In 1937 the retaining wall along Terracina Avenue on the (then) Riverside Junior College campus was completed. It was built by Work Progress Administration workers. In the 1930s, the W.P.A. was a “New Deal” agency that employed millions of workers during the Depression years to carry out public works projects. The connecting pipes, between the pillars, were originally designed to carry water for irrigation purposes. In the mid-2000s a section of this wall was removed during the construction of the parking structure. However the majority of the wall can still be seen along Terracina Avenue across from the north side of the Quadrangle. The black and white photo below is of an article from the April 7, 1937 edition of “The Arroyo” student newspaper. The two color photos show recent views of the retaining wall.
It is 4 years and 10 weeks until RCC’s 100th Anniversary on March 13, 2016.

The Riverside City College Instructional Media Center is bringing you this five year countdown to RCC’s 100th Anniversary. Our intention is to give everyone a weekly glance at the many people and events that have been a part of the college.
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