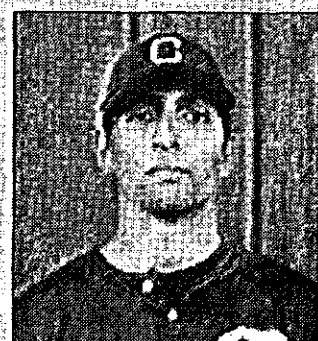
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Falcon Matt Reid powers over forward Tai Tuisamoa for a two point shot.

LAURA AGUILAR/TM

### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Anthony Casares

Sport: Baseball  
No.: 4

Position: Pitcher

Accomplishments: Pitched seven shutout innings, while limiting Mt. SAC to just three hits to go along with five strikeouts.



Tiffany Amete

Sport: Women's Basketball  
No.: 44

Position: Forward

Accomplishments: Lead Cerritos in scoring with 16 points and eight rebounds in Falcons win against San Diego Mesa in the first round of playoff during Saturday's game.



# feature

Upcoming Women's History Month seminars:

Women and Breast Cancer:  
Mar. 5  
11:30-1p.m.  
TE-1

7th Annual International Business Panel:  
Mar. 5  
7-8:30 p.m.  
LC-155

He Said, She Said, Men and Women in Communication:  
Mar. 5  
7-8:30 p.m.  
SS-207

Marriage: Who's got the power?:  
Mar. 6  
11-12 p.m.  
SS-213

Invisible Workers: Life in the L.A. Sweatshops:  
Mar. 6  
12:30-2 p.m.  
SS-306

The Accused, Film Screening:  
Mar. 10  
3:30-5:30 p.m.  
LC-155

The New Pioneers: The Migrant Women by Dorothea Lange:  
Mar. 11  
11-12:30 p.m.  
SS-307

The Clothline Project:  
Mar. 11  
11-12:15 p.m.  
Falcon Square

Female Entrepreneurs Panel:  
Mar. 12  
12:30-2 p.m.  
SS-306

History and Tradition of Mexican Dress:  
Mar. 13  
11-12:30 p.m.  
LC-155



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## It's a Woman's World

A look at how women changed history in commemoration of Women's History Month.

REBECCA DELANEY  
Feature Editor

March is a time of remembering all the women who have made history or who are continuing to make history today through America.

Before women had rights, women in all parts of the world were looked at as evil and a source of temptation. Men always accompanied women. Women could not own property or marry again if their husbands died.

In many countries even today, male children are still preferred over female children.

Women in other places of the world don't have as many rights as women in United States. Women should be grateful for those women who took a stand and fought for their rights and the future of womankind.

Women such as Eleanor Roosevelt who joined the Women's World Trade Union to work for the minimum wage laws for women in 1922, or Rosa Parks who was the first African American woman to fight

**Q:** When was Women's History Month first celebrated?

**A:** In 1987, National Women's Month became nationally recognized as a month to honor women.

for civil rights. These women have made a difference.

In 1987, National Women's Month became nationally recognized as a month to honor women. Previously, women were honored on a certain day or week but because of women organizations, museums, libraries, youth leaders and educators, they helped March become the national month for women.

Presently, women today keep making a difference. Women such as Maya Angelou, a famous writer, who struggled with four years of silence after being sexually abused when she was eight, writes poetry while acting on stage while later receiving a Tony nomination for her performance in "Look Away".

Another woman is musician Alanis Morissette. She made a difference by expressing her sorrow and anger for women everywhere as well as men, about her experiences and what she learned from them.

Many women today and in the past are making a difference whether through politics, comedy, poetry, or music.

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## • WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WORKSHOPS •

### Cancer prevention, awareness

REBECCA DELANEY  
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March is Women's History Month and the theme for all workshops taking place here on Cerritos campus this month is "Women Pioneering the Future".

Several workshops will take place at Cerritos College including one about women and breast cancer.

This Monday, Mar. 5th from 11:30am to 1:00p.m., Ester Robinson, RN, will be speaking on the subject at the technology education building in room TE-1.

Robinson will not only talk about the danger of breast cancer but also how to prevent it from happening.

During her talk, she will show students a PowerPoint presentation



covering health statistics, different ethnic groups who develop the disease and preventive measures. She will also talk about different health risks women take when they don't observe their breasts.

At the end, students are encouraged to pick up some handouts on how to give themselves a breast exam.

Reservations are required, so those students planning on attending should RSVP by calling the Cerritos College Career Services Re-Entry Resource Center at 860-2451 ext. 2362.

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### He said, she said

SONIA SAENZ  
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Some people say that men and women are two completely different species. At times we can almost always agree with that statement because it seems that from the beginning of time, men and women have had a communication barrier between them.

Well, ponder no more. A new seminar in honor of Women's History month is presenting "He said, she said," a seminar that shows that women and men may not only be from different planets, but also may stumble upon problems due to cultural differences.

The seminar, which takes place on March 5 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in room SS207, will also teach people how to reduce common misunderstandings between the sexes. Instructor Angela Hoppe-Nagao, Professor of Speech Communications will be the person leading the discussion. Call the College Career Services center for more information.

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### Life in the L.A. Sweatshops

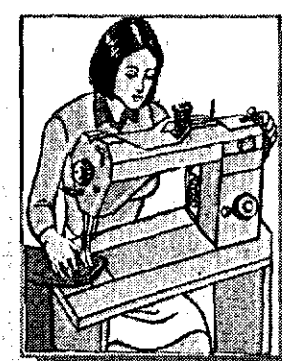
DENISE GONZALEZ  
Staff Writer

Invisible workers: Life in the L.A. Sweatshops

The Women's Studies Program is sponsoring a workshop on Invisible Workers: Life in the L.A. Sweatshops. Solomon Namala, Instructor of Economics is presenting it, on Mar. 6 from 12:30 to 2pm in the Social Science Building (SS-306).

Marissa Nuncio, coordinator from the L.A. Garment Workers and Sweatshop Watch, is the speaker for this event. Her organization helps organize garment workers in downtown LA, most of whom are women and immigrants.

Namala has stated that many of these workers are employed by subcontractors who contract for labels such as Disney, Forever 21, Guess, etc.



"These workers, because of their gender and immigrant status are exploited in terms of wage, hours of work and at times even physical and sexual abuse," said Namala. "Ms. Nuncio will speak to us about these conditions and inform

us of alternatives to change this situation."

Specifically, Nuncio will talk about the labor force, which is predominantly female, in the garment industry, their conditions of work and employers' policies and what we can do to assure better working conditions for these workers.

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