

FINAL ISSUE?

OPINION: No reason for the world to end

The closest the world is to ending may disappoint you, but it isn't Dec. 21, 2012



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On Dec. 21, 2012, the Mayan calendar will complete its 13 b'ak'tun and move onto the 14 cycle, beginning a completely new process, and definitely not signaling the end of the world.

A b'ak'tun contains 144,000 solar days, with the ancient Mayas having lived during the eighth and ninth b'ak'tuns, and predicting that the time cycle will complete on Dec. 21, 2012, which many people have mis-

interpreted to be the end of the world. Solar time is a passage of time based on the sun's position in the sky.

Sorry, the world is not ending. It will continue in all of its glory on Dec. 22, 2012.

Are you worried about a rogue planet hitting Earth?

Worry no more; NASA can easily detect any unexpected object coming within the Earth's radius.

According to NASA via a Google + hangout, the most prominent near Earth object is an asteroid that is projected to be cruising about 18,000 miles away from Earth in Feb. 2013.

Both, along with the fresh breath of air that will be available on Dec. 22, 2012, are evidence that nothing is going to stop the human race from existing.



Long Count: On Dec. 21, 2012, the Mayan calendar is set to go the next b'ak'tun, or a period of 144,000 days. Common belief is that the conclusion of this cycle will signal a cataclysmic event that will bring upon the end of the world.

Women's soccer voted National Champions

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Goal! The 2012 Cerritos College Women's Soccer team has been voted as the No. 1 ranked community college team in the country by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Previously the Falcons were ranked 4th in the final regular season poll taken.

At the conclusion of the regular season, the NSCAA poll listed Santiago Canyon College No. 1, Miramar College (San Diego) No. 2, College of the Canyons No. 3 and Cerritos College No. 4.

On Nov. 17, the date the previous poll was in effect, the Falcons opened CCCAA play against Santa Barbara College.

Cerritos College went undefeated in the playoffs with victories against SBCC, Cypress College, Ventura College, Sierra College, and Santiago Canyon College.

The previous poll's 5th ranked team from

Broome Community College of New York lost its playoff game on Nov. 8 to Anoka-Ramsey Community College, 2-0 in Dryden, NY.

The Falcons completed the season with a record of 22-2-2, including defeating Santiago Canyon College 2-0 in the California State Community College championship game Dec. 2.

Cerritos College forward Lauren Nanez said, "It's indescribable, an amazing feeling.

"All that hard work, and now we're No.1," said an astonished Nanez.

The season was a culmination of 6 a.m. practices, weekend games, 10 straight road games to begin the season, missed busses, lost uniforms, injuries, auto accidents, and pure determination.

Upon learning of the final vote, all-South Coast Conference forward Jazmin Aguas said, "We actually are number one?"

After realizing the fact, she chimed, "That's great!

"Wow, it's amazing, we're first in the nation," Aguas said.

For their efforts, the Cerritos College women's soccer team was rewarded with conference, state and national accolades.

Ten players were selected to the all-South Coast Conference Team.

Lauren Nanez was named California State Championship Player of the Tournament.

Coach Ruben Gonzalez wasn't named coach of the year in the South Coast Conference.

That is because in October, Gonzalez was recognized as the overall outstanding head coach of all women's sports in the South Coast Conference for the 2011-2012 season.

The National Championship is Gonzalez's second at the helm of the women's soccer team, who also defeated Santiago Canyon College in 2008 to win the national honors.

For Gonzalez it's time to hit the recruiting trail as he attempts to piece together next year's team.

The pressure will be on the team, as they open defense of their National Championship next fall.

Superstitions to aid students past finals

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Business economics major Arlene Hernandez said that she doesn't feel that good luck charms and rituals will help students get the grade that they want. She believes that studying is the only way to get a good grade.

Like Hernandez, other students also feel that superstitions are just silly and don't exist. However, some students believe that it can be a motivation to remember information and instill confidence in a person.

Jessica Estrada, nursing major, is one of those people who said that she does not believe in good luck and just studies and hopes for the best.

However she does have superstitions and believes that walking under a ladder is bad luck.

Estrada said about good luck rituals, "I do think it's a little silly but I mean everyone has their own choice, everyone is going to believe in what they believe."

According to Online Learning Tips.com, to avoid nervousness when going into a test or exam, have a talisman. It can be anything from a picture to a keychain and you just put all of your focus of the talisman to relax. It can help to be a confidence booster so that you will do better on your test.

With finals coming up, Estrada said that the only way to receive fair credit for a good grade would be to just study and try your best.

She said that for those with just sheer "dumb luck," and who do better than those that studied, it's not fair because they did not work for the grade.

Finals take place next week.

Libraries are crowded with students who are anxiously awaiting winter break, which will begin at the closure of class on Dec. 21.

Rest assured, the students are ready.

End of the world predictions

"The True Way"

Hong-ming Chen blended beliefs of buddhism, taoism and UFO theories. Chens group believed that God would appear on cable TV on the morning of the 31

March 31, 1998

Jan 1, 2000

"Y2K"

A computer-trade column warned that a computer error would cause the technology we have to no longer work at the start of the new year, causing chaos and the end of the world as we knew it.

"Big Bang"

Scientists in Geneva made a particle accelerator to view the worlds' smallest known particles. Independent scientists believed that when the particles collided it would create a big bang that could end the world.

2009

May 21, 2011

"The Rapture"

Preacher Harold Camping predicted the Judgment Day based his numerology of the bible.

"Apocalypse"

The Mayans saw time and dates as spiritual cycles. They predicted that the grand cycle of evolution will end on Dec. 21 of this year.

Dec. 21, 2012



"If the world does end on Dec. 21, what is one thing you'd regret not doing?"

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JAIME MENDOZA
Engineering Major

"Not taking more vacations. Life is short. It's true what they say: We only live once."



MAXX GONZALEZ
Undecided Major

"Not traveling to more places, or doing more things with my free time."



JULIE GARCIA
Nursing Major

"Not having my license at the moment."

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Tostitos to host event on campus
On Thursday, a special concert will be held at Falcon Stadium featuring a concert by Gym Class Heroes.

OPINION

Something else to worry about?
Are finals the only thing Cerritos College students are worrying about?

ARTS

Checking in with The Interludes
Checking in with the Cerritos College Theater Department.

SPORTS

More on the State Champions

The women's soccer team has many award winners, including State MVP Lauren Nanez.





Tostitos: Nursing major Ron Cordova [right] and Albert Saucedo, computer science major [left] received their free tickets at the Student Activities Office for the Tostitos special event and Gym Class Heroes concert. The concert will take place on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and it is open to anyone in the public, as long as they have tickets.

Gym Class Heroes and Tostitos commercial

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Working together to help out veterans, Tostitos and Cerritos College are teaming up to host a special event and concert that will take place on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Falcon Stadium. The gates will open at 5 p.m.

The concert is to be performed by the band Gym Class Heroes.

According to the Associated Students of Cerritos College during a Cabinet meeting, the event will be taped for a commercial.

The commercial will be shown during the Fiesta Bowl, and it may run during the Super Bowl.

Cerritos College Athletic Director Dan Clauss is working closely with Tostitos and feels that this event will really help Cerritos College to become a more recognized school.

He encourages students on campus to spread the word about the event because he wants the stands to be full of people.

The goal is to have at least 10,000 people attending the event.

All of the tickets are free of charge to students as well as the general public.

You can pick the tickets at the Student Activities Office or the Game Room on campus.

For every ticket that is turned in, a dollar will be donated to the veterans program at Cerritos College.

Students or non-students, are required to provide some type of identification in order to receive tickets and can receive up to a maximum of 15 tickets.

Clauss has also sent tickets to local high schools and radio stations to be given out to the public so that the goal can be met.

Clauss hopes to reserve the parking lot at the Norwalk Indoor Swapmeet on Alondra Boulevard for the night of the event so that there is enough parking for the public and have a shuttle bus take the people from the parking lot to the football stadium.

Tostitos will also be providing free food and drinks to the public when entering the stadium.

According to ASCC, Pepsi products at Frantones will also be free of charge.

Attendees are not allowed to bring cameras or video cameras to the event.

Director of Student Activities Amna Jara said veterans can receive VIP tickets for themselves and guests at the Veterans Resource Center.



Superstition: One of the top five superstitions is seven years bad luck for anyone who breaks a mirror.

Top five superstitions

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There are many superstitions but these are the five top rated according to The Met Online:

1. Friday the 13th
2. Walking under ladders
3. Breaking a mirror
4. Opening umbrellas indoors
5. Seeing a solitary Magpie

According to some Cerritos College students, these superstitions have changed.

Undecided major Judy Mendez stated that she does not believe in the superstitions.

If she did believe in them, she said, "I'll probably be doing what everybody does like throw salt in back of them," to get rid of the bad luck.

Speech language pathology major Jose Cano said, "When I was younger, I'd fight you before you made me go under a ladder."

Cano also added, "After awhile I started to think how could this (bad luck) possibly happen?"

He suggested to sacrifice a goat on top of a hill in order to undo bad luck.

Cano also mentioned some superstitions that originate from his home country of Guatemala.

He said that it is bad luck to find and take money placed in a circle around food and fruit.

He said that it will curse you with bad luck.

"Where we're (my family and I) from, that's some witchcraft."

Cano also mentioned another superstition he knows of and said, "Say you have cancer or you're poor, you go to this witch to reverse this (and) pass it to someone else."

Nursing major Vianka Lopez said that karma is a superstition that she believes in and believes what goes around comes around.

She suggested that people should "Be faithful and trustworthy. If you trip some one, something bad will happen to you."

Walking under a ladder is another superstition Lopez believes in and believes that an onion can help undo the bad luck.

Like both Cano and Lopez, art major Steve Givens also believes that walking under a ladder is bad luck.

Givens said, "If I do walk under a ladder, I don't know how to counter act (the bad luck) but the closest thing I can think of is do a good deed."

Loitering and gambling problem on campus

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History major Carlos Diaz said that trying to dodge the companies permitted by the Cerritos College Campus Police Department that try to sell him things is bad enough, but having to dodge solicitors on campus without permits is even worse.

Associated Students of Cerritos College is creating a legislation to find a way to prevent loitering and soliciting by non-students that do not have a permit from campus police to come on campus.

This was brought to attention of ASCC by a Game Room attendant that people are coming on campus that aren't students.

There is also a suspicion of gambling taking place which is not permitted on the Cerritos College campus.

ASCC Vice President Aldo Lopez opened the discussion to the student senate during multiple ASCC senate meetings.

Senators agreed to the idea of creating a legislation to suggest ways in which the college can prevent non-students from walking freely on to the campus.

They also mentioned several incidents in which non-students came on to the campus and created a disturbance.

One of the incidents mentioned was a woman who went into the Learning Resource Center to ask for money for people in Africa.

After being asked multiple times to leave, the woman was then threatened to be escorted off of campus by campus police.

Culinary arts major Anna Velazquez said, "I come to school and I expect to only do school stuff and they come on campus and throw me off balance."

She suggested that when these people come on campus they

should be given a fine of \$75 so that they learn their lesson not to be on campus.

In regard to gambling, Lopez said that there are Game Room and Student Center attendants that walk around to stop people who look like they might be gambling.

According to the ASCC the Game Room attendant has seen card games being played in certain areas around the Game Room and Student Center. She is concerned that students are going to start gambling because of previous incidents where gambling had taken place.

According to Lopez the attendant said a lot of the people playing these card games are non-students.

ASCC Senator German Sanchez said, "Majority of them are playing just for fun. I have yet to see any gambling because I personally know a lot of people that play certain games and that officials would stop them and tell them that they can't play because it might lead to gambling."

He continued, "I don't think the problem is gambling in itself. Gambling is banned period."

"I believe that gambling should be more defined. What I mean is that what is gambling as opposed to like playing Uno. I've actually seen people being stopped (from) playing Uno for the same reason, because it might lead to gambling."

Sanchez feels that it might be difficult to catch people gambling because of the fact that not everyone gambles with money, some gamble cards or other objects of value.

However, he said that the exchange of money is something to look out for.

"Nothing is black and white. We can't really stop every type of crime of gambling unfortunately but at the same time we can't stop people who are playing a certain game and call it gambling as well."

Calendar of Events

Dec.12

Board of Trustees Meeting at 6 p.m. in the Cheryl A. Epple Board Room.

Board of Trustees reception in Student Center at 7 p.m.

ASCC Senate meeting at 3 p.m. in Room BK 111/112

Dec. 13

Tostitos event and concert at Falcon Stadium. Gates open at 5 p.m. event begins at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 14

ASCC Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. (Tickets required)

Dec. 15

Start of finals.

Dec. 21

End of the Fall 2012 semester

Predicted end of the world

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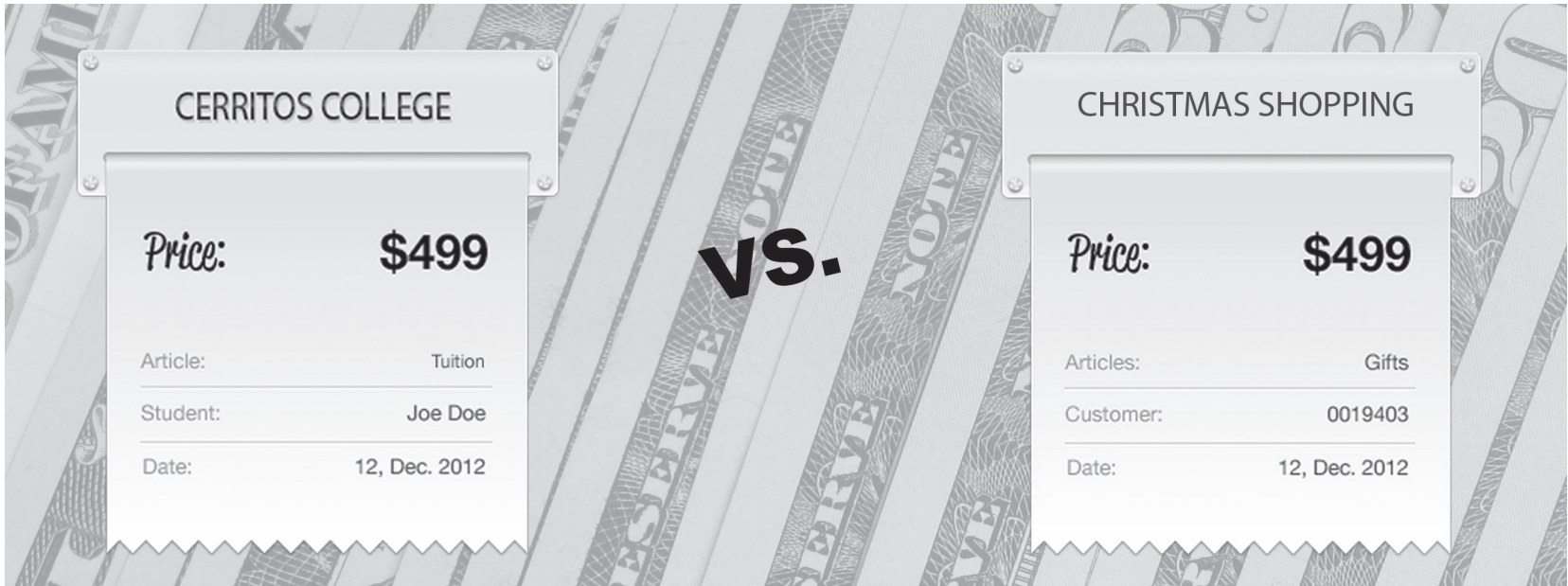


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A student’s dilemma: Illustration shows the common dilemma students face this holiday season between paying for school tuition or for gifts during the upcoming holidays.

Enrollment leaves students low on cash

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Music major Michael Enriquez finds his wallet to be torn between paying tuition for the 2013 spring semester and buying gifts for friends and family members. After paying for 12 units, at a rate \$46 each unit or \$215 each unit for out of state and international students, this year's holiday shopping is taking a toll on Enriquez's budget. "It's just kind of sad," he said, "I never thought I would be faced with the hard decision of having to choose between paying for school or going Christmas shopping." With the holidays just around the corner, people are rushing to get the best deals on gifts for their loved ones at stores such as Walmart, Target, Kohl's, J.C. Penney, and Sears. Online sites such as HDAccessories.com and Amazon.com are also promoting and extending their Black Friday and Cyber Monday deals in

order to provide easier access to online shopping for the busy schedule. "I don't normally shop online and I don't like it, but I think at this point I am left with no choice but to do so if it means getting better deals and saving money," Enriquez added, "being broke after paying school fees sucks." Cosmetology major Ashleigh Johnson believes students should learn to how manage and save their money, rather than complain about how little they have. "I believe that if (students) saved up throughout the year, there would be no need for them to be coming up short during the holiday season, even after paying for classes," she said. Johnson also commented that students could always use the layaway option some stores offer, which allows the buyer to choose the gifts he or she wants to purchase, have them singled out, and pay a small amount little by little until a certain date. "Explore your options, look for deals and spe-

cials which may save you money, but most of all, don't wait until the last minute," she added. As for gift ideas this holiday season, Graphic design major Aryam Gonzalez suggests that students make home-made gifts for their loved ones in order to save money but to also give more meaning to the gift itself. "I've always been sort of a tradition type girl, and I think that a home-made gift says a lot more to the person receiving the gift because it's a bit more heart-warming that way," she said. Gonzalez explains how a scrapbook, a beaded necklace, even a hand crafted art piece could very well light up someone's day just like a toy, video game, or movie would. "It's easier and less expensive to buy the ingredients to make something rather than buying it made, or at least sentimental value goes up when you do it that way," she added. Materials to make gifts such as scrapbooks, beaded necklaces, or many other gifts are available at most Michael's Arts and Crafts stores.

Cerritos re-entry student receives Carmen Solis Pratt Scholarship



PHOTO COURTESY OF CERRITOS COLLEGE FOUNDATION
Caption Header: Executive Director Steve Richardson presents nursing major Darlene Rodriguez with the Carmen Solis Pratt Scholarship.

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Nursing major Darlene Rodriguez was presented with the Carmen Solis Pratt Scholarship. The scholarship is given to one student annually who meets the requirements of being 35 years old and is an re-entry college student. Executive Director Steve Richardson said, "She demonstrates outstanding initiative and drive to accomplish her educational goals." The scholarship was created by retired Norwalk Superior Court Judge Dan Pratt, who founded the \$1,600 scholarship back in 2001 in honor of Pratt's mother who held education very high in esteem, but was not able to attend a college herself. Rodriguez was born and raised in Whittier, California. "I always wanted to go to college and receive a degree ever since I was little, but in my early 20s I did not have the focus. I had the drive but not the discipline. I would work two jobs and go to school so I was not putting my full energy into school. I would enroll then drop classes." While she was still in her 20s, she left school to get married just before she was about to transfer to

a four-year university. Rodriguez said, "Life happened, and I had two sons in two years. Later I became divorced so I had to support them and be there for them, so I had no time for me." As a single mom, Rodriguez worked for a telecommunications company for 12 years. The company decided to cut the workforce in half and relocate. Being faced with unemployment, Rodriguez was forced to think deeper into her future and decided to return to school, pursuing her nursing degree. "I was upset and sad, but I decided that this was my chance to go back to school and fulfill my dream of becoming a nurse. "I knew I was ready to commit and not give up this time. I had the determination and the drive," Rodriguez said. Rodriguez shared why she wanted to be a nurse. "My first son was born premature and was in the Neonatal intensive care unit for five months. He was the one who lead me to my major. The nurses were angels that healed my son besides medicine. Those nurses that cared for my son for five months were so good at what they did. I thought I would love to go back to school and be like them." Her son Andy said, "I'm very proud of my mom. She inspires me."

Rodriguez's other son Anthony commented, "I'm proud of my mom because she encourages me to do my best." Rodriguez commented, "I was very surprised. I never thought out of all the applicants that they would chose me. This scholarship will definitely make life a lot easier for me and my family. I have been very blessed by getting into nursing school and receiving this scholarship was the icing on the cake. " She is very thankful to Pratt for founding the scholarship. "Pratt set up this scholarship for students that he doesn't even know to help us financially, to me that is such a selfless act and I will definitely pay it forward when I graduate and find a job." Rodriguez had some final words for students who want to return to school after being gone for so many years, which were "Don't ever give up on your dreams. It is never to late to go back school. My motto is anything is possible, as long as you set your mind to it." Rodriguez plans to pursue her bachelor's degree in nursing and eventually become a nurse practitioner upon completion of her studies at Cerritos College in April. The Cerritos College Foundation, a non-profit organization, serves as a charitable vehicle for the community, individuals and alumni, to assist with financial support of Cerritos College beyond that which state funding supports. Visit the Foundation online at www.cerritos.edu/ccf.

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— DARLENE RODRIGUEZ
Scholarship recipient
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Cerritos College prepares as it holds ASCC Fall Awards Banquet

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Cerritos College will recognize outstanding advisers, instructors and students at its 2012 fall Associated Students of Cerritos College Awards Banquet on Friday. Students, instructors, and advisers were able to nominate fellow outstanding students, instructors, and advisers by filling out an application, which became available on Oct. 22. According to Amna Jara, coordinator of student activities, students who are nominated must have a 2.0 grade point average in order to be eligible to receive an award at the ASCC Awards Banquet. The applications were due at the Student Activities Office by 9 a.m. on Nov. 14. According to the Cerritos College website, the type of awards students, instructors, and advisers are eligible to receive are:

- Service Certificate – Presented to students in recognition of service and participation in programs sponsored by the ASCC. The students must show scholarship (2.0 GPA).
- Bronze Falcon - Awarded each semester to students who excel in service and participation in programs sponsored by the ASCC. The students must show scholarship (2.0 GPA).
- Silver Falcon - Awards given to students who are outstanding in leadership, service, and participation in programs sponsored by the ASCC. The students must show scholarship (2.0 GPA).
- Gold Falcon - Awards given to students who are outstanding in leadership, service, and participation in programs sponsored by the ASCC. The students must show leadership, scholarship (2.0 GPA) and personal integrity.
- President's Award - To be given to a student in lieu of that student receiving a third Gold Fal-

Cerritos College Triathlon Club adopts deserving family through the Su Casa Emergency Shelter

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The Cerritos College Triathlon Club joined the Su Casa Emergency Shelter to make a family's Christmas one they will never forget. The Charleston family came to the Su Casa's Emergency Shelter after Kimberly Charleston was abused by her husband. The family and the names provided are fictitious in order to keep their identity a secret. She decided to end the relationship and go to Su Casa with her kids Kristeen and Christopher in order to provide them with a safe environment to stay in. The idea was a collaborate decision between the Triathlon Club and the Director of Community Outreach, Christina Kreachbaum. Kreachbaum speaks at Ni Bueno's health class about abusive relationships. Bueno said, "She had told me that they have this program to adopt a family for Christmas and we talked about it to the Triathlon Club." This is the second year that the Triathlon Club adopted a family from Su Casa. Su Casa houses families that are victims of domestic violence. Su Casa helps families to get back on their feet again financially and provides them with job opportunities.

"Helping them live a normal type of life and just to try to get on with their life. The location is hidden and they really try to keep the identity of all their families very private for that reason," Bueno said about Su Casa. People who are interested in volunteering for Su Casa can contact Kreachbaum at (562) 505-9479. The volunteers go through a training program for volunteers that are interested in helping families and other things at Su Casa. "A few of my students go through the training and have gotten hired for Su Casa," Bueno explains. Kids that are placed at Su Casa go to a safe and private school to finish their education. On Dec. 7, the club went to St. Timothy Lutheran Church and dropped off the gifts along with many companies, individuals, and groups. Journalism major and President of the Triathlon Club Robert Beaver said, "The day at church was really nice. The church was very appreciative of our help. I'm really proud of our club members for paying out of their own pockets to support the Charleston family. "For a couple years a charity reached out to my family and made our Christmas possible. I remember the joy that brought me. I hope our help brings the Charleston family the same joy I felt as kid," Beaver said. The families can only be adopted once for Christmas.

- Windy Bay Herman

The type of awards the students are nominated for are kept confidential until the day of the awards ceremony. ASCC President Lance Makinano believes that the ASCC Awards Banquet is a good way to recognize the effort of the students, instructors, and advisers, but it is not nearly enough recognition. "They should be recognized, but maybe we can build a better recognition system," Makinano said. Jara also believes that the award recipients deserve more. "They (award recipients) deserve more than just a plaque," Jara said. Psychology major Fernando De La Cruz believes that the recognition advisers, instructors, and students will receive at the ASCC Awards Banquet can help their career pursuit. "It will look good when you are applying for a job," De La Cruz said. Undecided major Kendra Robinson believes that outstanding advisers and instructors should be recognized in some way and the ASCC Awards Banquet is a good start. "They (advisers and instructors) really help out students," Robinson said. The doors are scheduled to open at 6 p.m. and the ceremony is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

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A LOOK BACK AT NEWS THIS SEMESTER



Where's my tire?: Wrestler Orlando Alfaro describes an incident involving his bike's front tire being stolen while on campus. Any information regarding this incident please contact Campus Police (562) 860-2451 ext. 2325.

The many robberies of the Fall 2012 semester

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Whether it was broken windows, stolen computers, or a missing key, throughout the 2012 fall semester different areas of Cerritos College had been vandalized and burglarized, causing damages and stolen equipment amounting to thousands of dollars in replacements. During the first week of this semester, several newly renovated restrooms were vandalized by tagging marks made all over restroom stalls, on the hand dryers and scratches made on the mirrors. The first burglary of the semester took place during the last weekend of September in both the

Student Activities Office and the Game Room. Both rooms were vandalized and Cerritos College Police Chief Richard Bukowiecki estimated that \$15,000 in school property was stolen and \$2,000 in school property was damaged. The second burglary of the semester was in the Graphic Design Lab located in room LC 173 of the Learning Resource Center on Oct. 23. The lab had eight Mac desktop computers stolen, leaving classes in that particular lab struggling to complete their work. The third burglary of the semester took place inside Room FA 42 of the Fine Arts Building on Oct. 23. Room FA 42 was broken into and two Mac desktop computers were stolen. Cerritos College Campus Police officers recov-

ered one of the two stolen computers and it is currently being held as evidence. It is believed that three individuals were involved in the burglary. The fourth burglary happened in the Student Activities Office on Nov. 2. Several individual offices were broken into and had missing valuables ranging from random documents to an iPod. Among the valuables stolen included a school master key. Since the burglary, all of the locks that the school master key would have been able to open have been replaced. All burglaries are still currently under investigation.

Run-down on everything homecoming

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This year's float contest and homecoming schedule revolved around the theme "Broadway Musicals." Out of 22 women, seven were chosen to be on the homecoming court. The homecoming court, in ballot order, consisted of: Lauren Gandara: Talon Marks Press Club Zineb Fikri: Music Club Kenia Avalos: Broadcasting

- Club
 - Amber Rose Belmonte: Phi Beta Lambda
 - Geovana Sarmiento: Student Veterans' Club
 - MarJona Smith-Holieway: Independent
 - Brittany Forsythe: Leo Club.
- With weeks of campaigning and several homecoming events including the court introduction and the mock rally, one court member received the crown during halftime at the Cerritos College homecoming football game on Oct. 13. The candidates and their campaigners put posters up around

campus and handed out flyers and candy in order to receive votes from students. Smith-Holieway was the court member that went home with the crown. After the crowning, clubs that participated in the float contest walked around the football field, displaying their floats. Many of the clubs received awards for their floats after being judged by the homecoming court and a few faculty and alumni. The Cerritos College Falcons football team was victorious over the Allan Hancock Bulldogs, 55-25.



Homecoming court: Lauren Gandara, Zineb Fikri, Amber Rose Belmonte, Kenia Avalos, Geovana Sarmiento and Brittany Forsythe pose in Falcon Square for a group picture. The court of seven was voted in by the Cerritos College student body.

A recap on historic Board of Trustees election

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In a historic election on Nov. 6, four out of the five incumbents running for the Cerritos College Board of Trustees lost their seats. Tom Jackson, Jean M. McHatton, Ted Edmiston and Tina Cho have been replaced by Carmen Avalos, John Paul Drayer, Marisa K. Perez, and Sandra Salazar respectively. Many of the candidates equate the big change to the redistricting. Avalos, board-member elect for

area two, said, "The community votes for who looks like them. I think in one of the areas name recognition came into play. "But this (the new board) is a positive change." This was the first election since the Cerritos College trustee areas were changed to give minorities more of a voice on Election Day. "I was in support of it to diversify the board, even though I thought it could be a problem for me," Cho said.

Measure G	Board of Trustees	
	DISTRICT 1	Robert Arthur: 61.25% Leonard Zumiga: 38.75%
Proposition 30	DISTRICT 2	Carmen Avalos: 66.53% Tom Jackson: 33.47%
	DISTRICT 3	John Paul Drayer: 67.83% Jean McHatton: 32.17%
	DISTRICT 4	Marisa K. Perez: 50.51% Ted Edmiston: 49.49%
	DISTRICT 6	Sandra Salazar: 59.85% Tina Cho: 40.15%



Welcoming the new trustees: Carmen Avalos, John Paul Drayer, Marisa K. Perez and Sandra Salazar are the new board-member elects. They were voted in during the general election on Nov. 6.

Transfer Center uninformed about cross-enrollment

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Cerritos College students are unaware of an important academic tool available to them, because the Counseling Department and Transfer Center at Cerritos College doesn't have much information about it. The cross-enrollment program offered at UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton allows for community college students who meet certain requirements to attend classes totaling up to five or six

- units at respective university campuses without being officially enrolled. According to Mike Park of UC Irvine's Extended Educational Services, these are the following requirements:
- Completed at least one term at the home campus as a matriculated student
 - Enrolled for a minimum of six units at a community college for the current term
 - Earned a grade point average of 2.00 (grade of C) for work completed at home campus
 - Paid appropriate tuition and fees at home campus for the current term
 - Completed appropriate academic preparation as determined by host campus.

UC Irvine costs are \$20 per unit plus a \$10 processing fee. Cal State Fullerton charges only a \$39 processing fee, and limits total units to 3 maximum per semester. The staff at the Transfer Center at Cerritos College had limited or no knowledge of the program when asked for information. According to Cerritos College Dean of Counseling Services, Renee De Long Chomiak, "The (cross-enrollment) program would be of benefit to all our students."



Breaking a sweat at the gym: As of September, the state of the gym reconstruction was at 75 percent. With Measure G, more buildings on the Cerritos College campus will also go under reconstruction.

The effects of Measure G and Prop. 30

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For weeks leading up to the Nov. 6 election, students campaigned for Measure G and brought to light information of Proposition 30. Both the measure and the proposition passed, which will bring forth some changes for Cerritos College. The proposition passed with 59.91 percent of votes in favor and

40.09 percent against. Measure G passed with 69.45 percent of votes in favor and 30.55 percent of votes against. Prop. 30 is allowing for a full schedule of classes in the spring semester, which would have been limited if the prop didn't pass. Cerritos College President Dr. Linda Lacy said it is also allowing for a summer schedule, which was also in danger of being cut. Lacy also said that the propo-

sition is keeping everyone at Cerritos College steady. Measure G is allowing \$350 million for more construction and renovation to happen on campus. The master plan for construction is available online at the cerritos.edu website. Students can also expect Wi-Fi to be available campus wide in the upcoming semesters thanks to Measure G.



Crossing over: The illustration depicts the idea of cross-enrollment. With cross-enrollment, students are able to take classes at both community college and a Cal-state or UC.

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- 2
- Name: Jonathan Garza
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 - Time on staff: 1 semester
 - Random Fact: Has a love for classic professional wrestling.

- 3
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 - Position: Social Media Editor
 - Time on staff: 2 semesters
 - Random Fact: Terrified of flying and thunder.

- 4
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 - Position: Staff Writer
 - Time on staff: 2 semesters
 - Random Fact: Likes antiques and mosh pits.

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 - Position: Adviser for the Talon Marks News Brand
 - Time as adviser: 15 years
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- 7
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 - Position: Editor-in-Chief
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 - Random Fact: Has been on over ten television talk shows.

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 - Time on staff: 2 semesters
 - Random Fact: Loves cats.

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 - Position: Associate News Editor
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 - Position: Co-Audio Editor
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 - Random Fact: Is a disc jockey and performs internationally.

- 12
- Name: Connie Garcia
 - Position: Staff Writer
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 - Random Fact: Double jointed and doesn't know how to whistle.

- 14
- Name: Lauren Gandara
 - Position: News Editor
 - Time on staff: 3 semesters
 - Random Fact: Three of her first words were french fries and Coke.

- 16
- Name: Angela Arellano
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 - Random Fact: Weighed one pound at birth.

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 - Random Fact: In 8th grade, she shaved her head and grew a mohawk.

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 - Random Fact: Wants to learn more about the arts.

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- Name: John Morfin
 - Position: Copy Editor
 - Time on staff: 1 semester
 - Random Fact: Is fascinated with the science involving paranormal activity.

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 - Time on staff: 1 semester
 - Random Fact: Really scared of earthquakes

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 - Time on staff: 1 semester
 - Random Fact: Likes to continually challenge himself.

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 - Random Fact: Was lost at least four times as a child.

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 - Time on staff: 2 semesters
 - Random Fact: Loved to roller blade as a child

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- Name: Sarah Niemann
 - Position: Managing Editor
 - Time on staff: 2 semesters
 - Random Fact: Doesn't like coyotes.

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- Name: Rosaura Montes
 - Position: Arts Editor
 - Time on staff: 3 semesters
 - Random Fact: Pig squeals for her music interest in deathcore.





“Do you believe that the world is coming to an end on Dec. 21, 2012?”

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DANIEL SONG
Undecided major

“I don’t know about that.”

CHANTERIA JACKSON
Nursing major

“No, I don’t think the world is going to end.”



DARIEN WHITTAKER
Communications major

“Honestly, no.”

JESSE BARRAGAN
Animation major

“I don’t believe in that. It’s going to be a regular day.”



ELISA RUIZ
Arts major

“People who do believe it are just...crazy.”

PETER ROSS
Undecided major

“On Dec. 20, I just hope everyone lines up and gets their face tattooed because the next day we’re dead.”



Finals week is a time to finish strong

Don’t let the fact that the semester is ending this month make you slack off on final exams and essays. It’s a time to settle down, start concentrating and focusing on how to boost your grade to finish this semester strong.

Take out that book that’s in your backpack, open it up, and start studying it. When you review all of the past chapters that were covered in class, it gives you a better chance to remember them after all that time has passed.

Settle down on a couch, be comfortable, and study all of your notes from all of the classes that you know you’re going to have a final on.

Reading something over and over again will help you remember the content.

When it comes down to writing a final essay, concentrate hard on it to make sure you don’t have any grammar errors and know exactly what you are writing about.

Try making your writing stronger by showing that you have grown since the last semester.

Showing growth lets your instructor know that you have improved and have become a better student.

Use the remaining portion of the semester to do the things that you need to do to get the grade that you want.

Cramming will only cause stress and frustration.

Take some time to write down the things that you need to do and attend some tutoring sessions that can help you figure things out.

Reflect on your initial goal when you started the semester.

Are you on track to meet that goal? Is it possible for you to exceed your own expectations about your academic success?

Things like texting will only prevent you from focusing on your studies. Leave your phone in a place where it will be accessible should you need it, but not a distraction if you don’t need it.

Stay off of social networking sites. Facebook never helps anyone pass a class.

No one needs to read a status update or a tweet telling others about how much you hate

to study.

The end of the semester demands more concentration.

Don’t let hanging out with your friends be the reason why you don’t study.

Have your friends help you if there is anything you don’t understand. Don’t let any side conversations get in the way.

Even better, talking to your instructor is the best help you can get in class. The instructors are here to help students pass classes, not prevent them from doing so.

Don’t allow fear or uncertainty to cause you to shy away from asking the instructors from help. “You can’t win the lottery if you don’t buy a ticket.”

You’re the only one that knows what you’re capable of, so count on yourself to bring out all that you have and try your best.

Be more confident at this time in the semester.

Making your mark with a better grade helps you become successful.

Things to consider when thinking of The Mayan Prophecy Theory

The Mayan Prophecy, which is predicted to take place on Dec. 21, 2012, is nothing more than another story spreading around the world to create mass hysteria as the end of the year rolls around.

This event is based on a centuries old Mayan calendar, which is believed to end in the year 2012.

The prediction is causing quite a bit of panic among everyone about there being some catastrophe that could wipe mankind off the face of the earth.

How can people be so sure that this “end of the world” theory is indeed true, and can they prove it?

There may not be any evidence to prove that it isn’t happening either, but at least it makes more sense to think of it this way.

One would think that Earth should have ended a long time ago,



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such as when gas prices first started to skyrocket, or natural disasters started occurring all over the globe.

It did not end then though, did it? So why would it end now?

The film titled “2012,” starring John Cusack and Samuel L. Jackson, did nothing to help those who were already cracking their knuckles at the so-called “prophecy.”

The world eventually ends individually for everyone, and it does so at its own time.

When people die, that is “the end of the world” for them. There is no set end of the world for everyone altogether unless there is an atomic

bomb dropped upon Cerritos College and everyone dies simultaneously.

The Mayan Prophecy theory is nothing short of a hoax, but it is certainly doing its part in causing world-wide panic.

Students should do themselves a favor and snap out of this mass hysteria and start looking at this concept the logical way.

Think about it, the last time everyone thought the world was going to end was at the turn of the century when the year 1999 changed to 2000.

A lot of people thought they weren’t going to live to see it.

Guess what? 12 years later, here you are, alive and well. What makes the Mayan prophecy theory any different from Y2K?

There are always opinions and beliefs but don’t allow this particular

belief to cause you to lose any sleep.

Your beliefs are what you make them, but there is no reason to fear a Mayan prophecy theory at the end of this year.

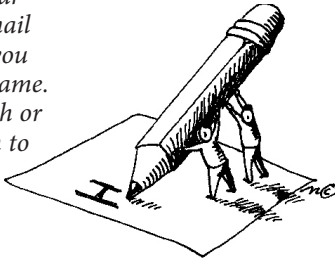
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A LOOK BACK AT OPINION THIS SEMESTER

Writer's double-take

Teachers shouldn't call out their students

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Since my article on teachers calling out students was published, I now more than ever stand behind my opinion.

I have witnessed remarks made to students and I think about every class I have had has seen teachers call students out.

Sometimes teachers are very harsh. Some think that students are smart ales and turn joking around to low blows.

They criticize students by what they know about them and some students are sensitive and take it to heart.

Yes, some students can be quite rude and don't know when to shut

their mouths to where the teacher becomes extremely frustrated, however this situation still should not allow a teacher to offend a student.

As I have said before, teachers are paid to teach and nothing more. If they want to roast people, they can go work at a comedy club. Same goes for students.

Students don't pay tuition to listen to their teachers and classmates go back and forth talking smack. They come here to get an education.

Regarding safety, there are some students that teachers probably shouldn't mess with.

Stabbings to shootings on college campuses happen, because some students don't take criticism well whether it is constructive or not.

After receiving a letter to the editor, it is possible that some students might take their teachers' comments as an attack and go to judicial affairs to complain, putting teachers at risk for possible consequences over unnecessary comments.

Teachers and students need to just stop with the low blows. Yes, both teachers and students should keep in mind the phrase "Give respect, get respect," of course if they want to keep a healthy learning environment.

Teachers sometimes criticize students for acting before thinking a situation through, but they don't realize they do the same thing.

Picking on a student in front of a class is a thoughtless action, and if it is not, then there is something

wrong with that teacher.

Why risk your position, over saying something to the one obnoxious student?

It is not worth it, you went to school many years to prepare yourself, why go ahead and throw it all away just because you were extremely mad?

Teachers need to keep in mind some students don't take their education seriously, they come to socialize, so if a teacher takes the time to talk back, this means success for that student.

Like I mentioned earlier, most of us come to learn and prepare to get good grades so we can go on to a higher level of education, and witnessing childish acts like these is what we want to avoid at all times.

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Help for the right reasons no matter what

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I think that I could have been a lot stronger in my argument regarding contributing for the right reasons.

My opinion was geared strongly toward why I thought that people felt that contributing somehow made them better people.

The problem that I noticed is that I didn't expound on any of my opinions very well.

I made it seem like there is a rash of people helping for the wrong reasons which is not the case at all.

I had some interesting points such as calling on students to give their best if they were going to give at all.

I didn't spend much time focusing on those points.

I should have talked about the dangers of giving for the wrong reasons. More research into those dangers would have helped my argu-

ment a lot.

Considering the holiday season, the subject of giving is important.

I don't think that I did a very good job of expressing exactly why it is so important to give for the right reasons.

There is such a need around this time of year that I should have focused more on those needs.

My argument of giving, specifically to food drives, could have been more focused on why doing it for the wrong reasons is so problematic.

That is why research is so important. Even as journalists, we talk about topics like they are assignments, and not like they are things that impact society.

Having researched more would have prepared me more for my argument.

Another thing that I could have talked about is the falsehood that surrounds giving specifically around this time of year.

As the Christmas holiday draws closer and the need for assistance grows, I am learning more and more about how much more could have gone into my opinion.

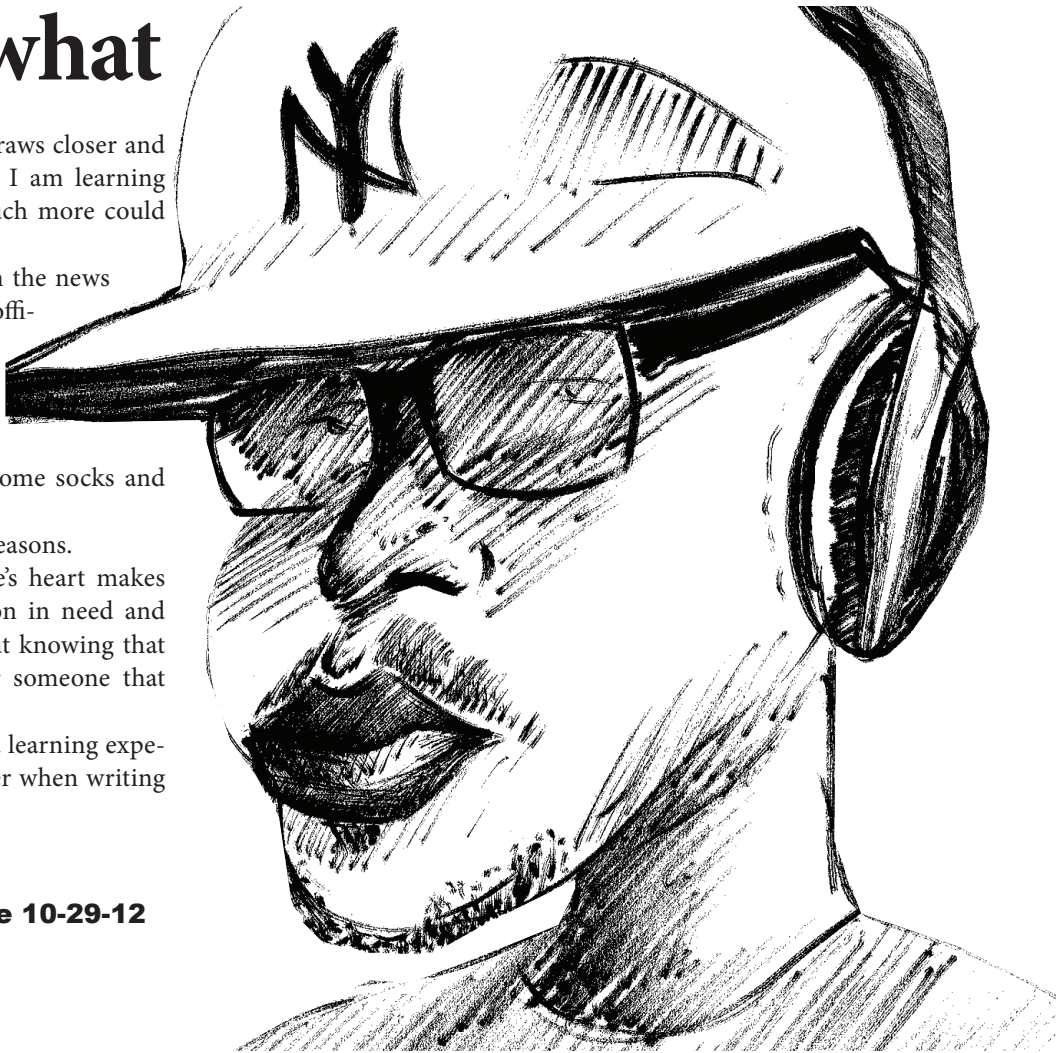
There is a story currently in the news about a New York City police officer that saw a homeless man in very cold weather with no shoes or socks on.

That officer took his own money and bought that man some socks and shoes.

That is giving for the right reasons. Out of the kindness of one's heart makes giving a blessing for the person in need and makes the giver feel good about knowing that something good was done for someone that needs it.

This opinion was certainly a learning experience as to what I can do better when writing in the future.

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Be happy with yourself inside and out

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Everyone, male, female, or otherwise, is entitled to have a healthy level of self-esteem regardless of other people's opinions.

Whether or not someone disapproves of your physical appearance, it should not reflect your own perceived self-image.

Even though this is a truth, there are still a lot of people out there who are failing to realize that they are beautiful in their own unique way.

If you haven't done so already, do yourself a favor and choose to reject the notion of "perfection".

Nobody is perfect in appearance or in character.

In a way, this makes us even more attractive as individuals.

Striving for perfection is an exercise in futility, it will never be attained.

People should understand that there is beauty in imperfection and that they are inherently fascinating beings.

Take pride in your individual characteristics, whether you have freckles, very dark skin, or extremely pale skin.

Whatever the case may be, once you have come to accept your physical image, you will be much more

at peace.

You will also come to realize how great everyone else is.

Learn to focus on the positive aspects of yourself and showcase your individuality so that you can be an example to others.

Aside from physical appearance, in a time when looking good is a top priority for so many, I am urging people to take the time to examine their inner beauty for a change.

How many times can you say that you have thought of others before you have thought of yourself?

In the midst of the holiday season, this is an optimum opportunity to lend a helping hand to another

person who may need it.

When you help someone else out you will find that the gratification is pretty much instant.

It is a win-win situation because you are doing a good deed, as well as walking away feeling good about you.

There are plenty of ways that you can help others out, while at the same time boosting your own self-esteem.

You can buy lunch for a friend who doesn't have any lunch money or donate clothes that you no longer wear to a thrift store.

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Manage your time wisely, get to work

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Many students typically begin to fall behind a couple weeks into the semester, and laziness starts to set in; time management is a big influence to this.

It's up to the students to manage their time wisely in a manner where it won't hurt their academics.

I know I'm a student affected by this, but then again I was able to handle it well.

Many students get home from a long day at school and the last thing on their mind is the homework that they were assigned.

"I'll do it later... after this show... after this commercial... after this nap," is something they

might tell themselves in order to put off completing their homework for the current moment.

I also feel it's just more than laziness. Social networks also hurt us students.

Distractions such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, have students finding themselves spending more time planning their social lives instead of staying up to date with their class work.

It seems many students nowadays put their social life ahead of their school life, which is a recipe for failure.

But social networks aren't the only distractions for students.

I also know hard it is to fulfill the role of being a sibling, friend or being in a relationship while working and going to school full time.

It can be extremely tough.

More than half of Cerritos College students are affected and there is no practical cure, it all depends on the student to make the right decisions.

Distractions don't have to be a bad thing; it's always good to reward yourself for hard work, I know I do.

I feel that incoming students should organize their school work and social life so that they won't end up at Cerritos College for a longer period than they should be.

I know this because I have been here for four years, and I should follow my own advice.

It all comes down to students to organize their time outside of school in such a way where it won't affect their educational success.

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Comedy: *The Troupe in The Jealous Old Man as the story comes to its climax and the old man is pushed to his breaking point.*

“Interludes:” confusing scripts, fantastic acting

Play Review

Miguel de Cervantes’ “Interludes”

Starring: Melissa Legaspi
Director: Forrest Hartl
Rating: ★★

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The Cerritos College Theatre Department’s production of Miguel de Cervantes’ 1600 “Interludes” was in one word, confusing. While the acting was very good, most of the six short comedic plays were difficult to follow. It started with “The Magic Cave of Salamanca” which was very funny and easy to understand. The next two Interludes titled “The Widowed Pimp” and “The Man Who Pretended to be from Biscay” were both very confusing. If you didn’t read the program where there was a clever description of all the plays made to seem like a newspaper, then you wouldn’t have a clue what was going on during “The Widowed Pimp.” Quite frankly, even if you read it

you will be lost. As it went on with “Sir Vigilant,” “The Marvelous Puppet Show,” and “The Jealous Old Man,” each play got funnier and a little more clear. “The Jealous Old Man” ended the performance on a high note. It was extremely funny and one of the easier ones to follow. If all of the short plays were more like this one and “The Magic Cave of Salamanca” then the “Interludes” would have been a complete success. Most of the scripts needed work but the acting was right on point. Even during the most confusing short

plays, the actors did a good job of portraying their characters. Melissa Legaspi, who played Cristina in several of the short plays, stole the show. Her acting was phenomenal. Luckily for the Theatre Department, the actors in the “Interludes” did such an excellent job that it was all very entertaining, even when you didn’t exactly understand what was happening or why.

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Acting out: Theater student Oralia Neria participating in the “Interludes.”



Interludes: comedic plays

THE MAGIC CAVE OF SALAMANCA

A woman’s attempted infidelity is complicated by the surprise visit of a wily student of magic. ★★ ★★

THE WIDOWED PIMP

A pimp mourns his dear departed prostitute. ★

THE MAN WHO PRETENDED TO BE FROM BISCAY

Two tricksters aim to cheat a woman with a fake gold chain scam. ★

SIR VIGILANT

A lovesick soldier stands guard against all rivals at the home of his love. ★★

THE MARVELOUS PUPPET SHOW

Two con artists trick a group of villagers with an invisible puppet show. ★★ ★★

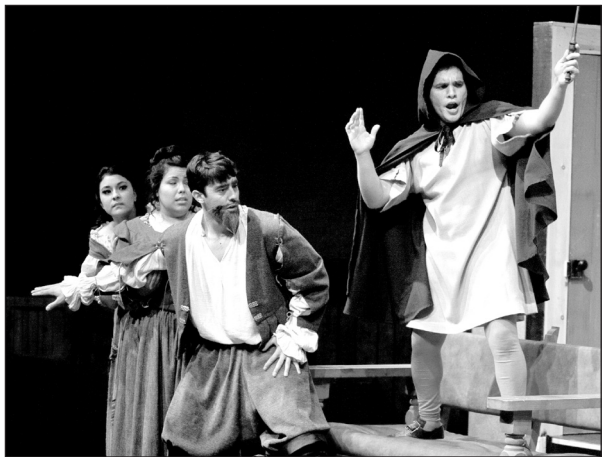
THE JEALOUS OLD MAN

A wife cuckolds her jealous spouse right under his nose. ★★ ★★

Compiled from the Cerritos College Theatre website



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Prostitution: Bunni Famuyiwa (Mostrenca) with Brian Mejia (Trampagos) and Jessica Delgadillo (Repulida) in the “Widowed Pimp.”



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Fraud: Melissa Legaspi (Cristina) and Oralia Neria (Leonarda) with Devon Delamora (Pancracio) and Emmanuel Plascencia (student) in “The Magic Cave of Salamanca.”

Students win awards for poetry contest at school

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ESL (English as a second language) student Arnaldo Mendonca won the 1st place prize of \$50 at the Library Club’s fifth annual Poetry Night on Dec. 5 with his poem “I Was Them.” “I had a few things in my heart and soul. I would like to share with people so I said this was a good opportunity,” Mendonca said. He explained his poem by saying, “It’s about the connection between everything in the world and life. I was in the heart of the amazon forest, it was not a common place. When I saw those stars, it

looked like they where really talking to me. I will never forget that experience.” Second place went to Lisa Mendez for her poem “Balloon” with a \$35 prize and 3rd place went to Stephanie Cristell for her poem “Y Esque” with a \$25 dollar prize. The Poetry Night gives Cerritos College students the chance to share their poetry to the public. “I think it’s a great opportunity for students to be able to voice the ideas they have and their feelings. It allows them to really be creative and express themselves in different languages,” Paula Pereira, librarian and Library Club Adviser, said.

All the proceeds from the tickets that the Library Club sold for the Poetry Night and all canned food donations will be going to the Cerritos College Health Center food bank. Librarian Monica Lopez said, “I think the Poetry Night turned out awesome because not only did we have people sharing and being part of the contest. I think it was the open mic had the most participation.” For the Poetry Night, students had around seven minutes to recite their poems. The students who were reciting their poems were split into two acts, Act One and Act Two.



LUIS GUZMAN/TM
For the love of poetry: Third place winner (left) Stephanie Cristell, 2nd place winner (middle) Lisa Mendez and 1st place winner (right) Arnaldo Mendoca holding their awards at the Poetry Night hosted by the Cerritos College Library Club.



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ROSAURA MONTES/TM

Details: Art and design major Jaya Hemnani holding two of her paintings. Both of them were painted in art professor Rebecca Guzak's painting class.

Jaya goes from graphic designing to painting

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Stepping with the motion for the love of Indian dancing, art and design major Jaya Hemnani has had the passion for the classical dancing since she was five years old.

With the difficulties of having, as she calls it, bad asthma, Hemnani was not able to continue dancing in high school but she didn't stop expressing her love through her body, she continues to do it through her hands. Hemnani showcases her passion through a series of dance paintings she is currently working on.

Having Hemnani in her art class for the first time this semester, art professor Rebecca Guzak was stunned when she first saw Hemnani's work. "At first I didn't realize how much talent she had," Guzak said. After seeing more of Hemnani's work, Guzak noticed that she had a lot of talent.

Guzak talks about the detail Hemnani adds to her paintings. "You don't see that kind of quality you see everyday."

She adds that Hemnani's art is ready to be displayed at art galleries.

Her plans with the 10 to 15 dance series paintings is to have them displayed at any art galleries she can get on; Guzak is helping Hemnani to find art galleries that

will display her art.

The reason behind it is for her art to be exposed to the world.

"Dance has a lot of expression. You don't need to know what kind of dancing it is; just looking at the expression on it will tell you what it's all about," Hemnani said.

The first painting she started with is from an ancient Southern dance from India called Kathakali.

This was a very sacred dance, doing dance for the gods and goddesses, and men used to do the dances," Hemnani explained.

She hopes there is enough time for her to finish her series paintings; there is a lot of excitement from her about it.

Before taking the class with Guzak, Hemnani has taken other art classes. Hemnani focuses on working with oil paintings.

Her freedom for art has continued on with working in Guzak's class and doing what she wants to do when it comes to painting.

"Every artists' dream is to get a fantastic job...and that obviously is my goal," Hemnani said.

The first art piece that Hemnani painted was an Indian styled woman in 1999 and gave it to her husband after she finished it. Before the painting she is doing today, that was the last time she painted.

"I didn't paint at all after that," Hemnani said.

She likes to challenge herself by painting things that seemed difficult for her, such as hair, and gives it a try to see if she can finish her work.

One of the biggest paintings she has done is five feet and three inches tall.

"It has shattered glass, Shoots-and-Ladders, it's life as a game," Hemnani said.

Starting her education in India, Hemnani mentioned that painting here in the United States is different. "Here (United States) is so detailed ordained and you let loose (in art). In India it was so uptight."

Before she came to Cerritos College, she started working as a graphic designer and has worked her way up. Since her career background starts with graphic design, she has had experience working for big companies and as head of departments.

Some of her works that she has done have been featured on advertisement, modeling animation and post-production for films. Her work with animation started when it was new in India. After that, she went into postproduction for films.

She worked in French and Swedish films, and did a lot of character animation. The animation and post-production was done for CMM Studios in Mumbai, India for four years.

After working for CMM Studios, Hemnani continued her

Gym Class Heroes set to perform at Falcon Stadium

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The brand Tostitos is presenting a free event this Thursday at Falcon Stadium. Gym Class Heroes, a music group that formed in New York, will be performing at this event benefiting and in honor of local veterans.

According to lastfm.com, GCH formed in 1997 and it begun playing at parties, and then moved up to festivals such as the Van's Warped Tour and slowly moved their way up to fame. GCH consists of four members, Eric Roberts as bassist, Travis McCoy lead singer, Matt McGinley on the drums and Disashi Lumumba-Kasongo guitarist.

In 2006, the band's single "Cupid's Chokehold" reached some of the top spots on the Billboard Hot 100. Travis McCoy, lead singer is no stranger to helping others. As of last year he was on a humanitarian trip

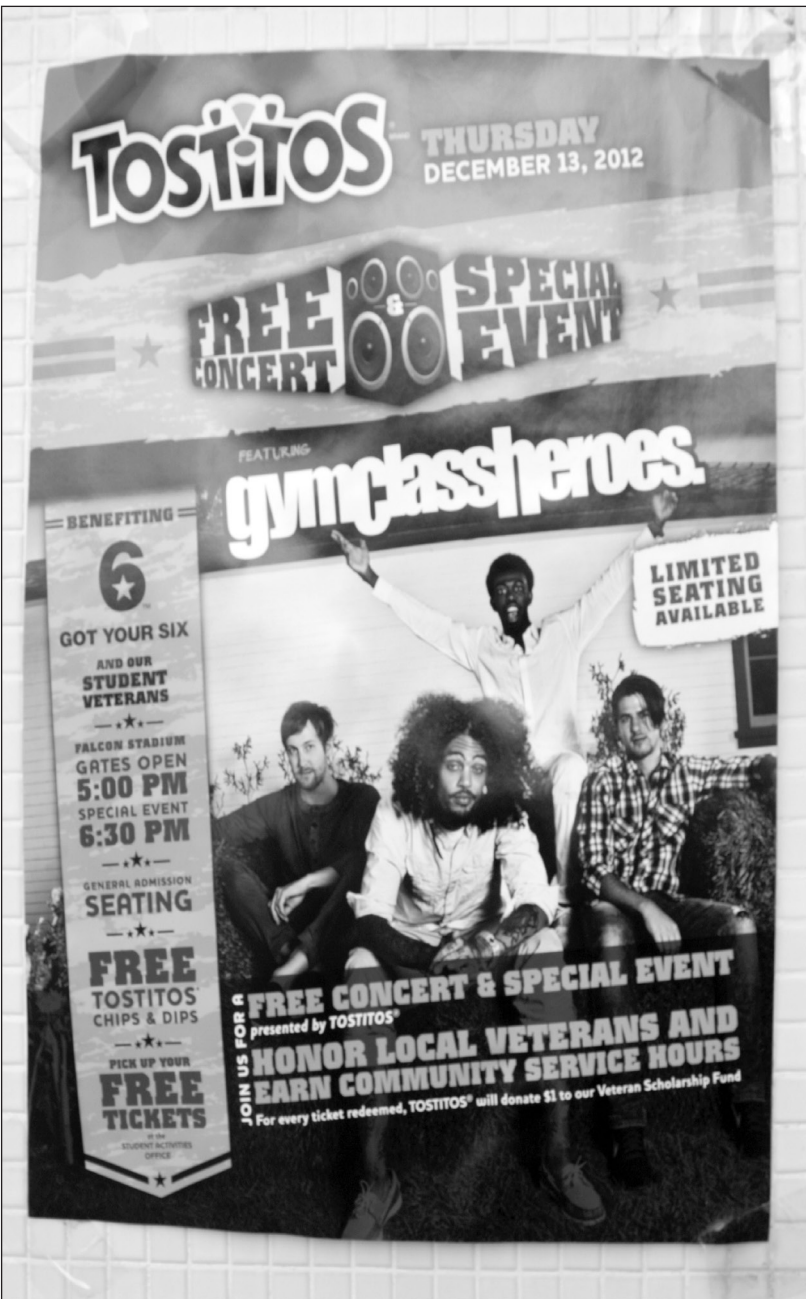
across the world to spread awareness on HIV and AIDS.

For the Tostitos event, Tostitos will be donating \$1 to the Cerritos College Veteran Scholarship Fund for every ticket redeemed. Undecided major Natalie Perez commented, "I think it's a nice gesture that Tostitos and Gym Class Heroes are collaborating to help our community."

"Not many celebrities nowadays care so much to help others," she added.

Both the ASCC office and the Game Room are locations where students and the public are able to obtain tickets. Judicial Affairs clerk Niki Jones said, "Anyone can get their tickets just by showing their identification such as student card or even drivers license."

Local radio stations such as 102.7 KIIS FM are providing tickets and spreading the word of the event. The gates will open at 5 p.m. and the event will begin at 6:30 p.m.



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Live concert: Posters around campus promoting the free Gym Class Heroes concert.

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Selena Gomez

A LOOK BACK AT ARTS THIS SEMESTER

Fall art gallery at Cerritos College

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Since September, art work has been showcased from students and outside artists in the Cerritos College Art Gallery.

On Sept. 10, the Cerritos College Art Gallery hosted an event called “Architectual Deinforcement” which contained different art mediums based on the theme of disaster.

Artist Adam Davis debuted his work titled “Beyond the Tangible Universe as You Understand it.” His work consists of a four channel video installation of images that are digitally manipulated transmission wires and power lines that he gathered while he was in Jordan.

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The video also contained audio of 13 different languages from interviews done in Spain and the United States.

The artists created thought-provoking poetic framework associated with social and environmental disaster.

Nov. 5, Cerritos College Art Gallery presented “After Image: The Photographic Process(ed).”

The exhibition featured 13 local, national and international artists working to manipulate the physical process of photographs.

There were many techniques that the artists used on their photographs, such as, bleaching, sewing, cutting, poking, folding and soaking in water.

The photographs required you to see the photo again and again to really appreciate the creativity of the manipulation.



Impressed: Undecided major Hanson Ruff examines some of the artwork featured at the gallery. Ruff said he came for the food but the artwork impressed him.

Robert Beaver/TM



Beginning: Trained actor from London, Ian Ruskin, performing his one-man play “To Begin the World Over Again: The Life of Thomas Paine.” Ruskin performed at the Teleconference Center on Oct. 10.

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One-man play on Thomas Paine

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Ian Ruskin came to the packed out Cerritos College Teleconference Center to perform his one man play titled “To Begin the World Over Again: The Life of Thomas Paine.”

The play took him one year to complete and had the help of five researchers to make sure he got all of the facts right.

It lasted about an hour and went over the highs and lows of Thomas Paine’s life.

Ruskin felt this play was important to perform because not many people actually knew what Paine actually stood for.

“I really liked what he said. He was a man with highs and lows in his life and as a writer you have to have those. And I really think he is one of the most misunderstood men in American history,” Ruskin said about Paine.

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Top 3 movies of the fall semester

3. Life of Pi

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“Life of Pi” is a great movie that you would watch again and again in an era of which most movies are either a sequel or remake. The movie tells a compelling coming of age story of Piscine Molitor Patel or “Pi” who is in a life boat stranded in the ocean with a Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. The visuals really compliment the movie and gives it an overall a better experience for the audience.

“Life of Pi” has a dark theme to it which is different from the trailer that may give the impression that Pi and the tiger end up as friends. The relationship between Pi and the tiger is one of a nemesis, which is different from most cheesy PG movies.



2. Breaking Dawn pt.2

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A feeling of utter shock swept through the audience as Twilight fans had their fantasy universe turned upside down. Director Bill Condon made sure Twilight went out with a bang in its last installment, “The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2” and it was great.

While this movie starts out following the book as closely as the other movies in the Twilight Saga did, it takes a sharp turn away from the story line that twi-hards are not expecting.

1. Lincoln

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“Lincoln” transported audiences back to the time of the Civil War, when Abraham Lincoln was in office and gave movie goers a unique experience that should be treasured.

It isn’t what happens that makes this movie great, it is how it is portrayed.

Although the terms used in the movie are from the Civil War time and are a bit hard to understand for the younger generation, it is still worth watching. It’s almost as if the audiences forget that the movie was made in 2012. It was amazing to see the processes made in order to pass the 13th amendment that abolished slavery. Even though the audiences are sure about the ending it doesn’t stop the movie from being engaging and very captivating.



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Women’s basketball falls to Mounties

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Despite a 25-point effort by Cerritos College Falcons guard Marissa Rendon, the women’s basketball team fell under .500 on Friday with a loss to Mt. SAC, 67-60.

The Falcons (4-5) started the game slow against the top-ranked team in the state from the Mount San Antonio College (11-0), falling behind 11-1 in the first three and a half minutes of the game.

Falcons’ Head Coach Karen Welliver said, “We just were not hitting the shots that we needed. It was nothing defensively.”

Mt. SAC never gave up the lead as the Falcons faced a 14 point deficit in the first half.

The Falcons kept pushing offensively and momentum finally came in favor of the Falcons when Angela Pena stole the ball from Mt. SAC.

The Falcons finished the half on a 8-0 run with Rendon’s jump shot at 4 seconds bringing the score to 27-23.

With 4:29 left on the clock, Angela Pena’s jump shot helped the Falcons bridge the gap to 52-48.

However that would be the closest that the Falcons would ever get to overcoming the Mounties down the stretch as the Mounties hit their free throws to put the game away for good.

Mt. SAC had a huge performance from guard Ashley Carter who came off the bench to lead Mt. SAC in scoring with 19 points.

Welliver said, “We held their (Mounties) leading scorer down to six points, but then this kid (Cart-

er) came off the bench and got 19 points off of us and that didn’t help at all.”

Rebounding was an issue for Cerritos College as Mt. SAC out-rebounded the Falcons, 44-27.

Associate Head Coach Tricia Raniewicz said, “We need to work a lot more on rebounding. We gave up on some rebounds that we shouldn’t have. We just need to get tougher in the paint.”

Raniewicz added, “They (the Mounties) did have a little bit of size against us, and I think that because we were the smaller team that we needed to use our speed and quickness and really start being more physical. It’s a fixable problem.”

The Falcons played without starting forward Deenesha Bee, who sat out with an injury.

The Falcons’ next game is against Long Beach City College on Friday at Irvine Valley College at 6 pm.

A look at Falcon superstitions

There are many ways to gain luck for Falcons athletes at Cerritos College

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Whether it’s putting on one sock before the other, having a special playlist they listen to or wearing a lucky shirt, some Cerritos College athletes believe in doing these rituals for good luck in order to perform at their highest capabilities.

Tyree Cox, a 184-pounder of the wrestling team, said that for good luck he wears a purple shirt with

a bible verse that one of his high school coaches gave him. He also listens to specific songs in a certain type of order.

He said, “Every time I’ve done it I’ve made it to the finals whether we’ve won or lost. I think it works.”

Cox said the reason he started listening to music is because he noticed it relaxes him.

“In high school I realized I would always warm up a lot better in the wrestling room or I wrestled a lot harder when we had music on during practice.”

Cox said that without music he starts over-thinking his matches. So for him, music is a big key in staying focused.

Cox’s coach told him that the given t-shirt might bring good luck. Ever since then Cox started to

wear the shirt, and made it a part of his good luck routine.

125-pounder Gabe Ballesteros said he believes in superstition and has a pair of good luck underwear and socks that he wears to all of his meets.

He notices that when he doesn’t wear them, he doesn’t perform as well and might lose a close match because he didn’t wear his good luck charms.

Ballesteros went into detail and said, “I’ve been doing this since high school. Ever since our coach gave us these special socks that had our high school logo on them, I’d always wear them to all of my meets and I felt like I’d do better.”

Runningback Donald Livingston of the football team said that before his football games, he puts

on a superhero shirt, preferably Superman, and eats a king size bag of Skittles.

“When I was a kid, before one of my games, I would eat, and my sister bought be a bag of Skittles and I played one of my best games.”

“The very next week I forgot my shirt and she bought me a superhero shirt and a bag of Skittles and I played an even better game so I kept doing it since then.”

He said he’s been doing this routine for 13 years and feels that it works perfectly and doesn’t feel the need to change his routine in order to perform his best.

He noticed how the routine proved to be good luck when one time he forgot to wear his Superman shirt and he played poorly and was injured.

The top five sports superstitions

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Whether it be professional sports or bush league play with toddlers, superstitions remain the same among athletes large or small.

Here is a look at the top five superstitions across sports:

5. SILENT TREATMENT

Anytime a game is on the line in any sport, intensity rises, but chatter falls.

But it’s not that a player is to be avoided by any means. He is simply being encouraged to succeed at all costs, and the silence used as a means to not jinx the said player.

4. SPECIAL GARMENTS

There is nothing bigger for an athlete during any contest than for he to possess confidence in his ability.

Basketball superstar Michael Jordan always wore his University of North Carolina shorts under his professional basketball gear, a tactic that he believed helped him to become one of the NBA’s greatest players ever.

3. CONSISTENCY

In sports, a strong mentality goes a long way. There is nothing better to solidify that than the belief that one is reminiscing a prior experience.

By wearing the same hat throughout the season, former Los Angeles Dodgers closer Eric Gagne saved 55 games and posted a career-best 1.20 ERA in 77 games. Gagne thanked the same dirty hat for the luck.

2. LUCKY NUMBERS

Have you ever heard of the saying: “Lucky No. 7”, or “Unlucky No. 13”? It goes a long way in sports.

Former Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino was considered to be one of the greatest players in NFL history.

He donned no. 13 and despite his talents, never won a Super Bowl ring.

1. REPETITION OF HABITS

Practice makes perfect, and the way one practices is often reflected upon his play on the field.

Soccer superstar David Beckham insists on practicing free kicks for hours before leaving the soccer field, which has helped him to become one of the world’s best players.



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Going in: Guard Andrew Torres (far right) gets into position for a possible shot attempt. Torres scored the game winning basket for Cerritos College in overtime after receiving a pass from forward Marquise Washington on a give-and-go.



Warm up: Forward, Jon Benson, dunking during the pre-game warm-up. Benson made a critical steal that set Cerritos College up to tie the game and eventually win in OT.

Men’s basketball wins in OT thriller

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The dynamic duo of power forward Marquise Washington and guard Andrew Torres executed a specially designed play in the final seconds of the game to defeat the Glendale College Vaqueros 71-70 in overtime, bringing the Cerritos College Falcons men’s basketball team to .500 after eight games.

The play was called by Falcons head coach Russ May in a huddle during a time out.

With eight seconds left in overtime, Torres drove the ball toward the basket, then passed it to a double-teamed Washington on a give-and-go.

“When he passed me the ball my eyes got big,” Washington said.

“The two defenders were shorter than me so I could see right over them and Torres was wide open so I passed it right back.”

That is when Torres scored what ended up being the game-winning shot.

“I’m just glad we scored on our

last possession,” May said.

Vaqueros wing, Mike Johnson, ultimately had the last opportunity to score, but could not convert the short jump shot into a game winner.

The Falcons got off to a slow start, missing their first eight shot attempts and did not score a field goal in nearly the first seven minutes of play.

There were several turnovers by both teams in the first half of the game with both of them possessing the ball for approximately the same amount of time.

The Falcons lead the Vaqueros 31-30 at the end of the first half, making 37.9 percent of their field goals, a percentage nearly identical to that of the Vaqueros (38.2 percent).

At halftime, assistant coach Rob Brooks said, “We played without fouling, we were able to keep them off the (free throw) line.”

The Vaqueros reached their biggest lead of the game in the second half with a nine point advantage,

convincing coach May to call a time out with 5:08 left in regulation.

The Falcons came out of the break and scored six unanswered points to bring them within three points of the lead.

Shortly after, Falcons forward, Jon Benson made a game-changing steal which set David Hall up to convert the game-tying point, sending the game into overtime.

After the game, an excited assistant coach, Jordan Littlejohn mentioned what led up to the Falcons’ fourth straight win this season.

“They are finally beginning to grasp the concept of what coach May is teaching them, how to win, play defense and offense properly, as well as their team game.

“I think they’ve matured and maybe that 0-4 (season) start is what we needed so we could get to this point, where they can listen and learn.”

Freshman guard Kevin Conrad was the leading scorer with 20

“When he passed me the ball my eyes got big.”

— Marquise Washington
Assistant coach

points for the Falcons and brought the crowd in the stands to their feet after slipping past one defender and dunking over another in the first half.

Washington finished with 17 points and led the game in rebounding with 10.

The College of the Sequoias Tournament will be the next task for the Falcons on Dec. 14-16.

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Behind the line: Guard Jordan Reise attempting a 3 point shot. The Cerritos College Falcons averaged 64.3 percent from the field, an average similar to the Glendale Vaqueros 65.2 percent.

Women’s water polo season recap

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The Cerritos College women’s water polo team won the South Coast Conference Championship putting together an impressive 28-5 record.

They lost to the eventual State Champions from Golden West College, 8-3 on Nov. 10 at the Southern California Regional playoffs held at Fullerton College.

One goal not met by head coach Sergio Macias was, “Not winning our last game,” he said.

For his success as a coach, Macias was named South Coast Conference Coach of the Year.

This was the fourth time that Macias was recognized by his peers for his coaching efforts.

The honor for Macias wasn’t the lone accolade for the team. Seven players received All-South Coast Conference recognition as well.

Topping the list was freshman Angelica Hernandez, a utility player that was named as South Coast Conference Player of the Year.

Hernandez scored 91 goals to lead the Falcons, while assisting on 14 plays and stealing the ball 44 times.

First Team Honors went to utility players Katherine Gabayeron and Jasmine Villalpando.

Gabayeron, a sophomore, scored 85 times and led the team with 16 assists and 61 steals.

Freshman Villalpando set a new Cerritos College assist record with 66, overcoming the previous mark set in 2009 by Sharon Pedregon who had 49.

Sophomore goalie Sharon Ku was named to the First Team All-SCC with 270 saves which eclipsed the previous record set by her last season.

Carla Harvey, a freshman lefty, contributed 43 goals, 49 assists and 42 steals as she complimented the other members that also received First Team All-Conference Honors.

Making the All-South Coast Conference second team were sophomore utility player Yuridia Vela and sophomore attacker Diana Medina.



Rundown: Coach Sergio Macias goes over a play with his team during a time out.



Attempt: No. 10 Katherine Gabayeron attempts a shot on goal.

Women’s volleyball season recap

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The Falcon Volleyball team finished the season on a high note winning two of their last three games including a 3-0 win against East Los Angeles College Nov. 7.

That game hopefully marked their final game to be played at Gahr High School.

“No Sophomore leaving this year has ever played a game in the Falcon Gymnasium,” said Head Volleyball Coach Teresa Velasquez.

The gym on the Cerritos College campus has been unavailable for over three years due to construction.

Practices were held at the former Excelsior High School boys gym and their rare home contests were played at Gahr in Cerritos.



Alertness: No. 11 Libero Ashley Castro prepares for another of her 194 digs.

Two bright spots for the players was the naming of Outside Hitter Latia Peters and Libero Ashley Castro to the All South Coast Conference team.

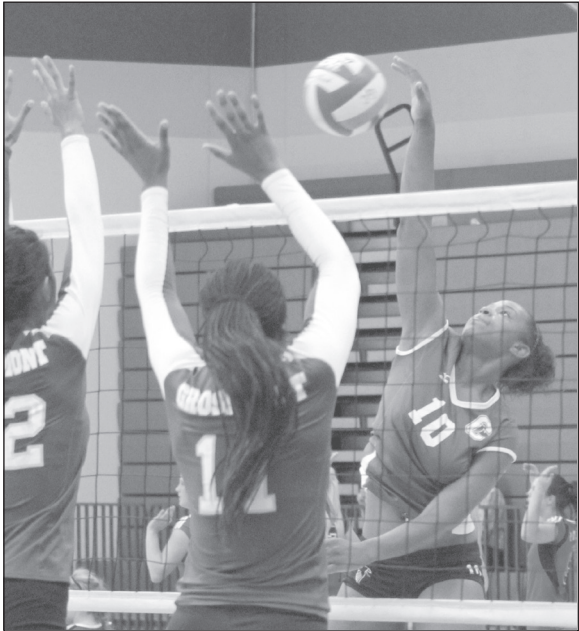
Peters was selected to represent the Falcons on the First Team while Castro was a highly rated second team selection.

At the conclusion of the season, Peters said she planned to “Rest and study hard.”

Coach Velasquez said that Peters improved steadily from the beginning of the season.

Her hitting prowess could be witnessed if you were in attendance at any of the Falcon’s games.

Castro contributed to the defensive play of the Falcons in the back row with 194 digs and assisting on 16 other plays, while contributing 27 service aces offensively.



Skill: First Team All South Coast Conference selection Outside Hitter Latia Peters, shows her form against Grossmont College players.



Best in Show: The Cerritos College Falcons women's soccer team triumphed over the Santiago Canyon College Hawks, 2-0 to take home the Falcons' third state championship in six years. The team was then voted No. 1 in the nation by the NSCAA. Midfielder Lauren Nanez was named the tournament's MVP.

Path toward top not easy

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The Cerritos College women's soccer team sits atop the United States as its National Champion. It settled the issue on the playing field against formerly top-ranked Santiago Canyon College at Mount San Antonio College's soccer facility on Dec. 2.

The road to the championship began on Nov. 19, 2011.

That date marked the starting point for the sophomores on this year's team, who were witnesses and participants to the upset of the year when they lost in the first round of last year's state playoffs to 16th seed Orange Coast College, who with a 1-0 victory eliminated them from the playoffs unexpectedly.

Reflecting on that loss to OCC a year ago, Gaby Zamarripa said, "To lose (last season) was a big disappointment." "This year we told the freshmen and sophomores we

have to bust our tails or else we're going to be disappointed again," Zamarripa said.

Cerritos College began the 2012 season with 10 straight road games, opening at traditional Northern California powerhouse, City College of San Francisco, fighting to a 2-2 tie.

Cerritos College head coach Ruben Gonzalez said, "We had six preseason games where we played Friday through Sunday."

"Even though it was early in the season, we knew that playing (the) Sunday after playing Friday was tough," Gonzalez said of the 9-0-1 preseason success.

This conditioned mental toughness may have been a factor for Cerritos College as it held off the Northern California No. 1 seed Sierra College 2-1, earning the right to play for the championship less than 48 hours later.

"We were ready, I think we were a little tired on Friday, but we got our second wind in the second half

today and were able to take advantage of our opportunities," Gonzalez said.

The season was far from perfect. Freshman Midfielder Jazmine Aguas was left behind before the Pasadena City College game where the Falcons surprisingly lost 4-2 to the host Lancers.

Aguas said, "I was working on a computer in the learning center and had lost track of time."

Then, before the semifinal against Sierra College, forward, Leah Wilkins, said, "My uniform was left at Cerritos," all due to a mix up and as a result Wilkins was unable to dress up or play in the game.

Midfielder Mary Michel, injured her knee in practice after the Santa Barbara College game and missed the remainder of the playoffs.

Through those seemingly inconvenient occurrences, the Falcons found a way to prevail and came out on top.



The Prize: The CCCAA state championship trophy is back at Cerritos College

Women's soccer team honors

State Tournament MVP
Midfielder, Lauren Nanez

SCC Offensive Player of the Year
Midfielder, Lauren Nanez

All-SCC First Team
Midfielder, Chelsea Villegas
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Forward, Jazmin Aguas

All-SCC Second Team
Defender, Karina Sandoval
Midfielder, Lyanna Farran
Forward, Claudia Lopez
Forward, Claudia Ibarra

All-SCC Honorable Mention
Midfielder, Cristal Yantuche

Road to the Championship
Top 32: W, Santa Barbara College, 6-0
Sweet 16: W, Cypress College, 2-0
Elite 8: W, Ventura College, 3-1
Final 4: W, Sierra College, 2-1
Championship: W, Santiago Canyon College, 2-0

National Champions
Overall Record:
21-2-2
Conference Record:
11-2-1



Great Season: The Falcons women's soccer team completed its season 21-2-2. Winning the State Championship and eventually becoming National Champions.

Women's soccer team wins State Championship

Cerritos College triumphed over Santiago Canyon College, 2-0 on Dec. 2

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The Cerritos College Falcons Women's Soccer team defeats the top ranked and unbeaten Santiago Canyon College Hawks, 2-0, to win the CCCAA State championship on a rainy Dec. 2.

At the end of the first half the score was knotted at 0-0 with both teams' goalies thwarting several shots.

Each caretaker seemed to swat away or grab incoming shots at every chance.

At the 70th minute of the second half, Cerritos College defender Gaby Zamarripa sent a shot into the Hawk's net, triggering cheers from the fans of the Falcons, as well as her teammates.

The maneuvers the Falcons play-

ers engaged in were the very same regiment that they partook in during Wednesday's final regular season practice session at Falcon Field.

The drill placed the highest number of players in a position in front of the opposing goal for an opportunity to score when a shot was sent near the goal.

That's exactly what happened.

Zamarripa repeated the feat in the 86th minute with a shot reminiscent of a football careening off a goal post for the insurance score.

She took the pass from Lauren Nanez and put it right where she

had practiced repeatedly over the course of an entire season.

Perfect practice does make for perfect play.

It made over the head of Hawks goalie, Ashley Cooper where it took a great bounce off the upright goal and bounced in.

Nanez shared her jubilation and feelings about the field, weather and game, "It was frustrating towards the end."

"I wish I was kid again to enjoy the slipping and sliding"

Nanez also commented on the aggressive plays of the Hawks saying, "That's what they want from you, to fall down, but you just have to keep getting up."

After the game, Falcons head coach Ruben Gonzalez said, "It was a long season."

Gonzalez's comments about the Hawks effort saying, "You have to give them credit, they're a great team. They hadn't lost, we were able to beat them again in the championship."

Gonzalez concluded saying, "My hat goes off to that team, it could have gone either way."

At the awards ceremony, Nanez was named the state tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Dr. Dan Smith, dean of athletics, said of the victory, "Great season, and a lot of hard work."

Smith also adds, "These girls from the very beginning worked their tails off during the summer, their conditioning is tough and it all leads to this."

Santiago Canyon College (22-1-1) finished the season with its lone loss to Cerritos College, while the Falcons (21-2-2) completed a great year and a trophy residing in their corner.



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A LOOK BACK AT SPORTS THIS SEMESTER



Cross Country: Jesus Morales runs down the finishing chute during the overflow race at the Orange Coast So Cal Preview Meet in Costa Mesa on Sept. 15. Morales, a mechanical engineering major, finished the race in 23 minutes, 10 seconds. The Cerritos men finished 2nd in the team competition while the women finished 4th.

Men's and women's cross country season

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For the Cerritos College men's and women's cross country teams, the 2012 season was the time they almost won the State Championship. Cerritos had it all; talent, training and a consistent season to back up its contention for the state title. Munir Kahssay, and Karina Sanchez led the men's and women's teams respectively, to 12 podium finishes out of their combined 18 races throughout the season. Kahssay, who was raised in Ethiopia, had won four races, one of which led the mens team to its first South Coast Conference Championship win. Sanchez also won a race, which helped lead the women's team to its fourth conference title. On top of that, the men's and women's teams were able to win meets when their best runners weren't competing. For a moment, it looked like the Falcons were one of the teams to beat going into the State Championship in Fresno, Calif. in November. On a wet race day, Kahssay and Brandon

Taylor led the competition while teammate DeShaunte Lewis followed behind with about one mile left to go. The state title was in Cerritos' grasp until an American River College athlete unleashed a kick in the final half-mile that was too fast for Cerritos runners. Taylor and Kahssay fell to 11th and 13th places respectively, while an exhausted Lewis crawled across the finish line in 102nd place. In the women's race, Cerritos College struggled to finish within the top 30 positions. Sanchez took the team's top spot at 32nd place. The men's and women's teams finished 6th at the state competition. American River and Orange Coast College won the men's and women's state titles respectively. "Toward the end we had a spell of bad luck but overall it was a pretty good season," assistant coach Daniel Ozan said. "Both teams had a good shot (at the state title) or at least the top three. It wasn't our time. It's an experience that we will learn and grow from," Ozan said.

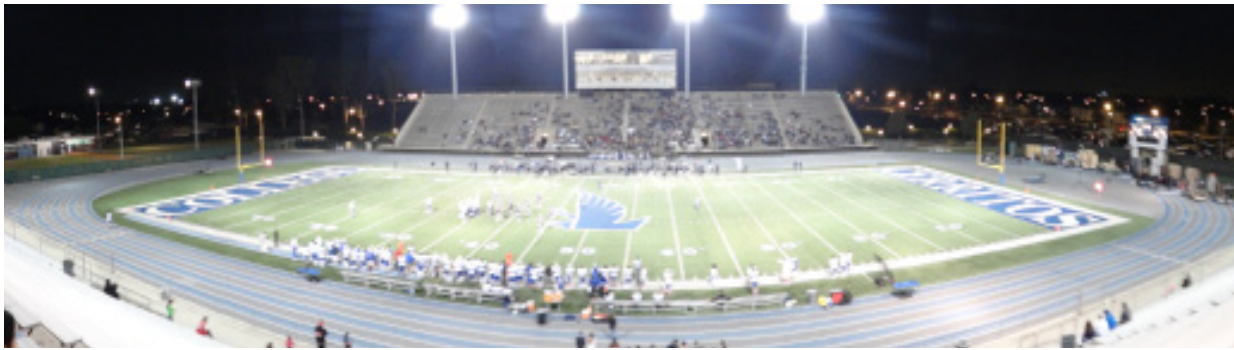
Despite the unexpected finish at state, the cross country team made notable accomplishments during the season and are eager for what the future holds. The men's team bested the state champs American River College at the Lou Vasquez Invitational in San Francisco earlier in the season. Ozan added that all team members improved their personal records over the course of the season. Kahssay became the second Cerritos College athlete to ever finish a four-mile race in under 20 minutes. Sanchez set a personal record in cross country by finishing a 5K race in under 19 minutes. The runners will get another shot at success in the Spring for track season. "Everyone is motivated for track," Sanchez said. "Even though we didn't win this year, we will be a smarter team going into next season."

Wrestling adversity

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As the season comes to end, with only the State Championships remaining, the Cerritos College wrestling team's record since competing at the East Los Angeles Quad on Nov. 17 is 230-240. At the start of the season, the team won 3-1 at the Mt. San Antonio Duals on Sept. 22. Cerritos College started the Duals with a loss against Bakersfield College, 22-14. However, the Falcons came back to win three consecutive matches against Mount San Antonio College, 21-14, West Hills College, 30-12, and Rio Hondo College, 35-3. When competing in the next tournament, Cerritos College placed 2nd with 126 total team points at the West Hills Tournament on Sept. 29. In the next two tournaments, the Falcons didn't place as high, taking 6th and 7th place respectively. The team took sixth with 58.5 team points at the Santa Ana Tournament on Oct. 6 and then took seventh with 58.5 points at the Modesto Tournament on Oct. 13. In the Southern Regional Team

Duals at Palomar College on Oct. 20, Cerritos College won its first match against Cuesta College 27-6, followed by two losses against Palomar 21-7, and Santa Ana College 31-22. Competing in two individual duals away, the Cerritos College team lost against Palomar College, 26-16 on Oct. 24, and Santa Ana College, 23-8 on Nov. 1. Next was a trip to Reno where the Falcons finished in 4th place at the Lassen Tournament in Reno, Nev. on Nov. 3. After traveling to Nevada, Cerritos had its first home meet. In back-to-back home meets, the Falcons went 1-1. Against Rio Hondo College on Nov. 8, Cerritos College was victorious, 32-10. After the win against Rio Hondo College, Cerritos College came out fighting against Mt. SAC on Nov. 15, but was defeated by the Mounties, 25-12. Finishing its dual meets for the season, Cerritos College competed in the East Los Angeles Quad, taking 2nd at East Los Angeles College on Nov. 17.



Fans begin filling the bleachers just before Cerritos College's homecoming game against Allan Hancock College on Oct. 13. The Falcons defeated the Bulldogs in a dominating fashion 55-25.

A season of streaks for football team

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Head coach Frank Mazzotta led the Cerritos College football team through the 2012 season to a .500 record of 5-5 (3-3 in conference play). Although Cerritos College lost their season opener to Los Angeles Harbor College 35-20, they were quick to get back on track with a 46-30 win against Fullerton College the following week. This was a re-occurring theme for the Falcons who went on to win just as many games as they lost. Sophomore quarterback Morgan Fennell threw for 1,786 yards this season, completing 58.5 percent of his passes. At the receiving end of 35 of those passes was wide receiver Robert Abeyta, who led the team in receiving yardage with 679 yards. On Sept. 29, the Cerritos College football team won its first conference game (2nd overall) against Pasadena

City College in dominating fashion by a score of 65-14. The Cerritos College football team managed to gain 522 yards against Pasadena City College. This was the beginning of a three-game winning streak, which was followed by a 35-20 win against Palomar College, and then a 55-25 win of the homecoming game against Allan Hancock College. The season was eventually balanced out with a three-game losing streak immediately following the trifecta of wins. Each of the last three losses of the season were within the conference and decided by one touchdown or less. The Cerritos College football team managed to cap the season off with a 42-20 conference win against Moorpark College in the beginning of November. For a complete list of player and game stats, visit www.cerritosfalcons.com.

Men's water polo finishes successful year strong

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The Cerritos College men's water polo team had one of the most successful seasons in its history, finishing with a record of 28-11, and placing 1st in the South Coast Conference Championship, 2nd in Southern California, and 3rd in the state. The team had to settle for third place after coming up short against Diablo Valley College in the semifinals of the state championship, losing 18-8. It was the first time since 2005 that Cerritos College had reached the state championship. The Falcons captured their first SCC title since 2004 when it defeated Long Beach City College on Nov. 8. While the Falcons fell short of the state championship, head coach Joe Abing feels that the season was a successful one. "I feel great about our season. It was one of the most successful seasons we have had in the program's history," Abing said. He added, "This team worked very hard. They earned all of their

success with a major time commitment to getting better. I am satisfied with the outcome. I feel everyone gave their best effort." Although Abing feels that it was a successful season, freshman and two-meter defender Kevin Cordova admits that teamwork might've been an issue early on. "We needed to start working together against stronger opponents and after that we became better," Cordova continued. With all the accomplishments this season, Cordova still feels they should have finished a bit stronger than expectations. "I think we could have won state (championship) but things started to fall apart in that semifinal game, which resulted in our third place at state," he added. Coach Abing does note that eight members of the team will be graduating, which could change things for next fall. "Every year is different because you have new players. Once we know who our team will be, we will determine what changes we would need to make."

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Men's soccer team comes up just short

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The Cerritos College men's soccer team had another solid season, finishing second in the South Coast Conference with a record of 9-4-1. The Falcons received a first round bye because of their conference standing, and proceeded to defeat Santa Ana College, 4-0 in the second round. In the third round, Cerritos College lost to rivals, Mount San Antonio College in overtime 2-0, ending its hopes of once again being state champs. Midfielder Daniel Garcia said, "Mt. SAC was going to come out to defend their title so it was a fifty-fifty chance to either advance or stay into the third round." The Falcons started the season by collecting four wins in their first five games in the conference, starting off strong. After that, came a four-game winless streak, with the team suffering three defeats in the row. The Falcons did finish the season strong though, winning its last five games in the conference, scoring 16 goals and conceding just two goals. Garcia continued, "We picked ourselves up and came together as a team and built a stronger relationship with each other." Looking forward to next season, midfielder Oscar Enriquez said about a goal for next season, "The freshman, now sophomores (will look) to take leadership from the first game and keep the freshmen in their right (state of) mentality."