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MARCH IS NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



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March 18, 1998

England's Queen Elizabeth I crowned at Fresno City College



Tonya McDonald takes ASG President David Shaw off to the gallows.

Photo courtesy SIFE

By Luqman Haqq
Editor-in-Chief

On the weekend of March 7 and 8, the west lawn at Fresno City College became the scene of past history as the 7th annual Renaissance Festival was held.

Acting guilds and various sponsors teamed up with Another Time Production, St Henry's Guild and students from FCC's drama Department to make it all happen.

The festival was a historically informative event that characterized many episodes taking place during the era of the early to mid-1500s—a time during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England, who's "coronation" took place at the festival here at FCC.

The Queen's district, called the "Shire," was home to the Royal Court, with people such as the Earl of Oxford, Archbishop of Canterbury, Duke of Norfolk and a host of earls, countesses, barons and baronesses.

People were dialoging many historical characters in the village. There was Gypsy Woods, home of the gypsies, and the blacksmith shop, where the blacksmith demonstrated his craft.

There were many other handicrafts of the 16th century, such as spinning yarn, and many vendors such as SIFE who were selling tri-tip sandwiches. There was a public court where many were put in the gallows, punished and publicly humiliated for their alleged crimes. ASG president David Shaw was an alleged "criminal" that was tormented with water to the face as he was pent in the gallows.

There was a Tourney Field sponsored by The Brotherhood of The Azure Cross, a local order of chivalry.

The knights in shining armor engaged in a live action sword fight as the Queen and her court looked on.

The scenes of this event take place around 1547 upon the death of King Henry VIII. He left behind the Protestant church and three children with a claim to his throne. The first to inherit the throne was his 10 year old Edward. After Edward's death in 1553, his eldest sister Mary took the throne and the nation was cast back into Catholicism. Queen Mary was a firm supporter of the Roman church.

With the death of Mary in 1558, it was hoped to be the last of King Henry's linkage to the throne. It was also hoped that Princess Elizabeth would lead them away from the religious strife and back to the peace and prosperity of her father's reign.

The funds of this program will Benefit the Central California Aids Foundation.

Looking back at Women's History

By Valerie Wells
Staff Writer

March is Women's History Month, and Fresno City College is celebrating it even bigger and better than ever before. There are many activities going on this month, from movies to presentations to panel discussions. There will also be a fashion show giving FCC's females some helpful wardrobe tips. Purple ribbons will also be distributed as a symbol of the Women's Movement. You can pick up your ribbons in the Associated Student Government office located in SC-205.

200 years ago, you would have very rarely seen a woman doctor, judge, or Senator. As the wife of a farmer, (which was the most common profession from 1776 to 1920 or after), you would have awoken before dawn to begin preparing breakfast for your family, which might have included between eight to sixteen children. This would have involved tending fire in an open fire pit, since there were no electrical stoves around back then. You would also probably have started your morning by going out and milking the cows for fresh milk, as well as possibly churning butter. You would have had to make countless trips up and down the cellar stairs hauling up meat and other essentials. That would only be the beginning of the day.

Many daily duties would include child rearing, preparing pork, beef, or chicken for storage, as well as canning vegetables for winter consumption. Helping tend the fields was also a duty of many early women.

Women in colonial times typically had 10 children and lived to the age of forty-two. They generally married at the age of 16, so it is fair to say that if you lived back then, you would have spent most of your time with a young child attached to your hip.

Although women had many duties, your main purpose as a woman in colonial days was to serve your husband. There were few laws protecting women, and issues of rape were complicated, since a woman's word was not sufficient.

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Meningitis attacks Fresno City College

By Brenda Miller
Asst. Production Manager

On March 5, an article in the *Fresno Bee* inferred a possible link between meningitis and Fresno City College. It stated that there had been "five cases of meningitis in two years."

Many students and relatives of students attending FCC were alarmed at this report of an apparent silent stalker in the school. To learn that one student actually died and several others were critically ill by this life threatening infection was unimaginable.

One of the students affected told the *Fresno Bee* that he did believe there was a connection between attending FCC and his encounter with Meningitis in 1996. He claims he still has "problems putting words together."

Due to the day of fame FCC got when the article came out, we spoke with Linda Albright, nurse and coordinator for services at FCC. She told us that students attending here should not be worried about contracting meningitis. She said that we do not have a problem with meningitis at this campus.

There has been one reported case of meningitis this semester of a student. Albright would not release the student's name, but said that "one case does not make an epidemic."

So what exactly is meningitis?

Meningitis (or Meningococcal Meningitis) is an infection of the coverings of the brain and spinal cord. It can either be caused by a fungus, bacterium or virus. Viral meningitis can be easily treated, while bacterial meningitis needs prompt attention as it is life threatening.

How do you know if you have meningitis?

Symptoms of meningitis can develop within hours and are as follows: high fever, cramps, vomiting, intense headache and a stiff neck. Some people will also feel faint and waver in and out of consciousness. Bacterial meningitis usually lasts from 2 to 10 days, with an incubation period of 3 to 4 days.

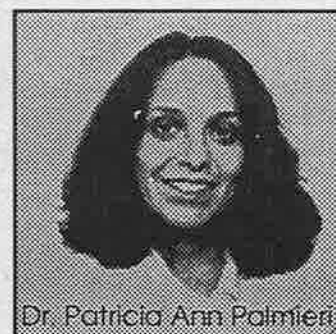
Is there anything you can do to prevent yourself from getting meningitis?

Yes. According to Linda Albright, it can be contracted anytime you share a drink, food, cigarettes or you go to the bathroom. You can also get it if someone coughs on you. You can not get it by just talking to someone. In other words, don't drink or eat after anyone else, even if you know the person. They may have come down with it or been exposed and be contagious.

The best advice for not spreading or contracting meningitis is for people to take responsibility for themselves and make sure they wash their hands and practice good hygienic habits.

A powerful force in history

By Monserrat Montiel
Contributing Writer



Dr. Patricia Ann Palmieri

San Joaquin Valley Town Hall will present Dr. Patricia Ann Palmieri on March 18 at 10:30 a.m. at the Saroyan Theater.

Palmieri, who has a doctorate from Harvard Graduate School of Education, is currently writing the first social history of being single in America. She also is a professor of U.S. History

and Women's Studies. Palmieri will be discussing the topic of "Women: A Powerful Force in History."

According to Trudy Duggan, a Valley Town Hall is a program that brings six international lectures during the year to Fresno.

Tickets are on sale to students for \$.50. Season tickets are also available for \$35, or you can call (209) 432-9671.

Looking to the future

By Scott Cropper
Entertainment Editor

The Crystal Ballroom of the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Fresno on March 6 and 7, hosted faculty, along with local business owners and residence from Fresno, Madera, Kings and Tulare counties. Anticipation stirred as they gathered to feast and finalize the Master Plan of 1998-2003.

The plans focuses are to create a bond between the colleges and communities while fulfilling the needs of students while preparing them for the working world, such as, learning the proper skills of our growing technology. Registration of students and reentry of past students had also become an important issue.

The Master Plan is a five year criteria used by the State Center Community College District, composed of ten tasks: Educational Trends; Partnerships and Marketing; Transfer Education; Occupational Education; Student Services; Economic Development/Welfare Reform; District Services: Finance/Business/Personnel/Facilities; Technology; Future Growth; External Resource Development; and the Student Development and Activities. These will hope to maintain and provide students with life long educational opportunities, information on expanding technologies, and aid in applying these skills in their businesses and communities.

The SCCCD has found that creating a relationship between the colleges and their surrounding businesses and communities to be a positive effort. Due to the rapid growth in technology, it allows faculty members to stay current about industry standards and needs, and in some cases also provide jobs for the students. The SCCCD strives for the future to meet the growing economic needs of the community we serve. The Student Employment Services area for both Fresno City College and Kings River Community College provide services for students, alumni for the college and the employers to list job openings. Services include pre-employment counseling, job search workshops, job development and job matching/referral to part-time, full-time, and summer jobs.

Another factor in creating this relationship is money. In order for schools to obtain certain types of funding, three specific relationships must be formed: 1. The integration of school based learning and work-based learning 2. The integration of academic and occupational learning 3. The establishment of effective linkages between secondary and post secondary schools.

Projecting from the Bureau of Labor's statistics, 80 percent of the jobs in the year 2000 will not require a four-year college degree, but rather specialized skills and training of more than a high school education. Basic skills such

as reading, mathematics, and language are important, but also employee skills like work ethics, respect for authority, and teamwork. To fulfill this the SCCCD needs to create more short-term, open entry, and internship programs.

Both the FCC and KRCC offer an extended service board for our diverse student body. The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOP&S) identify with those students affected by language, social and economic handicaps, allowing them the same chance to achieve their educational goals, obtain jobs and acquire degrees. These colleges are members of the Central Valley Conference and the California Community College Athletic Association, with assistance from the athletic departments to help find competitive teams, and help with the increasing costs in equipment, personal, facilities and transportation.

Providing the means for an extensive education is one thing, finding those to take advantage of it is another. The SCCCD hope to target men and women 25-49 years of age through returning students continuing education, promote the fall and summer terms to maximize their impact, using all forms of media to promote the college, and to continue to target high school graduates.

Financial Aid is available in forms of grants, scholarships and loans. Its set to provide a student with financial support to attend the institution of their choice. A lot of work needs to be accomplished in order for students to achieve academic greatness, some of the work maybe in areas the student has no idea of what is going on. This dilemma is eased with the aid of the campuses tutorial services. All students are eligible to participate in the program. it is designed to assist students in improving their subject understanding, study skills, and test preparation.

Other areas of student services indirectly involves grades. Health/Psychological services are offered under medical and psychological assistance, crisis and substance abuse counseling, as well as emergency crisis intervention. The SCCCD counseling program apart from the instructional program also aid in Health/Psychological services, with their main goal in sharing strategies in problem solving with students. The programs offered range from individual counseling, group counseling, information giving and student assessment.

To determine weather or not a student is ready to transfer, the student must be familiar with registration, admissions and records. It involves processing admissions applications, determining student residency, as well as enabling the student to chose the classes appropriate to their goals. Within this structure, grades, course attendance, and degree completion are kept.

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Campus Accessibility

by Samuel Kieffer/
Sandy Smith
Contributing Writers

On Wednesday March 3, Samuel Kieffer and myself, Sandy Smith, conducted an interview with the head of the campus police department, Chief Reyes. It concerned the vandalism rate on the campus, and how it would impact the possibility of having a pay phone and an emergency phone installed in the handicapped shelter.

Chief Reyes told us that vandalism on campus is very low at this time, and he didn't think that security was going to be a problem. He didn't have specific figures on the vandalism rate, but he assured us that keeping a high police profile on campus was a good deterrent. Chief Reyes added the fact that the types of pay phones that Pacific Bell manufactures are very durable, and not easily broken into.

When asked if he and his associates would support this project, he replied that he would and so would his agency. So it would seem that the next step is to talk with a Pacific Bell representative and find out just what will be required of us in order to have the phones installed.

POLICE LOG



March 10, 1998

■ March 10, 1998 (1:41 a.m.) — Custodian discovered graffiti on the stairwell and in the second floor mens restroom of Student Services. Under investigation. Report taken.

■ March 10, 1998 (9:34 a.m.) — Officer was dispatched to Student Services for a report of a suspicious person. Officer contacted subject and found him to be a problem in the past on campus. Subject was ordered off campus. Report taken.

■ March 10, 1998 (10:43 a.m.) — Officer took a report from a staff member regarding a VCR that had been stolen from Art/Home Economics room 208. Suspects unknown. Report taken.

■ March 10, 1998 (12:50 p.m.) — Officer took report from a staff member who had pornographic material attached with a date rape flyer taped to her bulletin board. Suspects unknown. Report taken.

Millions Still Remain Unaware They Have Silent Killers

Rampage News

Fresno, CA. The American Diabetes Association announced today that the number of people undiagnosed with diabetes has dropped by two million. Although the decrease in the undiagnosed is significant, there are still millions of people unaware of the presence of this silent killer.

"It is especially crucial to alert people to the dangers of diabetes because it can be a silent killer — gradually causing you body's blood vessels and nerves to deteriorate with no warning signs or symptoms," said Vicki Krenz, ADA board chair. "It's no wonder 1 out of 3 Americans who have diabetes don't know it."

The goal of the American Diabetes alert is to inform people of the

deadly link that exists between diabetes, age, inactivity, being overweight and having a family history of the disease. The centerpiece of the Alert is a simple, paper and pencil test people can take to assess their individual risk for the disease. The risk test is free and available by calling the Association at 1-800-DIABETES (342-2383) or at these pharmacies: Wal-Mart, Vons, Winton, Dekor Drugs, McCall in Selma, Long's, Community Care Center, & Kaiser.

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information and advocacy. Founded in 1940, the Association has a presence in every state and serves communities across the country.

ASG ELECTIONS: Who will you vote for?

Rampage news

Petitions for Associated Student Government offices for next year can be picked-up at the College Activities Office or the Associated Student Government (SC-204) on March 19, 1998.

The offices available are ASG President, Legislative and Executive Vice President, Student Trustee to the

State Center Community College District and 16 Senate seats.

You must be a member of the Fresno City College Associated Student Body, have a minimum grade point average (unless you are freshman) of 2.0 and enrollment in classes totaling 5 units or more.

People in the news

Compiled by Janetra Johnson

Charles Barkley: "I've stopped drinking."

Houston Rockets star forward Charles Barkley recently quit drinking after he realized alcohol was affecting his performance. Barkley went public with his drinking problem in an interview with NBC sports analyst Steve Jones. Now when he goes out to club, he drinks soda.

Pamela gives Tommy the boot.
According to *Newsweek*, former

Baywatch star Pamela Lee had her husband Tommy Lee arrested. Tommy made bail at \$500,000 but was ordered to stay away from home. Pamela is filing for divorce.

Having a bad week?

Time magazine reported that on Monday, rapper Ol' Dirty Bastard and a group of friends rescued a 4-year-old girl trapped under a 1996 Mustang. He later visited her in the hospital.

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Impressions

By James Wilcox

Not a slow news day, just nothing earth-shaking in the Clinton White House or locally that I care to talk about. El Nino still rages, but the weather has been nice for early Spring. Time to sow flower seeds and plant bulbs for Easter. I know, I'm late in doing this. Better late than never. The *Rampage* has another edition out, just trying to catch-up with our production schedule. Nice news for a change.

Most everyone knows that John Glenn will be returning to space near the end of this year. "Godspeed John Glenn." Also, NASA has announced that the Teacher in Space program has been revitalized and teacher Barbara Morgan, originally from Fresno, has been told that she will start her training in the Astronaut Corps soon. I believe that she will be successful. No more scary stuff like Challenger blowing up again 73 seconds into her ill-fated flight.

Since it's National Women's History Month, I just want to say that nothing on earth captured America's attention more than Lieutenant Colonel Eileen Collins being able to take the left-hand seat of Shuttle Columbia. Wouldn't it be great if Glenn and she went up together?

I think I just "bumped" the Senator from Ohio from his earlier flight scheduled for October. Well, that the heck... they might make a great duo on the same flight.

I recall from a few years ago an obscure Air Force project to map the heavens called Clementine. As she flew by the Moon, some interesting readings from the lunar surface were picked-up — water "signatures" from the polar region.

NASA sent up the Lunar Prospector last January detailed to verify, to find out how much water there might be and where it was exactly.

It did that. NASA is 90 per cent sure that from 10 to 100 million tons of water exists there incorporated in the soil of the polar craters. I thought that the Moon was bone-dry.

A small chemistry problem. Let's see how much oxygen this might represent for use in a possible lunar colony. A glass gallon of water weighs 10 pounds and I'm estimating that the water itself would weigh about 8.5 pounds. Converting pounds to kilograms we get 3.86 kg per gallon. The oxygen content in our gallon of water is 88 per cent by weight. Only a Chem 1A student would know that for

sure. There's something like 3.39 kg of Oxygen in a gallon of water!

Let's say we use half the water on the Moon for breathing by the colonists, keeping what's left over for drinking, flushing the John and emergencies. Through the magic of mathematics, one gallon of water equals 3.84 liters per gallon and the cube root equals 1.57 cubic liters per gallon. Ah... strike the gallons part, but bear with me. We are going somewhere with all this.

Forty-five million tons of water would equal 99 billion pounds of water or 11.7 billion gallons. Using water electrolysis we could get about 16 billion cubic liters of pure Oxygen. Now, are we ready to put men on the Moon to stay?

I'm sorry. I won't inflict your mind with that nonsense again.

Except for the Ren Fair I attended and reported on, nothing much has been going on at my desk.

I do have a few thoughts concerning the Renaissance Faire. I attended one way back in 1974 and I liked it, but this one was absolutely fantastic. Being a Star Trekker and a Klingon by temperament, I was "as pleased as punch" (to use one of Hubert Horatio Humphrey's favorite lines) to find a Klingon dagger laying on one of the vendor tables.

The urge to do role playing again tugs at my soul and I couldn't get enough of it with Star Trek. I like the legend of Merlin a lot and I have read all of Mary Stewart's novels about that subject. She doesn't write about Merlin in the way most people accept. He was a myth or a man who, perhaps, who just happened to be lucky and in the right place at the wrong time. I would have enjoyed seeing some Druids, but none seemed to be about. Boy did my feet get sore from all that walking around, but I could feel the ambiance, the ruggedness of the times.

I even got a chance to interview Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth herself. Pat Armstrong makes a great Queen. Do yourself a favor, go to the one next year. You won't regret it.

By way of thanks, I express my appreciation to persons unknown who retrieved the panoramic camera dropped by my best friend, Rachel Hawken, and turned it in to the Lost and Found booth at the Renaissance Faire. The world is truly a better place when honest and helpful beings populate it.

There are still good people

Dear Rampage,

Here it was a few weeks into the semester my car broke down. with not enough money to pay Pep-boys to fix the blown head. I felt it would be long before I blew a gasket.. I mean how was I going to get to school, how was I going to get my daughter to a sitter, and how was I going to explain more W's on my transcript.

My worries and pressure were relieved when a friend told me about the grand opening of Lashelles W. Side Auto. As it turns out he graduated from FCC in 1994 and was sympathetic to my struggles.

As a single parent struggling through school, I felt his prices were reasonable, he carried himself in a professional manor and he then found the part for way below what I expected to pay. What impressed me most was that he didn't try to find problems that didn't exist.

In fact in the past, other mechanics talked down to me because I was a women and told me to replace parts that weren't even broken. Lashelles Honesty and the fact that he graduated from FCC really made me feel at ease and confident that he was a competent mechanic.

My point is that no matter what obstacles get in my way, education I worth while. After all I was stand-

ing in the Business of an FCC graduate not only is Lashelle fixing my car, but he has given me hope.

Sincerely,
April Stevenson

LETTERS TO



THE EDITOR

Editorial Policy

Rampage Letters to the Editor are part of the public forum available to all students at Fresno City College. All letters must be signed and are subject to editing for style, clarity and brevity. Names may be withheld upon request. Letters will be published on the basis of space available.

Master Plan

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FCC not only admits students but submits them as well. Preparation for transferring students is also a major concern in the SCCC in order to further a students education.

Community colleges responsibility is to provide lower division preparation for majors requiring a baccalaureate degree, provide general education, and to meet the transfer general education requirements for both California State University and the University of California. From 1995-96 Fresno City College with 1,299 students and a total of 343 students from the Kings River Community College, including the Madera and Clovis Center, transferred to A University of California or to a California State University system.

A mutual goal was agreed upon to increase the annual enrollment of community college transfers to the University of California from 10,900 (1995-96) to a minimum of 14,500 by 2005-

2006. Oppositions still rest with in the system making transferring difficult. Terminology is often different between community colleges and their seniors. For example, a class here may only require 3 hours of lecture, where as a UC may have the same class listing but it may require 5 hours of lecture, and extensive essay writings. Also the lack of information provided about transferring is another barrier. Little is know about the articulation programs and transfer programs or about the technicalities involved in transfer counseling. Besides the counselors, this information about transferring may be obtained from the college catalog located in the Transfer/Guidance Center.

During the next five years, the SCCC finds it crucial to implement this plan in order to achieve success and to offer growth of both the mind and bodies in our community.

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"So St. Patrick's Day has passed — kiss me anyway, I'm Irish!"

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Dear Jazz



Dear Jazz:

I am having some trouble getting my girlfriend to spend more time with me. She has a little girl by this guy she was with before me. The little girl is sweet and everything, but we only get to spend some time together when we're watching her closely, or late night when her little one is asleep.

I would love to take her out for a romantic dinner or even take in a movie, but she always has to find a baby-sitter. Since she's from out of state, she doesn't have any family to baby-sit and she doesn't quite trust these 24-hour day cares. She has a friend who watches her child, but she's usually busy when we're both free.

I really like this girl. I need to know how I can get to know her without her daughter.

Signed,
Timeless

Dear Timeless:

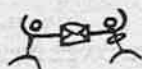
It seems that if you really want to get to know this girl, the best thing to do is be there, whether her daughter

is around or not. This woman you are seeing is a mother and you need to be supportive of her being a mother.

Realize how hard it must have been for her to pack up and move to another state, especially since she is a single mother with, from what you describe, no help. I'm sure that if you really care about this woman, you need to value the time you can spend with her and the romance will follow, if it's meant to be.

Remember; if it's not there, don't force it! She may not be willing to get romantic just yet. Before you begin planning your relationship with her, talk to her and let her know how you feel, without making her feel as though her daughter is a problem. Ask her how she feels about the situation. Let her know you would love to spend some time alone with her, when the time permits.

Also, don't try to create a false relationship with her daughter. Children are very impressionable. If you are in their life at one point and then you decide this woman's not worth it, then you have left a child who doesn't know what's going on. Although it is the mother's job to protect her child, take some responsibility for the situation.



Having a problem with that special someone, or just can't find that special someone? Are you just feeling down and don't know why? Write to Jazz and get the friendly advice you need. Address your letters to:

Dear Jazz
c/o The Rampage
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1101 E. University Ave.
Fresno, CA 93741

FCC helps support Valley Children's Hospital

By Richell Horder
Contributing Writer

The Fresno Bee, Channel 30 and Valley Children's Hospital are joining forces in a combined effort for this year's Kids Day, on March 24th.

"Kids Day is a benefit for Valley Children's Hospital to help with the costs of the construction for the new hospital facilities, due to open this summer," said Cathy Cozby spokesperson for Valley Children's Kids Day.

"Community volunteers from Merced to Visalia donate one day of their time to sell papers at various sites," she said.

"In Buffalo, New York, they have the same benefits," said Cozby. "The idea was introduced to Fresno by anchorman Don Postles, who came from Buffalo to work for Channel 30." Cozby said, "Kids Day is now in its eleventh year."

The Kids Day paper is printed and distributed to outlining sites by the Fresno Bee, central sites such as Fresno and Clovis will have their papers delivered by

Valley Children's. The paper features hospital events and articles about the children at the hospital.

This year's issue has several heartwarming stories about the children at Valley Children's Hospital, who have stayed for extended amounts of time.

This year's front page will feature the story of Joseph Pallares, a patient in the Neonatal Intensive care Unit, and a story about the Emergency Room at night, as well as, pictures of the new Valley Children's Hospital.

Volunteers for Kids Day can pick up the papers at their designated distribution sites starting at 6:30 a.m. the latest papers can be checked out at 1 p.m.

If coverage is sufficient at one site volunteers are encouraged to move to another site to enhance coverage. anyone with questions or comments regarding Kids Day are encouraged to call 1-800-73-CHILD.

Tech Department Needs Volunteers

Sid Herrera of the Technical and Industrial Department is requesting volunteers to answer phones for a PBS Channel 18 fund raiser on the following dates:

March 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29. (all dates are on Friday, Saturday and Sundays)

If you are interested in volunteering to sit in a phone bank and take pledges, please call Sid Herrera at extension 8560 for more information.

Calendar of Events For Women's History Month

March 20- Panel Discussion, "Role of Professional Women in the New Millennium" at the College Center at 12 noon.

March 23- Movie "Selena" in the College Center from 11am to 2pm.

March 24- Movie "Courage Under Fire" in SO-110 from 11am to 2pm.

March 25- "Fashion Show" in the Free Speech area at 12 noon.

March 30- "The Color Purple" in the College Center from 11am to 2pm.

TIPS: when parking on campus

Janetra Ann Johnson
Staff Writer

Do you have a permit to park on campus? At times do you feel you can't find a parking spot? Ever thought about parking in the areas marked staff? Or just want to create your own parking area so you won't be late to class?

These are just a few of the questions students ask about parking here on campus. finding a place to park will be a concern for most college students in the many months to come. In an interview with chief of Police, Marvin Reyes said the problem is not so much the parking it's when students arrive on campus. He goes on to say that many students rush on campus five minutes before class expecting a parking spot. the common misunderstanding is that students who purchase parking permits believe they are guaranteed to park anywhere on campus. Reyes mentioned that certain parking area marked for staff can be used by students after 5 p.m.

Personalized Parking.

If each student is given her or his own parking space and use it four hours out of the day, then the remaining hours and space go unused. Fresno City College has students

attending classes throughout the entire day, parking can't be limited to one student.

According to Chief Reyes students who have a hard time parking, carpool, plan for time to park, walk or use public transportation instead of driving their own vehicles.

Reyes says lastly a majority of the students come to school at the same time, making it hard for students to obtain a parking space before class.

Here are just a few of the things to keep in mind when you illegally park:

Driving and parking vehicles- No person shall drive any vehicle or animal, nor shall any person stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle or animal whether attended or unattended, upon the driveways, sidewalks, landscaped areas, or areas not improved, paved or marked for parking or in any location which will impede, block, interrupt or alert the normal flow of traffic, except by a special permit issued by the District Police Department.

Failure to Comply- In addition to the penalties prescribed by the California Vehicle Code, vehicles operated or parked in violation of these regulations are subject to the control of the State

Center Community College District Police Department. Vehicles may be removed at the expense of the operator and may be barred from the campus at the discretion of the college administration.

Parking off campus- Fresno City College, includes the area bounded by McKinley, Wishon, Clinton and Blackstone Avenues. also University, Clark, Effie, and Cambridge Avenues. These streets are city streets and are not part of the college campus.

It is important for students to be knowledgeable of what the regulations are concerning parking on campus. Pick up the regulations on parking on campus, when you purchase a parking permit. Any questions that you may have regarding parking should be directed to the District Police Department.

You may feel you have the right to park as soon as you drive on campus. Because you have a parking permit, after that's what you paid for. It must be considered that a majority of the students classes are scheduled at the same time as yours. So don't create your own parking spot there are plenty to go around.

New Class-Introduction To Islamic Culture 47

This class will explain the foundations of Islam, the political legacy of Islam, misconceptions about Islam, their contributions to the global community, twentieth century problems, and Islamic family and society.

If you are interested the class extension number is 1963. Special Studies 47, and worth 3 units. It will be held Monday and Wednesday from 1pm to 3:50 pm in room T101B. the class runs from March 16 to May 20th.

Bumper Stumpers

The answer to last edition's question:

What was *Ally McBeal*'s Calista Flockhart advised to change her name to? — was:

B. Cat Hunnicut

This edition's question:

Of these Fox Announcers, which one never actually played in the National Football League?

- A. John Madden
- B. Matt Millen
- C. Pat Summerall

Answer, next edition.

Music ratings system:

★★★★★: Buy it now!

★★★★: Highly Recommended

★★★: Not bad, could be better

★★: For die-hard fans only

★: Another Spice Girls album

A New High in Low

Invisible Records

★★★★

Pigface

By Scott Cropper
Entertainment Editor

Distorted humming aiding a marred of voices chatting "Here and Now...Downpour...Downcast....Down there" bled through Radio Bagpipes, the first track of *Pigface's A New High In Low* on Invisible Records.

After three years of silence Martin Atkins gave *Pigface* once again a new facelift. Previous efforts have been contrived by the likes of Trent Reznor of *Nine Inch Nails*, Alien Jorgenson and Chris Connel of *Ministry*, and Cevin Key of the late *Skinny Puppy*, meshing together their chaotic insight to music and reality. The newest installment does however bring back industrial godfather Genesis P. Orridge of *Throbbing Gristle*, *Psychic TV* and *Skinny Puppy* and Mark Spybey of *Download*. Produced and aiding in this creation, The Girl Brothers, with others industrial/experimental contributors such as Dirk Flanigan, DJ Jordan Fields and BobDog collaborate to create over two hours of psycho-tripping-ambient mixes, digitally manipulated beats along with some basic and not so basic instruments cutting through. All tied by lyrics, vocal sampling and loops, subduing the listener through a ride of some harsh realities.

A slow drum loop throbs as the background for "Bring Unto Me" as it captures the monotone vocals and darkened lyrics of Alex Welz, conjuring images of drug induced filth and despair, taking it all the way to an already addicted fetus calling out to be fed. This Leeds into the ringing strings of a sitar fading in and out overdubbed with crashing symbols and turn table scratching. Obioma Littles sultry vocals caress

this audio madness, looping "Just a little bit...more," from the track

I think that the track "Methylated" adequately conjures up the essence of the entire CD. This medley of "Breathalised", "Crystalised", "Synthesised" and "Immortalised", creates a faster tempo of electronic frenzy. "Let yourself go, and your mind will follow", bringing out the free flowing ideas incorporated with *Pigface*.

The High of this CD set (stated on the CD itself) is composed mainly of Orridge and Atkins. The two part, "Howler", could have been released separately. The slow, soothing, yet disturbed vocal style of Orridge is carried along by various drum beats and loops complimenting him.

For those who have followed the various make ups of *Pigface* may or may not be to impressed. I found it lacks the energy of previous albums like *Glub* and *Fook*, utilizing and maintaining its almost fully blown digital style, but twisting it into a trance-like atmosphere, even though effectively retain the original idea of industrial music. Music with out the need of conventional instruments. The CD can become repetitive due to the lack of musical styles. On a brighter note this digital style provides for a steady stream of continuous listening, not disturbed moving from one extreme to another, and the lyrics and vocals are molded to the music, enhancing the mood of each track.

Not knowing what to expect when I first played this CD I found it to be kind of bland, after some continual listening, the mixing, meshing and manipulating came together making it more of an experience, then just an act of listening to it.

Theater Three Repertory Company presents "Having Our Say"



Having Our Say stars Gwen Spratt (standing) and Sabrina Washington (sitting).

In honor of African-American History, Theater Three Repertory Company will be performing the play *Having Our Say*.

Directed by Gordon Goedo and based on a book by Emily Mann, *Having Our Say* reveals a century of American lives through two African-American lives.

Having Our Say features Gwen Spratt, an employee at the Financial Aid Office here at Fresno City College. She and co-star Sabrina Washington portray African-American sisters Bessie and Sadie Delaney.

Theater Three is located at 1544 Fulton Street, in Fresno. The play is running each Friday and Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m., from now until March 21.

Reservations can be made by calling 486-3333.

The SITTING "Oscar Preview" RAM

By Abel E. Jimenez

With the Academy Awards coming March 23, here's a run down on who the *Sitting Ram* believes might win.

Best Picture

As Good as it Gets
The Full Monty
Good Will Hunting
L.A. Confidential
Titanic
Sitting Ram's pick: As Good as it Gets.

Best Actor
Matt Damon: Good Will Hunting
Robert Duvall: The Apostle
Peter Fonda: Ulee's Gold
Dustin Hoffman: Wag the Dog
Jack Nicholson: As Good as it Gets
Sitting Ram's pick: Nicholson

Best Actress
Helena Bonham Carter: The Wings of the Dove.
Julie Christie: Afterglow
Judi Dench: Mrs. Brown
Helen Hunt: As Good as it Gets
Kate Winslet: Titanic
Sitting Ram's pick: Hunt or Winslet

Best Supporting Actor
Robert Forster: Jackie Brown
Anthony Hopkins: Amistad
Greg Kinnear: As Good as it Gets
Burt Reynolds: Boogie Nights
Robin Williams: Good Will Hunting
Sitting Ram's pick: Reynolds

Supporting Actress
Kim Basinger: L.A. Confidential
Joan Cusack: In and Out
Minnie Driver: Good Will Hunting
Julianne Moore: Boogie Nights
Gloria Stuart: Titanic
Sitting Ram's pick: Moore

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Women's Playoffs — The Tale of Two Cities

■ The Rams women's basketball team "hit the road," winning their second-round playoff game, shocking No. 5 seed American River....

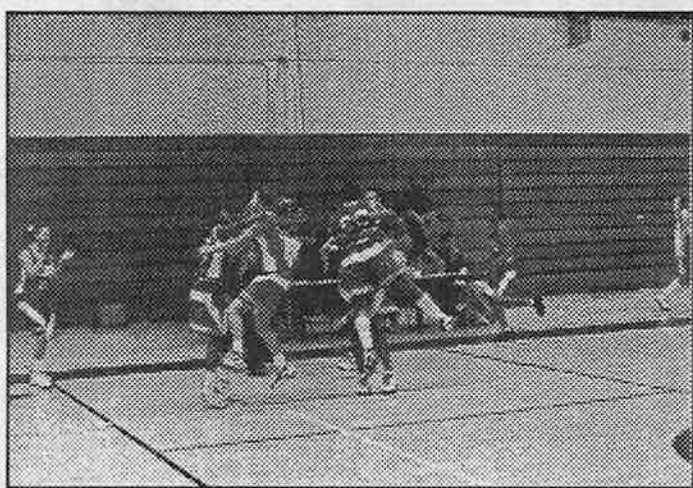


Photo by Eric Mendoza

Celebration. The Lady Rams react after upsetting American River College.

By Eric Mendoza
Sports Editor

SACRAMENTO, Mar. 4 — Coming off a convincing 69-49 home bashing over No. 21 seed Hartnell, Fresno City College took a huge leap up in competition — playing at American River (25-6), the two-time Bay Valley Conference reigning champions and the same team the Lady Rams lost to earlier this season 82-73.

Just 60 minutes after stepping down from their charter bus (a trip totaling more than 4 hours), the No. 12 Rams (21-11) put their 13-game winning-streak on the line and Hutchinson Gymnasium would post every road block possible to pin coach Karen Wood and her squad.

Tonight's hospitality made a mine-field look like a brisk walk through Woodward Park.

Rather than ducking for cover, the Central Valley Conference Champion Rams took the blows head-on: unfav-

orable whistles, foul troubles, a hostile crowd, a mysterious game-clock during the final minutes — and survived them all. The Rams pulled off their biggest win of the season, 64-60 over the Beavers.

"Oh, Man!" said Jennifer Gray after her team-high 15 point, 13 rebound performance.

"We made a couple of mistakes when the game was on the line, but we made some crucial rebounds and a lot of good things to compensate for our mistakes. Our team had to play extra hard. We pulled together and took over."

The upset win sets up a rematch from last year's third-round loss against the De Anza Dons, but the Rams are enjoying this one for now.

"We won against all odds tonight," said Wood, who improved to 47-16 in her second year coaching 'City.

"I never complain about the officials, but this was the worst officiating I've seen in my 37 years of coaching. It was really hard circumstances to win under."

Assistant coach Donnie Johnson overheard the comments and replied, "That was a big win!"

After scoring three quick points, Aisha McGee picked up her second personal foul and left the court just five minutes into the game.

In for McGee was Summer Sawtelle, who sparked the Rams with back-to-back three-pointers, giving Fresno its first lead at 14-12 with 13:55 remaining in the half.

The Beavers' CiCi Downing answered with a three-pointer and Jennifer Gray's first score would put the

Rams up 16-15, as they would continue to stay in front for the next 20 minutes.

The Rams opened up their biggest lead (6), 27-21, when Miriam Sanchez scored on a fast-break steal and assist from Nika Holmes, with 5:09 left in the half — forcing the Beavers to call their first time-out, to the familiar Fresno faithful chants of "Go Big-Red!"

Holmes' seven points lead the Rams to a 33-31 halftime lead.

'City came out of the break with a shaky start — not scoring until their fifth possession, another Holmes jumper, giving the Rams a 35-33 lead at 17:25. Seconds later McGee was slapped with her fourth foul and left the game tied at 35-35.

After Gray's rebound and put-back put the Rams up 40-35 at 15:35, American River went on a 10-2 run, opening a 47-42 lead with 10 minutes to play.

Fresno responded with a wild 16-2 run — 58-49 after K.K. Butler's ten-foot jumper with just 5:15 on the clock.

The final minutes would be full of physical, controversial and emotional drama carried on both benches — and bleachers.

3:28 — Nikki Cassapula hustles for a loose ball at FCC's end of the court. After a scramble, a defender rolls over Cassapula's right ankle (injured against C.O.S.). Fouled, grimacing from the pain, she limps to the foul line and hits one of two. Rams up 60-53.

2:38 — McGee is fouled after coming up with one of her three steals, hits one of two free throws. Rams up 61-55.

2:13 — FCC turnover, Beavers leading scorer Barbara Weaver (24 points) hits a short jumper. Rams lead 61-57.

1:34 — Gray (15 points) puts on a spin move that leaves two defenders in their tracks — the crowd goes crazy. Rams up 63-57.

1:28 — After ARC turnover, McGee is fouled again, hits the front-end of a one-and-one. Rams up 64-57.

:59 — Butler fouls Weaver as the game-clock is stuck (for what seems

like at least 6 seconds), officials call time-out after the Fresno fans give the whole school an ear-full. Two-minute delay as officials and game-clock operator discuss some sort of compromise. Somehow they come up with a two-second run-off, now :57 remaining, 'City calls time-out.

:57 — Weaver hits both free throws. Rams up 64-59.

:49 — After another FCC turnover, Butler is whistled for fouling Nickie Christensen on a lay up. Fans, coaches and bench are beside themselves as it appears Butler was three feet away from Christensen, who hits one free throw. Rams up 64-60.

:44 — FCC inbound turnover, ARC unable to hit three-pointer.

:33 — Ball out of bounds to ARC.

:28 — McGee grabs rebound and is fouled, misses one-and-one. ARC pushes the ball down court, miss two three-point attempts.

:00 — FCC bench celebrates as fans pour onto the floor for what seems like an improbable win.

"We knew this was going to be a tough game," said Beaver coach J.R. Matsunami. "Fresno is one of the best teams in Northern California. They have three Division I post players [in Gray, Holmes, and McGee]. They have great athletic potential. We didn't match up."

Holmes, who has led the Rams in minutes played, finished the game with 13 points.

"We've been playing better now, as a team. That's how we should've been playing from the beginning [of the season]" said Holmes.

As the charter pulled away from 4700 College Oak Drive and the team relished their hard-fought victory, Cassapula, no doubt thinking about her ill grandfather on the east coast, managed a few words: "We're a completely different team now... we're going to have to play as well as we did today [to beat De Anza]. We're the team that has nothing to lose."

■but a run-in with No. 4 De Anza, losing 64-50, puts an end to a rollercoaster season.

By Eric Mendoza
Sports Editor

CUPERTINO, Mar. 7 — The season was as windy as the 152 West Highway that took the Lady Rams on their final road trip. To make matters worse, it rained. But the real storm came inside of the De Anza Dons home gym, as Fresno got drenched 64-50.

As high as Fresno's confidence and Final Eight hopes were Thursday, at 2:00 a.m. — unloading in the FCC campus parking lot — a lot of Ram constituents were making plans for the State Finals Weekend at UC Irvine.

The only question of the day was: "which Ram team was going to show up?" The Ram team (22-11) that reeled off 13 straight wins, including a perfect 12-0 in the Central Valley Conference, causing havoc for opponents on the defensive side of the ball — or the Ram team that turns the ball over just as easy and shoots cold, below 40 percent range from the field.

The answer would be the latter.

Playing without inspirational leader Nikki Cassapula, who was 3,000 miles

away due to a family emergency, No. 12 Fresno fell behind early and fell short of pulling off one more minor miracle.

Fresno set out to keep the Dons (28-7) from making three-pointers — first half, 0 for 9; stay out of foul trouble, they did; and break the Dons press... Mission accomplished.

But without Cassapula, the Rams even failed to get the ball in low to their "big 3," and when they did, Fresno missed opportunities or turned the ball over too many times.

"We tried to force Fresno to shoot away from the basket," said Dons coach Mike Gervasoni. "Fresno is good at getting multiple shots. They can shoot, miss, and put it back in. We did a good job at keeping them away from the boards early and we took care of the ball."

After Summer Sawtelle scored her fourth point — tying the game at 6-6 with 16:30 left in the half — the Rams watched their State Final dreams evaporate as De Anza scored 17 unanswered points over the next nine minutes.

"I think we weren't prepared for this game," said 1st Team All-Central Valley Conference center Jennifer Gray. "It's been a long time since we've been down."

Thirty-six year-old De Anza sophomore, forward Jane Riley (the mother of four children) scored 8 of her game-high 19 points as the Dons raced out to a 23-6 lead.

Fresno did end the final 6:32 of the half outscoring the Dons 13-7, trailing 30-19 at the break.

But De Anza came out hitting open shots due to great ball movement and found their strokes from outside — opening up a 46-26 lead with 15:20 remaining.

Four Dons finished the game in double-figures, with Kerri Dunn adding 16 points, including two three-pointers to stretch it to the 20 point lead.

The Rams made just 17 of 47 field goals, 4 of 22 from three-point range, still out rebounding the Dons 39-37.

Things turned so bad that, with 10:48 remaining, the Rams were forced to call time-out because they only had four players on the floor — then after

the time-out, the shot-clock hit zero before attempting a shot.

After the 20-point deficit, the Rams (who were shorthanded eight players) outscored the Dons 24-18, diving, hustling, sliding and shooting until the final buzzer.

Sawtelle finished with 12 points and three steals and K.K. Butler lead the team with 4 assists.

Nika Holmes added 9 points and Miriam Sanchez had 5 steals, both in their final appearance wearing a Ram uniform.

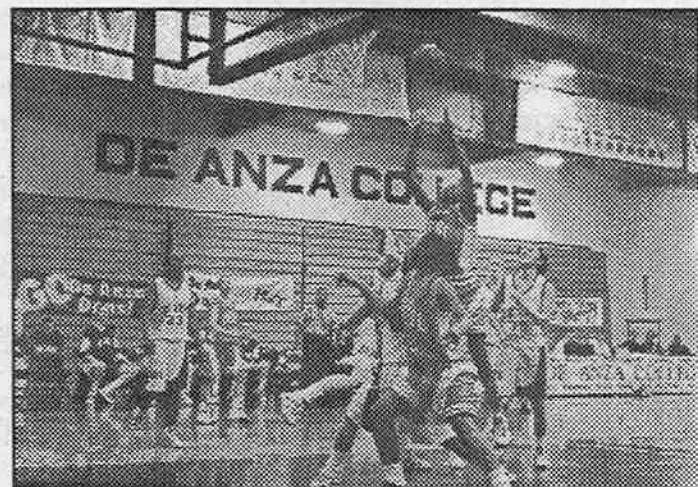


Photo courtesy Victor Miranda

Up and away. FCC's Jennifer Gray shoots over several defenders.

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Men's '98 basketball review

By Allen M. Coleman
Staff Writer

The Fresno City College men's basketball season is over, but for first-year coach Denny Aye (488 lifetime wins and 224 losses) the ground-work is set for the future.

The Rams finished second in the Central Valley Conference, just one game behind Porterville College.

Aye just finished his 23rd season of coaching, but it may only be the beginning of developing an even better program here at FCC.

"I was real happy with the development of the team, we established a solid foundation," Aye said.

Playoff Run

The Rams lost leading scorer Terrell Lyday who fractured his left thumb before the opening round of the regional playoffs.

The No. 6 seed Rams went on without Lyday, by upsetting the No. 27 seed Alameda Cougars, 95-80.

A 79-65 home loss to Columbia College in the second round of the playoffs ended the season for the Rams, who were plagued with late injuries and illnesses.

Bobby Gilbert, a new local recruit out of Washington Union High School, suffered a severely sprained wrist. Tyson Aye sank six 3-pointers in the game against Columbia, before leaving with leg cramps. Harry Hofmann was also ill during the final game of the playoffs.

But coach Aye didn't seem too disappointed.

"Hopefully we will be able to recruit enough depth next year when these situations come up," Aye said.

"Our goals are to make it to the final-eight next season."

Aye appeared optimistic when he mentioned that: Terrell Lyday, Russell Robbins, Daymian Turner, Jovan Joe, Brian Wilson and Chris Natsues are all expected back next season.

"We expect all of these guys back, if something else comes up in their interest, we will help them to get where they want to go,"

The Rams posted a 26-8 overall record this season, putting the team on FCC's all-time top-20 list in overall percentage points.

Lyday finished the season averaging 16.0 points per game, Aye averaged 10.5 and Hofmann averaged 7.3 rebounds per game.

Lyday made (77) three-pointers, Aye



Photo courtesy Autumn Lencioni
Aye on the ball. Coach Denny Aye looks forward to his second season at FCC.

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(50) three-pointers, Edwyn Malone had (18) and Bobby Gilbert racked up (14).

Can next year be even better? Let's wait and see. The Rams are recruiting new prospects.

"I expect us to be even better next year," Aye said.

Around the Horn

Cerda tosses one-hitter as Rams bury Pirates 12-0

By Allen M. Coleman
Staff Writer



Photo courtesy PIO

Fresno City College baseball's school history was almost repeated at John Eulless Park last Tuesday afternoon, during the Rams 12-0 Central Valley Conference win over Porterville.

Rams ace left-hander, freshman Jamie Cerda's no-hit bid was broken up by a bunt-single in the top of the ninth-inning.

After striking out James McArthur who led off the ninth, Cerda walked John Jiles.

Then outfielder Scott Freeman laid down a slow rolling bunt down the third base line and a close play at first, ruled safe, gave Porterville their first and only hit of the game.

The next two batters were retired.

Cerda (4-1) struck out 13 and walked three, for his second complete game of the young season.

"I actually felt good today," said Cerda, who admitted that he struggled for a few innings, but appeared to have settled down when he struck out the side in the sixth inning.

"I felt a little fatigue in the later innings."

Coach Ron Scott said Cerda showed signs of his dominance during the winter, but couldn't have expected his early numbers.

"[Jaime] has been a pleasant surprise," said Scott.

"He's been throwing good and we hope he continues."

The last no-hitter thrown at Eulless Park was nearly 20 years ago — on May 13, 1978, when Rams right-hander Bob Thomason blanked San Joaquin Delta JC, clinching the Central Valley Conference title in a 8-0 shut out.

Cerda's overpowering fastball and sharp curve kept Pirate hitters off-balance all afternoon, while his brother, sophomore Jose Cerda called signals from behind the plate.

Big-Red Scoring Machine

The scoring brigade started in the bottom of the first-inning when the Rams rallied for five runs behind Robert Smith's three-run homer to left field, his second of the season. Smith also collected three RBI in the game.

Porterville's ace right-hander, Tony Lopez was gone after struggling for 6 2/3 innings, surrendering seven hits and seven earned runs.

Pirates right-handed reliever, Clark Brinker relieved Lopez.

Lou Lamoure, Jose Cerda, and Anthony Purkiss sparked a seventh-inning rally by singling and driving in two runs apiece. Brinker couldn't stop the Rams' aggressive 15-hit "attack."

"We're a really good hitting team," Scott said

"This is one of the better hitting teams in my ten years. We have good contact-hitters and they feed-off each other. They sense the kill and go for it."

Aaron Hoskins, Ryan Accardo, Monte Prieto, Robert Smith, Lou Lamoure and Jose Cerda each had two hits.

Looking Ahead

The Rams (14-4) are ranked No. 3 in the state, (4-1) in the CVC. Their only loss in conference play was last Saturday's 9-4 loss at College of the Sequoias.

"The loss was disappointing," said Scott, who's team was tied for first before the March 17 home game against Kings River.

"We believe that we're the better team, they just out-hit us and out-pitched us that day. [The CVC race] is a marathon, not a sprint. We have a long way to go."

News services contributed to this story.

1998 SPRING SPORTS GUIDE

Events through April 1

BASEBALL

Thu. Mar. 19 — *Merced — 6:00 pm
Sat. Mar. 21 — *MERCED — 1:00 pm
Tue. Mar. 24 — *Modesto — 2:30 pm
Thu. Mar. 26 — *MODESTO — 2:30 pm
Sat. Mar. 28 — *WEST HILLS — 1:00 pm
Tue. Mar. 31 — *West Hills — 2:30 pm

MEN'S GOLF

Thu. Mar. 19 — *at COS — 12:00 pm
(Mini Tournament)
Tue. Mar. 24 — *at KRCC — 12:00 pm
Thu. Mar. 26 — *Modesto — 12:00 pm
(Mini Tournament)

SOFTBALL

Thu. Mar. 19 — *Modesto (DH) — 2:00 pm
Tue. Mar. 24 — *COS (DH) — 2:00 pm
Thu. Mar. 26 — *Porterville (DH) — 2:00 pm
Tue. Mar. 31 — *TAFT — 2:00 pm

TRACK & FIELD

Fri. Mar. 20 — Modesto Classic — 12:00 pm
Fri. Mar. 27 — Santa Rosa Meet — 2:00 pm

MEN'S TENNIS

Tue. Mar. 24 — *KRCC — 2:00 pm
Thu. Mar. 26 — *at COS — 2:00 pm
Tue. Mar. 31 — *PORTERVILLE — 2:00 pm

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Tue. Mar. 24 — *at KRCC — 2:00 pm
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On Mar. 6, Rams track & field star E.J. Hill broke a 19-year-old school record in the triple jump event: at 51 feet, six and 1/2 inches.

The freshman from Klein Oak High School (Spring, Texas - where he also holds the state triple jump record) said he saw the old record — 50 feet, 9 inches set by Norm Alston back in 1979 — hanging on the campus gymnasium wall and it motivated him.

"It was a sound goal," said Hill, who plans to major in architecture, possibly near his hometown — at Houston University.

"The school record was something to go for, but it want to go beyond that."

Hill's ultimate goal is to finish out the season as one of the top jumpers in Northern California and qualify for summer nationals.



Photo by Samuel Yuk

King of the Hill. FCC's E.J. Hill.

The triple jump is Hill's specialty, but he is also among the Central Valley elite in the long jump. The 23—7, on Feb. 27, has already placed him on the NorCal Automatic list.

The men's track & field team was (11-0 overall), (4-0 in conference) before competing in the Beaver Relays in Sacramento.

—Eric Mendoza
Sports Editor

The Gab Column

By Brenda Miller and Valerie Wells
Photos by Juana Echeveste

"What woman do you most admire?"



(Name unavailable) — "Mom, because she is always there for me when ever I need her. She gives me everything I need."



Cynthia Vidaurre — "My mother, because she is the best"



Jim Heisdorf — "My Great Grandmother. Her whole family was killed when she was 13 and she still managed to move to the US and raise a good family."



Steve Stephens — "My mother because she is an educated, strong, independant African American female. To me she carries morals that most females dont cherish today."



Candice Jeffers — "Hillary Clinton: grace under pressure. Her perseverance is admirable. Look at all she has been through."



Claudy Moreno — "My mother, because we came here with almost nothing. She's worked really hard to be the professional woman that she is now."

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Fashion Corner

by Sassy and Styles

Tips for women:

For the woman who cares about the way her lips look, you almost always want your lips to appear full, soft, alluring and most of all natural.

Ladies, if you are trying to create a set of lips that you simply do not have, then do not force it! We have a problem amongst some of us.

You may fall into the category of the unfortunate with incredibly thin lips. I have seen a few ladies draw a line where there is no lip. Most of the time your natural lip will be seen, no matter how dark your lipstick is. Your lips already have a natural line. Use this line to your advantage. First, pick a color liner that matches the lip color you plan to use. Next, lightly line your lips by drawing on, not over, your natural lip line.

Make sure it's straight and even. Now darken the line and fill in your lips and leave them uncolored! Apply your lipstick and remember to press your lips together. Don't worry about trying to make your lips look like your favorite actress. (Chances are they've been injected with some animal fat and paid way too much money!) Not everyone is blessed with full lips, so here's your chance to accentuate your best feature.

Tips for men:

Alright, fellas, I know it's fly to sport the latest fits, but who are you trying to impress by throwing on some NIKE socks, some Reeboks sneaks, a Fila sweat suit topped by a Tommy beanie? So, you had enough money to by all these things, but why couldn't you afford to match the logos?! No matter the excuse, you can't mismatch logos.

There is a style that has risen in the East, and now resides in the West: mis-matched capped teeth. Not only that, there is this junior-high style that has seemed to haunt us for years: saggy pants. It's fashionable to have the loose fitting pants, but not pockets to the knees and halfway off our behinds!

How do y'all plan on approaching that fly shorty with a messy appearance? Or better yet, how do you expect a hotty to crave you when it looks like a tornado hit you on the way to school? We're not saying you shouldn't express yourself, but what kind of impression are you aiming for?

Remember people: you may look good... but we can always help you look better.

Women: fighting back for their place in history

Continued from Front Page

In comparison with white women, black women fared far worse in America's early history. They had many of the same duties, but suffered from prejudice and other things as well. A black woman in the slave era was oftentimes the victim of rape by a master, as well as the victim of malice and jealousy by her mistress. Many slave women were whipped or beaten to death, possibly over nothing more than a mistress's paranoia.

There have been countless stories since the Revolutionary War documenting the horrible treatment of slave women and men. Some of these books include *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* by Harriet Jacobs, *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe and *The Life of Frederick Douglas*, written by Frederick Douglas.

Most men in early history regarded women as silly creatures, whose hands were better befitted for needles than books and pens. But women have come a long way in the last 200 years.

Presently, women are commonplace in high-ranking positions of society. However, there are still some professions that are male dominated, such as high ranking positions in the military and Congress. Many technical-related fields are also short of females. This, however may be because of lack of female interest as opposed to discrimination.

The issue of women in the military is still hotly debated amongst people in the government as well as in households across the nation. Many professional people believe that women serving in the armed forces should be based on the individual case as well as the individual's stamina and durability rather than making a decision simply because the person in question is a woman.

This month commemorates the many accomplishments of women, so please stop by and listen to one of the panel discussions, or drop by and watch one of the presentations. Take a minute to reflect upon how far this country has come in recognizing women as equals and not just servants made to have babies and tend the fields.

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