

‘Surreal’ marathon



Emergency personnel assist the victims at the scene of a bomb blast during the Boston Marathon in Boston, Massachusetts, Monday, April 15, 2013. (Stuart Cahill/Boston Herald/MCT)



Cerritos College librarian has terrifying experience at Boston Marathon

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Lorraine Gersitz, Cerritos College librarian and co-adviser of the Triathlon Club, stood about 200 yards away from the finish line of the Boston Marathon, when two explosions took place.

Gersitz finished the race with a clock time of four hours, three minutes and zero seconds.

The two bombs went off within 10 sec-

onds of each other when the clock reached 4:09.00.

After crossing the finish line, Gersitz searched for her husband Bruce.

Bruce, Gersitz's husband, was on subway line T in Boston when the explosions took place. It was planned that he would meet up with his wife after she finished her race.

With the velocity of texts received varying, she found out from her husband that the subway stopped at Fenway Park, which is approximately a mile and a half away from the finish line of the marathon and was walking to meet her.

When they united, Gersitz described the moment as, "The biggest hug you can imagine."

She said they both had tears in their eyes.

Gersitz also stood with fellow runners talking when the explosions happened. She

said that at first she thought it was a sonic boom, also adding, "At first you don't think it's an explosion."

After the second explosion happened and people started to react to it, Gersitz described the scene as surreal.

"(There were) sirens going off, helicopters in the air, and (the runners) were thinking 'oh, this isn't good,'" she said.

Gersitz said she can't even remember how many Boston Marathons she ran, saying, "It has to be somewhere around 15 or 20."

The marathon for Gersitz, is a joyful occasion that she says ended terribly.

"It was horrible. Your heart is just broken," Gersitz said. This is one of the ways she describes the event.

Gersitz portrayed the day of the event as any other Boston Marathon before it, with the course lined with community members.

"People come out in droves just cheering you on."

Gersitz was running next to a man who was knocked over by the explosion as was seen in footage.

She said she was feeling good and decided to speed up in order to reach her goal time of four hours.

Later on, she saw that man on the news footage get knocked over by the blast.

Although he appeared to OK, Gersitz thought that she could have been involved in the blast too.

"Someone's watching over me somewhere," she said.

Usually on a normal marathon day for Gersitz, runners walk around like celebrities in Boston, with people coming up to them and asking questions about the marathon.

But now after the explosions happened,

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Expansion of Wi-Fi might not reach every student

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Even though Cerritos College's campus Wi-Fi has expanded since the beginning of the 2013 spring semester, woman's studies major Irene Aceituno has had difficulty connecting to the internet.

"The Wi-Fi used to connect on my Kindle but then it stopped. Now, I usually use my phone as a hotspot," Aceituno said.

In January, Cerritos College allocated \$20,000 to upgrade and expand the Wi-Fi coverage to a larger part of the campus.

Cerritos College President Linda Lacy is enthusiastic about the upgrades to the school's Wi-Fi.

Lacy said that one of the reasons the school decided to expand the Wi-Fi was that students were vocal about having better Wi-Fi.

"A group of students came to me and said there was a real concern (about Wi-Fi), because at the time

they didn't even have it in the student center or the library.

So (Cerritos College) started expanding it, because I thoroughly believe (the college) need(s) access. The faculty definitely believes that and the administration wants to support that to."

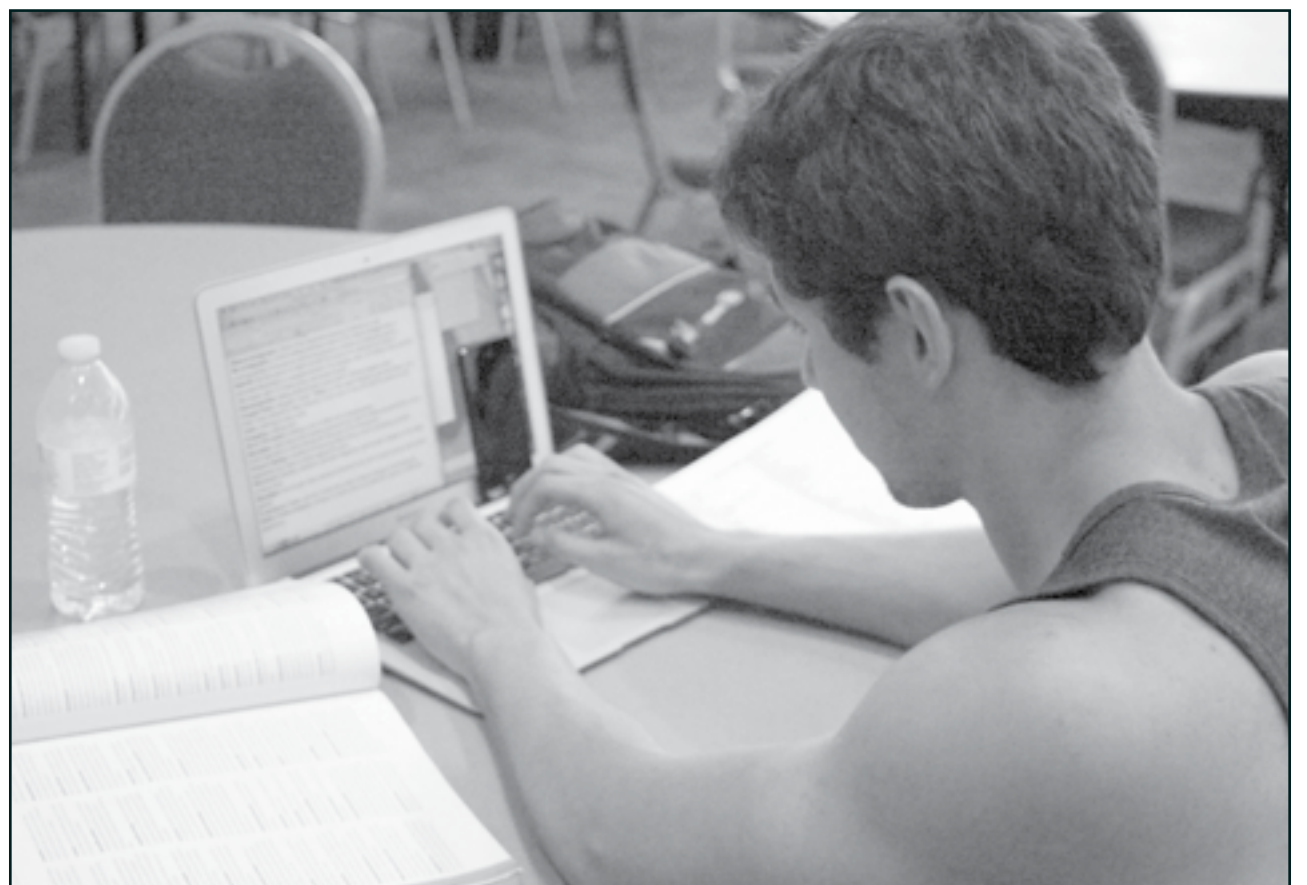
According to Lee Krichmar, director of information technology, the expansion has been done strategically with the input of school managers and students.

"I think we hit the most important spots. When we brought up the new gym, we put up access points right away.

"We're bringing new buildings online, for example the new liberal arts building. We're already identifying Wi-Fi locations in them as the new buildings come up."

One of the first areas upgraded was the library to better accommodate the students who use it to study.

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CHRISTOPHER MACIAS/TM

Getting connected: Political science major Oscar Rubio uses the Wi-Fi in the Student Center. The Student Center is just one of the 150 access points at Cerritos College.

Anthropology Club attracts students

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When Anthropology Club President Cierra Sorin took her first anthropology class she was only focused on completing her science requirements, but found herself becoming fascinated with the subject.
"I had a really bad experience in high school with biology. So I said 'Physical anthropology will fulfill the class. I'll take that.' It's cheesy, but it totally changed the way I looked at things."
By the next semester Sorin had decided to major in anthropology, as well as gender studies.

The club has been active around campus and has set up Darwin Day, which is dedicated to Charles Darwin who is credited with the theory of evolution.
Club members form groups and take one stage of Darwin's life to research and present to students.
Dia de Los Muertos or the Day of the Dead was another event the club helped set to expose students around campus to different cultures.
The club has also planned off-campus trips to different areas such as San Diego, where club members visited the Museum of Man as well as the San Diego Zoo.
Anthropology major Roanna Mitchell-Iverson said this was her

favorite trip out of all the activities the club has done.
"I got to spend time with my professor and ask him questions about all the animals. So that was fun."
While there are many different fields, anthropology can best be described as the study of all people in all times and places.
For example cultural anthropologists study different civilizations, while linguistic anthropologists study language.
Club secretary and Anthropology major Ryan Morris didn't know what he wanted to do until he took his first class.

"I found anthropology and it was so broad, but it allowed focus in everything. It took all of these different aspects into account.
I really just enjoyed that it looked at multiple aspects of things instead of only taking a specific view on the way things happened."
Many of the members say that one of the best aspects of the club is its diverse membership and welcoming attitude.
Sorin said that the broad nature of the subject brings in a diverse amount of views and students. Many of the club members are not anthropology majors.
"The beautiful thing about anthropology is there's something for everybody."

Marathon: Faculty member deals with shock of seeing the Boston bombings

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of the other stuff matters ... you just think about all (of) the poor people who were hurt and injured."
Gersitz and her husband hitchhiked the streets of Boston, alongside other runners and their families. They then got into a car that took them to their hotel in Newton.
The next day for Gersitz was different than the other times she has stayed for the marathon.

She woke up thinking, "Did that really happen?"
Oscar Jaramillo, member of the Triathlon Club, was unaware that Gersitz was attending the marathon until Monday morning when he heard of the incident.
Jaramillo expressed his sadness for the runners at the event.
"It's sad. Running is a peaceful sport ... there should be no reason to have violence," Jaramillo said.

Wi-Fi: More access points on campus give students Internet

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the new liberal arts building. We're already identifying Wi-Fi locations in them as the new buildings come up."
One of the first areas upgraded was the library to better accommodate the students who use it to study.
The technology in the library was over five years old and was not able to provide the students with the signal they needed.
Before the upgrade 45 access points provided the Wi-Fi across campus.
Since then the school has added 105 more to reach a total of 150 access points.
The college is also trying to expand the Wi-Fi to allow students to get online even if they are not in a classroom or one of the other buildings.
To boost the signal further the school

has installed antennas around campus in the busier areas.
The antennas emit two signals, a 2.4 ghz for older laptops, and a 5.8 ghz that is used by newer laptops.
The amphitheater behind the Burnight Center or "The Hill" has been equipped with two of these antennas to allow coverage to students who study there.
Another antenna has been placed near the Elbow Room and the dining area near the Social Sciences area.
Lacy is positive about the advantages that the Wi-Fi will give to students and believes that it is a part of moving in to the new generation.
"It's valuable to our students because more and more of our students are ... downloading text books on their iPad and they're doing all kinds of things and research.

And I think the more we can provide access to our students makes (them) better, successful student(s)."
Lacy went on to say that all the new classrooms being built around campus will include wireless Internet and that the goal is to have a completely wireless campus.
Some students had trouble finding a signal or have lost their connection when surfing the web.
Nursing major Juan Velasquez has also had trouble using the school's Wi-Fi and had to find alternatives to get online.
"It's frustrating at times (trying to connect to Wi-Fi). My phone can be used as a hotspot and I use it when I can't get Wi-Fi."
Krichmar says that this can be caused by the large increase in the Wi-Fi's use.
Just this last week the number of students in the library linking up to the Internet

reached up to 400, which is up from a little over a hundred last semester.
"I think the more people try to connect to it, it wouldn't surprise me that people have difficulty if more and more people are trying."
Krichmar has suggested that if a student needs a better signal they could find a spot where there are not as many students.
"Our library seems to get the greatest quantity of users during the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Trying a different location with fewer concurrent users might help."



Ready to lead: From left to right, student trustee-elect Lance Makinano, ASCC president-elect Juan Ramirez, and ASCC vice president-elect Aldemar Sanchez. The three new officers get sworn in during the Outstanding Faculty Awards Ceremony on Thursday.

Students elect new leaders

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Last week Cerritos College was informed of its new president, vice president and student trustee.

President - Juan Ramirez

Ramirez is an Associated Students of Cerritos College senator, and president elect, focused his campaign heavily on making the Cerritos College campus a safer place to be, with healthful alternatives to eat.
"(Aldemar Sanchez and I) do not go back on our promises," Ramirez said.
While he knew that he was up against stiff competition in the race, Ramirez knew that the number of volunteers and supporters backing his team, would help to make his upcoming term successful.
"(Sanchez) and I made a commitment to the students of Cerritos College," he said.
"The minute I get sworn in I plan to work immediately ... on a plan that will satisfy all parties," Ramirez said.
As a nutritional science major, Ramirez seeks to help Cerritos College become healthier.
"It's not about us, it's about the students," he said.

Vice President - Aldemar Sanchez

Sanchez is also an ASCC senator, and sought out to bring more effective security to Cerritos College, as well as to open a no kill animal sanctuary in Southern Cali-

Student Trustee - Lance Makinano

Makinano brings a lot of experience to the table as the outgoing ASCC president, and incoming student trustee.
"I feel that attending board of trustees meetings has made me aware of student issues and how the politics and dynamics of the board affect decisions affecting students," he said.
Makinano feels it's logical to remain involved in ASCC and continue to advocate for students' rights.
He has built relationships with the students of the campus.
"We must worry about what the students want and voice their needs and concerns to the board and its members," Makinano said.
He says he will make sure that the credibility of Cerritos College remains intact, and ensures that it will be a campus that future generations of students. will be proud to call their school.
The new officers will be sworn into their new roles at the Outstanding Faculty Awards Ceremony Thursday.

Calendar of events

April 24

Early bird
Special Falcon Square at 7:30 a.m.

Senate Meeting
BK 111/112 at 2 p.m.

Global Village Falcon Square from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

April 25

People's First Language presentation in S201 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.

ICC Meeting in BK 111/112 at 11 p.m.

Outstanding Faculty Awards in the Student Center at 11 a.m.

Community Resource Fair Library Sidewalk 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chicanos/Latinos for Community Medicine (C.C.M.O) Club Meeting in room TE 3B from 11 a.m. to noon.

iFalcon Club meeting in room LC134 from 11 a.m. to noon.

April 30

We Hip Hop Club meeting in LA29 from 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Anthropology Club meeting in SS315 from 11a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Artists Society Meeting in room FA 30 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cerritos College Wilderness Club in room S102 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cerritos College Math Club meeting in PST-235 from 11 a.m. to noon.

May 2

A Night of Improv Comedy GIPS in LC 155 (Teleconference Room) at 6 p.m.

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North Korea is not a serious military threat



With very few resources to wage war with, a starving population and an under-developed nuclear weapons program, North Korea's threats shouldn't be taken seriously.

While it may have nuclear devices, North Korea does not have nuclear weapons or missiles that have the range or accuracy to reach the United States.

The U.S. defense intelligence agency released a classified report last month that they are "moderately" confident that North Korea "currently has nuclear weapons capable of delivery by ballistic missiles however the reliability will be low."

North Korea's current nuclear devices are no bigger than the bombs dropped on Hiroshima. To put it in perspective, if North Korea detonated their largest nuclear device in Falcon Square, the effects of the blast would only be felt as far as the 91 freeway, according to NuclearSecrecy.com/nukemap/.

Luckily, our government's large defense budget allows for several nets of protection that can intercept a missile heading our way.

The world should expect many empty threats from North Korea since its government needs the muscle flexing to impress its own population.

The North Korean style of government relies heavily on its people believing that its leaders and armed forces are fearless and powerful.

While the North Korean government may know that the United States won't fall for that bluff, it still has to maintain the illusion of power and greatness to the North Korean people by standing up to the mighty U.S. while threatening to unite the Korean peninsula with war.

This illusion has to be proven again by a man leading a country that is filled with pictures and statues of his father everywhere.

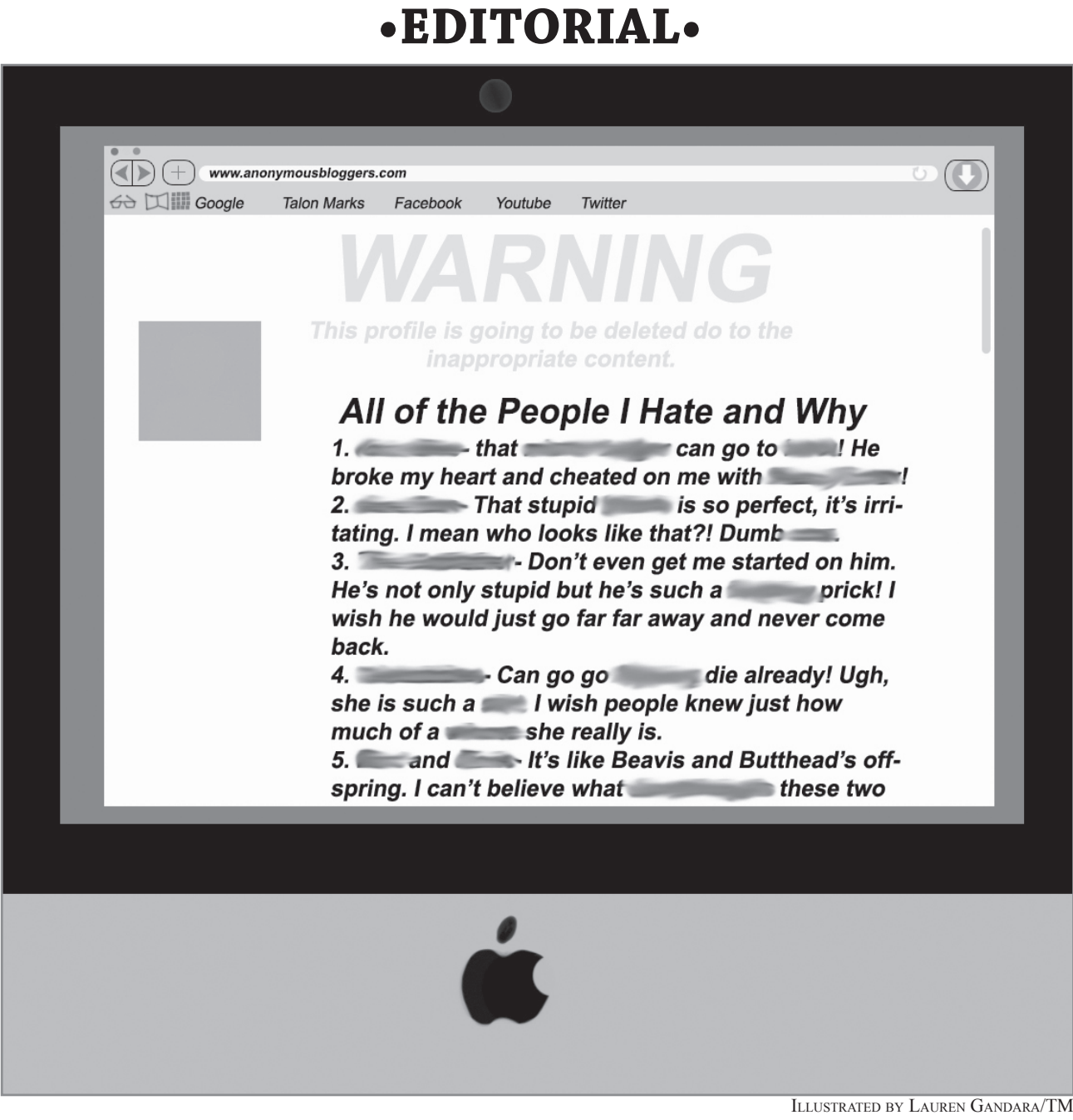
There have been many movies within the past year that depict North Korea invading the U.S. or taking over the White House. Movies like "Red Dawn" and "Olympus has Fallen" grossly overstate the military power of North Korea.

The North Koreans only have enough resources for a few months of war, whether they are invading the U.S. or South Korea. Realistically, North Korea could never occupy the U.S.

As Japanese admiral Isoroku Yamamoto once said, "You cannot invade mainland America. There would be a rifle behind every blade of grass."

There is no doubt that eventually North Korea will have the technology to attack any part of the globe within their missile range.

The U.S. and its allies must use military deterrents as political tools while trying to open up direct channels of communication with North Korea to de-escalate tensions.



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Losing your identity

In today's world we live in a contradictory state of publicity and anonymity.

Our entire identity can be stored on a computer with our social security numbers, credit card numbers, or what we like on Facebook.

While this anonymity can be a blessing for some, many use it as a mask to hide.

Without any consequences for what they say, many cross the line.

Recent cases such as Amanda Todd, a girl who was bullied online after naked pictures of her were leaked on the Internet.

Even after she killed herself, many used the anonymity of the Internet to attack her, even posting a hate speech on a Facebook memorial page.

While it may be easy to view anonymity as a negative thing, it does

have value.

The use of aliases and anonymity has had a long history and has led to positive change when used in a constructive way.

When the constitution was being written, some of the founders tried to rally support with the Federalist Papers.

Many states were wary of establishing a powerful federal government since they had just separated from England.

In response some of the founders, such as Alexander Hamilton and James Madison, wrote the Federalist Papers under an alias to convince the people to support the ratification.

In the 1970s the Watergate scandal was exposed by a source in President Nixon's administration known as "Deep Throat."

Deep Throat's actions led to investigations of Nixon's presidency and ultimately caused him to resign from office.

Our country even has laws in place to protect sources, known as whistleblowers, who speak out against businesses or agencies.

Whistleblowers have exposed companies who were breaking the law or discriminating against its employees.

The anonymous nature of the Internet should not be taken away, but we need to practice restraint in how we use it.

It is a personal responsibility that should not be taken lightly.

The Internet does not exist in a bubble, and that it can have consequences in the real world.

Politicians are out of touch with the public

It is appalling and very discouraging to not see background checks for the purchase of guns not passed.

Something as modest as this legislation should have been a no-brainer for our fellow congressmen and women.

To sum it up in short terms, the legislation proposed by Democratic Senator of West Virginia, Joe Manchin and Republican Senator of Pennsylvania, Pat Toomey would expand background checks to gun shows and all internet sales and make it impossible for criminals and the mentally ill to own firearms.

Plus, this legislation is something the American public wants.

According to a CNN/ORC International Poll, about 86 percent of Americans say they support expanded background checks for guns.

However, this goes to show you how out touch some of the congress-



men and congresswomen are with what the concerns and needs of Americans.

Let's not blame those congressmen and women who voted no. The NRA should be chastised because of false claims about what the bill didn't do.

The claimed bill will make a national registry for guns and that would make it possible for the government to confiscate firearms from the people.

That is not what senators Joe Manchin and Pat Toomey proposed. To some extent, the NRA's false claims seemed to only served one purpose, and that is to bully their senators into making them debate about the federal government's infringement of the peo-

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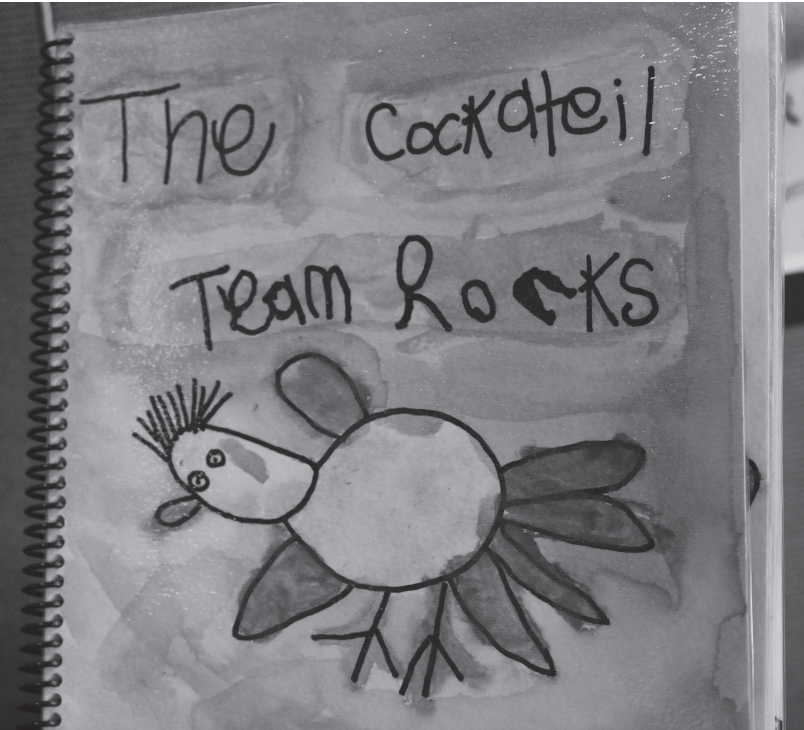
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Children proudly display art on campus



Bird Nest: Created by Dominic Palma, “Bird Nest” was on display for the students of Cerritos College.



Book of birds: Aubree Zelaya created some of the illustrations for “The Cockateil Team Rocks” book.

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Many art works made by children between the age two to five were displayed along the student center in celebration of the “Week of the Young Child.”

Dominic Palma and Aubree Zelaya, both age five, along with the rest of their classmates were proud to have their work displayed in an art exhibit put together by the Child Development Department.

The art exhibit was held at the Student Center and ran from April 17-20.

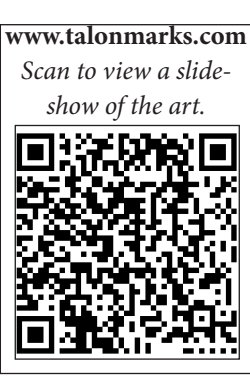
Debra Ward, director of the Child Development Center, explained that the exhibit was put together in response to its approach to teaching practices in the center.

“The exhibit is a combination of what the children did at our school throughout the whole year while they were in the (Child Development Center’s) care.”

Ward explained that the center follows the Reggio Emilia theory and that in this approach “(The Child Development Center) looks at the image of the child as the child being competent and capable already coming to us with its own ideas, thoughts, and knowledge.

Part of this approach requires a teaching strategy to document children’s work and to reflect upon on what children are learning.

Palma who saw the exhibit was excited to see all the work he had been intently working on being display for others to see.



“I saw my bird nest... I liked it,” explained the five year old.

Child development major Diana

Gonzalez took a moment to check out the exhibit and was excited to see all the work the children at the center had worked on.

“I’m a child development major, so it’s pretty exciting to be able to have a look at what kids are capable of doing. Looking at their work makes me happy and excited to be working with kids one day,” Gonzalez said.

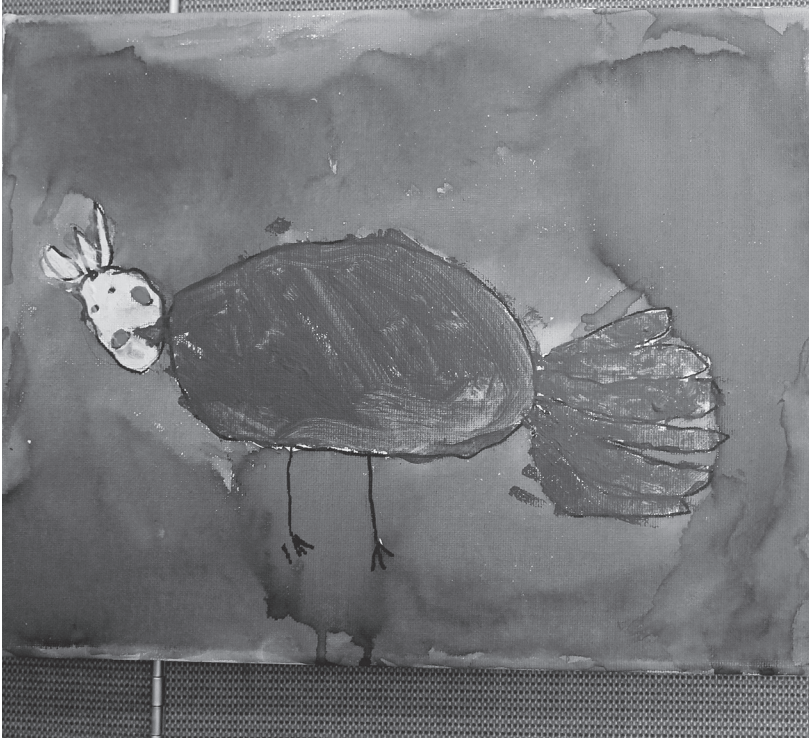
Zelaya who had seen the exhibit before some of her other classmates was happy to see everything she had contributed to the exhibit.

“I saw our cockatiel book that we made with our pictures ... I put pictures in the book,” said Zelaya.

Gonzalez said she had wished to see more people taking interest in the exhibit seeing as it was located were many students spend their downtime between classes.

“I liked what I saw, I just wished there were more people here instead of just sitting down doing nothing,” Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez explained that after seeing the exhibit she wants to eventually work for the Child Development Center here at Cerritos College.



Birds of a feather: “Aubree Zelaya” created a cockatiel to display at the Student Center.



Steel tree: Created by Dominic Palma, “Tree” was shown at the art exhibit to showcase the Child Development Center kids’ work throughout the year.

Kid Cudi album leaked online, still a solid album

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With Kid Cudi’s latest work hitting the Internet before its official release, fans get a quick scoop on what to expect. Rapper Kid Cudi is back with his fourth studio album.

“Indicud” is an amazing 18 track album in which Cudi wrote 10 of the songs himself and co-wrote in the other eight.

“Indicud” was set to be released on April 23, but was leaked on April 9, giving fans the chance to listen to the album before the release.

With the album being leaked, Cudi then pushed the release date to April 16.

Cudi took to Twitter to let fans know that he wasn’t upset his most anticipated album leaked.

“I didn’t leak it. These things happen and are unavoidable so there’s nothing to stress. Again, I’m just happy to see the love again,” he tweet-

ed on April 9.

Cudi had used Twitter to promote “Indicud” as he would let his followers know when a single was being released and what artists he was working with on his album.

The album was produced by Cudi himself as he portrayed rappers like Dr. Dre, who produced his own album in 1999.

Kendrick Lamar, Too Short, and A\$AP Rocky were among the popular artists featured on Indicud.

The fact that Cudi worked with artists that are currently popular among the music industry today is what makes the album a hit.

After his release of his third studio album “WZRD,” Cudi definitely made up for all the “lost” fans.

WZRD is a rock album released by Cudi that wasn’t a fan favorite. Cudi himself figured it wouldn’t be his best after only 500,000 copies were made.

“Indicud” is definitely an album that allows Cudi to redeem himself with his fan base.

Album Review

‘Indicud’ by Kid Cudi

Starring: Kendrick Lamar, Too Short
Rating: ★★★★★

music.

Through all the greatness of the album, there are a couple songs that won’t gain popularity as time goes on.

“Burn Baby Burn” and “Lord of the Sad Lonely” have a flat all around taste with the lyrics and beat not being the best.

Cudi definitely is not his old self from his “Man On The Moon”

Keaton Simons has big plans for “Beautiful Pain”



Music Man: Simons poses for this press release photo for his upcoming album.

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Returning to the west coast after his time in Texas for the annual South by Southwest event (also known as SXSW), Keaton Simons has a brief period to rest before his CD release of his latest work, “Beautiful Pain,” on May 4.

“This was my ninth year there and it’s always special. I have friends that I only see at that event and when we get together, it’s like we never left.”

Just like most artists at the event, Simons is an up and coming artist who describes himself as “bluesy, singer/songwriter who plays guitar.

“My guitar playing is of course the focus. That is how I really express myself.”

Simons learned to express himself through music by listening to the different artists who inspired him.

“The Beatles were a huge influence for me, and I’m a huge fan.

Anyone though, from Jimi Hendrix, Muddy Waters, and Sam Cooke has helped me find my voice.”

His music has found success on various shows and films including NCIS, Numb3rs, and Crash.

His song ‘Unstoppable’ was featured on ‘VH1’s Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew’ and took in over 10,000 downloads in two days.

This recognition has lead to an increase in popularity that “without a doubt (it’s) such a great opportunity to get my music out there.”

Simons has also opened for a variety of bands in-

cluding Train, Coldplay, and REO Speedwagon.



cluding Train, Coldplay, and REO Speedwagon.

“For any band to take me with them is an honor, but I remember specifically when I opened for REO Speed Wagon. Kevin Cronin, the lead singer, came out with his napkin still tucked in as he was eating his dinner.

He said that he wanted to introduce me himself.

‘I wouldn’t want to miss this. I believe in this guy,’ is what he said.”

Now he is going on his own tour across the United States to show off his new album, ‘Beautiful Pain,’ according to a press release from Best Revenge Records.

‘Beautiful Pain’ is co-produced with Mikal Blue (Colbie Caillat, One Republic) and mastered by Gavin Lurssen of Lurssen Mastering, will be distributed through ADA Distribution (Warner Music Group.)

“The album includes co-writes with friends and peers Jason Mraz, Jason Reeves, Glen Phillips (Toad The Wet Sprocket) and Mikal Blue amongst others.”

Simons is excited for the upcoming tour and even expressed interests in doing college shows and of course shows in Los Angeles.

“I don’t have a full tour yet, but I plan on having a show in every state. I’m on 49 states, unless I’m mistaken. So far the only state I haven’t played in is Alaska.”

Keaton Simon’s music is available for purchase via iTunes.



Displayed: The works of Stanley Kubrick were shown to adoring fans.

Director's works displayed at LACMA

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The Los Angeles County Museum of Art will be showing acclaimed director Stanley Kubrick's personal collection to the public until June 30.

Part of the growing collection of the director's possessions to be offered to be viewed by the public, the LACMA hosts a variety of items from and related to Kubrick's films.

During the course of his directing career, Kubrick created multiple award winning films including "The Shining," "A Clockwork Orange," and "Full Metal Jacket" that pushed the boundaries of the actors who worked with him and the film industry as a whole.

"I saw that he had the ability to be quite cruel. But I don't think that it was unfounded cruelty," said Matthew Modine, star of one of Kubrick's classic works, "Spartacus," in a recent interview with Scott Tennent of LACMA.

"He couldn't suffer fools or stupidity. That's not to say that he wasn't empathetic; he had tremendous empathy."

In addition to "Spartacus," parts of other films can be viewed upon entering the exhibit. From there, exhibit goers are free to explore different sections, broken down by film.

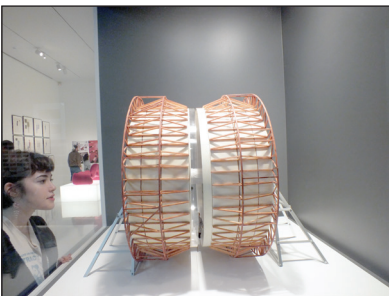
Original movie posters adorn the walls alongside first drafts of scripts, letters to various actors and costumes.

Film students will be able to see the exact steps that Kubrick took to

make his hits and view the camera used for most of his films.

Tim Deegan, the Director of Guest Services at LACMA, worked as a summer intern during the creation of "2001: A Space Odyssey" and recalled just how important Kubrick was.

"As a very young teenager, I realized how important it was for Kubrick to control every aspect of his movies, and to this day—from 2001 to Lolita to A Clockwork Orange—one can see what a difference that attention to detail made."



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Movie Review

'42'

Starring: Chadwick Bozeman and Harrison Ford
Director: Brian Helgeland
Rating: ★★★★★

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'42' beautifully portrays Robinson's story

A baseball player gets his story told on the big screen, and movie-goers should rush to theaters to see it

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With a gripping story based on real events, "42" is sure to entertain and teach audiences.

Jackie Robinson is one of sports's greatest figures ever, hands down, and "42," a film about his story will go down as one of the greatest sports movies of all-time, and you should rush out to watch it.

Director Brian Helgeland did a terrific job of illustrating the story of Robinson, played by Chadwick Bozeman as he fights through and conquers the color barrier in sports, becoming the first black baseball player in Major League history.

All would not be possible without the desire of Brooklyn Dodgers' general manager Branch Rickey, played by Harrison Ford, who sought a black player, understanding that they would one

day break into the game anyway.

"42" does a great job of making the viewer feel as though he is Robinson, and is being insulted directly as Robinson climbs out of the International League and into the Major Leagues.

The movie takes fans back to Ebbets Field, then the home of the Dodgers, and other stadiums such as Crosley Field in Cincinnati.

Everything you have heard in history class was exhibited, stemming from name-calling to pestering, and even intent to injure.

But the thick-skinned Robinson attacks each obstacle with ease, impressing believers along the way.

Wherever Robinson's frustration was exhibited during the movie, the viewer can't help but want to shed a tear, or fight back, or even cheer as he triumphs.

Thus was the power of Boseman's acting as he drew viewers into the story.

Members of the audience clapped loudly as Ford's portrayal of Rickey was superb. He was stern, and outstanding, standing up for what he believed in, a

chance for Robinson.

Any parents that share baseball tales with their kids must share this story with them, as if it wasn't for Robinson, sports would be a lot different than they are today.

There is no reason to not give "42" four stars for the effort by Helgeland, and the acting job of Ford, who is a former ball player himself.



Breakthrough: Harrison Ford, left, as Branch Rickey and Chadwick Bozeman, right, as Jackie Robinson seen in "42," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.



Applause: The journey in "42" is one personally felt by the viewer. The blood, sweat and tears of Robinson are inspiring.



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Out of the park: Sophomore outfielder Aubrey Formano watches the ball fly over the fence after she hit a three-run home run in the bottom of second inning against El Camino College on Tuesday. It was her first home run of the season, and her 16th run batted in.

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Injuries won't phase softball team

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The Cerritos College Softball team is approaching the Southern California Regional Playoffs and is having minor issues as some of the players are recovering from injuries. Assistant coach Jenel Guadagno explained that while the team has been practicing, one of her other approaches to playoffs is to talk to the players and get them to play to the best of their abilities with the circumstances the team is in. Guadagno added that since injuries are playing a big part on how the team is handling it going into playoffs, she believes the team is do-

ing a good job. "Definitely having to play (players) in different positions and moving them around. But they are doing a great job of picking it up and stepping up." Sophomore catcher Katie Caraballo explained that while the team has been working hard and following the same agenda, one of the obstacles the team has encountered is playing as a unit. "We have been doing the same thing. Just work harder in practice, look up stats for the other team and base it off its wins and losses."

"(There) hasn't been anything bad. (There weren't) many obstacles. In the beginning we were struggling, trying to put the team together, but I think we really evolved and really play more like a team," Caraballo said. Sophomore first baseman Andrea Arellano said she is looking forward to playing in the playoffs and finish the season with good memories. "As a sophomore I'm excited for the playoffs because it's my last time being here. Each game counts because you never know when it's going to be over," Arellano said. She also said that she along with

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the rest of the team are excited, even with the problems they had to face during the regular season, but now feel ready to take on anything that comes their way. "We are (ready). (There were) some minor setbacks because some got hurt. I think they'll be better for playoffs and we'll do fine." The Southern California Regional Playoffs begin May 4.

Falcons extend home winning streak to eight

The Falcons ended the regular season in blowout fashion on Tuesday as they defeated El Camino College 10-0 in five innings. Sophomore outfielder Julia Mendoza hit two home runs while sophomore outfielder Aubrey Formano hit one of her own. Freshman pitcher Jamie Ramirez only allowed one hit through four innings of work.

-CARLOS MARISCAL

FALCONS ON DECK

BASEBALL <i>Thursday</i> at East Los Angeles College -- 2:30 p.m.	<i>Friday</i> vs East Los Angeles College -- 2:30
MEN'S TENNIS <i>Thursday</i> Southern California Regionals at Oxnard Tennis Center	<i>Friday</i> Southern California Regionals at Oxnard Tennis Center
<i>Saturday</i> State Championships at Ojai Valley Athletic Club	<i>Sunday</i> State Championships at Libbey Park, Ojai
SWIMMING AND DIVING <i>Thursday, Friday and Saturday</i> State Championships at East Los Angeles College	<div>www.talonmarks.com Scan here to look at sports schedules</div>

Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27	Sunday 28
BASEBALL The baseball team (14-19) will look to end its season on a high note after missing the playoffs, holding a 9-9 conference record. The Falcons will face the East Los Angeles College Huskies (21-12) on Thursday and Friday at Kincaid Field. The Huskies are currently third in the South Coast Conference standings with a record of 11-7 in conference play. The series won't be easy for the Falcons as they will face outfielder Andrew Gutierrez who holds the third best batting average in the league at .391. The Huskies also have the best pitcher in the league in Robert Engels who currently holds a .81 earned run average.	TRACK AND FIELD The men's and women's track and field teams will look to add more broken records to this season's success when they compete in the South Coast Conference Championships at Mt. San Antonio College on Friday. The season has been filled with broken records in different events.	MEN'S TENNIS After sweeping the South Coast Conference Tournament, freshman Nathan Eshmade heads into the Southern California Regional Tournament that will be held at the Oxnard Tennis Center. That Falcons will have five singles players and three doubles teams at the Southern California Regional Tournament.	Sophomore Dionbrea Norris hit a distance of 7.12 meters in the long jump at the Mt. San Antonio Relays on April 12, which was a record for the event. Freshman Alexis Dalton shattered a school record and took first place at the SoCal Heptathlon Championships by scoring a total of 5111 points. The South Coast Conference Championships will be held on Saturday. Sophomore Todd Jenkins, freshman Mathew Espiritu and freshman Maurice Grijalva will be joining Eshmade in the tournament. Eshmade currently holds a singles record of 21-1 in singles play this year. He defeated teammate Jenkins for the South Coast Conference Championship.



Track teams prepare for SCC showdown

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Justina Cummings, is one of the quartet of runners that placed 16th in the 400-meter relay at the Beach Invitational Saturday that was held at Falcon Stadium.

The meet included community colleges and universities from around the United States, and from Brazil, Canada and Mexico.

Cummings' team finished the race with a time of 48.58 becoming the only community college team to place.

The intense competition is helping her prepare for the upcoming South Coast Conference Championships that will be held at Mt. San Antonio College.

"(I am) probably my biggest competition, honestly. I can only be as good as I allow myself to be," Cummings said.

She expressed by the end of the season she should have a ring on her finger.

“*I can only be as good as I allow myself to be.*”

Freshman Jasmine Ayala, beat her current record of 5:20 in the 1500-meter race by one second bringing her personal record to 5:19.

—JUSTINA CUMMINGS
Women's Track

“The next weeks might be my last weeks on track so in practice I am focusing on just beating my personal record in the next competitions,” Ayala said.

There were 34 states represented in the Beach Invitational which was hosted by California State University Long Beach.

“There were a lot of good marks and jumps. People traveled far, from Oregon and Utah, to come here to compete. People are beating their own personal records today,” Cummings said.

The South Coast Conference Championships will be held at Mt. San Antonio College on Saturday followed by the Southern California Prelims at Antelope Valley College on May 4.



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Practice: Sophomore Tiffany Gray practicing on Monday for the South Coast Conference Championships. Gray placed third in the shot put and discus at South Coast Conference Championships in 2012.

Swimming team sends six swimmers to state

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After a third place finish at the South Coast Conference Championships at Chaffey College, the men's swimming team looks to leave a mark when it competes in the State Championships at East Los Angeles College.

The State Championships will begin on Thursday and will continue Friday and Saturday.

Freshmen Eugene Runas, Marcus Delgado, Joshua Owens, Nathan Unpornducki and Sophomores Joshua Hanein, Enrico Hidalgo will represent Cerritos College at the State Championships.

Runas will be competing in the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke.

"I feel confident and prepared going into (the) State Championships," he said.

Runas added what his goals are for the State Championships, "(I want to) beat my new personal record in the 100-yard breaststroke and go under a (time of) 58.45."

Runas set a record on Feb. 22 at the Golden West Invitational when he swam the 50-yard breaststroke in a time of 59.97.

The Falcons will also be participating in the 200-

yard, 400-yard freestyle relay and the 200-yard, 400-yard medley relay.

Owens, who is one of the representatives for the team in the relays, is hoping his team can take advantage of the opportunity.

"(This) is a great opportunity for our guys. We were fortunate enough to have six guys make it in so we have to work together and just swim fast," Owens said.

He also added, "We all hope to drop more time and set records for everyone else behind."

Head coach Joe Abing knows the season isn't over yet and hopes his team continues to give it its all.

"I hope we continue to swim well and support one another," he said.

With the State Championships being the last competitions for the men's swimming team, it admits it was a pretty good season.

"This season we have had ups and downs but they have only made us a better team. This season has been a great learning experience and I hope we use what we learned to become better individuals in life," Owens said.

Abing also added, "I have really enjoyed the season. We had a hard working group. It was fun."

Staying healthy in the offseason is important

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As a student athlete at Cerritos College, there are many precautions to take during the offseason. Certainly for most athletes working hard and a healthy diet is a very important element.

It's the nature of the game to constantly have injuries throughout the seasons. The offseason is definitely a great opportunity to rest or cure any injuries.

"Healthy eating is a key," said Davyon Monett, criminal justice major, and safety for the Cerritos College football team.

"Spending every day of the week in the weight room, working with the coaches, and teammates during the offseason is a routine we take," Monett said.

Monett also works out off campus to expand his performance on the field. Even when the season is over, there is practice all year-around.

Players like Monett never stop working year-around to stay fit while football season comes around.

"There is no offseason," said Garon Jackson, communications major, and outside linebacker at Cerritos College.

He mentioned that cardio and weights are a main key to prepare as a player during the offseason.

Jackson also added that watching tapes, studying your opponent to be strong mentally is just as important as watching your body physically.

"Definitely watching your diet and working out are two main priorities I take serious," Jackson said.

Physical sports are not the only ones that demand a healthy lifestyle during offseason.

Technical sports such as track and field demand for players to constantly keep running to keep their stamina up.

Computer science major George Robinson explained how he prepares himself year-round for the track meets.

"Definitely drink a lot of water and ice your body after working out," he said.

Robinson added, "Practice is the only way you are going to get better. You have to practice hard everyday like it is an actual track meet. Therefore, when you are actually competing you will be ready physically and mentally."

Club Meetings & Events
Phi Theta Kappa Meeting
April 25 at 11 a.m. to Noon in SS-139
Will be having club officer elections

iFalcon Club Meeting
April 25 at 11 a.m. to Noon in LC-134

Catholic Newman Club Meeting
Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in room SS-138 at 4 p.m.

Community Resource Fair
April 25 at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Library sidewalk area.
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