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## Candidates lobby for open job position



**Valuable Experience:** Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Dr. Adriana Flores-Church explained to audience members why she was the best candidate for the position. Rodriguez currently has over 20 years of experience.



**The Outsider:** Supervisor of Human Resources for Pasadena City College Julianna Mosier gave audience members detailed information regarding how she handled similar situations at Cerritos on her on college campus. She researched the campus to see what kind of community Cerritos College is.

### Hopefuls for Vice President of Human Resources campaign

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Director of Student Program Services Norma Rodriguez expressed that since Vice Presidents have a high position, and are involved in all aspects of the campus, she would like someone who has the confidence to lead the institution, and be a voice for the campus.

On Monday and Tuesday open forums were held for two candidates that were running for the position of Vice President Human Resources.

#### Meet the Candidates

The two candidates were Director Of Human Resources and Risk Management Dr. Adriana Flores-Church and Supervisor of Human Resources Julianna Mosier for Pasadena City College.

Flores-Church, who works in house, was interviewed on the first day at the open forum. She introduced herself to the small group of audience members, and gave background information about herself and her years' worth of experience.

When it came to the question portion of the forum, she admitted that the college had great people, but the morale of the college was down.

"I have over 20 years of experience in California community colleges in the Human Resources department, and I think also my

doctorate degree in educational leadership will really help me be successful with this position," Flores-Church said.

She told the crowd that if she was given the position of VP, that she would help the employees and keep people happy so that the employees could translate their happiness to the students.

Concerning the position, she acknowledged that she would like to accomplish some things if she was granted the promotion.

#### Easing Tensions

"I think right now there is a conflict between some groups [on campus], so I want to heal those relationships because by doing that we can spend more time serving [the students].

"I think it's about healing those relationships and focusing on the primary functions of our jobs [...], which is student success and help [students] to be successful," she said.

When it came to Flores-Church forum interview, people were familiar with her because they knew her and worked with her already, but when it came to Mosier, she was an outsider.

On the second day of open forum interviews, the PCC Supervisor presented herself to a crowd of over 30 people.

She as well started off with an introduction about herself, and how she began her career in Human Resources.

She informed the audience

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## Professor gives motivational speech to students

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The Women and Gender Studies Department held a presentation about gender and theologies of survival on Thursday.

The presentation was hosted by Professor Marian Youssef, who is part of a Greek survival community.

She told her story about being an immigrant in the United States, and about a culture that doesn't treat women as real humans.

Youssef spoke of her motivation behind this presentation.

She said, "The main [change] that I want to see is

more roles open for women, leadership roles, opportunities to participate, to be visible, to be counted, and for their voices to be heard.

"Whatever we can do [to] open up new leadership opportunities and [find a] way for women to be active participants in our community is really important to me."

She inspired a lot of students with her life because she detailed all the struggles that she and her family had to face, like learn [English] and adapt to a new culture here in the United States.

Psychology major Elizabeth Aispuro said, "First, I learned about the survival communities and what the term means. I learned that I am part of a survival community. I learned my professor's own survival commu-

nity and how she was influenced to get her degree in women studies and how that kind of parallels to the way I'm influenced by women studies and gender in all of that."

Aispuro believed her story growing up was similar to Youssef's.

Youssef agrees that women don't have the same privileges as men.

Graphic Design major Monica Perez said, "She is my teacher and this helps me know her personally. She is very professional in the class and now that she is lecturing about gender equality based on her personal life it makes me think of her as wonderful teacher and woman."

Youssef explained that religion can be a thing that is

treated differently from others.

She mentioned that she [and the people who practice the same religion as her] have to have written in her ID what religion she was part of. She and her family were afraid of how cops would treat them just for their religion.

She described how in the church she went to when she was little, women couldn't be in the choir. When a woman got into quire she claimed the church told her it was just for an experiment to see if women could sing as well as men.

She understands that maybe she is not going to be able to see the changes that she is fighting for, but she is contributing to her community to have a better future.

## Job fair gives students opportunities

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New job opportunities with benefits were offered to students at the Job Fair on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

The fair was held on the library sidewalk where dozens of students walked by to obtain information on different jobs being offered.

Kaiser Permanente employee Paula Gallegos said, "We offer good customer service experience and everything is online for students to even take a look at on their own.

"[Students] can visit jobs.kp.org to find out about our great opportunities."

Panda Express was also one of the businesses offering jobs to students.

Maria Figueroa, Panda Express project manager, said, "I work at the corporate office in Rosemead and I love it because I get to experience so much with my job and designing is one of the

biggest ones I get to enjoy."

Panda Express Multi-Unit Manager Ernie Ruiz added, "We offer full benefits, 30 plus flexible hours, endless opportunities, and also focus on our employees to help them grow from part time to full time."

Sears Employee and Market HR Recruiter Christina Stuck said, "I started working for Sears 13 years ago when I was a [Cerritos College] student and I automatically loved it."

Stuck continued, "We are hiring seasonal positions at the moment and I believe it's a good opportunity because if someone does get hired, that person can even consider managing a career in retail."

Sociology major Carmen Cruz said, "As a student, it gets tough to find a job that will accommodate my school schedule and I actually appreciate that [the school] brings these job opportunities for us to take a look at because a lot of them have great benefits."

Comfort Keepers Human Resource Recruiter

Arleen Medina said, "We are extremely flexible with our hours and student schedule because we understand how it feels to have to handle both."

Medina continued, "Our hiring opportunities are every week and all we basically look for are good people who are willing to do everything that this job recommends with a smile on their face."

Other businesses such as, County Of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Massage Envy, Air Force, County Of Los Angeles Probation Department, were also informing students about their job opportunities and why students should be a part of their company.

Math major Yvette Lopez said, "I'm not in need of a job at the moment but I was interested to look at what is being offered because if I find something better that will work even more with my school schedule then I wouldn't mind applying and taking the chance."



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**Looking for Work:** Deputy Sheriff Tiffany Park introduces students to unlimited opportunities to enter the Sheriff's Department. Karina Reyes, accounting major, is interested in new ways to learn more.





**Confusion at Senate:** From left to right: Faculty Senate Vice President Scott O’Neil, President Michelle Lewellen, Program Assistant Miriam Tolson, Secretary April Griffin and Student Liaison Ryan Kang. Faculty Senate discussed student complaint procedures, which highlighted existing confusion on the procedures.

# Faculty explores new student complaint procedures

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Confusion is the term that best describes the current stand on student complaint procedures on the Cerritos College campus.

Student liaison Ryan Kang was not aware the student complaint procedures were even an issue the school was dealing with.

“I was not aware there was an issue or that this procedure existed. Obviously, I am Vice President of the Student Union and we’re there to help protect student rights,” Kang said. “Students have the right to be informed of this process and the college policy but they have the right to seek their grievances and seek them in the appropriate places, wherever they deem appropriate.”

However, Kang was not alone in his confusion of the situation.

For a majority of the conversation amongst the senate members, Faculty Senate President Michelle

Lewellen and others were introduced to many decisions they were not aware of previously.

One of the many bombshells dropped during the meeting was an e-mail read by mathematics instructor Dara Worrel via Dean Constance Boardman.

The e-mail contained revisions made to the Student Complaint Policy, made as of Sept. 14. Lewellen, among others, were surprised to hear of the revisions.

“There is a breakdown in communication and we need to get that fixed. Whatever bridge has collapsed we need to make sure we get that repaired,” Lewellen said.

Speech instructor Angela Hoppe-Nagao also discussed a meeting in which Dean of Liberal Arts David Fabish introduced the idea of eliminating the department chair from the student complaint procedure chain of command.

The original chain of command as it stands is, first address the faculty member involved, then take it to the department chair and lastly, address the dean if the situation has not been rectified.

“My entire time here the process has been if a student had a problem the student would go to the faculty

member first. If it couldn’t be resolved it would then go to the department chair. If the chair couldn’t resolve it the student would then forward it to the dean or judicial affairs or other appropriate office on campus,” Hoppe-Nagao said.

She has been an employee at the Cerritos campus for 22 years. Ten of those years she served as department chair.

“At our September Liberal Arts division meeting, we were informed the interpretation of the student grievance procedure removed the department chair from the chain of command because chairs are not considered managers, we are only faculty,” she added.

After hearing of the unknown meeting Lewellen had one question: Why wasn’t faculty involved?

The original student complaint policy can be found in the 2016 class schedule book.

A book that Faculty Senate Vice President Scott O’Neil said is “older than dirt.” He added that the book hasn’t been revised in approximately 30 years.

From the student perspective, Kang said, “Even apart from the wording being confusing, students aren’t

going to look at the handbook, it’s basically an essay.

“I had a grievance against a dean last year and I talked to several faculty members and administrators and not one person referred me [to the handbook]. So not even an employee of the college knows to refer to this guideline.”

While fixing the language is only part of the problem, Kang feels new ways to make it accessible to students should be implemented as well.

Agreeing with Kang, Lewellen said, “It does make it difficult for students to determine. There are titles of things like General Grievance. Well, how do students or faculty know what that means?”

Faculty senate is hard at work to gather up a supplementary group.

“The first objective is to clean that language up, so that everything is defined and the process is appropriate. The bigger issue that really needs to be resolved is how is this being communicated and how are we going to let everyone know what this process is,” Lewellen said.

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She informed the audience members that she began working in Human Resources in the private sector, such as businesses, but later she transitioned into working for Colleges in the public sector.

She started off at College of the Canyons, and later moved on to working for Pasadena City College.

Mosier expressed to the crowd that she was very happy at her current job, but that she was interested to see if she could get the job for VP at Cerritos College.

## An Inviting Campus

“After I applied, I did a little bit of research [...] I’ve talked to some people who know people who work here on campus or have worked here on campus, either previously or as an adjunct, and they have really great things to say. [...] It sounds very exciting to me.

“I like the dynamic of a large campus. I’ve been at a smaller campus before and it was great but I love the dynamic that we have at Pasadena and Cerritos is huge, so I would love to be a part of that as well,” she said.

Mosier admitted that without knowing and being a part of the culture, understanding what’s really going on, that she’d have to evaluate what changes she wanted to make if she was offered the position.

“From some of the questions, it really sounds like just continuing

to build relationships on campus is really important between the HR department, the unions, the senate and the management team. [As well as,] developing a greater sense of optimism on campus that we’re a team and we have what we need in place to serve our students to make them successful.”

During her interview, Mosier mentioned that if she was given the position that she would like to take a look at the staff and faculty contract because there may have been something left out of it, which left some people in the audience confused, such as President Dr. Jose Fierro.

## Tying loose ends

“I was not clear [about] what her approach was because we had settled both contracts, both contracts are current, [and] there were no outstanding issues on either contracts,” he said.

But according to Mosier she was told two weeks ago by someone on the panel of her first level interview that there was one outstanding item, and if she got the position, then she would make sure that there was nothing left lingering with the contracts.

Rodriguez, who attended both open forums, said she is looking for the candidate that has the knowledge and experience to lead our institution for VP of Human Resources.



**Living Abroad:** Director of Education Division in the Taipei Economic and Cultural office of Los Angeles Li-Ling Liang did a power point for ASCC Senate. She presented an opportunity to the senate that will allow students to travel to Taiwan for a once in a lifetime experience.

# Students offered Taiwan travel opportunity

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Free room and \$800 a month living income in the city of Taiwan with the only thing asked in return is that students learn mandarin. That’s the opportunity that was presented at the ASCC Senate meeting last Wednesday.

Senator Alan Malfavon was excited to hear about the scholarships and internships opportunities presented by Director of Education division in the Taipei Economic and Cultural office of Los Angeles Li-Ling Liang.

Malfavon said, “It don’t think it’s every day that people come in contact with a representative of a foreign country, offering money to go study.”

Liang was introduced by Student Trustee Karen Patron and was accompanied by board of trustees President Shin Liu.

“Interested students should contact me for details on what paper work needs to be submitted,” Liang said.

She is in charge of selecting 20 to 25 students for the scholarship that includes \$800 a month for living expenses and the only requirements are to spend three hours a day learning mandarin in Taiwan and the airfare expenses.

Liang also stated that students would have the rest of their free time to explore the country’s scenery, restaurants, and take other classes such as calligraphy.

How long a student stays in the country to learn is also up to the student, the stay can be as short as a two month summer internship.

Malfavon said, “I think she’s saying we’ll pay you to learn a language in a foreign country all you have to do is come up with a plane ticket. That is amazing I’m going to look into that myself.”

Senator Issac Simons-Araya agreed that the presentation was something that stood out during the meeting.

He said, “I thought that [scholarship] was very interesting and exciting to hear about.”

Another agenda item that caught both Malfavon’s and Simons-Araya’s attention was the presentation by the Cerritos College Model United Nations president Carlos Diaz Soto requesting funds for an upcoming conference.

Simons-Araya said, “I’m looking forward to seeing the advancement of the Model United Nations [fund request].”

The total amount he was requesting was \$6,440, the club would have to fund raise 20 percent of the total cost to be eligible to receive the rest of the funding from ASCC.

Beside fund raising 20 percent of cost the club also has to deal with the standard process of requesting funds from ASCC, a process that usually takes three months according to ASCC Senate adviser Amber Dofner.

The problem for CCMUN Club is the registration deadline is Nov. 1, after that date registration would increase \$10 per student, increasing the amount of money it would need for the club and to fund raise.



EDITORIAL

Students should pay attention to board election



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Presidential elections are not the only elections happening on Nov. 8, a number of complex items are on the ballot one of those being the board of trustees elections.

Go out and inform yourself with what is on the ballot that is directly affecting your campus.

Make an educated vote.

It can only change when students get involved and vote.

While students on this campus march from class to class, something they don't realize is seven trustees, a CEO, and a student trustee all gather to make decisions for them every first and third Wednesday of the month.

According to Trustees and Superintendent Goals for 2015-16 some of the goals for the board are:

- Support initiatives that will increase student success, engagement, and completion at Cerritos
- Monitor construction budgets and timelines/ academic infrastructure
- Expand the involvement of the college in community-based activities
- Keep the college affordable
- Strengthen the relationship of the board with each other and CEO.

The members meet on campus at night and discuss topics ranging from new construction projects on campus, to the salaries our professors make.

The latter, which caused great turmoil and tension for both the board and the faculty union negotiating a new contract that would compensate faculty better.

Classes would have been cancelled because teachers almost went on strike.

The Cerritos College Faculty Federation had been at a standstill with the board of trustees in hopes of accepting new contract for over a year.

In fact, many of the professors were confused as to why it was such a daunting task for the board to address the situation. Many were also asking "Who would work without a set contract in place?"

The CCFF coined the phrase "The power of a thank you," in response to the feeling of neglect it believed it was given at the hands of the board. The phrase was initially posted on signs, but was extended to t-shirts and buttons.

Disrespect is a word that's used quite frequently when it comes to the board, as often times board members are called out during meetings for being on their cell phones and/or not paying attention to public comments.

According to the teachers, the Sept. 21 meeting was when the board told them a decision on the contract would be agreed upon. However, almost two and a half hours into the scheduled assembly, the teachers were still anxious to

know the result.

The decision was not announced until the crowd of red shirts moved right outside the boardroom and chanted, "No contract, no peace! No contract, no peace!"

Even the decision of ratifying the contract came with hesitation. After 30 minutes of the hour long recess period, board members John Paul Drayer and Sandra Salazar emerged from the chambers saying a decision had been made.

After everyone returned from the recess, with the exception of board member Carmen Avalos (citing her children), the contract was agreed on and the teachers were sent home happy.

However, this isn't the only mishap on the hands of the board.

When it comes to any governing position, there are going to be a multitude of different opinions and point of views, but when it interferes with basic school decisions, some changes have to be made.

Make sure to look up what the board does, attend a meeting or watch a live streaming video on the Cerritos College website.

There are still a few weeks before trustees Marissa Perez, Sandra Salazar, Bob Arthur and Carmen Avalos get re-elected or are replaced. It is plenty of time to help decide the future of the Cerritos campus.

Remember that although they are the decision makers, we get to decide who decides for us.

THE ENVELOPE

The angina monologue

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Michelle Obama submitted to the political elite when she spoke at a Hillary Clinton rally on Oct. 13 in New Hampshire; which stirred thousands and gave me a migraine.

It was a good show that Michelle Obama put on; how she crossed her hand over her heart to show how affected she was by the words and actions of Trump, and let her voice waver a tad when she spoke about his sexually predatory behavior. She could have been an actress.

The speech the beloved first lady gave would have been acceptable, perhaps even commendable if not for the context.

How dare Obama speak of the importance of maintaining respect for women and girls when her husband, Barack Obama, is doing so many things to degrade their lives.

He is allowing the corporate overlords to send their families' jobs to nations such as China, India and Vietnam- where workers are mistreated.

He is bombing them if they happen to be Syrian.

He continues to pollute their water and soil with the Dakota Access Pipeline if they are members of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe.

The people who are rallying behind Michelle are a bunch of ignoramuses who don't see that she is not speaking to enlighten the American public in any way.

She is speaking to bash Donald Trump, as part of an agenda to strengthen the Clinton campaign; people are cheering her on, as though criticizing Trump for his atrocities has never been done already.

People are responding to hate with anger instead of calmly and reasonably- and it's making level-headed people nervous.

The turbulent sheeple are prone to adopt the mob mentality as an emotional response, which makes it all the more likely for chaos to ensue; this in turn gives me heart palpitations.

The truth is most people do not know that feelings are decisive; they turn neighbor against neighbor and mother against child.

Feelings are not rational, they are based on subjectivity and instinct; and are heavily affected by ones conditioning, therefore,

- They cause work-place disputes where entitled colleagues fight over petty issues.
- They are the motive for every unkind word.
- They result in racism, sexism and nationalism.

The American people should not be proud to vote Clinton; they should recognize that although voting for her is picking the lesser of two evils, it is still evil. They should not be so excited.

I think most Americans believe that all opinions are created equal.

Political scholars voicing educated opinions about this election deserve to be listened to; millennials posting some non-genius status on Facebook about Donald Trump is exactly one tier below Michelle Obama's speech, there's no substance or insight.

Thinking about it makes my heart pound in my chest at a dangerously rapid tempo.

Blessed are those who see the world without the prejudice of emotion, I say the psychopaths will inherit the Earth.

Not your body, not your problem

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In light of the words spoken by Donald Trump, specifically on late-term abortion, there are some things that need to be addressed.

The first, and frankly the most important thing of all is: STOP COMMENTING ON THINGS YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT.

Trump sounded like an arrogant prick with the words he spoke in response to Hillary Clinton's explanation on why she supports abortion.

In summary, she said that abortion at any point in the pregnancy is a tough, heartbreaking decision for any woman to make but the choice to do so is a right that women should never have taken away.

She is 100 percent right. The decision to have an abortion is probably one of the most difficult decisions women have to make in their lives.

Trump's response was completely repugnant and infuriating.

First off, there is no ninth month abortion. If a woman has carried a fetus that far along then it would be delivery, not abortion.

Perhaps he should go back to ninth grade biology and learn something, just like he should go back to 12th grade government to learn how the system actually works.

For Mr. Trump, to use such disgusting rhetoric, by saying that a woman rips her child out of her womb on the last day of pregnancy is fictitious, stupid and disrespectful to the women who have to go through this.

Secondly, do not say a woman has no business having an abortion, ever. It's nobody's but the mother and the father's (optional) decision to make.

No person should ever tell a woman what to do with her body, especially a neanderthal like Trump.

The government shouldn't either. While regulations on how abortions are performed

may be important, when and why should not be brought up for debate.

There are mental reasons, situational reasons and health reasons for why a woman chooses to not go through with a pregnancy.

The worst situation is when a woman really doesn't want to terminate, but must do so for her health.

You can never fully understand that position unless you are in it yourself.

There are always downsides to loose regulations on abortion because there are people that will take advantage of the system.

Nothing can be perfect and the government shouldn't punish many just because of few horrible women.

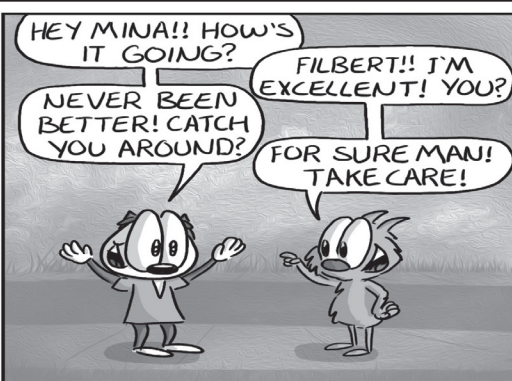
So to Donald Trump and the United States government: stay out of women's life decisions. Especially decisions that have to do with their bodies and vaginas.

It is none of your business.

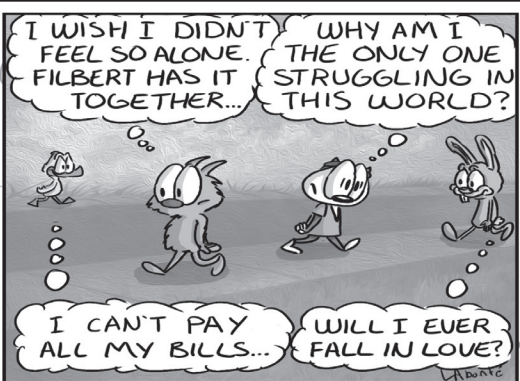
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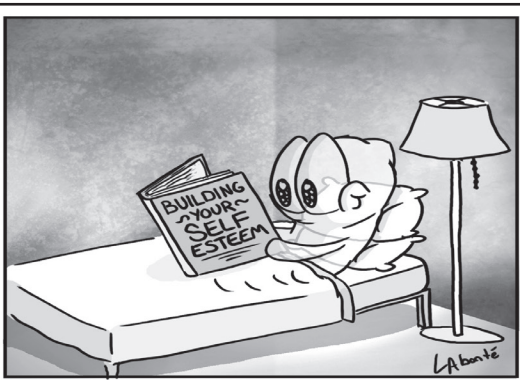
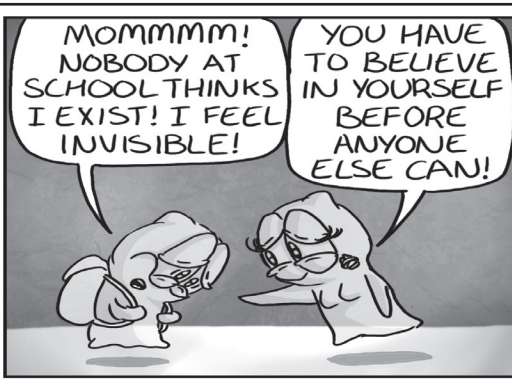
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# Jessica Faye Summers struggles for respect

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William Shakespeare wrote “What’s in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.” His famous quote suggests that a name is not important, that it is the essence of a person that matters.

However, names are tied to a person’s identity, acknowledging a person’s name is the most basic way of acknowledging who someone is. It is giving someone the most basic form of respect.

For Jessica Faye Summers, undecided major, obtaining even that small amount of respect is a struggle.

Having her identify as a woman acknowledged and accepted by friends and family members is a struggle she faces on a daily basis.

## The start

“There are still days that I wake up and I realize that if I just kept living my life the way I was, I wouldn’t have all these issues. I wouldn’t be fighting for what I’m fighting for, I wouldn’t be struggling with society, with friendships and everything in general” she said.

Summers is a transgender student, being transgender was not a realization that Summers reached automatically. It was only after a lot of introspection that she came to the conclusion that she was a woman despite being born with a male body.

She says, “I loved the industrial [fashion] you know nice tight clothing, really fitted [...] it started in high school. I was very feminine at times the way I’d walk around and the way I’d use my hand gestures. They’d be a little feminine but it

was just something that I would do. That’s all I thought of it.”

It was only with her former fiancé Ashly Campbell that Summers had discussions about gender identity.

Campbell said, “It was a lot of digging that we didn’t really reflect on.”

Summers said, “It was just a discussion, but it didn’t go anywhere.”

It was seven months ago that Summers came to the realization and accepted that she was a woman and had to live her life expressing herself as a woman.

“I was sitting at home watching [...] anime

portray these characters the way that they are meant to be portrayed and it’s like I physically cannot because of my physique and it infuriated me.”

## The reflection

Summers continued to reflect on who she was.

“The idea that it was just an alter ego, didn’t quite settle with me, [...] I realized that to me it’s not just a pen name, it’s not just an alter ego, it’s not just something that I choose to be when I choose to, I realized that I was a woman. I was a woman and it is who I am.”

Summers had to tell her traditional family who she was. “My siblings know and my parents know [...] my mom

hasn’t spoken to me in three months. My dad talks to me but it feels a little distant.” Summers acknowledged, “I cry, I do and it’s difficult because you know I come from a Hispanic background and culturally it’s very family oriented,

so I’m used to that, [and] suddenly I don’t have that anymore. Suddenly family is nearly nonexistent.”

Campbell has known Summers for about 10 years, “He was my first boyfriend and I met her when I was 13 so I was absolutely head over heels for Ricky[now Jessica].”

“Jessica [is very] different than Ricky. Ricky was, unhappy and had no direction in life but I feel that through this transition Jessica feels like a full person.

“I think that a lot of that has to do with the fact that she was repressing her true identity, and you can’t feel complete unless you are completely who you are. So aside from all of the horrible things that she has to go through, I’ve never seen her so alive and so passionate and driven to do something that she really wants to invest her life in.” Campbell said.

## The loss

Family is not the only loss that Summers has had in the past seven months. She has also faced a loss of trust in the friends she thought would respect her new life as a woman.

Through tears, Summers recalled how someone she only described as her male best friend attacked her.

“We were having a really good time and it was for one of our friend’s early birthday [...] we had a drink last Wednesday.

“He [her male best friend] turned over to me and grabbed my hand very forcefully in a very assertive manner squeezing it to the point where just pulling away isn’t going to cut it, you know he’s gripping on to me making sure that I acknowledge him in a sense.

“So I ignored him and in doing

so he then uses my birth name, a name that I haven’t gone by in nearly seven months, you know a name that is a part of my past. He wasn’t calling me Jessica and he was doing it on purpose because he knew that it would hurt me.”

The first time, Summers believed it was a slip and when it happened again she knew it was done on purpose.

She states, “He looked me dead in the eye and repeated it [her birth name] a few more times, then grabbed my phone and chucked it across the street.”

He shoved her, and because she was wearing high heels, she lost balance. She noticed that she was falling into a fence with steel metal bars and spikes.

“I slammed my face. I was already bleeding from three different places, my lip was [injured], I needed stitches. It was deep and even still he was calling out at me, not just my other name but he was

still calling out at me.

“So at that moment thankfully one of my other friends being a security guard and a bouncer, a rather larger fellow, restrained him,” she said.

As a result of the attack, she now has nine stitches, five on her lip, three on her cheek, and one on her eyebrow, and a bill for \$120 for the emergency room visit.

## The Struggle

Through all the struggles, Summers will continue to be an advocate for the transgender community.

She said, “Out of 23,000 students, statistically, there’s no way that I’m the only one. So to [transgender students] say life is hard there’s going to be people that we believe we can trust but we can’t, and there’s going to be those that you think you can’t trust but the truth is you can, it’s just an endless struggle.

“At the end of the day it’s staying alive, it’s fighting, it’s knowing who you are and why you wake up every morning because there is somebody out there that will listen to your story. There is somebody out there that will hold your hand and let you cry on their shoulder.” She expressed.

Campbell supports Summers in her efforts to advocate for the transgender community.

“I hope that Jessica, through her efforts and her journey for the transgender community, if she doesn’t change [her] mind, [...] opens minds around the campus [and] I hope people will at least be willing to [...] see her as human and as a person just like themselves, their best friend or their family” Campbell said.

Full story online Talonmarks.com



**Emergency:** Undecided major Jessica Summers Thursday less than 24 hours after being attacked. Summers had to visit her local emergency room to receive nine stitches on her face.

# TalonNet vs. Canvas: students and faculty prefer new system

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Talonnet or Canvas? Now that’s the question. Starting spring of 2017, Cerritos College will get rid of TalonNet and will begin to use Canvas.

The new program will have a lot of similarities to TalonNet such as course names and assignments that will be given to the students for each class.

Both systems have things to offer, with TalonNet students have:

- a dropbox
- announcements
- assignments posted online
- access to a calendar
- access to a class grade book
- access to take online quizzes

With Canvas students have:

- access to download an application version of Canvas for their phone
- notifications reach them
- a record of their attendance posted
- a calendar
- their class grade updated daily in a grade book
- access to take online quizzes

Most students have already been able to use it this semester because professors had the choice to either opt out or take a shot at it.

Math major Jessica Phillips said, “Unfortunately it is my last semester here but I checked it out a little and I think it looks neater and I feel like it won’t go down like TalonNet does.”

## Issues with TalonNet

Students and professors have had issues with TalonNet going down and if the work that is being done at the moment is not saved, they lose it all.

Music major Angela Lopez said, “I don’t mind the whole switch but I’m just concerned as to if the same problems will occur because TalonNet failed on me many times and I don’t see the use in being worried that Canvas will do the same.”

Although some professors have not begun to use the new program, they seem to have the same concern that Canvas will have the same flaws as TalonNet, having to interrupt grading time or placing assignments because of maintenance being done on the website.

Fine Arts Professor Bonnie Barrett has switched from TalonNet to Canvas, she believes Canvas has a “much better designed system, it’s better visually.”

Barrett said, “I believe it helps students success when they can track their progress and it also shows the impact when you miss a class, your score goes down and I think that kind of wakes people up.”

She continued, “Many students realize that poor attendance will impact their success but there’s a few that still need some reinforcement.”

Students who have had the opportunity to use Canvas in Professor Barrett’s class said they prefer Canvas over TalonNet.

Lawrence Apeldoorn, Graphic Design Major, “I like the fact that you can see your assignments, the calendar section is really good, and pretty much how everything is integrated with the app.”

## Canvas has an application

Canvas allows students to download an application to keep them updated with assignments, calendar or any other activity that has to do with the course they are taking.

English major Lucero Herrera said, “In one of my English classes, I began to use [Canvas] and I honestly prefer it because it has not given me any problems, so I don’t mind the fact that we will only be using that next semester.”

Other professors choose to go with their own way in regards to allowing students to have access to grades, assignments, syllabi and other course materials.

## Other options

Kirk Miller, Art & Design Professor, said, “[Cerritos] is providing classes and tutorials for us to learn [Canvas] and it’s our choice.”

“I don’t like anything about TalonNet but I have my own website and so I use that for my classes and I think it’s satisfactory,” continued Miller.

Many students are looking forward to having Canvas be brought up to all course because of TalonNet’s passed mistakes.

Nayelly Jimenez, Animal Science major, said, “I don’t like TalonNet because it has logged me off several times so having a switch to Canvas is good although I have yet to use [it].”

Students and faculty will be able to take a course in regard to how to make the switch from TalonNet to Canvas.

Students and faculty now have the opportunity to login into Canvas without having any of their courses in the system, in order to take a look at how this new program will be working.



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for breakthrough treatments  
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AHS returns to Roanoke bringing a new outlook

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Ryan Murphy has done it again, the FX television show American Horror Story: Roanoke has undergone a major transformation, probably for the better.

Warning: There will be spoilers throughout this review.

In chapter six of the drama the landscape was altered when the producer Sydney Aaron James, played by Cheyenne Jackson, of the documentary My Roanoke Nightmare went to network executives to have a second season of the show titled Return to Roanoke: Three Days in Hell.

The concept would have the real life people that lived in the Roanoke home go back for three days, during the blood moon.

However, they would be joined by the actors that reenacted them for the documentary.

It would be a Big Brother style series where they would be surrounded by cameras and the world would be watching.

The concept added on confusion, yet an interesting reboot to the season.

The real-life people involved agreed to go back for their own reasons, Shelby, to reunite Matt who left her when she cheated on him with the actor who portrayed him Dominic Banks (Cuba Gooding Jr.).

Lee to show that she did not kill her ex-husband and that she was innocent.

The actors would return for money purposes and the opportunity to increase their fame.

Audrey Tindell, Sarah Paulson's character who reenacted Shelby in the documentary ended up marrying Rory Monnaghan, Evan Peters' character who reenacted Edward Mott.

It's a lot to take in when the audience has to learn a new cast of characters mid-season, but it was a chance that may have increased the interest of fans.

Monet, played by Angela Bassett, was the reenactor of Lee, and it turns out she got too into the character that she became a drunk in real life.

The last missing piece to the puzzle was Kathy Bates' character Agnes Mary Winstead.

She was actually given a restraining order to stay away from the house due to her Schizo-affective disorder she got by playing the Butcher.

Of course that only led to bad things happening over the episode.

The show did a good job in introducing the real people in the series, it was raw, it was very Hollywood whenever something leading up to the documentary occurred.

Unfortunately for Evan Peters fans, he was killed off for the second time this season, for real this time.

It seems he can't catch a break when it comes to living through an entire season.

As it turns out, what Shelby, Matt and Lee were saying was true and they were looking to prove that to the world.

An interesting giveaway occurred when mid-episode the show revealed that only one person survived the three nights, and that whatever footage that was shot, was never released.

I guess the world has to finish the season to see who makes it out alive.

On another note, it was teased that horror story alum Jessica Lange would return to play the real-life butcher, one could only hope the rumors are true.

Culinary arts hosts extravaganza

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The second annual Cerritos College Culinary Arts Extravaganza and Job Expo stirred many opportunities.

Students, faculty, and employers filled up the Student Center on Friday for the special event.

Event Planning

Michele Peters, Goodwill workforce career coach, helped put the event together along with Chef Micheal Pierini for the second year.

She has an office located on campus at the Career Center.

Peters is partnered with the head of the Culinary Arts department and instructors to prepare students for working in the food-service industry.

"I wanted to engage students and help them learn about their craft and provide them with companies that have products and services that can help them grow with their craft," she said.

Culinary students that were in attendance had opportunities to compete as if they were in the industry and network with companies who were ready to hire or provide internships.

One of the opportunities -

ties let the student cook to participate in a cooking contest.

The competition consisted of current students and alumni. Ciri-lo Rodriguez, alumni student and current executive Sous chef participated in the cooking contest.

"I graduated in 2004, Pierini and I kept in touch over the years. I competed last year but I didn't do so good," he said.

Rodriguez prepared a dish called chorizo octopus. In the dish he was required to use Marukan vinegar. Marukan is the world's finest rice vinegar.

"A certain item was the sweet vinegar, another was the ponzu with soy and one without soy. There were different layers of flavor throughout the whole dish," said Rodriguez.

Local top chefs were judges for the cooking competition.

Retired Chef from Disney's Grand California hotel, Bill Orton was there to judge and be a part of a panel.

The panel aimed to answer any questions pertaining to the culinary industry.

"It is great to be a part of this, it's fun to see people that are up and coming in the industry," he said.

Job Expo

Aside from the cooking contest, there was a job expo that took place.

Eighteen employers were out seeking to interview for jobs and internships.

Culinary Staffing Service, L.A.s leading hospitality staffing agency was one of the employers.

Chef Bill Yee was recruiting staff and offering employment on the spot.

His goal was to hire about 100 students.

Yee has worked over 1,000 job assignments with Culinary Staffing Service and also owns a catering company called L.A. Omelet Buns.

Applicants are hired as an on-call, event based, part-time employee.

"We send out emails to all the employees and they can choose when and where they want to work.

"It's a first come, first serve basis," explained Yee.

Applicants will be able to work events in the entertainment industry such as the Emmys, food and wine festivals, concerts and banquets.

Chef Yee shares that cooking is not his passion.

"Cooking is my profession and music is my passion. Often people mistake what they like to do with what they have to do," he said.

Student gets employed

Culinary Arts major, Erick Londono has been a part of the program for a year and a half.

He is currently taking the cooking and baking classes.

He shares that the event opens a lot of room for more ideas and gives students more experience to see how it is to compete in the culinary industry.

Londono was one of the applicants to Chef Yee and got hired on the spot.

He is excited to be a part of a job which allows you to work a variety of venues and not just one.

"It feels good because this is what I want to do.

"This is something I have been preparing myself for and I need to get my experience from somewhere so seeing this culinary staffing recruitment allows me to get my experience," he said.

Netflix TV series: Haters back off, a comedy quickie

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Colleen and Chris Ballinger, Gigi McCrery and Perry Rein have struck cult-comedy gold with Haters Back Off.

Starring Colleen as the obnoxious yet soulful Miranda Sings - which recently premiered Oct.14 on Netflix.

The writing, in many ways, was the best part of this team internet project.

This is because of the offbeat and impolite sense of humor that caters to young viewers who will appreciate the irreverent silliness and more mature audiences who will recognize the lighthearted allusions to incestuous relationships and other objectionable concepts.

Both of which have been a part of the character Sings since her early stages of internet stardom.

Another attribute of the show which turned out to be a hidden strength was the ensemble of original characters longtime fans

were introduced to, such as:

Owen Trent (a traditionally attractive totally arrogant guitar player and local celebrity)

Patrick (a "popsicle salesman" and No. 1 fan of the main character)

Pastor Keith (a religious leader who fetishizes chronically-ill people the only black character)

There was also a notable expansion upon the characters that already existed in Sings' universe such as:

The famous and infamous Uncle Jim (who evidently is not a rapist as suspected from the Youtube channel)

Bethany (the main character's hypochondriac mother)

For all characters there is no small amount of emotional depth and development.

Sings is a highly emotional and driven girl who never gives up on her quest for fame.

Bethany is a lonely woman, trying to do

the best for her family while trying to find sympathy and love.

Emily, played by Francesca Reale, is a quiet girl who has big dreams of going to art school while Patrick meanders around the house with the quiet hope that someday Miranda might love him.

There is also a number of serious topics discussed in the series which give it another element of production value.

This includes the financial hardship of the middle class is illustrated perfectly when Uncle Jim loses his job, which immediately puts a strain on the family life.

The permanence of a divorce on the psychology of a child is shown when Emily resents her mother for not giving her a better life and idealizes her absent father.

Furthermore, the extent of the cruelty of society toward people who are mentally challenged or otherwise different when Sings is embarrassed on stage by Owen.

The only thing one might complain about was the lack of closure in the season finale.

Though heart-wrenching and well directed with an especially emotional scene that has the main character facing ultimate rejection, unrequited love, humiliation on-stage and hopes of a record deal being crushed in the midst of a heavy rainstorm, the last episode of season one of Haters Back Off has too many loose ends that could have been easily tied up.

There could have been an establishing scene of Emily arriving at her father's house after running away.

The only resolution that comes is Patrick's bicycle bell ringing in the distance as Sings looks up hopefully.

This marks a step toward alternative media becoming mainstream and a new generation of entertainers coming into the spotlight from the incubator of the internet.

All in all the first season was a success and the loyal following of Colleen and Miranda Sings along with the entirety of the Youtube fandom should feel proud to have such a great Netflix original series.

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“The writing, in many ways, was the best part of this team project

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# Top 5 Halloween movies

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Spider webs, creepy clowns and scary witches; yes it's that time of year again. Halloween is upon us.

Almost every year film studios try and release movies around the month of October in order to get traditional movie goers and hardcore horror fans fully engulfed in the holiday spirit.

In recent (and not so recent memory), some movies have been good and some not so much. So, we are going to take a look at the top-five horror films of all-time.

**1 The Conjuring** (2013) - Most people weren't expecting to see a movie from this generation this high on the list but it's deservedly so. The Conjuring was a movie that placed itself into the list as the best horror film in recent memory. Furthermore, it

could have leaped into the conversation of one of the best horror films of all-time.

**2 The Nightmare on Elm Street Franchise** (1984-2010) - I couldn't bring myself to pick a specific movie in this historic franchise. While I prefer some movies over others, it's hard to say any of the Nightmare on Elm Street movies were bad beyond belief. Plus, how can one choose from the legendary work that Robert Englund put in as the infamous Freddy Krueger.

**3 It** (1990) - It's hard to argue that most people in the world who are deathly afraid of clowns have Stephen King to thank. King gave fans a legitimate reason to be terrified of those seemingly joyful yet unbelievably evil beings we call clowns. Not to mention, the recent craze of clowns walking around different cities looking as menacingly as possible doesn't help the cause

either.

**4 The Shining** (1980) - Aside from the storyline itself, which some may argue could have been better, the performance put on by Jack Nicholson and company set the bar at an all-time high during that time that very few have even come close to duplicating. The Shining was a film that no matter how weird and whacky the scenes were, you couldn't manage to tear your eyes away from the screen. And if you've saw the movie, you should read "Doctor Sleep," by Stephen King. Thank me later.

**5 Carrie** (1976) - This movie is responsible for being the first movie that had me afraid to sleep at night. Carrie was a movie that took horror and fused in super natural abilities. It's already hard to protect yourself against an evil entity but an evil entity with super natural abilities, the task becomes almost impos-

sible.

Honorable Mentions: Three movies that did not make the list but were very close were:

- Candyman (1992)
- Scream (1996)
- The Exorcist (1976)

While this is just one humble opinion, plenty of movies could have made this list easily. And I'm sure plenty more are on the way.

**Side note:** Different generations like to compare things, with movies being one of the many things. While it has been said before, when it came to horror films, previous generation hold the advantage. But I think it's worth noting with movies like The Conjuring, Annabelle, Oculus and Sinister being released in recent memory; It's safe to say this generation is catching up quickly.

# Madea's Halloween smashes box office

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## Movie Review

### Boo! Madea Halloween

**Starring:** Tyler Perry  
**Director:** Tyler Perry  
**Rating:** ★★★★★

Tyler Perry and company released the seventh installment in the Madea franchise on Friday, and brought comedy and lessons to the big screen once again.

Boo! A Madea Halloween continued to prove that Perry has a lot left to give audiences everywhere and fans are accepting what he has to offer.

The Halloween-themed film opened the box office at number one and was the third best opening in the franchise's history, with a \$27.6 million opening, behind Madea Goes to Jail, \$41 million and Madea's Family Reunion, \$30 million.

In addition to a successful weekend at the box office, the franchise, which normally has an audience of 80-90 percent African-Americans, actually only had 60 percent this time with the rest made up of Caucasian and Hispanic movie-goers, thus expanding the audience.

The film's plot was simple, yet effective. Madea was hired by relative Brian Simmons to make sure his underage daughter Tiffany didn't go to a Halloween-frat party down the street.

With the father leaving town and not being

able to control his daughter, he needed back-up.

Of course, things didn't go as planned when Madea and the rest of the family, Uncle Joe, Madea's weed smoking cousin Aunt Bam, and friend Hattie Mae were in the mix.

The film brought classic jokes regarding how children these days are better off compared to previous generations and how they don't understand what parents are going through.

Perry as Madea brought comedy that only Madea can, with jokes about having warrants, being young and being a stripper, along with being a leader for the family.

Perry as Uncle Joe, is the tough father figure, although did more talking than action, even using plenty of provocative language, that added comedy.

Cassi Davis as Aunt Bam has an ongoing gag where she mentions smoking weed, but always pulls out her marijuana card from her bra in the process, as a way to rub it in people's faces.

Patrice Lovely as Hattie Mae, added on with



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**She's Back:** Tyler Perry stars as Madea in "Boo! A Madea Halloween." (Eli Joshua/Lionsgate/TNS)

the sexual jokes and trying to hit on frat boys.

The supporting cast, was filled with Youtubers like Kian Lawley and JC Caylen, who more or less served their purpose as annoying college students who only want to party and have fun.

Perry knew the importance of having future generations involved in the film, and he gave them that platform to expand their craft.

He even had well-known rapper Tyga perform at the frat party.

A scene where Madea's promiscuity came out when she was singing and dancing along to the beat of the music.

By the end of the film however, it wasn't all fun and games.

In fact, it culminated in a huge life lesson that Perry always seems to include in his films.

**Spoiler alert:** Although, a major point won't be spoiled, the overall lesson is for kids/teens to cut parents some slack, and to know that even though they may make mistakes, parents are human beings and it is okay to make mistakes.

This life lesson was told by Madea, and it may have been the most powerful scene of the entire film, even with the strong comedy.

Madea films normally get a bad wrap for being dumb comedy, but Tyler Perry knows how to put it all together by using real life family situations and hashing them out on camera.

He has been able to use that, at times, controversial character to teach the youth of today to respect and appreciate family and those around us.

Whether it's crude humor, or serious issues, Madea does not disappoint and it is a movie worth going to see. Whether people like it or not, life lessons from Perry will never get old.

Happy Hellurween!

# Halloween is a day of liberation

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Does anybody remember when Halloween was for mischief and candy?

No? Yeah, me either.

If Nov. 1 is Day of the Dead, then Halloween is definitely "Day of the Sluts."

Thanks to Mean Girls, an unspoken rule about the holiday became very well-known.

That's right everybody, it's the "Slut Rule."

As the movie showed, the rule enforced a risque look that usually consisted of, as Cady Heron said, "lingerie and some form of animals ears."

But, hey, I'm not here to judge. While I miss the old days, I can still dig the "slut-gression" this holiday has taken on.

So, if you too are hopping onto the hoe-wagon, whether you should or not, keep reading and together we take on my top-10 most trending Halloween slut-wear.

## No. 10: Decision 2016

Frankly, this will be a popular costume amongst everybody, not just the sluts.

So, if you're looking to "sex it up" a little bit here's a tip: just throw on your Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton mask with some sexy lingerie or skimpy office outfit and you got it folks, sexy decision 2016.

## No. 9: Sexy Harambe

Need I say more? Everyone knows about the poor gorilla wrongfully murdered by the Cincinnati Zoo.

A moment of silence, please.

What the best way to pay homage to the most beloved primate in America than to wear him.

So, throw on your gorilla mask with your skimpiest short shorts and most revealing white tank. There, you have the sexiest Harambe that ever lived.

Keep it casual, and less hooker-ish, by pairing it with some knee-high tube socks and your favorite sneakers.

## No. 8: Ghostbusters

The cult classic that gave a little high-five to feminism by remaking the male characters into females.

This one is simple. Google sexy Ghostbusters costumes and sift through the array of search options.

## No. 7: Star Wars

The classic George Lucas film that rocked our worlds for the seventh time is about to rock our Halloween night.

There are a multitude of options when it comes to this choice. You can go with any character from R2-D2 (yes! This is a possibility.) to classic slave-girl Leia.

No movie era is off limits with this one.

It's going to be all about the google search with this, as DIY Star Wars is a little out of my reach, knowledge, and time-span if I am being completely honest with you.

However, if you are creatively inclined, go for it! More power to you.

If you do choose this option, you definitely should go with Padme Amidala desert war outfit from Episode Two: Attack of the Clones.

## No 6: Snapchat filters

Need I say anything with this one?

Cute and sexy all in one.

I'm partial to the fairy princess filter or the puppy filter.

I probably won't be the only one as all the basics in the world will assemble in on these choices, as well.

## No. 5: Pokemon

Pokemon Go ruined our summer with everyone looking down at their phones.

Well, it's here to ruin our Halloween too.

So many girls out there are going to try and dress up like a sexy Squirtle or Pikachu shattering every wholesome illusion that kids today have about the anime series.

On the other-side, I can't even imagine the amount men that will be dressed up as trainers on the "hunt" to "catch 'em all."

I'm partial to believe that most men will be partial to finding Squirtles for some very obvious, but sometimes vague reason.

So ladies take note.

## No 4: Kylie Jenner

This is pretty basic.

As basic as they come for the look you basic women are trying to emulate.

You don't even have to try and be slutty with this because it's already a guarantee with Miss Jenner and friends.

In short, pick your favorite Kylie Jenner (or any celebrity) outfit.

Voila! You have officially transformed into basic woman celeb version.

Exaggeration is greatly appreciated and accepted when attempting this choice.

## No 3: Beyonce from Lemonade

All I can say is, You better slay girl!

Grab your baseball bat, yellow dress and work girl (or guy, I don't judge.)

While this outfit doesn't exude slut, it does exude power and sexiness.

This is the exception to the "slut rule" you may say.

So for all those scorned women out there, pull out your inner Beyonce and stick it to all who have hurt you.

## No. 2 and No. 1 Sexy creepy clowns and Harley Quinn

Two and one go together because both are clowns. One just happens to be an actual character.

Thanks to some creepy people in the Southern Carolina woods, every twisted female soul is going dress in a creepy clown mask and lingerie.

The goal in doing so is beyond me, but I'm not here to judge your choices. I'm just here to rank them.

This one is definitely up there. But if you're going to pick a clown to dress as, go with the lovely and tormented Miss Harley Quinn.

Thanks to Suicide Squad, young women everywhere want to be "Daddy's Little Monster."

Well girls, your wish is my command. I condone your choice in being half of the most twisted couple in comic book history.

She's hot, she's fierce, and yes ladies and gentlemen she's crazy.

I love her for it and I know you do too.

So put on the fishnets and your blue/red bomber jackets, throw your best pigtails on and put your make-up artist cap on because you are about to look smokin' with this costume choice.

**Side Note:** It's the top choice for a reason. So, don't blame me if you look like every other person at the party. Sorry not sorry.

*Disclaimer:  
I do not condone slut shaming.*





**Red Hot:** Sophomore Maria Hernandez works through the Huskies defense toward the goal. The Falcons would go to win the 5-1 making this the 8 straight win for the team.

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## Women’s water polo hits rough patch

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Despite losing of four their last five games the Cerritos College women’s water polo team sits with a 6-1 conference record.

The first of the four losses came against the Long Beach City Vikings on Wednesday, Oct. 19 in which they Falcons lost 11-5.

The loss placed the women in second just one game behind the rival Viking team.

Throughout the course of the game the offense failed to get into sync scoring only a total of five goals.

Head coach Sergio Macias said, “Fatigue and lack of focus,” was what attributed to the loss against the Vikings.

Defensively the team dropped the ball, as well, allowing 7 goals to hit the back of the net in the first half alone.

“We lost sight of the ball [and] they converted on our mistakes,” he said.

The team also failed to capitalize on opportunities given up by the Vikings, and walked away from the first half scoring just twice.

In the end, the Falcons were out shot 29-15 and suffered 19 turnovers to the Vikings.

The struggles continued for the women losing against both Orange Coast College and Saddleback last Friday at the Battle of the Beaches Tournament.

Once again the offense struggled to get on the board missing scoring chance, after chance.

Down 11-4 in the third quarter, the Falcons were able to get with in spitting distance of a tie scoring three goals in a row taking the score to 11-7.

Sophomore Elisa Prohroff said, “At the beginning it’s really anyone’s game, but once you look at the scoreboard [it gets in your head.]”

For no lack of effort the women were also able to score two goals in the last two minutes of the game, but could not come back for the win missing even more chances to score.

While game against Saddleback was only decided by one point the Falcons still could not come out on top.

The team let go a 7-5 lead during a sluggish fourth quarter in which they failed to score any points at all.

The game ended in with 8-7 score in favor of Saddleback.

The following day the Battle of the Beaches Tournament continued with a short lived victory for the Falcons.

They were able to defeat Palomar by a staggering score of 10-3.

After trailing 3-2 at the half, the Falcons came back to score 8 points in the latter part of the game while simultaneously holding Palomar to a shutout.

Team captain Vanessa Hinojosa said, “We wanted to work on our countering [and playing hard.]”

The victory could only be celebrated briefly, as the team faced San Diego Mesa just a few hours later.

They faced another loss at the hands of the Olympians due to the offense’s inability to finish.

The Falcons were unable to take any sort of lead through the game, and ended with a 8-5 loss.

Wednesday the team will face L.A. Trade-Tech for their final conference game before the conference championship tournament.

“We need to focus on our defense and knowing where the ball is at all times,” Hinojosa said, “we are just letting it go to easily.”

## Women’s soccer continues winning hot streak

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Cerritos College women’s soccer team continue to keep its state championship hopes alive with a 14-1 overall record, and 5-0 conference record for the season.

### Light the Fire

Since their loss to Fresno City the team has gone on an eight game win streak, five of which of which have been shutouts.

Starting goalkeeper Ruby Nichols said, “I didn’t play that game, and it frustrated me a lot. Knowing that we dropped down ranking really made me upset.

It definitely sparked a little fire underneath us and we all want the same thing. So we just got to keep moving forward to get that number one spot,” she finished

The home field win against the Chaffey College, last Friday came at no easy task for the Falcons.

This was the first of three South Coast Conference crossover games before heading into the latter part of the season.

The two teams were at a stalemate at the end of the first half, with the score of 0-0.

Just one minute into the second half sophomore Carolina Jaramillo, assisted freshman Itzel Ballesteros in scoring the lone goal of the game.

Ballesteros came one to one against

Chaffey goalie Kenya Grande.

She was able to move right passed Grande to score what would be her 15th goal on the season.

Ballesteros said, “As an [incoming freshman] there’s a lot of compition. These 15 goals motivate me to keep doing better, and to my part [for the team]

Her lone goal would give Cerritos the win and earn Chaffey their first loss on the season.

### Moving on up

Going into the game the Chaffey Panthers ranked No. 2 in the NSCAA Division III, while Cerritos sat at No. 3.

The win would bump Cerritos up to the No. 2 spot just under SUNY Broome Community College (Binghamton, NY.)

Head coach Ruben Gonzalez thinks that while that is a great achievement it is not the most significant thing for the season.

He said, “It does not matter where we are at now it matters where we finish at the end of the season.”

The Panthers have now moved to the No. 7 spot which is attributed to the two ties they suffered earlier in the season.

Nichols said, “It’s my last year here so of course I want that national title and that state title. I have to do the best I can to help my team get to that number one ranking.”

Earlier in the season the Falcons were without Jarmillo, at starting forward, and goalkeeper Ruby Nichols.

Ballesteros said, “The team feels more

confident having the set lineup back. Having them helps the team with shut outs and goals.

While the team handle business with out them having the two back has had an impact on the team, as well.

“It’s been fun,” Gonzalez said, “ They are both really good players.

We are finally healthy and everyone is back. It just makes our team that much better,” he finished

Nichols was out for five games due to a concussion and Jarmillo half the season.

“I had to adjust a little bit because I was out for so long,” Nichols said, “I was kind of rusty but it was more me adjusting [to the new way we played.]

In the game against Chaffey, Nichols saved the three shots on goal earning her sixth shutouts on the season.

“It excites me,” she said, “but I feel that once playoffs start that’s when the shutouts will really matter.”

### Slow Burn

Her shutout streak was cut in the second crossover game against East LA on Tuesday.

While the team won 5-1, a complacent Falcon’s defense the East LA offense was able to score in the last few minutes of the game.

Gonzalez said, “ In the second half we got a little complacent. We lost a little bit of the rhythm but over all the team played well.”

However, through the first half the Falcons defense was able to keep ELAC to just one scoring attempt.

## Falcons see red in shutout win

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Despite breaking a three game losing streak on Tuesday. The win came at a high cost.

The team were able to defeat the East Los Angeles Huskies in a 3-0.

In that win their were over 24 fouls, 6 yellow cards and 2 red cards between both teams.

Head coach Benny Artiaga said, “That they were just bone headed players made by bone headed players.”

These mistakes came at a huge cost in that the Falcons lost their team captain in Austin Mederios.

“It’s one of the dumbest plays of the whole season,” he said, “There’s no place for it.”

The play in which he was referring to was in the 85th minute of the game.

Mederios was playing out in the right-wing of the field. He went to Falcon’s back field. He rushe a East

L.A. player from the back.

In doing so he leveled the player down to the ground.

The mistake overshadowed the first in win in three games.

The team was finally able to work on play finishing, which has been a problem all season.

“We controlled the game, we dictated tempo,” Artiaga said, “I am very happy with our soccer.”

He went onto to say that he was very disappointed in the level of discipline that his seasoned vets displayed.

“It’s a great win that just puts a little asteriks next to the win ,” he said.

Moving forward the focus will be on controlling the game at the end of the game.

Even more important the focus will be on discipline and maturity.

Red shirt freshman, Cristopher Monge said, “We [should have] kept moving the ball and playing as the team. We dropped the game because we were up and over confident.”



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**Over shadowed:** Team captain Austin Mederios shuffles past a East Los Angeles player on Tuesday. The Falcons would shut-out the Huskies 3-0. However, Mederios would be ejected from the game at the 85th minute.



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Falcons Cross Country

Falcons to take on Legg Lake course in conference championship

The men and women cross country teams will take on the teams of the South Coast Conference for the championship. The event will take place Friday beginning at 9 am.

Wrestling

Cerritos to host home conference match up.

The Falcons will play host to Rio Hondo College in a conference match up on Wednesday. The matches will be held in the Cerritos College gymnasium at 7 p.m. The two teams currently stands undefeated in conference play.

Volleyball

Losing streak broken after crossover win

Falcon's volleyball were able to break a three game losing streak against Eat L.A. out scoring them three sets to two. The team hopes to keep the winning going in their game against Chaffey College taking place on Oct. 26 at 6 p.m.

Womens Basketball

Cerritos women's basketball to open season at the Third Annual E.O.S Riverside Tournament

Nov. 11 @ Riverside 7 p.m.

Nov. 12 vs TBA @ Riverside

Nov. 13 vs TBA @ Riverside

Mens Basketball

Falcons to start season with tournament at San Diego Mira Mar Tournament.

Nov. 3 vs Rio Hondo @ SD Mira Mar 12 p.m.

Nov. 4 vs TBA @ SD Mira Mar

Nov. 5 vs TBA @ SD Mira Mar

Mens water polo stays humble going into conference playoffs

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With only one game left to play before the South Coast Conference Tournament the Falcons have an overall record of 23-4 and a conference record of 4-1.

The team's only conference loss came at the hands of Long Beach City College, who beat the Falcons at home by a score of 11-9 last Wednesday.

Although Long Beach was able to beat Cerritos, Abing saw progress.

"I think we made strides collectively as a team and also different things individually that needed to be done," he said.

More specifically coach mentioned, "We've improved a lot when transitioning from one style of defense to another instead of getting stuck in between."

After a tough loss like the one it suffered at the hands of Long Beach, Abing



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**A fumblin' bumblin' time:** Quarterback Nick Mitchell suffers one of four fumbles during Cerritos' 28-21 loss to Bakersfield last Saturday. The Falcons were playing without their starting center Daniel Alanouf.

Falcon's football fumble to a 28-21 defeat

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Safety Elijah Walker committed one of the most crucial penalties in the Cerritos Falcons' 28-21 loss to Bakersfield Renegades on Saturday.

In the mind of many, the game could have been won or lost in the second quarter when the untimely mistake was committed. However, Walker doesn't feel the same.

"Not even close. That one mistake did not cost the team the game," he said.

Key Mistakes

In the midst of a shaky Renegade drive, Walker laid a huge hit on a Bakersfield wide receiver.

A hit so vicious most of the team's sideline was barking at the referees for a penalty call.

Having avoided that flag, Walker was penalized for taunting after leaving the receiver but returning to stand over the helpless player.

Head coach Frank Mazzotta wasn't too pleased with the mental mistake.

"[Bakersfield] tied it up because of his [expletive]," Mazzotta said.

Mazottas frustration stems from the fact that now the team's loss total sits at four, already more than the last season.

It wasn't all bad for Walker as he was able to secure his first interception of the year after having two previous interceptions taken away due to penalties.

"I just spoke it into existence. I told myself all week in practice that I would get one that counted and that's exactly what I did. The feeling of getting into the end zone was great," he said.

To add icing on the cake, Walker returned the interception for a touchdown for the Falcons giving the team the lead.

Only to relinquish it on the next drive after his penalty.

He understood the significance of the er-

ror.

"I can honestly say, my adrenaline took over and I got a little excited and made a bad decision and I've learned my lesson," he proclaimed.

Much to the dismay of Mazzotta, that was not the only mental lapse for the team.

Cerritos suffered four fumbles during the course of the game, including one on the final drive of the game with a chance to tie the game on the line.

Quarterback Nick Mitchell said, "We just need to take care of the ball and that starts with me."

Playing With Injuries

It is worth noting, the team was playing without starting center Daniel Alanouf, who injured his back during the homecoming game against Santa Monica.

"That was the worse feeling especially since we didn't come out with the win. It makes me think, if I would've been in there, I could've made the difference," he said.

According to him, he will play Saturday, at home against College of the Canyons.

Offensive lineman Mark Millan was thrust-ed into the fire and made his quarterback very proud.

"Obviously, we would love to have [Alanouf] out there, but I was proud of [Millan] and the way he battled out there," Mitchell said.

Even though, Alanouf was not on the field he did spend time on the sideline shouting instructions to his offensive line in order to get them pumped up for action.

In the process, the 6'2", 275-pound sophomore made an unlikely foe in 5'10", 185-pound freshman Cristion Brown.

"I was just trying to root on my teammates and I guess that got to his head. That wasn't intentionally what I was going for but I mean it worked and got in his head a little bit," Alanouf said.

Even with all of the miscues, the Falcons still had a shot to tie the game on the last drive.

Mitchell missed a wide-open receiver in Jacob Gasser down the right sideline.

"That's a throw I need to make to put us in a situation to win the game," the sophomore quarterback said.

Mazzotta felt the game would have been close if it was not for lack of aerial attack for the Falcons.

"We don't have much of a choice, the running game isn't working because team's are stopping the run. If we could throw the ball, we would've beat them by 30 points," he said.

The team was forced once again to stick with the ground game despite the early struggles. Running back Kishawn Holmes rushed for 132 yards on 22 rushes and scored two touchdowns.

As a result of being relied on so heavily Holmes fumbled with just eight minutes left with the team down a score, on the 21 yard-line.

Side Note

Linebacker Kijon Washington left the game in the second quarter after suffering a concussion.

He described the play as, "I went to make the tackle, I lowered my head causing a [Bakersfield player's] knee to hit my helmet [...] I remember my vision being blurry and I fell to the ground because I felt nauseous."

Washington, who sat out the homecoming game, had never had a concussion prior to the game.

"It was extremely difficult for me to sit out this game because I [was fully prepared for this game]. So when I got hurt [...] it was just a hard pill for me to swallow.

"You get 10 games, maybe 13 to impress college coaches. I've already lost one and a half games during my sophomore season, I'm coming out these last three games hungrier than ever."



The Chatterbox Corner

Prescott is the key to Dallas offense

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With the Dallas Cowboys sitting on atop of the NFC East with a 5-1 record and just coming off of a bye week, I don't even understand why this is even a topic of discussion.

Well, here goes nothing.

The Cowboys would be idiotic to start Tony Romo over Dak Prescott when he returns from injury.

I don't care if he's 100 percent.

I don't care if he has a reliable running game once again.

The good thing that the Cowboys have with Prescott and rookie running back Ezekiel Elliott has Dallas looking the best it has in the last 10 years even with Romo under center.

Romo played in a career-low four games last season. Not once but twice Romo suffered injuries to his collarbone.

Furthermore, many were beginning to question whether or not Romo still had a career in the National Football League.

I was sitting outside in my driveway with my dad when the Cowboys played the Seattle Seahawks in the preseason earlier in late August.

"He didn't even make it to the start of the season!" my dad yelled.

I thought he was talking about Elliott in his first start against a good defense but then I looked at the game on his phone and I saw Romo lying on the ground holding his back.

From that point forward, I feel as though it is safe to say Romo has lost his starting position to Prescott.

Furthermore, the person that Romo took the starting job from in Dallas spoke out on this troubling time for a quarterback to admit.

Drew Bledsoe said, "The unfortunate truth about the NFL is, it's a replacement business. You get hurt, and someone else comes in and plays well, particularly at a lower-salary cap number, and you end up finding yourself someplace else. It's not a fault of [Romo's], just like it was no fault of mine."

The Cowboys drafted Prescott in this year's draft and he has proved the team to be genius. He is 6'2" 226 pounds out of Mississippi State.

He holds a quarterback rating of 103.9 while throwing for 1,486 yards and seven touchdowns.

Not to mention, he now holds the record for most completions without an interception to start an NFL career.

Oh and by the way, he beat out New England's quarterback Tom Brady in doing so.

The Cowboys look the best they have in years.

Why anyone would even consider putting Romo back in the starting lineup baffles me.

Maybe it has a lot to do with the relationship Romo and his wife Candice Crawford have with Dallas' owner Jerry Jones and his fam

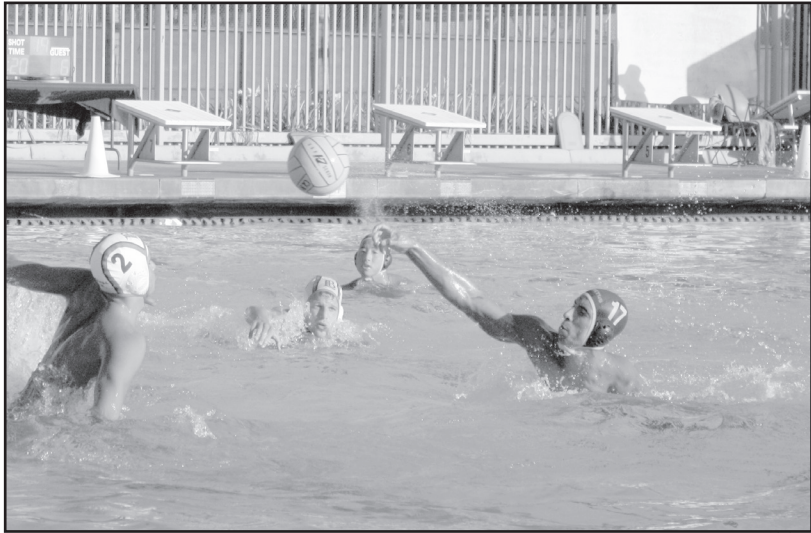
Some have even said Crawford is the granddaughter of Jones.

While that is not just an easy Google click away something has to be up in order for Romo to still be considered as a starting option for this team.

The team looks as if it is on the fast track to the playoffs.

And I think the team has a better chance with Prescott, whose playoff record is 0-0 than Romo, whose playoff record is 2-4.

This decision seems almost a no-brainer to me.



MAX PEREZ/ TM

**Shots fired, shots missed:** Angel Rojas takes a shot hoping to pass the Long Beach City College defense, last Wednesday. The Falcons would lose the game 11-9, their first loss of the season.

us for the conference championship coming up in a couple of weeks," Abing said.

After the team's final conference

game against Los Angeles Trade Tech, the team will have about a week in a half before the South Coast Conference Tournament begins Nov. 4.