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## Skookum's Tree Lot --- a Family Tradition

By Darren B. Angelos

The cold chill of winter whisks through the Olympic mountains of Northern America, covering the forest in a blanket of white. It is Christmas-time once again; and for Linda Knotts, it's business as usual.

While we are busy getting tanned and spending time doing summer activities in the month of June, Linda is out selectively choosing and "field tagging" the right Christmas trees she will farm for us to enjoy during the holiday season. A native of Shelton, Washington, Linda has been providing the Fresno area with Christmas trees for over 25 years.

"My husband and I started up the business in 1970 as a way to generate some extra cash for college and expenses," Linda explained. "The concept grew and we have been doing it ever since."

The trees come from the northern region of Washington and are not "farm" raised but grown naturally in the area. The name "Skookum," is actually derived from an Indian name of a river in the Washington mountains near the Olympic Peninsula.

Due to the lower elevation levels, trees grown on a farm typically are lighter in weight and not of the quality and fullness of naturally-grown trees, tending to die much quicker after being cut. The secret to successful growing is not so much as having a green thumb, but rather, the location. "As you know, it rains plenty here, making great fertilizer and soil combinations," said Linda.

All of the trees are cut and shipped within 24 hours from Washington to Fresno via trucking outfits. Many months of primping and care including testing and spraying can be involved within each year of a tree's life. What most do not realize is that an average 7ft. Noble or Douglas Fir can be anywhere from 8-10 years old.

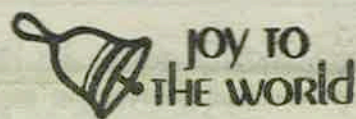
Linda arrives in Fresno each year around the first of November to grade her lot, set up electrical, and establish a business license so that her first shipment of trees can be deliv-

ered by Thanksgiving. Her employees consist of Washington-area residents but most are from the Fresno area and have been a huge part of that "family feel" she has had for many years.

The Skookum Tree lot can be found on Shaw off Blackstone, the same area it has inhabited from the beginning. Trees that are not sold by a certain date go to needy homes, and any trees left over after Christmas are dumped into the bottom areas of Hensley Lake here in the valley to increase natural fish spawning and growth.



*The Skookum Family keeps the spirit of Christmas alive, trees that are not sold by a certain date are donated to needy families.*



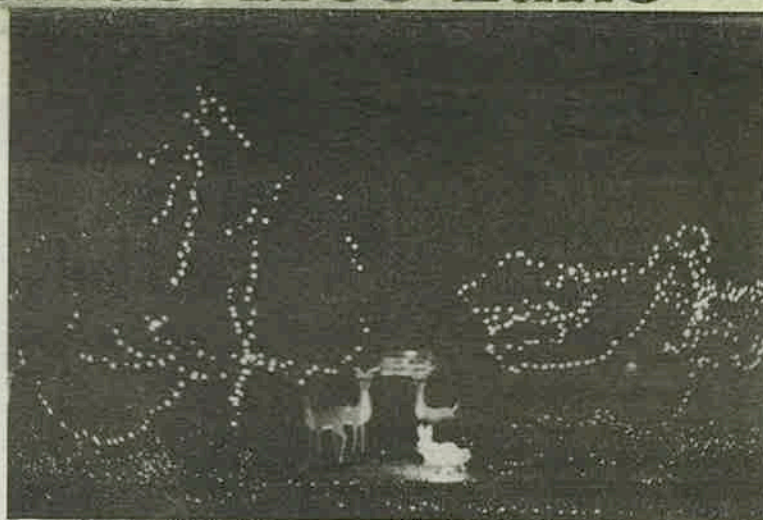
Photos By Cert Xaypangna

## Christmas Tree Lane

■ Opens its arms to Fresno once again.

By Melissa Mc Clintock

Father Time may tick away, but a few timeless pieces remain during the holidays which recreate moments of innocence and wonder experienced. Christmas Tree Lane is one of these things; and will warm the hearts of the most jaded cynics. The lane, starting at Van Ness and Palm; is approximately 2 miles long with the finish point at Palm and Shaw. This road is outlined by towering pine trees, with creative arches of lights strung inbetween the trees, highlighting the lane. Of course, with the beautiful architecture of the houses, the displays and lights offset this. A number of outstanding residents really accomplish magnificent displays in a variety of expressions. One display featured a mechanized rink with Mickey and Minnie



Evening Light Show

Photo By Cert Xaypangna

Mouse chasing Pluto in circles against a drop of a castle rendered completely in lights. This display also featured toy soldiers popping up out of boxes (also done in lights). Other features displayed are the theme of the Hundred Acre Wood, a comical Bill the Cat sits atop a sleigh pulled by Opus, a Raggedy

Ann and Andy mechanized puppet show, and of course Santas, Nativity Scenes, and brilliant angels all expressed in the displays in various art forms.

It is not only a free source of entertainment, but the lane remains well patrolled, offering a safe and fun evening for all ages.

## DONATION ALERT COME ON CITY COLLEGE, WHERE'S YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT??

By Amy Klassen-Cox

The Fresno City College campus is filled with empty donation bins. Discarded napkins and cups litter the Coats for Heaton receptacles, and the boxes set out to collect canned goods sit empty. Where is the holiday spirit?

The Public Information Office has good news to report. Thanks to many gracious donations, they were able to meet their goal for their Holiday Gift Basket project.

The FCC Bookstore is also pleased at the response that they have received to their food and toy drive to benefit the Marjorie Mason Center. According to Donna Rivera, "We're a little behind, but Thanksgiving was late this year and most people don't start their Christmas shopping until Thanksgiving weekend."

There is still time to donate as most of the charitable drives are still going on through finals week.



Photos By Darren B. Angelos



## Editor's Note

I want to give a warm thanks to all of the staff and readers for dedicating the effort to make this Department stand alone and yearn for the successful future it solely deserves. To the next 48 years and beyond, we strive for journalism excellence.

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Darren B. Angelos

Help  
is  
here

## Dear Traci

By Traci-Ann Grider

Q> I've been at FCC for a year as a marketing major. I have just decided after having a job as a salesperson, that I don't want to work in this field. The semester is over in two weeks, and I can't decide on my major. I have almost completed my General Ed. requirements and it's time to register. I've got to do something. I can't figure out what to do.

MAJORLESS MIKE

A< Dear Majorless, there is hope for you. You said you "almost" completed your General Ed., so the few classes that you still have to fill for those requirements should be your first step. Then go to the second floor at the Student Services Building. There is a book that sits on an individual rack, almost like it sits on a shrine, right across from counselor registration, called

the Book of Majors. Within this book, you will find every possible job in the workforce. Cross-reference any profession of interest to you with the FCC catalog to make sure FCC offers the major of your choice. If you still feel uncertain, find out what majors have a few of the same class requirements. Such as, if something in the business industry is your general interest, the classes could be anything from BA10 to BA18, and so forth. You could see a counselor to find out about these classes, or if you're in the "do it yourself" mood, grab a bunch of the major sheets from the rack and do some digging. Whatever you decide to do, don't jump into a new major in a panic. You don't want to end up in the same place next Christmas that you are now. Good luck!



## Meiko's Corner

By Meiko Brumfield

Well, the holidays are upon us, and between the commercialization of merchandise and the important religious sentiments it's easy to have a confused and warped perception of Christmas and what it means. I think peace on earth and good will towards all should be emphasized 365 days a year, not just during the month of December.

I think although some people have the right ideals about Christmas, yet they tend to lose sight of the significance of the New Year's celebration. New Year's should be a time of reflection, and self awareness. You should take the time to look back on the previous year and note all of the posi-

tive and negative encounters you've had in it. Have you made any strides in your personal goals? Have you accomplished or furthered your education goals? Have you grown as a person? What have you learned and internalized from all these experiences?

These things are more important than parties and celebrations. For me, writing this column has helped further educational goals as well as learn a lot about people (not self, too), and I'm grateful for the experience. Have a safe and happy holiday. And if you're going to drink, don't drive!

P.S. I'm also thankful for my freckles, red hair and endorphins!

## Searching for True Meanings

## Internet access in library soon

By Amy Klassen-Cox

Several Fresno City College students have been heard discussing their displeasure at the seemingly empty promises of internet access on campus. According to Phil Nelson, the Management Information Services Trainer at FCC, FCC will have limited internet access in the library and most computer labs as early as April of 1997.

One of the reasons for the April deadline is that FCC will be hosting the NC5 Conference that month. The NC5 Conference involves a large Northern California Computer Consortium comprised of many community colleges from around the state.

Currently, FCC is in

phase two of a two year project, connecting and networking most of the buildings on campus. The only buildings left out the school-wide network will be the cafeteria, the gymnasium, and the bookstore. Nelson hopes that these buildings can be connected in another phase. Phase two of the network is to be completed by June 30, 1997.

Additional plans include adding 15 new computers to the library, with five of those being internet accessible. Most of the computer labs across campus will have limited internet accessibility, and five to ten of the 40 computers in the library media center will offer internet access.

Students will not be charged for using the internet

while on campus, yet the funding source for the monthly internet bill has yet to be determined. According to Nelson, the monthly bill will be "Between \$2,000 and \$3,000 a month." That's roughly \$24,000 to \$36,000 per year. Funds have not yet been budgeted for this.

The internet service on campus will differ from the service received from a private account. Due to the large number of users, e-mail will not be available to students. Nelson stated that students are "not going to be able to go into controversial areas such as pornography, violent locations, or any kind of su-

see INTERNET page 1

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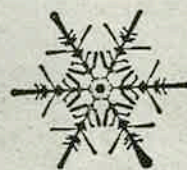
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## Soap for a potty-mouth, anyone?

More exiting  
entries  
from the...

POLICE



LOG

Dec. 5: A female reported a male with no pants on in parking lot S. The suspect was seen driving in lots E and S. The area was checked with negative results.

Dec. 3: While in the cafeteria, a male student threatened to harm a student and steal his jacket. The suspect was identified by the police as being gang related.

Dec. 3: A female student reported a male making derogatory comments to her and her friend in the Language Arts building. The suspect was contacted, identified and turned over to his mother.

Dec. 3: Two males were seen burglarizing vehicles in parking D and E. The suspects ran away from the scene. One was later apprehended with the assistance of the Fresno Police Department.

Dec. 1: An officer responded to a possible burglary at Wendy's on Blackstone and Wells. Wendy's lights were found on and the cash register was open. The Violent Crime Suppression Unit determined that the manager had closed early and improperly.





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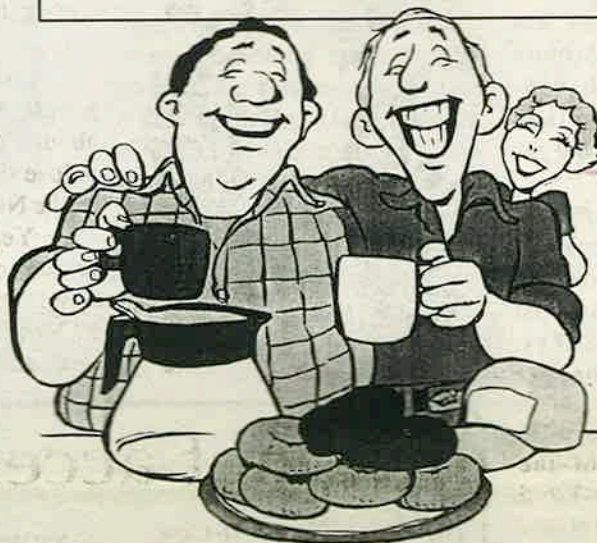
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# Patio Cafe is good dining

By Amy Klassen-Cox

One of the best-kept secrets on campus is the Patio Cafe, nestled discreetly on the northern end of the cafeteria, facing the gym. In what used to be used as the staff dining room, there now sits a rather elegant cafe, complete with real flowers, potted plants, cloth napkins and full-place settings. Diners are greeted by the soft sounds of light jazz.

If the upscale ambience tends toward an impression of an expensive menu, diners are in for a pleasant surprise. The menu includes salads, sand-

wiches, burgers, pasta, and several mouth-watering entrees. The prices range from \$3.00 to \$6.10, with the average cost being about \$5.25. The food is well worth the price.

A bread basket was presented, featuring warm soft sourdough bread and soft butter. Lemon water was served before I placed my order. All of the food on the menu looked delicious, and it was difficult to choose, yet I finally chose the Shrimp and Pasta, which costs \$5.75. My meal was served to me within ten minutes of placing my order, which is a very impressive amount of time. The shrimp was scrumptious,

having been sauteed in just a hint of sherry, and then simmered in a creamy alfredo sauce before being ladled over linguine noodles and sprinkled with Parmesan cheese. The linguine was perfect, being neither overcooked nor undercooked.

The servers should also be commended for their courteous service and professionalism. Combined with the high quality of the food and the elegant atmosphere, the Patio Cafe staff made the dining experience as pleasant as possible.

The Patio Cafe is open between 7:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Ren and Stimpy raise a stink in video

By Ryan LaMar

MTV's dynamic dog and cat duo has struck again, in perfect time for the holidays. This *Ren and Stimpy* episode available on video is so absurd you will find it difficult to prevent yourself from urinating in your pants while watching it.

Opening up in classic fashion, Stimpy releases a colossal fetid flactulation. Intrigued, he sniffs around searches for his fleeting creation, but to his avail cannot find it. He soon runs to his pal Ren, proclaiming something exquisitely smelly came

out of his rear. Irritated by Stimpy's stupidity, Ren refuses to acknowledge any of his friend's words. But Stimpy becomes determined to convince a disbelieving Ren, and grows obsessed with passing gas again.

After many valiant efforts, Stimpy fails to reproduce another brainchild, and sets out on a quest to find the lost flactulation he named Stinky. He first checks the booger colony underneath the dinner table, and asks its inhabitants if they knew where Stinky was. When they beared no fruit to the search, he trekked to Naked

City, which also yielded no results.

A melancholic Stimpy gave up and came home on Christmas. There comes a knock on his door, and of all those who it could be, lo and behold it was his lost flactulation Stinky. Unfortunately, this is not a happy ending.

Filled with ludicrous humor and such oxy-morons as the boogers thinking Stimpy is ludicrous because he talks to his flactulations, you'll watch this over and over. It also comes with two special music videos regarding hairballs and oddballs.



Pictures in clockwise order starting at the top: The Disney Store in Fashion Fair Mall showcases *101 Dalmatians* starring Glen Close and currently being shown in theatres (photo by Cert Xaypangna); *The Preacher's Wife*, a Penny Marshall film starring Whitney Houston (in photo) and Denzel Washington will be shown in the theatres December 13; and *Jingle All the Way* starring Arnold Swartzenegger (in photo) and comedian Sinbad, currently being shown in theatres.



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RAM QUOTE  
OF THE WEEK

"We have a real good nucleus. We also have a lot of kids coming in who are going to be real, real tough."

--Wrestling Coach Bill Musick on his returning squad for next season.

RAMS  
SMOTHER  
HANCOCK

By Scott A. Mayes

In a week that saw Steve Cleveland's Men's Basketball team post two victories, there was little to worry about. Fresno City College finished out the week with a 130-62 rout of Allan Hancock Junior College.

The only sore spot would be the soreness in Larry Abney's ankle. Abney, the starting center sat out the game while taking care of his minor injury.

The good news is that The Rams had more than enough weapons to compensate. They scored the 3rd most points in school history in the process. Nine players scored in double figures.

Michael Garrett of Fresno lead all scorers with 20 points. Fresno now has a record of 7-2 and has looked impressive during this young season.

For a look at this year's team and their characteristics, we start with Coach Cleveland: Cleveland is in his seventh year as the coach at FCC. Last year's team advanced to the final eight in the state of California. In an academic note, all five of last year's starters graduated last spring.

Although this team is extremely explosive, the future only looks more powerful. This year's team only has 3 sophomores while carrying 7 freshman.

This year's post players include Larry Abney, Nick French, Johnny Davis and Tim Hurt. The guard position is loaded with Edwyn Malone, Michael Garrett, Rafer Alston, Cory Powell, Casey Cleveland, Darnell McCoy and Ron Selleaze.



Cory Powell eludes would be shot blockers against American River

By Scott A. Mayes

Paris Ruiz and Stan Greene were crowned state champions last weekend at Victor Valley. At the wrestling state championships, the rich wrestling tradition broke through as four FCC wrestlers were crowned All-Americans.

Ruiz won the championship for the 126 lb. weight class. Greene, as expected, won the 134 lb. weight class. Santos Garcia, who wrestles at 118, finish fourth. Rounding out the All-Americans, William Brown placed 6th at 142 lbs.

"Paris Ruiz was a good kid to watch," said Head Coach Bill Musick. "He was ranked fourth in his weight class and had to beat the number one, two and three seed to win the title."

Sacramento won the team title. Palomar and Rancho Santiago placed second and third respectively. Fresno finished 6th. The competition was close with the exception of Sacramento. Fresno, finishing in sixth place, was just 10 points out of third place and 12 points out of second.

Musick was pleased with this year's team performance: "We exceeded our goals as a team. With a young group including 8 freshman and just 2 sophomores, Fresno won the dual meet state championship in convincing fashion over Cerritos 37-3.

In Musick's time here with the Rams, he has compiled a healthy resume to include: 17 league championships, 4 state championships and 3 dual meet state championships.

Next year's squad should be promising as eight freshman return



photo by Cert Xaypangna

Brent Gutierrez directs traffic on a kickoff during The Annual Producer's Dairy Bowl

women's basketball squad primed  
for '97 season

By Scott A. Mayes

First year coach Karen Wood is transitioning well to her new position at FCC. Incidentally, her team is doing just as well.

They concluded last week with a win against a pesky Gavilan team 58-41.

"It was a real physical game," remarked Wood. "Shawnta (Debro) was flattened to the ground three times. We thought she might have a concussion. It's real good whenever you can come up with a win on the road." Wood labeled the game against Gavilan "one of the worst officiated games" she had ever seen.

Wood, whose team now carries a 6-1 record, comes to Fresno City College from Lemoore High School where she coached for over 20 years. Wood is currently the winningest coach in High School Women's Basketball history with 375 wins,

In addition, five of her nine teams made the state's final four since the birth of the state playoffs. She was the California Coach of the Year in 1995 and a regional national finalist in 1996.

"You can build a good program," said Wood of the opportunity here at FCC. "There are not a lot of choices for valley athletes coming out of high school. There is an opportunity to build a program that valley high school's can feed into."

This year's team, similar to the men's, is really young. The 1996 squad has 9 freshman and just 2 sophomores. At 6-1, this looks to be more than a building year. Next year should be a sight to see.

photo by Cert Xaypangna

FCC Comes Up Short  
In Battle of Ram Teams

By Sean Cabibi

The Rams beat the Rams. Confused? Well if you're the Gavilan Rams, you're far from confused. Even though Gavilan quarterback Brian Vye was intercepted four times, sacked four times, and basically beaten up, he still managed to pull off a 20 to 18 win and take the Most Valuable Player award in the Producer's Dairy Bowl.

Fresno City College opened the game aggressively with a sack, provided by Jeff Nelson, giving FCC a safety. Later in the 1st quarter, FCC would drive down to the goal line only to have a penalty force them to kick a field goal, to make the score 5 to 0.

Gavilan, however, hit back hard with a 23-yard touchdown run provided by running back Lionel Espinosa, gave the Gavilan Rams a 6 to 5 lead at the end of the 1st quarter.

But Gavilan wasn't the only team to put the ball in the end zone. FCC fired back with two touchdowns in the 2nd quarter. A 48-yard touchdown pass to tight end James Levandusky and a 63-yard interception return by linebacker Brent Gutierrez, giving the Fresno City College Rams an 18 to 6 halftime lead.

Unfortunately, the second half was in Gavilan's favor. Quarterback Brian Vye was able to put together two touchdown drives. In the 3rd quarter, Vye completed a 36-yard touchdown pass to receiver Armando Muro, closing the score 18 to 14. Early in the 4th quarter, Vye would find receiver Jeff Schirle. Schirle's whirlwind catch, fumble, and recovery of his own fumble in the end zone, an 80-yard play, gave Gavilan a 20 to 18 lead.

FCC's last hopes rested on the foot of kicker Mark Dragoo, who missed a tough 47-yard field goal as time clicked off. "That's one of those games you'd like to play over, but don't get to," said FCC coach Vance Stanley. FCC finishes the season at 6-5.

RAM LEDGER

MEN BASKETBALL  
FCC 130, HANCOCK 62

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
FCC 72, FOOTHILL 61  
FCC 58, GAVILAN 41

PRODUCER'S DAIRY  
BOWL  
GAVILAN 20, FCC 18

WRESTLING STATE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

STATE CHAMPIONS  
PARIS RUIZ (126)  
STAN GREENE (134)

4TH PLACE  
SANTOS GARCIA

6TH PLACE  
WILLIAM BROWN

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

DEC. 10-14  
MODESTO TOURNAMENT  
DEC. 19--7PM  
VS SIERRA COLLEGE AT ROCKLIN  
JAN. 4--7PM  
VS SOLANO AT SUISUN

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

DEC. 13--7PM  
AT AMERICAN RIVER  
DEC. 15--1PM  
SAN JOSE CITY AT FCC  
DEC. 17--7PM  
AT ALLAN HANCOCK





BULLDOG QUOTE  
OF THE WEEK

"I felt helpless out there. It was a tough game. We didn't show up tonight."

--FSU guard Chris Herren on the bulldog's first loss of the season at Oregon.

## Bulldogs Suffer First Defeat

by Scott A. Mayes

On a day that was somewhat depressing, the Fresno State Men's Basketball team found one thing to smile about. As they were being surprised at Oregon, their WAC Conference rival Utah was being upset by Arizona. That was the only smiling thought.

The bulldogs had only two players score in double figures in the 87-75 loss. In contrast, Oregon had four players in double figures including a game high 23 points from Jamal Lawrence. Oregon led at the half 34-25.

FSU Coach Jerry Tarkanian used a slightly different lineup which has become a regular occurrence this young season. Gerrit Terdenge and Darnell McCulloch started at the forward positions. Rahsaan Smith started at center. The guards were Dominick Young and Kendrick Brooks.

Tarkanian has said that he will rotate his three guards all season (Brooks, Herren, and Young). Young had 19 while Brooks had 7 as did Herren who came off the bench and played 25 minutes.

"Getting your butt kicked makes you recover," remarked Herren.

The Bulldogs get ready for Texas and Texas Tech on the road this week.

Incidentally, if you purchased a television from Gottschalks on the premise that it would be free should the Bulldogs go undefeated through Jan. 1, 1997, start planning. The TV just got a lot more expensive.

## 49ERS IN PLAYOFFS: RAIDERS AND CHARGERS HANG ON IN FIGHT TO THE FINISH

By Scott A. Mayes

With two weeks to go, all three California teams are very much alive in the NFL playoff race.

As usual, the AFC is the most confusing. There are still 13 teams alive in the hunt.

Denver and Pittsburgh have clinched their respective divisions (West and Central), thus securing a bid in the playoffs. New England has not clinched the East Division Championship but has secured a playoff spot by virtue of their 10-4 record. Buffalo is one game behind New England in the East at 9-5.

Kansas City also has a record of 9-5.

They could of clinched a playoff berth with a win against Oakland last week, but instead the Raiders stayed alive with a 26-7 bombing of the Chiefs.

The above mentioned will probably be 5 of the 6 AFC playoff teams. The final spot gets a little more tricky.

If the season ended today, the Indianapolis Colts would get the last spot. They are currently the sole AFC team at 8-6 with games remaining at Kansas City and at Cincinnati.

There are four teams in the mix at 7-7 for the last spot merely waiting for the Colts to lose. Oakland, Jacksonville, San Diego and Houston are at the 7-7 mark. The above order of these teams shows how they would finisg per the NFL's tiebreaker system if the season ended today.

Miami, Cincinnati and Seattle are still mathematically alive at 6-8 but would need a lot of help.

The NFC is a little more clear. Green Bay (11-3), Carolina (10-4) and San Francisco (10-4) have clinched playoff berths. Carolina and San Francisco are fighting for the NFC West Championship. If they end in a tie, the Panthers will win the division. The Panthers beat the 49ers both times this year.

Dallas is in good shape at 9-5 in the playoff race. The NFC has three teams at 8-6 (Philadelphia, Minnesota, Washington) with only two spots remaining. Arizona, Chicago and The NY Giants are all 6-8. They are still alive but it's not very realistic that they will be playing in January.



By Nam Dang

The National Basketball Association season is off to a great start. In the Eastern Conference, the Detroit Pistons continue to improve under the tutelage of head coach Doug Collins as well as the leadership of veteran Joe Dumars and young phenom Grant Hill as they attempt to overtake the throne in the Central division. Following the Pistons, the Cleveland Cavaliers (led by all-star guard Twirl Brandon and

former Duke star Danny Ferry) and the Atlanta Hawks (led by the NBA's all-time winningest coach Lenny Wilkens and NBA defensive sensation Dikembe Mutombo) appear to be strong teams with playoff implications.

The Miami Heat are the surprise team of the Atlantic division of the Eastern conference as they are continuing to overtake the New York Knicks as kings of their respective division. The Knicks, meanwhile are trying to build a championship team with the additions of all-star Larry Johnson, guard Allan Houston, and first round picks John Wallace (Syracuse), Dontae Jones, and Walt McCarty (Kentucky). Another surprise team in the Atlantic division is the Washington Bullets (led by two of the former Michigan Five stars, Juwan Howard and Chris Webber as well as 7-7 center Gheorge Muresan).

The big news out West is the signing of Shaquille O'Neal by the Lakers. His addition should make the Lakers a powerhouse in the Pacific Division as well as the Western Conference. The Seattle Supersonics, meanwhile, have NBA championship in their mind and they will do everything they can to accomplish that goal. The Midwest division has a couple of teams that strong as well. The Houston Rockets are off to a great start at 16 and 2. they further solidified their lineup by acquiring Charles Barkley from Phoenix. Another strong team in the Midwest is the Utah Jazz with the tandem of Karl "the Mailman" Malone and John Stockton.

## REMAINING GAMES FOR PLAYOFF HOPEFULS

KANSAS CITY  
VS INDIANAPOLIS; AT BUFFALO

BUFFALO  
AT MIAMI; VS KANSAS CITY

INDIANAPOLIS  
AT KANSAS CITY; AT CINCINNATI

OAKLAND  
AT DENVER; VS SEATTLE

JACKSONVILLE  
VS SEATTLE; VS ATLANTA

SAN DIEGO  
AT CHICAGO; VS DENVER

HOUSTON  
VS CINCINNATI; AT BALTIMORE

DALLAS  
VS NEW ENGLAND; AT WASHINGTON

MINNESOTA  
VS TAMPA BAY; AT GREEN BAY

PHILADELPHIA  
AT NY JETS; VS ARIZONA

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## NBA Season off to Great Start

## A CLOSER LOOK...

### AT TOP FIVES

by Scott A. Mayes

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NFL IN CALIFORNIA

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SF AT PITTSBURGH DEC. 15

SEATTLE AT OAKLAND DEC. 22  
DENVER AT SAN DIEGO DEC. 22  
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FSU AT TEXAS DEC. 14  
FSU VS TEXAS TECH AT LAS VEGAS  
DEC. 21  
FSU AT ST. MARY'S DEC. 23



## What would we do without Dickens?

### ■ Ode to the "Christmas Carol" Maker

By Sean Cabibi

Keeping with the spirit of the holidays, we once again revisit some of our favorite traditions. Along with the presents, decorated trees, and old Christmas songs, we are also reintroduced to classic Christmas tales. Stories such as "It's A Wonderful Life," "The Grinch that Stole Christmas," and "A Christmas Carol"—one of the most famous stories ever written. This Charles Dickens classic has become as much a part of Christmas as Santa Claus.

Charles John Huffam Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England, on Feb. 7, 1812. His family moved to London where he attended school until the age of 15. Dickens became a newspaper reporter soon after, covering mostly political stories and feature articles. This gave him the background for what would become his first book, "Sketches by Boz." At the age of 24, Dickens would

find literary success with "The Pickwick Papers." This helped launch the start of two magazines, "Household Words" and "All the Year Round," both founded by Dickens.

With the success of his magazine publications, Dickens was constantly in the news. He was recognized wherever he went. He achieved major popularity both in Britain and the United States.

In 1843 Dickens would write his masterpiece, "A Christmas Carol." In the book, three ghost show the old miser Ebenezer Scrooge his past, present, and future. Realizing he has been living a life of greed, Scrooge changes into a warm and unselfish person. This book would make Dickens an icon.

By 1865, Dickens had written 19 books. Some of the more notable are "Oliver Twist," "David Copperfield," "A Tale of Two Cities," and "Great Expectations," along with "A Christmas Carol." Charles Dickens would die of a stroke on June 9, 1870 at the age of 58, but his literary works live on.

## A Gift Of Love

### ■ Good Deeds go further than you think.

By Amy Klassen-Cox

If money is tight during the holidays this year, there are still quite a few things that people can do to give of themselves and not spend very much money. The following are just some examples of the ways that a warm heart can be expressed:

- Volunteer at a local hospital to read holiday stories to the children who can not spend the holidays with their families.
- Visit with an elderly shut-in and offer to look at their old family photo albums with them. Allow them to reminisce, and you may learn of some interesting holiday traditions.
- Donate any unwanted toys, clothes, or blankets to a local shelter. Most shelters are filled to capacity during the cold weather season and would appreciate the items.
- Visit a nursing home and chat with the residents who are not with their families for the holidays.
- Offer to babysit for friends so that

they can shop, dine, or just relax for a much-needed breather this year.

- Take some friends down Christmas Tree Lane.

- Offer to help a friend clean their house before the parade of relatives converges upon them.

- Invite a friend to a holiday meal.

- Offer to assist someone in the preparations of the holiday meal or bake-a-thon.

- Share some merriment by gathering others and singing carols to neighbors. Try to all stay in the same key for the neighbor's sake.

- Send hand made greeting cards. The personal touch will mean the most to those closest to you.

This list is only the beginning. There are many ways to express the true nature of the season, and monetary value has nothing to do with it. How much is a smile worth? How much would you pay for the sparkle in a child's eye? It is the selfless gifts of the heart that mean the most, once you look past the tinsel and lights on the glow-in-the-dark plastic Santa on the front lawn.

## Holiday Precautions

By Amy Klassen-Cox

During the holiday season, personal crimes increase. The following is a list of preventative measures to ensure personal safety while shopping for the perfect gifts:

- Do not shop alone. A lone shopper loaded down with packages makes an easy target. If you can not avoid shopping alone, many malls and stores will provide an escort to your vehicle.
- Use credit cards or checks. Try to keep the amount of cash carried to a minimum.
- Park in well lit areas.
- Keep a firm grasp on any purses to prevent purse-snatching.
- When leaving purchases in a vehicle, try to conceal them from criminal's eyes by locking them in

the trunk or covering them with a blanket or coat.

- Keep a very close watch on children. They can disappear quickly and easily in a crowd. Should they

become lost, contact store or mall security immediately. Also check the toy section, live pet section, and

any special displays that would catch children's attention.

Remaining alert about one's surroundings is the best safety measure. Many malls and shopping centers add to their security force during the holiday shopping season. This is not only to deter shoplifting, but to add to the safety of the customers as well. If a few simple safety tips are followed, the holidays should be as risk-free as possible.

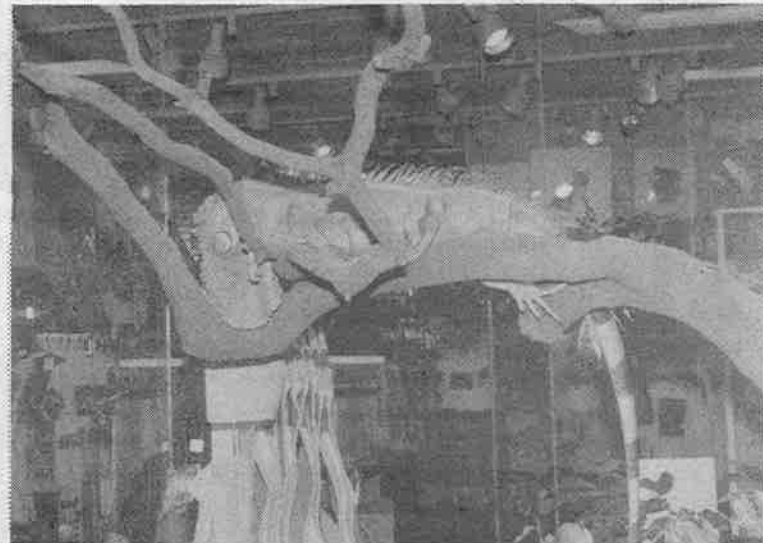
## This Place is a ZOO



By Alina Vannavong

If you have not yet heard of the latest attraction at Fashion Fair Mall, it is the live green iguana (scientific name *Iguana iguana*) displayed in a shop named "This Place is a Zoo!" This Place is a Zoo! opened its door Nov. 1 and will remain open throughout the holidays until Jan. 1, 1997. It is located two stores down from Macy's on the right side. This is the first year the store has opened at Fashion Fair Mall. The previous three years were at Sierra Vista Mall.

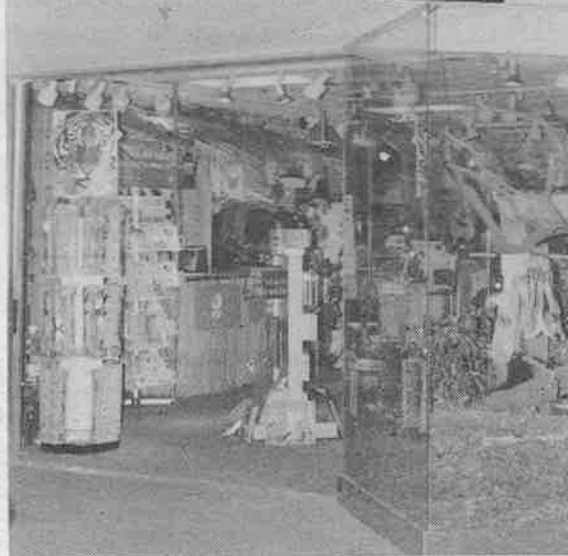
On display is a live green iguana named Spike. Spike is about 10 years old. He weighs 16 pounds and is six feet long. His diet consists of



smoother than Spike's back.

The purpose of the store is to educate the public and promote awareness of the zoo by bringing the animals and

about being a docent and rainforest volunteer at the zoo. He ecstatically exclaimed, "I volunteer at the zoo because I love the animals!" His wife, Karen, standing nearby adoring a variety of animal merchandise, is also a rainforest volunteer at the zoo. Animal lovers; make sure to stop by and take advantage of what the store has to offer before it's gone!



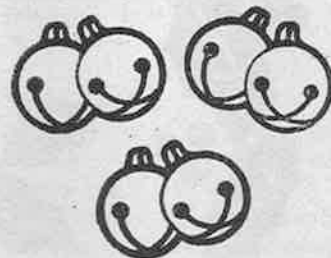
brightly colored flowers, tender shoots, leaves and tropical fruits. "I learned a lot from working here. He's the attraction," said Maria Cortex, a retailer for the store. Spike is enjoying the holidays at the mall because he is usually locked up in a smaller cage at the Chaffee Zoo during the winter due to his slow metabolism. However, in the summer Spike is free to roam in an area of the Chaffee Zoological Garden known as the Rainforest. Beside Spike's scaly attraction, there is much nature and wildlife merchandise you can purchase to benefit the Chaffee Zoo. With the financial help of AT&T Wireless Service, the store is running

bio-facts (facts about animals) out to the mall every Saturday at noon. Its purpose is also to raise money to expand and renovate new exhibits. All new exhibits at the Chaffee Zoo are sponsored by the Fresno Zoo Society, a nonprofit organization. Because of the hard work and commitment of the Fresno Zoo Society, Amber Adams, retail manager for This Place is a Zoo! said, "The zoo is doing great. [It] is looking better and better." Tom Rosenwald is very enthusiastic

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## 1st Annual RAMPAGE Weekly Journalism Awards

## And The Winner Is...

By Darren B. Angelos  
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Darren B. Angelos(Editor, left) and Mat Garcia(Channel 47, middle) hands an award to a Rampage Weekly staff contributing writer Dan Martin



A warm thanks to Tom Hagihara (Yoshino's Pacific Cafe) for the Hospitality and Catering of the Awards

It has been proven that Rome was not built in a day, however, the Journalism Dept. here at FCC has certainly achieved many hard earned goals in this the 48th year of the "RAMPAGE." It all started when I initiated my research on the birth of the college about June of last year. It was a summer long ordeal and when instruction started for Fall, work on the Historical Issue had barely commenced. While compiling the special issue, my staff had embarked upon a 4 week training mode and prepared for the new "Weekly" schedule to begin. The commemorative issue was released and my new staff immediately began production on the "RAMPAGE Weekly."

Now it is the end of the year, and as I look back over the work they put into this paper and the support they

gave to make this vision possible, I can only dream of what we can accomplish next. Organizing a new program and structure for this department is simply not an easy task, and I have to commend my staff for being patient as this was a entirely "new" format being incorporated.

There are many positive things I foresee from this program and many reachable goals

that I will hopefully have the ability to initiate. As long as I continue to have a staff that is blessed with creative talent, skills, and the desire of Journalism embodied in their hearts and minds, the impossible will be probable. Thanks to each and every one of you.



Alina Vannavong accepts award for Special Category on the article entitled "The Dream"



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Wednesday December 11th, 1996



# Are You Ready to Rumble ??????

■ Get to know the captain of the Falcons and fellow student Greg Spenrath.

## A Student Profile

By Debbie Irwin  
As Interviewed  
By Patrick Serban

Are you sure you're ready to rumble, with the Fresno Falcons this hockey season? Well I hope so because we have the captain of this local, professional team right here on our campus as a student. Greg Spenrath, number 27 on ice, studies for his future right here on our turf. "Spenner" is young, single and armed with definite plans for his career both athletically and otherwise. He was a pleasure to meet and thrilling to watch during recent games. As you read the following interview, remember just how exciting this game has become. If you've never been or even if you have, grab your ASB card and hold onto your mittens tightly because a mere \$3.50 for general admission seating can get you the excitement you've been looking for this upcoming weekend.

Ice hockey has become increasingly popular over the last few years. This phenomenon is evident as public ice rinks are cropping up all over out here, in the barren west. The Fresno area is scheduled for its third soon. Coupled with the fact that our local, professional team is attracting so many Canadians now (You know the other country in contention for the Stanley Cup), we need to get out and start supporting them. Life is going to pass us by if this town doesn't get out of the mentality that the only winter sport played at Selland arena is Bullpup Basketball. Tark's boys can't even make it to their required tennis courses. Well I've got news for you regarding the current Falcon's Nest, next semester more of the players had decided to attend our school, furthering their personal education. Does everyone out there realize these men are in professional league? They aren't required to go to school to stay on the roster. The man this interview surrounds was articulate, educated and very sure of himself, definitely not the stereotypical jock.

**Background - Personal** - Born and raised in Edmonton Alberta, Canada until 16, then moved to Vancouver Canada to play junior hockey. After that Spenner was drafted by the New York Rangers. He was with the organization for two years. He then bounced around other minor leagues until the Falcons contacted him, giving him a chance to go to school and still play in a professional league.

**Sports during Youth** - Due to the intense training schedule for junior hockey he and his other teammates were not allowed to play any other school sports. Talk about dedication.

He started ice skating at two years of age and ice hockey at four years.

**Education Goals** - Receive an AA degree from Fresno City College, then transfer to Fresno State University to achieve a Bachelor in Psychology. He wants to approach coaching or some other professional activity related to hockey.

**Favorite Class or Teacher** - Greg refers to one of his Psychology teachers, Mr. Hallstone, as Doctor Johnny Fever. He says he is fun to learn from. He also stated he is enjoying attending here, finding it a great atmosphere to be around.

**Professional Goals before Graduation** - This is his seventh year in professional hockey. Currently he wants to continue playing for the Falcons in the winter, however he also plays Box Lacrosse, in Vancouver during the summer. This is also a professional sport and can be caught on ESPN. Check it out in '97 and you might see him on the big sports screen.

**Questions - If the IHL (International Hockey League - one step below the NHL) calls again what team would you like to play on?** "I really liked playing on the Utah Grizzlies, they treated me well."

**What about the NHL?** "Being from Edmonton I would love to play for the Oilers. Early in my career I realized my dream of long term NHL play would not be obtainable, so I reset my educational goals to allow me to stay close to the sport."

**Are you happy to be back here with the Falcons?** (He recently had played two games with the Grizzlies as referenced above) Ah yes, I really like Fresno, the people here treat us well. I have made many friends outside of the game. If things go well I'll be here for awhile. **Personal Stats with Falcons through 11/16/96** - 10 Games - 3 Goals 2 Assists for a total of 8 Points - 3rd Place on Team. 55 Penalty Minutes.

**What are your personal goals regarding Falcon hockey?** I want to bring the Fresno Falcons a championship, the West Coast Hockey League Taylor Cup would be really nice. I think we have a team now to put a championship team on the ice.

**How deep is the Fresno / San Diego Gulls rivalry?** "Its pretty good, we are one and one with each other. They beat us in the finals last year, so there is a lot of action and personal rivalry. It should be pretty interesting to see how the season ends." **Fresno Fact** - Falcons have handed San Diego their first season loss both this year and last.

**Are there any other rivalries?** There are only seven teams in the West Coast division so you see the other players often. The play is so intense you begin to hate them more and more which sets the stage for altercations, but hey that's what

makes the sport fun.

**What is your most memorable game or play?** "With the Falcons, a game during the playoffs against San Diego last year which we won, that one really sticks out in my mind. It was won in overtime."

**What is your most memorable altercation?** "I don't know, I don't really like to think about that too much. There are some guys that the crowd loves to see go at it. The one that sticks out for me personally, is last season when Shobottom from the Gulls, we mixed it up, I broke some of his ribs, he then chased me out of the penalty box. That was pretty much a good time as far as fights go."

**Was that during the Taylor Cup?** "No, that was before the playoffs. At the Taylor cup we had a line brawl ( anyone in this town who even just glances at the sports page can remember that one) He came at me with both gloves but that was it, he wasn't successful in doing any damage."

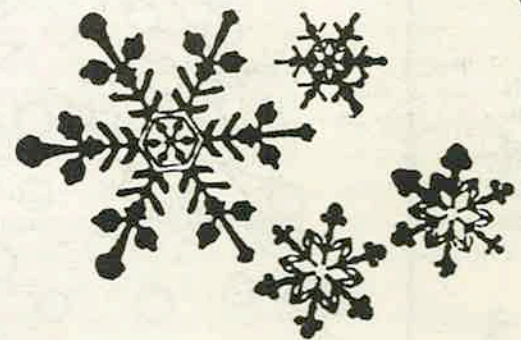
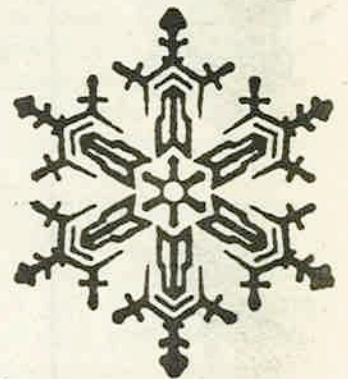
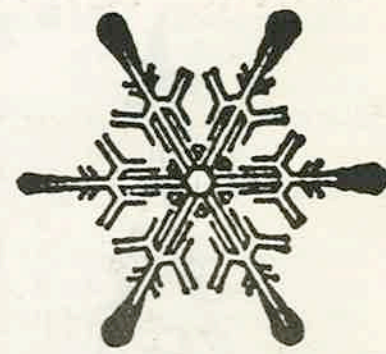
**How is Hockey improving in the west?** "It's really catching on good. Obviously, the players are jumping ship to this league from others. They really like playing in Nevada & California, its much nicer than in Michigan and the like."

**What words of encouragement or discouragement do you have for future players?** "Always keep an open mind. You never know where the road of life is going to take you. Any opportunity is a good opportunity, it's what you make of it."

**Why is ice hockey better for the community than say roller derby, boxing, wrestling?** "Ice hockey is a family oriented game. If you come down to the game you'll see a lot of younger kids there. The speed and skill of the game is really appealing to quite a few people. They get to see fast action that really gets exciting."

**Do you roller blade?** "For fun during the summer, I am not as good as on the ice. Just think, his worst day on blades is probably more swain-like, than anything you or I could reach for."

The bottom line is the Fresno Falcons deserve our attention. Especially now that we know some of our fellow students are on the team. As I mentioned earlier the Falcons support us with a student discount, so let's support them with a greater attendance. Special thanks to the Rampage editorial staff, for extending our reporting to student and player profiles regarding the Falcons. And to the Falcons Media Relations Courtney Coffland, for being so willing and energetic in compiling with all our requests. The Falcons can be reached on the Internet - E - Mail [falcons@cybergate.com](mailto:falcons@cybergate.com) & Home Page location - [members.aol.com/fresnofalc](http://members.aol.com/fresnofalc).



Regarding the earlier shots I took at Fresno State, well it's time to fess up; While I was researching archived stories for the Historical issue I found some interesting facts: Like, did you know that Fresno City College was the first site of Fresno State? After the separation we

played against them in league sports? On top of that we almost always won. Almost all of the articles referred to the Bulldogs as Bullpups. I thought it was hilarious considering their current stature-just couldn't wait to use the phrase, hope you enjoyed the pun it as much as I did.

## Game Highlights

■ Falcons have been closing in on the West Coast Hockey, League Leader, Rival San Diego Gulls.

By Patrick Serban

In a game where WCHL's leading scorer Stephane St. Amour was out due to injury, San Diego did not fare well when Fresno handed them their first loss of the season, 6-4. Both are rivals and in all there was 119 penalty minutes and five fights not including the one in the crowd. Fresno got out to an early lead with a goal by Teemu Mummunen and an assist by Corey Lyons. Craig Lyons got a game misconduct for third man in a fight and arguing. A while later San Diego tied it up at 1-1.

Seventeen minutes into the first, Fresno rookie, Mark Szoke scored two of his goals unassisted. Thirty nine seconds left in the same session San Diego tied it at 2-2. Late in the second, Greg Spenrath de-

flected the puck in the net on a power play, with an assist by Craig Chapman and Glen Gulutzan. That gave Fresno a 3-2 lead.

On going back to the locker rooms there was a similar pile-up fight in which a San Diego player got tossed out of the game. This only fired up the Falcons, who on return added to their score with a goal by Szoke during a power play. He was assisted in the effort by defensemen Mark Kuntz and Brandon Carper.

San Diego came back with two goals only to be disappointed by Fresno's Kelly Hulgren scoring, assisted by Corey Lyons and Greg Spenrath on another power play. For insurance, Glen Gulutzan scored on an open-net power play and was assisted by Spenrath and Hulgren. Falcons won 6-4.

The Falcons have continued to climb up the ranks, they have even beat San Diego, the league leader on their home turf.

## Home Game Calendar 1996/97 Season

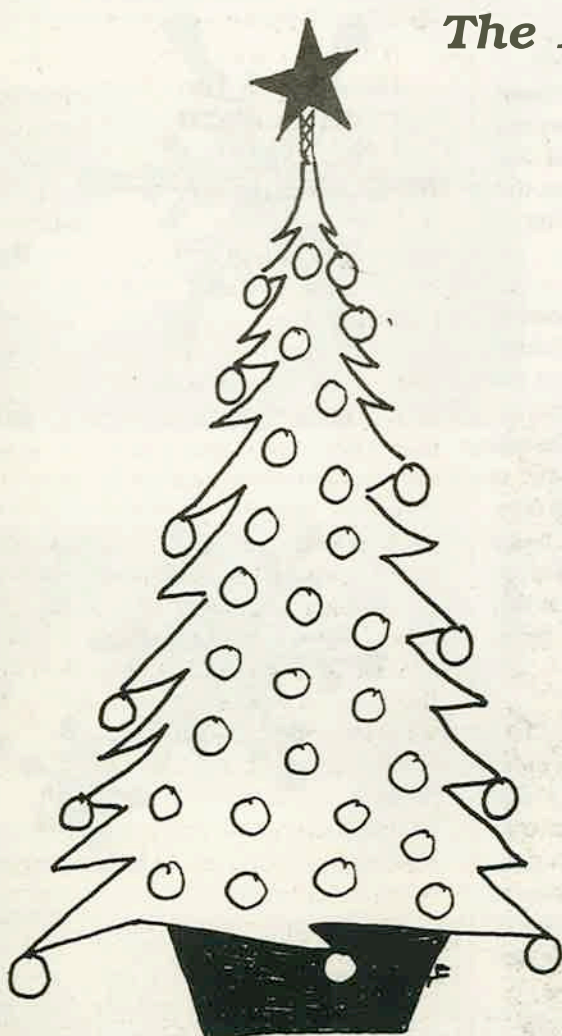
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Friday 24 Anchorage  
Saturday 25 San Diego  
Tuesday 28 Reno

February  
Sunday 2 Bakersfield  
Sunday 9 Reno  
Friday 14 Alaska  
Saturday 15 Alaska  
Monday 17 San Diego  
Sunday 23 Reno  
Wednesday 26 Alaska

March  
Saturday 1 Anchorage  
Sunday 2 Anchorage  
Friday 14 Reno  
Saturday 15 Anchorage  
Tuesday 18 Anchorage





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# Charity Tree Project

The staff members of Rampage Weekly and FCC Mascot are proud to donate the first tree to a needy home on December 16th. At time of print of this issue, we were unavailable to provide recipient information but will have more details of this event after the 16th. Call or stop by our offices at SC-211, 442-8262.

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## Student Overcomes Obstacles

■ Al Robles has worked hard to get ahead after a serious setback.

By Leah Eddens

When you see custodians on campus what do you think? "Oh, how glamorous," "how sad," or "maybe I'll just leave my garbage here, anyway the janitors will pick it up." Well, Al Robles is one of those custodians. He is also a student here at Fresno City College.

Al prides himself as a hard worker. He started working in the food department at the California State University Fresno when he was 14-years old, and was a boss by the time he was 18. At age 21 Al went to ground maintenance at CSUF. Then, tragedy struck. On a road trip home from San Jose, Al asked his friend to drive. His friend took over, but soon fell asleep at the wheel. Losing control, the car careened and flipped. Al was ejected out of the window, and slammed his head on the concrete island. He was comatose for three months. Upon awakening, Al faced the challenge of overcoming an

uncontrollable temper, and fine tuning his motor skills. Ten-and-a-half years later, there is little noticeable trace of after-effects of the accident. "As you can tell," Al says, "I'm a nice person—you know what I mean." For Al it is still harder to remember things, and his speech is a bit slower than it used to be. "I didn't lose my mentality to think or talk, but things get done a little more slowly," he says.

This reduced speed, however, is not noticeable in Al's work. In the past five years, his duties have run the gamut from cleaning particular rooms and offices, including the district office; to being in charge of sanitary disposal for the whole campus. There isn't an area of this campus that hasn't been scoured, swept or sanitized by Al. Al believes that people think a janitor's work is meaningless. "But if someone confronted me," he says, "I'd tell them right back, 'I know what I'm doing when it comes to cleaning, buffing, stripping...'" Yes, he does know what he's doing, which is why, out of 100 men who applied for custodial

positions, only the top three got the job. Al was one of them. Having gone through his own disability, Al now hopes to become a counselor for disabled people. "I want to help people like him," Al says as he points to a friend riding by in a wheelchair. If a strong work ethic, determination, and drive are what takes to get there, Al will have no problem.

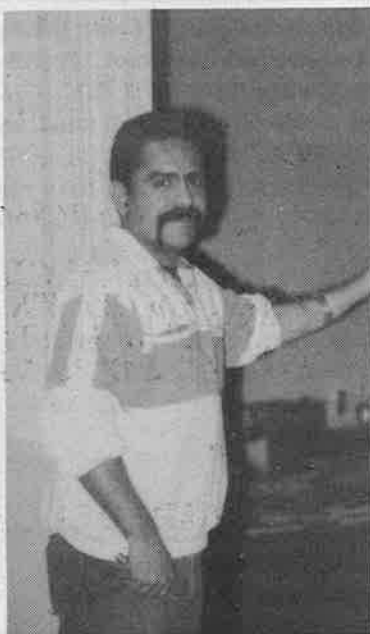


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## Single Dad Making it Work

■ Charles Clark's Architectural dreams have noble goals.

By Melissa Mc Clintock

Most students at FCC are called to plot a course, to weather the waters for obtaining our educational goals, they are rough or smooth. There are those of us who burn our candles at both ends, and there are those of us who have the gift of sliding by with little effort. Then there are those students outside the limelight who embody the very concept of responsibility and dedication. Charles Clark is one of these students. Upon participating in a tête-à-tête study group, Charles revealed himself to be a student of discipline and determination. Like many students, Charles is

finishing his associate's degree next spring semester and transferring to a university. This in itself is an admirable accomplishment, but upon further investigation the truth reveals that while he is attending school full-time, he is also a single parent raising five children.

Upon entering college, Charles chose to sacrifice the financial benefits of owning a successful contracting business to challenge himself; and now he has reached the half-way mark of his final goal of becoming an architectural engineer. In choosing the appropriate university, he has begun collecting his recommendation letters and formulated the process for relocating his family. In addition, Charles has taken on the responsibility of supporting

his elderly father.

Charles reveals that his biggest challenge to juggling work, school, and his family is the issues that happen outside school. He eventually hopes to use his degree and skills to wipe out poverty by building houses for the homeless.

Charles' key to success is "determination." We as students must each find our own keys to success and use them. As we near the end of the fall semester, let us remind ourselves that on the road to scholastic excellence, finals burnout is temporary; our degree is permanent.



## A Sign of Communication

■ Ms. Hodges our own deaf sign language teacher really understands her students.

By Charoletta Hister

As an outstanding colleague to the faculty, and a sweet teacher to the students, Ms. Cindy Hodges has brought to individuals a new way and feeling to learning American Sign Language (ASL).

Ms. Hodges is a deaf sign language teacher who has been teaching at FCC for seven years and has brought individuals a comfortable, relaxed way of learning American Sign Language. Her patience and understanding are what make her the great teacher she is. Since Jan. 1988 Ms. Cindy Hodges has been teaching sign language all over the San Joaquin Valley.

When interviewing Ms. Hodges I asked her what was her main goal when teaching individuals sign language. She responded, "My main goal in teaching ASL [American sign language] to students is to assist them in feeling comfortable using it when communicating with the deaf and to increase their awareness and sensitivity to

the deaf culture." She also expressed that she enjoys teaching ASL because it makes her feel good to see how much students are interested in learning and sharing ASL.

Ms. Hodges is a teacher who brings the whole new meaning to the word "can't." She shows her students that learning sign language is a learning process. Not only do you gain another language, you also meet friends and learn a new way to understand the deaf culture. She also shows individuals that just because you can't hear, your life is not over. Students who had her throughout the years have taken the skills that she has taught them and used them in situations throughout their life.

Ms. Hodges is a role model to many students around the San Joaquin Valley. She has put an outlook in students' eyes that makes them want to learn more and more about the deaf community and language. Not only is she a great individual, she is also an excellent teacher. This is why Ms. Hodges is considered a part of "Excellence In Teaching"—she makes individuals want to learn more and more each day.



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## FCC Trying to Improve Accessibility to Classes

By Patricia Leon

Being a college student isn't ever easy. It takes self discipline to do homework, turn in reports, spend most of your usual free time while centering around one subject or another while your friends and family go out and party and do their own thing, not to mention how you have to work at paying for the privilege of getting that education. You think that's hard, consider what it's like being disabled. On top of all the usual frustrations and personal help needs, there's also accessibility problems such as

not being able to open the restroom doors, as is the case for some students in the brand-new Allied Health Building, which houses the Wave program and prepares the developmentally disabled to go out into the world and take care of themselves.

Disabled Student Services Counselor Ed Lund is involved in trying to help solve such problems of accessibility for the disabled; he is on the Campus Access Committee that meets once a month. He reports that now there is a campaign to stop students who do not have a disability from using the

elevators in the Science building. This building has three floors and a number of disabled students have to use the elevators to get to their classes. If they are in use by the other students, the disabled are made late to class. DSS has a flier circulating on campus to discourage able-bodied students from using the elevators. Mr. Lund also has some suggestions to help eliminate the parking dilemma. He relates that some other college campuses such as CalPoly, in San Luis Obispo, have parking areas quite distant for all students with shuttles that run every 15 minutes. There is

also the suggested parking ramp, four or five stories high with elevators and shuttles to campus. This is just in the discussion phase, and there's the age-old problem of funding. Anyone interested is invited to come to the Campus Access Committee meeting scheduled for Feb. 4, 1997, at 2:30 p.m. in the Library conference room. All suggestions are welcome.

The fact remains, these plans will take years for fruition; and in the meantime it will take cooperation, consideration and compassion to make life on campus more pleasant for all.



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# Don't look now but we almost have a new freeway

By Dan Martin

The semester ends next week for Fresno City College students, but the work will continue for construction workers extending Freeway 180. The extension will allow future students faster access to Fresno City College.

Construction on the extension began in late September. The freeway will extend east from Freeway 41, connecting to the Clovis-bound Freeway 168, also under construction. The projects should be done by 1999, said the Fresno County Transportation Authority.

Workers are now erecting the "building blocks" for a bridge—a junction which will connect southbound Freeway 41

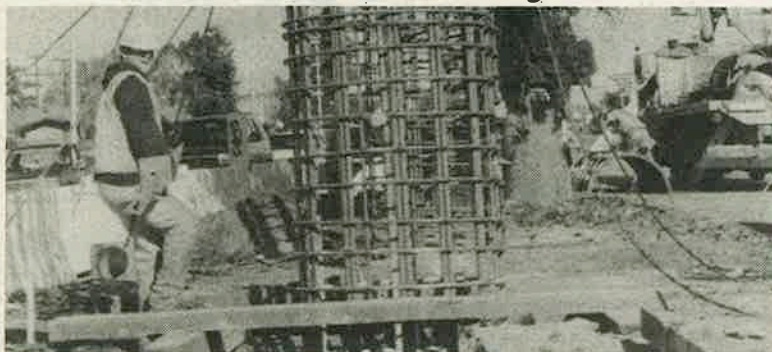


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to eastbound Freeway 180. "We do this before any of the actual freeway is constructed," said a Caltrans engineer overseeing construction Friday.

Many students living east of Freeway 41 say they would like faster access to FCC. "We need an east-west freeway in this town badly," said FCC stu-

dent Rob Spain. "I hate taking a slow road like Shaw. It frustrates me."

The project is funded by Measure "C," passed in 1986 for road improvement. Between 1986 and 2006, the measure is estimated to raise \$464 million for urban freeway projects, and a total of \$884 million.

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versive activity." Much like some of the research computers already in the library, internet access will follow time schedules with sign-up sheets to allow students equal access to the services.

Students with a private internet account cannot currently access the FCC Library from off campus. Plans are in the making to change this. Datatrek, the on-line Library Catalog software company, is currently working on a new

module to allow access through the World Wide Web. Unlike California State University Fresno, FCC will not be offering free accounts to students. This is to keep tuition costs low. According to Nelson, a district committee "has been working with AT&T and MCI for over a year to get students a good deal on personal internet accounts."

While the limited access may not be what students have wanted, the plans that are now being put into action are bringing Fresno City College to a higher technological level.



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