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Facebook going public could help the school budget

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Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Facebook, announced in early February that his popular social network will go public. Facebook plans to raise \$10 billion when it files in spring 2012.

An initial public share is the first sale of public stock by a company to the public.

What does this mean? It means Facebook will now be a public shared company, where big and small investors alike can buy shares in the company.

Stock shares often go for as little as \$20 to \$50 on average. Although Facebook has yet to announced its stock share price (due later in the year).

What does this mean to Cerritos? The state of California ends up taxing stocks from businesses such as Facebook.

Vice President of business services David Al Fattal explains the benefits of going public.

“California ultimately taxes the wealthy people from selling their IPO’s will go into the state’s funds and theoretically that will help the state’s finances which in turn will roll out and help the college’s finances.”

Pre-Med major Daniel Jaramillo feels that Cerritos College should invest in stock shares such as Facebook, “So it can invest into new

programs, or anything that benefits students financially.”

Jaramillo states Cerritos should look into any new ways of producing money for the college because money is really scarce right now in this economy and it should be doing anything to make college more affordable for students.

Facebook is expected to bring in \$4 to 5 billion from public shares, the state of California is anticipating collecting \$400 to 500 million in tax money.

Al Fattal comments “Just to keep in context, the state has a \$9 billion deficit, that means they have \$9 billion more in expenses annually than they do revenue, so even if the Facebook IPO generates \$400 to 500 million. It’s a big help, but it’s not going to solve the state’s financial problems.”

Oraia Neria, majoring in Theatre arts says “It would be a good idea because there are a lot of young people on Facebook, I think they should put it towards to helping the students who can’t afford tuition since it began to rise.”

With the state’s new budget, Cerritos is receiving \$16 million less a year since 2008-09.

The college is rapidly losing money so Al Fattal hopes that with the potential success of Facebook shares, the state can start funding the school instead of shorting money and in turn the money can fund more programs for students.



ROSAURA MONTES/TM

Healthy meals: Chicken fettuccine dish is one of the many dishes whose prices were raised about 50 cents because of the money spent on biodegradable carry-out products. The culinary department will spend \$1,000 more each year to purchase the biodegradable products.

Culinary takes bite out of waste

Culinary Arts making changes to the way its food is distributed to students

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The Culinary Arts department has made a change that will impact the way food will be contained when being handed out.

Chef instructor Amanda Aiton made it possible for Culinary Arts to use sustainable biodegradable products instead of plastic foam to distribute food at the Culinary Arts Cafe.

As a fan of going green, Aiton noted that, “A lot of restaurants are following this trend of going green.

“Students are able to see the changes that the Culinary Department is doing.”

Being the program assistant, Aiton is now more aware “of my culinary environment.”

Aiton is glad that the biodegradable products are being used because these products will not take thousands of years to decompose.

She explained, “It takes more than thousands of years for plastic foam to decompose. For us to be able to be aware of our environment, we are using products that are biodegradable.”

Art major Joanna Gutierrez is pleased that the switch has been made. “Of course, I think it’s a great idea.”

By switching plastic foam products such as to-go containers, cups and anything else that is made up by extruded polystyrene foam, it is costing the department an estimation of more than \$1,000 each year.

“We’re a profit generating program,” Chef Instructor Michael Pierini said. “It costs us a lot more money but it’s worth it for us to do it.”

The switch was made official this semester and has been a work in progress since last semester.

With the use of biodegradable products, the dishes are 25 to 50 cents more. “It’s a better

product but paying more for it,” Aiton said.

With the switch now made, Pierini made clear that, “It’s an appropriate time [to do this].

The rest of the departments and programs on campus should start thinking the way we are.”

Students are already becoming aware of the changes being made at the cafe.

Gutierrez mentioned that she understands the fact that the Culinary Arts department is switching to biodegradable products.

“I work with a lot of art supplies that are not biodegradable, as oppose to working with plastic pens, I use pencils more often.”

She reflects that the chances are a positive reflection of how society is changing its ways to be more earth friendly.

“Anything that the facilities are doing to be earth friendly is a good thing,” Gutierrez said.

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Barron goes on to say, “It is hard to see where the money goes in the older kiosks and sometimes they even steal it.”

For Cerritos College patrons using off-campus parking in order to avoid costs, the campus police have issued the following statements on the Cerritos College website:

- Off campus parking is extremely restricted
- Parking in surrounding residential areas is by city issued permit only
- Students vehicles will be cited and towed by the city
- Parking in the shopping centers adjacent to campus is also prohibited by the property owners

For more information about the new kiosks or campus parking, contact parking coordinator Michelle Dawkins at 562-860-2451 ext. 2325 or visit www.cerritos.edu

Culinary Arts Cafe’s current menu			
Entree salad and cold plates	Simple classics	Specialty sandwiches	Soups and stews
Hummus with pita bread - \$2.25	Tomato Basil Fettuccine - \$6.50	Philly Cheesesteak - \$6.00	Small soup with bread - \$2.25
Cobb Salad - \$6.50	Sweet and Sour Pork - \$6.00	Grilled Chicken Sandwich - \$5.50	Large soup with bread - \$3.00
Chicken Caesar Salad - \$5.75	Vegetable Lasagna - \$5.50	Grilled Vegetable Sandwich- \$5.75	More options available at the Culinary Arts Cafe.
Chinese Chicken Salad - \$5.75	Chicken and Bok Choy - \$6.00	Grilled Chicken and Vegetable Sandwich - \$6.00	
		Mushroom and Goat Cheese Sandwich - \$5.00	

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STUDENT CLUB EVENTS

<p>Library Club: Book Sale</p> <p>Used textbooks, non-fiction and fiction books for sale under \$5 including snow cones</p> <p>Book and snow cone sale will take place in front of the library sidewalk Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p>Any Questions contact: Monica Lopez, Club Adviser (562) 860-2451 x2434 or email mmlopez@cerritos.edu</p>	<p>Graduating this Semester?</p> <p>Deadline to petition for an A.A. degree and/or certificate is Wednesday, Feb. 29</p> <p>Fill out your petition to graduate in Counseling!</p>	<p>Cinematic Arts Club: Back to the Future Movie Night</p> <p>FREE ADMISSION! Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Snacks will be sold *First 25 people with a ticket will get a bag of FREE POPCORN! *Tickets will be given at 6:15 p.m. for those in line to see the movie.</p> <p>Bring blankets, pillows & your friends to enjoy this classic! *This is a collaboration with the International Students Association (ISA)</p>
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•EDITORIAL•



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Allowing EBT so we can eat

Food vendors at Cerritos College need to allow students to purchase food via EBT [electronic benefit transfer], which would provide low-income students the ability to purchase food on campus.

This drastically needs to change. Some students spend more time at school than they do at home, and being able to consume adequate meals greatly helps studying, attention span and not to mention a student's desire to participate in education.

Each and every Falcon on campus, regardless of economic status, needs to support the hope for such a change. Write letters to congress, make phone calls.

Do something to assist in the equality of us as students.

If students fall into the unfortunate category of "low income," they very possibly may not be able to afford to pay for meals on campus.

Often times, financially strained students rely on EBT benefits as a means of supplementing the state of their finances.

The problem is that unless a student is considered homeless by the welfare division, the division that approves EBT benefits, said benefits can't be used to purchase hot meals.

Unfortunately, the solution to this problem is not as simple as a food vendor agreeing to accept EBT as an

acceptable form of payment.

This is why we all need to invoke our rights and make a stand. Not allowing benefits to be accepted for food services rendered is indeed law, but we as students, we as members of varying generations, we as Americans have a right to question that law.

By making this change, it would put each of us as students on a leveled playing field thus allowing us all to eat and recharge, and ultimately provide more of a stress free, positive educational environment.

It would also bring additional money to the vendors.

One would have to assume that this would only help our economy.

Why should less fortunate students have to go off campus to a nearby grocery store in hopes of throwing together a meal when the same funds could be used to actually feed the students?

Sure, some restrictions would undoubtedly need to be in place to ensure that it is not taken advantage of, but it is not that crazy for us as students to seek an opportunity to do that.

The school could even seek a cut from each purchase should it see fit. It could charge \$1.00 per transaction.

The school wins, the vendor wins, the state wins, and most importantly, the students win.

Take action to register in units you need

Everyone hates the scramble to register for classes.

Being a full-time student is a hassle, not to mention a lot of college students also have to juggle a part-time job and family.

Overcrowding makes that situation suck even more.

It seems like everyone is going to community colleges now, which is causing people problems getting the classes they need.

Everyone has to deal with picking up classes that they don't need to fill up their schedule.

Stop complaining.

The budget isn't going to get better anytime soon and community colleges are doing all they



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can so that the students can get the classes they need, while at the same time not losing money.

Everyone likes to think of the school as the big bad wolf, granted there might be some things that it could be doing that it isn't, but the problems don't rest only on the college.

Don't like not getting the classes you need? Do something about it.

There are things students can do to make

themselves a student who gets priority enrollment.

As a student you could join a sports team, talk to a counselor, make an education plan, or register to take notes for a disabled student.

With all the ways to up your priority, it is silly to complain about not getting the classes you need.

There are also things to avoid such as dropping classes and getting low grades.

Having a higher priority doesn't guarantee that you will always be getting the class you need, but actually doing something gives you a much better chance of getting it than sitting around complaining.

A much needed upgrade in the Game Room

In an age where video game technology is nothing short of great, students at Cerritos College are stuck playing outdated arcade games.

Although some legendary games such as X-Men vs. Street Fighter and Ms. Pacman deserve to be kept in a vault where no destructive college students will reach them, other games such as Madden 2 should be used as tackling sleds by the schools football team.

The game room has constant

activity with students coming in and out to play video games and pool.

Why they can't upgrade every few years is a complete mystery.

Although arcade games are quite expensive, they do pay for themselves over time and could be sold for even more profit.

Games come and go out of style

and the faster they are replaced the more profit the game room could be making.

Other colleges and universities even offer consoles to their students such as the Wii, PS3, and Xbox 360.

The problem isn't just with video games, the game room needs to get more table games such as foosball, air hockey, or even a Dance Dance



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Revolution to promote exercise.

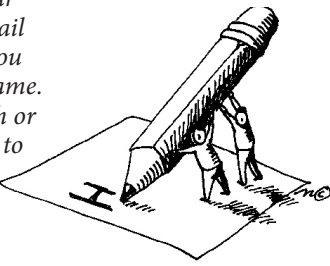
Not everyone likes to play video games, which is why it makes sense to have more physically interactive games other than pool.

Tournaments in which students pay for and compete in could greatly benefit the game room with profits going toward new games and sets.

Whether you're a fighting game freak or a pool hall junkie, the Game Room is a fun place but some upgrades would be make it better.

Did one of us write something that ground your gears? Do you want to congratulate us on the great job we're doing? Whatever the case may be, we would love to hear from you, our readers. Send a **LETTER to the EDITOR**. We accept electronic mail at **editor@talonmarks.com** and boring regular mail at our office in FA-42. If you want your letter or e-mail to be printed, you must proudly sign it with your real name. Letters in poor taste will not be printed. This means we don't want any hate speech or conspiracy theories (unless they're hilarious). We only edit your letters for length to print them, but they appear in full online.


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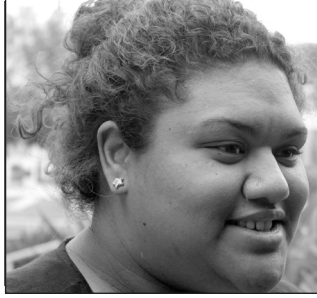
CARLOS OSORIO
criminal justice major

“There are a lot of fast food options here in the food court. There should at least be something more healthy on the menu.”




JESUS TORRES
business major

“[The food] is cheap and that's what counts in this economy.”




EVELYN HUNT
nursing major

“Honestly, I think the food on campus is not all that special. It really doesn't give you the nutrients to go through the day.”



VALERIE MIRELES
liberal arts major

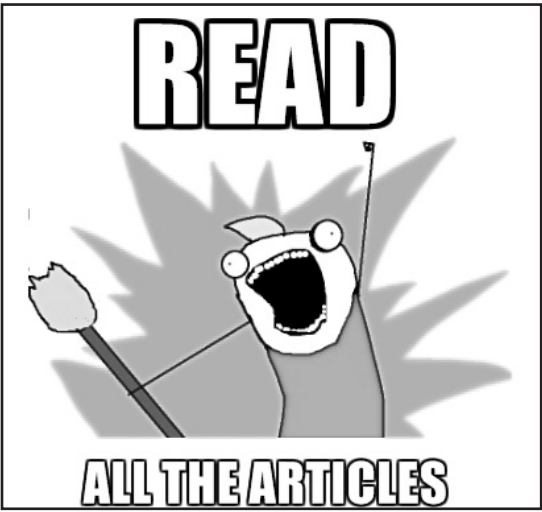
“I don't eat here because [the food] is kind of expensive. I always bring my own lunch.”

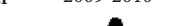


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“I eat [the food] because it is the only thing here. I would rather have better choices than these.”

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‘The Rimers of Eldritch’ to feature professionals

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Cerritos College alumni, actor Alejandro Patino and actress Doreen Wiley, were invited to reunite to play big roles in the presentation of “The Rimers of Eldritch,” directed by Janet Miller.

Having Patino and Wiley as part of the play is different than other plays at Cerritos because both of them play professional roles in the world of the acting industry.

Patino is familiar to the Burnight Theatre stage for playing acting roles in theatres productions such as “Macbeth,” “Jesus Christ Superstar” and “A Chorus Line.”

He participated in movies such as “Fast and Furious” alongside Vin Diesel and was part of “Iron Man 2” alongside Robert Downey Jr.

“It feels great to be seen on the big screen, especially in movies like that,” Patino refers to his role in “Fast and Furious.”

He also appeared as the gardener for Eva Longoria’s character Gabrielle Solis’ new Latino in the ABC series, “Desperate Housewives.”

Patino explains why he accepted to come back to a role in the Rimers of Eldritch as Peck Johnson after hitting the big screen.

“[Miller] had an actor that dropped out and she called me up to ask me if I had some time to come in and help her with fulfilling that role.”

Most of the roles Patino has played have been the “Mexican” or “Gangster” character.

“My biggest accomplishment or biggest film that I have worked on that gave me the emphasis to push myself as an actor was a movie that I did with Steve Martin and Eddie Murphy called ‘Bowfinger,’” said Patino.

“That was my wake-up call to just focus on my acting,” he continued.

Wiley has done several shows at Cerritos College before returning to play the part of Mary Windrod for “Eldritch.”

She describes the character of Windrod as an acting challenge for her because it is a very serious role of an elderly woman who is suffering from dementia.

By accepting this part, she steps out of her comfort zone of familiar roles in which she sings and dances, for example being a part of Broadway and Shakespeare plays.

“When I was offered the [Windrod] role I wasn’t certain I could do it and then I thought if I don’t accept this role then I have no right to call myself an actor because its such an acting challenge,” Wiley said.

Miller expressed her thoughts and feelings about having professional actors at Cerritos College to play

roles for Eldritch.

“It’s always great to have that professional level. Its really great to bring in professionals to work with the students because they can share their experience with the students.”

The play’s set in the mid-20th century in Eldritch, Missouri.

The towns people of Eldritch focus on the murder of aging Hermit Skelly by a woman who mistaken him for attempting rape when he was actually trying to prevent one.

Opening night for “The Rimers of Eldritch” will be on Friday at the Burnight Theatre.

Pre-sale tickets are \$12 general admission and \$10 for staff, faculty, alumni and Cerritos College students with the Spring ‘12 purple I.D. sticker.

Tickets will also be available prior to the 8 p.m. show.

Music recitals to continue at BC-51

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Flute player Joel Tercero, music and business major, from the applied music program learned and memorized the solo flute piece of “Fantasia in G Major” by George Philipp Telemann in three weeks.

This solo piece was recited by a Tercero who sweated while playing at BC-51 at the first day of recitals for the music applied program and was played with quick breaths and strict timing for Tercero.

“Carmen” Fantasy was the second piece that Tercero recited and learned how to play in four days.

“I’m just glad that it’s [the recital] is over,” Tercero said.

His accompanist for the piano part of “Carmen” was Anne Shin. Both musicians worked together in a dazzling grasp with one another to pull through the music.

“The two pieces that I performed are really different from one another,” continued Tercero.

Music major Kris Raman played two jazz pieces, “Chromazone” by Mike Stern and “A Maiden Voyage” by Herbie Hancock, with his electric guitar and was assisted by bass player Angel Torres.

Raman said, “You only get one unit [to be in the applied music class] and get private lessons for what ever instrument you play [or vocals] once a week for a whole semester.

“In that end, you just get a lot of experience performing in front of a class,” he said.

Music education and performance major Reyneelynn Cameros noted that, “The performances were amazing.”

Recitals will continue throughout the semester.



SARAH NIEMANN/TM
Winning by talent: Three out of five members of ‘Authentic’ dance group at last Friday’s Talent Show at the Student Center. The group performed a hip-hop and modern dance that made them win second place, with \$60.

BSU presents tribute to entertainer Whitney Houston at talent show

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The Black Student Union presented a tribute to Whitney Houston on Friday held in the Student Center.

As people started to come in and find seats, BSU played a mix of Houston’s songs and a variety of other artists old and new.

“It is important to spread the idea for us as African Americans to contribute, because it seems like we’re not contributing to campus,” Vice President of BSU Angeylca Tyson said.

“It went pretty well to be a last minute event. We only had about three weeks,” Tyson continued.

He was there to welcome the crowd and get everything started.

The tribute opened with a prayer led by Gulfrey Laurent II. After he closed the prayer the master of ceremonies was introduced.

Former BSU President Tremel Steward was the M.C. and explained the main reason for the event. “Although tonight we mourn the loss of such an incredible voice we also want to celebrate the career of an incredible artist who has paved the road for many other artists,” he said.

Steward went on to say, “What is amazing is how some teachers, staff, community and officials will not take part in a festivity like today.”

After Student Trustee Arleal Hughes performed a modern dance piece, Vice President of Student Services Steven Johnson spoke on behalf of him and Cerritos College President Linda Lacy who was not present.

“We have a wonderful history of this club providing all sorts of programs and services to the community and the college,” he said.

Then students and friends of BSU walked the catwalk showing

off different styles to various Whitney Houston songs.

The guest speaker was Lynell Wiggins, a counselor at Cerritos College. He read the poem, “As I Grew Older” that was written by Langston Hughes.

He said, “My heart’s desire for you, learn to use what you already have, identify what is already within you, build on the talent you have, identify the areas you need to strengthen and used that talent to break down the wall.”

BSU honored special family members and students who contribute to helping BSU.

It also gave an award to Monica Bellas for being an outstanding teacher.

The tribute to Whitney Houston ended with a talent show, students showed off their talents on tap dancing, hip hop mixed with modern dance and hip-hop.

“Wanderlust” is not a movie to be so hyped for

Movie Review

Wanderlust

Starring: Paul Rudd
Director: David Wain
Rating: ★ ★

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Wanderlust is a humoristic film about a wild journey a married couple takes in a commune full of hippies, nudists, booze and drugs, starring Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd.

After their dreams crashed in New York, making them financially unable to stay in their tiny and expensive loft. Linda and George decide to relocate to Georgia, with George’s obnoxious brother while they get up on their feet.

The film shows perfect examples of struggles our modern society faces.

Their stay at Elysium commune was an amazing adventure, but they soon find out that the people at the commune are extremely different.

Elysium’s principles are a little too wild, especially its “Free Love” belief.

It shares everything, an idea that the couple never really adjusted to.

The story line is quite different, but there are other movies where couples get into circles of love and end up realizing they ultimately don’t want to share their partner.

The stoner comedy takes a switch to a hopeless romantic movie, in this case categorizing it with the rest of the movies that lead you

on to believe they have a certain theme, and end up being love movies.

The movie is funny, it will have you giggling throughout the entire film, but it is not the funniest movie out there.

The story is interesting and the problems are realistic, though at times there is exaggeration on the hippies roles at the commune, somewhat being stereotyped as naive.

Aniston certainly played a terrific role, but she does not quite fit in as a hippie.

As far as Rudd, he keeps surprising his audience with totally different roles in each film he has starred in as Role Models, Knocked Up, I Love you Man and The 40 Year Old Virgin, pulling them all off. From his hippie friendly attitude, to his bizarre facial expressions.

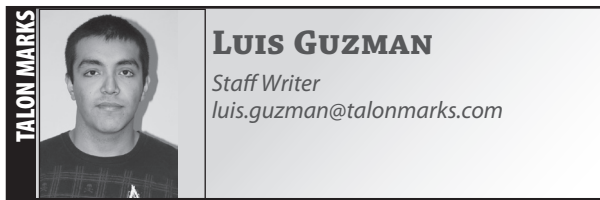
It also has a tremendous cast aside from the couple starring, which adds credibility and more humor to the film.

TM Trivia

Can you name the movie that Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd starred in together?

- 1.Office Space
- 2.Horrible Bosses
- 3.The Bounty Hunter
4. Bruce Almighty
- 5.The Object Of My Affection

Video games have a positive impact in society



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Many people argue that video games can’t be educational. They think that video games keep individuals from doing activities that involve education.

Video games give essentials that would need for purest way learning. It’s the stepping stone for what I will base of my career on. Its ridiculous to say that video games aren’t educational.

Video games are a source of learning that can grab numerous people and teach them essentials skills for their goals and education. Video games do a better job at this than what any other medium can offer.

It takes talented and smart people to make good video games. Its a tool that can help out people who are struggling in their specified studies.

In a study from Beth Israel Medical Center, there is

a connection with gaming and improved performance in laparoscopic surgery. The study concluded that the surgeons who played video games requiring spacial skills and hand dexterity completed the trials faster than the surgeons who didn’t.

Video games can help cultivate relationships among people from all walks of life. Playing video games with other people is an experience unlike any other. Gamers might have a chance to talk to people who live half way around the world.

Who wouldn’t want to have fun and learn at the same time? In certain video games, there are obstacles that you have to overcome.

Overcoming the trials in the game make a gamer be involved in critical thinking and problem solving.

There are certain games that also help with reading and math skills, video games to this by making the gamer pay attention to the story and manage resources.

There is a UK study that came to a conclusion that video games like “Sim City” and “Roller Coaster Tycoon” helped to develop children’s strategic thinking

and planning skills.

In notable video games like “Mass Effect” and “Elder Scrolls: Skyrim” gamers came across situations in the games that would utilize your persuasion skills.

These games give skill that would work in a real situations.

One of the benefits from games is that you’re interacting with another person and have to actively think about what other people are doing or thinking in order to play with or against them.

Video games make people think actively. Gamers also have to analyze certain predicaments and have to react fast to changing situations in the games they are playing.

The University of Rochester did a study in 2006 that found out that people who play action games could locate a peripheral target amongst the area of distracting objects more accurate than people who don’t play action video games.

Video games can help cultivate leadership among players.

Some mediums fail to promote growth in leadership.

Video games can help with problems like lack of self esteem and attention problems. This can be therapy that some medical establishment do not offer.

With all the playing, video games also educate people on varies topics that resonate with what is happening in society. Video games can connect people with problems that are happening around the world.

Playing video games makes learning more interactive and fun.

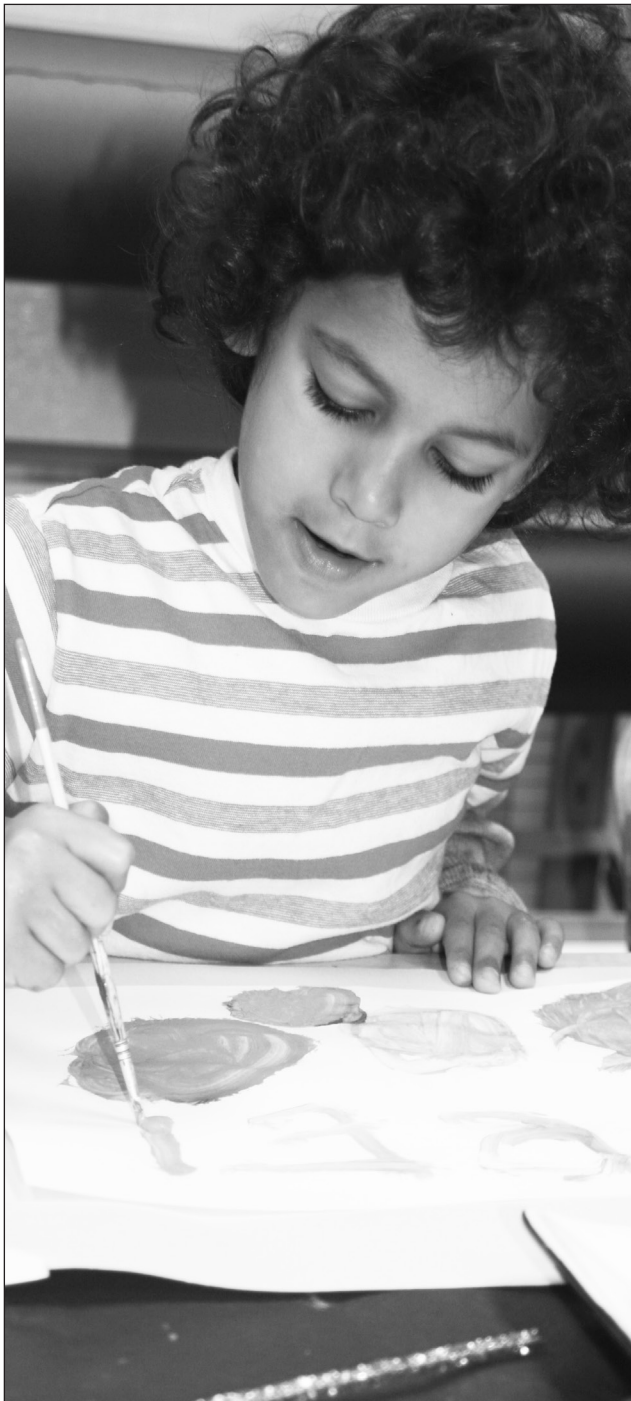
A perfect example of a educational game is Brain Training for the Nintendo DS, this game has hundred of puzzles that involve math and English.

No matter what game it is, there is always an objective a person have to accomplish. Games have the ability to make a player find ways in succeeding in a game.

Good games are the ones that challenges people mentally, they give the gamer something new figure out.

Video games have an enormous impact in the lives of people who want to challenge themselves.

Children benefit from producing art



MICHAEL WESTERFIELD/TM
Painting a name: Child Rebel Thomas creates art as he triumphantly signs his name with gold paint. By signing work, children improve on their hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills.

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Inside the Child Development Center, children get to explore a huge array of paints, chalks, crayons, construction paper, glue, beads, seeds and just about anything imaginable that kids could use to create art.

“I’ve got the best job on campus,” Debra Gonzalez, atelierista for the Child Development Center said, “I get to play most of my day and watch these children learn and grow. It looks like all fun and that’s what we want it to feel like for the children. It’s actually well planned out.”

Each child is given brushes, paper and a collection of paints with the challenge of mixing the right colors to make gold.

“Children explore with all five senses,” Gonzalez explained. “They smell, touch, even taste the paint. But it’s so much more than that. Here, we’re helping their cognitive skills thinking, making decisions and solving problems.

“It looks like play but it is how they learn not just about painting. They learn to socialize, share, compromise, take turns, and communicate with each other,” Gonzalez continued.

“We’re here to guide them but they teach themselves a lot.”

The CDC also uses art as a foundation of language and communications skills.

The children draw events, feelings and abstract

subjects.

The children discuss their works with the staff and provide insights to their development.

During a tour of the facility, Gonzalez pointed to a very busy orange, yellow and red painting which included a self portrait of the boy who painted it standing next to a dragon.

“We had a great talk,” she explained about her talk with the boy. “It turns out the dragon is the boy’s imaginary friend.”

The teachers use their observations to track the children’s development in many areas.

A challenge that the children are left with is to discovered that yellow and red is not golden and purple and brown does not make golden.

One of the children, Yanine Kotb, shouts, “I made golden!”

Everyones eyes turn to see the swirled pool of gold colored paint on Yanine’s paper. “How did you do it?” Gonzalez asked.

The children listen as Yanine shows them the orange and brown mix. Gonzalez paints notes on construction paper for the class as they get busy with their mixtures.

Taking the opportunity to mix victory celebration with hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills development, Gonzalez suggested the children write their names in golden paint.

They went straight to task carefully guiding their gold dipped paint brushes across the papers to sign their works.



MICHAEL WESTERFIELD/TM
Working with kids: Child Natalia Kellerputs making finishing touches on her paint project under the watchful eye of instructor Diana Echeverria at the Child Development Center. Instructors observe during art projects to evaluate child development.



MICHAEL WESTERFIELD/TM
Values of art supplies: Crayons are one of many supplies used for art projects. Instructors at the Child Development Center allow children to expand their imagination and creativity to express themselves for which they do not have the language skills to do so.



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Body of art: Children at the Child Development center use paint to express themselves in art forms. The use of paint colors assist the children in mixing specific colors to create a different color.

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The road to playoffs: Shown above is an illustration of the brackets for each round of playoffs. Cerritos is currently ranked No. 5 in its conference with a 23-7 record. The team has two games left in order to the championship at Consumnes River College.

Women's basketball advances to third round of SoCal playoffs

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Despite the team's leading scorer, sophomore forward Andrina Rendon, being out because of an injury sustained the day before, freshmen guard Melissa Rendon and sophomore guard Armelia Patterson led the Cerritos College basketball team in its 79-60 playoff win against College of the Can-

yons in its away game on Saturday. Patterson talked about some of the things she felt her team did well on during the game. "I think we played as a team, we rebounded, we made our free throws and we played good defense." With 11 minutes left in the first half, the Falcons were able to get an 18-9 lead over the Cougars. Cerritos College head coach Karen Welliver said, "The women did great dur-

ing the game. The Falcons did great with their defense, especially since College of the Canyons is a team that can score over 100 points, so I am happy for the girls. "I'm sad that Andrina broke a bone the day before, which will make her miss the rest of the season. "The team stepped up, especially Melissa and Armelia offensively, getting 29 and 18 points a piece." By the end of the first half, Cerritos was up 38-24 with the younger Rendon having

17 of the points. Forward Regina English talked about what her team needed to improve on. "I think we could work on our consistency and defense and making sure that we play hard and work as a team." In the second half, the Falcons were able to maintain in a double-digit lead. "We hustled hard and really talked to each other and had each others' backs," English said of the game. Freshman guard Talor Hixon and fresh-

men forward Deenesha Bee led the Falcons with rebounds, getting eight and six respectively. The Falcons will be playing fourth seed East LA College in the third round of playoffs. "We met twice before this season, getting one win each, and both games were quite close, so I'm looking forward to the game", Welliver said.

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A natural player: Cerritos College men's tennis anchor Todd Jenkins strikes the same pose as he once did on the court when he was just a toddler. Jenkins has been ranked as one of the top 10 tennis players in California in his age group since the age of 12.



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A family that plays together

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Most college students have never had one of their parents sitting in class watching every day.

For Todd and Mandy Jenkins, it would be odd if their father wasn't there.

The Jenkins siblings both play on the Cerritos College tennis teams.

Their father, Mike has been coaching tennis for more than 50 years and has been coaching Todd and Mandy ever since they could lift a racket.

"Her first racket was actually a decoration from a cake," Mike said pointing to a picture of an infant Mandy holding a tiny racket.

"She took to it so natural. She knew just what to do with it," he said.

"We used to roll the ball back and forth with our rackets when we were tiny," Mandy explained.

"Tennis was just always there."

Participation optional

Although tennis was always part of their family, participation was optional.

Mandy quit playing for about five years but returned to the courts before graduating high school.

"There was a time where Mandy didn't say the word tennis for years," Mike explained, "It quit being fun so she tried other

things for a while. Whether they want to play or not, you can't force it."

When she returned to the sport, she quickly regained her skills and now plays on the women's team for Cerritos College.

Top 10 in the state

Todd, an anchor, plays on the Falcons' men's team.

Unlike his sister, Todd has played consistently for many years.

He ranked among the top 10 of 12-year-old tennis players in California, and has done so every year for his age bracket ever since.

"It tests you in all sorts of ways," Todd said of tennis.

"It challenges you not just to win. It's more like being better than you've ever been before every time," he added.

Cerritos College men's and women's tennis head tennis coach Alvin Kim has been focusing on rebuilding the Falcons' fundamentals.

Todd and Mandy receive additional coaching from their father that re-enforces it.

"He reminds us of things, keeps us on track, and focused. "It's not just physical," Todd said of tennis. "It's psychological, emotional. He can read that."

Mike said, "I'm lucky and thankful that he (Kim) gives me permission to participate like this.

"It lets me see them play and be there for

them every day."

Todd said, "He's always been there since the beginning."

"Sometimes, he'll be picking up balls or something and he'll just say a word or two and it makes me see what he sees. It can make a difference."

Coaching the community

Mike not only coaches Todd and Mandy, he also coaches many younger players on his personal mission to, "bring tennis to as many young people as possible."

Over the years, he has coached many players who went on to play college and professional tennis including professional tennis playing sisters Venus and Serena Williams when they were seven and eight years old.

His calendar is full of tennis camps, seminars, tournaments and related events.

Todd and Mandy accompany him to many of these events, sometimes participating and sometimes coaching the younger players which includes their 17 year old brother, Connor, who will join the Cerritos men's team in the fall and youngest sister, 10th grader Brittini, 13.

Tennis made living in a single-parent home for the last 10 years a bit easier on everyone.

All four siblings were often at the same event and "that saved on tires," Mike joked.

The common interest kept the family close and mutually supportive.

The younger Jenkins siblings

The younger Jenkins are enrolled at Cerritos High School where they both play tennis.

When their schedules allow, they attend Falcon tournaments. The younger siblings often practice along side Todd and Mandy on the campus courts, with their father coaching.

Both look forward to joining the Cerritos College team. There may be a season with three Jenkins on the team, the youngest sister about to join and the father who's always there.

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Baseball breaks its losing streak

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Breaking a seven-game losing streak, the Cerritos College baseball team won with an 11-6 win against the LA Valley on Thursday in a non-conference game.

This season, the Falcons won three out of eleven games in non-conference games.

Falcons starting pitcher Jake Bell grabbed his first win of the season as he pitched seven innings with four runs and seven hits.

According to the Cerritos College baseball news, "One of the keys to the win was the hitting of the 8-9-1 batters in the lineup, as they went a combined 10-for-17 and scored four of the team's runs."

All the batters for the Falcons had at least a single hit, marking a season high 18 hits for the club that day.

The leading hitters for the Falcons are shortstop Chris Hefner who had four hits with a run batted in and catcher Sergio Barboza who went three for three on his at bats.

The Falcons' first conference game will be against Long Beach City on Tuesday.

Track and field faces 29 colleges in home invitational

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With 29 other colleges to compete against, the Cerritos College men's and women's track and field teams will host the Beach Invitational on Friday and Saturday at 9 a.m.

Some of the colleges that will be attending are USC, UCLA, Cal State LA, Golden West College and Cal Poly Pomona.

Both track teams are excited since there will be college scouts attending the meet.

Some runners are hoping to get recognition.

Sprinter and hurdler Brandon Hendrickson explained it's in his best interest to do well on Saturday.

However, head coach Doug Wells said that he is unsure about how prepared the men's team is.

He also said he did not feel good about the team's performance at Compton College. However, he felt the women's track team did well.

Wells said, "They need to step it up individually; each runner knows what he's supposed to do. That is what differentiates a good athlete from a bad one."

At the Friday meet at Compton College, the Falcons ran against Mt. SAC, Long Beach City College, El Camino, Pasadena College and Compton.

According to Wells, they have not been at their best.

He also said he did not feel good about the team's performance at Compton College. However, he felt the women's track team did well.

Hendrickson ran the 4 by 1 at the Compton Invitational.

He said, "I think we did good at our last track meet, but we could of done better because one of the runners dropped the baton in the relay."

This was the second consecutive time the men's track team has dropped the baton.

Swimming faces LBCC and Mt. SAC in next meet

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The Cerritos College men's swim team will compete against Mt. San Antonio College and Long Beach City College on Saturday at the South Coast Conference opener at the Falcon Aquatic Center.

"It's going to be tough," Head Coach Joe Abing said about the conference.

"Besides ourselves, we have the two top teams in our conference.

"Hopefully, we can improve our times from the Golden West meet."

With a total of 603 points, the Cerritos men's team placed sixth out of seven other teams who were competing at the Golden West Invitational last Friday.

The Falcons had five swimmers place in the top 10 with three swimmers placing eighth in their individual categories,

Cerritos swimmer and assistant swimming coach at Paramount High School, Joel Bautista, said that he felt his team did well and were prepared for the invitational.

"There was some really good competition with other schools," he said.

"The 100 fly was really great, we started and ended strong. We were cheering for each other the whole way," Bautista added.

Bautista took 14th place at the Golden West Invitational.

He said that the race for the 100 fly on Friday was a challenge.

This swimming event is concentrated on a swimmer swimming butterfly strokes underwater eight times back and fourth from the racing line.

With his chin up high, Cerritos swimmer and kinesiology major Raul Rivas explained that the team, "[has to] keep working on speed. We're trying to stay on top."

"We have to work on turns and exchanges when doing relays and make sure we're keeping pretty tight on flip turns."

Abing also mentioned that, "We have a lot of really good swimmers. Most guys improved their times from previous meets."

He participated in seven swimming events, including the 50 fly and 100 fly.

The Cerritos College men's swim team is preparing to face the Mounties and Vikings at home on Friday.

Due to Monday's rain, the Falcons have

one less day to prepare for the meet.

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