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## Restroom hygiene in the dumps



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**Taking care of business:** A crumpled-up paper towel is found inside a recently-used urinal in the men's bathroom in the Fine Arts Building. Dirty restrooms are a concern for Cerritos College students as well as its faculty.

## Cleanliness down the toilet

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Bathroom conditions are a growing concern at Cerritos College and have Philosophy Instructor Ted Stolze teaming up with a safety committee to take action toward healthier and cleaner facilities.

During a Faculty Senate Meeting, Stolze addressed the unsanitary conditions of the library restrooms, specifically saying that he felt embarrassed of the campus due to the uncleanliness of the bathrooms.

Stolze briefly mentioned how the school hired a highly-paid arbitrator who asked Stolze personally where

the restrooms were located.

After seeing the conditions of the library restrooms, he immediately felt embarrassed of the campus and made the remark that he has always been proud of the campus in the past until now.

The Cerritos College bathrooms have students complaining about their condition.

Child development major Idalia Acosta said, "I usually use the restrooms by the child development center and they are horrible. They are all tagged up and they smell."

Justin Gonzales, business administration major, said, "Some of them have this really weird smell. I don't know if it is the sewage or not."

Administration of justice major Edward Juarez com-

mented on how poor the conditions are to him.

"I went to the bathroom and started gagging at what I saw and left to go somewhere else. It's the smell that gets to me."

Undecided major Arturo Robles shares his thoughts on his experience with the campus bathrooms.

"Sometimes there is no soap or toilet seat covers."

He points out that there is an issue lacking the supplies necessary to hold a sanitary bathroom.

Not everyone agrees that the bathrooms are unsanitary.

Nursing major Karissa Gonzales thinks that the cleanliness is there and the only major problem is the graffiti.

"The ones that I've been

to are clean for the most part. There's just a lot of graffiti," Gonzales said.

Liliana Arevalo, social work major, said, "The school is responsible for it [the bathrooms] because aren't they suppose to make sure the environment is good for the students so they can have a better learning experience here?"

She points out who she thinks is responsible for the restrooms' conditions.

"[The students] they are the ones who make the mess; they are the ones who use the restrooms. The janitors try to do as much [as they can], but there are a lot of restrooms around here and I'm pretty sure there are not enough to janitors to clean up the mess."

Janitors were not allowed to comment on the topic.



**Bob Verderber**

## Verderber remembered by fellow trustees

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Former Cerritos College Board of Trustees Member Bob Verderber died on Feb. 21.

Verderber served proudly as a trustee for 12 years from 1993 to 2005.

Board Member Ted Edmiston served alongside Verderber on the board for a number of years and praises Verderber for his work on the board.

"He was an excellent board member, he had good understanding of the community and the processes of management," he said.

He also said Verderber was a funny person with a good sense of humor and was a joy to be around.

Verderber was an intelligent man that would set goals for himself while on the board, according to Edmiston.

"One of the features he brought to the board was an understanding of timelines and the use of bench marks."

He said Verderber would measure the flow of things with bench marks effectively analyzing the "before" and "after" results of the bench marks.

Verderber was also a very active member in the city of Downey, according to Edmiston.

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## Students in need now able to obtain free food on campus

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Free food is available for students in need at the Cerritos College Student Health Services Building.

Nancy Montgomery, who is the associate dean of Health and Wellness and Veterans Services is in charge of the food bank, and wants to raise awareness about the resources students have.

Students can walk up to the Student Health Services Building and are provided with a small bag of food and information on how to keep getting help.

No requirements or qualifications are asked for.

Originally, this issue was brought up to Montgomery's attention by Admissions and the Financial Aid Department.

Montgomery said, "They were finding out that students didn't have money to buy food."

Montgomery started this small food bank right after the holidays. According to Montgomery, the food bank is doing well, but she would like to get the word out about how help can be given.

The mission is for students to take action and become self-sufficient.

It is not all about the food, but about the valuable information needed to continue getting help.

At the Student Health Center, food is provided if students can't afford food, but also they are also taught how to make healthy meals with the food given.

She said, "They have to go to the food bank themselves or apply for more assistance with buying food, then that way they become more self-sufficient."

Hazel Ng, Registered Dietitian at the Student Health Services tells how eating healthy doesn't necessarily mean spending a lot of money.

"If you spend your money wisely

and you know how much food you actually need, it's really not expensive," she said.

She explained how students usually use fast food restaurants as a last resort for cheaper food, but in reality, it's more expensive.

"Even if you get the value meals from the value menu, you still spend triple the money, and still get the same calories," Ng said.

It is not about getting full or being overweight, but about eating the right food. If you are overweight they can help you maintain a healthy weight.

"If you're over weight you can still be malnourished from eating bulk foods," Ng said.

With the limited amount of space the storage has, Montgomery wishes to keep the size of the bank somewhat "small", but still she encourages for everyone to participate.

With lacks of funds to keep up normal diet, students should defi-

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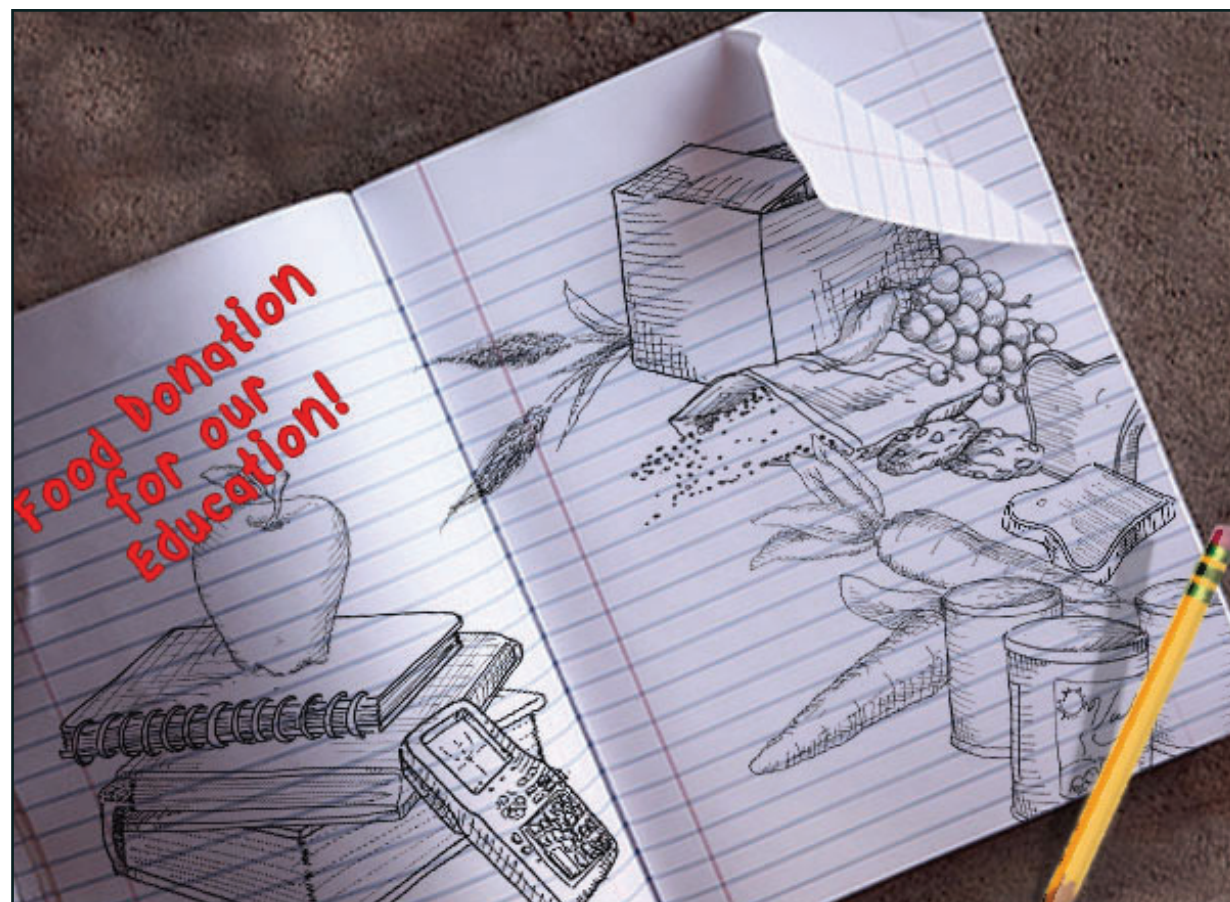


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# CERRITOS COLLEGE NEWS BRIEFS

## Clarification on Facebook story

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In the story published in the Feb. 29 issue, titled, “Facebook going public could help the school budget,” Vice President of Business Services David El Fattal’s last name was frequently misspelled throughout the story.

In the story, his last name was spelled Al Fattal, when it is actually spelled El Fattal.

## New bill being presented that will benefit student DJs

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There is a new bill that is up for proposal that will only let DJ’s from WPMD entertain for ASCC events at Cerritos College. This bill will not allow DJ’s from outside of Cerritos take part in events that take place in Cerritos College.

Julian Del Real-Calleros, ASCC Vice President, talked about how the bill benefits WPMD, “This proposition will fund the WPMD department, it will help get WPMD better equipment that they really need.”

Del Real-Calleros comments about the proposition benefits Cerritos and WPMD DJ’s, “This bill will also help save money for the campus give a chance for our DJ’s to do events.”

## WPMD to open its doors to the public

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Cerritos College Broadcasting Club will open its doors to the public March 28 as it hosts an open house to build awareness of the station and the opportunities it presents to anyone interested in electronic media.

The station will continue operations as usual during the open house. Students, faculty and staff might get to see live broadcasting during their tour of the station.

Jamie Rob Flores, WPMD Broadcasting president said, “We want them to find out how easily they can participate in their station.

“We’re different than other clubs because we are here to serve the other clubs. We want them to get to know us and what we can do for them like public service announcements for campus and club events.”



MARIO JIMENEZ/TM

**Color of personality:** Cerritos College Counselor Veronica Herrera (top right) lectures students during her True Colors Workshop. The workshop educated students on different types of personalities through the use of a color spectrum.

# Personalities linked to careers

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Students took a personality test and were placed in one of four colors during the March 1 True Coloful workshop.

The workshop helped students find careers based on their personalities.

Counselor Veronica Herrera led the workshop and asked the students to list their colors on the color chart from the one that most resembles their personality traits to the one that least resembles them, either gold, green, orange or blue.

Each color represented a different group of personality traits stating: orange represent spontaneous, blue represents those who are caring, nuturing, emotional people, gold represents those who are neat, well organized, well man-

nered and green represents the honest, analytical thought it was a good tool. There are a lot of people like myself who are lost.”

Each color on the color chart lists careers and occupations that seem to match up with the personality traits represented by each color. A workshop like this one is really beneficial to all students.

“We have students who are not sure what major or what career they might want to go into,” Herrera said. “Choosing a major or a career doesn’t have to be that overwhelming.”

The workshop helps students recognize their strengths, how diverse everyone is and what career their strengths gears them toward.

Cristina Perez, Liberal Arts major said, “I

“  
Choosing a major or a career doesn’t have to be that overwhelming.”

—VERONICA HERRERA

Cerritos College counselor

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Herrera encourages students to make appointments with her who attend the workshops she provides to discuss further details into their futures.

# ASCC senate promoting Got Card benefits

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Got Card allows Cerritos College students to use their student IDs for benefits and discounts.

Marketing major Miledy Hernandez talks about the Got Card campaign.

“Got Card is a campaign that was made by a committee to get ideas and help students get discounts benefits and freebies.

“The committee has been working on a flyer where it has different categories of what the benefits are on campus, in the game room, the student health center, the learning resource center, and the library.”

Students can get discounts on movie tickets, select gyms and free admission to select museums.

Student IDs can be used to get free food like In-N-Out during Welcome Week, or Chick-Fil-A during Club Info Night.

Students can also use it to get a free membership to the Cerritos City Library, which charges a \$1.00 membership fee for non-Cerritos residents.

Hernandez continued, “I think this is really important to just bring it out to the students and let them know that maybe this can help them save money; it can help them to maybe get free stuff.”

Students pay the Cerritos College Student Activities fee every semester.

Hernandez explains the fee by saying, “One thing that I found out talking to other students and the administration is that there is a CCSA fee that every student pays every semester regardless whether you get your ID with your current semester sticker or you don’t.

“Every semester when you pay your fees or financial pays your fees, you’re paying \$10 for an ID that you’re not getting and that you’re not getting the benefits for.”

Students like Kinesiology major Alex Carrillo has not heard of the Got Card campaign.

He thinks that it is a good idea and that the student government should promote it more by “posting it online, putting up flyers around the school, and letting the teachers know so that the teachers can provide the students with the information.”

## Food help: Health Center speak about food shortage

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nitely pay a visit educate themselves. David Paul Borge, who is a formal student at Cerritos College said, “My faith is that we need to help as soon as possible, without food, your body cannot function very well, you cannot function.”

To look at the food given as a start, and to gradually continue to get free food on your own is what she would like to experience.

Montgomery added, “It’s important for students to know that they just don’t come to get a bag of food, but to know the outside resources available.”

She points out how homeless or people who do not have food, often don’t know about these resources. Her goal is to educate students and she explained how everything you need, you can get. “They can find food, housing, health care, so they can at least support themselves and that way they can be successful in their lives.”

The food bank at Cerritos College is very limited, and it lacks many foods that have nutrients we need. Such as dairy, since it has to be refrigerated it can’t be stored. That is why is important to go out and seek the help and take advantage.

Montgomery said her biggest contributors were campus staff and faculty.

The donations are weekly, and if any clubs or students would like to help in any way, they are welcome to do so.

The Social Services Center telephone number is (562) 929-5544.

Another student who has not heard of the Got Card campaign is speech communications major Fernando Hernandez who thinks getting discounts is a good idea.

“Discounts are always a plus for students, especially for students who are on a tight budget.”

Nancy Bonilla, Student Activities program director said, “When I first came here they used to have live country music and that was nice. Over the years it hasn’t changed much. Our director has a vision for it to get bigger and better every year.”

Making it bigger and better is the behind the scenes work started long before the event begins.

When I was a freshman it was fun to get involved with a booth and experience it as a student,” Ramirez said. “This year it’s been more about planning, committees, and funding, and looking at how much money we’re spending and what we’re spending it on.”

## Verderber: Verderber’s legacy as a trustee remembered by former colleagues

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Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bob Hughlett said,

“He left quite a legacy, he was quite a thorough guy, he was one who was much into the finances of the institution in making sure what we did we could afford.”

He said that Verderber was a fiscal conservative who always had

the heart of education on his mind and always wanted to make sure the bills were paid

According to a message sent by Cerritos College President Linda Lacy, the memorial service for Verderber will be held on March 24 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on 10727 S. Downey Ave. Downey, CA 90241.

# New building now open



LUIS GUZMAN/TM

**A new building:** A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Friday to open the new Facilities and Purchasing Complex building. The building is 34,000 square feet, it consists of 45 rooms and offices. The G.O. bond funded \$7.4 million. The building is located in parking C-10.

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•EDITORIAL•



# Cleaning up after ourselves

The Cerritos College public bathrooms are dysfunctional and unpleasant to take care of business in and the only ones to blame are us as students.

Students are doing a crap job at taking care of business while they're taking care of business.

The school's janitors are working very hard on doing their job and cleaning what has to be cleaned, the way it has to be cleaned.

Some things in the bathrooms are unable to be cleaned/fixed as "simple" as other things.

There is a door missing in one of the stalls in the men's bathroom at the Fine Arts Building.

Who in the world would be comfortable with taking care of business like that?

There are bathrooms around campus that are not brutally beaten but just tagged with unnecessary comments.

There's a famous saying: "Be like dad, not like sis – lift the lid, before you piss."

Let's help ourselves by making our restrooms look pleasant enough to take care of business in.

Let's also think of the janitors.

They get paid to take care of our natural duties, not take care of our unnatural rudeness.

We are college students, not high school students and for most, your mother doesn't work here.

Clean up after yourself, don't write your cheap stand-up comedy material on the bathroom stalls.

Do stand-up comedy instead of writing your jokes on the bathrooms.

If people want to laugh, they'd go to a comedy show and not the bathroom.

Don't mess with the stalls' doors.

The last thing we want is to have a missing door and to accidentally see something disturbing while in the bathroom.

Being morally correct in the bath-

room does not even take long.

It takes more time to be rude in the bathroom than it takes to be morally correct.

Cleaning takes seconds while writing takes minutes.

Don't embarrass yourself and the school.

The last thing we want to hear is of how our school bathrooms are unsanitary and unhealthy.

No one is impressed with "art-work" in the bathrooms so stop it. No one would care for the Mona Lisa if it was surrounded by crap.

Take care of business while you're taking care of business.

**LIFE OF THE RETURNING STUDENT**

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At the age of 18, I enrolled at a Los Angeles area community college and graduated with a degree in computerized business. Now 33 years old, I once again find myself enrolled into a community college.

Being a returning student is so much more difficult than I ever expected it to be.

The expectations that I put on myself are much more difficult to achieve than anything that I ever thought possible.

School is so fast-paced and it seems like just when I think that I am catching up to the rest of my schoolmates, I fall behind even more.

Maybe the problem is being a parent as well as a returning student. That can't be the case because it seems like plenty of parent-students successfully balance both on a daily basis.

It would be nice to have a club on campus, which consists of returning students that share similar interests. It would almost make coming to school less strange.

Being a returning student is a constant learning experience.

## Promoters are a waste of time

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We should not have distractions such as promoters on campus.

When walking to our cars, we see flyers on the windows under the windshield wipers.

Who really reads them?

There is time for partying, but couldn't that be brought to our attention in a different manner?

During the day, we sometimes have a table set up by the radio station where music is played, as well as

the music already being played through the radio station.

That gives students a sense of relaxation.

The goal is the same for these club promoters, they are trying to give us flyers knowing we need the break and relaxation, but they are not needed in this distracting way of being placed on our cars.

Cerritos College should have more control on this situation.

We are staffed with parking security that should be aware of the acts of students in the parking lot.

Parking security should be given

the authority to possibly confiscate flyers and give out a consequence to the distributor of the flyer.

Another form of promotion at school, the companies that solicit our involvement in their business such as opening an account for a credit card or gym membership.

If this is legitimate and not a scam couldn't it be done in a different way such as, the school making a deal with the bank to hold a meeting with students, instead of being harassed on the way to class by these persistent people?

There is a time and place for everything, but promoters shouldn't have a time and place at our school.

## Financial aid is meant for school use

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The things that are purchased with government money needs to be regulated.

We have all stood behind someone at the grocery store who pays for a shopping cart full of food that has

absolutely no nutritional value, with food stamps provided by tax-payer dollars.

Having varieties of things that the nation has to pay for, unhealthy eating habits should NOT be one of them.

Financial aid was created to help students who were struggling to pay for classes and materials so that they

could still be able to receive a higher education if that was what that individual wanted.

The money received through refunds at city colleges, like Cerritos, is intended for school books, and supplies needed for class.

However, on a daily basis I see that money being spent on luxury items like clothes and fast food.

It has to stop.

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# Artists’ Society and musicians collaborate

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The Cerritos College Artists’ Society Club hosted its first art walk of the Spring semester on March 1 at Falcon Square.

The sidewalk was lined with more than 20 pieces of student art work created from several different mediums ranging from photography to oil on canvas.

Students, staff and visitors had an opportunity to see student artwork, get a henna tattoo, and join a drum circle from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sitting on a grassy knoll directly behind the artwork were 10 to 15 percussionists making music with everything from a large plastic bucket to a full set of marching band drums and even bells.

Members of the Art Society Club were fundraising by selling Henna tattoos and tie-dyed T-shirts.

Falcon Square was crowded with on-lookers who took the time to analyze each piece of artwork or observe it in passing.

The art walk attracted students who were in between classes or done with class for the day.

Undecided major, Alex Fletcher, said “I stuck around to enjoy the environment.

“This is great, I came to check it out because I knew it would be a good vibe. You have art, music and everyone is in the same kind of spirit.”

Music education major Jennifer Ornelas describes how she became involved with the art walk, saying, “I’m actually a part of the Music Club.

The Art Society Club asked us to help them out with the drum circle because they wanted to get other clubs involved so we brought some of our own drums,” she said.

Ornelas mentioned that members of the Art Club and Music Club practiced together for two days for the drum circle.

## ‘Back To The Future’ is not forgotten at Cerritos

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A movie night featuring the 1985 film “Back to the Future” was held by The Cinematic Arts Club and International Student Association.

A screen and projector was set up to show the movie at the outside amphitheater, also known as “The Hill,” from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday .

Admission was free, and various snacks were sold as a fundraiser for scholarships and club expenses.

ISA member Jorge Rios said, “I think it’s pretty cool, it kind of brings a little chill back in the air, because I know it’s been a little bit busy, midterms are coming up,” he said.

A few students that had arrived early came with blankets and Snuggles to keep warm.

Business major Jerry McDonald commented on the choice of movie.

“It’s an awesome movie, it’s a classic. Who doesn’t like ‘Back to the Future?’”



COURTESY OF CERRITOS COLLEGE THEATER DEPARTMENT  
**Expressing fear in theatre:** Nelly Windrod (Natasha Lopez) scolds her mother Mary Windrod (Doreen Wiley) in the spring production of “The Rimers of Eldritch.” Wiley is a professional actress who was nervous in playing the “difficult” part of Mary Windrod.

## Theater Department pulls off complex production

### Play Review

*The Rimers of Eldritch*  
**Starring:** Doreen Wiley  
**Director:** Janet Miller  
**Rating:** ★ ★ ★

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“The Rimers of Eldritch” is a very complex production that was well pulled off by the cast.

“Eldritch,” a play focusing on a murder, was presented in limited space in the studio theatre.

The structure alone is reason enough to go see this play.

The acting wasn’t great but the fact that the structure of the play is off guard, it is a new experience to know about.

While the production value was not as great as the acting done by the cast.

No props, no furniture, no cars, no counters, nothing was placed on the stage of the production.

The audience has to pay attention to what is being said about where the characters are at. That way the audience will imagine the scenery.

This play is tricky to follow because it starts to in present of the play, goes to middle, through the past, back to the present, back to the past, to the present, as if the play itself wants to constantly remind the audience what is happening to the story and goes back.

The lighting of the scenery was off at times, there wasn’t a focus on which character to concentrate.

The only way a person could tell who to focus on was when a character was speaking to the audience.

Hair designer Christine Stahl-Steinkamp, could have done a better job to have more creativity to express the 1960s if she styled more than just pony-tails on the majority of the girls in the play.

The costume design by Joan Goodspeed really pulled off the 1960s vibe.

Emmanuel Plascencia played the town hermit Scully Mannor; he really stood out acting like a crazed man and wasn’t afraid of expressing this character and had that raspy voice that an older man would have.

Skelly’s dirty costume fit well as a hermit.

He yelled with facial expression, unlike the majority of the actors and actresses who lacked this feature.

The make-up, for Scully and Mary Winrod, was excellent.

The beautiful and young Doreen Wiley was turned into an old lady.

Make-up designer Stahl-Steinkamp really transformed Wiley to pass as an elder.

This was done by adding wrinkles to her face, changing her hair and the tone of the face was transformed.

“The Rimers of Eldritch” ended in the rising action of the story. The main characters in the rising action ended the play with full force of anger and fear.

The play will continue from March 8,9,10 at 8 p.m. at March 11 at 2 p.m.

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# Faculty featured in Gala

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The Burnight Theater at Cerritos College played host to the traditional semester Faculty Gala on Sunday.

A musical event featuring the musical talent of Cerritos College’s Music Department faculty.

More than 10 different professors representing their individual musical disciplines were present at the event to individually and collectively perform a selection of classical music renditions.

According to Christine Lopez, director of Keyboard Studies and head of the Applied Music program, “The Faculty Gala has been more than 20 years, perhaps even longer than I have been here on campus.”

Lopez was also at the event where she performed a piano duo rendition of Born Free, accompanied by professor Greg Schneider.

Choral Director Anna DeMichele offered her comment to sum up the sentiments of the faculty after the event.

“There are very few professions out there that make people happy. “I find a lot of fulfillment in what we (musicians) do.” “Not only does it make us happy, it makes other people happy as well,” she said.

“I find a lot of fulfillment in what we do.”

ANNA  
Choral Director



ROSAURA MONTES/TM  
**Stunned by award:** Undecided major Emmanuel Plascencia giving his acceptance speech for winning two awards; Best Supporting Male in a sketch and the Kevin Hoggard Scholarship. A \$250 certificate was part of the award.

## Theater Department hosts Burnies Award Show at Studio Theatre

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Various awards, including Best Supporting Male in a Sketch, Unsung Hero, Best Crew Member, and Best Male Performance, were awarded to various Theater Department students and alumni on Feb. 28.

“It caught me off guard; I was not expecting to win an award because I didn’t win for any of my [four nominations],” Theater arts major Emmanuel Plascencia commented when he won the last Burnie award for Outstanding Performance Student.

This award included \$500 a chance to go to Shakesphere Camp; Plascencia accepted the certificate.

“It doesn’t matter about money, really,” Plascencia said.

Theater instructor Forrest Hartl expressed that The Burnies is, “A great night to honor our students.

“They’ve been working hard all year long.”

Undecided major Shanelle

Moore won the award for Best Performance by a Female in a Supporting Role for Saint Monica in the production of “The Last Days of Judas Iscariot.”

“It feels good to win this award. I was kinda hoping that I didn’t win so I wouldn’t have to go up there [on the platform] to say a speech,” Moore said.

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**A moment of silence:** The Cerritos College softball team takes a moment to pay tribute to its former fan, Ray Gonzalez. Gonzalez attended every softball game.

## Softball mourns the loss of its No. 1 fan

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Before starting its game against Mt. San Antonio College on Feb. 21, the Cerritos College women's softball team and fans bowed their heads in a moment of silence to mourn the loss of their former Falcon fan.

Known to the team as Grandpa Ray Gonzalez, he passed away several days before the game at the age of 76.

Outfielder Sacheen Contreras said, "He had an accident at an away game three Fridays ago when he was walking to the field and he just never came out of it."

Contreras is currently a sophomore on the team and had known Gonzalez for a couple of years while playing.

She added, "He came out because this was his favorite past time."

"He looked forward to this every morning. He would get everything done before we would come out to play."

It was not just a sport. He cared for us as individuals."

After the Pledge of Allegiance and the mo-

ment of silence, Gonzalez's oldest son threw the first pitch as a small tribute to his father.

The team then went up to Gonzalez's son and gave a group embrace.

Outfielder Maiya Tallakson said, "He was always happy to be on the field. When you look at him, he always had great smile on his face."

"He kept his own stats, he rode the bus with us and it made his day just to come out and watch us play. That was the happiest part of his day."

Tallakson, also a sophomore, knew Gonzalez for a couple of years from being on the team.

She continued, "Everyone loved and adored him so much. He was so supportive to the whole team and he didn't miss anything."

"He called us all his granddaughters, just like one of our coaches."

Gonzalez was the actual grandfather of one of the assistant coaches for the Falcons' softball team.

"He was a huge part of our softball family."

In honor of its love for Gonzalez, the team made wristbands in memory of him and the players also left flowers on his seat that he was always known to sit at during the softball games.

Tallakson said, "He was at every game, home or away. He was one of the faces we new was always going to be there."

**"It was not just a sport. He cared for us as individuals."**

— SACHEEN CONTRERAS  
Outfielder

Ray and it's heart breaking because he was the number one fan of the women's softball team.

"Now he will no longer be attending any more games, but the ladies will always remember and love him dearly."

The women were happy that they were able to honor Gonzalez and win their game at the same time.

Contreras said, "It's amazing how consistent Grandpa Ray was."

"Just him doing what he loved the most made him a major factor in these young women's lives."

"Even though he is not in the stands, he will always be remembered by his team the Cerritos Falcons."

The Falcons won their game against Mt. SAC and dedicated their win to Gonzalez.

Tallakson misses Grandpa

## Women's tennis loses in singles match against Palomar College

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The Cerritos College women's tennis team lost, 6-0, in its singles match against Palomar College on Friday.

Cerritos player Amy Peterson said about the match, "It wasn't that difficult. I think the person I played was at my level, I just kept making mistakes."

Peterson came up to 4-6 on the first set, but only managed 2-6 on the second set.

She said she would improve more on "Getting the balls in. I kept hitting out."

Other members of the women's tennis team did not fare so well either.

Sophomores Dominique Luna and Hui You Sohn both scored 0-6 in both of their sets.

Mandi Jenkins came in at 1-6 in her first set and 0-6 in her second.

She said, "I need to give myself a margin of error because I tend not to do that and I just hit the ball, and the ball will be real close to the line."

Freshman Nancy Audetat won a couple of games, coming in at 2-6

but did not do so well in the second set of 0-6.

Kim Diaz managed 3-6 on her first set.

"She had hard hits, and for me, I had to be on guard," she said about her match.

She got 2-6 on her second set and said she has to be more consistent and run faster when going after the ball.

The next game will be away against Long Beach City College on Thursday at 2 p.m.

### Mobile News

Scan to listen to an interview with Falcons tennis player Mandi Jenkins



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## Men's swim loses twice in its first Conference match

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The Falcons swim team had its first South Coast Conference match against Long Beach City College and Mt. San Antonio College on Saturday.

The Falcons lost 188-93 to Long Beach City and 190-88 against Mt. SAC.

Falcons swimming coach Joe Abing talked about his teams performance.

"We lost both matches but our guys really improved their times."

The top swimmer for the Falcons was freshman freestyle swimmer Albert Vidal, who got second place in the 500-yard freestyle and 1,000-yard freestyle.

Albert also received third place in the 200-yard IM.

As far as improvement, Abing said, "We just need to work really hard in all our workout regiments every week."

Breast stroke and freestyle

swimmer Devin Pugh commented on his own performance.

"I did okay in both events. I didn't have a personal best but I had good times," he said.

The Falcons next South Coast Conference meet will be home against LA Trade-Tech and Chaffey on March 16 at 12:30 p.m.

### Mobile News

Scan to listen to an interview with Head Coach Joe Abing



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## Softball unable to execute plays against Cypress

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The Cerritos College women's softball team suffered a 4-0 loss to Cypress College on Saturday.

This was the second time in a row that Cypress defeated Cerritos this season.

The Falcons managed to scramble just 3 hits against Cypress pitcher Courtney McGee.

McGee threw a complete game shutout against the Falcons, allowing only one walk while striking out four batters.

For the Falcons, pitcher Lily Cornejo also threw a complete game but gave up 14 hits and four runs, while striking out two.

The Chargers took a 2-0 lead on the Falcons with two runs in the

third inning.

First baseman Arren Nunez led off the inning with a double to left field then was later driven in by teammate Chelsea Jewett.

The Chargers added another run from hits by Mallory Campbell, Tiffany Fox, and Natalia Morales.

The Chargers settled the defeat with two more runs in the fourth inning.

The Falcons had multiple scoring chances throughout the game, but couldn't execute.

The loss drops the Falcons record to 14-4.

Coach Kodee Murray expressed how she felt about her Falcons at the end of the game.

"I felt like we battled. We hit the ball hard but we hit right at them."

The Falcons only left five runners on base.

The problem was trying to figure out McGee's pitches.

Sophomore and second baseman Alexxa Sanabria talked about how it was to go up against Courtney.

"We knew coming in was a good pitcher. She was hitting her spots and we were battling but it just didn't fall our way," she said.

Coach Murray also went on to talk about the way her team pitched.

"We gave away some hits when we were ahead in the count, we can't do that against top competition."

The Falcons next game is away against El Camino College on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

This will be the team's first game against El Camino this season.

Last season, Cerritos won all three games against El Camino.

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# Women’s basketball ends its road to the state championship

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With the team having a good shooting percentage in the beginning of the game, the Cerritos College women’s basketball team was unable to take the victory over fourth seed East Los Angeles College, in its 72-62 loss on Wednesday.

In the first half, the Falcons started off with a run, being able to get an 18-10 lead over the Huskies nine minutes in.

Soon after, Cerritos had trouble with scoring; shooting near 27 percent, scoring only four of its next 15 baskets.

The Huskies’ Keyanna Johnson was able to score two quick three pointers to help lead ELAC on a run to take the lead.

In the second half, the Falcons were able to make a comeback after trailing by 13.

Freshman guard Marissa Rendon, freshman guard Angela Pena and sophomore guard Armelia Patterson were all able to make three-pointers, cutting the lead to five, 55-50, with only 5:50 left in the game.

With only three and a half minutes left, ELAC made a three pointer that would solidify its win.

Cerritos ends its season with the record of 23-8.

The Cerritos College Athletics News stated, “Freshman guard

Marissa Rendon, who scored a career-high 29 points in the team’s win over College of the Canyons in the second round, led the team with 15 points and added four rebounds, while freshman guard Talor Hixon added 10 points, five rebounds and three assists.”

Freshmen guard Talor Hixon was able to put 10 of the Falcons points, and get four rebounds.

Patterson ended the game with six rebounds.

The Huskies ended up taking the loss against Mt. San Antonio College, 62-60 in the SoCal Regional semi-finals.

Mt. SAC will play Ventura College to go to State Championship.

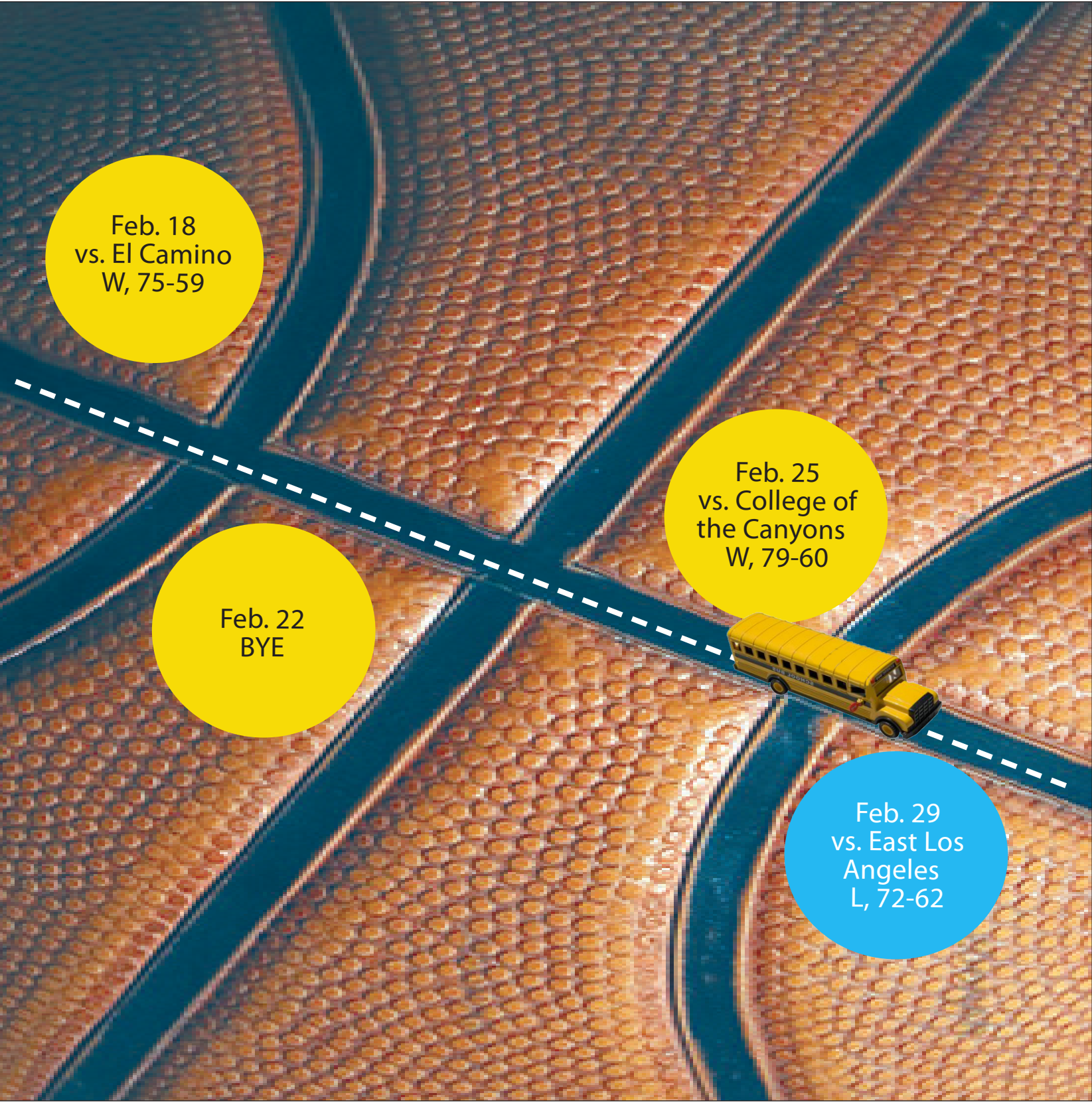


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**Road to playoffs:** Above is a photo illustration displaying every game played by the Cerritos College women’s basketball team during its playoff run. It starts off from its last non-conference game against El Camino College, to its loss in Saturday’s game against East Los Angeles College.

## Mobile News




Scan to view the team’s record this season




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## Women’s History Month 2012 celebrates the woman behind HeLa cells: Henrietta Lacks. Book is available in the campus bookstore

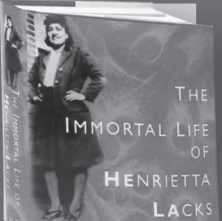


### The Immortal Life of HENRIETTA LACKS

“The reason Henrietta’s cells were so precious was because they allowed scientists to perform experiments that would have been impossible with a living human.”



### 2012 Women’s History Calendar of Events

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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5	6 DISCUSSION 1 “Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” Theme: Discrimination in Medicine 11:00 - 12:15 p.m. LC 155	7 FILM SERIES 1 “Bread and Roses” 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. S 202	8 HONORS ECON; The “Economics of the Biotech Industry” 11-12:30 p.m. LC 155	9
12 The Science of the He-La Cells” Dr. Henderson & Dr. Navarro 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. LC 155 “The Real Sexual Revolution” George Jarret 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. LC 155	13 DISCUSSION 2 “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” Theme: Economics 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. BDRM	14 “Women at Manzanar” Stella Yano 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. LC 155	15	16 Essay Contest Deadline 5 p.m.
19	20 DISCUSSION 3 “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” Theme: Medical Ethics 11:00 - 12:15 p.m. LC 155	21 FILM SERIES 2 “Women War & Peace” 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. LC 155 “Peace over Violence” 6-7:15 p.m. LC 155	22 “Medical Apartheid” J. Troupe 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. S 202 “Women in Islam” Marya Bangee 11:00 - 12:30pm BDRM	23
26 “GENDERED LEADERSHIP” M. LLEWELLYN 11:00-12:30 p.m. LC 155	27	28 FILM SERIES 3 “Women War & Peace II” 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. LC 155	27 “Feminism and the Ethics of Care” Thursday, March 27th 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. BDRM	



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