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## Million Man March memorable, mixed emotions

■ Estimates place the crowd at between 600,000 and 1.1 million people.

Meiko Brumfield  
Contributing writer

Monday, October 16 was a day of mixed emotions for many Americans concerning Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan's intention to call together a million African-American men from around the nation in a march on the nation's capitol.

The Million Man March, was the brainchild of Farrakhan who also promoted the event with the professed intent of showing unity and racial pride and addressing many of the problems that plague the African-American community.

Participants in the daylong series of speeches and activities which took place on the mall between the Capitol Building and the Washington Monument, listened to the words of prominent African-American leaders, who emphasized the importance of working to solve many of the problems that African-Americans face in society including drugs, black-



photo by Linda Burgin

Pictured from left to right are Arthur Sullivan, Tod X. Thomas of the PASU, and FCC Instructor Kehinde Solwazi

on-black crime, the breakdown of the family, racism, the surplus of African-American men in the criminal justice system and the continuing shortage of them in the higher education system.

Farrakhan asked that the day be considered a holy day of atonement and that men unable to come to the

march as well as African American women and children should stay home from school and work and not purchase anything as a show of the African American's economic power. He also called for the men to go back home and join established organizations such as the NAACP, churches,

and to register to vote. He called for a stand against domestic violence, the disrespecting of women and a decrease in the rate of black on black crime. He addressed to the President, Mr. Clinton, who was addressing the nation's racial problems at a conference in Texas on the same day, the need to end white supremacy, and asked him to evolve his mind set from the mind set of his forefathers.

In the wake of the O.J. Simpson verdict and the racial tension that it exacerbated, the Million Man March was not well received by many members of the press or by conservative groups, spurring President Clinton to make comments supporting the message sent by the march but criticizing Farrakhan as the messenger. Many felt Farrakhan's racist views and stereotypes might turn the event into a riotous violent protest, or worse yet instill his racially biased views in the participants and spectators, and send them home bitter, resentful, and racially charged, which might later pro-

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## Nursing director awarded for community activism

■ Thinks people should take a more active role.

Coby Jackson  
Contributing writer

A little over a year after being appointed to the position of associate dean of instruction, health sciences/ director of nursing for Fresno City College, Carolyn Drake has garnered a prestigious award for her efforts in business and the community.

Named as one of the Top Ten Business/Professional Women of the Year for 1995, Drake sees the award as an incentive to continue her efforts to make a positive impact on the community.

"This award is a renewal of the contract with the community," said Drake. "[We should take] an active role in our community. Sometimes people are so apathetic, but they still have opinions so they sit back and complain but have no active role. I believe that if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. I think we all owe something to our community and society."

Drake feels that citizens are obligated to their communities and should "lift as they

climb."

The dean acknowledges that it can be hard for individuals working full-time and working mothers like herself in particular to find the time to become active in their communities, but she affirms that a balance can be struck between family, work, and the community. Support from her own family makes it possible for her.

"My family is supportive. I'm there for them, they're there for me. We spend quality time together."

Originally from Orville, Ohio, Drake got her first nursing credential, a diploma, from the Akron City Hospital School of Nursing in 1968. She worked for a few years before coming to Fresno, where in 1976 she earned a bachelor's degree in nursing at California State University, Fresno. In 1982 she received a master's degree in the same discipline. From 1985 to 1993 she taught advanced medical surgery at Valley Medical Center in a program associated with Fresno City College.

The award which she received in October was sponsored by the Fresno Bee, KFSN Channel 30, Oldies 92.9, and Jazz 96.7.

## FCC debaters dominate

■ FCC competed against thirty schools.

Nina Volpe  
Rampage reporter

Tommy Welch and Desiree Terronez, the dynamic duo of Fresno City College's Forensic team, went all the way.

Welch says, "We stomped them." Thirty schools from Northern and Southern California, Utah and Arizona, competed in the tournament, which took place at Fresno State. Beginning at 4 pm. on Friday and ending around 8pm on Sunday, the duo, having very little to sleep or eat, went on to defeat the other schools.

With only 15 minutes to prepare their side of the debate for each topic presented, they diligently sought after and succeeded at winning seven out of nine topics of argument.

The topics which the team so skillfully presented in a non-offensive way in order were affirmative action, welfare reform, U.S as Policemen, legalization of marijuana, resolve that justice was served in the OJ trial, Colin Powell as President, and illegal immigrant rights.

"The style of debate was parliamentary which means the topic changes every time they

debate, so it's not like they have time to prepare for it," says the forensic team instructor Mr. Woolsey, "You have to be able to take a subject matter and debate about it off the cuff."

"You have six preliminary rounds, then they take the team with the best record into the elimination round. The elimination round is the do or die round," Woolsey explains, "It means that if you win you go on and if you lose you are out."

The team debated against such schools as Arizona State, Loyola, Marymount, and Berkeley. The team defeated Chabot in the quarter-final round and Santa Rosa Junior College in the Semi-final round before losing to Modesto Junior College in the final round.

There are three different divisions, which are the novice division (people in their first year of debate), the junior varsity division (people in their first two years of debate), and the varsity division (people with more than two years of debating experience).

The Junior colleges do well at the novice and junior-varsity levels. Since FCC is a two-year college that is where they concentrate their efforts. "Our students can compete with the best of them at the beginning level," comments Mr.

Woolsey. He further states, "Obviously, FCC cannot compete with the four-year colleges, cause we don't have four-year students."

New students are always being welcomed into the class. Usually the students on the team have real good critical thinking concepts, they are very good in political science and very knowledgeable about contemporary events. A lot of the students want to get into law school. The class really helps the students who are planning to go into business, because the typical business student doesn't get exposed to a lot of opportunity to enhance their public speaking skills. There are no prerequisites for the class.

This year FCC has thirty-two members on the forensics team which is the largest in the school's history. Normally, the team numbers approximately 16. This thirty-two member team will host their own tournament in December and invite colleges from Northern California.

The next forensic team duo, Mia Gonzalez and Chris Hayden, are scheduled to compete in Santa Rosa. They say they "are all pumped up from the team's latest victory."



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## Women's sports falling victim to sexual bias

Women's athletics should get as much support as men's.

Jennie Neely  
Contributing writer

Women's sports have been neglected for so long that we don't really notice it anymore. This isn't just confined to one or two sports. This includes all sports. It goes from the number of spectators that show up, to the amount of money the programs get, to how much coverage they get in the newspaper. This is not the 1950's. We need to wake up and get with the 1990's.

The first time I noticed this was in high school. At my high school, there were two men's locker rooms and only one women's locker room. The men had a gym in their locker room and the women got to share an open part of the main gym. Every once in awhile, women got to use the equipment, but it was in no way equal.

Men's sports also always got more money than the girls. They had better equipment and a lot more of it. Sponsors were

a lot more likely to give them the money than they were to even consider giving it to the women. The school administration only recently began to think something was wrong with this.

When people think of sporting events, they think of the Super Bowl or, if you're any other nationality besides American, the World Cup. There is no women's equivalent to these two sporting events. The only thing close would be the Olympics.

Now, don't get me wrong. I wouldn't miss the World Cup for anything. But it would be nice to see some of the women athletes excel.

With the women's movement in the workplace, I'm surprised that I haven't seen more material on this subject. Women are only beginning to get the credit they deserve. The first woman athlete I had ever heard of was Mary Lou Retton. I believe it was a major breakthrough when Mary Lou Retton was displayed on a Wheaties box.

Fresno State only recently got a women's soccer team. For the longest time, the only

soccer event at CSUF was the men's soccer team. They are a lot of fun to watch, but it was only representative of one-half the Fresno State community. Soccer is a big deal everywhere around the world. It is not a very good practice to exclude one sex from playing it. We are told to expect great things from this new soccer team.

Women's sports are just as entertaining as men's sports. Although there are still a lot of people who think that women should just be cheerleaders or sit in the bleachers, women are rising in the community actually take part in the game.

I'm not saying that I think we should get rid of the Super Bowl or the World Cup. I'm saying that people need to expand their horizons and let women be part of that.

Just as much television air time should be granted to women's sports as there is to men's sports. If you haven't seen the U.S.A.'s Women's basketball team, you are missing out on some fantastic talent. Sure, the men's "Dream Team" may be better. That is because it is easier biologically for men to excel at sports. But, to see

these women play basketball at near the same level is absolutely amazing.

Softball is another example. Although, it is probably the most known out of women's sports, the players still aren't given half the credit that they should receive.

You must think by now that I am a feminist. This is not true. I believe both sexes should be equal or at least given the chance. All I really want for women's sports is the chance to be equal in the eyes of the public.

In order for this to happen women's sports need to be supported. The easiest way to support this is to watch a women's team play on television where the men's is not on. The best way to begin this new type of extracurricular activity is to choose your favorite sport, find a schedule, go to a couple of FCC women's games, and support your team!

It's not just the guys that represent this school. The women do, too. And they have many more obstacles to overcome. So go out and support women in sports. You could feel better by doing so.

## Overbearing parents pushing daughter over edge

DEAR TERRY: I am a 19 year old female Psychology major at FCC and I am in my last semester before transferring to Fresno State. I live with my parents and they are very protective of me with my father often being over-protective of me. I am not allowed to be my own person. They treat me as if I am a child, not letting me stay out any later than 11 o'clock at night and using the fact that they are going to pay for my education as leverage to obtain my obedience in all things. If I do try to exercise any independence, there is the implicit threat that all financial assistance toward my education will be terminated.

I feel like I am backed into a corner. I see people around me able to enjoy the dawn of their adulthood while I am forced to cower before my parents' conservative will. My education is very important to me, yet I am becoming discouraged by the sacrifice of my free will that is being made in its interest. I am on the verge of dropping out of school. I have told no one of my situation. My parents never listen to me and I have never been allowed to cultivate any friendships. I desperately need your advice. What should I do? RE-  
PRESSED IN REEDLEY

DEAR REPRESSED: BY ALL MEANS DO NOT DROP OUT OF SCHOOL!



Theresa Deveau

You must consider your other options, and you do have others. One thing you could try is to open the lines of communication between yourself and your parents. I suspect that your parents really care about you and think that they are acting in your best interest. Explain to them how adamant you feel about achieving your independence and perhaps they will be willing to reach some sort of compromise where they will allow you more freedoms in exchange for an assurance that you will not abuse them and that it will not affect your studies. If they are intransigent in that regard then your next course of action might be to look into achieving financial independence from them. You should research financial aid possibilities as well as look into seeking a form of part or even full-time employment that will enable you to continue your studies. It will be hard but you can do it if you try. If your independence is this important to you, then you must work hard to achieve it. Write to me and tell me how things develop. Good luck!

DEAR TERRY: I have become involved with a person of another race on campus. I care about him and he seems to care about me, we enjoy each other's company and are very compatible.

My best friend is African-American, the same race as my boyfriend. I've known her ever since junior high and we have always been close, but I have lately noticed animosity between the two of us. I suspect that the fact that I am dating someone from her race is the cause of her anger. I don't understand why she is against my relationship with this wonderful guy.

I assumed that me finding someone who makes me happy would be a cause of celebration between us but it has turned out to be a reason to argue.

She never hinted to me that she had a thing against interracial relationships and in fact she had one herself but it seems that she considers her own experiences to somehow be different from mine.

I treasure her friendship but at the same time I think I am falling in love with this guy and I hate the idea of having to choose between the two. I just can't understand her point of view. How can it be okay for African-American women to date outside their race and yet be wrong for African-American men to do the same thing? Any solutions? TORN IN TULARE.

DEAR TORN: African-American women view eligible bachelors of their race as an endangered species and a valuable commodity. I am sure that you have heard the figures that state that 1 out of 3 black males is either in jail, on probation, or on parole. Surely if you think about it you can understand their chagrin when those bachelors become involved with women of other races. I am not saying that this is a fair way to look at things, but it is a realistic and accurate way of perceiving the present situation. In an ideal world I am sure that African-American women would subscribe to the idea of people falling in love with people, but they are in a situation where from their perspective there aren't enough for their own community, much less to share with others. My personal advice to you is to explain to your friend how you feel about this guy and simply hope that she can learn to accept it. After all, if she is truly your friend she will want you to be happy. I hope, however, that you now understand her perspective. Good Luck!

"Dear Terry" appears bi-monthly. If you have a problem and want some advice, you may write to Dear Terry at the FCC Rampage, 1101 E. University Ave., Fresno, CA 93721.



# Media molds march's message

## Letters to the editor

Dear Editor, once again the American news media has taken a man's words and with the help of such editing tools as the snippet and sound byte made them into something that they are not. I speak of the coverage of Minister Louis Farrakhan before, during, and after the Million Man March on Washington D.C.

During coverage of the event I noticed the media's tendency to take a particular phrase that Farrakhan used and infer an entire philosophy from it.

Case in point is the use of the sound byte by Farrakhan that contained the words "Jews" and "bloodsuckers" in the same sentence. Admittedly Farrakhan has, in the past, broadcasted to the world his negative views concerning the Jewish community.

The issue that I am addressing however is that of the news media taking his comment out of context. The statement that Farrakhan made was not a statement of the nature of Jewish people, but rather one of the nature of relations between the Jewish and African-American communities. Farrakhan was commenting on how

when other ethnic groups establish businesses within the African-American community, but do not live in the community and do not spend money in the community, then the movement of wealth tends to be a one way movement that is channeled not into the African-American community but out of it and into the other ethnic groups' respective communities.

However acerbic his language, Farrakhan was addressing a perception, and a reasonable one, of the economic ramifications of non-African-American businesses being established in an African-American community.

However, the impression that one receives from the media regarding his statement is that it is yet another instance of his racist attitudes. It is implied that Farrakhan is calling Jews bloodsuckers, when in fact he was saying that this is how Jewish business-owners in the African-American community are perceived.

Another instance where the media seemed to feel a need to color the facts was in the report of how many people were present at the event. When receiving conflicting reports from the National Park Service and the event's organizers, the

media implied that the Park Service's figures were more accurate. They went on to imply that it wasn't important how many people participated because the message was what was important. I am sure that the people present at the event felt that their numbers were very significant. A count done independently of either group by Boston State University tends to support the organizer's numbers over the Park Service's.

The media, and the three network news organizations in particular, seem to feel they have the right to editorialize and project their own views and assumptions on the populace rather than simply presenting facts to us and leaving us to judgement. The importance of this is that the role of the media in reporting news to viewers should be objective rather than subjective. I am offended by and reject their efforts to minimize or make important issues based on their own views. Leave it to us to be the interpreters of the events around us. We are not children who have to be told what to think.

Coby Jackson  
Fresno

## Campus Crime Log

10-2 Traffic stop for speeding. Driver found to be carrying weapons.

10-9 Two reports of vehicles broken into on campus.

10-10 Report of student hearing sexually harrasing comments directed at another person.

10-12 Off duty officer observed suspects trying to break into cars in two lots. Suspects confronted found to have burglary tools, illegal weapons and also outstanding warrants. Suspects were arrested.

10-13 Four Asian Males were observed breaking into vehicles on parking lot E. Suspects were arrested for burglary, possession of burglary tools and possession of stolen property. Suspects were then turned over to Juvenile Hall.

10-13 Parent caused a disturbance at the Child Development Center due to the staff not spanking her child when he acts up. She became upset and began making threats against the staff when advised they do not spank children. She was contacted and the child was removed from the center at the parent's request.

10-16 Obscene phone calls are being received over emergency phone # 8 by an unknown male caller. There have been three received in the last seven days from the same emergency phone.

10-20 A vehicle was hit by another vehicle while parked in Lot D.

10-20 Two Fresno High students were found wandering on campus. They were truant from school.

10-21 Unlocked bike stolen behind Art and Home Economics building.

10-23 Two subjects wre fighting in front of the administration building.

10-23 Non-student broke up with girlfriend, got angry and punched a glass window. Transported to hospital.

10-25 One female student attacked another female in the cafeteria. The victim of the incident refused medical attention. The area was checked for the suspect with negative results.

10-25 A woman physical education attendant advised of a student who has been harrasing and cussing at them.

### Editor's note:

This is not a complete list of the crimes officially reported to campus police. It is only a sample of the reports. If you have any questions concerning the crime log, please contact the Rampage at 442-8263 or address a letter to The Fresno City College Rampage, 1101 E. University Avenue, Fresno, CA 93741

## Voting rights hard won, should be exercised

Tiffany Pereira  
Editor-in-chief

It's time again for the students of Fresno City College to exercise their rights as a U.S. citizens and students.

Today the voting booths open for the election of Homecoming King and Queen and Veteran's Queen.

The most common question to be asked will no doubt be 'who is going to win?' One more important question that needs to be asked is who is going to vote? Last semester

three-tenths of the FCC student body voted in the Associated Student Body elections.

Not even one percent of the students chose to vote. This is an appalling statistic. It upsets me to think that my generation doesn't seem to care enough to walk over to a booth, mark a box on a peice of paper and hand it to someone who will turn it in to be counted.

How much effort does it take for a person to do this? I would say a lot more effort is required to sign up for a credit card or a free gift for switching

long distance phone companies. People will stand in long lines to do either of these things and yet will not slow down as they pass the empty poll booths.

As U.S. citizens, we have all finally gained the right to vote equally. Women, African-Americans, and other minority groups have fought viciously to gain and keep this right. It seems pointless to have this right when we don't exercise it.

Everybody should vote in any election. It doesn't matter

if it's a presidential, senatorial, congressional, or college activities based election, all are important because of our country's government or our school spirit.

I encourage everybody on this campus to take the time to vote in the Homecoming and Veteran's elections. It may not change or keep our country's leader, but it will boost our school's morale and promote an atmosphere of unity and unified purpose. It's also a great start to voting in the future.

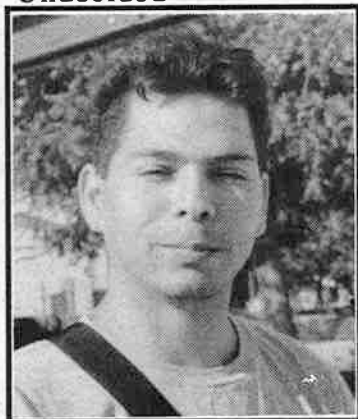
## Survey Says

How do you feel about the availability of credit cards to students?



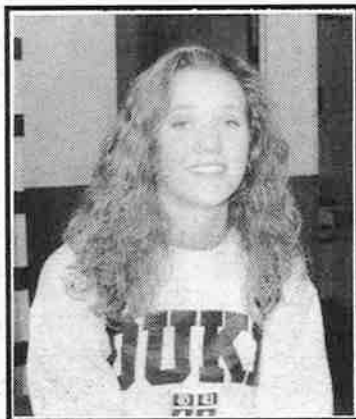
"We all need a chance to establish good credit and even though there are a few irresponsible people, it should not affect all students."

Bryan Ortiz  
Undecided



"I don't think people need credit cards. But students should have the same standards as everyone else with them."

Chris Insalaco



"If students don't make their payments then they are punished for it and it messes up their credit for the rest of their life."

Jeremy Gray  
Photography



"We need to start our credit somewhere, why not when we are young? People should be mature enough to be able to pay off their bills like they are supposed to."

Pam Mills  
Accounting





photo by Linda Burgin

## Halloween a day of evil or good?

### ■ Holiday rooted in ancient Celtic traditions

Janet Soules  
Rampage reporter

An old man with a pale face, dressed in dark raggedy clothes sat in an old white squeaky rocking chair near the tombstones in his front yard. It

was dark but Kerry could see him from the walkway as they took the path which led to the front door.

His face looked evil as he came towards them holding out his hands and saying "boo." The girls screamed. The front door opened and 6-year-old Kerry and her sisters ran to the door to get candy.

Kerry Metzger, a freshman at FCC has vivid memories like this one of "trick or treating." She remembers Halloween as a scary time.

"The only thing to worry about [now] is the candy being tainted. You can't trust anybody any more."

To some Christians Halloween is an evil day. For other

sects it's a time of revelry. It's a time to acknowledge the dead. But what is the truth about this holiday and are there any misconceptions?

Halloween was originally an ancient Celtic feast known as Samhain, commemorating the beginning of winter. At one time it was called "All Hallow's Eve" and was later shortened to "Halloween." It was a night of preparation for Nov. 1st "All Saints Day," which honored early Christian martyrs.

The Celts who once lived in the British Isles believed that on Oct. 31st the souls of the dead paid a visit to earth to haunt the living. Dressed in costumes, they ventured to villages and throughout the countryside with the belief that they could scare off evil spirits. It was during their forays that they'd demand that the superstitious farmers provide them with food and if they didn't they'd curse them and promise them famine, drought, disease and even death, according to Phil Phillips, author of "Halloween and Satanism."

Samhain was known to the Celtic Druid priests as their "sun god" and "lord of the dead." On Oct. 31st, the Druids would perform animal and human sacrifices to Samhain for the sinful souls who had died during the year, souls be-

lieved to be in a place of torment. The Druids believed that the souls would be freed only if Samhain was pleased with their sacrifices, according to an article in the *Patriot Review* called "Halloween kids treat or pagan trick." Bobby Adamson, youth pastor at Victory Christian Fellowship in Fresno says that in the age we live in there's a lack of recognizing what's evil. Adamson has spent 11 years working with teens and believes that most young people don't know what's right or wrong.

The use of the word "witch" has a negative connotation, according to Kathryn Barile, owner of the Brass Unicorn in the Tower District for nearly 15 years. So most people who are wiccan use the term wiccan rather than witch because wiccan is a god and goddess-oriented tradition that's based on the cycles of nature. One misconception about Halloween has to do with witches. "It has to do with witches committing sacrifices... witches don't do sacrifices," Barile said.

This time of the year is the cycle of harvest. "It's a time of divination to see what the coming year will bring. "It's a time

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## Art exhibit an eye opener

### ■ Drawings finest examples of Valley artists

Beth Beacham  
Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College Art Space Gallery will be featuring an exhibit on drawings titled "Central Valley Drawing—North, South and Central Variations" opening November 5.

Art Space Gallery Director Don Brewer, got some of the art pieces from Fresno and traveled to Sacramento, Davis, Bakersfield and Turlock to acquire the rest of the work. Most of the drawings that will be on exhibit were done on paper. Artists used a range of instruments to create their drawings including charcoal, ink, paint,

graphite, and pencil.

The unusual part of the exhibit is the exhibit itself. Brewer states that "the idea of having a drawing show in itself is rarely done. You don't see them very often. I thought that it would be interesting to do this kind of a medium."

Brewer says that the idea of featuring drawings in the gallery actually happened a year ago and he had been working on this project for six months to find the artists and their work.

The exhibit will be an excellent opportunity for art students to see some of the finest examples being done in the Valley by professional artists. Students will be able to view a wide variety of technique and style. Brewer says that it will

"open their minds, consciousness, and sensitivity to something that they can't see right here in Fresno."

The Gallery will have some 30 drawings on display by artists from Central California. The variety of work to be seen is described as being naturalistic, delicate, highly charged expressionistic, fantastic, surrealistic, and abstract. The exhibition will last until December 10. The Art Space Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Thursdays, 11am to 4 pm, Fridays 9 am to noon, Sunday 1 pm to 4 pm, and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6 pm to 8:30 pm.

## Job fair brings many employers to FCC

### ■ Fair brought job opportunities to students

Nannina Volpe  
Rampage reporter

On Wednesday, October 18th, the Campus Mall and East Fountain was crowded with Fresno City College students milling around looking at the numerous jobs available and filling out applications as the booths provided.

Mervyns, Goodguys, Sierra Summit, and Discovery

Toys, were a few of the many booths that were set up at FCC to supply the students with easy accessibility to jobs.

Sitting at the tables intently focused on filling out their job applications, the students were happy to be provided with the job opportunities furnished right here on campus.

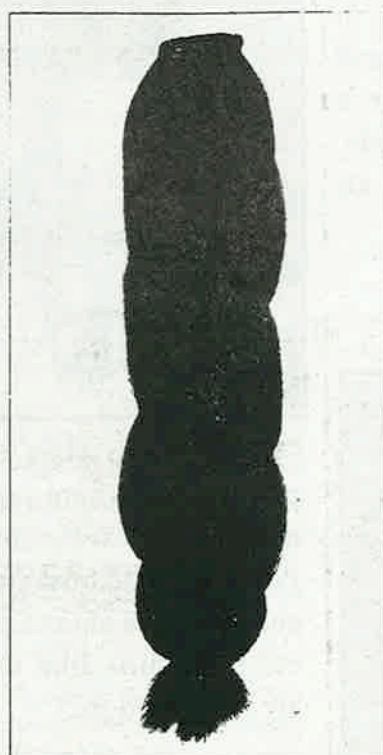
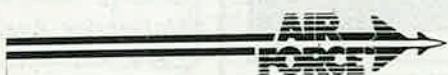
Also available were food booths just in case you worked up an appetite or were hot and thirsty while filling out those nebulous job applications. Everyone knows looking for a job is hard work.

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# Folk dancing friendship set to music

Many fear this part of Americana tradition will be lost.

Linda Burgin  
Rampage reporter

October is Multicultural Awareness Month in California. As part of this celebration, October 15 through October 21 was International Folk Dance Week. Last week ended with Fresno's 47th Annual Autumn Harvest Folk Dance Festival on October 21 and 22.

Dancers from throughout the state came to California State University Fresno to participate. Folk dances were performed representing over 28 countries.

All in attendance were encouraged to dance. Some folk dances were complicated, and only those dancers familiar with the steps participated. But the easier dances were great fun and many novices joined in.

Exhibition groups in costume also performed. These groups included Hmong Traditional Dancers, Laotian Traditional Dancers, and Arax Armenian Dancers. Also performing were the McTeggart Irish Dancers, Teocalli Dancers, and Fresno Danish Dancers.

Dance instruction by the University of the Pacific Stockton Folk Dance Camp was also featured.

I spoke with Michael Norris, President of the Fresno Folk Dance Council and Director of Public Relations for the Folk Dance Federation of California. He explained that our local Folk Dance Council is part of the Northern Group of the Folk Dance Federation of California.

These organizations are non-profit. They are devoted to preserving traditional folk dancing. Mr. Norris says that this is true 'Americana' - the ethnic heritage all Americans, as immigrants, share.

Unfortunately, many fear this part of Americana will be lost forever. This is due to a lack of interest in folk dancing among young people.

Many of these young people would be surprised to learn that the origins of today's popular Country Western dances are the old American folk dances. Some American folk dances include Square Dancing, Clogging, Contraband, Cajon dancing and Zydeco.

Several facilities have become unavailable to folk dancers. This includes the FCC gym. At least four groups have been forced to cancel dance classes.

Almost every month there is a folk dance activity in Northern California. It is a great way to carry on an American tradition.

For those interested in a pleasant recreational activity, folk dancing classes are still available around the Fresno area.

## Where to Folk dance in Fresno

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Fresno International Folk Dancers Teachers- Kent Perersen & Gary Hughes	Pulaski Polish Dancers of Fresno Contact Ruth Kazmier 222-8717

## M.E.Ch.A. club example of Mexican culture

Self identity and pride in Mexican culture encouraged.

Elvira Viveros  
Rampage reporter

In 1969, Chicano students from throughout California met in Santa Barbara to unite the California student movement. From this conference M.E.Ch.A. was formed and in 1994 it celebrated its 25th anniversary as a statewide organization.

M.E.Ch.A. is more than a club on campus. It has been a cause for many Mexican's throughout the decades. It stands for Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano Aztlán and stemmed from the need to unify Mexicanos, Mexican-American, and Tejanos.

In this type of forum, self-identity and pride in the Mexican culture are encouraged. Many young Mexicans who have been raised and educated in the United States rarely learn of their history.

Such questions as where they come from and how they got here are left unanswered.

M.E.Ch.A. 's main concern was to answer these questions and for the last 25 years Chicanos have been fighting for the right to have Raza studies at an educational institution level.

Walkouts, confrontations and sit-ins have been necessary in order to provide Chicanos with an academic background of their history.

Dana Suarez who is a Public Relations officer of Fresno City's M.E.Ch.A. club, says her

involvement has made her knowledgeable about her ancestors.

"As a Chicana, I have an idea of how hard I will need to work to overcome sexism in American society and in my own,"

Suarez says, "I've come to realize that the Mexican culture is beautiful while American seems to lack any character."

As a Chicana feminist, Suarez has learned about her foremothers. She credits Frida Kahlo as one of her role models. Kahlo was a Mexican artist and feminist who went through the Mexican Revolution fighting for women's rights. "I feel that Mexican feminist have not been given the credit that other feminists have," she says.

The club meets on a weekly basis and discusses fund-raisers and volunteer activities.

This year a Toys For Tots day is planned to for the holidays.

Issues that concern students on campus are also covered. "You have got to be down with brown pride, It is what God intended for me and I accept it," says Edgar Castanada, an avid member of M.E.Ch.A.

A member for five years, Junior Martinez feels that the club has kept him off the streets and out of trouble.

"M.E.Ch.A. has given me a positive outlook on my future goals," Martinez explains, "I believe in them and I am able to pass this on to younger students when I visit elementary schools."

He says that M.E.Ch.A.

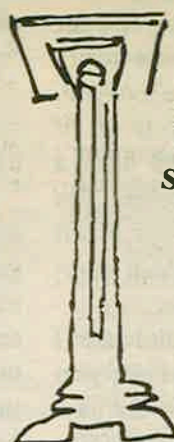
gives children a background on their culture and teaches them to take pride in it.

M.E.Ch.A. continues to be part of a whole people that include farm workers, packing house workers, factory workers and professionals who all believe in the cause for equality. For further information on membership in M.E.Ch.A club, stop by their booth on Club Awareness Day. The next Club Awareness Day is Wednesday, November 8.,

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# Little Monkeys making huge waves

■ New band influenced by Primus, U2, Red Hot Chili Peppers and more.

Beth Beacham  
Rampage reporter

One of the many potpourri of local Fresno bands, "Sick Little Monkeys," proves that they are not just another new rock band. Their distinct sound, described by band members Jonny 5 and Kelley Nelson as "modern alternative rock with a hard edge," was chosen as the sound track of a new CD-ROM video game due out in May of 1996.

Corrinne Yu, a lead programmer of video games at Tachyon Studios, located in Oakhurst, was in Fresno one night and heard the band play. She liked their sound so much that she wanted to put their music on a video game. Although the band can't say what the video game will be about, guitarist Jonny 5 assures, "It's



photo by Stephanie Nelson

Left to right: Aaron, Johnny 5, Craig 31, Kelley. Chad and vocalist Andrew not pictured.

just going to be really cool."

"The Sick Little Monkeys," who derived their band title from the popular MTV cartoon "Ren and Stimpy," have been together for two years. They've been playing local shows at The Cadillac Club, Club Fred, Bisla's and as Kelley stated, "every place that has live music." They've also performed in areas like Visalia and Stockton. Their music is

well liked by Fresno audiences age group 16-21. They sold out their shows at the Cadillac Club three times.

"Sick Little Monkeys" consists of six members all together. The youngest member is 22 years old, the oldest is 26. Although they've only been together for two years, they've been playing their instruments a lot longer than that. FCC night student, Aaron Bundy,

who plays drums and Fresno State student, Jon, who is one out of the band's two guitarists, played in their junior high school marching band. Keyboardist, Craig, was in another band with Jon and Aaron before he joined "Sick Little Monkeys."

The band had no problems getting along with each other. After their first six months together they were ready for stage performances.

Aaron says, "It depends on your experience in general instead of how long you've been together as a band." Jon adds, "We all write our songs. We all collaborate on them." He explains that the band's music "has a lot of stuff in it."

The band's influences include Primus, Radiohead, U2, Jimmy Hendrix, Mega Death, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Tool.

The band decided to hire a manager in May to take over the promotional aspects of their

career because it took up too much of Jon's time, who was their former manager. Their new manager is Paul Edwards of Gemini Arts and Media. He has a strict contract with just "Sick Little Monkeys" and no other bands.

Not only do they have a CD-ROM video game called "Alien Central" with their music on it coming out, they also have a CD with fifteen songs from the sci-fi video game available for personal computers that will be out in time for Christmas. They spent one month at "Wolf Sound" recording it and got excellent high quality results.

You can catch their next show November 30 at the Intermezzo Cafe in the Tower District. "Sick Little Monkeys" encourages interested readers or fans to call their hotline number at 224-BIG7 for more information about the band.

## Credit cards don't always pay

■ As tempting as credit cards are, even responsible students can get into trouble.

Chris Young  
Rampage reporter

Most people have a part-time job but, by the time they pay their insurance and other miscellaneous debts, they have no money. Friday and Saturday nights are no fun without dinero. All they may have in their empty pockets is a phone number and some lint.

If you haven't noticed, there are booths on campus that display something so sinfully temptacious you caution when even thinking about them. With slogans like "Don't leave home without it," and "Everywhere you want to be," credit cards are becoming the latest addiction since chocolate was created.

It looks so easy to get a credit card. The application

informs you that if you just fill it out "you should get your card 3 to 6 weeks from now." Don't let some people fool you. It really isn't hard at all if you're a student and have a reliable source of income. The spending limit on your credit card depends on which company you go through.

"They told me that after I have had my card for one year and have made all of the payments regularly, my spending amount will go from \$700 to \$1200," said new Visa applicant Jean Williams, "I can't wait to get my card. As soon as I get it, I'm going to go clothes shopping."

Williams, like many FCC students, goes to school part-time and holds a part-time job

She is studying human anatomy. This little plastic money lender will help her pay for the things she didn't have enough money for. Now she can purchase those Nike's she

has been eyeing at the mall without the pressure to pay right away.

But can that phrase "buy now pay later" really be taken literally?

Eric Evison has a different attitude towards the idea of getting a credit card based upon his own irresponsible experience. Like Williams, Evison thought the whole invention of the credit card was too good to be true. He said that he was cautious with the first two expenditures he used his American Express on. These were a couple of outfits and a watch. He made his payments on time for the first three months. It wasn't until he was walking around town that he passed by an electronics store and succumbed to extraordinary temptation.

"They were having this going out of business sale so I thought that I would just look around," Eric said with an em-

barrassed blush, "I was interested in this stereo system that was marked down from almost \$2,000 to \$950. It was so rad the guy was persuading me by saying what a good party I could throw with this baby! I don't know what made me decide but I bought it. I was getting good hours at work and I did just get a raise. What a way to celebrate, right!?"

A month after Evison bought the stereo he used his card to rent a jet ski, and a few other items. Evison was getting carried away. Payments were made with no problem, but two months later Evison lost his job. He anxiously searched for a new one but, by the time the next bill came, he still had no means of income. He went to his family but no one could help him with the \$1,056.73 he now owed.

"I had to file bankrupt," said Evison. "There was no other alternative. I'm only 21 and I have lousy credit. If I applied for a loan or something they'd laugh."

Evison's story is probably similar to the many other students who have gone through the same experience.

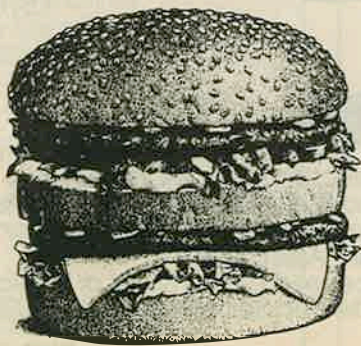
"You may think that you're financially capable of making the payments and, you may be," Evison advises, "I'm not saying that you're not responsible enough to have a card but I thought I was, too. If you get a credit card, use it on things you know you can pay for the worst should happen."

Many students have future problems because of one decision they make, "Buy now and pay later." Many students really do pay later.

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# An Afternoon in Armenian culture

■ Show provided a rare opportunity to experience artistic aspect of traditional Armenian culture

Jess Vincent  
Rampage reporter

If you were not able to make it to the show on Sunday at the Theatre Arts Building, Fresno City College for the "Afternoon In Armenia" you missed out on a large slice of Armenian Culture that was expressed through art, history, and music.

This culture was brought to Fresno City College by John Chookaszian, who heads of the International Folk Ensemble.

Exhibited in the lobby were paintings, watercolor and oil, by Dr. Rapheal Atoian and cop-

ies of 13th through 14th Century Armenian Church Manuscripts featuring artists Toros Roslin, Hovhan, Toros Taronatsi, Kirakis Tavriseci, and Kostandin with some unknown artist. Dr. Levon Chookaszian of Yerevan State University did a slide show and explained the magnificent details that went into making these manuscript paintings, pointing out the details that if you were not careful you would miss which you would in turn miss out on the whole experience that the artists had painted out for your viewing pleasure. During the intermission you had a chance to meet Dr. Rapheal Atoian and his daugh-

ter who is a student at Fresno City College, Sonia Atoian, and to talk to Dr. Levon Chookaszian and view the copies up close.

The oil paintings, watercolors and manuscript copies were on sale so you could get a piece of Armenian Culture and history.

Before and after intermission the Master of Ceremonies, Robert Fleming, introduced the John Chookaszian International Folk Ensemble. They brought the sound of Armenia and took the audience there.

The lights dimmed and then the sound of the Armenian Flute came through the darkness, played by Albert

Vartanian who also played the Accordion in the group, it hypnotized and made the auditorium seem vast. Then came the rest of the band playing traditional Armenian Folk Songs with the audience clapping in the background. Solos on the Oud, played by Garo Bedrosian along with vocals, the Kanun, Haig Tashchyan, and the Kemenche, Sergie Gevoikian, helped to introduce the parts those particular instruments had in the group while it was held together by the drumming backbeat sound of Jiriar Vagnian on the Dahul and Davul. Barbara Chookaszian, the wife of John Chookaszian, brought emotion as she sang

the Armenian wedding songs taking the roll of the Harse (Bride), portraying the anguish and frustration that the Harse goes through before, during and after the marriage. Her extra drumming on the Dumbegs, and Daff contributed to the rhythm and texture of the Armenian sound.

Through song and music you heard and could almost see the Armenian traditions that had been the corner stone of the Armenian culture.

When it was all over you felt that a piece of Armenia had been given to you through knowledge and history, and because it was not tangible it was yours forever.

## Check deadline unchecked

■ Students told checks were voided.

Nina Volpe  
Rampage reporter

Looking puzzled and forlorn, students standing in a long line at 9 a.m. in the Business Office at Fresno City College were being told that their checks had been voided because they had not been picked up before the October 17 deadline.

The students were perplexed because they had received a letter in the mail the day before that read: "Our records indicate that you have not picked up your October 3rd check and that the checks will be available in the Business Office until October 18th."

"That's funny," one of the students commented, "today is the 18th. Where is my check?" The Business Office sent the long line of people to the Financial Aid Office to see just what the problem was.

At the Financial Aid Office, they were trying to figure out their error and they did. The discovery was that the letter which all the students received on October 17 advising students to pick up their checks by the 18 should have read to pick up their checks by the 17.

So the error was in the letter written by the Financial Aid Office to the students. But how could the students be there to pick up a check that they knew nothing about? The Financial Aid Office gave the students a new date for distribution of their checks. The new date was Thursday, November 2.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ■ Homecoming

Homecoming week is November 6-11. Elections for Homecoming King and Queen will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Voting booths will be located at the fountain area on Tuesday, November 4 from 9 am to 3 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm. Wednesday they will be located in the Free Speech Area from 9 am to 3 pm and in the fountain area from 4pm to 9 pm. On Thursday they will be in the Fountain Area from 9 am to 4pm.

Candidates for Queen are Andrea Kennington, Stacy Mendrin, Renee Namba, Angela De'Loney, Pauline Bieniek, Julie McCready, Stephanie Starks, Jamie Buck, Ricki Hubert, and Elizabeth Enriquez.

Candidates for King are Scott Spurgeon, Arthur Watkins, Bryce Hatch, Enrique Rodriguea, Joel Hernandez, Mike Brown, Junior Preciado.

The winners will be announced at the tailgate party at the Homecoming game between 11am and 1 pm.

FCC's opponent for Homecoming is Kings River college. The game will be played at Ratcliff Stadium on Saturday, November 11 at 1 pm.

A Rally is scheduled on

Wednesday, November 8 on Club Awareness Day at noon.

The Fresno Falcolns hockey team will be on hand after the rally.

There is a dinner-dance scheduled Saturday, November 11 from 7 pm until midnight. It is a semi-formal, couples only event and will be held in Sierra Community Center. Tickets are \$25 a couple pre-sale only. Only 60 student tickets and 20 administration staff and faculty tickets are available. Casanova is DJing the event and Pardini's is catering.

## ■ Veteran's Queen Contest

The Veterans Peace Memorial Committee is currently seeking applicants to run for the 1995 Veterans' Queen.

The purpose of the competition is to raise funds for the completion of the Veterans Peace Memorial Monument located in the Free Speech Area.

The Competition will be based on the number of tickets sold by the candidates.

Requirements for candidates are that they should be 18 years of age or older and they must belong to a family of a Veteran.

Current candidates for the Veterans Queen Contest are Kathleen Bonilla, Public Information Officer, Jannett Jackson, Business Division,

Glennva Yuenger, Student Body President, Lanette Saldivar, Day care teacher, Toni Miller, Recreation therapist, Aubrie Morlet, student and Executive Vice President for ASB, and Rebecca Kenney, FCC student. The queen will be crowned during the Fresno City College Veterans Day Celebration on Thursday, November 9 at 11 am.

For an application and more information contact Ms. Gurdeep Sihota at 265-5711 or 265-5712.

Drawing will be held during the homecoming game on Saturday, November 11 honoring all Veterans. First prize is a ride in a WWII airplane, second prize is a 1940's vintage radio and third prize is a 21-inch color TV. There are also many other prizes. Need not be present to win. Tickets are \$1a piece.

## ■ Coats for Heaton

FCC Rotaract club is sponsoring a coat drive for the Heaton Elementary school students across the street from Fresno City College on McKinley.

The drive began Wednesday, November 1 and will end Thursday, November 30.

Last year, there were only five coats donated to the cause. It is expected that a larger number will be donated this year.

The Rotaract club is challenging all divisions to donate any and all size coats at the Rotaract Booth on Club Awareness Day. The division who donated the most warmth will be announced in The Rampage in the final issue of the semester! For information on the Coat drive please contact Michele Peabody at 226-0750 or Barbara Dunn in the Social Science Division.

## ■ Student In Free Enterprise (SIFE)

SIFE had a drawing on Wednesday, October 11. The winners of the drawing are Cruz Ma, Pauline Bieniek, Mary Reimer and David.

Ma recieved a 400 square foot carpet cleaning valued at \$65 dollars from Morisone Carpet Care and from Falcon Mobile Detailing a tire dressing and air freshener valued at \$15.

Bieniek won a \$40 gift basket from The Fayre Maieen and Raimier recieved a \$30 gift basket from The Fayre Maiden.

David won lunch for two at On the Spot Catering.

The drawing was held as a fund raiser to help SIFE organize other communitie activities.

The Rampage wishes to apologize for the following mistakes in the 10-13-95 issue:

Cecil Litiema article was cut off by computer error.

Mountain Wash ad was dated erroneously. It should have been dated for a week after the date the issue was distributed.

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# Hensley predicts this years sports results

■ Bono gives Chiefs hope, Magic finds home in NBA Finals.

Trent Hensley  
Rampage reporter

It has taken eleven years of nurturing the right arm of Steve Bono, but if you ask the Kansas City Chiefs, the time was well worth spending.

With the loss of Joe Montana and an aging Marcus Allen, the Chiefs were certain to have a dismal year. Not! With the insertion of Bono at the quarterback position, the Chiefs are off to their best start since 1969 at 7-1.

Despite an embarrassment at the hands of the defending world champion San Francisco 49ers 44-10, the St. Louis Rams are the surprise of the league at

6-2. The aerial attack of quarterback Chris Miller to wide receiver Isaac Bruce has been the backbone of this team. The Rams are play-off bound with their CFL-like schedule.

The National Basketball Association's season begins on November the third.

The New York Knicks start a new era with Don Nelson as the new head coach. Rumors are speculating that Nelson is trying to arrange a trade that will bring in guard Tim Hardaway to the team to add speed and scoring to their stagnant offense.

Don't expect the Washington Bullets to go anywhere beyond a first round exit from the play-offs. They have the league's most promising starting five but center Rasheed Wallace is unproven and forward Chris Webber is injury

prone. Juwaun Howard is starting to establish a name for himself around the league and Calbert Cheaney is solid at the swing guard position. Give this team four years and you can put the house on it, the Bullets will win the championship in 1999.

The Chicago Bulls have added forward Dennis "the worm" Rodman to their roster but don't expect a championship from this team just yet. They are without a quality point guard with the loss of B.J. Armstrong and the animosity that the Worm will bring to the team will be even too much for Michael Jordan to overcome.

The Orlando Magic will again represent the Eastern Conference in the championship. Their team chemistry has set in and barring the loss of any of their starting five, the

Magic might find a home in the summer classic for years to come.

Their opponent representing the Western Conference will be the Phoenix Suns. If Danny Manning and Kevin Johnson can stay healthy, the Suns will coast into the finals.

The Rockets quest for a three peat is a long shot. With the Suns back at full strength, the Rockets will be outmaned and outplayed by the rejuvenated Phoenix ball club.

The Seattle Supersonics are the league's most high flying, slam jamming', fast breaking', modern edition of Showtime. Yet to no avail, they have accomplished absolutely nothing out of the ordinary. Now with the loss of guard Kendall Gill, look for the Supersonics to continue performing at a sub par level.

Mike Tyson is geared and ready to put on a punching clinic against Buster Mathis Jr. on November the fourth. It will be Mathis's most devastating six minutes of his career.

For all you Mathis fans and big time gamblers, remember what happened the last time Tyson fought a 50-1 underdog with the first name Buster. A tenth round knock out that left Don King speechless and we all know how difficult that task can be.

But who really cares about that fight anyway? On that same night we will all witness the event closest to the "Thrilla in Manila" of our generation when former heavyweight champions Evander Holyfield and Riddick Bowe go toe to toe for twelve rounds and the result: "Ladies and gentlemen, we have a split decision."

## Big E's prescripton for sports

■ Hakeem, Shaq dual would have been dual of advertisers.

Ernest Shelton  
Rampage reporter

Come hear darlings, grab your reading glasses and get ready for a trip around the campus and the world's sports as seen through the eyes of the Big E.

Everyone knows that when the earth gets futher away from the sun, the clocks go back one hour and the weather begins to change. In the world of sports, though, it means that baseball season is over, football is in mid-season and the basketball season is right around the corner.

The Fresno City Rams basketball teams are looking to make an impact in the Central Valley Confrence this year. As for the men's basketball team, anything less than returning to the Great Eight Conference just won't do.

Players wanting the chance to become a part of Jerry's kids with the Fresno State Bulldogs will welcome the chance to play for the Rams in hopes of getting a first look. The Rams are in the Bulldogs back yard, which is the next best placeto

be in basketball.

Also in basketball, the grand daddy of all sporting events was to have taken place a month ago. But the battle to see who was the best center in the NBA, Shaq vs. Hakeem, didn't pan out. Less than ten hours before the event, which was billed as the battle of the century, Hakeem pulled out of the contest with a bad back. Cups, t-shirts, and even new ways of eating Taco Bell food were made up and bulit around this event. Some people were foolish enough to order the event on pay-per-view for 25 dollars (the biggest rip off of the '90's). This was the same kind of event that was supposed to have taken place three years ago between Micheal Jordan and Magic Johnson after the Chicago Bulls beat the L.A. Lakers in the 1993 NBA Finals.

Endorments is what killed the Shaq vs. Hakeem contest. Since both players have the same agent, it is easy to see why the contest never took place. If you think about it, it's plan to see Shaq drink Pespi and Hakeem drink Coke will make it a Coke vs. Pespi event. Shaq likes to wear Reeboks while Hakeem perfers to wear Nikes.

Can you see where I'm going with this? The loser of the contest would be labeled as second best to who ever won the contest. So who lost in the contest would have been the one to be endorsing what most people would believe as second rated products.

Last, but not least, there is the Mike Tyson fight that was supposed to be held on November 4. His second come back fight was against Buster Mathis, Jr., which also was the same night as the Bowe vs. Holyfield part three fight. The only trouble is, as of Thursday, not-so-iron Mike Tyson pulled out of the fight due to a broken thumb. A broken thumb? I s this the best excuse that Don King could come up with? Now, I'm no boxing fan, but I do like Mike Tyson. But why would I pay any amount of money to watch him beat up on some no name guy for less than three rounds when I could just simply watch it on T.V. ?

The Bowe and Holyfield fight is a good solid fight that is going to go at least 6-8 rounds. If you get a couple of friends together to chip in and order the pay-per-veiw event and a couple of your friends are late or got lost on the way to your house, the fight is not

going to be over by the second round. There was not enough money in the fight for Mike Tyson, who wasn't going to have his next fight until March of '96. Trust me on this one folks, if Evander Holyfield can

fight with heart problems then I'm sure that if the money was there, Mike Tyson could have fought with a broken thumb. Until next time, leave the light on and the bathroom door open because I'll be back soon.

## Westhills dampens Rams hope for bowl game

■ Rams loss a heart-breaker.

Ernest Shelton  
Rampage reporter

It was a game that looked like Halloween weekend's 49ers-Saints game. From the Rams sidelines you could hear "Fresno, Fresno!" chanted as the Rams tried to win it's second home game out of the last three.

Like the grim reaper walking around during Halloween, the fat lady was warming up outside of Ratcliffe stadium.

The first half of the game belonged to the defense who allowing only six points. The spirit of the Rams defense was shown as they also put points on the board by getting a safty towards the end of the first half.

With the score 6-2 at half-time, it was plain to see that the Rams were hoping to run all over Westhills using split

backs in the second half.

Pre-season All-American running back, Frankie Sinclair, and freshman running back Joe Washington ran the ball hard all day, but the tick tack fouls called by the officials seemed to damper the hopes of a second win for the Rams at Ratcliffe. For Westhills, it was their first win of the '95 season.

The Rams will play their final home game in two weeks.

For the mighty Rams, they will have to win their next three games to finish the season with a 7-3 record. If the Rams lose to Modesto, who scored 63 points against College of Sequoias on Halloween weekend, then the Rams might not be playing in December. There is a saying that "you don't want to dig a hole so deep that you can't get out of it." The Rams are close to the edge of falling into a similar hole.

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# Women's soccer spirits soar high

Ram's season almost over but still have potential.

Jennie Neely  
Contributing writer

Although you can't tell from their record, the FCC women's soccer team has a lot of potential. With only four returning players, the team is a young one that will blossom next year. Bill Neal, head coach, and two players, Keri Romero and Delores Briseno, all agree that defense is the team's strongest asset. The defense this year has done ex-

ceptionally well. The team only has three more games this season starting Thursday, November 2 with Merced. The last two games of the season will be against Hartnell and Las Positas. Most of the scores have only been separated by one point. With games that close, you know that the season has been an exciting one.

Coach Neal expects to win all three final games even though the playoffs are not within the team's sights. "Defensively, we're really good. We just haven't been able to generate our offensive game," says Coach Neal, "Potentially, this team should have won the

conference."

FCC women's soccer returner Keri Romero agrees. "We're a young team with a lot of potential. We have a good defense, a good offense, and a good midfield," Romero stated, "We just need to work together."

With veterans Annette Frigon, Amy Bryan, and Lisa Pollastrini as captains, the team should be able to meet their coach's expectations.

Injuries played a part in the team's low record, which is 5-5-4 in the total season and 1-4-3 in the conference. Defender Renee Comacho from Bullard had a knee injury in

the first game against De Anza and has not yet fully recovered. Midfield striker, Adrienne Duarte from Visalia had knee surgery and will not be returning this year.

Vivian Mendez is the leading scorer. She has scored four of FCC's 14 goals this season. With these last three games, Coach Neal hopes that that number will grow. The offensive this year started out really strong before the conference started but then gradually deteriorated. Coach Neal has no idea why this is. He says that the opportunities are there but they just don't seem to be able to get it in the net. Coach Neal

hopes that more shooting drills at practice will help to reduce this problem. The team practices every day from 1:00 to 3:00 and some of the students arrive early to work on their skills. In spite of its problems, there is a lot of spirit on the team. Students work extra hard to try to help the team.

The team only averages 25-30 regular fans attending the games. With the last three games in sight, the team could really use the support.

There is still one more week in the season and watching this team is worth the admission into the stadium.

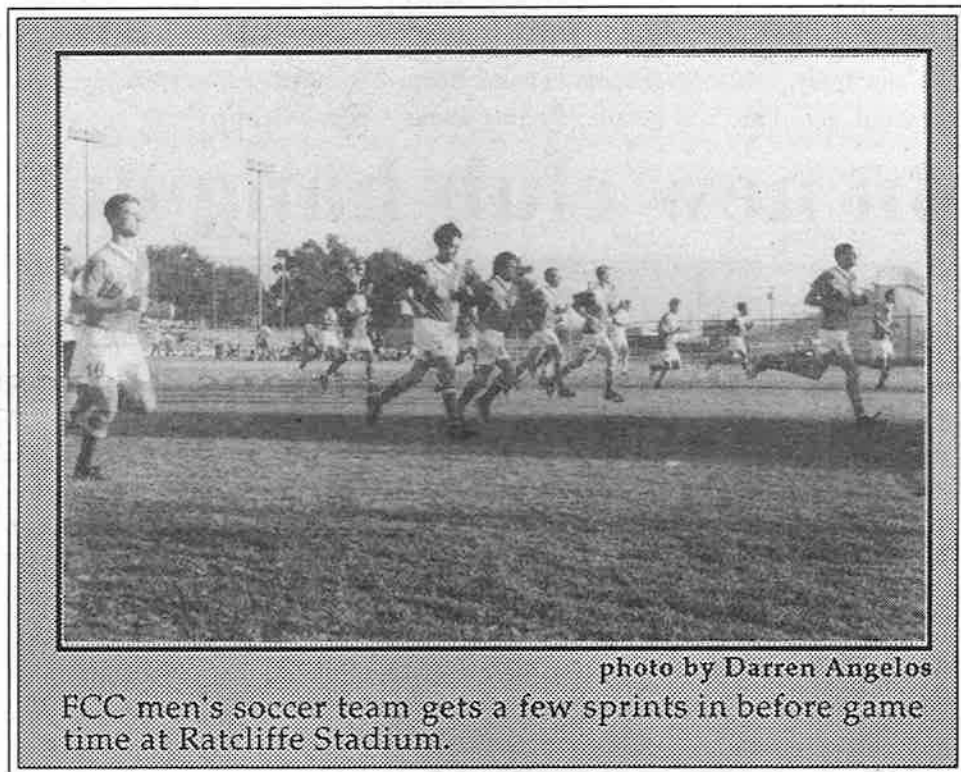


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FCC men's soccer team gets a few sprints in before game time at Ratcliffe Stadium.

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# Neville Brothers fill spirits with soul

■ Band has message in their variety of music.

Darren Angelos  
Photo Editor

The Neville Brothers took the stage at the Big Fresno Fair earlier this month to a packed house of faithful fans and anything but still bodies in the audience. The band is on a West Coast tour that happened to stop at the Fair midway. They will continue to San Francisco after playing Fresno. Their music is enriched with African rhythm and soul backed by meaningful lyrics and gospel overtones.

The popular lead vocalist, Aaron Neville, who is also well-noted for his solo projects, with such talent as Linda Ronstadt and composing

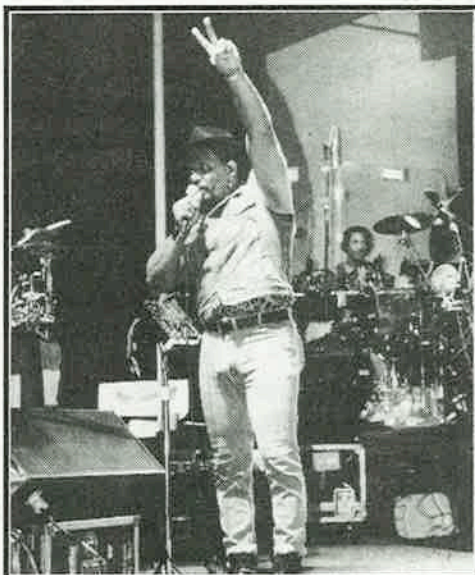


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Disney show tunes, was very pleased with the turnout of their performance at the Big Fresno Fair. "We didn't expect this many people at a local fair, this was great," said Charles Neville, the band's saxophonist and percussionist, "We just

love playing large or small crowds. It doesn't matter to us as long as we can relate our message to our fans."

The band does have many messages to relay to it's listeners about religion, peace, violence, and other 'worldly issues and problems.' The lyrics they write into their compositions are purely inspirational. Their tone is

full of rhythm, soul and emotion.

When asked about the theme and composition of their material, Aaron Neville replied, "We like to reach the younger generation and relay messages to them about get-

ting a good education, staying off the streets, and 'living' life, not throwing it away using drugs. That really is the key goal for our future generations to come."

The band played their popular hits such as 'Family Groove,' a version of 'Fly Like An Eagle,' 'Let My People Go' (a song about the plight of mankind and humanity), and ended their set with 'One Love/People Get Ready/Sermon,' a Bob Marley favorite of the past.

One thing I did notice about these guys is that they are as three dimensional as a human can be in person. They really care about their fans, are true in virtue and in nature, and they don't possess that 'above the normal' star status quality many entertainers at their level seem to have. They are real people, singing about

real issues in life, for real people to listen to.

Fresno City College's Winter Dance Concert scheduled later on in the semester will showcase a piece entitled "Falling Rain," a song composed and written by Art Neville. The piece will portray through choreography what it is like to go through emotional disabilities such as depression, contemplating suicidal tendencies, and other psychological inabilities caused by mental anguish and disease, especially labeling the chronic and debilitating 'Lyme' syndrome.

Meanwhile, if you have never heard of the Neville Brothers or are not familiar with any of their music, take a spin to the record store and check out their music. You may be surprised on what you have been missing.

## Sawyer Brown rocks Paul Paul Theater

■ Miller's dance moves makes crowds go wild.

Chris Young and  
Veronica Funk  
Rampage reporters

Every year the Fresno Fair has crowds of people flocking onto the fairgrounds just to get a glimpse at the new exhibits, rides and games, and of course the entertainment at the Paul Paul Theater. Over the years the Fresno Fair has been able to feature big name music artists to hold a small concert for music fans. This year the fair featured various artists such as The Rembrants, All 4 One, and Sawyer Brown.

Country music fans from all around the valley were thrilled when reading the advertisements about the former Star Search contestants, now one of the most popular country music bands Sawyer Brown, coming to Fresno.

The whole fair was rocking to the beat of Sawyer Brown's drums and was jam packed with concert attendees. Sawyer Browns' lead vocalist Mark Miller incarcerated the audiences attention by opening up the concert with a hit off of one of his first albums *Some Prayers*. Other songs performed that evening

included all of Sawyer Brown's greatest hits that gave them four Country Music Male Vocalist Awards.

On the stage, Miller made the fans go wild with his funky dance moves. By his flexibility on the stage, no one would have ever known that he had had back surgery four years ago for a ruptured disk. Other band members moved about on the stage as well which made it hard for fans to stay in their seats.

During the concert, Miller made some funny jokes and did a few jumps in the air to energize the audience even more. While Miller sang, a helper for the disabled audience members stood on a platform aside from the stage and did sign language for the hearing impaired. A huge screen was up high so that people sitting way in the back could see better.

The overall response from the audience made Miller and his band smile brightly like the lights on the stage. The audience turnout was one of the biggest at this year's Fresno Fair.

This concert was really fun to attend and the performers made every minute more enjoyable. The memory of the three hour wait outside of the gate to get in disappeared.

## Avalon new club hang out

■ Pool hall brings alternative entertainment.

Nina Volpe  
Rampage reporter

One of Fresno's finest and newest forms of entertainment has been added to the Tower District. The Avalon Billiard Club is located on North Fulton Street in the Tower District and is open seven days a week from 1pm to 2am.

Owned and operated by Matt Kennedy, this bay-area style Billiard Club is booming almost every night of the week.

Kennedy, an architect, designed the Avalon himself. He says that he, "modeled the club after some of the finer bay-area clubs." The Avalon is beautifully constructed and decorated with art decor ceilings. The club houses 22 pool tables, which are traditional style and custom built in North Carolina, and one shuffle board table.

At the rear of the club, there is a private club room that is available for booking parties or to rent by the hour. The private room has a big screen TV and three pool tables.

The club attracts a 20 to 30-year-old white-collar crowd offering a selection of 15 microdraft beers, pizza and sandwiches.

Patrons like the place. "It leaves a good first impression," says Pamela Vance and Gina Hartness.

Hendrix, Offspring, The Doors, and ZZ Top are a few of the many selections of music provided on the juke box.

The Avalon Provides an alternative form of entertainment for the Tower area.

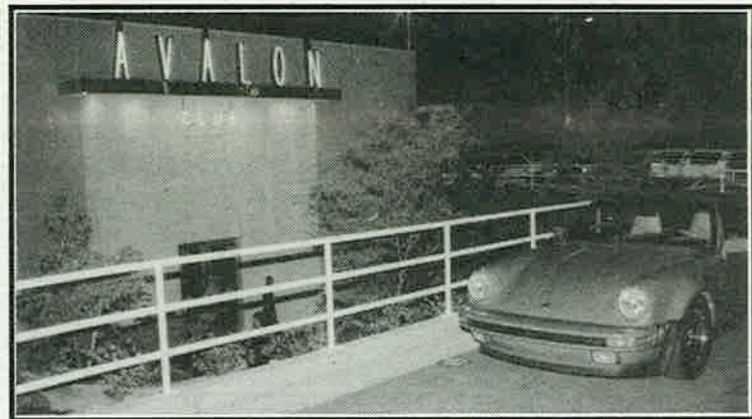


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# "Now and Then" an emotional hit

Film looks at four 12-year-olds discovery of stuffed bras, truth or dare.

Chris Young and  
Veronica Funk  
Rampage reporters

The 1970's left an impression of life in many different perspectives. During the late 60's and early 70's a significant number of events created the whole 70's scene. Life in a small upper class town became a foundation for four twelve-year-old girls in a time when new was in and old was out. Their Shelby, Indiana neighborhood made family life seem picture perfect when in reality that picture was shattered in tiny little pieces. This was the year when they would discover what boys looked like naked, of stuffed bras, and truth or dare games. This was also the year that they made the friendship pact that had lasted into adulthood to meet whenever they needed each other no matter how far apart they were. But it was also the year that



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Left to right: Gaby Hoffmann and Demi Moore; Thora Birch and Melanie Griffith; Ashleigh Aston Moore and Rita Wilson; Rosie O'Donnell and Christina Ricci.

their not-so-innocent world of childhood adventure was first cracked--by the reality of divorce and the eerie specter of a 25-year-old murder mystery.

The story opens up with Samantha (Demi Moore, Disclosure), who moved away from her small hometown to become a writer, driving back to Shelby to reunite with three

of her best friends, Teeny (Melanie Griffith, Milk Money, and Thora Birch, Monkey Trouble), Roberta (comedian Rosie O'Donnell, A League of Their Own, and Christina Ricci, Casper), and Chrissy (newcomers Rita Wilson and Ashleigh Aston-Moore) who is expecting her first child, the reason they all are reuniting

after 10 years of being apart.

Throughout the 10 years, everyone had gone their separate ways in life. Samantha (Moore, who also narrates the film) moved to a big city to write science-fiction novels. Teeny (Griffith) moved to California to pursue a successful career in acting. Roberta (O'Donnell) stayed in Shelby

and became a doctor. Chrissy (Wilson) became just what she hoped not to be--her perfectionist mother.

As the old friends reminisce of their 1970 summer, they start to realize everything they've missed by moving away and losing contact with their best friends that they have ever had. They learn that the things they did as children taught them many lessons that they didn't understand until they were adults.

This movie showed the true bondage that friends should share and should keep with them for the rest of their lives. The film expressed the need of friends in someone's life to make it easier to live and the lessons we're taught by things in life we never seem to grasp as children but come to understand as adults.

If you're looking for a movie that will make you both laugh and cry, this heart warming film is the one! This is a movie friends all around should watch together.

# Travolta a natural in "Get Shorty"

Film broadens actors range in characters.

Beth Beacham  
Rampage reporter

John Travolta is successful at bringing the tough guy image that won him an Oscar nomination last year for the movie "Pulp Fiction" back to the screen this year with "Get Shorty," also starring Danny DeVito and Rene Russo.

Travolta plays a Miami lone shark named Chili Palmer who's sent to Los Angeles to collect debts from a B-movie producer, Harry Zimm played by Gene Hackmen. Conflict arises between Palmer and two other lone sharks whom Zimm also owes a few hundred thousand dollars to for a delayed film project.

Soon, Palmer's conversations with Zimm leads to a genuine interest in the film-making business. He decides to leave his gangster lifestyle for a showbiz one and changes his goal to movie producer.

With the two local L.A. thugs battling with Palmer to get a piece of Zimm's movie profits, along with a ticked-off Brooklyn mobster who goes to L.A. on a mission to retrieve stolen cash, and with all of this squabbling revolving around the very popular C18 air terminal locker whose contents are most wanted, what you have may be what sounds like a lot of confusion but with brilliant comedic timing curtesy of "The Adams Family Values" director Barry Sonnenfeld, what you get is a movie that can be described as a part farce, part gangster and part glamour type

of a film.

"Get Shorty" has a nice Hollywood style to it but you don't want to walk into this movie late. If you do, you will

have a hard time keeping up with all of the action and mingling of plots. You will get lost. John Travolta is most definitely the best feature of

the film. He revives his Vincent Vega type image so naturally that his performance is worth sitting in on this movie to see.

## MOVIE SCORING SYSTEM

0-1 (F) - WHEN THE FILM FINALLY REACHES VIDEO, DON'T BOTHER TO RENT IT..

2-3 (D) - WAIT FOR VIDEO

4-5 (C) - AN ENTERTAINING WAY TO PASS THE TIME

6-7 (B) - WORTH SEEING

8-9 (A) - MUST SEE

10 (A+) - SEE IT MORE THAN ONCE

## MOVIES IN THEATRES NOV. 3

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# Million: Farrakhan's speech erects hope for peace

However according to the polls, the African-American population in general felt the demonstration was invented with the best of intentions and would produce a positive outcome. Most viewed it as a celebration of their culture, and a chance to show that there are strong, positive African-American men despite the negative stereotypes that have been presented by the newsmedia.

The National Park Service estimated the turnout at about 400,000 people, while Farrakhan and other representatives of the march maintained a turnout of over a million. Boston State University was commissioned by the ABC morning show *Good Morning America* for an independent study of how many people were present and estimated

that 870,000 people showed up. They reported a 25% margin of error which puts the number of people present at somewhere between 600,000 and 1.1 million. Farrakhan is reportedly seeking suit against the Park Service for underreporting the turnout in an effort to minimize the importance of the march. The Park Service maintains that its figures are correct.

Among those present at the event were acclaimed singer and composer Stevie Wonder, veteran civil rights activist Rosa Parks, world renowned poet and speaker Maya Angelou, as well as various religious leaders such as the controversial Reverend Al Sharpton, Reverend Jesse Jackson and Episcopal Bishop H.H. Brookins.

This widely publicized pre-

sensation utilized many of the Washington, D.C. hotels and motels which were booked up with tourists and participants of the demonstrations' lodging reservations months in advance. Many participants brought blankets and sleeping bags and slept outside.

Possible Republican presidential candidate Colin Powell when asked his opinion on the affair stated that he did not condone racism of any kind against any American, yet could not ignore the fact that African American men of this country were showing the world that they do care about the future of themselves and this country and were taking a stand as proof of this.

The march was protested by members of the Jewish community who felt that Farrakhan has insulted their race and pro-

moted hatred of their race for far too long and was simply abusing his right to free speech.

Some Fresnoans had no views concerning the Million Man March, some did not even know of its existence, despite all media coverage, and some Fresnoans wished they did not know anything about it.

David Mangum, a 20 year old FCC jazz major, felt that the march may have ideally been for positivity, yet the planner and organizer of it all turned it into an event celebrating segregation. He feels unity can only be called unity if it brings all people together, not just a particular group.

Candi Moore, a 19 year old FCC Psychology major, felt it was long over due. She felt it was good that black people were getting along and expressing the need for solidarity as a

whole. Yet she felt the primary exclusion of women was wrong. She stated people are taking the exclusion of women too far though, for women did take part in various ways and those who ignored the title of the event and marched anyway were welcomed and complimented by Farrakhan for their initiative and support.

Allie Hawkins, a supervisory nurse and a registered nursing major at FCC, agreed wholeheartedly with what the march stood for though she does not agree with all of Farrakhan's views. She felt the most important aspect of the rally was the undeniable fact that on that day at least four hundred thousand men united together on that mall and got along all day in peace.

## Halloween: Perspectives on the spooky holiday

of divination to see what the coming year will bring. "It's a time to foretell the future, and a very good time to acknowledge those who have died this year and to let go of the grief," said Barile, "The veil between the two worlds is very very thin. Ancestors who have passed before us, we are able to communicate more right now at this time of the year than any other time of the year."

That's why "Feast of the Dead" is a special important part of the Samhain preparations. It's a tradition to leave food and drink offerings for the deceased, according to

Pauline Campanelli author of the book "Ancient Ways."

Adamson believes that Halloween desensitizes young people to evil and gives recognition that demonic things are ok when, in fact, they are not. "As Christians, we are saying that some where you have to draw the line," Adamson remarks, "Jesus said on one hand there's going to be sheep and on the other hand there's going to be goats. There isn't going to be an in-between."

"There has to be a realization somewhere in our life that evil is real, that fear is a real thing. Where does that come from?" Adamson further ex-

plains, "The Bible says that it doesn't come from God. Ephesians chapter six says, 'Our battle is not against flesh and blood but principalities and powers and ruler of the darkness.' The manifestation of demonic activity on the day of Halloween is very real regardless of whether or not a society wants to acknowledge that or not."

According to Adamson, on every high school campus in America there are kids who have committed their lives to the Devil. "They [kids] wear necklaces that have 666 [on them], they're into blood atonement and they drink blood on a

daily basis," Adamson states, "The world says that's too far out. It will never happen." Adamson asserts that unless people realize what's going on out there, they are "doomed to live a life of deception."

According to Fresno City Police Captain Patrick W. Rhames, there's a satanic element out there somewhere but most of it's a trend. "There's no real definitive problem in this city that we are aware of."

One misconception about Halloween is that vandalism is ok. "Vandalism that causes damage to other people's property is a crime." [Some junior high and high school kids] feel that Halloween is a license to

commit vandalism."

Rhames advises parents to be sure to accompany their kids on their trick or treating excursions and to examine the candy by checking to see if any of the wrappers have been disturbed.

Going house to house is dangerous for children, says David Rocha, a freshman at FCC. He believes that the 90's are a little bit more violent than in the past years. Rocha doesn't participate in the tradition of handing out candy nor does he dress up in costume to say "boo" to the kids.

"I do not want to promote kids to go and worship some other god besides the God who brought them into this world."

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