

## Cerritos PD unveils new RAVE safety app



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**RAVE Guardian app:** The Cerritos College Campus Police presented their campus safety update for January 2020 at the Regular Board meeting on Jan. 15. During the presentation, Chief Tom Gallivan discussed the features of the new RAVE Guardian app which is expected to come to campus later in the semester. The app will include features such as emergency call buttons and monitored safe walks.

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Cerritos College has signed a contract to implement the RAVE Guardian personal safety app by the end of the spring 2020 semester.

This app, produced by the same company that provides the RAVE Alert system, provides additional options to Cerritos College students to remain safe on and off campus.

Campus Police Chief Tom Gallivan describes Guardian as “a custom branded cellphone safety app.”

RAVE Guardian app’s many features would produce a serious overhaul of the Cerritos College security apparatus. The ubiquity of smartphones means almost anyone on campus can utilize the safety

features provided.

RAVE Guardian possesses several notable features: a virtual walk escort, an emergency panic button, contact resources for campus safety, and emergency notifications, among others.

The application, unlike the RAVE Alert, is opt-in, requiring students and faculty to download the app and create a profile.

“This is strictly voluntary,” says Gallivan. “You have to take the effort to download the app and become part of this safety app.”

The profile creation process allows users to input medical issues, like allergies, that may be important information for emergency services. The user can also include their class schedule and presumptive locations to allow for quicker response times from police and medical aid.

The app’s usage of GPS conflicts with the vertical nature of much of Cerritos’ campus. An emergency call to the Social Sciences building, for example, cannot be pinpointed to a specific floor or room.

If the user hasn’t input their schedule, the first responders know only the general area in which the emergency is taking place.

The op-in nature of the application produces further issues. Students and faculty must take the time to download and familiarize themselves with the app before it can be effectively utilized.

To counter this possibility, the Cerritos College Police intend to wage a marketing campaign across the campus to increase awareness of the app’s potential value.

Another feature of the app that Gallivan is “really excited about” is “24/7 texting” of

campus police.

The RAVE Guardian app allows users to anonymously text the campus police with information on criminal activity or an emergency that requires the user to remain quiet, preventing a phone call.

“Users are able to send us confidential tips... and we’ll get it in real time,” Gallivan says.

This feature has obvious value to law enforcement and potential victims of crime or medical misfortune.

Issues could arise when considering the serious risk of allowing anonymous users to submit unverified tips and reports to police.

RAVE Guardian is expected to be introduced to the Cerritos College community sometime later in the spring semester.

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# Board carries motion to lower textbook costs

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A motion to continue lowering the costs of textbooks for low-income students on campus was approved by the Board of Trustees on Jan. 15 and will be effective starting Feb. 1 of this year.

The agreement to a Third Amendment with Follet Higher Education for continued management and operation of the Cerritos College Bookstore was motioned by Trustee Zurich Lewis and Trustee Martha Camacho-Rodriguez, who introduced the subject by discussing a tweet she had seen by a student explaining how poverty “trickled down” and affected her GPA.

“This young student was talking about how if she had extra money or even money to buy the books that she needed, that would have greatly changed her outlook on a lot of things that are based on your GPA,” Rodriguez explained.

“For those of us who honor words on paper, we understand how important it is to have a book.”

Dr. Jose Fierro, president of Cerritos College, expressed the same concerns about the current high costs of textbooks and described that the campus already has a couple of areas where initiatives to develop low-cost textbooks are being implemented.

“Probably the leading area is the business department as most of the program’s textbooks are



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**Accessible textbooks for all:** The motion for a Third Amendment with Follet Higher Education Group was carried at the first board meeting of the semester on Jan. 15, 2020. Campus officials are working toward reducing costs of textbooks and providing more accessible resources for the students on campus.

\$15-\$20,” Fierro stated. “And it’s not necessarily the cost of the textbooks, but it’s the access to the platform.”

He also explained that many faculty members have been doing a lot of work developing their own textbooks.

Fierro mentioned an example that stuck out to him, which was a professor on campus who developed his own photography course textbook and made it free and accessible for his students.

“Our goal is to partner with the school districts and with the faculty on the campus to make to develop textbooks for all those

courses that are free of charge, so that our dual-enrollment students will get more access to those textbooks,” Fierro added.

“In some cases enrolling into a college class, the limitations factor in textbook.”

Efforts to put in which classes will have Open Educational Resources (OER) in future course catalogs are being considered.

This is being done so students may factor that in during enrollment.

Rick Miranda, vice president of Cerritos College, explained that the campus library “keeps essentially a catalog of OER,

which may not always include a full book but may include supplementary information that faculty can use in the classroom.”

Some prior changes to the Second Amendment with Follett Higher Education Group included a two-percent reduction of costs for about 85% of all textbooks purchased by students.

With all changes being made, Marisa Perez, president of the Board of Trustees, wondered what the future of textbooks would look like on campus.

“Is the amount of money that the college is making from the bookstore decreasing?” she

asked.

Felipe Lopez, campus official who oversees Business Services, explained that bookstore commissions have steadily decreased over the last five years.

“It’s just getting harder and harder to be able to focus all of our resources to our current bookstore. So much is out there on the internet,” he stated. “If [students] can find it cheaper, they’re going to do so.”

The time period of the Third Amendment with Follett Higher Education Group will be from Feb. 1, 2020 through January 31, 2025.

## Chief Gallivan highlights 2019 property crimes in report to Board of Trustees

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Cerritos College Police Chief Tom Gallivan presented the 2019 crime statistics in his general campus safety report to the Board of Trustees, stating that “theft of unattended property continues to be the major type of crime reported to campus police.

In his presentation on Jan. 15, Gallivan provided the end of year statistics for crimes investigated by campus police.

Petty theft of unattended items was the biggest criminal issue on Cerritos’ campus with 27 reported incidents.

Reported bike thefts, 11, was the second most reported crime of 2019.

This is also, according to Gallivan, “our most unreported crime.”

Chief Gallivan also claimed that stolen vehicle reports have “gone down to about three” in 2019.

Crimes against persons “are few and far between” according to Gallivan.

A few of the reported cases originated off campus and simply moved onto campus.

Six assault and batteries were reported with “the majority of those crimes known by the victim” and “minor in nature.”

One case of assault with

that occurred at Cerritos College in 2019 were the bomb threat and graffiti bomb threat.

Gallivan and the campus police department have a few strategies in place to deter crime and keep the campus safe.

One strategy is the “high visibility foot patrols” of the inner campus by officers and “high visibility” patrolling of campus parking lots by marked police cars.

Police dispatchers also monitor the emergency blue light towers surveillance cameras.

Gallivan “(had to) brag” about campus dispatchers role in spotting and detaining attempted robbers on campus during the 2019 winter break.

Chief Gallivan and the Cerritos College Police Department posts their crime log online for students and faculty to keep up to date with the status of campus safety.

They also provide resources for students requiring night time escorts and general safety tips.

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### 2019 Property Crime at Cerritos College

Petty Theft (27)



Bicycle Theft (11)



Grand Theft (5)



Burglary (4)



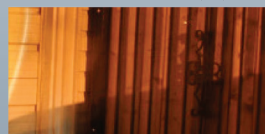
Vehicle Burglary (6)



Vandalism (8)



Graffiti (7)



Stolen Vehicles (3)



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2019 Crime Stats: Property crime led the reported statistics at Cerritos College in 2019, with petty theft topping the list.



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**Public Displays:** (Top) A haunting presence floats above the crowd (bottom) Artwork at display at the Women's March on Jan. 18, 2019.

**Disney Princess Suffragettes:** (Pictured from left to right): Nat Lawson, Bryn Lawson, Victoria Weinert, Ken Hazlett. Attendees of the 2020 women's march dress as Disney Princess themed suffragettes in downtown L.A. on Jan. 18, 2019

## 2020 LA Women's March draws smaller, energized crowd

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The fourth annual Women's March took to the streets of downtown Los Angeles this Saturday in a show of solidarity and support for women's causes across the country.

The inaugural Women's March took place in 2017, the day after President Donald Trump's inauguration, in response to what many had seen as his sexist, anti-woman statements and actions.

This year's march saw a decrease in attendance but still had an estimated 300,000 supporters take to the streets.

Attendees Nanci and Diane have joined the march for their third and fourth times, respectively. When asked what changes she's seen over the years, Diane says she's seen "more ac-

ceptance" of the movement, with Nanci adding "It's a part of our culture now. It's something we need to do."

The march began at 10 A.M. in Pershing Square and ended at Los Angeles City Hall at 11 A.M. A rally, featuring a variety of speakers, followed the march.

Speakers at the event included Democratic congresswomen Maxine Waters and Karen Bass, documentarian and First Partner of California Jennifer Siebel Newsom, and a host of celebrity appearances, including Bella Thorne, Raven-Symoné, and Amber Heard.

A major thrust of the rally was drumming up support for Democratic candidates, made glaringly obvious by the large "VOTE" signs flanking the stage.

Multiple campaigns had tables and staff searching for potential supporters amongst

a seemingly sympathetic crowd.

Donald Trump was a haunting presence amongst the festivities.

The famous "Baby Trump" caricature balloon floated over the crowd providing shade and an object of derision.

Some attendees arrived in costume. The striking red of *The Handmaid's Tale* costume could be seen along with Suffragette inspired outfits.

A triplet of Disney princess-inspired Suffragette costumes drew attention from many in the crowd.

Victoria Weinert was dressed as *Sleeping Beauty*, Nat Lawson as *Snow White*, and Bryn Lawson as *Merida*.

The trio was joined by an impressively dressed Ken Hazlett, who joked that his top hat toting costume was the "symbol of the patriar-

chy." A handsome Akita dog named Kisuke that, according to Ken, "supports women's rights" made a striking addition to the group.

The costumes, brainchild of Weinert, sought to "find the feminism" within the Disney classics while inspiring contemporary feminists with a reminder of the importance of the 100-year old suffrage movement.

Signs dotted the crowd showing support for women's issues ranging from health-care and abortion rights, climate change, and domestic political turmoil.

Multiple signs also commented on an issue untouched by the organizers and speakers of Women's March LA: the exclusion of Black Lives Matter-LA from the march.

Black Lives Matter-LA has been a featured speaker at the march since its inception

in 2017. Its exclusion has raised numerous complaints and statements from supporters.

Actress June Diane Raphael withdrew from speaking at the event in protest. The ACLU of Southern California and the Anti-Capitalist Feminist Coalition, among others, boycotted the event in protest.

According to BLM-LA co-founder Melina Abdullah, BLM-LA was told by the Women's March coordinators that the rally was "trying to give space to new voices."

The space, according to the rally organizers, was reserved for those "who have a mission to register and encourage people to vote."

The Women's March LA 2020 turn-out may have decreased in number but the impact it had on attendees could be seen in the energy of the crowd.



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**Protesting Exclusion:** Marchers expressing anger over exclusion of BLM. The group was left out to make way for "encourag(ing) people to vote" on Jan. 18, 2020.

**Intersectional values:** The Women's March highlights a variety of issues, from climate change to health on Jan. 18, 2020.

# Saudi Grajeda brings vivid color to life

## Weekly Quote



However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do, and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up.

Stephen Hawking



## Weekly Goals

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A young Latina hair stylist starts her day of by greeting her pups, Frida and Ebin, and listening to reggae. She makes her way to Mimosa Hair salon in Hermosa Beach where work is an art form.

Saudi Grajeda is an aspiring hair stylist whose color composition and pigmentation creates an everlasting smile on her clients who wanted a bit of change and hue to their life.

Grajeda is making headlines on social media with her career as she blesses her audience with hair

that is bouncy, radiant and beyond any color combination anyone could have ever thought of.

Her hands and smock are tainted with her dye as she finishes up another client who is bound to be happy with their colorful result.

With an assistant, the artist is able to work on up to six colors a day. Without one, she can do up to two colors.

While she admits to being impatient, she loves the process because "it's so relaxing."

Miss Grajeda has been wanting to do a colorful project that shes been saving for a while and will be modeled by Jocelyn Marie Pena. A very bright, almost neon yellow followed by a pinkish tone which is then blended in with a deep purple and a royal blue at the

edges.

The entire process took about four hours and the outcome was well worth the wait.

"The person's reaction when they say they love their hair is always an instant sigh of relief," says Saudi. It's always a pleasure to make a client feel beautiful and that's what Saudi's goal is every time who works on a new color project.

Grajeda attended El Camino college where she first found out she had a true talent for hair styling and coloring.

"I love making people feel beautiful," she added. "I didn't even know I was going to be doing this in the future," mentions Saudi when asked if she had envisioned herself becoming a hair stylist.

Saudi adds, "I was supposed to go to art school and ended up hating art classes. My mom convinced me to go to beauty school when I wanted to stop going to art school."

However, she learned how to create almost any color by using the art class to a full extent once she enrolled into the beauty course.

Grajeda wants to ensure that people will leave Mimosa hair salon with knowledge on how they can take care of their hair, whether it be a simple hair cut or a full-on color makeover.

Either way, she is a local artist who is all about pursuing the creative lifestyle and brightening the lives (and hair) of those around her.



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**Rainbow hair don't care:** Grajeda makes sure that every color is captured when her client models their new do. Jocelyn Marie Pena, model on the left, is ecstatic with her new color change and hair cut after Saudi finishes the final look.

## Gordita Eateries: Fatima's Grill

Welcome Gordita Eateries, the one and only food column dedicated to great food. It's time to get out of the constant food cycle and venture into a world of delectable dishes that is to your liking.

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Hidden in the depths of a small city in Downey, located right off of Firestone and Rives, hides a tiny hidden gem that calls everyone to feast upon at Fatima's Grill.

Inside is an array of aromas that fills your nostrils and will have you walking in just to find out what the hell smells so damn good!

Fatima's Grill is an infusion of Lebanese and Mexican food that is Halal and vegetarian friendly. What you will find in this amazing fusion of two culturally rich foods is something that is like no other when you first take a bite into any of the menu items.

One of the first things I noticed about Fatima's is their Hot Cheeto addiction that is popular among the younger generation.

The most asked-about thing on the menu is their Hot Cheetos fries that oozes out delicious when you first lay your eyes upon the spectacular sight. This dish is served with your choice of meat, seasoned golden fries, hot and

fresh nacho cheese and of course, the topping that we all crave, Hot Cheetos.

If you've ever had Hot Cheetos in a bag with nacho cheese as a kid, then you already know that this combo never cease to fail anyone.

Fatima's makes me relive my childhood nostalgic memories as I enjoy every single bite of these delectable fries.

Next thing up on the menu is there Beef Kafta plate which one of the plentiful plate that I've ever had most Mediterranean food establishment.

This plate comes with but THREE beef kaftas that are so succulent and juicy when you combine it with the house hummus and warm pita bread. Its a plate that you must come with a hunger that hasn't been satisfied in a while.

This is all tied in together with fragrant and savory yellow Jasmine rice.

I'm a very picky eater when it comes to this part of the food but man, it was so soft and there were no hard bits of uncooked rice which made this plate so much



REBECCA AGUILA  
**A taste of Halal:** Beef Kafta plate with a delicious house salad and yellow jasmine rice to tie-in everything together.

easier to enjoy.

A House salad is paired along side the heavy meal which includes diced tomatoes, crunchy croutons and a light olive oil dressing.

Fatima's grill is bound to have bonafide vibes that will definitely want you to not only come back for the food but to simply have a great conversation with owner, Ali Elreda.

A fusion between these two foods creates a diverse atmosphere inw Fatima's Grill which allows everyone to at least try something new when entering this local eatery.

## NEW RIDE 'STAR WARS: RISE OF THE RESISTANCE', AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

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'Rise of the Resistance' treated Star Wars fans with a ride that puts you up close to feeling like you're actually in one of the scenes from the movies.

It starts off with guests walking through a rocky area and into a cave where the Resistance has been using as a base for its new recruits aka the riders. In there, they're being briefed by Rey, Poe and Lieutenant Bek.

The guests exit the cave and walk inside a transport ship flying away from the planet and into space. From there the transport ship is being intercepted by the First Order, pulling the ship

into the Star Destroyer by a tractor beam.

They then took the riders out of the ship to a hanger where dozens of storm troopers and First Order officers were waiting. From there they were sent to a holding cell to be interrogated by General Hux and Kylo Ren. As both of them, two resistance members broke the riders out and put them in a vehicle controlled by a R5 atromech droid.

As the vehicles are sneaking past enemy lines, passing two giant size AT-AT's before quickly being spotted by two storm troopers firing its blasters at the guest/vehicles.

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**Stormtroopers:** Dozens upon dozens of storm troopers on guard next to the transport ship. All of them were real with people in the costumes.

## SAG-AFTRA presents 26th annual awards show sans host

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SAG awards hosted their 26th ceremony in Los Angeles at the Shrine Auditorium and Expo Hall on Jan. 19, where they went with the no-host route just like the Oscars and instead left it all in the hands of the award presenters.

"Parasite," a South Korean dark comedy thriller film, made history and is on the road to an Oscar win by becoming the first foreign language film to win best performance by a cast in a motion picture. It was a tough category to win as they were nominated against "Bombshell," "The Irishman," "Jojo Rabbit" and "Once Upon a Time...in Hollywood."

Amongst other big wins was "The Crown" who had their first win for Best Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series and "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" who won Best Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series.

Joaquin Phoenix, "Joker," won for Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role.

"I now realize how fortunate I am to be a part of this community of such reverence for actors and what we do," stated Phoenix

in his acceptance speech.

He also took the time to acknowledge and appreciate the work of his peers he was up against, including Christian Bale, Leonardo DiCaprio, Adam Driver and Taron Egerton.

Best Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role went to Renee Sellweger for "Judy."

Leonardo Di Caprio presented the Life Achievement Award to Robert De Niro, stating he is "an artist whose personal and professional mission has revolved around our acting community his entire life."

De Niro gave thanks, but expressed his disappointment about living in a time where there is hostility towards unions and made a call to action.

"Political leaders who support unions are more likely to support affordable care act, equitable taxes, humane immigration regulations, a safe environment, a diverse citizenry, reproductive rights, sensible gun control and fair wages and benefits," he stated.

De Niro continued, "There is right and there is wrong, and there is common sense and there is abuse of power. And as a citizen, I have as much a right as anybody, an actor, an athlete, a musician, anybody else to voice

my opinion. And if I have a bigger voice because of my situation, I am going to use it whenever I see a blatant abuse of power."

"Avengers Endgame" won for Outstanding Action Performance by a Stunt Ensemble in a Motion Picture and "Game of Thrones" won it for a Comedy or Drama Series.

Tony Shalhoub won Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Comedy Series for his role in "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" and Phoebe Waller-Bridge won the female category for her role in "Fleabag."

Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Drama Series went to Jennifer Aniston's "The Morning Show" and the winner for male actor was Peter Dinklage in "Game of Thrones."

Brad Pitt took the win for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Supporting Role with "Once Upon a Time...in Hollywood" and Laura Dern won in the female category for her role in "Marriage Story."

The ceremony had good moments but nonetheless all eyes were on the ex-couple Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston who were spotted being very attentive to each other's speech and congratulating each other backstage.



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Robert De Niro: De Niro uses his voice to speak upon political issues in his Life Achievement Award acceptance speech at the SAG Awards.

## Will Smith and Martin Lawrence come back for another humorous mission in 'Bad Boys for Life'



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### Spoiler Alert!

Mike, played by Will Smith, and Marcus, played by Martin Lawrence, return in "Bad Boys for Life" to take on another mission that is entertaining and funny for all.

"Bad Boys for Life" is the third film of the franchise that started in 1995, filled with action and comedy, starring two police officers who, besides from working together, are best friends that take down criminals while being entertaining to the audience with their reckless and comical behavior.

The movie included well-known Hispanic/Latin artists and actors like Kate del Castillo and Latin trap singer, Nicky Jam, which appealed to the Hispanic/Latin community. It also featured a special appearance by DJ Khalid.

The movie starts immediately with action as Mike is speeding in his blue Porsche and Marcus is

holding on for dear life, but this time they were in a mission to get to the hospital for the birth of Marcus's granddaughter. An emotional, crying Marcus carries his granddaughter and declares he is now a "Pop-Pop" a.k.a a grandpa.

Meanwhile in Mexico, an ominous woman by the name of Isabel Aretas, played by Mexican actress, Kate del Castillo, executes her escape from prison and is able to reunite with her son Armando, Jacob Scipio, who assisted her with her escape plan.

Isabel gives instructions to her son to murder everyone who was involved with her arrest and killed her husband but tells him specifically to murder Mike last.

Marcus explains to Mike how he is starting to feel too old for the job and now wants to retire to spend time with his family and wife, but Mike doesn't take that well and, as they are out celebrating the fact that Marcus is now a grandpa, Mike proposes a foot race. If he wins, he can retire.

As Mike and Marcus are racing, an unidentified individual riding a motorcycle -revealed to the audience to be Armando- shoots Mike, leaving him in serious condition.

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Heart Tattoo: Joyce Manor kicked off their second night in Pomona with their hit songs, including "Heart Tattoo."

## Joyce Manor hypes up fans with lively show in Pomona

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For three consecutive nights at the Glass House in Pomona, Joyce Manor played a set that satisfied indie punk fans, old and new and proved that the group that has been playing for years now is deserving of all the love and attention they've been getting recently.

As attendees trickled in on that second, rainy night, they were welcomed into the intimate, dimly-lit-with-color venue that brought people the feeling of experiencing something exciting and new while also feeling a level of comfort that could only come with familiarity.

The ambiance and chill energy of the space alone would definitely bring anyone back for another show.

Those who wanted to enjoy a live performance without having to participate in the pit were in luck: The Glass House in Pomona was the perfect venue to please all types of fans, providing an open floor, side "bleachers," a bar and even a large balcony where people could also buy band merchandise.

The show was kicked off by Peach Kelli Pop, the all-girl garage rock band from Canada, and Jeff Rosenstock, the solo indie punk artist from Long Island.

While some did not get to watch the openers live, those that

did expressed true appreciation for the music and performances given.

Long-time fans were excited, while others discovered new favorite artists to add to their daily mixes.

However, most of the crowd came for one thing and would wait in anticipation until it arrived: Joyce Manor.

Once the group stepped out, a magnet-like force pulled the crowd toward the stage and in a matter of seconds, Joyce Manor had the full attention of everyone in the room.

To go to a Joyce Manor show is to have a great time, guaranteed.

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# Human trafficking stops with us

With the recent development of Clearview, an app that allows strangers to find the name and address of others with just a photo, as well as more reports of attempted, sometimes successful, kidnappings nearby, it's time to truly realize that sex traffickers are not only here, but they're getting smarter and more capable every day.

Trafficking has developed to the point where there are strategies involved in kidnapping, including methods of distracting their victim, feigning innocence in order to get the victim to trust them, stalking a woman until she is at her most vulnerable.

While the show "You" might be entertaining and binge-worthy, it's important to remember that this fantasy is based in reality. No one in real life would like to experience being a victim of a night stalker.

The closest attempt to campus occurred just down the street at Cerritos Mall, when a man placed an item on the windshield of a woman's car and then rushed her when she attempted to remove it. Luckily, she was able to break away, but not everyone is so lucky.

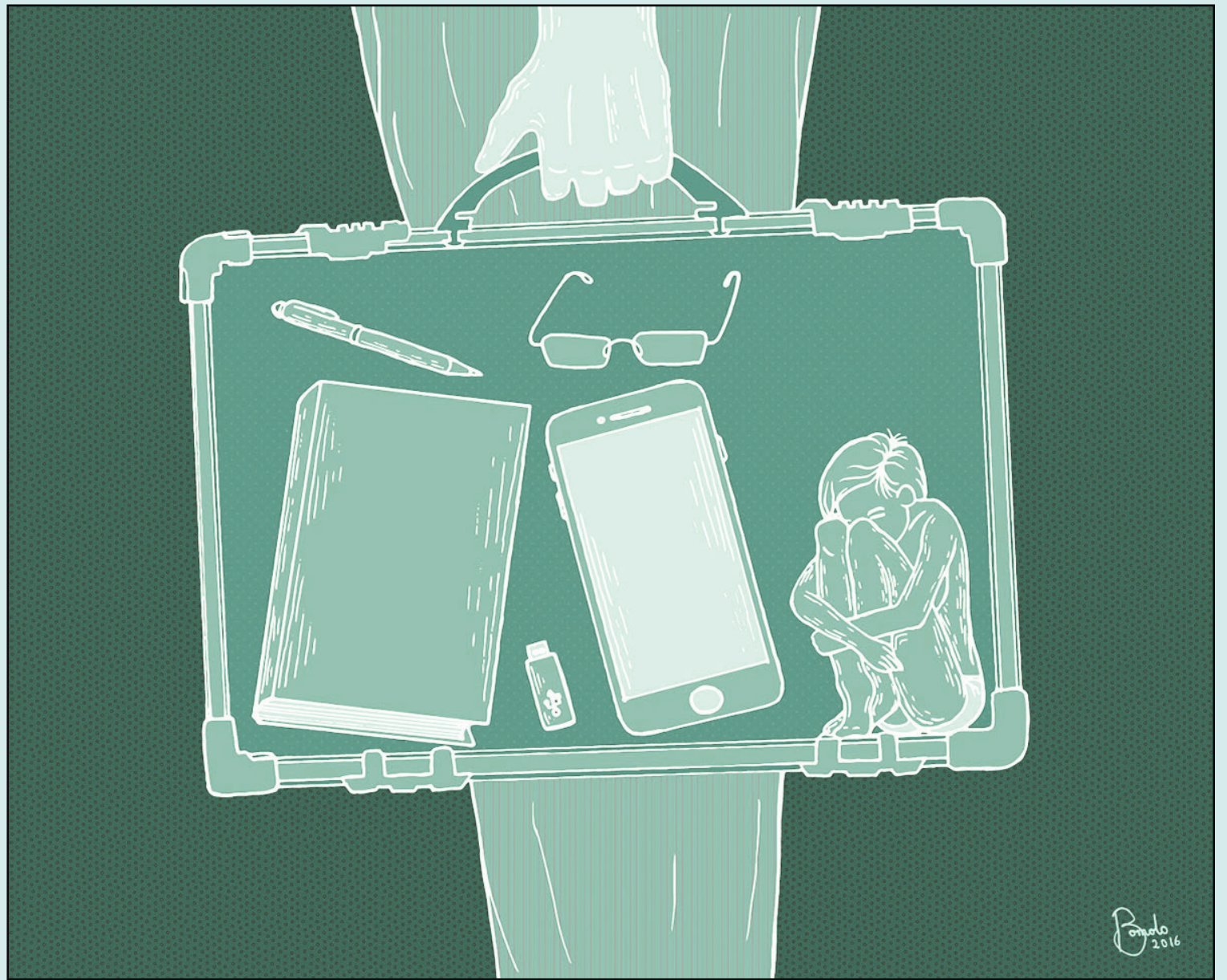
As dark and scary as this reality might be, Cerritos College needs to realize that it is just that: a reality.

Students, these people are out there waiting for an opportunity, one small opening to attack. Don't give that to them.

In other words, we can not necessarily get rid of the evil, but we can outsmart it.

Campus officials are already working toward making the campus much safer.

A campus safety update presented in the Jan. 15 board meeting showed that the school is not only listening to our concerns, but is making active efforts to correct them,



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including fixing the lights around campus and working on a new RAVE Guardian app.

In October 2019, the school identified that about 40-50 lights were out campus wide and there were overgrown trees blocking the poles. These issues will be addressed in the next month or so.

The new RAVE Guardian app will feature emergency call buttons and even a monitored safe walk. This feature will allow the student to hold a button on the app during their walk on campus and notify the dispatcher when they've made it to their destination safely.

This is a step in the right direction; however, this is only half the battle.

While resources such as these help promote safety, they do not guarantee it.

It is up to the students to utilize these resources, and to be cautious of their surroundings.

The safest thing to do when leaving campus at night would be to keep a lookout for yourself and other students when heading down a dark part of campus or simply heading to one's car.

Sometimes the school campus cannot always ensure safety, but as students, it would be best to

make life easier for everyone here to do something when you notice any suspicious activity.

The parking lot may be the perfect opportunity for any predator to take advantage of one who is unaware of their surroundings, and is at their most vulnerable.

Students are by no means expected to live in fear, or to suffer from paranoia, however awareness can mean the difference between life and death.

Foreign places and dark areas can be made significantly safer simply by looking out for each other. Traveling with a friend, or even calling campus police for an

escort can make all the difference. A simple act of kindness could save someone from a life-changing, mentally-scarring kidnapping attempt.

This issue not only pertains to women on this campus, but to all women everywhere and is a matter that requires attention from everyone, regardless of gender.

While it is ultimately the fault of traffickers who like to prey on women, these recent developments necessitate that the responsibility fall on us to watch out for not only ourselves, but for each other.

## Free Speech Zone

What are your thoughts on the Trump impeachment trials?

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"From what I hear on social media, I've been seeing the bad things he's done, but I kind of ignore it and move on."



Rosa Patino  
Cosmetology major

"I think it [the impeachment trials] should've been done a long time ago"



Jason Laderas  
Computer Science major

"I don't think he's gonna get impeached seeing as the senate is mostly republican controlled."

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**Free-throw line:** Jaishon Forte freshman forward No. 11 makes a free throw early in the third quarter. The Falcons men's basketball team went on to defeat Los Angeles Trade Tech on Jan. 15, 2020.

# Falcons Men's Basketball team ends preseason on 6-game win streak

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The Falcons men's basketball team appeared ready for their 2020 season conference to start, having won four games straight heading into their game against Los Angeles Trade Tech on Jan. 15 at Cerritos College.

The final score was 78 to 49 giving the Falcons the win.

At halftime, the score was 35-20, with the Falcons in the lead. The Falcons maintained a strong lead headed by sophomore forward, Jacob Washington No. 21 with 8 points and 7 rebounds.

The second-half picked up right where the first left off as the Falcons went on to defeat the Beavers with another 43 points scored, against the 29 points the Beavers scored.

Jalen Washington, No. 1 sophomore guard, was the man of the second-half as he was able to get 12 points in with many key contributions from the team behind him.

Head Coach Russ May, with assistant coach Jordan Littlejohn at his side, stated, "Tonight at this game I thought that Jacob Washington and Daelyn Bams were dominant in [the game] today."

"They've been struggling a little bit so we were happy to see them get going."

May continued to say, "It was a team defensive effort, I thought our zone looked fantastic and they had a tough time getting over it."

"So now we move forward against Pasadena."

Speaking on Washington's influence on teammates, he says, "Jalen Washington has been great for us. He's a returner."

"He is our one returner with the most experience and he is definitely one who steadies the game for us," May adds.

Asking about how Washington's influence can help the freshmen, he replied, "I think he is able to remind the freshman that it is a long season, to be patient."

"It pays to have people who can tell you not to panic and to keep it focused on the longer goals."

"An experienced player like him is appreciated and he is a great reminder of why we need players like him," Littlejohn agreed.

They were able to extend their winning streak to five games once the final buzzer sounded

with the score Falcons 78 to the Beavers 49.

When asked about the team's streak, May stated, "We have a good team and we just phase a good team a great team."

"We came out of the preseason a little bruised [and] a little tattered but we are still in good shape. We hope to keep it moving forward here in the new year."

Coach Mays finished by saying, "I hope we can come out with the same intensity as tonight" when asked about the Falcons game against Pasadena City College.

Ending by asking what he expects in the season opener at LA Harbor College and the season in general, May stated, "any time when you talk about them being the beginning of leaving you have already been scouted in and seen three or four times by your opponents."

The Falcon preseason comes to a close on a positive note as they beat Pasadena City College 91 to 85 at their last preseason game of the season.

Bringing their winning streak up to 6 games before their official conference games begin.

The Falcons are prepared for their next upcoming game against Long Beach City College on Jan. 24.

## Sports Schedule

Basketball	Track & Field	Softball	Tennis
<b>Men's Home Games:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan. 24 vs LBCC at 7p.m.</li> <li>Feb. 5 vs LA Southwest at 7p.m.</li> </ul>	<b>Women's &amp; Men's Home Meet:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb. 1 Cerritos All-Comers Meet at 9a.m.</li> </ul>	<b>Home Games:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan. 22 vs Golden West at 2p.m.</li> <li>Feb. vs Riverside at 12p.m.</li> <li>Feb. 4 vs El Camino at 3p.m.</li> </ul>	<b>Women's Home Games:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan. 28 vs Ventura at 2p.m.</li> <li>Jan. 30 vs Orange Coast at 2p.m.</li> </ul>
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	<b>Home Games:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan. 24 vs Fullerton at 2p.m.</li> <li>Jan. 25 vs Glendale at 1p.m.</li> <li>Jan. 30 vs LA Valley at 2p.m.</li> <li>Jan. 31 vs West LA at 2p.m.</li> </ul>		

# Women's Basketball loses a tough game to ELAC

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The Cerritos College Women's basketball team lost their game on Jan. 15 to the Huskies of East Los Angeles College with a score of 62-54.

This loss makes it Cerritos' tenth loss of the season while sitting next to seven wins.

In the fourth quarter, Cerritos started digging themselves out from what it looked to be a blowout, but instead closed the lead on ELAC.

With about two minutes left in the game, the Falcons trailed the Huskies 56-54 looking to take the lead.

After failing to tie the Huskies on their next offensive possession, ELAC countered back on Cerritos by scoring their next six points to secure the win.

Execution and finishing on offensive possessions was something the Falcons couldn't quite hold onto coming down the stretch.

Cerritos' Head Coach, Trisha Kozlowski, shared what she



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*Mariah Lora Guard Sophomore guarding Delilah Kimbl-Gray. The Falcons Women's basketball team went on to lose 62-54 on Jan 15, 2020.*

wished her ladies would've executed when her team was down by two.

"I wished we would've gotten back on defense in one possession. We gave one of their role players No. 24 a couple of shots on us whom we should've been

out there guarding."

Sophomore Falcon, Sarah Hernandez No. 13, who had a game-high of 23 points, also mentioned what she and the team should've done in the last two minutes and throughout the game.

"Sticking to the game plan. We had moments where we lost track of who we were guarding and in those moments they had easy layups. That was pretty much the game right there."

On fast-breaks alone, the Falcons allowed eight points where

the majority of those points occurred in the last minutes of the game.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Falcons committed 21 turnovers while their shooting percentage was 40.3 percent.

"We're going to come out with more energy and shoot with more confidence," said sophomore Falcon Point Guard Mariah Lora No. 2, who mentioned what the key offensive factors will be going into the next game.

Statistically, Cerritos edged the Huskies by having more rebounds (47), assists (14), points off turnovers that ELAC made (17), second-chance points(9), and points close to the basket (32).

Besides the loss, Kozlowski had some positive things to say about her team.

"I thought our team fought. I thought we battled. I thought we executed our game plan. We were great in terms of individual scouts and we made some end-game adjustments that kept us in the game."

The next game will be against LBCC on Jan. 24.

## MLB, let the Astros keep their tainted trophy

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### Sports Opinion

MLB concludes the investigation of the 2017 "champions", the Houston Astros, who were found guilty of cheating their way to the World Series.

This team was built to lose. They were intentionally tanking year after year in order to obtain

higher drafts picks, in hopes of creating a team that would raise the World Series trophy.

They were successful enough to play in the Fall Classic. The Astros were aided by teammates in the dugout, banging their bats on the rack indicating a breaking pitch.

Alex Cora, a former bench coach for the Astros during the 2017 season, has just "mutually agreed" to part ways with the Boston Red Sox due to him being a major player of the cheating.

The Astros' recorded secret video and watched it in the dugout. In the batting room, the players observed how the pitcher would set up his stance, indicating what pitch was coming, which helped the team beat the Los Angeles Dodgers.

It was beyond maddening watching it in the stands. The Dodgers had no answers as to why the Astros had figured out a way to silence their bats.

All teams try to get a leg up over the opponent.

Take the 1951 Giants, for example, as explained by SABR. ORG, "Herman Franks would look through a telescope and relay the sign through an electrical-buzzer system to the Giants' bullpen in deep right field, from where the sign would be flashed to the Giants' hitters."

The article goes on to say, "The implication of this revelation is that Bobby Thomson might not

have tagged Ralph Branca for arguably the most famous decisive home run in baseball history if not for spying, or at the very least that Thomson's date with history would not have come about."

The article continues, "The Giants needed to overcome a 13 1/2-game deficit of August 11 to finish the 154-game season in a flatfooted tie with Brooklyn to set up the historic showdown. The question is not whether the Giants stole signs, but what effect the sign-stealing had on the Giants' remarkable comeback..."

So just let that sink in.

Teams have been conducting ways to defeat their opponents through nefarious ways for a very long time. Pretty sure it goes back beyond the 1951 Giants.

But that's two teams in baseball who were caught.

This is "deflate gate" on a higher scale. It is a disgrace to baseball, that's what it is.

Both times when the Giants and the Astros were caught cheating in baseball games, it was when they played against the Dodgers.

It sucked hearing about 1951 as a kid. It stunk to the highest level being there at the Dodgers vs. Astros game, as a fan who was in attendance watching the crime take place.

No, there will not be any trophy being handed over to the Dodgers, nor is it wanted by Dodger fans to be honest.



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The funniest part of the whole debacle is that the Astros were pushed to the seventh game even though all the cheating was happening.

Let them keep the banner, let them keep their ring, and let them keep their tainted trophy.

Through all the years of intentionally tanking their games, it wasn't enough.

To have to go through seven games while cheating?

Who wouldn't want to raise the trophy on a level playing field?

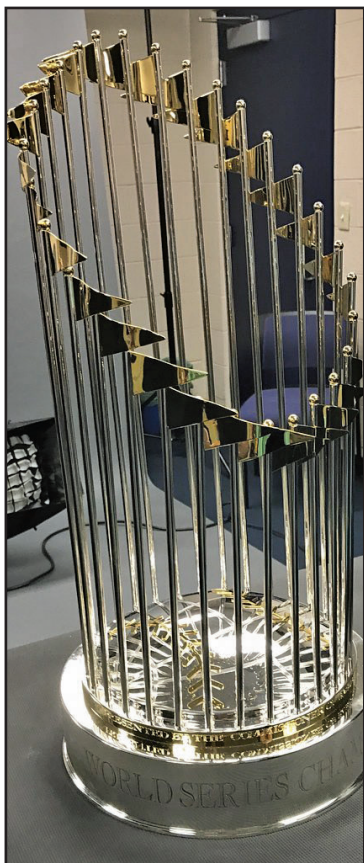
Dodger fans take solace in the

fact that the Astros were pushed to the edge in the seventh game, showing that even though they were cheating the Dodgers gave them a good run for their money.

Guess they should have tanked a few more years in order to avoid this hellish experience they face now. They are now losing draft picks, their manager A.J. Hinch and team executive Jeff Lunhow are being banned for a year.

Those draft picks that they coveted are now being taken by other teams.

Sweet irony.



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