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## Rise of the sext

### A self-damning trend, is sexting.

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In a world of smartphones, Instagram and Facebook, it's not uncommon to know everyone's business; every little detail of everybody's life needs to be captured and posted online.

For some, it's food, pets, a party with friends or that perfect selfie that the world needs to see. However, some are learning that there are things that should not be shared with the world, because later, it will be regretted.

With this high-profile incident of celebrities having their naked photos leaked online, it has brought a lot of attention to privacy and security; everyday regular people have had naked photos leaked.

Among the leaked items, however, is "sexting."

"Sexting is a fairly new phenomenon, but we have been doing this type of behavior for a long time, just in different forms," Sociology professor Dianne Pirtle said.

Sexting, according to Pirtle, leads to a multitude of consequences.

### Victim Blaming

One debate since high-profile hacking has taken place is the thought of "Who's at fault?" or "Who's to blame?"

Stances tend to differ.

"You shouldn't have those pictures," Business major Elia Baltazar said. "Somehow they're going to get leaked or someone is going to have them or someone's going to save them. Don't send naked pictures of yourself. You can see that in person."

Psychology major Kaitlyn Lauren Pe-dea falls on the other side of the debate.

"I think that it is very wrong that (people) are putting the blame on only the (celebrities) when it's their lives, their bodies, their private phones and someone hacked into their (iCloud)."

She continued, "I mean, yeah, it wouldn't have happened if they (hadn't) taken the pictures in the first place, but so what? It's their phones. Why should anyone have the right to take their privacy away?"

These various attitudes are not uncommon and there have been heated discussions about telling people to be safe and victim blaming.

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## Memorial service for Bukowiecki

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Family members, friends and former colleagues of former Campus Police Chief Richard Bukowiecki remembered him with great love and appreciation at a memorial service, which took place at the Student Center last Saturday.

His eulogy read, "Chief Bukowiecki, 'Buk,' was known for his calm demeanor and professionalism. Whether he was addressing the Faculty senate or student leadership, leading an investigation or managing an emergency, he was always composed and in charge of the situation."

Charlotte O'Rourke, a retired secretary for campus police, expressed her appreciation toward Chief Bukowiecki, "He was the nicest, sweetest person you could ever work for; if I had a problem, I could talk to him and it wouldn't go any further."

As soon as the memorial started, tearful and warm-hearted family members and former colleagues of Chief Bukowiecki went up to give speeches of gratitude for having the opportunity to have known such a great person.

During the speech, Melissa Cramer-Kaegbein, sister of Bukowiecki, said he was a great big brother to her and an awesome father to his children.

"While growing up, I always wanted to be like my big brother. He taught me so much. He loved all of his six children unconditionally," she said.

She added, "I remember him being excited over changing his first-born daughter's very first dirty diaper; that was just who he was, loving and caring."

During mid-service, two short videos with pictures of Chief Bukowiecki were showed. For the duration of the two videos, the atmosphere was full of memories; early ones of his youthful years, to where his family was being built and to his latest days.

But it wasn't only tears and sadness. Almost everyone that expressed himself during the memorial shared some of the funny moments of being around him, everyone had something nice to say about Chief Bukowiecki.

Toni Grijalva, Cerritos College coordinator of community relations, said, "'Buk' was a wonderful man, caring and loving. He was always someone that you could go to if you had a problem and he would certainly resolve it for you. He was just always there for you."

Grijalva continued, "He was an excellent representative of the college and he'll be truly missed."

## Women's organization offers scholarships

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Cerritos College joined the rank of over 50 other colleges in California when it officially joined the American Association of University Women this past July.

Created in 1881, the AAUW has been working toward equality for women in universities and in the workplace. By joining with universities, the AAUW gives scholarships away to students to help further their education, giving away \$4.3 million in scholarships.

While Cerritos' official membership is relatively new, the school is no stranger to the AAUW. The two groups have been working together for more than 20 years.

Formed in 1972, the La-Palma-Cerritos Branch of the AAUW has been working on campus and in the community to help individuals better their lives.

This past March, the branch used the window display located by the Administration offices to present some of the accomplishments and goals the AAUW has achieved to coincide with Woman's History Month. Later that month, the organization issued \$6,000 worth of scholarships to several female students at Cerritos College.

"The nomination process requires students to submit an application, which included a personal essay listing their educational goals, community involvement, personal hardships and a letter of recommendation from at least one faculty or staff to the Cerritos Col-

lege Foundation," Edna Ethington, Publicist for the La Palma-Cerritos branch, said in a press release from the event.

In October, the group plans to be on campus to help students with voter registration and urge students to contact Governor Brown about Senate Bill 967, which would give a voice to survivors of sexual assaults on campus.

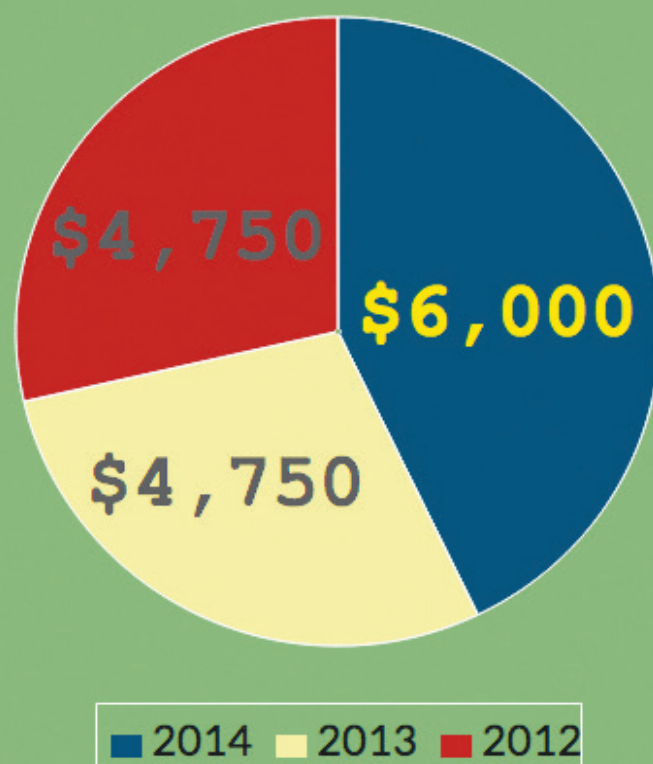
"SB 967 will require training for campus disciplinary panels and school administrators; adjudication panels need extensive training so that these investigations of 'he said, she said' are handled justly," according to a release from Sue Miller, Public Policy Director of AAUW.

"We've been working with the college for a long time, but I feel like some students don't really know we are here," Tobi Balma, Legal Advocacy Chair for the La Palma-Cerritos branch, said. "We want everyone to join men and women. It's important that everyone knows about what we are trying to do."

The school has two representatives on campus, Dr. Amy Holzgang, of the Sociology Department, and Associate Professor of Nursing Patty Riedel.

The La Palma-Cerritos branch of the AAUW meets every third Thursday of the month at the Cerritos Public Library. Students can view the branch's mission statement and plans online at: [http://aauw-lapalma-cerritos.org/LaPalma-Cerritos\\_AAUW/Home.html](http://aauw-lapalma-cerritos.org/LaPalma-Cerritos_AAUW/Home.html), or view the official AAUW website at: <http://www.aauw.org/>

### Scholarship Distribution by Year



INFOGRAPH BY CARLOS HOLGUIN/TM

**Distribution:** The scholarship distribution chart shows the amount of scholarship money the AAUW has given to Cerritos College students over the past three years. Information courtesy of the AAUW.

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# SEXTING

Are those private messages, photos really secure?



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY DENNY CRISTALES/TM  
**Sex-tistics:** "Sexting is a fairly new phenomenon, but we have been doing this type of behavior for a long time ..." Sociology professor Dianne Pirtle said. According to TIME, there are more cellphones on the planet than there are toilets. For more regarding sexting and cellphones, scan the QR code at the bottom of the page.

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## "Dangers of Sexting" continued from Page 1.

"I tell students this is why you can't ('sext')," Professor Pirtle said. "You don't blame the women for doing it because they thought it was private."

She continued, "I would never blame the woman, but, unfortunately, we have to learn from it because no one else is going to do it."

Pirtle also said that even men have to be careful about sending pictures, but that women take more blame.

"We look at men and go 'Oh, yeah, good for you,' and we look at women and say 'Shame on you.' It's that double-standard."

And with that supposed standard comes the friction in relationships, as well.

**Relationships**

One of the biggest concerns caused by sexting is the effect that it has on relationships and interpersonal communication.

According to a survey by the Pew Research Center, 78 percent of teenagers now own cell phones. Social media also becomes a factor.

"The texting, the sexting, the Twitter, the Facebook and the rest of the technology used for non-verbal interpersonal communication; all of them have really taken people apart," Pirtle said.

She has interviewed students in her classes who all agree that texting has brought them apart from their friends and families.

According to Pirtle, "Communication is the most important aspect to any relationship, and without it, relationships can really suffer."

"Even the most stable and established couple can have problems if they rely too much on text. You lose face-to-face interactions."

All of the reliability, not just the tendency to engage in sexual conversation on the phone, can lead to a sociopathic type of lifestyle.

She added, "(With) texting, you're not talking and you lose meaning. We're losing the art of communication."

**Future**

Another problem is how these online leaks or mobile connections can impact one's future.

It's not only a personal message that can destroy your self-image, it's also what you keep stored.

The recent celebrity photo leaks is proof of that.

Professor Pirtle said, "I tell students that (employers) check, they're not just calling your previous employers, or calling me (asking) 'Was he a good student?' They're getting into your Facebook pages, they're getting into your Twitter accounts, they're looking at your sexting."

Another consequence of sexting has been what happens when one of the participants is underage.

There have been cases where one or both people involved have been charged with distributing child pornography.

"I think that this is where the future is, where we are; now we have to figure out to handle and the best way to deal with this," Pirtle said.

Scan to see an infograph of statistics regarding sexting.



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# Is it a bird, is it a plane? Nope

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**Look toward the stars:** The Talon is an aerial copter that will be a valuable resource, for both journalists and students. The Talon is an appropriate name for now. Hey - it could be worse, we could have called it the Mr. Denny Mach-5.

## An Editor's note

This is Editor-in-Chief Denny Cristales with a message for all those seeking to be informed.

For some time, we here at Talon Marks have been in the possession of a drone, an aerial copter of sorts.

Its primary and sole use is for taking video and pictures through the use of a GoPro camera.

Now, now - before you start going all haywire and start spewing out the whole invasion-of-rights and the whole completely-ridiculous-but-totally-true argument that we're spying on our own school; (That's sarcasm.) relax.

No, this thing doesn't shoot bullets; the sucker's not armed. (How cool would that be?)

Hearing the word "drone" instills a sense of uneasiness and tension, no doubt. (From here on out, we're going to use the term "aerial copter." Can you tell that I'm writing this with a gun pointed to my head? I mean - what?)

This is a word that's been practically wired into our brains to be synonymous with words like "surveillance," or, perhaps, even "terrorism."

Let me be the first to tell you - the aerial copter's purpose is to help inform the public - that would be you, the student; also, our community members of Cerritos College - about news in a more dynamic and colorful way.

This is not an abuse of power. This is not an invasion of privacy. And I'm here telling you this before someone else becomes a witness to this device and exaggerates its functions and use.

We're not terrorists. We're not "Big Brother."

You want to talk about that loony stuff, go read some guy's blog that he writes from his mother's basement.

We're a student newspaper trying our damn hardest to be the best that we can be and providing you valuable information about your community.

And, oh, we're not the only newspaper doing this, folks.

Newspapers all over the state - hell; the country - are utilizing the resources of the aerial copter.

Think of all the cool shots we can have of football games or all kinds of sports; or maybe we can get a nice view of the entire campus; what if we were even able to go Channel 4 on you and get a live stream of a high-speed chase? (You think I'm kidding.)

Don't be a cynic. This is so awesome. So, let's have some fun with it, shall we?

The aerial copter is a way of being more widespread with our journalistic endeavors, and, as a result, having you, the consumer, being more widespread in your thinking and your knowledge within the Cerritos College community.

So, don't fret or worry.

When you see that aerial copter in the sky, it's simply a journalist doing his or her job.

Just do me a favor - When you see it up there, don't freaking throw things at it. Thanks.

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# Project HOPE organizes blood drive

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Students at Cerritos College took time out of their day to help save lives by donating blood.

The American Red Cross took blood donations in Falcon Square the week of Sept. 7 to 11.

Project HOPE organized the event that occurs four times throughout the year.

The drive happens during the months of September, November, February and April.

Project HOPE is a support program for students who are pursuing a career in healthcare and science-related fields.

Through the connections with the support program, American Red Cross has been taking donations from Cerritos College for over 20 years.

Secondary Education major, Jillianne Cristobal, always participated in the event.

She said, "I've always donated; I've donated four to five times since I've been out of high school and at Cerritos."

Whenever the American Red Cross truck is at Cerritos College, club members have an incentive to donate blood - whichever club donates the most gets a pizza party.

The other incentive is being one of the most active community colleges in terms of blood donations in Southern California.

According to RedCrossBlood.org, with a total of 989 students that donated blood in 2013, Cerritos College was one of the top two colleges in Southern California to have the most donations.

After donating, Cristobal said that the only part that made her nervous while donating was when the phlebotomist took a sample of blood from her finger.

"I hate it. Besides that part, everything else went great."

While waiting to donate blood, Julie Villarreal, an English major, explained why she was doing it.

"I enjoy the fact that I'm actually helping people I don't know."

Psychology major, Jovany Jamie, also donates to help people in need.

"I like helping others and those in need. It also helps me by making me feel good; every pint I give, I help more than one person."

Phlebotomist for American Red Cross, Armand Moreno, noted that the turnout reached the expected amount.

He said, "Each day we have a projection of how many units we would want to collect. (Last) Wednesday, that number was 30 and it was met."

When the staff is busy, Moreno is certain that it will be a successful day.

Once the American Red Cross truck leaves the Cerritos College campus, Moreno explained that the blood goes to laboratories in Pomona, Calif.

From there, the blood gets processed, tested, typed and sent to hospitals.

Moreno gave some tips for future donors.

He said, "Get plenty of rest a couple of days before, drink a lot of water, eat well and we'll take you in no time."

The next blood drive will again take place at Falcon Square in November.

For further information regarding the American Red Cross, visit RedCrossBlood.org.

For those interested in learning more about Project HOPE, visit its official Cerritos College website: <http://cms.cerritos.edu/hope>.

VIDEO

**More than just a trend: ALS Ice Bucket Challenge**

The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge has been going viral; take a look and see how it all began. Care to see Editor-in-Chief Denny Cristales covered in ice water? Stick to the end!

SCAN THE QR CODE.



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**Universities fly into Falcon Square**

The University Mega Fair had colleges like UCLA and USC come to Falcon Square and promote their own individual and respective programs.

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**Hughlett being honored at DSPS facility**

There will be a dedication for Trustee Bob Hughlett, who will be honored at the reception area of the Disabled Students and Program Services.

START TIME: 3 P.M.

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**Recognizing parliament on Constitution Day**

The Associated Students of Cerritos College are hosting Constitution Day in recognition of the principles the United States is founded on. It will be at Falcon Square.

START TIME: 11 A.M.





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THE DIGITAL AGE EQUIVALENT OF 'SHE WAS ASKING FOR IT.'

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# Celebrities are victims, too

Over the weekend, the Internet almost imploded with a vast number of leaked nudes from Jennifer Lawrence, Victoria Justice, Kate Upton and other A-list celebrities.

Just looking up “nude leak celebrities” yields dozens of sketchy websites “reporting” on the scandal. Some even go so far as to linking the actual pictures.

This is not a tabloid scandal nor an unexpected show-all - this is more akin to sexual harassment and a sex crime. Regardless of your personal opinion on these actresses, they are the victims.

Those pictures, for whatever purpose, were private and not intended for people behind a screen to ogle at.

In the midst of feverish speculation as to why these pictures exist, (Hint: They exist because celebrities are like us, and they can also do whatever they want with their lives) people have forgotten that these celebrities are the ones that will have to deal with this.

These “holier than thou” arguments of “Well, maybe they shouldn't have taken those photos to begin with” are quite frankly

stupid. Maybe someone shouldn't have hacked into iCloud to begin with; how about that?

To believe this claim is to take the blame away from someone who did something illegal and to place it solely on the people who have been wronged.

This opinion is a lot more common in the media than you would think. It might not be so overt as to say “Why would these celebrities do that?” But the media does indeed use words in their headlines such as “scandal.”

There is nothing scandalous about taking pictures of yourself for your own personal use, and there shouldn't be any guilt if you do. This should also apply to celebrities.

Being celebrities, they might feel the need to apologize for their pictures - and let's hope they don't because that would validate the opinion that they did something wrong.

These arguments show that the ever present paradigm of “blame the woman” are just as prevalent now than in the past, despite the

rise of stronger women's rights advocacy.

People tend to forget that celebrities are people and not objects and are just as prone to the mistakes of a high school senior who put her trust in the wrong guy.

Whether it was a woman or a man, this was a gross violation of privacy. It could be anything from nudes to a weird Doctor Who or Sherlock crossover fan-fiction - if it is floating around without your consent, then your rights have been violated.

Privacy is a strange thing in the time of social media, seeing as it's so easy to subvert. The reason why, for the most part, is that the fault has been pinned on these actresses who quite simply have lives that aren't very private.

As a society, we need to look back at who we pass judgment on. This recent act of violation has highlighted certain aspects and ideas that need changing.

## Round two: A battle of phones, who's the best?



There's a reason why so many people have iPhones - it's simple and has everything a college student needs.

Who dominates the mobile phone market? It's easy - Apple does.

An Apple iPhone is definitely the way to go when choosing a phone. Many people can argue that Android and Windows phones are better, but a majority of them have most likely never laid hands on an iPhone.

When purchasing a phone, the first thing that comes to mind is “Can I afford it?” Apple's products don't run cheap; one can expect to pay \$199 to \$799 for the iPhone 5s. Although that's quite high, this phone comes with simplicity and reliability.

Comparing it to other phones - The Nokia Lumia 635 remains at a fair price of \$200, while the Android's Galaxy S5 ranges between \$500 to \$600.

Is it worth it, though? Androids have the tendency of glitching and freezing up at times when the phone is being excessively used. The iPhone's 64-bit A7 chip, along with the M7 co-processor, allows the phone to run fast and move through apps twice as smooth than any Android or Windows phone.

Not all Android manufacturers offer the same specs to the newest phones that are being released. Meanwhile, Apple offers its software updates to each phone that is capable of receiving the update.

The most stressful part about Android is, if you're not tech savvy, you're going to get lost when using one. There are multiple homescreens that the user can customize; eventually, it's going to be hard to remember where an app was put.

Windows can practically relate to Android. The interface is different, but the navigation

throughout the phone will take a while, not counting the tutorial with the camera.

With an iPhone, it's easy to find apps by using the spotlight search, which finds whatever the user is looking for within a few letters.

Simplicity has ought to be what Apple aims for, allowing each person, regardless of age, to use the device. Apple's IOS 7 not only changed the design of the interface, but it fixed the notification center, adding a control center that allows multitasking.

Whether it's getting to class on time or studying for an exam, college students are always in a hurry. An iPhone is perfect to have while doing all these tasks because it's easy to maneuver.

If the lock isn't on, all you have to do is “slide to unlock” to access all your needs. If the lock is on, it's a quick four-digit passcode to punch in. Don't forget the newest addition, Touch ID, which allows owners to unlock their phones with their fingerprint.

When unlocking an Android, it can be simple - that's if you remember the pattern that you

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put to lock your phone.

Size matters. In this case, bigger isn't always better. The majority of Android phones are not smaller than five inches; basically, it'll look like a brick if you can fit it in your pocket. Windows phones normally range from four to six inches.

One major aspect Android and Windows phones lack is a music store, where users can not only buy music, but television episodes and movies, also. Yes, there is the Amazon store, but users aren't able to buy and download television and movies.

Apple's iTunes store has everything there is to offer - music, movies and television shows. If Android and Windows users want to get the whole shebang, they have to search for an app to get all the specs Apple offers.

If your yearly plan is up, or you're just looking to buy a phone, make the right choice and go with an iPhone.

**Stay tune on Sept. 24 for why Windows is the best.**



How do you feel about hackers leaking private photos and videos of celebrities?

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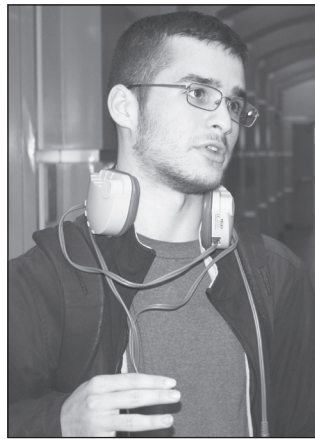
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*Social Worker Counselor major*

“They shouldn't be taking pictures like that. Just don't take them.”



**ANNETTE LABORINE**  
*Cosmetology major*

“Once those photos go online they don't go away. Everyone has friends and family that can see.”



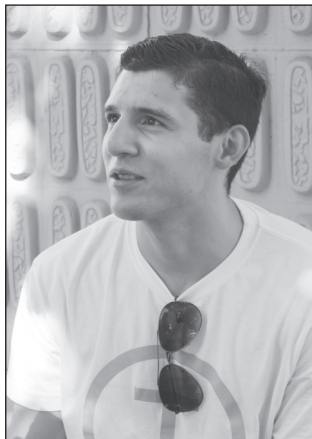
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*Computer Science major*

“I understand that they didn't share those types of photos, but there are those that do share them. The hackers then just come in and try to find the dirt.”



**DESTINY BERNAL**  
*Kinesiology major*

“If you don't want anyone seeing those photos don't take them. Hackers these days can get anything.”



**EDUARDO BENITEZ**  
*Biomedical Engineer major*

“I think it's on the hackers. That's an invasion of privacy. I don't want to put the blame on [the celebrities].”



# ‘Cantinflas’ falls short telling a legend’s story

Movie Review

Cantinflas

Starring: Oscar Jaenada

Director: Sebastian Del Amo

Rating: ★★

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Born Mario Moreno, Cantinflas is a name recognized among most people of Hispanic background; he was a person who grew up in a family of six with low income, but those circumstances were not enough to stop him from reaching his dreams.

The recent film Cantinflas is a biopic about Cantinflas as a person and what he did throughout his time. Though it does show a lot of his growth as “Cantinflas,” it falls short of presenting to viewers who Moreno really was.

Cantinflas was and is recognized as the king of Hispanic comedy films, and even up to this day, his legacy remains.

For people who have only heard of his name and do not know much of his life background, this film did not make a large amount of a difference upon his image as a person.

The film starts off with him as a grown man already, and his various attempts to find his natural talent.

As the film continues, he starts off with boxing, then bull-fighting, then stage dancer but fails with every one of his attempts.

The movie then keeps going back and forth, which makes it difficult to understand how and when exactly did he start off his career as “Cantinflas.”

The introduction of the movie does not explain to the audience who is Mario Moreno before becoming “Cantinflas” and how was his life before.

Certainly, if the introduction would have shown more of his life and struggles before becoming recognized, then his image as a person would have been much more valuable to the audience.

The movie also lacks rising action and a turning point.

The movie ends with Cantinflas receiving an award for his participation in the film “Around the World in 80 Days” and it does not show anything about his elderly days and how his life ended.

Although it lacks a lot of important points, this film does recognize Cantinflas’ life as a public personality, and it shows some parts of his life as an adult that people might have not been aware of.

Overall, for those people who want to know a little more about Cantinflas, the king of Hispanic comedy films, this movie would be suitable.



**Passion through work:** Art and microbiology major, Ramiro Monteon, proudly showcases his canvas art paintings at the Cerritos College Art Gallery. He plans to have his work shown in art galleries outside of Cerritos College.

## Painting, a natural art for Monteon

Ramiro Monteon shares his various styles of art and artistic inspirations.

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Although his inspiration came from a documentary on a street artist known as "Banksy," art and microbiology major, Ramiro Monteon, began painting when he was in elementary school.

Watching his classmates draw with charcoal, he decided to give it a try. This gave Monteon the chance to develop his artistic skills. His art teacher gave him charcoals to take home, and from there, he progressed to pastels, and then oils.

Though he draws and paints diverse styles of art, Monteon familiarizes more with canvas painting.

"Originally, I don't know if I had someone or something inspire me. It just came naturally. At

times, usually I would be bored and I would start painting randomly," Monteon said.

He got serious about painting when he started his art class back in the Spring semester of 2012. He's taken two art classes and is currently enrolled in a free-hand drawing class.

"The thing I like about painting is drawing something with a pencil; and usually the pencil comes with an eraser, so you have that chance to erase; with paint, you have to be very careful with whatever you're going to put on canvas and make it as perfect as you can.

"Sometimes, it doesn't come out perfect, but I think it's the imperfection that makes it perfect," Monteon said on what he enjoys about painting.

The longest he's worked on a piece was about three weeks. One important aspect he noted about his work of art is that it requires a lot of passion and patience. Painting truly is a thing of beauty for him.

Some of his other idols and influences are artists like Phlegm, Gustav Klimt, Picasso, Monet and a few others.

Psychology major and former art classmate, Jose Ceja, said, " Ramiro is an amazing artist. I'm

a fan of his work because he's not shy to try new types of art and that's really helping him grow in his career."

As for his painting style, Monteon tries to go for a classic artsy look, but he says his work always turns out to be abstract. Abstract art is a genre where art has no defined meaning and focuses on shapes and colors.

"When I try to go with something that's not me, I turn it around, because I like to do something abstract."

His long-time friend, Jacob Cardiel, said, "While retaining beauty in realism with his art, he is able to add fiction and fun to every piece."

Both Ceja and Cardiel enjoy his art and agree he has a unique style; his art is natural and raw with a hint of goth and angst.

His plans for the future include transferring to universities such as UCLA or CSULB and hopefully showcasing his art someday.

"Anywhere would be great, as long as people get to see it," he said.

If he does sell art, he plans on donating a lot of the proceeds to charity.

# A ‘society’ of self-expression

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The Artists’ Society Club brings all elements of art together. It welcomes any individual in its club, regardless if that person is an art major or not. Some of the art includes paintings, drawings, ceramics, computer design and animation.

Hope Garcia, president of the club, said, “We, as students, have our own interpretation of what we believe art is, and that is that art is beautiful.”

The students of the club consider themselves a group of people, different in all aspects, but are all in the same field; they all agree that art is beautiful.

Once a month, the students critique art, including their own. The club does art walks, fundraisers, face paintings, henna tattoos and go to art shows.

Garcia said, “This is not like high school; it is not a clique. This club is to come together, and even though you aren’t an art major, you can come if you like seeing art. Everyone is helpful whether you are an artist or not.”

Her plan is to expand the club and get involved with other clubs, as well. “As a president striving to keep my students involved, (it) is the best part of my job.”

Garcia also wants to get involved with other clubs, whether those clubs need face painters for their events or anything else they need from an artist.

She wants to be involved around campus and let people see the club’s art and talent.

This club has been around since 2000. The club started because it was looking for visibility on campus back when it used to do art shows; there were only ceramics to show, therefore, it wanted to expand and show other art being created at Cerritos College.

The club wanted to show art, such as paintings and drawings. Its goal was for students to show that there were more aspects in the art field rather than just the one being exposed to students here on campus.

Currently, there are around 30 to 35 members since last year, but during Club Info week, there were about 45 to 50 interested to join.

Member of the Artists’ Society

Club, Victor Valenzuela, has been part of the society for one semester.

“I really like the club. I am happy (when) I go there and see other people’s work and the different kinds of art forms.”

He wants to major in animation and says that he wants to make an impact around the world with his art. “I just want art to be seen differently, and this club has helped me by allowing me to explore different kinds of art forms.”

Valenzuela continued, “It has allowed me to get over my fear of getting critiqued and criticized for my art work, and the crew and all the staff is awesome here.”

He said this club is like a family; its presence was something he was looking forward to each time it met.

Another member of the club, Itzel Romero, mentioned that the people that have met in the club have been nurturing the artists. The critiques provide growth.

“The critique that you get helps you grow as an artist, (and) also as a person. When you get feedback from others, it helps you see the flaws that you do not see, and I like how this club has helped me in those ways,” Romero said.



**Pondering about his passion:** Club member Victor Valenzuela talks about his club and expresses his feelings toward the art it creates. The club wants to be more involved on campus so people can see its work.

Movie Review

‘As Above, So Below’ is just a typical horror film

“As Above, So Below” is nothing out of the ordinary, and is not worth shelling out \$10.

The full review by Katherine Grijalva is on talonmarks.com.

Scan to read the full review online.

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Upcoming Events

Leche Cafe hosting open mic night

Leche cafe will feature poetry, acoustic music, spoken-word acapella and more on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.

All ages are welcome and the entrance is free.

Upcoming Events

Cerritos College Night at Hollywood Sports

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# Wrestling set for duals

Wrestling team relies on its returning members to build off last season’s success.

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“My expectations are pretty high,” wrestling head coach Don Garriott said on his thoughts about this Fall’s wrestling season.

According to the official Cerritos Falcons website, last season, the Cerritos College wrestling team placed eighth at the California Community College Athletic Association State Wrestling Championships at San Joaquin Delta College.

For a coach, having high-caliber athletes returning to the program can be a big difference between being at the top of the ranks, or coming up short to a team you usually beat.

The team is looking forward to welcoming back members who were not on the team last year, known as red-shirts.

“We have seven state-place winners from last year’s team, and we have a couple of guys coming off red-shirt that were state-place winners two years ago and we have a lot of really good incoming freshman.

“So, I have high expectation(s) that we’ll be top two in state,” Garriott said.

There always remains the question on whether or not those red-shirted athletes are back in wrestling form.

“It depends on how they used their red-shirt year. If they were lazy and missing practices and stuff then, yeah, it’s going to hurt them,” he said.

All said and done, the opposite has been happening, as a few of the guys coming off red-shirts have been coming to practice everyday and have even gone as far as to staying active in independent competition.

Returning sophomore heavyweight, Robert Chism, placed fourth in state, right after he got out of football season and only practicing two weeks.

“Confident,” Chism said regarding his status for both football and wrestling. “I feel that (I’m going to) be a state champ this year, and I feel that we’re going to be state champs.”

On the opposite side of of the weight spectrum, top-ranked Dustin Kirk, weighing in at 125 pounds, had two sprained ankles during the season and managed to place third in state.

Kirk was ranked No. 1 coming into the season, but then lost at the state final.

“I’m just looking to get my state title and go to a (Division I or Division II) school.”

The wrestling team will begin the season on Saturday at the Mt. San Antonio Duals starting at 9 a.m.

Its first home meet will be Oct. 3.

## Cornejo remembered in season’s first game

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Camaraderie in the Cerritos College women’s soccer team lingers on even through death as the team defeated L.A. Pierce College with a stunning 7-0 shutout in honor of Jasmine Cornejo.

The game was held last Tuesday on the home field, and was in honor of Cornejo, who died Aug. 4.

Before the match, the team invited family members of the late Cornejo to honor her charismatic nature that she so deeply drilled into the heart of the team.

Members of Cornejo’s family were given a framed No. 20 jersey as a remembrance of the swift, kind; yet, fierce player.

Rosario Vazquez, her mother, was quickly engulfed by loving relatives and heartfelt players and coaches alike as they honored her daughter’s name.

“I know my daughter isn’t here today,” Vazquez said.

“But, I just want her to know that, to this day, I am still proud of her and I truly appreciate the support of the la-

dies and the coaching staff.”

When the kick-off whistle blew, the Falcons quickly rushed the opposition, as the team started the kick-off to win possession of the ball.

A substitution in the first half put Cornejo’s closest friend, Carolina Ornelas, boots on the ground as she quickly adapted to match tempo and began to do some damage of her own.

The final two goals came from Ornelas as she struck hard on a header toward the goal and hit it low on the second goal finalizing the game at 7-0.

She dedicated both goals to Cornejo as she embraced her taped wrist in honor of her friend who used to do the same.

The team secured the win, in spite of new players.

The Cerritos athletic department as a whole has had a sudden flash flood of fresh recruits to its teams.

However, according to Anaya-Webb, the women’s soccer team is meshing together well.

People attending the game had a chance to donate to Jasmine Cornejo’s family at the entrance of the field.

According to Cerritos Falcons, the family was able to raise \$610.



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**A teammate remembered:** The women’s soccer team won the first game of the season, which was dedicated to Jasmine Cornejo. Cornejo died of complications from a seizure on Aug. 4. Her mom and sister were presented with a framed jersey, containing her number.

## ‘Running’ to the top three, Cross country set for Woodley Park

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Top-conference placing is absolutely the goal for both men and women’s cross country teams, with both going through the season thus far with high hopes and expectations to become a better team than last year.

Anthony Lozano, the men’s cross country team captain, said, “This year, I’m mainly focusing on trying to win our conference and (get better) as a team (than) last year; we finished fourth in state, so this

year, we are working to improve that.”

The women are going for the same goal, as well.

Marylu Pulido, the women’s cross country team captain, hopes to place in the top three.

“The (women) are looking pretty good, so I wouldn’t be surprised if we can win. But as long as we’re all working together, I’m pretty sure we can place pretty high up,” she said.

Coach Brian Ramos echoes those same hopes, as well.

“Our first goal is conference and our main competitors are (Mt. San Antonio), from there, qualify

(for) regionals and do well there,” he said.

The men and women both had a meet on Sept. 6 at Woodmark Park.

According to the Cerritos Falcons website, the men came out in eighth place with 232 points out of 19 teams that were present, while the women came out in third place with 105 points out of 17 teams.

The men’s star performer was Francisco Ortiz, who came in 30th place out of 201 runners and finished in a time of 21:48.74.

The women’s star performer was Ariel Mendez, coming in eighth out of 127 runners and finished at a

time of 19:11.33.

The standards have been set high.

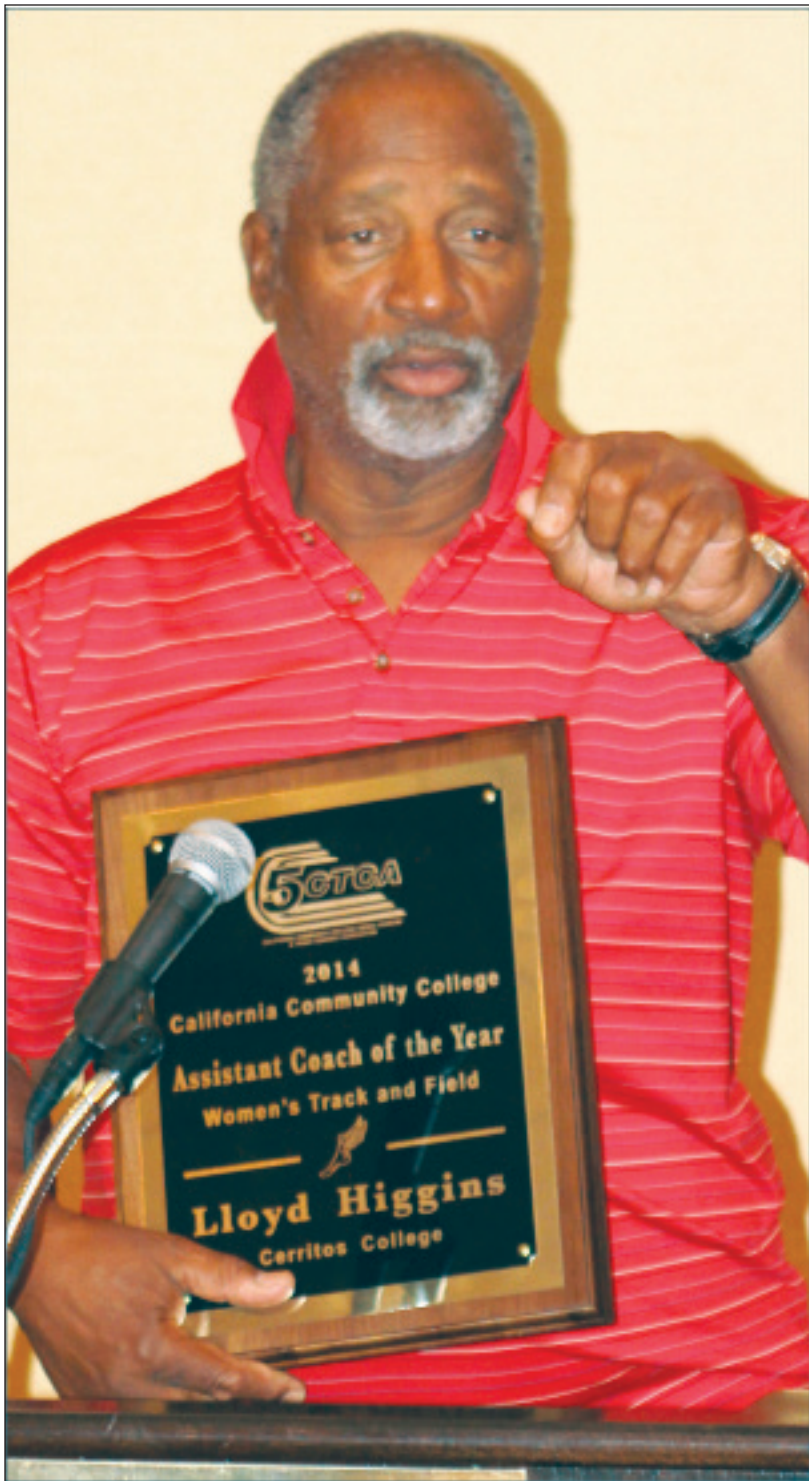
Coach Ramos said, “For the women, definitely, top three in regionals and going into state top three for them; that’s our goal. And for the men, we want to do the same.”

The team has already competed in two meets, so far.

The men and women’s cross country teams next meet is Saturday at Woodley Park in Van Nuys for the Southern California Preview meet.



# Recognition still a surprise for Higgins



COURTESY OF MICHAEL ALLEN

**Inspiring athletes:** Coach Lloyd Higgins was awarded his second assistant coach of the year award, the first dating back to 2009. This is his second award in five years.

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One of Cerritos College's very own, coach Lloyd Higgins, was awarded the 2014 California Community College Assistant Coach of the Year for women's track and field.

This is not Higgins' first time winning the award.

The award recognizes elite assistant coaches, and Higgins received it for the second time since his tenure at Cerritos College.

"It's very surprising, both times I've received it. It's nice to realize that your peers and other coaches from the state of California recognize the time and effort that you put in to vote for you. It's an honor," he said.

But who is the man behind this distinguished award?

He refers to himself as a local boy with a big family. Growing up with seven, it was at his high school, Manual Arts, where he became more than an ordinary boy from Los Angeles.

After his success at the high-jump at Manual Arts, his accomplishments grew at Point Loma Nazarene University, formally known as Pasadena College, where he ranked within the top-15 high-jumpers in the world in 1968.

From there, he continued to train and tried-out for the Olympic trials twice in his athletic career.

During his time at Point Loma, he found a future calling for others.

"Once I could no longer high-jump at a national level, I wanted to throw and train in throwing; learning more about throwing and trying to find ways to improve on (the) technique."

Higgins was then given a coaching opportunity at Citrus Community College while teaching physical education at Monrovia High School. He

coached in a variety of events, such as training decathletes and high-jumpers, all the way to his forte, throwing.

"You've come into college and you learn to throw well because it's something totally new and refreshing. You can find immediate success because you've never done it before," he said.

Higgins' pursuit of knowledge and ability to mold accomplished throwers can be considered

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— LLOYD HIGGINS  
ASSISTANT COACH

quite admirable.

"I would go to clinics and learn from the best in the world. I learned from athletes who were training for Olympic trials to former American record holders in throwing."

After retiring from teaching, he moved on to Cerritos College in 2008. At the California Community College Athletic Association State Championships, he helped Cerritos track and field win first place four times, second place three times and third place twice in the past nine seasons.

He led 39 athletes to state championships and was track-athlete Adam Aguirre's mentor last season, who broke Cerritos' high-jump record at seven-feet-and-a-quarter inch last semester; thus, receiving a full scholarship to the University of Mississippi.

So what is his mindset that inspires athletes

and has California calling him a leading expert in throwing?

"I have to improve as a coach on a daily basis. I sit at home and I constantly think of ways to help my athletes improve and think of things that will help our program be successful," he said.

Higgins also emphasizes the importance of being involved within the program. After showing his invention to help hammer throwers improve, he said, "It's just a matter of being involved or not. I'm a retired person that looks forward to coming out here because I have such good kids. I'll do anything for them."

Networking with the team is another part of Higgins' philosophy.

"Share the information, share your knowledge. Knowledge is free. You have it, why not share it?"

Shot-put thrower, Matthew Seawright, said, "The way he operates things is solid. He doesn't let anyone fall through the cracks."

Seawright was a football player for the Cerritos Falcons and a runner for track and field until he pulled a hamstring last December. Higgins persuaded him to become a thrower, where he found great success.

"He turned me from nothing to state qualifier and national junior qualifier. Assistant Coach of the Year' is appropriate," Seawright said.

Carissa English, hammer thrower from Cal Poly Pomona and former state champion qualifier for Cerritos College, said, "(Higgins) deserves it because he pushes you to be the best that you can be. It can be frustrating at times, but whatever he's trying to do will better you in every way."

Higgins hopes to continue to build on Cerritos' success and improve his athletes.

"I come here everyday with an idea of what I'm going to do to help them (the athletes). It keeps my mind fresh. This is my fountain of youth, being out here with these guys."

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