With the holidays just around the corner, take the time to enjoy your loved ones, friends, and colleagues. Be grateful for all that you have and what the future holds for you. Send a holiday greeting to someone less fortunate than yourself. Share in your personal wealth and reconnect with family and friends. Donate time and money to a homeless shelter. Invite less fortunate family and friends to share in your holiday feast.

Happy holidays from the staff, faculty, and club officers.

**Dates to Remember**

- **December 16**: Faculty on campus for grade checks, final submission of calendars and all TCs
- **January 12**: First day of Spring 2009 semester
- **January 19**: Holiday—Martin Luther King Day
COOKIE DOUGH SALES GROSS

OVER $1400

Congratulations on a job well done.

In two short weeks, the following students sold 98 boxes of cookie dough. What an amazing feat and just in time for the holidays!!

Alice Chang
C. Freer
Melissa Glidewell
Amber Jensen—2nd Place in Sales
Shannon Kelly—1st Place in Sales
Natalie Kishishita
Kim Martin
Candie Mason
Josie Osegueda
Colleen Pippin—3rd Place in Sales
Crista Yokoyama

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STENO PAPER IS NOW AVAILABLE
Pick up your case of steno paper the first day of school in the storeroom on the third floor. The paper comes in the following colors: pink, green, blue, yellow, and lavender. Price per case is $53.

**HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE.**

*If you haven’t already heard the good news, Candice Andino and Clay Frazier passed the machine portion of the California CSR examination. Congratulations to our newest reporters.*

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**WHY I DECIDED TO TAKE COURT REPORTING**

*by the*  
**FALL 2008 THEORY STUDENTS**

“A co-worker suggested court reporting and mentioned that Cypress College has a good program. I really enjoy the program a lot. It’s time consuming and challenging, but I like it.” -- Coleen Kawanchi

“My dad had told me about court reporting. He knows a lady who does it; so I talked to her and I love it! It’s like learning a new language.” -- Sarah D’Amico

“The reason I decided to go into court reporting is because when I was 18 I was diagnosed with an eye disorder. It took me 10 years, but I finally decided that court reporting would be a good field to be in. At first, I was nervous to start school; but now that I’m here, I know that this is what I’m meant to do.” -- Kim Martin

“The reason I decided to go into court reporting is because I’ve always found it interesting. I remember when I was a kid I would watch them in front of the courtroom on TV and wondered what they do. Well, to make a long story short, it looked fun. My dad took this class and referred me to it and to Cypress College. It’s going well so far, and I’m really enjoying it.” -- Keith Brooks

“I was offered vocational training after a work injury. I researched court reporting on the Internet and found there was a large need. There are also many different types of jobs at all stages that I can go into.”  
-- Georgia Carpenter

“I decided to go into court reporting because I knew I didn’t want to be a lawyer, but I wanted to work in a courtroom. I really enjoy it; although, it is much harder than I ever expected.”-- Matt Missick

“A friend told me about it and I got really interested. So I talked to the counselor about it and I decided to try it.” -- Justine Thrash

“I was going to go into court reporting right out of high school, but then I decided to go straight into the real estate business. Once the real estate business went south and I got laid off, I decided to go into court reporting. I really like it and think it’s fascinating and I look forward to obtaining my goals within the program. I looked at many different schools and decided to come to Cypress because it was the best price and closest to my home; and I am also familiar with this campus.” -- Crista Yokayama
ATLANTA -- A judge on Saturday sentenced the man who killed four people in a brazen courthouse escape to multiple life sentences with no chance of parole and hundreds more years on more than fifty charges.

Brian Nichols, 37, was found guilty last month of murder and dozens of other counts for the March 2005 rampage that led from a downtown courthouse to an Atlanta neighborhood and ended with his capture the next day in a suburban county. He will likely die in prison after Superior Court Judge James Bodiford handed down the maximum sentence on each charge, to run consecutively. "If there was any more I could give you, I would," the judge said.

Nichols was spared multiple death sentences when his jury failed to reach a unanimous decision recommending the punishment, as required by Georgia law. Nichols, who did not take the stand in his own defense, spoke in court for the first time on Saturday. "I just wanted to say that I know that the things I've done caused a lot of pain and I'm sorry," he said. "And I just wanted to say that I will not bring dishonor to the decision to spare my life. That's it."

The sentence caps more than three years of efforts to bring Nichols to justice since his arrest that were repeatedly bogged down by legal complications, frustrating victims' relatives and angering state legislators over the costs.

Some critics asked why prosecutors pursued the death penalty so aggressively even after Nichols had offered to plead guilty in exchange for a life sentence.

In closing arguments Monday, prosecutor Clint Rucker called Nichols an "extremely dangerous" killer who would try to escape again if sent to prison for life. Defense attorneys urged jurors to avoid vengeance.

Nichols was being escorted to his trial for rape when he beat a deputy guarding him and stole her gun. He burst into the courtroom and shot and killed Superior Court Judge Rowland Barnes, court reporter Julie Ann Brandau and Deputy Hoyt Teasley.

He fled downtown Atlanta and managed to evade hundreds of police officers searching for him overnight. In Atlanta's posh Buckhead neighborhood, he shot and killed federal agent David Wilhelm at a house the agent was renovating.

Nichols was captured the next day in suburban Gwinnett County after a woman he took hostage, Ashley Smith Robinson, alerted police to his whereabouts. Smith Robinson was credited with bringing a peaceful ending to the rampage by appealing to Nichols' religious beliefs and giving him illegal drugs.

Nichols, who was raised in Baltimore, confessed to the killings but claimed he was legally insane and that he believed he was a slave rebelling against his masters. Prosecutors argued that he concocted the delusions to avoid the death penalty.

The rampage prompted attorneys and judges to question their safety and law enforcement around the state to re-examine courthouse security measures. (Copyright 2008 by The Associated Press. All Rights Reserved.)
Opening: The regular meeting of the Cypress College Court Reporting Club was called to order at 12:35 in Room 304 by Alice Chang.

Present: Mrs. Freer, Alice Chang, Shannon Kelly, Colleen Pippin, Candie Mason, Amber Jensen, and Natalie Kishishita.

A. Call to order

Alice Chang called the meeting to order.

B. Open issues

The Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 9 from 9:30-11 a.m. There will be an appearance by Hero, our club sponsored Rescue Dog. We will also have an appearance by Santa Claus.

We will be selling cookie dough in November and December for $15 a box.

C. Old Business

1. California Pizza Kitchen. Candie will look up more info about this fundraiser.

2. We will be ordering boxes of paper from RPM.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. by Alice Chang.

Minutes submitted by: Shannon Kelly
**CYPRESS COLLEGE COURT REPORTING CLUB**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 24, 2008**

**Opening:** The regular meeting of the Cypress College Court Reporting Club was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Alice Chang.

**Present:** Mrs. Freer, Alice Chang, Candie Mason, Amber Jensen, Shannon Kelly, Wendy Riley, Natalie Kishishita, and Lloyd Anderson.

**A. Call to order**

Alice Chang called the meeting to order.

**B. Open issues**

There will be a sign-up sheet for the potluck Christmas Party on December 9.

**C. Old Business**

Cookie dough orders are due on December 4, and students can pick up orders on December 12.

The California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser will be held sometime next semester at the Cerritos Mall California Pizza Kitchen.

**C. New business**

The Cypress College Court Reporting Club will sponsor two students for the DRA Convention in February.

Almost $400 was raised from the Spell-a-thon.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. by Alice Chang.

**Minutes submitted by:** Shannon Kelly