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Three incumbents lead in early projections

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While people were heavily focused on the national election, the incumbents for board of trustees were focusing on their own election results.

November 8th the race to fill open seats for board of trustees took off as expected.

Trustee members Bob Arthur, area 1, Carmen Avalos, area 2, Marissa Perez, area 4 and Sandra Salazar, area 6, held the leads for their areas.

Arthur, who was in the lead by 7.42 percent, was initially the projected candidate to be reelected. But, with a turn of events,

he began losing to his opponent Martha Camacho-Rodriguez by 26.83 percent.

Over the summer Arthur attended the National Republican Convention as a delegate for Donald Trump. Throughout his campaign many concerns were raised about his political views.

Since Camacho-Rodriguez has taken lead, Arthur has been trailing behind her in votes.

Camacho-Rodriguez expressed that this is her first time running for office.

“I feel honored to have earned the votes of residents in area 1 and I’m truly humbled by the fact that the voters believed in me and my message and chose to give me an opportunity,” she said.

She acknowledged that she couldn’t take all the credit for her campaign success.

“A huge part of me [projected to win] this election [is] because I had an amazing team working with me. I ran a grass roots campaign and I was fortunate enough to have people who have worked on campaigns at all levels of government and they helped me get my message across.”

When asked to comment regarding his projected loss for area 1, Arthur declined to comment.

Unlike her fellow incumbent, Avalos came out the gate with an enormous lead over her opponents.

Throughout the projected results, she has maintained her lead to win area 2 for

the second year in a row.

Avalos admitted that she is excited that people trust her to continue on with the good work that they’ve done at the college and that it’s a good thing to know that people support what she’s done.

She said, “I feel [what] was helpful is that I connected with the voters, and that everybody thought I was doing a good job. That was a constant feedback.”

Just like Avalos, area 4 incumbent Perez also began her race with a strong and unwavering lead of 34.72 percent.

She expressed that she is pleased that she is projected to be re-elected for a second term of service on the board.

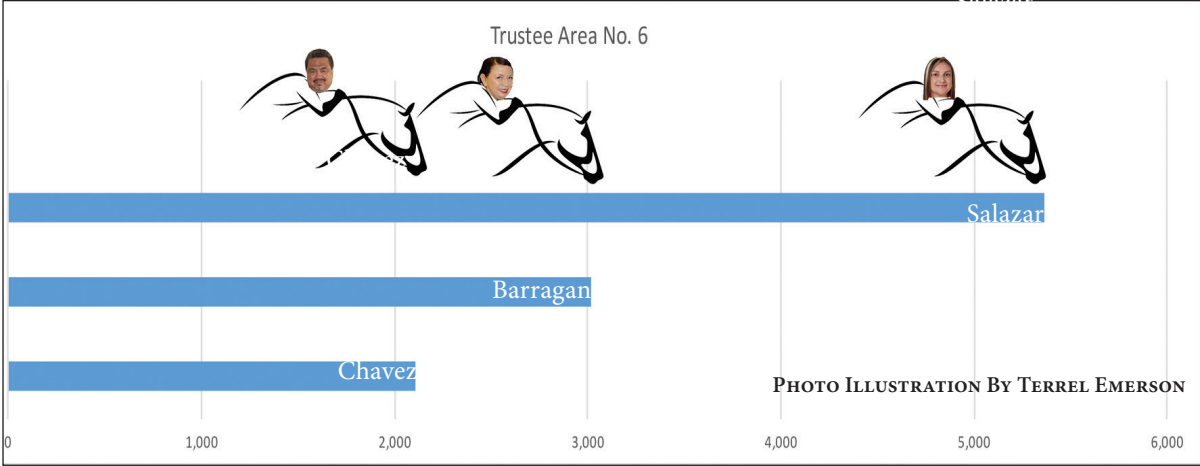
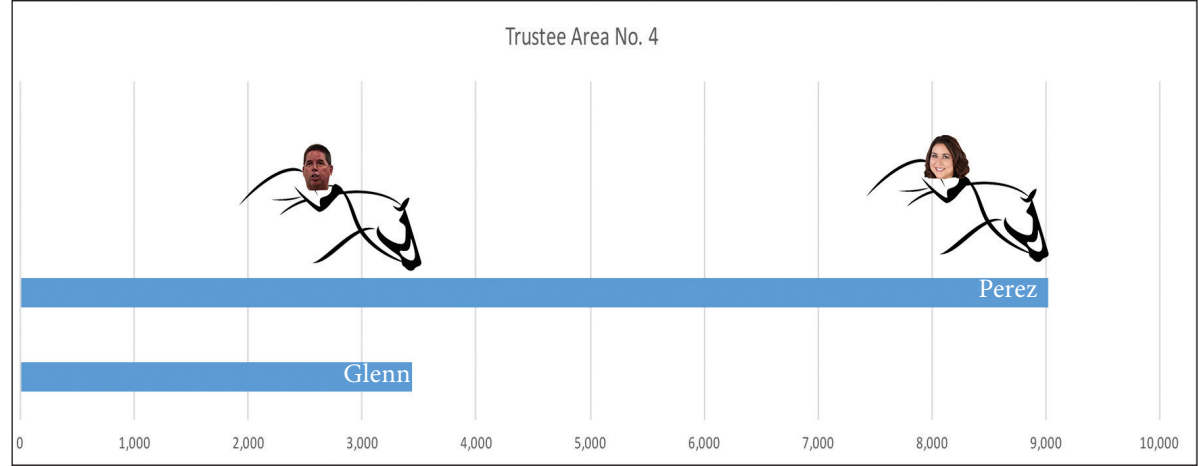
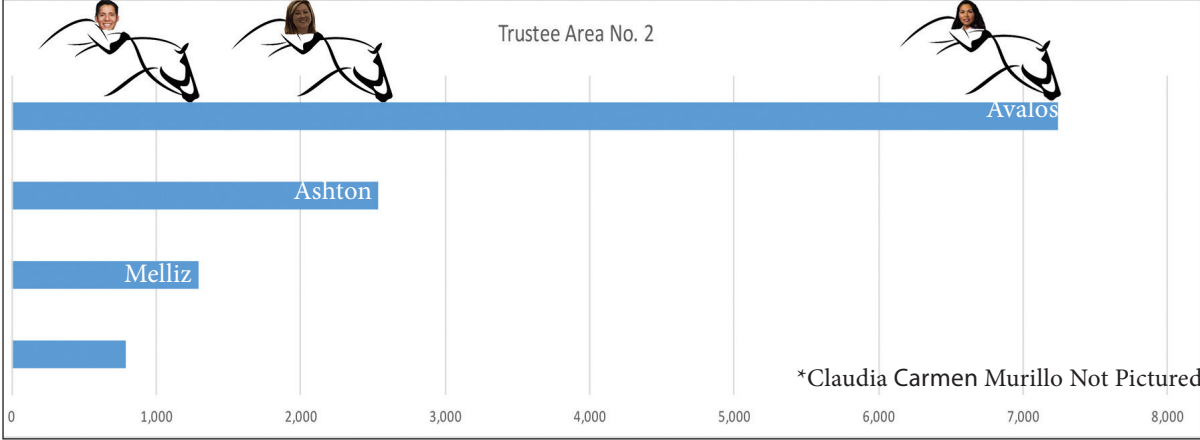
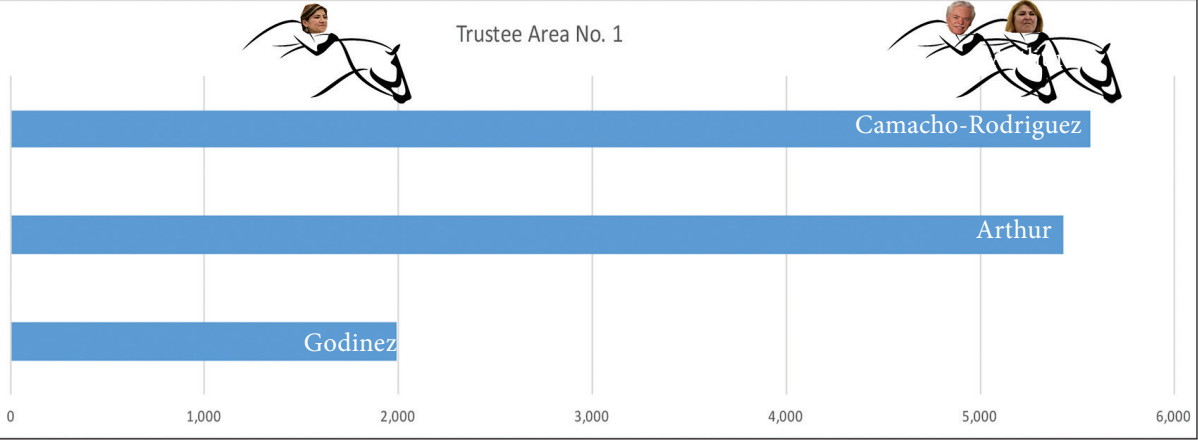
“Since I became a board member, I have

been very active in our community representing Cerritos College. My goal has been and continues to be community engagement, and improved student success.

“I believe this commitment was recognized and acknowledged by the voters in Lakewood, Bellflower, Hawaiian Gardens, Cerritos and Long Beach. [...] I congratulate all the candidates in the Cerritos College district for running for the Board of Trustees and their commitment to serve our students,” she said.

Area 6 incumbent Salazar, who followed the lead of her fellow incumbents, is projected to win over her opponent as well.

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Student mourns grandfather following Azusa shooting

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For millions of people in the United States, Nov. 8 marked the day they would cast their ballot to elect the president of the nation, for psychology major Brenna Varney this day would have more significance.

By Tuesday afternoon, Varney had learned of the death of her grandfather, 70-year-old Francis Varney, who was a casualty of the Azusa shootout.

She said, “His next door neighbor got high off cocaine and he started shooting randomly at people. His wife and daughter left the night before.

“My grandpa went outside to see what was going on and was going to help people outside and then was shot.”

Varney stated that her grandfather was taken by an ambulance where he died before reaching a hospital

A Los Angeles Sheriff Department press release identified the suspect as 45-year-old Carlos Mendez, who was on a cocaine binge.

According to the Azusa Police Department Twitter account ,the incident occurred at 2:02 p.m. on the 200 block East 1st Street,

At the time she received the news Varney was headed to WPMD to record an election night show for Suppylocos Corner, the radio show she co-hosts with Isaac Fermin.

He said, “I was doing an election

show for WPMD, I was recording the show and she came a bit late. When I first saw her, she just burst into tears

“I didn’t know what was going on until she told me about the possible death of her grandfather.”

He added, “She was confused since she was getting these messages and didn’t know where her dad was. I hugged her and tried to console her. I felt useless.”

Varney got to the crime scene right at the time when photos were being shown to the family in order to identify the body.

“He was just like me. [He was] honest, considerate, stubborn, and caring. He would do anything for anyone and try to help out like he did the day he got shot. He would go out of his way to make things seem okay. He was a worry wort about everyone and especially the neighborhood,” she said.

According to Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Lieutenant John Corina two other women, ages 59 and 67, were struck by gunfire.

The women were reportedly leaving their nearby polling place.

“Some of the victims were leaving from the voting location when they were struck by gunfire,” Corina stated.

The Lieutenant stated that the SWAT team for the Azusa Police Department entered a home and found the suspect dead along with his rifle.

According to the LA Sheriff press release, “the suspect was struck and killed by police gunfire.”

The release also stated that after searching the suspect’s home it was found he the owned of a handgun, assault rifle, shotgun, and hundreds of rounds of ammunition

Varney believes this incident is a testament to the lack of resources for veterans.

“It has to do with our veterans not being taken care of like they should be. The shooter was a veteran who [reportedly] used coke to ease his PTSD. [...]Veterans Affairs can only do so much without the right resources, such as proper funding, to help out veterans and the military.

“They are the ones who have been out there fighting for us and we have no appreciation for them other than Veteran’s Day. They aren’t killers. They are heroes like my grandpa and my family members who serve our nation with pride.”

Varney believes her grandfather’s generosity and caring demeanor made him who he was, even if it ultimately proved fatal.

“I would like him to be remembered by how he went out in life. He went out being himself. If he wasn’t trying to save a life or trying to stop [Mendez] from shooting people then that wouldn’t have been my grandpa. He should be remembered as a man who was loyal, thoughtful and brave,” Varney stated.

She continued, “As we got closer and as I got older, I saw allot of him in me. At first, I was afraid of it, but now it can remind me of my grandpa that loved me so much.”



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Tragedy at the polls: Three police officers ride the back of a SWAT truck in response to the shooting at an Azusa polling place. Psychology major Brenna Varney lost her grandfather in the tragedy, he was the only casualty.

Awareness is raised for gender neutral bathrooms

Identity

How a person defines his/her gender based on how he/she align or don't align with what he/she understand to be the options for gender

Attraction

When a person is either sexually or romantically attracted to either women, females, femininity, men, males, and/or masculinity.

Expression

The way a person presents gender through his/her actions, dress, demeanor, and how the presentation[s] are interpreted based on gender norms

Sex

Physical sex characteristics that a person is born with and develop, including genitalia, body shape, voice pitch, body hair; hormones, chromosomes, etc.

The Genderbread Person

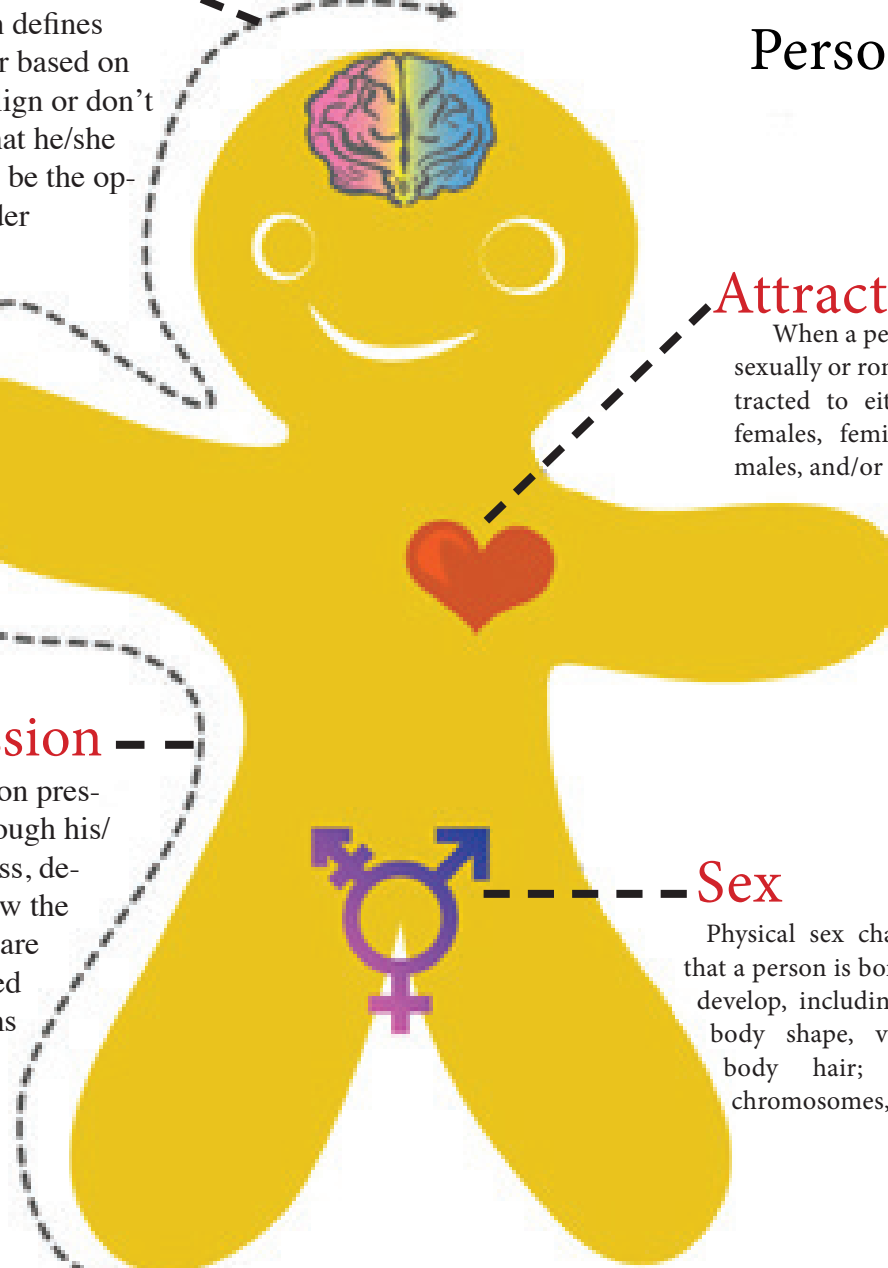


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The prospective idea of gender neutral bathrooms has gotten off to a pretty fast start, as now potential bathroom specifics are being discussed on campus.

Title IX Coordinator Dr. Valyn-cia Raphael hosted a Title IX and Gender Identity forum in order to raise more awareness for the proposed bathrooms.

She has been quite pleased with the early success of the information gathering process for the restrooms.

"It's really just been about asking. We want this and students want this and I've had a lot of support in moving forward with the forums, making sure we have campus inclusive conversations," she said.

Transgender student Jessica Summers was in attendance and was one of the first people to bring up the idea of the separate bathrooms.

"I was uncomfortable using the restroom because I was just starting and I was just learning, I didn't know a whole lot," Summers said. "Ever since then I realized awareness needed [to happen]."

Raphael opened the forum by thanking Summers for her constant contribution to the cause.

Summers has found herself in some pretty awkward predicaments and as a result is in search of a new solution.

"There are times I go to the bathroom and women just kind

of look at me weird. Those are the times I just want to get in and out as fast as possible.

"There are times where I come to school in sweats, a t-shirt and Chuck [Taylor's] and I look like a guy. I can't go to the bathroom so I just go to a single stall. I shouldn't have to feel that way," Summers said.

She also admitted when she would go into men's restroom she would be flirted with by other men, to which she called the actions "disgusting."

During the forum, Raphael continued to go deeper into detail as to what gender identity is and how everyone can be open to understanding the sensitive topic.

She categorized it as a "vocabulary lesson" for the 12 individuals who attended the event.

Representatives from the Safe Club and Safe Zone were in attendance. Furthermore, representatives from the LGBTQ Center in Orange County and Long Beach were also there to attend the forum.

One of the first and most important steps in providing this new restroom on campus is the creating of the bathroom sign.

"I'm looking to get feedback as to what signs people are voting for and I will get that through the evaluations [that I gave out]," Raphael said.

Currently, the men's restroom has the triangle symbol to signal males and the women's

restroom has a circle to signal females. However, the gender neutral restrooms must include both a triangle and circle.

According to Raphael, if completed it will mean a lot to people in the LGBTQ community.

"It provides an extra communication that safety is important for our LGBTQ students. Making gender inclusive restrooms isn't a sign that we are isolating LGBTQ students, I want to make it clear that trans-people can use whatever restroom they feel is consistent with their gender identity," Raphael said.

Summers agrees with Raphael completely.

"It would make a huge difference in the community. There are a lot of issues that need to be tended to but this is one of the ones that will make a difference for everybody," Summers said. "You don't realize how much of a privilege it is to go to the bathroom without thinking about it, until you actually have to think about it."

And for anyone who opposes the idea of gender neutral restrooms, Summers has a message for them.

"You can go to the single stalls if you feel uncomfortable because I'm tired. Believe it or not, I'm just as certified to go to the bathroom as anyone else," Summers concluded.

The next meetings are scheduled for Nov. 30 from 5 to 6 p.m. and Dec. 2 from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in the Student Center.

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ASCC Cabinet eyes year-round campus-wide shuttle for 2017

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A Falcon Shuttle could be making its way to Cerritos as early as spring 2017.

Cabinet held a meeting on Monday in BK-111/112, where the idea of having a campus shuttle was presented.

Student senator Eduardo De La Rosa gave a power point presentation, along with student body president Saul Lopez.

They introduced the shuttle and showed a video on how the bus would look and explained that the bus would be active from 2-11p.m.

Kadie Gurley, commercial music major, said,"I don't know if the

students are going to get charged fare where the routes are, but I support the idea of keeping students safe on campus. Having the shuttle until 11 p.m., will prevent all of that happening (campus alerts)."

The concern of cost was brought up due to the expenses the transportation would cost and maintenance.

Following that, the duo presented an outline that would feature the cost of the bus, along with additional ad-ons that they would like to have included.

After the cost of the bus and add-ons, plus \$4,519.50 tax and \$2,000 shipping, the total will accumulate to \$66, 779.50.

De La Rosa explained that the ad-ons would keep the shuttle in

good condition and would be beneficial for the students.

The goal is to have the shuttle available all year including summer sessions.

Lopez hopes the shuttle will last 10 years with the extra charge battery pack.

Student trustee Karen Patron was in attendance and was hopeful for the project.

"There is an action plan, they're [Lopez and De La Rosa] ready to go ahead and do it. I think it would be a good idea," she said.

Due to Cabinet losing quorum, the item was moved to another meeting, and will continue discussion then.

Projected results oust incumbent trustee

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Salazar admitted that she is grateful for the confidence that was placed in her.

"We campaigned with honesty, integrity, and more importantly we campaigned with a shared vision about what we'd like to see [the school] be in the future," she said.

In light of protests happening

around the United States due to Donald Trump being elected as the new president, Salazar expressed that she wanted to speak decisively about the election results.

"In the aftermath of one of the most painful and divisive presidential races ever, I hope we can move past personal attacks, division and pettiness. Let us be better than that.

Let us move forward, make a new start and move forward to meet the great challenges we face as community."

Although Camacho-Rodriguez, Avalos, Perez, and Salazar have taken a strong lead over their areas, the election results won't be final until 30 days after the national election.




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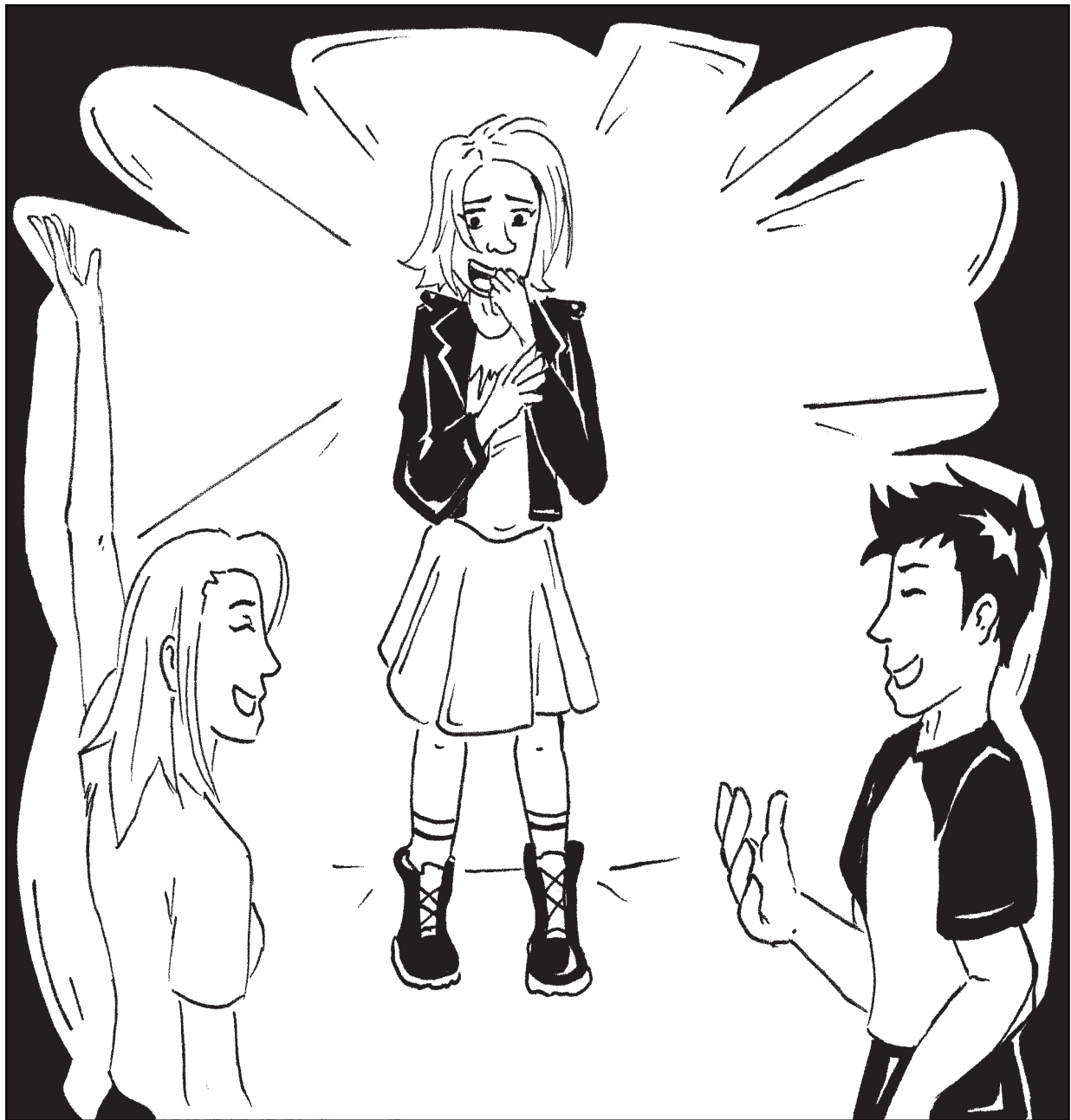
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EDITORIAL

Attention: Gender is no longer dichotomous



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Male and female terminology use to be easy to understand. In grade school, society often teaches society that gender is a simple concept; you're either male or female- there is no in-between.

However, in 2016, the gender dichotomy is no longer existent. It is time to be informed and look beyond the male and female spectrum.

There are things that you can do to help the inclusion of other genders, but most importantly, immerse yourself in the issues.

These issues can be avoided if the public takes the time to be informed and empathize with the transgender community.

The lack of knowledge has become the blindfold that has not allowed for advancement of gender inclusion beyond those so deeply embedded in our society, so learn the terminology; it doesn't take long to search online. There are plenty of resources that can help you understand basic transgender terms.

According to glad.com, the term "transgender" refers to a person whose gender identity differs from the gender assigned at birth.

Gender identity is the internal personal sense of being. It is not dependent on physiological aspects.

When speaking of gender identity, having a vagina does not determine that you are a woman, neither does having a penis determine that

you are a man.

With terminology also comes the complexity of appropriate pronoun usage. Gender expectations are so deeply rooted in society that sometimes people find it hard to appropriate a gender to an individual.

Ask the person if you find yourself debating which pronoun to use. A person prefers that you seek to know their gender identity instead of incorrectly assuming it. By asking someone's gender, you're making an effort to recognize them as members of your society.

Terminology isn't the only problem that members of the transgender community face; there is discrimination by both cismen and ciswomen not accepting a transgender individual as "entirely" male or "entirely" female because of physiological differences. This is offensive and undermines the identity of the individual. One person can't determine another person's gender. Gender identity is a personal choice.

ASCC senate is currently looking into the prospect of including gender neutral bathrooms across campus. The issue was put forth by Jessica Faye Summers.

Summers, a transgender woman, has been a vocal advocate of the issues that transgender students face on campus. She emphasizes the need to make Cerritos College a more inclusive and safe space for her community.

Summers has also been victim to verbal and physical assault; the need to make sure she and others are safe is of vital importance.

Along with the gender neutral bathroom initiative, ASCC Senate has approved Title IX Ambassador Task Force. While other groups on campus tackle similar issues, the Title IX Task Force will specifically enforce the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of gender in any federally funded education program or activity. This group also plans to outreach to the those who have suffered from sexual assault, domestic violence, discrimination, and hate crimes.

Great strides need to be made to reach full inclusion of the transgender community. People need to realize that the first step is to become informed. Whether you agree with the concept or not, is noone's concern. What is important is that you treat people with the dignity and respect that they deserve.

Being transgender means going through a transition where a person emerges from the assigned gender into their preferred gender. It is important to recognize that the transition is often times not smooth,

However, YOU have the power to become a more tolerable and understanding person with those that surround you, but it will take YOU to make the decision to become that person.

THE ENVELOPE

Corporate coxcombs need compassion skills

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There is a certain type of word that strikes a strange and untamable fury in me - this type being one that has been bumfuddled by the bourgeois and sabotaged with the taint of alternative meanings that revolve around the private acquisition of capital.

Much like assassination attempts against Donald Trump, an overuse and an unwieldy use of certain words have made a mockery of the global languages.

Communication is not executed correctly.

This devastates me and many like me who would prefer to use any words we have at our disposal without the capitalistic connotations.

As a good socialist boy who wants nothing more than to educate my good socialist readers of this unfortunate situation, I have recalled frustrating experiences in order to bring you this column.

In my personal experience, the term "people skills" is so appropriated to the greedy desires of the corporate overlords that the only thing that can soften my rage is some good old-fashioned shoplifting!

Since the print of the literarily masturbatory book "How to Win Friends and Influence People" in 1936, "people skills" has been used synonymously with the word "manipulativeness."

Of course, there is a distinction between politeness, niceness, and the repulsive term "people skills":

Politeness denotes showing good manners and respect for people.

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Communism at its core, is the most supreme form of politeness because you must respect all your comrades as equals.

Niceness is a tier more personal than politeness.

It is descriptive of an action done with the intention of bringing pleasure or joy to another person.

I hope the reader recognizes that it is simply unrealistic to imagine being nice to all people.

Some people are disagreeable, but besides that, making it your personal goal to bring enjoyment to absolutely everyone around you is tiring- and it is especially tiring for a certain anti-social Talon Marks columnist.

People skills (usually) include insincere pleasantries and actions that serve the end of personal gain.

It is social bartering, selfish, and manipulation. Just because someone asks for something nicely does not mean they deserve it.

It is a shame that people today are rebuked for not reacting to this kind of manipulation.

The upper class manipulates politicians by offering much more noteworthy amenities, which often do not fail in the undermining of democracy.

Corporate America manipulates the lives of the proletarians with unfair wages, while private industries and elected officials dispense members of the armed forces freely like guns to criminals, and treat veterans with less respect leaving them injured, psychologically scarred and tattered on skid row.

I say "people skills" ought to be another word for "compassion."

Embrace America and The Donald

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Dear Donald Trump,

You have defied all political odds and defeated Hillary Clinton in a tumultuous race for the coveted oval office desk.

Congrats dude, you did it!

Now, what can we expect in your first 100 days in office?

Well, it's already been seen that we can expect rioting, protesting and violence. All of that and you haven't even been inaugurated yet.

But policy-wise you've put out that big change is coming.

To outline, you have proposed:

- Cancelling billions of dollars for UN climate change programs
- Lifting the restrictions on fossil fuel and reinstating the KeyStone Pipeline.
- Purging all illegal immigrants that you find a threat to this country

- Building a wall (which you don't want to pay for)
- Repealing Obamacare

There are so many more, but these are the policies that you have emphasized.

So in short, Mr. Trump- oh sorry, Mr. President-Elect- you would like to ruin foreign relations by pulling away from trade, deport hard-working people (who in all honestly would do all the work that you feel is beneath you), make healthcare less accessible, and let's not forget you want to build a wall.

This is how you want to "Make America Great Again?" Well at the rate at which you will be messing with climate change programs, there is not going to be an America to make great at all.

Unfortunately, it's our sad reality, President-Elect Trump, that you are now the leader of the free world. The Electoral College has spoken.

You need to realize this: You didn't get voted into office by the people, but by the system. Enjoy your win for now, because come

January you're going to have to open up your mind, your ears and your heart to America.

This country is more than those who voted for you. Do not forget about the ones that voted against you.

Listen to everyone, not just middle-class white Americans and elites.

Hold your tongue when it needs to be held. No one is going to take you serious if you pop off whenever you please.

You are now the voice of the people. That means everyone in the US. You don't get to pick and choose who you speak for.

We have all lost something, some more than others.

Maybe once you do some soul searching you will realize that making America great again is not about purging, it's about embracing.

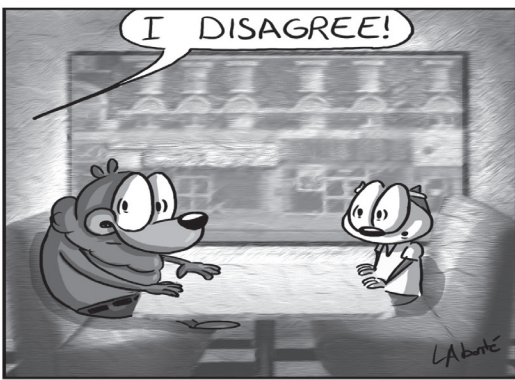
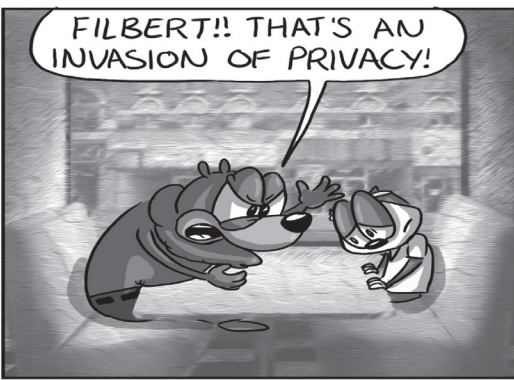
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Showing veterans appreciation

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Glen Pena, Veteran’s Resource Specialist, said, “[Veteran’s Day]means honoring those who have served and paying respect to the men and women who have made sacrifices, and the families as well, not just the veterans.

“Letting them know that we appreciate that they made all the sacrifices. I’m a veteran, but I pay respect to veterans regardless of when they got out.”

Pena served nine years and one month in the Marines. He retired as a sergeant and served in a unit called Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company.

He added, “I respect Vietnam veterans because when they came home they weren’t treated well, so they always tell me ‘thank you for your service, I [say] ‘No, thank you for your service. Sir, you have no idea that you paved the way for things to be better for us.”

On Thursday, a day before Veteran’s Day, approximately 50 veterans were in attendance at the Veteran’s Day Ceremony held at Cerritos College.

Vice President of Student’s Veteran’s Club Gaylen Currie stated, “The celebration was free flowing [and] inclusive. It is always good to have other non-traditional students like ourselves be able to spectate or participate, so inclusiveness is always good.

“[Veteran’s Day] is a sign of remembrance and reflection for individuals who have served in the military, and reflection for members of the families of the individuals that served, and to kind of sit back and reminisce about the good times and the bad times and celebrate because it is a celebratory day,” Currie stated.

Pena explained the significance of a support system for veterans.

“A veteran would not be a veteran or a service member would not be a service member without the support of their families or friends. That is why a lot of people who get out, who don’t have social support end up committing suicide,” Pena said.

The veterans present at the ceremony did 22 push-ups to honor those who have committed suicide. The number represents the number of veteran suicides committed daily.

“Social support is the biggest factor to successfully transition out of the military and that is what the Veteran’s Resource Center has. Assistants call it a therapeutic environment, and it is. We come here and get our work done, but it’s more [...] it’s a camaraderie we built in the military, you [also] find outside the military” Pena said.

Some people choose not to observe or acknowledge the holiday or the veterans, and Pena expresses that it is not their fault.

He believes that institutions should promote the awareness for the holiday.

He adds, “All it takes is five minutes to find out what it means, and what it means to others. Read a quote, talk to a veteran, but most of all, if you are not a veteran, and you know of Veteran’s Day, educate people and what it is and advocate for veterans even if you don’t believe they fought for your freedom, they are human beings that put themselves out there. Even if you don’t appreciate a veteran, just respect them. Cerritos College does a great job. We have the best campus Veteran’s Resource Center than anywhere I’ve been” he said.

CELENA’S SAFE HAVEN Unfathomable America’s President-elect is Trump

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We have never been more thoroughly disappointed in our country than in the moment the media announced Donald Trump as the new president-elect.

Even having to acknowledge that he, is in fact, the new president-elect of the United States perplexes me.

For people to be able to see past his negative rants toward minorities and women and actually cast their vote for him is beyond stupidity.

How could a man with no prior experience in politics and bankrupt businesses be elected to lead this country?

This tells us and other minorities that the majority of white voters who chose him chose to spit in our faces.

Why would we want someone in power who expressed, “It’s time to start remembering the forgotten people?”

We can read between the lines and see that when it concerns the forgotten people he’s referring to the white Americans.

White Americans weren’t the majority anymore after the Civil Rights movement because minorities were no longer willing to take a back seat in America.

It terrifies us that we feel like at any moment life could revert

itself back to the 1950s.

Everything looks normal and feels normal, but in reality we know that it’s not.

We can’t help thinking that everything will not be okay, and that this is only the beginning.

We can see this by the attacks on Muslim students at universities and the taunting of a wall to minorities by middle and high school children all on Day one.

Trump wants to “Make America Great Again,” but in making it great again, what is he referring to and who does he have pictured in mind?

It’s easy to say that we feel minorities aren’t a part of that picture because as minorities we don’t catch that vibe from him, but in all honesty I don’t know what that means.

We are in an utter state of shock and fear. We fear not only for our lives, but for the lives of the loved ones around us.

Fear for our immigrant grandparents who take walks to the supermarket, our family member who are gay who live in a conservative state, our undocumented friends who fearlessly go about their daily lives.

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Thoughts on Donald Trump's Win



"Honestly I'm not happy with the election, but I am willing to give him equal chance even though he may be truth d**k doesn't mean I have to be a d**k. I am going to stick to my morals to the very end.
-Andrew Fernandez, Graphing Design Major

"You see these campuses, how all these students are protesting because they don't want Trump to take the rights of our friends and family, for being gay or because they happen to be an immigrant. It's scary. We just got some rights in, gay marriage was just legalized and now Trump wants to take it away, it's just not right."
-Aaron Prevost, fine arts major

"I find it completely bulls**t, like Hillary won by popular vote, Trump won by electoral vote, so it's kind of messing with your mind a bit, and for the future it upholds, I'm not quite sure, I'm very curious how he's going to do the wall thing, even though I'm against it, I'm curious how that's going to impact the rest of us [...] Honestly, he's not fit to be president [...] I didn't trust Hillary either, but I know she's better than Trump obviously [...] how I see Donald Trump as president, I'm honestly afraid."
-Jesus Franco, mechanical engineer major,

"It's definitely bs. Apparently not a lot of Hillary supporters actually went out or maybe Trump supporters did outwin, which is bs. That just means a lot of people inherently agree with Trump. This racism and bigotry, but is that what we deserve? That's what we get America. We're going to have to put up with it for the next four years."
-Juan Serrano, geography major

"I am actually really disappointed, but is something that happened and we can't do much about it now. I am just expecting the best out of things."
-Leslie Ramos, Accounting Major

"I feel really disappointed. I come from a family full of Latinos. My parents being Latinos, being born in Mexico and having to struggle to come over here. It is really disappointing that everybody is like so against us, but hopefully I don't know we will see how it turns out."
Ashly Martinez, medical field major

"It's surprising but they were both bad candidates in the first place. I guess because he has very little political experience in general. If he has ambition he'll get good at it real quick, he may end up being a good president if he has ambition and wants to learn."
Hans Magdaleno, political science major

"I come from a family of immigrants, so it hurt me that he won. I don't like the idea of him being president and I feel like his presidency years are going to be hell."
-Emily Venegas, teaching major

"We should have thought better. Hillary Clinton deserved to win. Let's see how things go on."
Jose Gonzales, Criminal Justice

"It's a bittersweet feeling in a sense because you don't know what is going to happen. You know we have sexism and homophobia and things of that sort, so it's kind of like a gamble. You can't really make a judgement like that. I feel that for the next four years we just have to have our fingers crossed and hope that love and positivity comes out."
-Capone Walker, theater major

"I feel like as a gay person and as a black person, I was sad. I felt like 'ok what does that mean? Would I go back to my country? Will people treat me differently because I am gay now that he is president."
-Donald Uti, culinary arts major

"It's not what I expected to have like a (explicit) cheeto for a president, people are tripping balls way too much, they're making these nightmare scenarios that this is going to be the next Nazi Germany. [...] I'm just looking forward to the next four years, until the next election, until I have a better choice, because I didn't like either candidate, I guess I have to be hopeful."
-Darios Cambron, paralegal major

"It was a shocker but I kind of already knew that he was [going to] become president because the people that he gravitated toward, he kind of fed the ignorance. [...] he was going to overcome in the end. It's kind of sad but true it was pretty shocking. God help us."
Nathaniel Woodson, theater major

"This election turned out to be a real disappointment to me because I am a Latina. It's not the fact that he won, it is the fact that people who voted for him are a bit aggressive. They don't understand what we've been through and everything that they say about that is not necessarily true. I truly believe that the reason that he won is not because a lot of people voted him, there are also a lot of sexists out there who don't want Hillary or a woman to be president. If Trump was running against another male, the other opponent would have won."
-Karina Rubio, biology major

"Aside from him being pretty much sexist and racist and a bigot, and all those. I feel like no matter what the choice was going to be, it was still going to be just as bad, that just because Trump is a little more vocal than Hillary on these things, doesn't make her the lesser of two evils, cause I feel like they both have the same agendas, wars are still going to be going on [...] I feel like Sanders has a completely different point of view. The word fear doesn't cross my mind because I know that we live in a time where, media is not as powerful as it used to be. People now see more, they interact more, so they meet different kinds of people, so the word fear, terrorizing, I'm not scared, it doesn't affect me at all."
Laila Saab, undecided major

"I was very disappointed in America, throughout his whole campaign he said a lot of things that offended a lot of people, so I don't see how he was elected as president when he offended so many people [...] I just don't understand how he won [the election]."
-Francisco Naranjo, computer information sciences major

"I didn't really care [because] bulls**t is always going to happen, and we should just see what happens and hope for the best because we are not [going to] know what he is going to do, like how Obama did, so we might give him a try."
-Henry Garcia, engineering design major

"I really don't like it, because he's supposedly a real state type of person he has like Trump Airlines, lets say all his things were bankrupt [...] I really don't trust him [...] I mean we can't do much now. I honestly don't know what to expect from him [...] None of his policies were really put out there now that he is being elected a lot is coming out."
Saul Rodriguez Business Major

"I wasn't surprised, [...] What does worry me is racism spreading across the nation and violence, that's the only thing that concerns me."
Alexis Ayala, business major

"My whole family sat and cried together [be]cause we felt really passionate about that. We thought about the sociological implications of what people feel [...] If you are studying politics, now is the time to use that, if you are studying art like I am, now is the time to be an artist. [...] I think right now is the time to speak your truth, whatever that may be, as long as you are in an environment where you can safely do so."
Isaac Simons-Araya, theater arts major

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The above illustration reflects the thoughts of the specific students on the Cerritos College campus. Students gave their thoughts and initial reaction to the election of Donald Trump as America's new president-elect.
In a close race CNN reports that Trump won the electoral vote with 290 votes despite his opponent Hillary Clinton winning the popular vote.

Art show unites students



Abstract Feel: Among many of McPhee's abstract paintings she had the "Prism Prison (So natural I forget to look). In this paintnng there are various quotations from Angela Dais's text: "Are prisons Obsolete?"

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Art major Bradley Okundolor described Christina McPhee's art work as having an abstract feel. "At the same time it's kind of grounded in reality because I can sometimes picture shapes within the art work that I know as objects in real life," he said. McPhee closed out the last day of her solo art show at Cerritos on Saturday. The gallery didn't have as big of a turn out as the debut of her art work, but a few stopped by to admire her work one last time. Megan Luke, assistant art professor at the University of Southern California, has been following McPhee's work for as long as she's known her for almost four years. "It's very interesting being in this show because I visited her studio, just outside San Luis Obispo, [...] and I saw certain works that looked like these canvases that had these moments of density

and openness, so there's a couple paintings that are like that. "And I hadn't yet seen these much more heavily encrusted surfaces, where you know when you really see her craving into the paint and their super colorful, but also the clusters seem to have taken over the whole surface," she stated. McPhee's solo show featured two different series of work, Double Blind Studio Series and Second Sight. Although the Second Sight series was the name headlined on the banner, the Double Blind Studio series helped show McPhee's transition and growth as an artist. According to Luke she acknowledged that in the Double Blind Studio series was work that McPhee had done before Luke's studio visit. "I feel like there [are] three series here. I love her drawings in [the Double Blind Studio series]. I think the drawings are really suggesting to me a new direction for her work, and she was telling me

about what she's working on now. "So I feel like [...] it's a little mini retrospective in some way," she admitted. Timothy Grundy, Luke's husband, expressed that when he saw McPhee's art work in person that he was able to see it from different angles and surfaces. Regarding her art work being showcased in the campus gallery, she said that the students have been amazing. "I really enjoyed giving the [slideshow] lecture. I really thought the students here are amazing. So I really loved being able to bring something that could be, work that could take time to unfold for [the students]. "With both the big picture images and then when go zooming down into tiny details, I think that's how we absorb images today through the internet and everything. So this is in a way like a post internet work because its influenced by digital media and the way that we see," she said.

McPhee admitted that she felt validated in the fact that students were so engaged in her work. Among the guest that dropped in was president Dr. Jose Fierro. Fierro, who was in attendance at the solo gallery show opening, gained a new insight on her art work. "I think I see different things in the paintings. Actually, the first time around I really liked the [Prism prison] painting, and I still like it, but now that I looked at "A Single Dose of Synthetic Estrogen Can Prolong This Golden Hour" closer and I learned about the story I like this one better. "These paintings are meant to be dissected, you'll see other things as you look at them from [a distance]," he stated. Although McPhee was supposed to debut her new book on the eve of her last art show, circumstances slightly pushed back her book's release and in the upcoming month, McPhee will premiere her new book in New York City.

Shut In delivers a plot twist with thriller moments

Movie Review

Shut In

Starring: Naomi Watts
Director: Farren Blackburn
Rating: ★★☆☆☆

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This movie managed to somehow defy expectations. It has a talented cast and stars Naomi Watts who plays Mary Portman, a widowed child psychologist with a disabled son. As the winter storm approaches her New England town, she needs to find one of her young patients who has gone missing. Despite a rather basic premise the film plays out more intriguingly than one might assume. Watts is serviceable as the lead and manages to shine despite it not being the typical serious fare she takes part in. Jacob Tremblay plays the young deaf patient Tom that Watts's character takes special care of with Charlie Heaton as Steven Portman, the disabled son an important character in the film not to be overlooked. The psychological aspect the film touched upon was great. Mary has nightmares and visions she can't seem to control. She seeks help in a colleague and friend played by Oliver Platt. The idea of a psychologist dealing with psychological issues and seeking help was an important storytelling tool for Shut In. Elements like that add a touch of reality and extra layers to the film. The film starts out slow and it doesn't necessarily point in any particular direction. This movie veers in one direction due to the set up that comes later. It's somewhat difficult to describe it without revealing the twist, which changes the entire direction of the film. Shut In has a twist that will make you gasp. When it happens, things get real. The film was not trying to be cliché and go for the obvious easy ghost scares. The sense of reality is the biggest

scare the movie provides. If you're hoping for Shut In to get you constantly jumping and give you legitimate scares, then you're better off seeing The Conjuring. This film is a lot more psychologically centered. It's the mind that plays tricks and makes things feel uneasy, which the film captures nicely. The major twist is worth the price of admission, with the moments of reality separating it from other horror thrillers. The psychological aspect put it beyond surface-level quality. The drawbacks are the lack of genuinely scary moments and the sustainability of suspense. The unknown that surrounded Mary wasn't dangerous enough to have me fearing for her at every moment. This movie could have been pulled off without Tom, who was given a lot more focus than earned or deserved. When it comes to the movie title, Shut In, it doesn't give the ideal representation of what happens in the plot. Sure the characters are trapped or "shut in" the home due to a storm, but there is a lot more to it. Overall, Watts does nice work taking the character to places where it tricks the viewer. Is she crazy and losing her mind, or is she sane and rational? Those are the questions her character poses to the viewer. Shut In is a thriller with thrilling moments that will widen your eyes. The ending is a little too formulaic and cheap, but payoff of the twist justifies it enough to make it digestible. The runtime is ideal at 91 minutes—it doesn't drag, and accomplishes what it needs to. The film was pleasantly surprising and its set-up and execution of the plot ends up working in the end.

Mo' Fashion: Vintage style inspires fall outfit looks in 2016

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Vintage style can be described as looks inspired by the fashions of the past. Throughout the last couple of seasons vintage look have held a firm grasp in the fashion world. We have seen big retailers/brands, such as Urban Outfitters this lifestyle look quite heavily. When thinking of mainstream vintage, a 1970s boho look comes more to mind. Even stars such as Vanessa Hudgens can be seen sporting this look. However, the boho vintage style has taken a back seat to the style of the 1990s. Completely skipping over the style of the 1980s. These looks have brought back pieces such as delicate choker neck-

laces, denim skirts, overalls and graphic tees just to name a few. But as we speed through fall and into the winter months this look has also taken a back seat. For me, these vintage looks will always be a staple in my wardrobe. My love of vintage looks wont ever waiver just because the fashion gods have spoken against them. I am all about the high-waisted wide legged pants, cropped bell sleeve tops with an occsional torn up concert tee/flannel mix for a 90's flare. So, if you are like me and want to hold to your old faithful vintage looks keep reading for a few tricks. The easiest and most obvious is to go a little 80's with it. This decade ruled the runways with one shoulder sleeves and bright colors. Keep your grundgy look by adding your favorite concert tee. You

can easily make one of these oversized less trendy with this look. Also, to go along with the 80s trend embrace the new color palette. With the new bold pinks, reds and metallics coming out you can easily update your look. Adding some vinyl and leather to your look will give it an extra edge. Switch up you flannels with a tartan plaid to give your look the same feel. For you bohemian babes out there, you don't have to lose your gypsy soul just yet. Call it southern rock-chic. Add some statement belts, suede/leather jackets, a couple fringe pieces and of course a kick-ass pair of boots and you have modernized your vintage look. Just these few adjustments will have you feeling modern without losing your sense of self.

A&E UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
Today at 11 a.m in the Student Center main stage	Dynamic Dance group performance	The group will perform a Latin dance along with a modern and hip-hop dance.
Thursday at 11 a.m. in LC-155	interACT social justice performance	The performance troupe is based out of California State University, Long Beach. The performance is to inspire social and political change.
Friday at 11 a.m. in the Burnight Center Theatre	"Do you hear what I hear?" Piano concert and lecture series	Cal State Northridge professor, Dr. Charles Fierro will perform for free to continue the concert series.
Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. in the Burnight Center Theatre	Big Love play	The Big Love production directed by F. Reed Brown raises issues of love, gender politics and the balance of power, refugees seeking asylum and domestic violence.

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Wrestling

First tournament of the year proves to be difficult despite strong scoring output

Led by sophomore Carlos Mendoza, the Cerritos Falcons were able to punch a ticket to the CCCAA State Championships with a 14th place finish in the Southern California Championships. The state championship is on Nov. 19 in Fresno.

Men's Cross Country

Falcons are the final team to qualify for state after SoCal Championships

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Women's Cross Country

Team advances to CCCAA State Championships after change to postseason field

The Cerritos College women's cross country team found themselves on the better end of circumstance after finishing 15th in the SoCal Championships. The team has clinched a birth to the state championship after not enough teams from Northern California had at least five runners.

Women's Basketball

First tournament of the year proves to be difficult despite strong scoring output

Sophomore guard Kaylyn James is averaging 25 points per game in just the first three games of the new season. She has done it all while shooting 47 percent from the field. Her scoring will be vital as the team will be playing this season without sophomore guard Allyson O'Brien due to injury.

Volleyball

Cerritos ends the season with a win over LA Harbor in straight sets

The first season for head coach Kari Pestolesi ended on a high note after her team was able to secure a win over Los Angeles Harbor College in straight sets (25-15, 25-19 and 26-14). The team ended with an overall record of 10-13.

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Water polo teams fall just days apart from each other

Familiar foe knocks women's water polo out of postseason

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After being invited to the Southern California regional playoffs and a 10th seed, the Falcons suffered an early exit after losing to Ventura College 10-7.

Attacker Isabella Sierra felt it didn't matter that Ventura put the team out.

"That day the team was in good spirits and [it] played really well together even if the outcome wasn't what we had hoped for," she said.

Despite the early exit the Falcons concluded the team's most productive season since its last playoff berth in 2012.

Cerritos was able to improve their overall record by six wins from last season to finish with a 16-11 and a conference record of 8-2 which was good for second in the

conference.

Head coach Sergio Macias said that his two goals for the season were to, "Compete for a conference championship and to qualify for the SoCal Regional Playoffs,"

The team did accomplish its goal of attending the regional playoffs for the first time since 2012 and although it did not win the conference championship they still took third at the tournament.

Even with the once promising season just ended for the Falcons, Macias is not focused on records.

"I don't pay attention to the overall record, I am more concerned how we improve throughout the season," he said.

The improvement of the team from last season was an impressive feat and had a lot to do with hard work and motivation.

The team was almost an exact opposite from last year. The team had a 10-16 record last season and this season compiled a 16-11 record.

Macias said, "The incoming

freshman class complimented the returners with experience and the drive to compete."

Macias added, "It was a great group to work with this year."

The team featured great team play and strong individual season performances from multiple players.

As a team they combined for 420 steals throughout the season which was good for fifth in the entire state.

With multiple players reaching double digits in both goals, assists and steals, the team proved to be well rounded.

Sierra led the team with 87 steals, there were five other players on the team with over 30.

"It was a focused around the fact that my teammates are selfless and would rather try to gain opportunities for teammates rather than only focusing on self glory.

"We definitely shared the responsibility of carrying the team evenly," Sierra said.



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End of season: Head coach Frank Mazzotta addresses his team following a 56-35 loss to Ventura in the season finale. The team finished the season a disappointing 4-6 season and missed out on the a bowl game for the first time since 2012.

Loss to Ventura ends season

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For weeks head coach Frank Mazzotta kept asking what his players would do come Monday and there's no football? An answer will soon come.

Despite tying a season-high in points, the Falcons dropped the season finale against the Ventura Pirates, 56-35. The loss dropped the team's record to 4-6 missing out on a chance at a bowl game by one game.

Head coach Frank Mazzotta said, "All along, I thought we were as good as anybody we played, we're just undisciplined and young. We made some big mistakes and it killed us."

Since Oct. 22, Mazzotta had been trying to get his players to understand the severity of the remaining games of the season. His players understood the significance of the season.

"[Mazzotta] just told us to hold our heads up. We gave it our all this year. I still think we were better than every team we played, penalties killed us," Kishawn Holmes said.

After starting the season 2-2, the Falcons finished the season 2-4 including dropping the last two games of the season at Moorpark and at home against Ventura.

Holmes continued to build on his freshman season. He added for 1,120 yards on the ground while scoring 11 touchdowns, good for the No. 1 rusher in the state.

At the conclusion of the Ventura game, Holmes had also climbed up to second all-time in career rushing yards at Cerritos College.

In addition to Holmes, the Falcons were pleasantly surprised with

cons were pleasantly surprised with the outstanding play of quarterback Nick Mitchell.

Mazzotta felt like this season finale could have been the best showing for Mitchell this season.

"I thought [Mitchell] had a great game. Tonight he played the best he has all year. The guys at LA Valley would've got canned, but he got better every week," Mazzotta said.

Mitchell has been criticized heavily this season after coming to Cerritos as a bounce back from Oregon State. Despite the talk, he was not going to let anything slow him down.

"It all comes back to faith. At the end of the day, football is just a game. When you look at life, you can't let stuff like that divide you and tear you up," Mitchell said.

Center Daniel Alanouf said, "I saw that he never gave up and that was one thing I really admired. Even though there were a lot of doubts, he wanted to win so he kept getting up and that's what it's about."

In a disappointing effort, the defense allowed the most points it

has all season long in the 56-point effort by the Pirates. Furthermore, it was the most points the team had allowed since 41 points last season at Moorpark.

"There were a lot of penalties, we put the defense in some pretty bad spots out there," Mazzotta said.

One major change in defense was safety Elijah Walker was not in uniform. During the Moorpark contest, he left the game with a knee injury and did not return.

Toward the end of the game, Walker and Mazzotta had words. After the game Mazzotta was still visibly upset.

"I go over there and tell him to move away from [Dillon Faamatu] because he didn't need to be coddled. And he disrespected me. He's already been offered a scholarship, they don't get it; the coaches ask me [about them].

"I told him right to his face, 'You might not play football ever again.' Simple as that, you disrespect me; you walk up to me I'll do anything for you, I ask you to do something

and you disrespect me? I'm done, I've never treated him that way, ever," Mazzotta said.

The situation occurred late in the fourth quarter with defensive end Faamatu getting two consecutive unsportsmanlike conduct penalties. Walker went to console Faamatu but Mazzotta felt he didn't need to be coddled.

Mazzotta also added he hoped he'd cool down.

The situation has since died down with Walker saying, "We talked about it and everything was taken care of."

With so much riding on this game for the Falcons, there was obviously a lot of tension and emotions left on the field.

Holmes said, "It's harder to say, 'How do you control your emotions?' Emotions are flying all over the place and you know this is your last game, especially for sophomores. I can't blame anybody for spazzing out but it's all about character."

Mazzotta understood the added emotion for the team but still felt it needed to be controlled better.

"It's society today, the [players] see that and react. Like [Faamatu] I told him you can't react. You have to hope somebody sees that if you get up and hit the guy and you get thrown out of the game. You don't understand what you're doing to yourself," Mazzotta said

After the game Mitchell, Alanouf and Holmes all expressed their intention to finish school strong before turning their attention back to football.

Men's water polo team stunned after early playoff elimination

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After a fantastic season in and out of the conference, the Cerritos men's water polo team fell short in the SoCal Regional Playoffs by one goal to what head coach Joe Abing described as "a very good Cuesta team."

The Falcons attended the playoffs hosted at Golden West College Friday after being awarded the second seed.

The match against Cuesta was a rematch of the Golden West Tournament finals where Cerritos was victorious.

Cerritos fell early and was down by as many as four points, although it did claw back into the game, their comeback effort was too little too late as Cuesta was able to win by a score of 12-11 effectively ending

the Falcons' season.

"Anytime the season comes to an end and you were hoping to go further it can be pretty difficult," Abing said.

After the game coach described the mood as "very somber."

Even though the season was cut short Abing was very proud and happy for his team.

"I still feel like we had a very successful season," he said. "One game does not define a season."

Although the season ended before the team could reach their goal of a state championship, Cerritos was still able to capture its first conference championship since 2012 after beating rival Long Beach City College in the conference finals.

Driver Angel Rojas was able to finish third in goals in the entire state, while his brother Jesus and him were able to hold the top two spots in assists.

Jesus said, "It has been a pleasure to play with [Angel] [...] We play on the Venezuelan National Team together

The freshman goalie tandem of

Matthew Contreras and Jason Curriel were able to accumulate over 100 saves each and combine for over 300.

Albeit the early exit, Abing was adamant in how proud he was of his team and their season.

"It goes beyond winning and losing. Winning the conference felt really good, but at the end of the day its the experience I had with the guys on the team," he said.

Abing has a strong sense of pride for his teams chemistry and their bonding throughout the season.

"I'm proud that we became a team, that we supported one another," he said.

He also recalled a moment the team had when they met after their last game where he felt extremely proud of his team.

"When we met as a team after the game a lot of guys spoke up and talked about how appreciative they were of each other and thankful for the opportunity to have been a part of the team and that it meant a lot to them."

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Now that the regular season is over, head coach Ruben Gonzalez and his Cerritos College women's soccer team can now turn their attention to the playoffs.

Nov. 19 not only marks the first game for the postseason, it officially marks the start of the team's quest for its fifth-straight state championship.

Forward Itzel Ballesteros said, "We cope with the pressure by taking it one game at a time. We make sure to be focused on the smaller goal first such as winning the first round game and from there we keep going.

"We have very supportive teammates and a very supportive coaching staff and that helps as well," she said.

That philosophy is something that Ballesteros has learned from Gonzalez and company.

Gonzalez said, "We really don't think about it. We take it a game at a time, the goal every year is to win a championship."

It's nothing new for all involved as for the past four-plus seasons the team has been the hunted as opposed to the hunter.

Gonzalez doesn't like to give

that idea too much thought. "We just go out and play hard," he said.

During the regular season, the team went a remarkable 19-1, with a blemish free 8-0 conference record.

The record alone isn't telling enough of how good Cerritos has been over the last five years. The Falcons are a combined 111-4-6, that is a 91 percent win percentage over four seasons.

"It says a lot about how much work is put into practices and games. It shows that all of our dedication, time and effort pays off," Ballesteros said.

The team's only loss came at the hands of Fresno City on Sept. 28. The final score was 2-0.

Because of that Ballesteros, does not mince words when it comes to her feelings about the Fresno City Rams.

"I want to see Fresno City [in the playoffs] to avenge our only loss because the team gives us a very good and competitive game and I believe the outcome can be different from before," she said.

On the other hand Gonzalez said, "If it happens, great. But that is not our goal, we will play whatever team is in front of us."

The past three meetings be

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for the win

women's soccer defeats El Camino 5-0 on the final regular season game

tween the two teams have been a soccer fan's dream match-up.

It started in 2014, with the Falcons secured a 2-1 win over the Rams in overtime. The two teams tied at two in August of 2015.

Cerritos would get the final laugh in December of 2015, with a 3-1 win in Cupertino, CA. The win sent the Falcons to the state title game.

Gonzalez feels one major reason for the success of Fresno City is its coaching.

That hasn't been the only foe for the Falcons, three of the four state titles have been won against the same team; the Santiago Canyon Hawks.

Ballesteros said, "I believe the [Hawks] are putting in the work necessary to be in the playoffs every single year. Every team has the same goal as us, which is to win and I believe that is what they keep striving for."

Gonzalez felt the two teams meeting so much in the playoffs just happen to be circumstance.

"They usually have a good team and it just [so] happens we meet them in the playoffs."

Currently, Fresno City (16-3-2) and Santiago Canyon (19-0-1) are headed to the playoffs with just as much momentum as the Falcons.

Ballesteros would only go as far as to call one of them rivals.

"I believe Fresno City is definitely a rival because there is a certain amount of tension between both teams. Especially, because of the outcome of the game [in September]," she said.

Much like previous seasons, the Cerritos College women's soccer team is seeded No. 1 for the playoffs.

The dominate season for the team helped secure a first-round bye. So the Falcons won't be playing again until Tuesday.

Cerritos will play either No. 16 Mt. San Jacinto College or No. 17 Bakersfield College.

That play-in game between the Eagles and Renegades will take place Thursday.

WHAT'S NEXT

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Southern California
Regional Playoffs- Round1

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Southern California
Regional Playoffs- Round 2

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WOMEN'S SOCCER LEADERS



PlayerGoals
Itzel Ballesteros17



PlayerAssists
Jill Messersmith17



PlayerSaves
Ruby Nichols46

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BY THE NUMBERS

	Goals per Game	Scoring Differential	Conference	Overall
2016	5.65	113-8	8-0	19-1
2015	4.04	113-9	13-0-1	23-0-3
2014	5.48	113-10	13-1	24-1
2013	4.8	113-11	13-0-1	24-0-1
2012	3.52	113-12	11-2-1	21-2-2
Totals	4.698 (AVG)	563-64	58-3-3	111-4-6

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More than just a record

Men's soccer team proving doubters wrong despite overall team record

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If there was ever a team who embodied the idea that there is more to a team than its record, it would be the Cerritos College men's soccer team.

The Falcons are headed to the playoffs after capturing the South Coast Conference South Division title. However, the team only posted a record of 9-7-5.

And the team did it without their head coach Benny Artiaga.

"It was great to win a conference title and bring it back to Cerritos. It felt good to win it because it validates our boys for all their hard work," Artiaga said.

In fact, Artiaga was in back surgery during his team's crucial 3-2 victory over El Camino.

"It really hurt me to not be out there with my team, because I wanted to be there to celebrate and in case we lost I wanted to be there to console them.

"Luckily, we won and the first thing I did after surgery was ask the if Cerritos won so it did ease the pain quite a bit," he said.

Forward Oscar Canela felt the win was necessary since the team was without their sideline general.

"For our coach to be in surgery and miss previous games, [the Falcons] knew we had to give it our full 100 percent. We wanted to get that win for us but mainly for him," he said.

Artiaga explained that he had been limited all season long due to his bad back.

"My limitations were that I could not stand up or sit down [for long periods of time]. I could not coach and I was developing permanent nerve damage," he said.

Artiaga expressed the intention to go to the first playoff game Saturday, Nov. 19 for the first play-off game despite needing to be on bed rest for a week.

The team never got down on themselves despite at one time holding a 2-2-2 record midway through September.

"This team is very talented, we hit a little bad streak mid-season but it had a lot to do with the changes and not seeing me there, but I thought my coaches and players did a great job of adjusting and turning it back around," Artiaga said.

Canela talked about the struggle of not having the team's head coach around.

"It was a struggle to not have him around, because he was very straight forward and told us where we needed to fix our mistakes in order to get the win. Just by not having our head coach there was different since we are a family and

support one another on and off the field," Canela said.

If the team needed anymore validation, the Falcons have played a potential playoff powerhouse, in Golden West College.

On Sept. 9, the Falcons lost 1-0 to the Rustlers.

Because of the aforementioned game, Canela encourages a potential postseason meeting with the Rustlers.

"If it's possible yeah, but we don't care what team is put in front of us because we are not going to back down," Canela said.

Well it is possible because the Rustlers are seeded No. 2 in the playoffs, while the Falcons are ranked 15th; setting up a first round match-up between the two teams Nov. 19.

Golden West is heading into the playoffs with a 13-0-7 record.

Artiaga pretty much mirrors the same sentiments as Canela.

"We lost to Golden West but we really feel we were the better team. [If we play them again], we look forward to a great game and we're confident we will hand them their first loss," Artiaga concluded.

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