



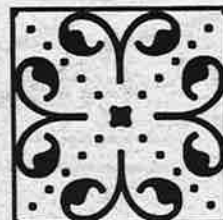
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# Rampage

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## FCC Contributes to best Kids Day Ever

By Sheryl Youngblood  
RAMPAGE NEWS EDITOR

Despite a small drop in Kids Day newspaper sales this year, Fresno City College contributed to the highest recorded amount of money ever raised on one day for the Valley Children's Hospital Foundation.

FCC, collected over \$2 thousand six hundred of the more than \$116 thousand raised by over three thousand volunteers at sites

extending throughout the valley from Merced to Visalia and Tulare.

"It was also significant in that this year we went over the one million mark, since the Kids Day program started," said Dan Kimball, Fundraising Coordinator for the Valley Children's Foundation.

According to Students in Free Enterprise member Janalee Ying,

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Photo by Sheryl Youngblood

Fresno City College volunteers sold over \$2,600 worth of special edition Fresno Bee newspapers.

Bresbelle Farb sold Kids Day newspapers in front of the FCC campus.

## Kapoor encourages meditation



Photo by Frankie Leon

Veena Kapoor gave a speech called "Meditation: A Way of Life"

By Leigh Anna Ray  
RAMPAGE STAFF

A Fresno City College teacher has praised the benefits of meditation and called on men, women, and children to use it on a daily basis.

Speaking on campus as part of the program in celebration of WOMEN'S AWARENESS MONTH, Women Studies instructor Veena Kapoor claimed that meditation calms, secures, and helps practitioners to identify and find solutions to their existing problems.

An FCC instructor since 1991, Kapoor began regular meditation over six years ago when she was introduced to the teachings of Raja Yoga a meditation leader.

Speaking of the utility of meditation, Mrs. Kapoor listed morning meditations to be the most beneficial in addition to

several three-to-five minute sessions throughout the day in quiet locations.

Mrs. Kapoor recommends conducting the meditation with background instrumental music, and eyes shut; with the practitioner imagining themselves to be in a peaceful place, such as the ocean or forest, while also visualizing the textures and scents around them and waves of peace and love washing over them. The practitioner continues with this picture in their mind for several minutes. When they have finished they feel refreshed and at peace with themselves.

During her lecture, Mrs. Kapoor told her audience that she has always had inclinations toward meditation, and when she experienced its benefits, she embraced the practice.

## FCC's NEW HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

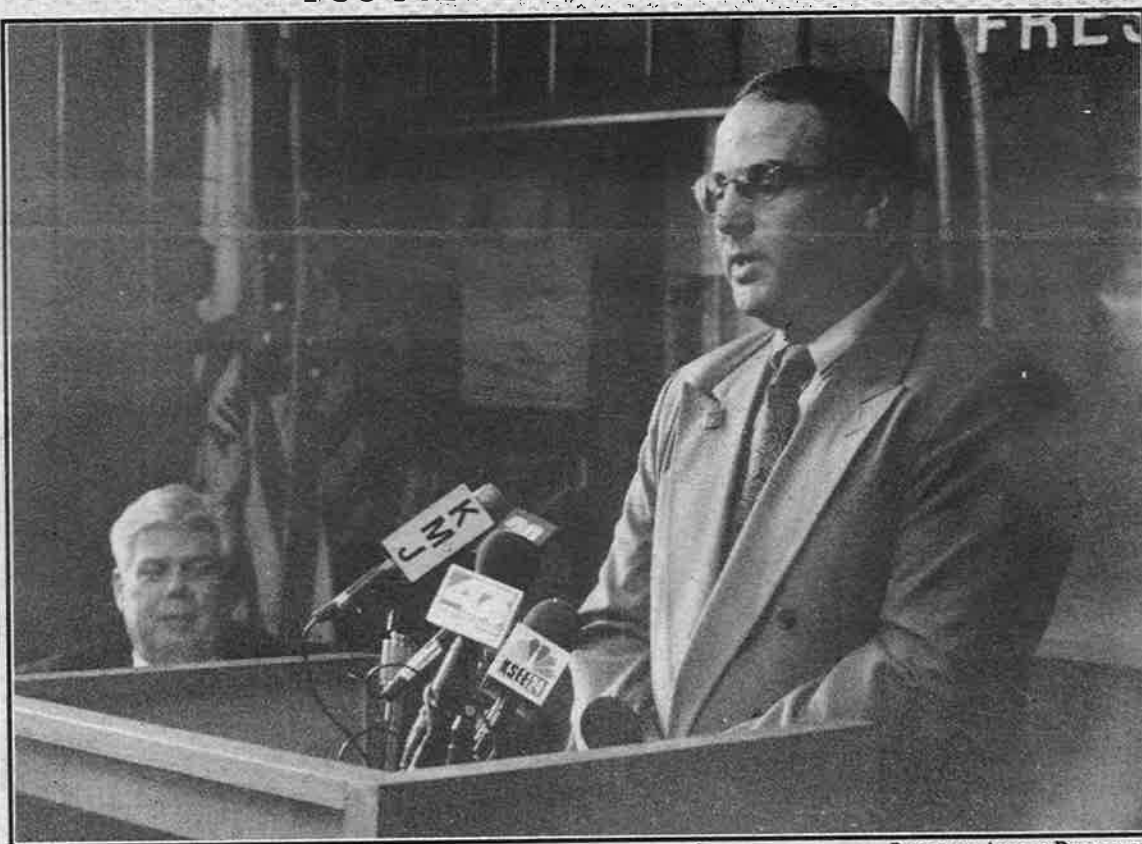


PHOTO BY ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ

New FCC football coach, Tony Caviglia addresses the media on March 9th.

# New Coach

## FCC hires new football coach

By Abel E. Jimenez  
RAMPAGE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"This is the best job in the state of California, to be a head football coach." The exact words spoken by newly hired Fresno City College Rams football coach Tony Caviglia during his press conference March 9 at the Library Conference Room.

Caviglia, 37, succeeds Vance Stanley who retired

last season after 15 years at FCC (three as head football coach).

Prior to his hiring, Caviglia coached at Chabot College for three seasons and compiled a 22-10 record (including an Elks Bowl championship in 1998).

"The access to athletes is out of this world and the way football is being played in the greater Fresno area, our community is about as good as anywhere in the state." Caviglia explained as he spoke of the recruiting process.

Another reason for Caviglia selecting the Rams is to provide the best environment of living for his family. "Fresno is a great family town. Me and my family are

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## WHATTA RUSH!

By Adrian Rodriguez

RAMPAGE STAFF

This month's Club Rush drew over a hundred students to booths in the FCC Free Speech Area last Wednesday.

The booths, staffed by club members, offered passersby a chance to gain insight into the way clubs work on campus as well as to buy lunch. For clubs on campus, this day offers them a chance to raise funds and recruit new members.

"It's going pretty good," said Sonya Garcia, vice president of the EOP&S club. "A lot of people are coming up with questions."

Although clubs were not without their complaints, they understood the hard work put into it and were satisfied.

Beth Foley, member of the Natural History Soci-



PHOTO BY ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ

Club Rush is a venue for campus organizations to raise funds.

ety, said that Club Rush worked better "over by the fountain. Our club did bet-

ter there, but it's been all right."

The Math, Science, &

Engineering club set their booth up to display a Human Powered Vehicle

model and a plug—respectively regarded as "Shamu" by the members at the booth—which caught the eyes of many FCC students.

"I love [Club Rush], it's pretty cool," said Richard Reis, member of the MSE club. "You see a lot of people you don't know here, but all the booths should be arranged in the same fashion, where everybody gets a chance at the booths."

Alpha Gamma Sigma represented themselves at club rush as well. "It was pretty cool, because it is kinda packed," said Tom Sanchez, member of AGS. "All the clubs showed up, as opposed to last time. Business is good."

At the end of the day, the maintenance crew gathered to help clubs take their booths down. Whatta Rush!

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## Vogel advises holistic health

By Maranda Brandt

RAMPAGE STAFF

Massage therapist Myrna Vogel knows the secret to true healing of emotional and physical stress. On March 8, Vogel spoke to an FCC women's studies class about the use of somatics to relieve muscle aches and spasms, reverse muscle stiffness and creating a healthier emotional well being.

Vogel describes the art of somatics as how a person perceives himself from within. She describes it as the mind and body connection a person feels when he uses his proprioceptive view. "Proprioception" she adds, is how a person perceives what works in the body and what needs to be done to improve aches and pains.

In order to apply somatics, Vogel said one needs to understand what causes pinched nerves in different body muscles in order to better understand

how to treat each problem. She suggested different techniques of massage to loosen muscles in the body and get the oxygen flowing through tissue in a person.

She said that there are breathing techniques in the book that are important because they are some of the best stress reducers.

Vogel feels that people do not use their bodies right, and that is what causes physical pain. She said that people tend to ignore these problems until they get progressively worse.

Finally, Vogel recommended reading in two books, one called Somatics by Thomas Hanna, which is centered around the causes of stress, physically and emotionally and shows ways of exercising that will strengthen the mind-body connection. The other is called Emotional Pain by Stanley Kele, for those who have had any type of emotional abuse in their life.



## Double Standards

By Maranda Brandt  
RAMPAGE OPINION EDITOR

What is a double standard? Most people can relate to the meaning of these words. We all live through many kinds of double standards in our daily life. When we take a look back, it is easier to be amused by the situation. However, when we are caught up in an unfair situation, it can become quite aggravating.

A double standard is a situation in which someone tells another not to do something, but does it his/herself. Such an advisor has a double standard because he does and accepts activities he opposes..

Actually, when people with double standards tell others not to do something, like call old ladies names or pick your nose, but then do it themselves, they know it is not right for them to do it either. But for some reason they feel it is acceptable for them to tell others what they should or shouldn't do to gain control, however, they don't like to take their own advice.

I think the situation arises because it is much easier for people to point out faults and mistakes in others than to admit to themselves that they have the same faults.

Here's an example: Have you had the problem at work when your manager tells you to get to work and stop standing around? Accusing you of being lazy or slacking off and warns you that you need to start being more productive and have a better attitude? OK, fine, you try to work harder because you don't want to get in trouble. Behind his back you make evil little faces because you know he is just blowing hot air because he is on some power trip, right?

Two minutes later you see him sitting in the office eating a pizza and talking on the phone. What about his productivity? Is his loafing around justifiable because he is the manager and is privileged? This is what he might tell you if you got up the nerve to confront him, but it is still not fair and it is no excuse. You would say he should be practicing what he preaches, right?

Another example of a double standard is the attitude people have toward each other sometimes. It is very easy for someone to see mistakes others make, or the things you don't like about what they do. If "Becky" is sleeping around with half the football team, you might act like it is your business to criticize her. You decide to tell all of your friends what a hooker she is and make fun of the way she dresses and acts.

But if you have five boyfriends and wear leather bras and fishnet pantyhose to wild parties, you have no room to talk at all. You don't like what "Becky" is doing, but how is it different from what you are doing? Why is it fair to judge her when you have so much going on in your life to worry about.

My message is one needs to think about improving oneself and one's own image, instead of finding faults with others, but if an individual can really give constructive criticism to someone, that is fine. If an individual finds him/herself judging others because of what they say or do that that individual does not like, and then end up doing the same thing that the other person did, it becomes difficult to figure out why it is acceptable for the fault finder and not the accused.

If your manager tells you to get to work and stop standing around, you should do it, but you have a right to be upset if he slacks off more than you do. It won't do any good to get on his case about it though, because he may get defensive. Just tell him what you feel about the situation and you can only hope that he will choose to change his attitude.

## Self-Image

By Renee Cura  
RAMPAGE STAFF

*How one sees oneself is vital in determining one's self-image, or self-esteem... that deep down feeling about one's self-worth, the feeling that says, "I like myself", or "I dislike myself."*

### Why Does It Matter?

One reason why one's self-worth is so important is that an individual talks, acts, and reacts on the basis of self-concept. Sure, even with a poor self-image one may break out of the pattern and belt one out of the park, or ace the big test, or get a date with the person of one's dreams.

On the other hand, even guys and gals with positive self-images blow it from time to time. Usually though, one's mind will complete the picture one chooses to paint of oneself.

If an individual sees him/herself as ugly, fat, stupid, or slow, that individual will likely act accordingly. If one's self-worth is low, one may think of oneself

as a born loser. In addition, he may even conclude that he is unworthy of anybody's love. (parents, families, friends).

### Sound Familiar?

Today's society defines young people not by "who we are" but by "what we are". Young people have to be something in order to be worthwhile. They have to look, talk, act or wear certain clothes, drive a certain car, etc.

The media (specifically, television and magazine advertisements) sell this to the youths for one main reason: financial gain, because of young people's voracious appetite for fashion, cosmetic products and anything it takes to get them there to improve an "image".

But the fact is most people will never make it.... even if they were born beautiful. For as long as young people strive to attain the false perfection marketed by ads, the more discontent they will become.

### We Are Important

Only with understanding will the young people realize that "who you are" will always be far more important than "what they are." Young people are exceptionally valuable.... more valuable and important than any designer jeans or fancy car. They are products of their own self-worth capable of making a difference in society. Continue to cheer up and feel good about yourself as a young individual! Never give up to hardship. And if and when you fall, get back up and try again.

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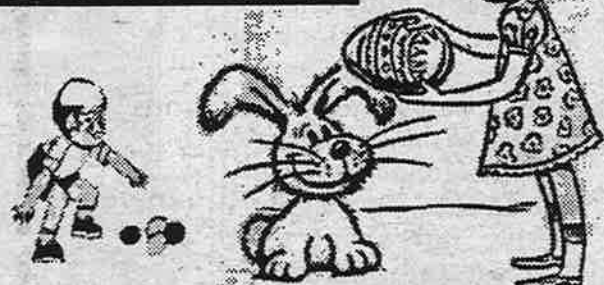
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Theater Review:

# Wild Oats

Directed by Debbi Shapazian

By Joe Doyle

RAMPAGE ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

In a time when theater entertainment is over-run by bland remakes of the "Wizard of Oz" and "Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory", "Wild Oats" is the cure for the common show. Based on the 18th century restoration comedy by John O'Keefe, "Wild Oats", adds a '90s spin to the theater genre. The setting was changed from English drawing rooms to the saloons of the wild west, with dialog rewritten to accommodate modern tastes and humor.

beauty of Kate, Harry's friend Jack Rover (Sean Champ) masquerades as Harry in order to win the love of Kate. With both men caught in lies, they must band together against Mr. Gammon, and a group of corrupt cavalry outcasts attempting to kill them and rule the old west.

Full of modern humor and mild profanity, the script beautifully spoofs Shakespeare and modern culture. The script, although sometimes hard to follow, comes full circle, and has many well thought out plot twists. The small, but solid cast,



Photo by Frankie Leon

Made up of a cast of saloon girls, ranch owners, actors, and cavalymen, "Wild Oats" features a small, but tight woven cast of characters.

The story revolves around two traveling actors who criss-cross the country in search of work, eventually landing in the "Last Chance Saloon". One actor, Harry Thunder (Adam C. Meredith) finds his father, Colonel Croftus Thunder (Mark Moerke) in last chance saloon as well. Having recently been kicked out of West Point military school, Harry disguises himself as an old man, attempting to hide from his father, and prevent telling his father the news.

The whole town is awaiting Harry's arrival, including his lost love, and cousin, Kate Thunder (Danielle Merten). Entranced by the

includes many outstanding performances, with many actors and actresses taking multiple roles. Adam C. Meredith is fantastic as Harry Thunder, being energetic and over-the-top taking his character's role to the limit. Danielle Merten, portrays Kate Thunder with ease and brilliantly plays off the tongue-in-cheek energy Sean Champ's Jack Rover.

The set is quite simple, and well crafted, looking like a comical background to one of Looney Tunes' Wile E. Coyote and Roadrunner cartoons. The set fits the play perfectly, interacting with the cast and almost becoming a character itself. Directed by Debbi Shapazian, Wild Oats is rolling with laughs and sets the tone for all Fresno City College theater performances to come.

## Affleck shines in Forces of Nature



By Joe Doyle

RAMPAGE ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Love conquers all. Time and time again, movies fall into the rut of common clichés, and it seems Sandra Bullock just can't climb out. In "Forces of Nature", Bullock plays the role of a woman who just can't get her love life together. In typical style Bullock, plays the lovable screw-up, who bumbles along, tripping over her own feet, desperately needing a male co-star to keep the film moving. Thankfully, Ben Affleck provides the fresh twist to this otherwise uniform movie.

Affleck, ironically playing a character named Ben, is a conservative writer afraid to leave his sphere of influence. Going against his better judgment and fear of flying, Ben boards a plane destined for Savannah, Georgia,

for his upcoming wedding. Thanks to the first of many forces of nature, the plane never leaves the ground, and crashes into a sign, canceling all flights. Helping his fellow passenger, Sarah (Sandra Bullock), from the plane wreckage, the two form a bond as they attempt to travel to Savannah by any means necessary.

In order to get to Savannah in time for his wedding, they catch a ride with a drug dealer in a scene which has Sarah smoking Marijuana. This scene is supposed to be the turning point of Bullock's bad girl persona, but comes off looking immature and out of place. As luck would have it they end up in jail, and have to board a train headed for Savannah. Following Sarah onto the roof of the train, Ben doesn't realize that their train car has been transferred to another engine, and is now en route to Chicago. Able to disembark in Virginia, the pair is robbed and is forced to masquerade as newlyweds and board a bus headed to Miami. In exchange for the ride the pair agrees to buy a condo-

minium in Miami.

While at a hotel the pair runs into the Best man (Steve Zahn) and the Maid-of-Honor, who is passing through on the way to the wedding in Savannah. The Maid-of-Honor sees Ben with Sarah, and tells the tour bus participants about their true identities. Out of money, and now kicked off the tour, they find a gay bar where Ben can strip in order to buy enough money to buy a used car and drive the remaining miles to Savannah where Ben must choose between Sarah and his fiancée (Maura Tierney).

Affleck's performance is very good, as he acts the part of the cold-footed groom to be. Affleck is not only believable as Ben, but makes the part his own. On the other hand, Bullock is unbelievable as Sarah. Bullock's on screen relationship with Affleck seems forced and better suited for someone else. The movie has many gaps that stay unfilled and a few minor questions left unanswered, yet will surely please fans of Bullock or romantic-comedy.

Come be a part of the fun, the excitement and the friendships ...

### Fresno City College

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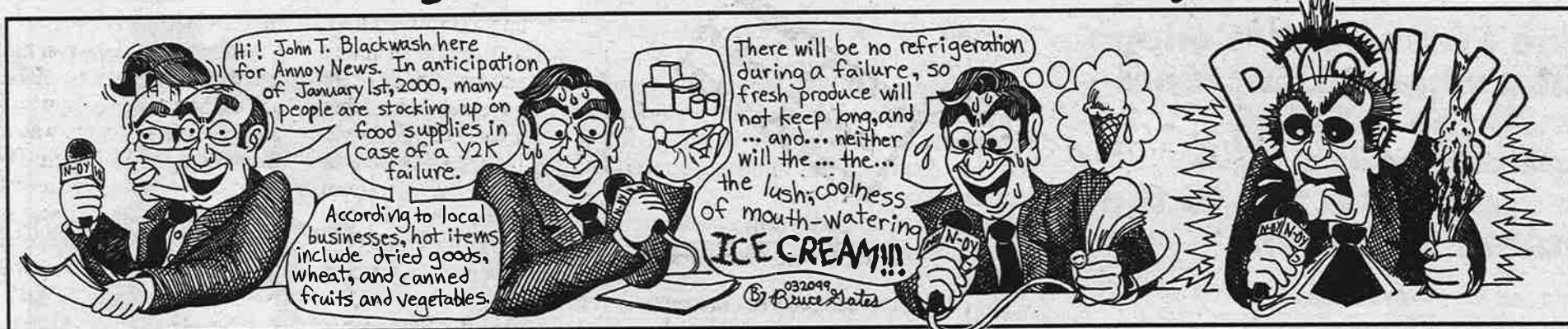
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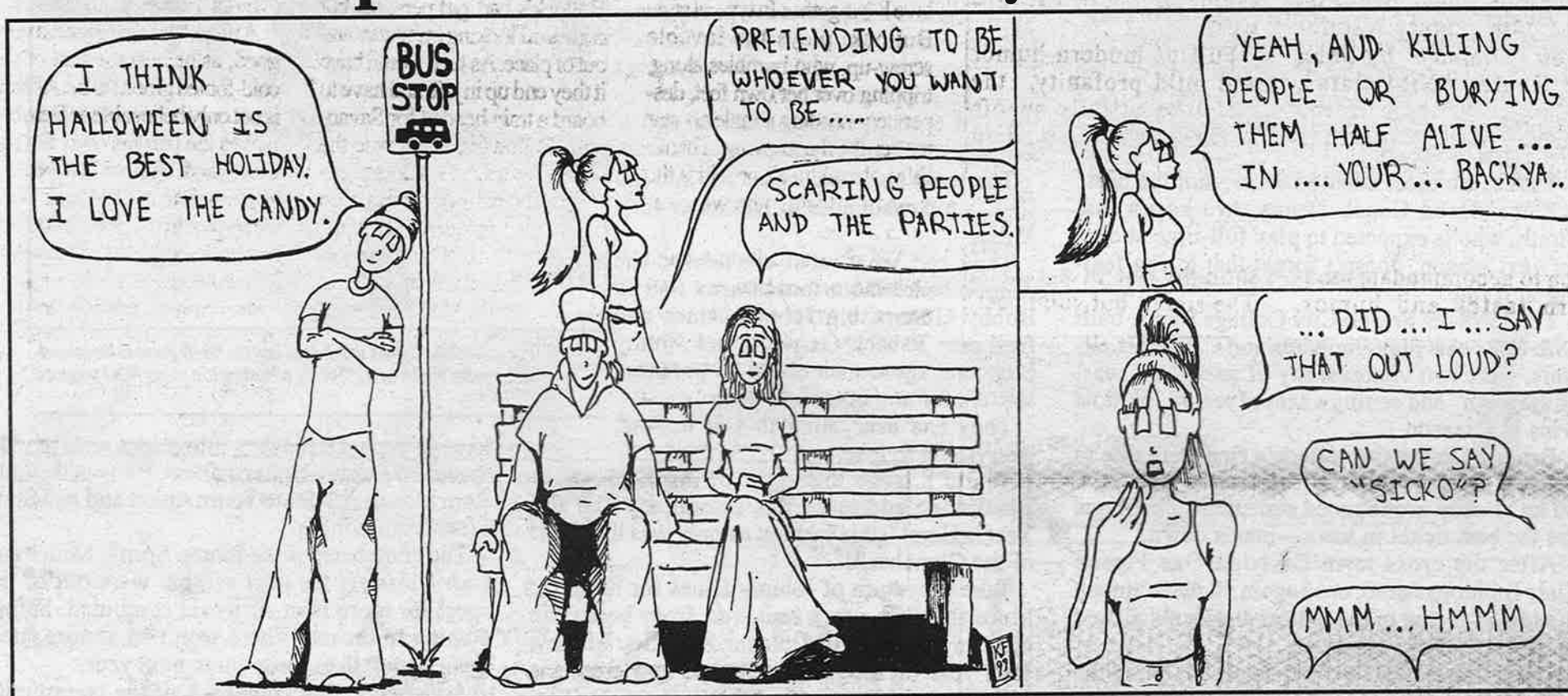
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# Sports

## A Season Not to Forget

### The Fresno City College men's basketball team ends the 1998-99 season with a 32-4 record and a trip to the state Final Four.

By Eric Mendoza

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

COMMENTARY

The last Ram player to leave the quiet locker room sat, bent over, with his face buried in his hands.

Moments after a 74-70 Final Four loss to eventual state-champion Cerritos College, many community college basketball observers felt the same way as Fresno City freshman Sal Smith: the most talented team in California was going home—one game too soon.

That's, the most talented team—not the best.

Rams' Head Coach Denny Aye hopes that Smith, who is expected to play full-time at center next season, doesn't forget that losing feeling in Irvine.

The 1998-99 Fresno City College Rams, built with east coast playgrounders and California all-stars, were two victories shy of being "the toast of the town" and setting a school record for most wins in a season.

Bringing home the college's first state title in over 35 years would've put an exclamation mark on an already pronounced statement: The Rams are the best ticket in town—hands down.

After the cross-town Division One Fresno State Bulldogs failed, once again, to place among the top 64 teams in the nation, the Rams picked up the hometown slack.

The Rams seized the opportunity of being the only Fresno college team left for a possible crowning achievement. They handled the pressure of holding down Northern California's No. 1 ranking for more weeks than any other school.

They came so close, but yet ...

So, for one day at least on Thursday, March 11, the Rams had a taste of being center stage for the Valley. After fighting back from a double-digit deficit in the second half to beat defending state-champion Compton College at the University of California Irvine's Bren Events Center, the Rams were clear-cut favorites if anyone doubted it before.

Coach Aye, off to a 58-12 record in his first

two years with the Rams, hopes his team won't forget the feeling either.

It appeared that FCC was on its way to the championship round. After all, the Rams beat Cerritos earlier in the year, and they survived the toughest conference in all of California.

Not only that, they were co-champions of that same Central Valley Conference.

They boasted the best backcourt trio in the state: Terrell Lyday, 1998's conference MVP, eighth on the all-time Ram scoring list with over 1,000 points and the all-time Ram leader in 3-point accuracy and conversions; Mike Garrett, a two-time All-CVC Team member and quite arguably the quickest at his position on the west coast; and freshman surprise Ramel Curry, a New York product with the knack for hitting clutch buckets and with his ball-handling skills, keeps his defenders off-guard.

The team also had Jovan Joe and the CVC's top rebounder in freshman Terri Miller.

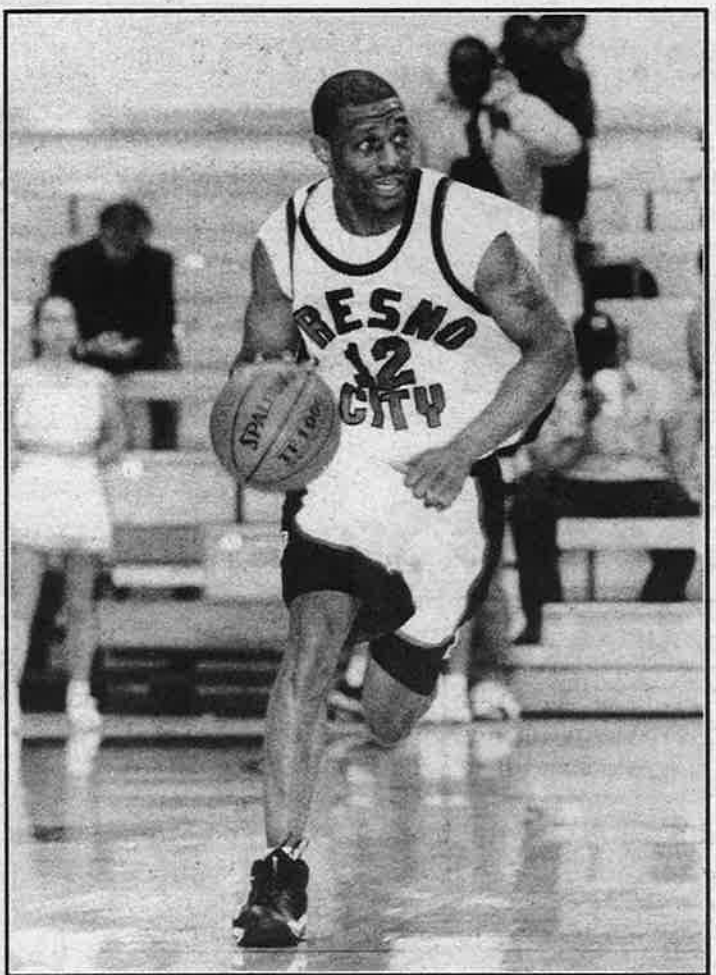
They had what most considered the deepest bench in the tournament. Led by Bobby Gilbert, big Johnny Hines and freshmen Patrick Garrison and Jimmy Stephens, these men could be potential starters for any other ball club.

They had everything to win it. And, everything to lose.

While a large billboard on McKinley and Blackstone addressed this season as "The Big Year is Here!", this without a doubt was the "Year of the Comeback!"

Take the return of Johnny Hines for instance. More than six years removed from being the most highly recruited player in Valley history. This year he drove everyday to and from his hometown of Dos Palos to play the game that once put him in the same sentence as Shaquille O'Neal and Patrick Ewing. However, injuries and weight problems sidelined him throughout his career at Fresno State. Now with Division II eligibility, Hines says he'll be content to earn his college degree and coach basketball someday.

The comeback of Mike Garrett: After following coach Steve Cleveland to Brigham Young University for a year, Garrett was back to shred the CVC once again with his penetrating drives and his long range shooting. Nicknamed "The Pit Bull" by assistant coach Don Slade, for his tenacious and aggressive play, Garrett might



All-State guard Mike Garrett, who helped lead the '98-99 Rams to the second-best winning season in FCC history, is heading to a major NCAA program.

have just played his way into a spot with the '99 Sweet 16 Purdue Boilermakers. He was the only Ram to earn All-State Tournament and All-State First Team honors.

The comeback of the future. Smith, Miller and Curry, starters for next season, were out of the sport for more than six years combined, before coming to Fresno. There won't be a more energetic bunch than these three next year.

And finally, the comeback of the community college basketball support system. Although it's not what Dr. Aye ordered (a full-capacity Rams Gym like "the big games"), FCC started to reach out to the community by bringing the game to the people.

The Rams established relationships with local elementary schools and a rehabilitation home in the neighborhood. They gave away tickets and in return gave incentive for fans to come back. The fans came back to hear the music, see the flashy lights and the smoke machine. They came back for a good show.

The Rams won't forget this feeling and they hope the community won't forget it either.

## Rams tennis teams prepare for future competition

By Abel E. Jimenez

RAMPAGE STAFF

From the "What Have You Done For Me Lately" file, the Fresno City College Rams men's and women's tennis team have actually done more for our college than the Rampage gives them credit as both teams continue to pile up victories one after another.

For the men, impressive road wins over College of the Sequoias, Reedley and Allan Hancock put the Rams in position to win their 16th straight Central Valley Conference title. With a week to prepare for the team's next match-up, men's tennis co-coach Bill

Wayte shares his view on the team's time off. "Our guys (during the week off) played at Sierra on March 17 against some older guys for practice. Our guys have been working hard for they know our upcoming matches are big." (The Rams just added a match with Chabot College on March 27 at the FCC tennis courts.)

After an impressive win over COS, the Lady Rams picked up where they left off on the road, piling up wins over Reedley, West Hills and Merced as they prepare for their April 6 rematch with the Giants at COS. Women's tennis coach Mark Belman explained his team's strategy during their week off.

"During our practice, specifically in the middle of the season, we have our players learn how to work the court a little bit more. We hope to come out in the middle of the season as a dog of a different color, though our girls have played very well all around and it's scary for the opponents," said Belman.

With both teams still undefeated, the men's and women's teams travel to Modesto on March 25 to play the Pirates.



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Suzi Riley

Photos by Eleazar Valdez



## Rams' winning streak at seven

By David Bletz  
RAMPAGE STAFF

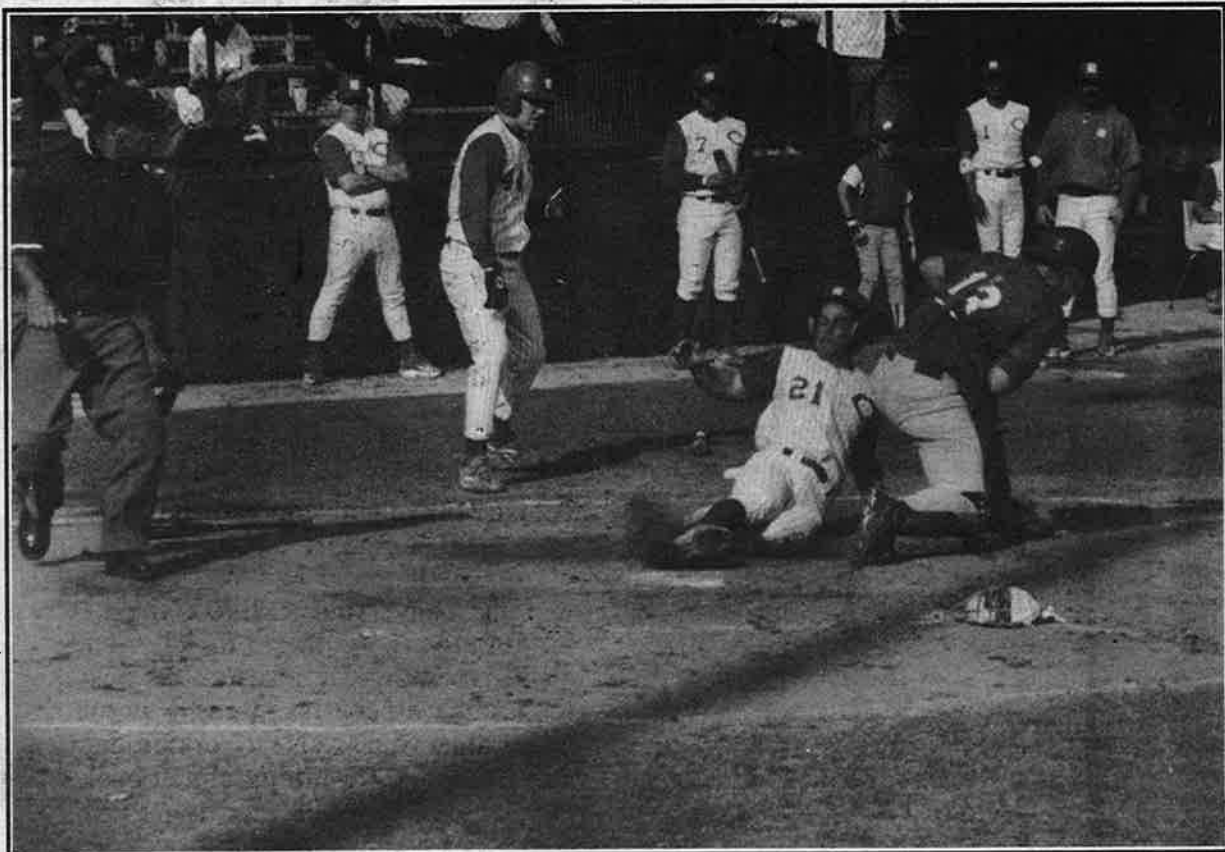
The Rams improved their winning streak to 7 games this week, with decisive victories against Merced and Modesto Junior Colleges.

On Tues. Mar. 16th the Rams defeated Merced 4-1 on a stellar pitching performance by southpaw Jaime Cerda. He threw a complete game, striking out five and giving up one run on five hits. Cerda is now 5-1 on the season. On Mar. 18th the red-hot Rams blasted the visiting Modesto Pirates 17-2. Clean-up hitter Robert Smith led the scoring barrage by knocking in four RBI on three for five hitting including a two-run dinger in the first inning, (his sixth)

and two doubles. Shortstop Sam Lopez also had a big day with two hits, three runs and five RBI. Monte Prieto also contributed with a two run HR in the first inning. Michael Chavez took the victory, pitching five strong innings, fanning eight and giving up just one run on three hits. Chavez is now 6-2 on the season.

The wins improve the Rams overall record to 16 and 5 and undefeated in the CVC at 6 and 0.

Next on the schedule is a home and home series against Taft College on Mar 25th at Taft and Mar. 27th at Euless Ball Park.



"SAFE!" Anthony Purkiss slides into home plate.

### Fresno City College

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15 2 on 2 Volleyball Tournament  
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## Lady Rams wallop West Hills; fall to Merced

By Abel E. Jimenez  
RAMPAGE SOFTBALL BEAT

After an impressive run in the Fremont tournament in which they fell one run short, the Fresno City College Rams softball team returned to Central Valley Conference play on March 16 with a two-game showdown with the West Hills Falcons at North Field.

In the first showdown, Falcons' Renee D'Artenay tagged pitcher Julie Shute with a two-run homer in the first inning to take a 2-0 lead. In the third, the Rams tied the game when Natalie Driggers and Jennifer Estrada each drove in their runners home.

Outside of giving up two more runs in the fifth, Shute (not Shoot as constantly printed in The Fresno Bee), kept her beat going, striking out five batters in the process and getting help from her defense. "I wasn't really comfortable with my performance because I didn't think I threw as well as I can. There were some times when our team was kind of shaky and those are just things we have to work through as a team." Shute said.

In the fifth, the Rams got a major boost when Angie Bustos, picking up where she left off at Fremont, hit an inside the park home run with a

runner at base off Falcons pitcher Kristy Johnson to tie the game at 4 apiece.

In the sixth, Driggers became the catalyst for the Rams taking the lead with a lead off walk, allowing Estrada to drive her home, winning the game for the Rams 5-4. On her last two performances (including the Fremont tournament), Driggers explains, "I've just been seeing the ball really well. When there's runners on base, it's my job to score them." Driggers went a combined 4-for-6 in the West Hills series.

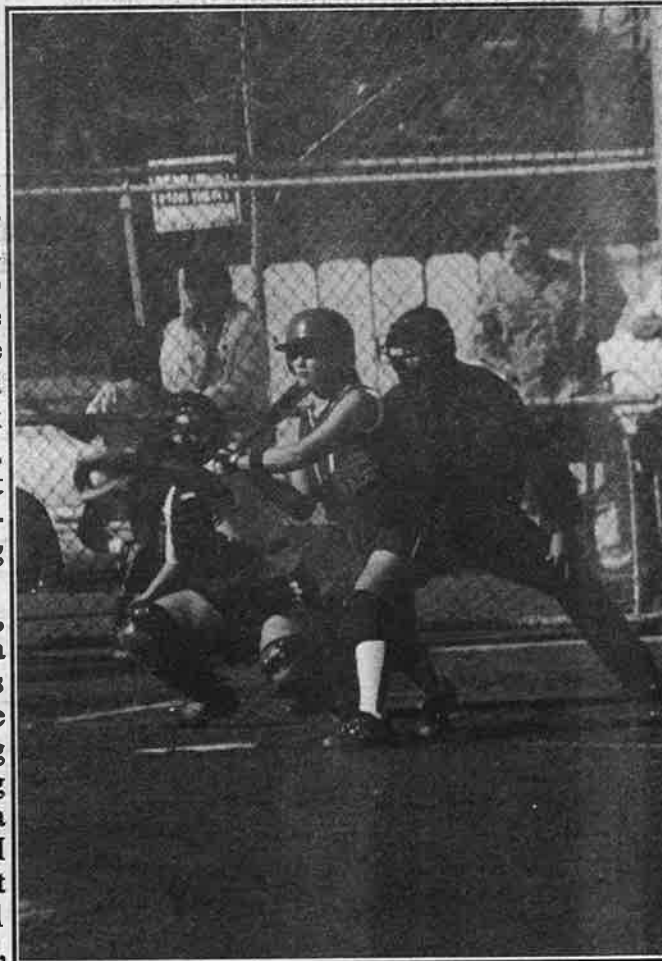
In the second game, the Falcons provided little to no competition as pitcher Alexis Jennings shut the "Dirty Birds" down, allowing only two hits and striking out three batters as the Rams downed the Falcons 3-0. In addition to her brilliant pitching performance, in the fifth Jennings belted a solo one out of the ball park off pitcher Jennifer Lemons to insure the Rams with a victory. On her home run, Jennings quipped: "I give credit to my bat for it's a \$300 bat, it's wonderful, it's beautiful and I love that bat. As for the pitcher (Lemons), she served it up."

On a serious note, Jennings accredited her pitching not just to herself, but to her defense as well. "Everything worked nicely, I had excellent defense from my Lady Rams

who did a wonderful job helping me out."

Whatever momentum the Rams had in the West Hills series was left behind on the trip to Merced on March 18 as the CVC's top team buried the Rams 6-0. The Blue Devils tagged pitcher Shute for six runs and nine hits, the only bright spot came from the ubiquitous Bustos going 2-4 with a triple.

Despite the loss, Rams coach Rhonda Williams remains optimistic about the team's continuing progress of working together to build a winning team. "I told my team it's just one loss out of 21 conference games, we just have to learn from that and be ready to go next time. They took advantage of scoring opportunities and we didn't, specifically in the first two innings. You can't win if you don't score, that's the bottom line," said Williams.



Alexis Jennings' at-bat in an early season game.

With a 3-2 conference record (10-7 overall), the Rams play host to Porterville on the 25th for a two-game series before going on spring break.



## KIDS DAY: FCC Police Academy sells \$653

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FCC associates, including eight campus clubs, sold the newspapers at the busiest time (between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.) "They get here at 5:30 in the morning, hit the streets, and sell, sell, sell!" College Activities Director Gurdeep Sihota said.

The FCC Police Academy sold the most, raising \$653. Other top sellers are Alpha Gamma Sigma, Associated Student Government, and Latter-Day Saints Student Association.

The funds raised on Kids Day "go towards special medical programs for kids," Kimball said. "Somewhere between 65 to 70 percent of the patients that are treated here have little or no insurance, or the insurance doesn't necessarily cover the costs."

## COACH: Tony Caviglia succeeds Stanley

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fired up about the prospect of looking for a place to live here and settling in this community." (Caviglia is married with two sons and is expecting a third this summer.)

With running back Maurice Morris and inside linebacker Ryan Erven returning next season, Caviglia states that he's looking forward to working with the returnees as well as the new players the team will be recruiting.

"As far as recruiting goes, I need to get to know the players as much as they need to get to know me to find out the type of coach I am. Football is the ultimate team game, I believe we have a good base of athletes to win a championship. With a talented tail back (Morris) and my system, I think we will be at the top of our game," said Caviglia.

Caviglia's first test as head coach will be on September 10 in Oakland against Laney College.

## A Father Without A Face

By Renee E. Cura

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When I was little I felt so strong, because you were near me all day long. I never meant to cause you pain or shout at you why? Why did you leave me dad without saying good-bye.

When I was little I felt proud because I knew you would guide me through the ups and love me through the downs.

When I was little I felt so sad because I was torn between two dads. One here to guide me through the years and the other washing away his very own tears.

Something inside of me died, I was never the same. Sometimes I would feel so helpless inside and sometimes I would feel ashamed. Being happy is never easy; to know that your life is hard, to know you were loved by a person who lived afar.

All I know is you're my father. A father without a face. Let me see the real person deep inside, the pictures I see of you fall from your grace. Reveal to me what you are feeling. I want a face that will show the love and tenderness I will soon come to know.

Then your face will shine with true light, and the emptiness in my heart will close. For a father without a face will never become unknown.

Dedicated to: Robert Garcia

## TAKIN' IT TO THE STREETS

What are your plans for Spring break?

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### Kyle Kubik

"Work, spend more time with my family, and possibly take a trip to the mountains."



### Leslie Posey

"I'm going to San Diego to stay with a friend and get drunk with friends all week."



### Brandon Rios

"Taking off to Mexico with my chick and to get ?#@!-ed up!, if I don't have to work."



### Rich Hamm

"I'm going to party in Huntington Beach."



### Lorena Perez

"Planning to go to the Bay area and see what's up with the crowd up there."



### Phonphang Phengkaen

"Homework, homework, and more homework."

