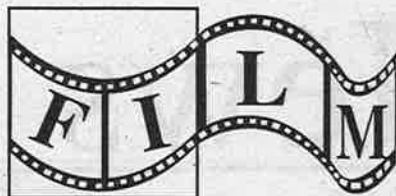




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FCC football team looks to remain undefeated

The Hawaiian Punch Bowl

When: 1 pm; Saturday
Where: City College of San Francisco, Ram Stadium
Who: No. 1 City College of San Francisco Rams (10-0) vs. No. 2 Fresno City College Rams (10-0).



Photo by Louis Castro

By Joe Chacon

Managing Editor

City College of San Francisco won 23 straight games, but Fresno City's football team might have something to say about that Saturday.

"We're excited to be 10-0. We talked to our team about what we did and what we accomplished," FCC coach Tony Caviglia said.

"We need to be 2-0 (in upcoming bowl games). We broke up the season into three parts. First part preseason, second part being the conference, and now we're in the bowl season."

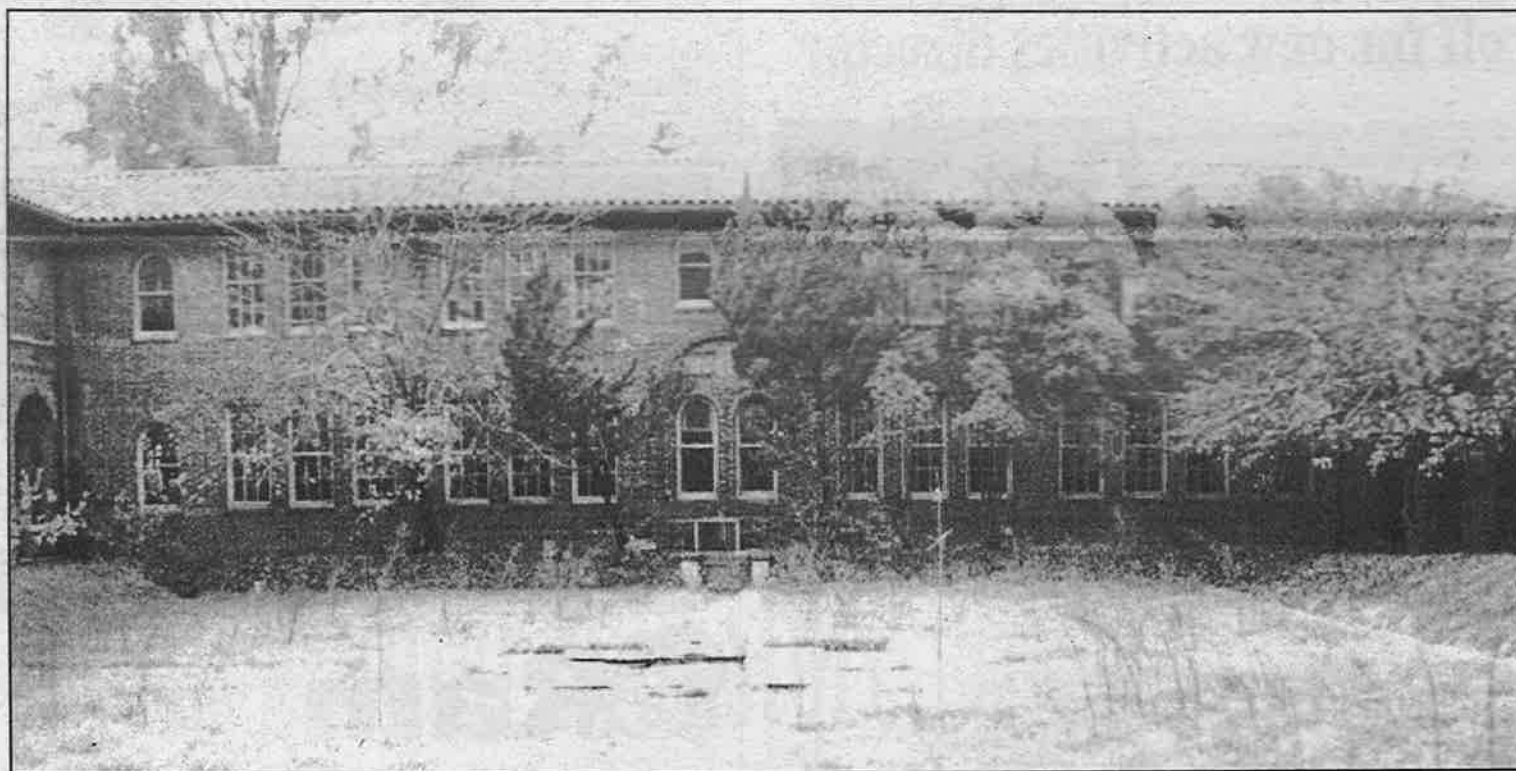
For Caviglia, in his second year at FCC, taking the football team into postseason play two years in a row is an excellent achievement.

"If we can go out and play our best football game similar to the

game against West Hills, I think we'll be OK against San Francisco," Caviglia said. Sophomore linebacker Brandon Gonzales said, "Hard work does pay off. This team worked hard in the offseason. We put it into play this season, and we kept working hard."

Gonzales helped the Rams defeat Please see **Punch Bowl**, page 11

A glimpse of history



A view of the courtyard deep inside the Old Administration Building.

Photo by Julian Torres

Coalition looks into renovation of FCC building

By Joe Chacon

Managing Editor

A coalition aiming to restore the old administration building -- along with the Fresno Historical Society and people from the surrounding community -- stepped back into history Nov. 18.

And it took place in the building itself.

The coalition to restore the building gained access to the building and viewed the courtyard, theater and classrooms. The building, which is fenced in and topped with concertina wire, has been closed for 27 years.

The coalition is a committee of instructors from the music, theater arts, business and photo departments; current and former students; and people from the com-

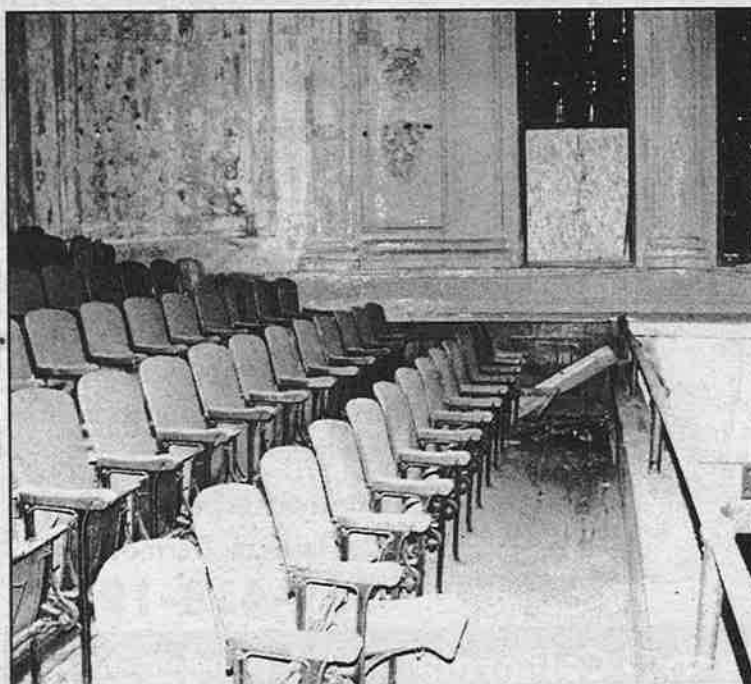
munity.

"The coalition is to save and use the old administration building. We formed this group two months ago," said philosophy instructor Wendell Stephenson, the unofficial chairman of the coalition. "We asked how to include the community and to get more of the people involved in an effort to save the building."

Through the Fresno Historical Society, a tour was formed along with a background history of the building and a meeting to exchange views. Plans on how to move forward in restoration of the old building were discussed with the group.

"We had people who live in the neighborhood who happened to

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FCC's forgotten theater sits empty, collecting dust.

Photo by Julian Torres

Christmas donations bring cheer

By Nam Dang

News Editor

In the spirit of the Christmas holiday season, Fresno City College is conducting several donation drives for needy families.

Boxes and bins to collect donations can be found on campus.

The bookstore is currently holding a Holiday Project for the Marjaree Mason Center. From now until Dec. 15, individuals can contribute to this cause in two ways:

-- Cash donation

-- Purchasing a gift for a child, in which you pick a star from a little tree at the cashiers' counter and purchase a gift for a child that corresponds with the age and gender stated on the star.

Donors are eligible to be entered in the bookstore's Great Stocking Raffle.

Three other major holiday donations are also currently under way.

Keep 'Em Cozy is a coat, sweater and food drive that the College Activities department is sponsoring. Collections of coats, sweaters and canned food are now being collected until Dec. 11 in the student lounge as well as the Administration and Student Services buildings.

A Holiday Basket drive is also currently under way. The purpose of this project is to provide FCC students in financial need a chance to enjoy a holiday dinner by providing them with baskets containing food and gift certificates from grocery stores. Nomi-

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Military invades FCC in showcase

By Lisa Silguero

Contributing Reporter

The Army National Guard, the U.S. Army, and the California Air National Guard sponsored a Military Showcase on Nov. 15 at FCC. The event was held along the Campus Mall and fountain area.

The purpose of this event was to provide FCC students information about the different branches of the U.S. military and showcase the benefits of each branch as a way to entice students' interest in serving our country.

The U.S. Navy, the U.S. Air Force, the Fresno Air Guard and the Fresno State Air Force ROTC were among the other military programs in attendance to provide information for students about the various programs and career fields that are offered in the military.

"This event was very beneficial to both the Air Force and the students themselves," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Melissa Pearson.

The U.S. Army held demon-



Photo by Chuck De La Cruz

Keith Hendrix takes aim at a display during the military showcase.

strations inside their Adventure Van Simulator. This demonstration allowed students to get the inside look at a helicopter.

The Naval Reserve is a part-time service program for those that are 25 years or older. This program requires members to serve two days a month in addition to two weeks of Annual Training (AT). Some of the benefits of

the Naval Reserve include extra monthly income and a retirement program, travel opportunities, health care and Reserve Montgomery GI bills for educational assistance.

Additional sponsors of the Military Showcase included the U.S. Air Force Reserves, the U.S. Army Reserve, the Army ROTC, and the U.S. Navy.

Hard work pays off for new activities director

By Lisa Silguero

Contributing Writer

Gurdeep Sihota, the new Director of College Activities, begins her day filled with meetings. Sihota, however, is not discouraged to begin her day that way.

In her new position, she said she wants to improve on what hasn't been improved.

The student union is just one of the many things on Sihota's list to improve.

Sihota believes that by building a student union, the students will be able to network and communicate what they (the students) learn in class as well with each other.

Before Sihota became the Director of College Activities, she had to fulfill certain requirements, such as obtaining a master's degree, as well as gaining experience working with the community and students. Her 11 years combined of working as the Interim Director of College Activities and as a

College Center assistant helped her in gaining that experience.

Sihota recalls working at the College Center at the time it first opened in 1988, and was located in the bookstore at that time, and how the only student activities were attending football games.

When asked what the most rewarding part of her job is, Sihota replied with a big smile on her face, "The students, and the staff of 35."



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Newly appointed College Activities Director Gurdeep Sihota.

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Nov. 16

Officer and nurse dispatched to Weldon Avenue and railroad tracks; injured student EMS requested and turned over to EMS.

Nov. 17

Officer observed vehicle speeding on Campus Drive East, initialized traffic stop. Driver cited.

Nov. 19

Officer dispatched to Lot E regarding theft of flowers from planter.

Nov. 20

Officer took report regarding stolen license plate.

Nov. 20

Officer took phone report regarding lost staff keys.



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nations of students to receive the baskets were held until Nov. 24.

Students that are nominated will be notified and may pick up their baskets in the Senate Chambers (located in the Student Lounge) during the following days and times: Dec. 12 (from noon - 4:30 p.m.); Dec. 13 (from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Toys for Tots is also asking FCC for help in collecting toys for children. Individuals can bring a new or unused toy to the Student Lounge.

Old Admin

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see the building open and came in. They wanted to see the building," Stephenson said. "We had 50 to 60 people all together."

Music instructor Olga Quercia said, "Everybody who came through the building was really impressed with the possibilities. The size and the beauty of it, also it is so well constructed."

The old administration building was built in 1915. FCC did not move into its current location until 1956. California's first community college was built in Fresno, downtown where the Caesar Chavez Adult School is now located.

"Fresno City came in when Fresno State moved out to their current location," Stephenson said. "That building is the one remaining historical link between the origin of higher education from Fresno State to Fresno City. That's why we want to restore the building."

Along with all the other possibilities, "Its been marked a historical site; tearing down the building would be a tragedy," Quercia said.

There's a 1,150-seat capacity theater with a balcony, a stage for recitals and plays. There are two



Photo by Julian Torres

courtyards with gardens that are overlooked by arched balconies where the classrooms are. Stepping inside the courtyard, you become overwhelmed in its size and beauty.

FCC student trustee Ernie Garcia was one of the students on the tour.

"It is a nice building," he said. "There are more rooms in the building than it seems. Most of them seem to be used for storage."

Garcia was impressed with the theater, and said, "The build-

ing should be fixed up. That is lots of space for more classrooms and offices."

Although the building has been closed for so long, it appears that somebody has been using it.

There is graffiti on the walls, broken beer bottles, garbage, blankets and pillows. Inside one of the rooms, a fireplace appeared to have fresh ashes from paper being burned. Some of the upper level floors are made of wood and tile, which is warped. The building is used as a warehouse for storing

chairs, desks, old papers and tables.

Stephenson said the historical society would like to tour the building again for a longer time but needs to get liability insurance. Safety precautions along with cancer causing asbestos keep the building closed.

The main obstacle concerning the building is the dollar amount in restoration fees. A feasibility study is necessary to gain information to restore the building.

The coalition is researching

private foundations that will fund the feasibility study. They are also seeking assistance from the state Legislature, and the coalition has contacted Assemblywoman Sarah Reyes, who is a former FCC student, and Sen. Jim Costa.

A meeting with the district Board of Trustees is the next step for the coalition, which wants to discuss its views and make the board aware that a process to restore the building is being proposed.

Without the approval of the board, the plans could be put on hold for an indefinite amount time.

FCC president Dan Larios said the building "is a very special building to me. It is a wonderful and historical building."

Can it be restored?

"The building has to meet the 12-ACT, and the entire building needs to be retro-fitted," Larios said.

As for plans the district may have for the building, Larios said the district is "very supportive."

Stephenson indicated he has been in contact with an architect from Southern California at Glendale College where a restoration project for their 1939 administration building was completed.

"That's in earthquake country. Fresno's is not in earthquake coun-

try," Stephenson said.

"They rehabilitated for something less than three million dollars."

Based on information gathered, Stephenson said, "It would cost six to seven million dollars to restore the building. How much exactly it would cost is very, very hard to know."

Recently, an accreditation report praised FCC in many ways but made reference to the old administration building as something that needed to be taken care of.

"Now they left it vague," Stephenson said. "Taking care of it could mean tearing it down. Taking care of it could mean renovating that building and using it to benefit FCC," Stephenson said.

The coalition movement to restore the building is in the early stages. Volunteers, donations and support from FCC staff, instructors, students and the community are encouraged.

Anyone interested can contact Stephenson by e-mail at wendell.stephenson@sccd.com.

"This is not an easy task, we have to be willing to work five to six years," Stephenson said.

"Some people work 10 years and succeed."

Rampage staff writer Anna Ramos contributed to this story.



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City Dances in the studio a study in dedication

By Reyna Gillet
Graphics Editor

Beginning Thursday you can experience hard work and dedication as told through the eyes of a dancer. I was lucky enough to have participated in a dance show many semesters ago. Through the experience I gained strength and much respect for every dancer who steps foot on stage.

Recently I had the opportunity to interview a dancer who will be performing in the upcoming City Dances in the Studio-2000. Her name is Hannah Degroot. While interviewing her I asked the following questions:

Q: How long have you been with City Dances?

A: "Since '91 at FCC."

Q: How did you get involved with with FCC dance?

A: "A girlfriend introduced me to the program. I was on a double date, and she found out I used to dance. The rest is history."

Q: How many years have you been dancing?

A: "I've been a dancer on and off since the second grade (age 7)."

Q: How many City Dances have you participated in?

A: "This is my 16th show."

Q: Why have you stayed with dance at FCC?

A: "It's a great program. It allows me the freedom to be as creative as I want. The outcome of the shows are very good."

Q: What outside projects have you done?

A: "I teach dance electives at Bullard talent. I occasionally choreograph for Good Company Player's Junior Company and I've helped with Children's Playhouse."

Q: What was your favorite dance show?

A: "My favorite show was Spring '96. I thought it was a strange show."

Q: Who are your inspirations?

A: "Janice Jansen, Debra DeRosa-Parola, and Jody Lipari have been big inspirations to me. Brenna Betcher has also inspired me this year."

Q: What are the differences between performing in the studio and the main stage?

A: "The studio is much more intimate and less formal than the mainstage."

Q: Where do you see yourself in the future with dance?

A: "Still dancing!"

Q: What would you tell someone who is interested in dancing?

A: "Just do it!"

You can see City Dances in the Studio at 8 p.m. Thursday, and at



Photo provided by Joel Pickford

From top to bottom: Sergio Ramirez, Kelly Brown, Hannah DeGroot and Brenna Betcher of City Dances, which performs this weekend.

8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Shows are at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday. All shows are in the dance studio of the FCC Gym, room 101. Tickets are available at the door for \$4 students and seniors,

\$7 general admission. Call 442-8221 for ticket information.

Sunday is a fund-raiser to help FCC students attend the American College Dance Festival in New Mexico this spring.

'Unbreakable' a rock steady film

By Josh Harding
Rampage Staff

"I trust you'll be able to keep an open mind" advises Samuel L. Jackson's character in the oddly imaginative adventure drama "Unbreakable." This is as sound advice for the audience as it is for the context in which it appears in the film.

The movie moves slowly in some places in order, it seems, to allow the opportunity to ponder the situation and weigh the possibilities of what it suggests. What does "Unbreakable" suggest, though? The movie's trailer leaves much to the imagination, but even I didn't predict what director M. Night Shyamalan had in store.

Bruce Willis plays David Dunn, an extraordinary man who doesn't realize it yet. He lives an ordinary life, a security guard for a stadium. It seems protecting people is in his nature. He is depressed every morning. It's not because of his marital problems; his life just somehow feels unfulfilled.

The film begins with the fateful disaster that propels the movie's trailer. Dunn is in a train wreck. Miraculously, he is the only survivor. Even more astounding is the fact he does not have a scratch on him.

This much we all ready know. Soon after, Dunn encounters Elijah Price (Jackson), an avid comic book collector, a frail man

who suffers from a rare bone disease. Price hounds Dunn for the better part of the movie, suggesting his survival was something more than chance. He has an amazing theory explaining Dunn's survival as well as his own condition.

This is where an "open mind" comes in handy. Dunn refuses to believe what Price suggests. Willis plays the "everyman" role so well it is hard to believe, despite his surviving the wreck, that there is anything amazing about David Dunn.

Dunn increasingly questions his mortality as the film goes on. His son vehemently believes Elijah Price's theory and provides some funny moments as he tries to prove it to his father.

The story intertwines between the history and lives of Dunn and Price, who share a strange connection, though they had never before met. True to the formula of his last hit "The Sixth Sense," director Shyamalan, blends human drama and supernatural forces into an intriguing mystery slowly uncovered to reveal a shocking conclusion. The ending is great. It really helps make sense of the characters actions throughout the film, as well as being a great surprise to the audience.

By the end of the end of the film, many questions will be answered, but many will generated as well. Shyamalan has plans to expand the saga, under titles of

different names starring Bruce Willis. Hopefully, the sequels will make it to theaters. Like the first issue of a comic book, "Unbreakable" has done a great job of setting up for further adventure. This is a sophisticated and imaginative film, so as long as "Unbreakable" can find a similar audience, it may very well live up to its name.



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Quick Notes : A short rundown of a few new musical releases

By Chris Castro
Entertainment Editor

Last month quite a few high-profile musical artists unleashed new albums just in time for the holiday rush. Here are a few of the highlights and lowlights to help make sure the music-listener you're buying for won't get sore ears:

The Offspring: Conspiracy of One - They say one shouldn't judge a book by its cover. In keeping with that rule, one shouldn't judge an album by its first single. "Original Prankster" is a poor representation of the new Offspring album: It is one of the album's (and the band's) worst songs, merely a poor copy of "Pretty Fly (For a White Guy)" that wastes a cameo by rap artist Redman (who utters four whole words throughout the entire track!).

The album is the closest relative to Offspring's breakthrough album, *Smash*. Like that hit album, *Conspiracy* focuses on tightly wound, quick-hitting, hard, no-nonsense rock. Only a few singles since *Smash* have captured the quality on that album ("All I Want" and "The Kids Aren't Alright" spring to mind), but many of the tracks on *Conspiracy* have the urgency of Offspring's original style.

Aside from a few missteps, the album succeeds and even takes the band to a new level with songs like "Want You Bad" (the singer doesn't want his girl "badly," he wants her to be bad) and "Special Delivery" (a rocking, yet creepy song about a stalker). Perhaps their recent pro-Napster efforts have wizened the band to their waning popularity. Whatever the reason, tracks like "Million Miles Away," "Come Out Swinging," and "Dammit, I Changed Again," will make you think you've stepped into a way-back machine to the early 1990s.

Marilyn Manson: Holy Wood - Another artist who seems to be returning to his roots, Marilyn Manson, America's favorite scapegoat, gets back into the industrial rock that made him a name synonymous with troubled teens.

After a much-maligned rehash of glam rock, the underrated *Mechanical Animals*, most of his fans wrote him off as a sellout when he abandoned his dark grimy rock for a more polished sound. *Holy Wood (in the valley of the shadow of death)* is the album that would have made Manson's transition from *Anti-Christ Superstar* to *Mechanical Animals* a lot smoother for his fans.

The album still shows Manson's affinity for concept albums (all of his discs are his attempts at rock opera), but there is more consistency in his songwriting and less fanciful musings. Basically, *Holy Wood* is Manson's best album, for whatever that's worth.

U2: All That You Can't Leave Behind - Perhaps the classic rock band U2 should have left this album behind. After the mild reception they received from their last album, *Pop*, U2 seemed to have retreated to their old sound which, strangely enough, doesn't welcome them with open arms.

Pop wasn't the pitch-perfect fusion of rock and techno the band may have been hoping for, but it contained classic U2 tracks and had more in common with *Achtung, Baby* than the Chemical Brothers. Any one of the *Pop* tracks would've made *All That You Can't Leave Behind* a much more enjoyable experience. U2 tries to revisit its *Joshua Tree* days of glad-happy rock and sound like they're just making the rounds.

U2 can do much better than this; they don't have to resort to Bon Jovi theatrics to win back any fans. The band just has to continue trying to break new ground instead of mining the same old territory; that land is barren, anyway.

Fatboy Slim: Halfway Between the Gutter and the Stars - Yet another artist who seems stuck in the creative mudhole is techno stalwart Fatboy Slim.

Aside from his current single, "Ya Mama" (also heard in "Charlie's Angels" during a helicopter chase) and a few others ("Mad Flava" and "Weapon of Choice" for those of you in the "file-sharing" know), the Fatboy's new album is quite unaffectionate especially considering the ground he broke with *You've Come a Long Way, Baby* which yielded the singles "The Rockafella Skank" and "Praise You." Stay away from this album, which is bad even when viewed as just a techno album.

OutKast: Stankonia - Even better than their last album, *Augemania* (which featured "Rosa Parks"), OutKast makes all the other rap albums released this year pale in comparison with their funky new release, *Stankonia*. Their combination of styles has more in common with funk bands, like Parliament, than with other rap groups.

Their infectious single, "B. O. B." has a more of a rock feel with something that has been missing for a long time from the music world ... a bridge!

With more tracks worth listing than space available, as well as some truly funny skit breaks, *Stankonia* is a pure pleasure; easily the best hip-hop album of the year.

Horoscopes

By Cecilia Ramirez
Contributing Writer

Aries (March 21-April 19)

After November's hectic moments, take the time to relax and take it easy. It's OK. You're a hard worker and, of course, many depend on you a lot. I guess this is your time to make changes, hint, hint.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Never mind another weird and strange behavior. Relaxation is going to finally knock in your head. Communication situations will occur during that time. Be prepared and keep clear mind.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Others appreciated that you have finally spoken up. Take each day at your pace. It's OK to pull back whenever you would like. Someone needs you at this point. Be a friend, and help them out. They'll do the same. That's a promise.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Someone close to you will end up pressing your buttons somehow this month. Make your own plans and do not count on others to be there. Stay open to new ideas and end up taking a day for yourself.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Pressure will build up. Avoid those unnecessary situations. Focus on something or things that you enjoy. You have a tendency to get over stress. Make plans and set goals. There you go.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Change your plans if you're not satisfied. Go for it! Do something with someone special that you have always wanted to do. Just relax and keep that mind clear. Everything will end up working out anyway. Be happy.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Be careful with what you have to say to others who nag at you all the time. It's good to speak up, but don't take advantage. Set your goals and take some time to experience new things.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Another will try to test your limits and try to be more understanding. Go out and join friends for a nice celebration because good news surrounds your friendships. Have fun and enjoy life.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You meet others' demands. Responsibility is a major demand for yourself. Keep your options open. If you get tired, then that's a sign for you to take some time off for yourself.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Others around you will get stuck. You will be able to break through. Touch bases with a loved one. Do something worth the time.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Someone special to you has a lot on their mind. Be there for them. It'll help them and yourself. Concentrate on starting over with your life. Take some time for yourself.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Reach out for another. Challenge will arise with others. Throw in your ideas. Nothing is engraved in stone. Try to understand more of what you want.

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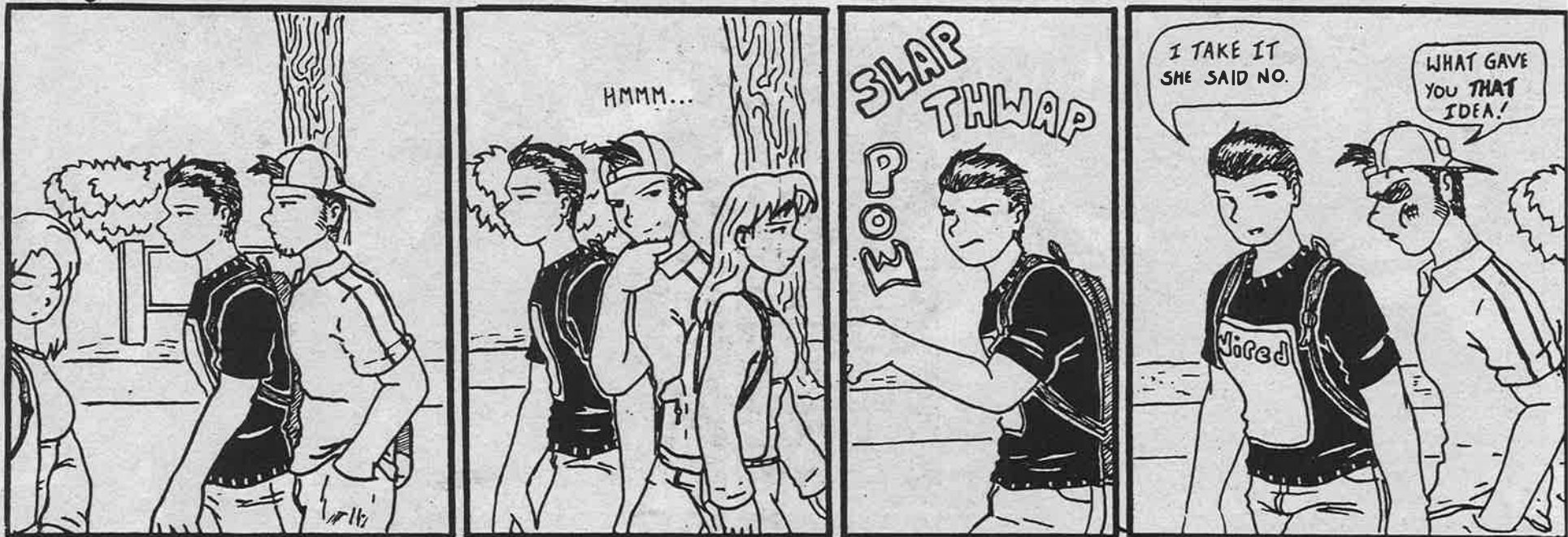
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What Bush is telling us ... and what he's really thinking

By Maggie Garza

Editor-in-chief

Following is the transcript of Texas Gov. George W. Bush's speech after his certification from Florida election results. With an added look (in italics) into what really goes through his mind (if anything actually goes through his mind) when he speaks.

George W. Bush: Good evening. The last 19 days have been extraordinary ones. As our nation watched, we were all reminded on a daily basis of the importance of each and every vote.

Of course, if that were true, then I wouldn't be here. (Reminder: Thank writer later.)

We were reminded of the strength of our democracy, that while our system is not always perfect, it is fundamentally strong and far better than any other alternative.

I mean, what other government would elect an ex-alcoholic, ex-drug addict who can't name all the states in the country he's about to lead. God bless America.

The election was close, but tonight, after a count, a recount and yet another manual recount, Secretary Cheney and I are honored and humbled to have won the state of Florida, which gives us the needed electoral votes to win the election.

And another recount and another recount...hopefully I put enough recounts in there so they can get the picture. (Because sometimes it takes me a while to catch on to things like that.)

We will therefore undertake the responsibility of preparing to serve as America's next president and vice president.

Responsibility meaning, I along with Cheney, will run to "daddy" each time things get tough.

During the past year and a half of the presidential campaign, I've had the privilege of traveling America and meeting so many of my fellow Americans: The teachers who mold our future,

I met this one teacher who tried to teach me that fuzzy math



Illustration by Josh Harding

all the schools teach. I've never been one to catch on quickly, but I couldn't get all those additions and subtractions down before my next debate.

the volunteers who take time to help neighbors in need,

Especially my old neighbor; boy did we have fun times. Whenever I was in need for another hit of coke, he always came through.

the police and firemen who risk their lives to protect ours,

And who I will make sure takes most of our funding along with those military guys.

the workers who keep our economy strong and growing.

But I will make sure to deport them as soon as the season is over (don't worry, I let them all back in before the season starts again. I mean, with my nephew being Mexican and all.)

These experiences have confirmed that ours is a strong and vibrant nation, full of people whose hearts are bigger than even our most bountiful harvest.

When you got a big heart like me, who needs a brain?

As our country ends its Thanksgiving weekend, we have so much to be thankful for, beginning with the fundamental freedoms that are the birthright of every American: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Your vote might not

count...but, hey, Alcohol is legal.

And with our freedom comes responsibility, for all of us. Once our elections are behind us, once our disagreements are expressed, we have a responsibility to honor our Constitution and laws, and come together to do the people's business.

Since I have always followed the Constitution and laws. Wait...driving under the influence, is that illegal? I don't remember reading that in the preamble.

Two hundred years ago, after a difficult election, President Thomas Jefferson reminded his fellow citizens that every difference of opinion is not a difference of principle.

And it's OK to sleep with your slaves...as long as it's not in the Oval Office.

Vice President Gore and I had our differences of opinion in this election, and so did the many candidates who ran for the United States Congress. But there is broad agreement on some important principles

Who wrote this baloney?

Republicans and Democrats agree we need to provide an excellent education for every child at every public school.

And teach them that limited education doesn't mean you can't run for president and win

Democrats and Republicans agree that our seniors deserve a

secure retirement and a prescription drug coverage in Medicare. Already there is some bipartisan groundwork on efforts to reform Social Security and Medicare. We have a duty to find common ground to reform these vital programs for the greatest generation and for future generations.

Drug coverage? How old do you have to be to be a senior?

Republicans and Democrats want a strong military to keep the peace and a foreign policy that reassures our friends and restrains our enemies.

I should know. I was in the Reserves.

There is growing consensus in Congress and America on the need to reduce taxes by reducing marriage penalty and eliminating the death tax.

Because I guarantee there will be a whole lot more of deaths when I'm in office.

And I will work with members of Congress from both parties to reduce tax rates for everyone who pays income taxes in America

Yeah, right.

Progress on these issues will require a new tone in Washington. The path to progress is consideration and fair-dealing. I've worked with Democrats and Republicans in Texas, and I will do so in Washington. I will listen, and I will respect different points of view, and most of all, I will work to unite our great land.

I don't want the breakup of our country like in the Revolutionary War with Lincoln. (It was the Revolutionary war wasn't it? I knew I should of gone to class sober.)

This has been a hard-fought election, a healthy contest for American democracy. But now that the votes are counted, it is time for the votes to count.

Ha Ha...I won...I won...I won...daddy was right...I won...Your votes didn't count...I won...I won.

The vice presidential's lawyers have indicated he will challenge the certified election results. I respectfully ask him to reconsider.

Because, I don't really understand all that lawyer stuff; too

many big words.

Until Florida's votes were certified, the vice president was working to represent the interests of those who supported him. I did not agree with his call for additional recounts, but I respected his decision to fight until the votes were finally certified. Now that they are certified, we enter a different phase. If the vice president chooses to go forward, he is filing a contest to the outcome of the election, and that is not the best route for America.

Because then I wouldn't be president and then what would do? Who else would hire me with the record I got.

All of us in this election fought for our views. Now we must live up to our principles. We must show our commitment to the common good, which is bigger than any person or any party. We cannot change yesterday, but we share responsibility for tomorrow.

Did that make sense because didn't understand a word of it.

Time runs short, and we have a lot of work to do. So tonight, I'm naming Secretary Dick Cheney to chair our transition effort, and Secretary Andy Card to serve as my chief of staff.

And I will...oh, wait, I guess don't have to really do anything. (Reminder: double check, they just might have forgotten to write me job down.) Boy I'm not as dumb as everyone thinks, even I caught that one (and the writers think they're so smart.)

I've asked Secretary Cheney to work with President Clinton's administration to open a transition office in Washington. And we look forward to a constructive working relationship throughout the transition.

I wonder how long it will take for them to get all their stuff out.

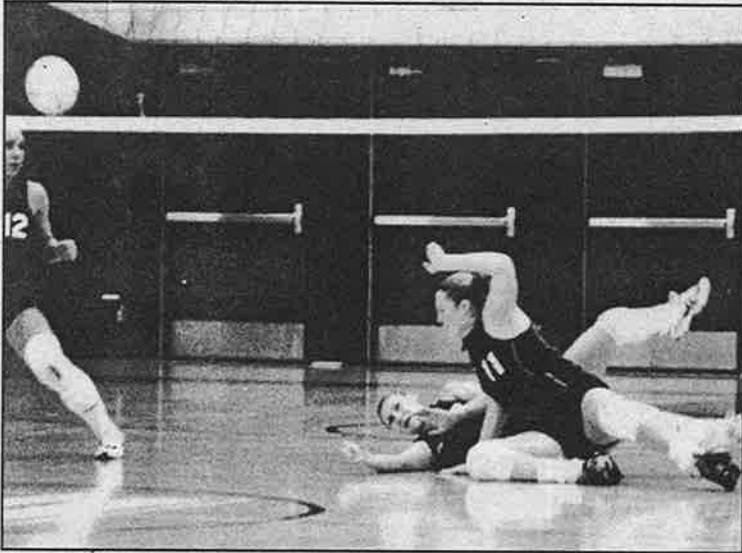
The end of an election is the beginning of a new day. Together we can make this a positive day of hope and opportunity for all of us who are blessed to be Americans.

And hope is what you will need, now that I am president.

Thank you very much, and God bless America.

Only in America

Rams great season comes to a close



Fresno City's volleyball team falls short to Cabrillo in the final game of the semifinals.

By Brandon Castro
Sports Editor

The FCC volleyball team finally came up on the losing end, falling to Cabrillo College in the playoffs on Nov. 25 in a five-game thriller. Cabrillo won the fifth and deciding game 16-14.

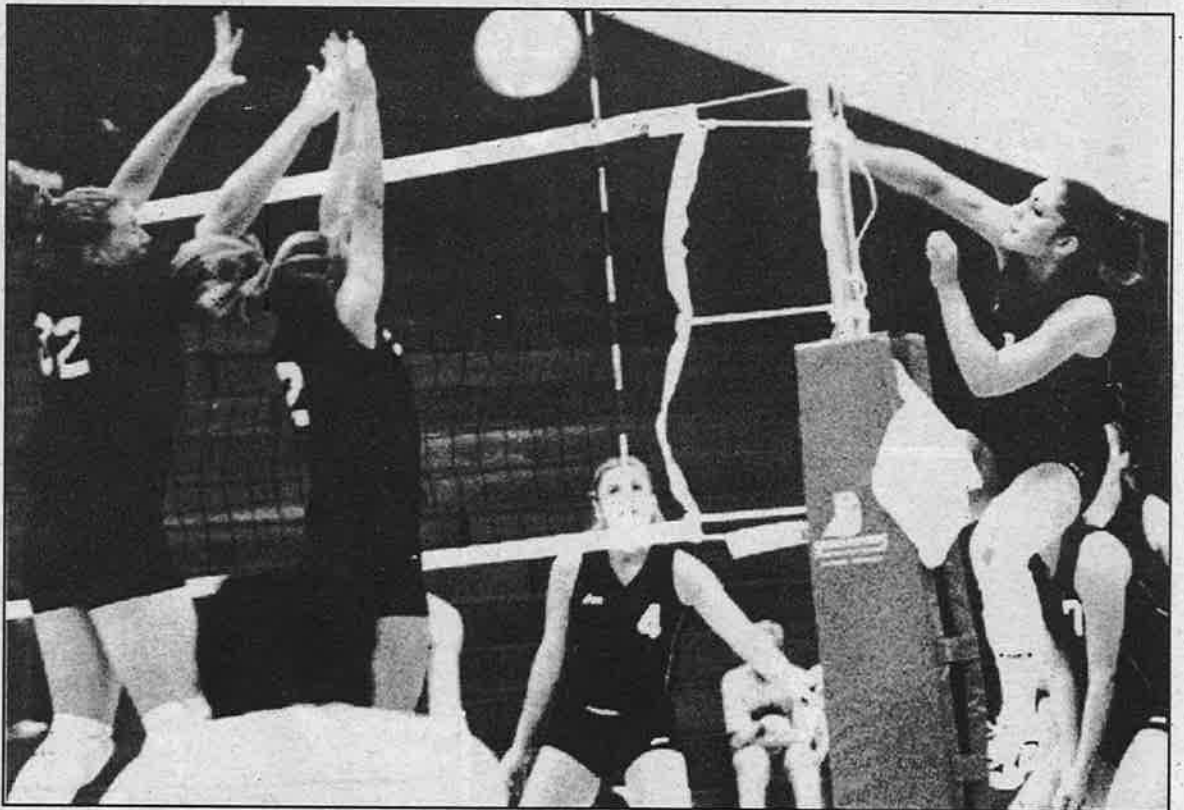
That final game came down to the fifth game, which is a rally format set that means a point is scored on every serve. In this game, FCC and Cabrillo were tied five times. The Rams led most of the game and had a chance to win with a 14-13 lead. But Cabrillo scored the final three points, including the last two by Denise Shelton.

This playoff contest had the making of a great match with

Cabrillo coming in at 17-0 and the Rams at 16-4, including being undefeated in the Central Valley Conference. The Rams were seeded second in Northern California, and Cabrillo was seeded seventh.

Cabrillo took the first game 15-3. Then in the second game, with Cabrillo leading 7-3, the Rams scored six straight points to bring them ahead 9-7. The Rams were carried by the play of sophomore Staci Gorubec and freshman Cami Rouse. They combined for 11 kills, and the Rams went on to win the game 15-10.

In the third game, the Rams jumped to an early lead 5-0. Then in a battle of fours, Cabrillo scored four straight points that



Photos by Louis Castro

brought the score to 5-4. The Rams answered back with their own four-point attack, to bring the score to 9-4. Four more straight points by Cabrillo brought the score to a 9-8 Rams' lead. Great play and six lead changes later with the Rams at game point, Jill Franz scored an ace for a 16-14 win by the Rams.

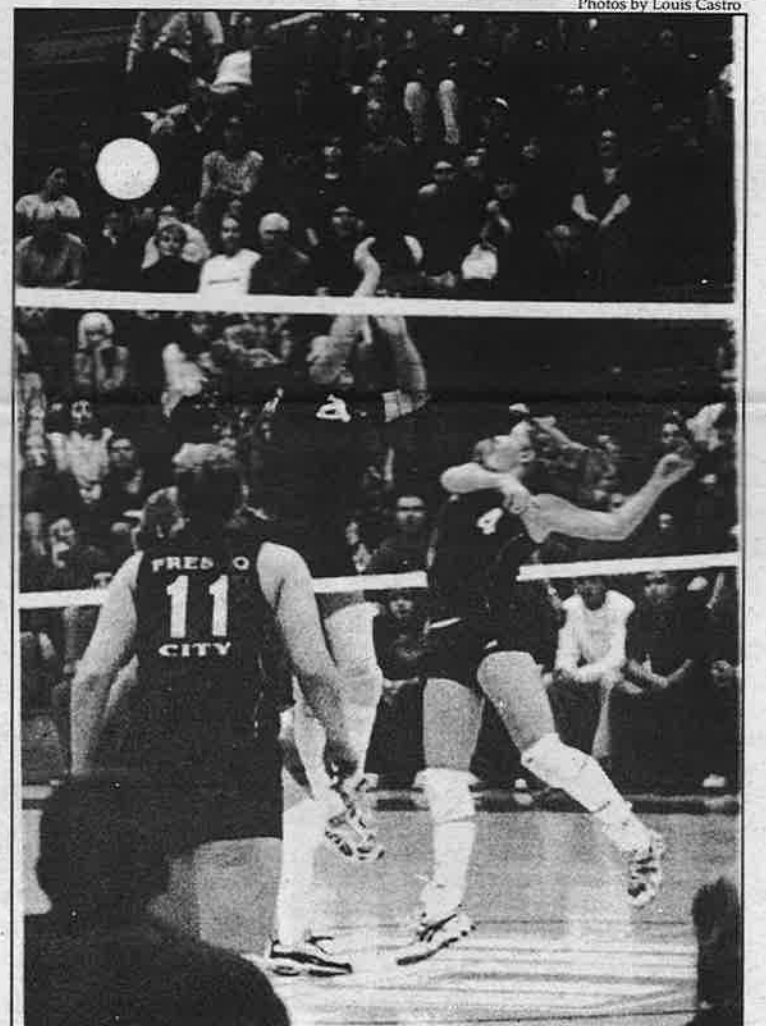
The fourth game featured only three lead changes and three ties but was no less exciting. With Cabrillo at game point, 14-10, the Rams attempted a comeback with a kill from Rochelle Ortega and then a block from Marissa Braness. It wasn't enough.

Cabrillo scored on its next possession to win the game 15-11, and go on to the fifth and final game.

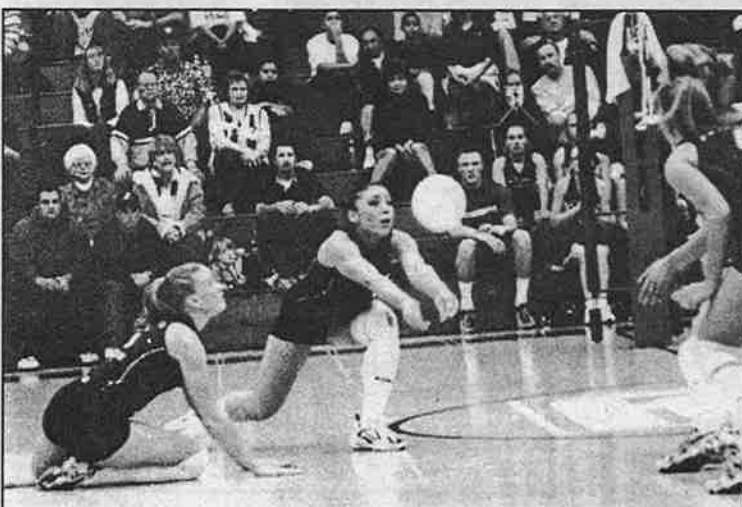
Gorubec, the CVC most valuable player, had a brilliant game and finished her final FCC match with 21 kills and 32 digs. Rouse led the team with 25 kills and 33 digs. Franz finished with seven kills and three digs. Ortega had four kills and 16 blocks. Braness had 12 blocks. Setter Kristine Norris finished up with 50 assists.

The Rams are in good shape for next year.

Franz, Norris, Ortega, Rouse, Stephanie Hazelton, and Cheri Moore are expected to return.



Top: Staci Gorubec (right) spikes the ball into the Cabrillo defense for one of her kills on the evening. Bottom: Kristine Norris (right) spikes the ball past a Cabrillo defender as Cami Rouse (11) watches.



Staci Gorubec saves the ball in between the Rams defense as fellow teammates and fans look on nervously late into the fifth set.

Rams advance to the state final four

Fresno City's defense carries it to a 2-1 win over West Valley.



Photo by Julian Torres

K.C. Kirkland (far left) fights to gain possession of the ball against a West Valley player on the Rams home field. The Rams hope for a win in Lemoore on Saturday to propel them to the state championship game on Sunday.

By Brandon Castro
Sports Editor

The Fresno City College soccer team advanced to the state championships with a win over West Valley College in the semifinals.

The Rams won 2-1 in overtime. Sergio Escoto and Ron Anderson scored both of the Rams goals. Anderson scored the tying goal one minute into

the overtime period. The Rams strong defense, led by Tyler Hergenrader, held West Valley the rest of the way.

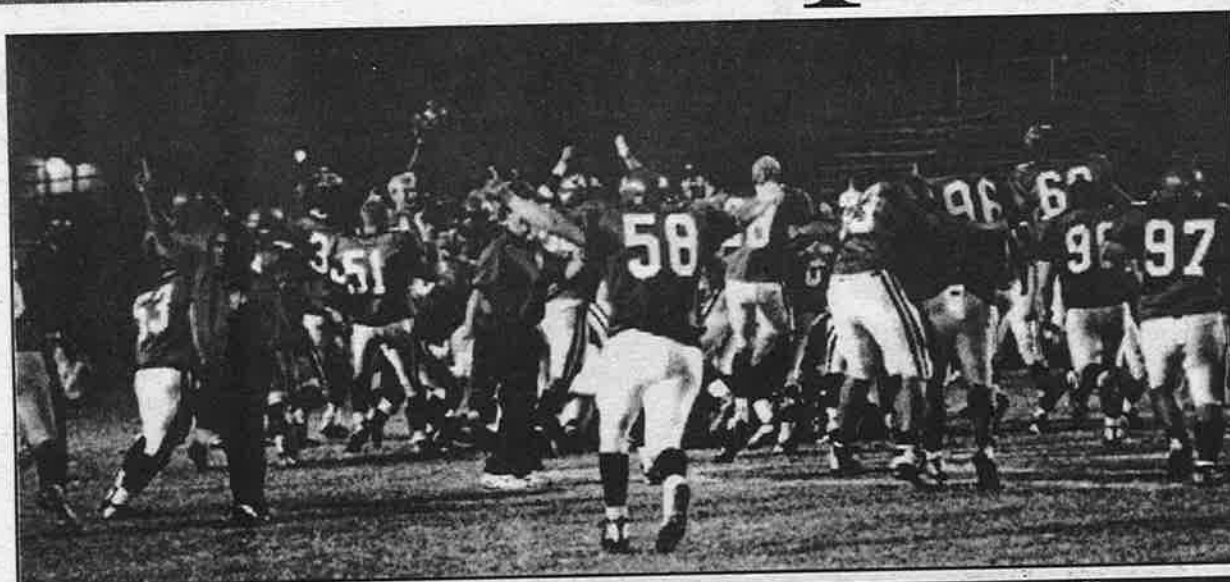
The Rams (17-0-6) next play Santa Ana at 2 p.m. Saturday in the state tournament at Lemoore Sports Complex. In the other semifinal, Santa Rosa faces Orange Coast of Costa Mesa. The winners meet at 2 p.m. Sunday for the state title.

A penalty kick from West

Valley's Casar Chavez led the game for a short two minutes before Escoto made a goal with an assist from Hergenrader.

Rams coach Eric Solberg told The Fresno Bee after the game, "We didn't give up anything, technically, another shutout," he said.

The Rams are not to be ruled out against Santa Ana. It's been said forever that defenses win championships, and the Rams have one of the best around.



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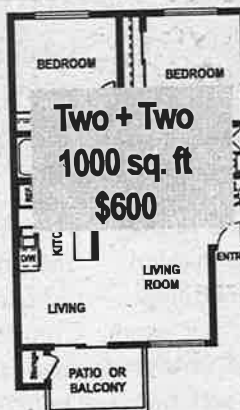
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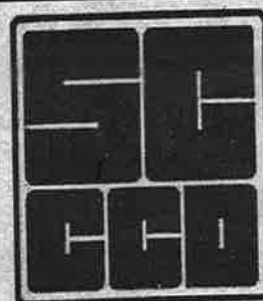
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Punch Bowl

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fense shut down opposing opponents to 174 points for the season while the Rams offense put up 362 points. In the fourth quarter, the Rams defense has allowed only 15 points all season.

"They're (San Francisco) going to be our toughest opponent yet. We're ready for them. We have a few things to work on, but we'll be ready," Gonzales said.

The schools have similarities.

Both are nicknamed the Rams, and both have colors of red and white. FCC added black trim this year.

"They're (San Francisco) the premiere football team in the state of California for the last four years," Caviglia said. "If we want to win the championship, we have to play the best teams, and we have to beat them. It's going to be a great challenge for our guys."

FCC defense has a total of 13 interceptions this season with

Torion Stabler, Chummy Green, Cameron Worrell and Demorieux Reneau having two each.

Quarterback Kyle Biggs the Central Valley Conference offensive player of the year, had 281 attempts and 134 completions for 1,935 yards, 20 touchdowns and nine interceptions.

Rams leading rusher Sean Soares had 135 attempts for 622 yards with five touchdowns. RB Pete Hingano rushed 81 times with 547 yards and four touch-

downs. RB Rodney Davis had 62 attempts for 313 yards and four touchdowns.

Wide receiver Layton Johnson had 36 catches for 589 yards with five touchdowns. WR Frank Jordan had 35 catches for 479 yards with five touchdowns and WR Aaron Austin had 18 catches for 249 yards with six touchdowns.

In scoring points, kicker Nick Mitchell made 42 out of 43 extra points. Also he made 6 for 13 field goals totaling 60 points. Soares

and Austin each had six touchdowns for 36 points. Jordan, Biggs, Davis, Johnson and Hingano each had five touchdowns for 30 points.

Tight ends coach Aaron Ingram, FCC's youngest assistant coach at 27 years old, said, "It went all the way back to January. This group of kids came here to play football. It's a great day in history for the Fresno City athletic department. There have been championships here, but it's the first time being 10-0, and we're looking forward to playing into the middle of December."

Inside linebackers coach Bob DeMichillie said: "History was made here at Fresno City. It was a great job. Our team worked hard all spring, summer and fall."

FCC will leave for San Francisco on Friday. The winner of the Hawaiian Punch Bowl -- the Northern California championship -- meets the Southern California's winner for the state championship in Visalia for the Mineral King Bowl game Dec 9.

"It's the best feeling in the world," Biggs said. "We played 10 games, and we won 10 games. No one can say they beat us. Now we're going to San Francisco."

NFL Report*By Brandon Castro*

Sports editor

The Raiders are the hottest team in the National Football League, even more so than the Minnesota Vikings. The Raiders (10-2) beat the Atlanta Falcons (3-10) the way that they should of, a complete blowout 42-14.

The Raiders defense held the Atlanta offense to 181 total yards.

Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon led his team to 482 total yards. The Raiders rushed for 270 yards.

The Pittsburgh Steelers (6-6) scored 45 points in the first three quarters to beat Cincinnati (2-10) 48-28.

Steelers QB Kordell Stewart seems to be on track, throwing for 182 yards with one rushing touchdown and one passing. RB Jerome Bettis rushed for 93 yards on 23 carries.

In the 14th week of the season, the Raiders face the Steelers this Sunday in Pittsburgh. With the season winding down, and the Raiders playing for home field advantage throughout the playoffs, and the Steelers playing to get a wild card spot, this plays out be a great game.

The weather should be a factor early in December, which plays into the Steelers hands. If the weather becomes a big factor (it snows), the running games for both clubs will have to step up. Bettis has played in the snow and has faced tough defenses this year.

The Raiders are 2-2 this season against teams with a winning record. Look for this game to come down to the wire, and since the Raiders are winning the close games, they will prevail.

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