

Softball

Ends season in extra innings

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Lobbying for cheaper textbooks

Sen. Flores hears pleas for lower prices; Arambula listens and pursues futher action

By Rebekah Miranda

Editor in chief

State Sen. Dean Flores offered his pinion on the continuing issue of rising rices during the California Student Asociation of Community College's Region Lobby Day, April 19 in Sacramento.

Fresno City College along with

Porterville, Merced, and Modesto junior colleges heard Flores explain that the solution for cheaper textbooks does not lie within congress but with the instructors and publishers, said FCC Associated Student Government President Daniel

FCC's ASG wrote a proposal that asked congress to do its part and lobby

with students against publishers to stabilize or lower textbook cost.

"He shot down our proposal immediately," said Lorente. "He asked us why he should form a committee to discuss the situation of high book costs, when (members of the stae legislature) already know the costs are high."

According to newly elected ASG

Senator Janell Lord, Flores suggested instructors should transfer textbooks or curriculum onto CD-ROM. A student of Porterville College commented about community colleges having mostly parttime faculty that would not have the time or the funds to transfer their information to disk. Flores had no answer.

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Stumpt voted ASG president

160 students vote to pick next FCC reps

By Poua Her

Rampage reporter

This year a mere 160 Fresno City Colge students voted in the Associated Stuent Government election.

The new ASG president is Patrick tumpf, who defeated write-in candidate drian Ledesma 85-22.

The highest amount of votes went to stuent trustee Zyanya Bejarano with 112. lejarano - along with new executive vice resident Tania Santiago and new legislave vice president Chris McKinley - all ran ncontested.

Voter turnout was down from last year's tal of 257 votes.

"We've never had a high turnout of vots." said Elections Commissioner Emie farcia in an interview via e-mail. "On our de of it, we could have publicized the elecon a little more, but we had a busy week.

"That's not an excuse, just a fact. We've een a steady decline in voter turnout over he last several years. Another reason could e that people simply don't care. They are ere for one reason and that's to go to class. hey come to class and then they leave to o to work or to take care of their family."

Garcia also mentioned that unopposed andidates as well as bad weather were a ictor in the low voter turnout during elecon week.

"They don't know who's running, there's ot a lot of interest." said Tomas Casarez, a olunteer at the election booth the first day elections.

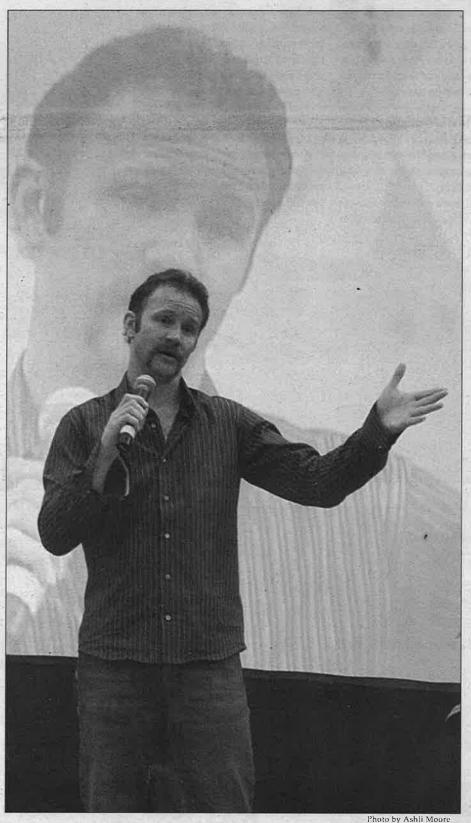
"I don't vote because I don't know anyne here," said student Alana Lewis."I don't now why they are running."

"What election? When was it? I never w any candidates campaigning. Usually ey are out there with candy and fliers, I dn't see them this year," said Jesse

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man with beef

Filmmaker Morgan Spurlock attacks the Big Mac



Morgan Spurlock speaks to the crowd of more than 1,000 at FCC's Gym April 26. Spurlock discussed his Academy Award nominated film "Super Size Me".

By Ali Sadoian

News editor

In September 1998, Fresno City College student Michelle Huerta was in a life-changing car accident, leaving her confined to a hospital room for more than a month. It was during those days in the hospital room Huerta's eating habits changed dramatically.

"All I ate in the hospital was fastfood," said Huerta, 20.

In addition to fast-food, Huerta, indulged in other high calorie snack foods.

"I wouldn't eat the hospital food because I didn't like it. I would eat a halfa-gallon of cookies n' cream ice cream, Pepsi all of the time, and king-sized chocolates," Huerta said.

When she returned home from the hospital, her bad eating habits contin-

"I gained five pounds here, and five pounds, there and before I knew it, I had gained fifty pounds in the month I returned home from the hospital."

Like Huerta, over a thousand students packed FCC's gym April 26, to hear about speaker Morgan Spurlock's journey through a 30-day fast- food binge, sending himself to McDonald's for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Spurlock, an independent filmmaker, documented his month long fast food consumption in the film "Super Size Me." The film had one point: be aware of what you are feeding your body.

During the month-long experiment, Spurlock gained close to 25 pounds as a result of eating McDonald's three times a day. His body fat raised six percent, and he began feeling depressed.

"I started getting massive headaches," he said.

"Food shouldn't do that to you."

After finishing the documentary Spurlock experienced, "massive withdrawals, like a drug user" from the

"We take such good care of our cars," Spurlock said.

"When was the last time you had a See Super, Page 4



Pass or Go

 Two reporters dispute whether the new underpass is needed.

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Last Tantrum

· Will Tranquilli signs off in his last column for the Rampage.

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Amityville' horrible?

 New horror flick sends chills down your spine.

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Scott hits 600

 FCC baseball coach Ron Scott records his 600th win.

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Keeping the campus safe

By Christine Haeussling

Rampage reporter

Spring 2005 was a busy semester for campus police.

Besides taking countless reports and solving problems, the officers managed to catch a person with an outstanding warrant.

The State Center Community College District Police Department is a legislated law enforcement agency with full police powers. In addition to police services, they perform the service of parking and traffic enforcement as well as respond to medical emer-

The goal of the department's members is, according to their brochure "Public Safety and You," It is to assure that the district is a safe place to study, teach, work and visit.

Earlier this semester, the campus police took part in a program against gave away free locks to secure guns in

are crimes of opportunity. The

are thefts of bicycles, backpacks, books and vehicles.

As prevention, the campus police suggest that people mark valuables with identifying numbers such as driver's license numbers.

Although the biggest problem the campus police had to deal with during the last year was burglary of personal items. Many cars were stolen.

From April 1-25, campus officers took seven reports for vehicle burglary. There was plenty of work for the police department on campus

There was an incidence of drug abuse on campus that led to an arrest, a citation and release.

One day the police were called to the tutorial center to deal with a "disruptive" student.

In April, there was one hit-and-run accident with car-damage, reported on

at the bookstore.

At the beginning of the month, in addition to these little crimes and counterfeit money being used on campus, the SCCCD-officers caught a relatively big fish:

One day in mid-April, about 12:30 p.m., the campus police department received a report regarding an attempted car-theft. Officers contacted the "suspicious subject" just off campus about 30 minutes later. A routine check showed there was an outstanding warrant for that person. He was arrested and booked into Fresno County Jail.

According to the campus police department, many crimes occur because fail to report suspicious persons or possible criminal activities to the police department.

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5 Cinco de Mayo Celebration

5 7:30 p.m. Community Orchestra Main Stage

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6 7:30 p.m. Opera Theatre SaroyanTheatre

7 7:30 p.m. Noche de Danza Mexicana Theatre

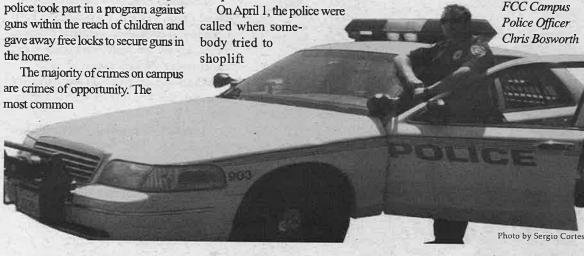
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10 7:30 p.m. Piano Dept. Recital Recital Hall

11 7:30 p.m. Community Orchestra Main Stage

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20 Commencement



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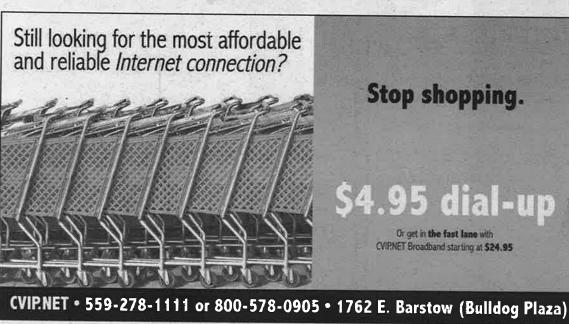
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FRESNO STATE

FCC is digging for safety

Losing 110 parking spots is just a temporary sacrifice

By Mona Lisa McCormick

Rampage reporter

Losing 110 parking spaces does not compare to the lives that will be saved by the new railroad underpass, according to Fresno City College Dean of Student Services Robert E. Fox.

"[Fresno City College] can't equate parking spaces to lives," said Fox. "Students will be safer; some may be inconvenienced with the traffic pattern but

that is nothing."

Students have "The deaths mixed feelings about the conand injuries in struction but are the past six to seven years

have made the underpass a priority." .

> - Brian Speece, SCCCD Business, **Operations**

dent Tom Small.

"Because of being in the fire service, I am much aware of these of things. (We should) do everything we can to (ensure) that there are less accidents, injuries and deaths in the future."

The decision to construct an underpass at FCC was made

"The deaths and injuries in the past six to seven years have made the underpass a priority," said Brian Speece, State Center Community College District Associate Vice Chan-



Robert E. Fox

happy to see it has already started. "Any way that pedestrians may have a safer passage with major highways, street railways and major transport access-ways for our youth and future of our commu-

nity is a benefit no matter what the cost or sacrifice," said second-year fire stuPARKING BY PERMIT ONLY SPEED LIMIT

Above, a freight train passes through campus while construction for the new railroad underpass continues. Left, a sign posted on a fence outside the site limitis parking.

cellor of Business and Operations.

The underpass construction comes at a price of \$2.2 million, \$1 million of which came from

the federal government in the form of a grant. SCCCD will be working with CalTrans to improve railroad

Another \$1.2 million came from a bond from the state chancellor's office in which \$700,000 came from SCCCD.

The underpass will start on Weldon Avenue through the Calaveras parking lot then under the railroad and end up near the Applied Technology T-500 building, said Speece.

Burlington Northern/Santa Fe has already constructed the bridge. The underpass is being constructed by the Pyramid, Paving and Engineering Company and will be completed in August.

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"We know the price of textbooks is not a new issue, it's always been an issue," said Lorente. "We weren't trying to address a long-term goal. We wanted a solution for the near future."

Throughout the day at the capitol, students were given opportunities to meet and discuss their proposal with assembly members.

Lorente explained that the time with Assembly member Juan Arambula was more productive.

"Arambula said that he would draft a letter to the Speaker of the House requesting a joint committee be formed to discuss what can be done to stabilize the costs of textbooks."

Lorente said that Arambula's promise to pursue the issue was significant because progress like that has never been made at a state level.

"Juan Arambula seemed to really care about the issue," said ASG Student Trustee Shreya Shaw. "People need to understand that though it may seem like nothing is being done, if we didn't bring up these issues, they would never be addressed."

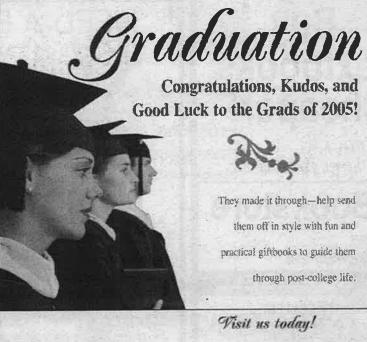
This was the first Lobby

nized it along with the help of former Assembly member Nicole Parra. According to Lorente there has not been any plans made for another Lobby

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Speaker gives FCC some food for thought

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physical?" he asked the crowd. Spurlock then pointed to his body, "We don't think about this machine."

"Super Size Me" became an instant hit all over the world, raising awareness, and giving the fast-food giants a run for their

The documentary was nominated for an Academy Award in 2004, and is one of the four bestselling

Six weeks documenafter the movie taries of all premiered at the Sundance film Festival, **McDonalds** eliminated their supersize options.

Spurlock said, love the coincidences that have happened since the documentary has been released."

Six weeks after the movie premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2003, McDonald's eliminated their super-size op-

May 7, the day before the movie was released in theatres, McDonald's introduced the "Go-Active Adult Happy Meal," containing salad and a bottled water, minus the toy.

In the United Kingdom, sales for McDonald's have dropped 75 percent.

"But, it's just a coincidence," Spurlock said with a sly grin.

"Last fall," he said, "It was that Ronald announced McDonald is coming out with a workout video for kids," he paused.

"That's just f—— up in so many ways."

He chose McDonald's rather than Burger King, Wendy's, Taco Bell and other fast-food corporations because of sheer numbers.

"Forty-six million people are served at a McDonald's everyday."

Spurlock also accredits McDonald's marketing tactics as a reason why he chose to use the corporation in his documentary.

"The more I heard about how they market their food, and how they target kids at such a young age made me interested."

Spurlock's next projects include a TV series and book titled "Don't Eat This Book," due out May 19. Both projects are said to expand on the "Super Size Me" concept.

Has Spurlock been to a McDonald's since the documen-

Spurlock said, "Nope. Not even to pee."

Super: Goodbye FCC, hello world

Commencement is to be held May 20 at Selland Arena

By Mona Lisa McCormick

Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College annual commencement ceremony will be held on Friday, May 20 at the Selland Arena in Downtown

"Fresno City College invests a lot in the commencement ceremonies. By setting a high standard, we focus on the student. Making sure that we communicate to the student and their families the honor and esteem that FCC holds in commencement," said Dean of Student Services Robert E. Fox.

Eligible FCC students have until May 17 to sign-up to march in the ceremony.

"The sooner, the better," said Coordinator of Health Services Linda Albright, who has been a member of the commencement committee for more than 20 years. Seating assignments will be determined at the rehearsal.

With the commencement ceremony being held in Downtown Fresno, parking spaces are limited.

"We anticipate more than five thousand spectators," said Albright.

"And the ceremony will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.," Fox said.

"The students and their families should be aware not only to allow themselves time for parking but also be prepared for paid parking," Albright said. "Those with disabilities or special needs should



Business management student Jennifer Connolly browses through graduation gowns at the FCC bookstore.

also plan to arrive early."

The program of the commencement ceremony will include a speaker and musical perfor-

"We try to get a speaker who can inspire the students and one who has a message and has achieved something," Fox said.

"We anticipate a great program," Albright said.

The commencement committee starts preparing for the annual events in the late summer or early

Once the speaker, musical performances and names of the graduating students are finalized, the information is sent to FCC's Public Information Officer Kathy Bonilla.

"We produce the programs for the recognition ceremonies and the commencement ceremony," said Bonilla. "We also provide news releases and news stories for the television and radio stations."

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There will also be three other recognition ceremonies to be held on Saturday, May 14 at the Tower

The first recognition ceremony, Certificate of Completion will begin at 1:00 p.m. This is for students who have completed programs such as business office assistant, medical billing clerk and teacher aide.

The Certificate of Achievement recognition ceremony will start at 3:00 p.m. for students that have successfully completed a specified occupational curriculum such as child development and graphic communication.

The third ceremony for that day is the Honors Recognition Ceremony starting at 6:00 p.m. Students graduating with Honors, Highest Honors, Alpha Gamma Sigma, Phi Theta Kappa, Honors Program and Dean's Medallion winners will be recognized.

Students may purchase their caps, gowns, tassels and graduation announcements at the FCC Bookstore.

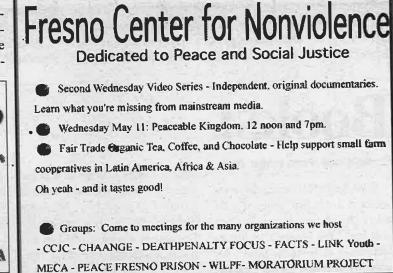
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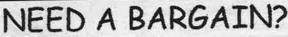
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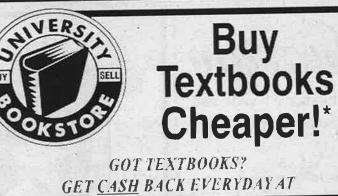




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Wolfstone.

With approximately 25,000 students registered for classes, voter turnout was about half a percent of students registered.

"(Voter turnout) is low, which is typical of college campuses," Robert E. Fox dean of student relations.

Other new officers for the fall 2005 school year will be: president pro-tempore Christian Castellon, and Tanisha Waggoner for senator.

Lowering textbook prices, raising student activities, and security are priority on Stumpf's list of things to do for next year as well as raising the awareness of student's votes.

"I think that 160 votes is extremely low," said Stumpf. "I'd like to see a bigger turnout. Five-hundred people at least. I'd also like there to be more advertisements for the elections and see more competition for office."



Tyhrona Townsel casts her vote for ASG representatives April 27. Though the election ran for three consecutive days, Townsel was one of only 160 people who voted in the elcetion.

A fond farewell

FCC Retirees leave a lasting legacy

By Christine Haeussling

Rampage reporter

With the end of this semester, several valuable Fresno City College staff members are retiring.

FCC will honor all the retirees with a dinner-party, May 6 at Pardini's Banquet Hall.

Harry Kennedy, Ph. D., has been a full-time English and journalism instructor at FCC since the fall of 1983. What he likes best at this college is the quality of the faculty.

"Incredibly qualified, skilled and committed members," he said. "I thought that in the beginning and I think it even more now."

Kennedy, who is originally from Ohio, did his undergraduate work at the University of Dayton and got his master's degree in Washington

Before he came to FCC, Kennedy was a graduate assistant at the University of Ohio, then taught at St. Bonaventure University in New York for three years, and eventually came to Fresno where he taught at California State University,

As a graduate student he found that he enjoyed teaching and decided to become an instructor.

Kennedy will be back next spring semester to teach two journalism classes. The thing he is going to miss most is the contact with faculty members and students that always gave him fresh ideas.

Now that he's retiring, Kennedy will have more time for his hobbies. He recently acquired an interest in antiques and collectibles besides having a passion for fountain pens.

Robert L. Richardson, Ph. D., has been with the psychological services program at FCC for 37 years. Besides teaching classes, most of which fall under guidance studies or developmental services, the main thing the psychological service staff does is counseling.

"The learning environment, the sharing of information, the interest in people improving their lives and committing time to learn is one of the best environments," Richardson

For him, working at FCC is "a way to stay exposed and involved in learning through much of a life

Staff moral and the ability to work more effectively with each other are areas where Richardson sees room for improvement. Psychological services not only helps students but staff as well, supporting them in feeling positive about what they are doing and encouraging them to reach out to other staff members to improve the communication between departments and divisions.

During the four decades Richardson has been on campus, he experienced a change of feeling from FCC being a small family campus during the 80s to a large institution today. He was at FCC during dramatic physical changes on campus in the early 70s, when streets disappeared and buildings were erected in their place.

For eight years, Richardson taught in the Old Administration Building that, despite heating difficulties, he liked very much.

"It was cold Monday mornings and in the winter the heating was turned off for the weekend and it took until Monday afternoon for the steam heat to reach upstairs," said Richardson.

When Richardson started working at FCC at age 26, it was his first major job. He had studied at the University of Maryland and California State

University Chico, then received a doctorate from the California School of Professional Psychology in Fresno.

After retiring this semester, Richardson will continue to work as a psychologist through a private practice he will now be able to expand. He will also have more time to pursue his hobbies, two of which are raising almonds and flying his plane. Richardson has been a pilot for many years and wants to get some additional training and instrument flight.



the Week

FCC Rams 27-4, 17-2



Merced **Blue Devils** 20-14, 11-8

Sport: Baseball When: May 5, 2:30 p.m. Where: Euless Field, FCC Notes: FCC looks to end the regular season on a 20-game winning streak, hosting the Blue Devils at home. Playoffs begin May 14 and 15.

Game of Women's basketball coach resigns



Daisy Rosas 2nd round regional

Former FCC women's basketball coach Donnie Johnson pleads with a referee during FCC's 71-58 victory over Porterville Jan. 26.

Wants to spend time with family

By David Witte

Sports Editor

FCC women's basketball head coach Donnie Johnson announced his resignation April 28, citing a need to spend more time with his family.

Johnson and his Rams made the playoffs every season during his tenure, but he took his squad past the second round only once.

"You go into any job wanting ultimately to be the best," Johnson said. "And state championship is the best. We accomplished a lot, but we didn't get the ultimate goal."

Johnson works full-time at Fresno Unified School District, and said that coaching at FCC was part-time.

"Fresno Unified pays the bills," Johnson said.

FCC won the Central Valley Conference title only once with Johnson, during his first season. However, the 2000-'01 Rams, after finishing second in the conference, went all the way to the

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Rams take CVC title

FCC extends win streak to 17 with a 4-0 win over COS, continues to 18 with another win over COS in Visalia April 30



Taft's Justin Whiteside, left, bobbles the ball as FCC's Robert Walden slides safely into second. Whiteside was scored with the error.

Baseball

Clinched fourth straight Central Valley Conference title

Dates & Info

- May 5, 2:30 p.m. vs. Merced
- · May 14-15, first round play-
- · May 20-22, regional play-
- May 28-30, State Championships (Fresno)

Tennis

 May 6-7, State Tournament (Fresno)

Men's Golf

 May 9, State Championships (Madera)

Track and field

- · May 6-7, NorCal Championships (Modesto)
- · May 13-14, State Championships (Sacramento)

Badminton

Record: 2-6

- · May 7, Coast Conference Championship (San Mateo)
- · May 12-14, State Championship (Fresno)

By Quinn Robinson Rampage reporter

Not even Mother Nature can stop the Fresno City College baseball team from the roll they

After a thirty-minute rain delay, the Rams set a new record for their seventeenth consecutive win as they beat College of Sequoias 4-0 at Euless Ballpark on April 28.

"Baseball is hard to win," said FCC head coach Ron Scott. "We thought we'd be successful this year, but we never talked steady pace, the situation didn't about winning streaks."

As if the Rams couldn't make their games interesting enough already, rain decided to try and play a factor in the outcome of the game.

It looked like it might work early on when Rams starter Rollie Gibson yielded three walks in the top of the first in- out of further trouble as they



FCC head coach Ron Scott

ning before escaping the inning without any runners crossing the plate for COS.

With rain coming down at a fare much better for COS starter Grant Duff. The sophomore right-hander entered the game 3-1 with a 4.43 ERA but only survived 1 1/3 innings as he gave up four walks and a run, courtesy of a walk with the bases

The Giants were able to get



Dominic Foster pitches in relief during the seventh inning of FCC's 13-3 win over Taft April 21. The win was coach Ron Scott's 600th.

Before the second inning

trailed 1-0 entering the second could get underway, the officiating crew calling the game met

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FCC track teams take 2nd, 3rd in CVC championship

By David Witte **Sports Editor**

The Fresno City College women's track team took second out of four schools at the Central Valley Conference championships in Modesto April 23, with 125.5 points to Modesto's 136.5.

the same event, with 77.5 points, behind College of the Sequoias' 123 and Modesto's

Sharon Ayala took first in both the discus throw and the javelin, as well as taking second in the hammer throw and shot put. FCC's Dia Mathews took first in both those events. Mathews also took second in the discus.

The jumping sports all fell to the FCC women, with Mallory Gilbert taking the high jump at 5 feet, 4 inches, Rosie Anderson catapulting herself 10 feet.

10 inches for first in the pole vault, Jemileh Hopkins taking the long jump at 16 feet, 10.5 inches, and Gilbert taking the triple jump.

Gilbert also placed second in the long jump.

Catilla Smith took third in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes, and Dinah Clark took second in the 400-meter dash.

FCC's men took first place The FCC men placed third at in four events: Beau Bean placed first in the 400-meter hurdles at 56.76 seconds, Gus Spratt took first in the high jump at 6 feet even, Tim Batista took first in the pole vault at 15 feet, and Aris Borjas threw a pointed stick 194 feet, 5 inches for first in the javelin, as he has done all season.

> FCC's Peter Briones' javelin fell almost 30 feet short of Borjas' for second place.

Willie Whetstone took third in the 100-meter dash and fourth in the 200-meter dash, and Dustin Silva took second in the 800-meter run.

FCC softball finishes 10-26

Rams lose extra-innings game vs. Merced 7-6

By Quinn Robinson

Rampage Reporter

The Fresno City College softball team finished its season on the short end of the stick in an extra-inning thriller against potentially playoff-bound Merced Blue Devils, losing 7-6 in nine innings.

The Rams have struggled all year, but that didn't stop them from taking the field and trying to be spoilers for one of their Central Valley Conference counterparts' playoff hopes.

The match up was originally scheduled as part of a makeup doubleheader that was rained out on April 7. Due to inclement weather once again, the two teams were only able to get in one of the two games sched-

The game went back and forth from start to finish as Sarah Montoy took the circle for the Rams. After retiring the Merced side in order in the top of the first, FCC wasted no time getting on the board.

Marissa Salazar started off

the inning with a single. The next two batters didn't reach base and Salazar was still on first with two outs and Joyce Lett coming to the plate.

Salazar took advantage of her speed and stole second. Lett then brought Salazar home with a base hit to the outfield and advanced to second when the throw home wasn't cut off.

Stephanie Aaron knocked in Lett with a single of her own and it was quickly 2-0 Rams en-

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A West Hills player slides in safe at first as Jennifer Coronado catches the ball during the third inning of FCC's 2-0 victory April 26. The Rams ended their season with a 7-6 home loss against Merced April 28.



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FCC golf defeats Allan Hancock College to end regular season

By Ryan McHenry Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College men's golf team finished the regular season strong at the Santa Maria Country Club against Allan Hancock on April 26.

defeated Allan Hancock by a score of 372-379. The Rams were led by freshman Jeff Jenkins who recorded a score of 71 finishing one under par.

The Rams finished the sea-

son with only one blemish to the team's record with an overall record of 52-1. The loss was very frustrating to the team considering that they only lost the match by one stroke.

FCC had five players that made all Central Valley Conference honors: Jeff Jenkins, Ryan Perkins, Charles Scroggins, Rusty Barnett, and Robert Damschen. Robert Damschen was honored with the CVC most valuable player

award along with the all CVC

The Rams now must prepare for the Nor-Cal tournament, which will be held at the Diablo Grande Resort in Patterson, Calif.

The Rams will play 36 holes of gold with the top four teams in the tournament advancing to the California State Championships on Monday May 7.

Badminton at FCC

Janna Her, FCC's No 1 singles, returns the shuttlecock April 28 against Skyline's Stephanie Cheung, 2004's individual state champion.

Her lost 11-1, 11-1. In No. 1 doubles, Cheung and Gina Gomez defeated Her and Yuko Nakahara 15-3, 15-1.

FCC will host the state badminton championship May 12-14.



Photo by Daisy Rosas

Baseball: FCC's

coaches with 602 wins

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in front of the mound and decided to pull the tarps out on the field and wait the rain out.

After a fairly short rain-delay, the game continued and turned into a one-man show.

Rollie Gibson stayed on the mound for the Rams and just out pitched his counterparts. Gibson pitched seven solid innings striking out eight COS batters while scattering five hits and

The Rams were able to add a couple more runs for insurance as Jason Sadoian led the attack with two RBIs and Chad Rothford and two others followed with a RBI apiece.

Saturday the Rams traveled down to Visalia to complete the two game series sweep against

Andy Underwood took the mound for the Rams had a solid outing for FCC as he helped shutout the Giants once again as the Rams won 2-0 to extend their winning streak to 18 games and clinching their fourth straight Central Valley Confer-

CVC baseball standings

| Team | Conference | Overall |
|-------------|------------|---------|
| FCC | 17-2 | 27-4 |
| Porterville | e 13-5 | 22-10 |
| Modesto | 13-6 | 28-7 |
| Merced | 11-8 | 20-14 |
| cos | 10-9 | 25-11 |
| Reedley | 7-12 | 10-24 |
| Taft | 4-15 | 15-20 |
| West Hills | 0-18 | 5-30 |

FCC's current winning streak isn't the only accomplishment, worth recognizing.

Coach Scott recently collected his 600th win against Taft on April 23. He is currently third among active coaches for most

The Rams wrap up the remaining two games on their CVC schedule against Merced on May 3 in Merced and then May 5 here at Euless Ballpark. FCC then waits for the seedings for post-season play to come out

"We'll either be a two (seed) or a one (seed)," said Scott. "We have a lot of confidence. That's really important to have that at this time of year. Our kids seem to play really well in big games, so I just want to get to the playoffs. You don't have to worry about motivating your kids for the playoffs, because they're ready to go."

Softball: Lead off Scott is third among active home run goes for naught



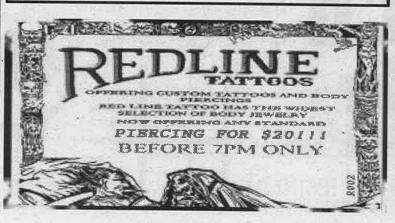
Photo by Daisy Rosas FCC pitcher Sarah Montoy, left, unleashes a pitch during FCC's 2-0 victory over West Hills April 26.



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tering the second inning.

The two CVC teams went back and forth until Merced took a 6-5 lead into the bottom half of the seventh inning.

The Rams were down to their final three outs of the game, but had the heart of the line-up coming to the plate.

Melanie Madrid led off the inning just trying to get on base to get a rally going for the Rams.

She did more than that.

Madrid ended up tying the game up with one swing of the bat as she launched an offering from the Merced pitcher over the center field fence to tie the game at six.

The Rams couldn't manage to squeeze out another run and ended up losing 7-6 in nine innings. FCC finished the season 10-26 overall and seventh place in the CVC at 6-14.

Johnson:

Rams had one winning season in last four years

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championship tournament, taking fourth in the state.

FCC had only one winning season in the last four years, a 17-13 campaign in 2003-'04. Johnson ended his FCC career with a 77-62 second-round loss to San Jose, ending a 15-15 sea-

"I always told (the team) you do what you need to be happy," Johnson said. "You'll see people disappointed, but they probably understand."

Johnson said a return to coaching in the future is possible, and he will take things day by



Passing through

Underpass saves lives and gets you to class on time.



The new underpass is under Elizabeth Clifton construction at

Fresno City College and some think of it as a good and bad idea.

I for one, think it is a great idea for it could not, only save lives, but actually make getting to classes a little easier. I would no longer be waiting for those blasted, annoying trains, that some times stop on the tracks and force us, the hard working students, from getting to our classes on time.

Those of us that were here in the fall heard or saw the accident that claimed the life of a fellow FCC student. I was in archery class at that time of that accident, however, I did see a body bag when I passed by on my way to my next class and all I have to say is I wish the underpass were built at that time.

The underpass, which is under construction over in the northeast parking lot side of campus and will be making its way towards our infamous tracks that clamed the life of Deondrae Mullin last semes-

The underpass will not only save lives and prevent another life from begin taken, but also actually remove the excuse of us telling our instructors, "Oh the train stopped me on my way to class, sorry I am late," we all have said it at one time or another.

The argument against this underpass is that it is a waste of the school's funds and that people should have enough common sense to keep off the tracks when a train is coming.

When you are in a hurry to your next class and you do not want to wait for a train then common sense does not exist in that period of time, you have other things on your mind.

When people run across the tracks after the gates go down are doing three things endangering their lives, trying to get to class on time or my least favorite to say is they do not have the patience to wait for a train to pass.

We need the underpass at FCC, it will help all of us in the end get to class safer.

When we have to go across the tracks it is better to go under then through when a train is coming.

I am up for this new improvement to FCC, and I hope a few more people are with me when I say, "It is about time."

Just think a day without waiting for a train now that's something I am looking forward too.

Underpass brings more traffic and less parking.



Christine Haeussling

We are all old enough to know how to cross a street

or tracks. Besides, the train honks like crazy. You can hear it when it's still a mile away or you're a mile away. Living trains. I often read while I'm walking but even I know when I'm coming close to the tracks and check if the barriers are closed. If I didn't hear the honking which you can hear from... I'm repeating myself here.

There's not an underpass either at every spot on Blackstone Ave. where pedestrians might want to cross.

How about if there's an underpass, won't some students be scared about using it in the dark? Of course it might be lit but it's still under and people won't see you in case something happens there.

If you're a pedestrian crossing the tracks, you lose maybe one or two minutes when the train comes by. Sure enough, when you're driving your car, well, rather sitting in it, waiting for the train to pass, that might take, considering the carline in front of you and the time until the barriers open again, five to seven minutes. Actually it will at least take so long, I counted 116 (!) wagons on a train two days ago.

When you're on McKinley, there is no underpass either, you have to wait there, too. So what happens once people know that there's an underpass on campus where you don't have to wait? Won't that increase traffic on campus?

If someone is coming along McKinley from the west, sees (or hears) that a train is coming, he would turn left on Van Ness Ave and cruise through campus. If he needs to go north on Blackstone Ave, he even gets on closer to his destination. Do we want more traffic on cam-

How about the parking spots we're losing due to the underpass route? I know, it's only going to be a few but it's not like we have too many, anyway.

Already, starting approximately half a year before the underpass is finished, a considerable amount of parking spots is now playground to caterpillars.

Not to mention the money the underpass costs.. couldn't college use this oth-

It's not that change is necessarily bad, I'm not that conservative and head-in-thesand, but some things are all right the way they are, thus we needn't invest money that isn't there to change them.



Illustration by David Witte

Campus Voices

By Sergio Cortes

How do you feel about FCC building an underpass?



Joshua Juarez **Automotive**

"It's a waste of money. The school needs other things, like more parking."



Choua Ly Dental Hygiene

"It's a good idea. You'll never have to worry about the train again."



Angel De La Cruz **Graphic Design**

"It is good. Students come late to class beacause of the train."



Long Golden FCC Neighbor

"I was wondering how many more had to be killed until they built an underpass. It's a wise investment."



Abel Espinoza Architecture

"It's a good idea because it will make things a lot safer."



Kristi L. Trocke **Liberal Studies**

"FCC had how many deaths from the railroad? I thik it's a very good idea."

Tranquil Tantrums

Grand finale: A tribute to the fans

Columnist gives his last tantrum for the Rampage

By Will Tranquilli

This is it, for Tantrums. It's been a great run but this is the last edition.

For last academic year this column has appeared in virtually every issue of the Rampage.

And I have loved writing for the Rampage.

Of the tasks required to handle my meager part of creating the Rampage, this column has been the most satisfying. Telling people what to think is a gas, I'm beginning to understand Rush Limbaugh, fool though he is.

Of the cards and letters received, well, they've been too few to mention. (Some of the comments were not fit to repeat.) Readers numbered in the high single digits, and have my gratitude.

This column has considered a wide range of issues. The first column was dedicated to those steadfast students who, one fine morning, drove to class, beat the gridlock, found parking spaces and got to class on time. That was well done, - you two.

A couple of early columns dealt with the issue of your precious time. The reader was advised that sloppy programming on Internet web sites wasted your time through inefficient, but correctable, proce-

A worst pirate of your precious time (after all, what have you more precious than time?) is that genre of insidious telephone answering

devices known as the telephone tree. Forcing you to route your own call, which you will do very inefficiently since you're a layperson, allows institutions to hire a minimum number of phone answerers and work them like slaves, allowing no time between calls.

Of course, they can only do this because they've got you cooling your heels on the phone until one of their harried people can come on and tell you you've reached the wrong department. After they've transferred your call, you'll have to wait for the correct department to answer - tick tick tick... When you're hang-

ing from the telephone tree no one can hear you scream.

Prior to the election, the electorate

was advised against partial brain voting. Apparently, not well enough, it seems, in spite of the fact that a foolproof reason was given to vote for John Kerry — that he wasn't George Bush. Could the voters have mistaken elect for impeach? That must be why Bush wasn't impeached.

This column warned of the Empty Hand, the scam by which marketers induced consumers to do their bidding by offering nothingfor-something. It is a drawing or a game of chance with your "lifelong heart's desire" as a prize. The probably of WINNING equals the life must, "...err on the side of life." expectancy of a globe of packed ice

crystals in the netherworld. The Empty ·Hand offers nothing-forsomething, a grotesque marketing

are objecting to the emotions

The preamble to the Declaration of Independence was examined in light of the erosion of our rights under the faith-driven administration of America. It recognized the need to take action. And the rest of the world looked to America hopefully

for that ac-In defense of all words, Tantrums examined the concept of "bad" words. Those who object greatest es-

teem and ap-

preciation for

those words represent. Fresno City College - the architecture, landscaping, faculty, vision and hospitality - we lamented that a parking permit holder had but a 23 percent chance of finding parking. Still, from our open arms educational philosophy to the record shattering sports program, this century-old institution can forever be a

> It is on this page that we recoiled in horror when the man whose governorship of Texas not only presided over but expedited the deaths of 57 inmates, actually advised that we

> source of pride by all who have

grown here.

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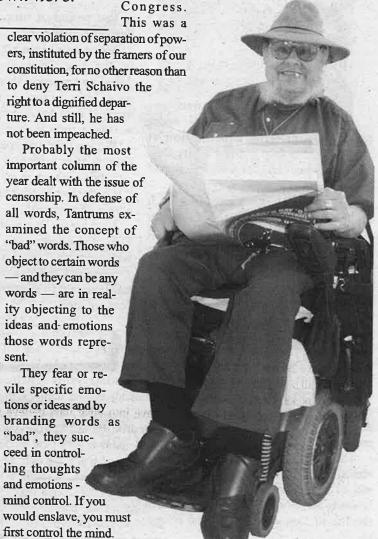
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gave it to

This century-old institu- from the jution can forever be a source of pride by all who ment and have grown here.

And now, I thank you for your kind attention and wish you well. If you have enjoyed reading this column half as much as I enjoyed writing it, then dicial branch

I've had twice as much fun as you. Still, I wish you well and remember, impeach before it's too late. Good bye.



Procrastination happens

Do you put things off? At least be good at it.



Procrastination is an art that few can master. Everyone tries to do it, but very few do it well.

Since the end of the semester is approaching students everywhere are starting to slack off. Pushing things until the very last moment counting on an adrenaline rush to make their brains work is happening to students everywhere.

It has to be done; it has to be five pages with works cited, and be the best paper in the entire

interest on whatsoever. But, you've waited until the day before it's due because you are Superman, and you can do it.

you try to find books on the California Cotton Mouth, and you find willing your brain to function.

eryone else in your class checked all the books out. So

you drive the library lady insane with your demands that she help you find books on your sub-

Finally you've found the absolute minimum for your paper, you rush home and the power is out. You start to write by candlelight, but while in the kitchen you get hungry and you stop to make yourself a sandwich. Oh don't forget the chips, you can't have a sand-

world on a subject you have no wich without chips. Wait you can't find the chips, so you spend another five minutes looking for

After eating, the power comes So you rush to the library and on; you sit at your computer staring blankly at its white screen

> pages. Six hours later, you wake up alright, with your notes stuck to your face goes and drool running down the side nothing, and so you start to type.

Some sentences come out fine, you piece your thoughts together but then you get down to half a page, when your stomach starts to feel strange from the sandwich, green deli meat was never your favorite. So you get a glass of water and decide to lie down to calm your rumbling stom-

of your mouth. Oh crap.

Six hours later, you wake up

with your notes stuck to your face snap at everyone who so much as and drool running down the side of your mouth. Oh, crap.

ceed in control-

ling thoughts

and emotions -

You sit straight up and you start to type, as the words start to pour out of you faster then you can

At about two and a half pages you start to come down off your rush and you realize that you need more information on your subject, and since the library is closed you log on to the information network known as the Internet.

You start to look for your information, but someone sends you an instant message and you start to chat, completely forgetting that you have other reasons for being there. An hour later you realize what and idiot you are and so you start your research, only slightly distracted by every other noise.

Then the praying begins. You pray and you swear that if God helps you get this paper done on time, you'll never do this again for as long as you live. You are literally at your breaking point and you

makes a noise.

So finally you are completely drained and the paper is due in less then four hours. You haven't slept and you still have a page and a half to fill, as well as your works cited. But your body screams for sleep and you figure that you'll just skip your first class and finish the pa-

After your nap you again get that rush, you finish right on time for class. You get in your car and you rush there to get a parking spot. As you sit in your car waiting for class to start, you get sleepy and decide to rest your eyes for just a moment.

Two hours later, you wake up with your forehead pressed against the steering wheel, you've missed class and the paper is late.

Procrastination is an art form. I need to master it, why? Because this article is late and I have no one to blame but my dog who ate my written copy before I could type it out. I swear.

May 4, 2005

Horoscopes

David Witte (Licensed to kill...)

Several beers were harmed in the making of this column.



ARIES (March 21-April 19) The unfortunate misspelling of your last name will leave you in the hands of a notorious bounty hunter named "Mr. Happy."



TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A pack of wild boars will attack you and paint your house mauve.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Sorry, Gemini, Inc. has changed directions. We make dog food now.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Remember that Bond, James Bond
guy? He had the Clap. Get yourself
checked.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) With the 43rd overall pick in the 2005 Zodiac draft, Leo picks Biff Stevenson, line-backer from the Horse Head Nebular



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Very few witnesses will talk after your vicious beating by a gang of mimes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A waiter will tell you your car is being stolen, but he's just saying that so he can kidnap your wife and kids.

scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You will lose your left foot in a pool-cleaning accident, a meteor will destroy your car, and a fortune cookie will declare this your lucky day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) The bad news is, they don't have any lobster for your last meal. The worse news is, the phone line to the governor's office isn't working.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Hey, here's an idea: how about making your own damn decisions?



AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 18) Aquarius will be referring to itself in the third person from now on, and suggests that you do the same.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Did you hear the one about the pope? What? Too soon?

The 'Horror' is back

Thirty years later and the haunting picture of the house of Amityville still sparks fear in moviegoers.



Horror movies have noticeably lost their "oomph" over the years. You had the classics like "Friday the 13th," "Nightmare on Elm Street," and "Halloween."

Then you have the rest of the "horror" movies that can't even scare your 6-year-old sibling who sleeps with a night-light.

"The Amityville Horror," is an exception, however. This movie will make you jolt in your seat with fast and unexpected shots of dead people.

Directed by Andrew Douglas, "The Amityville Horror" chronicles the Lutz family as they move into what they believe is their dream house, in Amityville, Rhode Island. With new special effects, and better actors the remake scared the audience so many times it was distracting.

The movie starts with the murder of the De Feo family. The eldest son of the De Feo family, Robert, stands over the beds of his family members with a loaded shotgun as they sleep. You hear

the repeated loud blasts of a rifle as Robert enters each room and shoots his family to death because he's heard voices telling him to kill his family.

A year after the gruesome murders, George Lutz (Ryan Reynolds) and his wife Kathy (Melissa George) buy the De Feo home at a bargain price and move their small family into its seemingly peaceful walls. That is when the nightmare begins.

As windows and doors begin to open, and as the family dog seems to bark endlessly at nothing, the family stays on in the house as George begins to act differently from his normal self.

He becomes possessed by demons and begins to hear voices in his head and from behind his basement wall. His eyes begin to get bloodshot while we see his temperament change from a good-natured guy to a verbally and mentally abusive man who is awful to his wife and his stepchildren.

With the youngest child talking to an imaginary friend who lives in her closet named Jodie, we see our first glimpse into what the rest of the movie will be like. The near misses and the close calls are packed into the film. Are things really dead? Is the house evil?

I'm not one who scares easily, but along with the rest of the au-



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Ryan Reynolds (left) and Melissa George (right) star as the young couple who thought they bought their dream home in Amityville, RI.

dience I was impressed to find a movie that made me jolt in my seat. It has been too long since surprises in horror flicks have made me shake. Besides, seeing a scary, glassy-eyed dead ghost is enough to send chills up my spine just thinking about it.

This movie definitely is a great argument for buying a newly built home instead of a ghost filled, haunted house, where a murder happened. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

"The Amityville Horror" is rated R and is definitely worth the \$10 to go later at night and have a good scare. It's so much better then the original, so if you liked the original you'll love this updated version.

Need a 'Guide to the Galaxy'?



David Witte

What do you get when you mix American flamboyance, dry English humor, and a million other cultures from different planets?

You get the "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," a fun movie directed by Alan Bell, starring Martin Freeman as the unremarkable Arthur Dent.

The film starts off with Dent trying to prevent his house from being demolished to build a byway. Those concerns become moot, however, when a Vogon attack force demolishes Earth to make way for a hyperspace through-way.

Dent and his friend Ford Prefect, played by Mos Def, make it off the planet before its destruction by hitchhiking with the Vogon fleet. Eventually, they meet up with Ford's friend Zaphod Beeblebrox (Sam Rockwell). Beeblebrox is the cocky galaxy president who has stolen the galaxy's most advanced ship in order to find Magrathea, the mythi-

cal planet that manufactured planets for the galaxy's rich and famous

Also along for the ride are Trillian (Zooey Deschanel), another earthling who was picked up by Beeblebrox, and the eternally depressed robot Marvin. Marvin's voice is that of Alan Rickman, who you might remember as the Voice of God in Kevin Smith's movie "Dogma."

As a fan of the original cult classic book of the same name by Douglas Adams (which was actually the first of five books in what became known as the "Hitchhiker's Trilogy"), I was somewhat disappointed at the various plot changes, to the point of creating new characters (one of whom is played by John Malkovich). But then I remembered, as all Hitchhiker fans should, that the story has a history of changes, from its original version as a BBC radio show. Also, Adams himself was involved in the writing of the script during the final few years of his life.

So the changes aren't that important. What's important is that this is a fun movie, whether or not you've read the book. Don't ruin it by being a snob.



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From left, Mos Def, Martin Freeman and Sam Rockwell star in "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy."

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