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Parking spaces return: The Norm Reeves Honda automobiles in the South parking lot (by the campus police station) are currently holding up two whole rows of parking spaces. The automobiles will be moved and placed where the former Strawberry fields was located at, 166th St. and Studebaker Road. The partnership was created between Norm Reeves Honda and Cerritos College to store these auttomobiles in the five acre empty lot.

Strawberry farm converts to car lot

Norm Reeves rents Cerritos College property to store cars, makes a foundation donation

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Cerritos College has recently begun a partnership with Norm Reeves to store extra cars on a five acre vacant lot, formerly occupied by a strawberry field from Manassero Farms on 166th St. and Studebaker Road.

Norm Reeves will be paying \$35,500 in rent on a monthly basis, in comparison to Manassero Farms, which paid \$1,700.

Vice President of Business Services Felipe Lopez, and Cerritos College President Jose Fierro have been working on this project for several months.

The college has worked with

Manassero Farms for over 12 years, usually maintaining rent around \$1,500-\$1,700.

“We were receiving about \$1,700 a month of rent for five and a half acres with our previous tenant with Manassero Farms and the new contract is about \$35,500 with Norm Reeves so obviously the economics don’t add up.

“In this area you can’t even rent a house for \$1,700 so obviously it was a contract that needed to be negotiated,” Fierro said.

A year ago, the Board of Trustees “decided to convert the existing contract with the Menesera farms to what they call a month-to-month contract” according to Lopez, which allowed the college the opportunity to form a partnership with Norm Reeves Honda to “help build the relationship with our current automotive tech program.”

Fierro and Lopez met with the city of Cerritos early in May to discuss the intention of changing the lot, and agreed to a five-year lease with Norm Reeves to rent the lot.

In return, Norm Reeves agreed to, “provide a contribution to our foundation on an annual basis which would then turn around and also provide scholarships to students,” according to Lopez.

The lot will also be used for expanding the Facilities Department, but also an overflow parking lot for staff and students.

Because the college is currently resurfacing the parking lots, it will provide an area when the bigger lots will be under construction for extra parking, such as when Lot 10 will be resurfaced at the end of this year.

The excessive parked cars created some frustration amongst the student body during the first week

of the semester, when the cars were unexpectedly parked on Lot 10 due to unforeseen miscommunication between Fierro, Lopez and the city.

To remain in good standing with Norm Reeves, the cars were parked in the middle instead of the back of the parking lot because the back portion of the lot is used by the community motorcycle classes.

The extra income will be used for scholarships and expanding the Cerritos Complete program, and potentially create jobs for students as well.

“Last year we were facing a budget shortfall of 3 million dollars and we were able to reallocate some dollars. We were able to do some modifications in our budget and save money.

“The shortfall was eliminated and this past year we ended up not having a negative budget,” Fierro

said.

He plans on applying the same process if the estimated shortfall for the coming year if low student enrollment affects the budget.

“The idea [for the extra income] is to increase revenue for the institution, generate additional dollars for scholarships and supplement the general fund if we continue to have decline in enrollment so we should be able to use some of those dollars until we get back on track,” Fierro said.

The lot will be covered with fabric fencing and vines and will include low lighting, contrary to what Fierro has heard. The trees, pavement and root removal on the sidewalk will be fixed as a courtesy from Cerritos College.

A forum will be held on Wednesday to help clarify any misunderstandings about the lot and what it will be used for.

Accessibility of feminine hygienic products on campus has improved

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We all have financial needs of some sort, and there will be times that women on campus will be menstruating and not be prepared.

Vice President of Student Services Dr. Stephen B. Johnson says: “We recognize that they’re going to be times when people are going to have needs financially.

“So we make those available in various locations, but in particular through student health services.”

One can obtain tampons and pads through the bathrooms with the purchase of a quarter.

All women’s bathrooms must have tampon and pad dispensers according to Dr. Johnson.

“We intended to have machines that dispense both the napkins and the tampons in every women’s restroom.”

The women’s bathroom in the Fine Arts building on both the first

and second floor did not have tampon dispensers in the first week of the Fall semester.

It wasn’t until Talon Marks approached Dr. Johnson about the missing dispensers that they were put up recently -- on Monday.

Dr. Johnson, upon being approached by Talon Marks, was asked if he knew or if there was a reason as to why the dispensers were missing in the new buildings, he responded, “None that I’m aware of, I’ll certainly pursue that right away.”

There are now new dispensers put in the women’s restroom where they were there were none before.

If one does not have a quarter then anyone can obtain tampons and pads at the Health & Wellness Center for free upon request, says the Dean of the Health & Wellness Center Chris Kiger.

According to Kiger, The Health and Wellness Center get requests for feminine hygiene products twice per day on average. She also says

that the center “dispenses one to two boxes that contain two or three tampons each.”

Although the feminine hygiene products are at no cost at the Health and Wellness Center, Kiger expects the students to come to campus prepared.

“It is a personal product that really the expectation is that the student would hopefully come to campus prepared and not expect us [The Health and Wellness Center] to supply weekly supplies of personal hygiene products.”

The dean went on to say that the Health and Wellness Center does supply feminine hygiene products at no cost.

Everywhere else on campus, tampons and pads are for sale, from the women’s restrooms to the bookstore. It is the Health and Wellness Center that has them for free upon requesting them.

Cerritos College has improved its tampon and pads obtainability within a weeks time.

Cerritos above average

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Cerritos College’s numbers are better than average according to Dr. Kristi Blackburn, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Planning -- who gave a presentation on Student Success Scorecards of 2016, at the Wednesday, August 16 Board of Trustees Meeting.

These are the statistics she presented that show that Cerritos College is slightly above average:

- First generation students at 54.7% (compared to the state average at 42.4%)
- College prepared students at 69.95 (compared to the state at 70.6%)
- Unprepared students at 39.4% (compared to the state average at 40.8%)
- College Prepared persistence at 82.9% (compared to the state average at 78%)
- College prepared population at 79.1% (compared to the state average at 75.1%)
- English at 52.1% (compared to the state average at 46.9%)
- ESL at 39.3% (compared to state average at 30.5%)

The college only scored lower in one category: Math at 28.7%, when the state average is 34.2%.

In regard to the definitions of the listed terms of measurement; a “college prepared” student is defined as a student with a minimum of 6 units earned, who attempted any math or english in the first three years and achieved any of the following outcomes within 6 years of entry:

- Earned AA/AS or credit certificate (Chancellor’s office approved)
- Transfer to a four year institution
- “Transfer prepared” (60 UC/CSU transferable units with a GPA greater than or equal to 2.0)

“Persistence” is defined as having a minimum of six units earned, attempting any math or english in the first 3 years and enroll in the first three consecutive primary semester terms (or four quarter terms) anywhere in the CCC system.

Later in the presentation, Blackburn stated that Cerritos College’s peer grouping changed again with the 2016 iteration of the Scorecard.

She said that historically, the college has been peer grouped with Long Beach City College, East Los Angeles and Los Angeles Trade Tech, but the state changed its methodology for peer groups with last year’s scorecard.

Peer Group this year was established through The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office using Cluster analysis and the following hierarchical factors:

- API score of high schools in service area
- Most recent score as this is no longer being collected; Bachelor
- attainment of Bachelor degree by those of age 25+
- Students attending the college that are 25+ years, negatively associated with SPAR
- Bachelor+ was used as proxy for estimating a student’s Socioeconomic status (SES)



DAVID JENKINS/ TM

Napkins or Tampons: Newly placed feminine product dispenser in the women’s restroom on the second floor of the Fine Arts Building. It was recently placed there on Monday afternoon.

EDITORIAL



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Political correctness will be the death of Cerritos College

To use the argumentative cliché, it’s 2017 and everyone should know that political correctness breaks an important line of communication between groups with opposing views.

Because of this lack of contact, animosity and misunderstanding ensue as one or both sides refuse to hear the other out; calling it “ignorant” and telling them to “shut up.”

Talon Marks says it’s not only radical leftists with unnaturally colored hair and objectionable and altogether overly zealous online posts to blame.

Ever notice how the right likes to throw around words like “pussy,” “snowflake” and “triggered” when talking about the social justice warriors that are ironed onto the reputation of the left like an unsightly patch; yet, they have their own version of “political correctness,” a term the right so derogatorily uses to describe the concept of treating people as though they deserve compassion?

What the right doesn’t want you to know if you’re an aforementioned “social justice warrior” with unnaturally colored hair and objectionable and altogether overly zealous online posts, is that “political correctness” was started in the Third Reich; which as we know, was a right-wing regime.

Political correctness is the cultural version of thought policing, which was enforced by law.

The left has to call out people for being “bigots” or else they might themselves be considered bigoted for omission of action; just as the right has to call SJWs “pussies” and “snowflakes” so that they are not emasculated, or the

tamer version of calling someone “anti-Christian” so as to appear to be indeed exceptionally Christian.

It is present in the failing Trump regime and lately, has been illustrated in internal memos between the staff of the National Resources Conservation Service (a branch of the USDA) which lists terms that should be avoided by staff and the ones that staff are obliged to replace them with (as reported by The Guardian:”

- “Climate change” becomes “weather extremes”
- “Climate change adaptation” becomes “resilience to weather extremes”
- “Reduce greenhouse gasses” becomes “build soil organic matter” or “increase nutrient use efficiency”

And so on.
Do you see the Orwellian twists?
Here’s another thing: angry tweets do not change hearts; so why keep dueling within the replies of what seem to be strokes that President Donald Trump has on Twitter?

Besides that, if you do either initiate or perpetuate a Twitter fight -- it’s rather counter-productive to tell the other person to delete their accounts; that is the opposite of having an intellectual debate.

You don’t want to oppose intellectualism, do you?

Face-to-face communication is important, which is why Twitter feuds like that are silly in the first place; it would be far more productive to have a calm and collected conversation in-person, and apply to the reasoning part of the human consciousness and not the high-

ly primitive emotional faction.

Though Cerritos College leans heavily towards the SJW side of the reactionary spectrum -- it is important for all of its students to note that college (yes, even a community college) is not a “liberal think tank” as political pundit Ana Kasparian points out, but a place where your ideas are challenged and you come across points of view that differ from your own.

If the left is so tolerant and if we promote diversity so dogmatically, why can’t we also appreciate a diversity of thought?

It’s a contradiction that liberals and leftists have to do mental gymnastics to cope with, if not arrive at the logical answer, which is: the more the diverse a culture is on an ideological level, the better.

What Talon Marks is proposing is to try your hardest to not scream in the face of a moderate Trump supporter wearing one of those gaudy “Make America Great Again” hats.

Be tolerant toward a person whose beliefs, conditioning and culture differ from yours.

If it is considered appropriate to do so according to the rules of social etiquette, start a conversation instead of a fight.

Do not approach an actual Nazi, they are potentially dangerous and you are advised by comedian Tina Fey to stay far away from them.

In this way, perhaps we can reach an understanding and accomplish unity as a species; and move on to things that don’t involve identity politics, such as “weather extremes.”

Periods should be free to flow

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We have all heard this argument at one point or another in our lives, whether in the news or on a Tumblr post.

But the fact of the matter is this discussion will always remain as long as ovaries are still a part of human anatomy.

Should tampons, pads and other sanitary products be exempt from tax?

Sanitary items such as tampons, panty liners and pads are subject to tax because they are not considered an essential item.

Some items that are tax exempt because they are considered a necessity are food and prescribed medication.

Sanitary items should be tax free so they can be easily accessible and affordable for those who need sanitary products because as we have all heard at one point or another, periods are not a luxury.

I do appreciate the fact that some schools do accommodate by including sanitary dispensers in the women’s rest room; but generally: the dispensers aren’t even stocked, they don’t function properly and it is not granted that every single female rest room will even have a dispenser.

Nor are we even taking into consideration that those in desperate need of a sanitary product at that moment may not have the required amount of exact change at hand.

There are currently only a few number of states where sanitary products are considered an essential

item:

- Illinois
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Minnesota
- New Jersey
- New York
- Pennsylvania

There are also a few number of states where sanitary products are exempt:

- Alaska
- Delaware
- New Hampshire
- Montana
- Oregon

Not even double digit numbers! How pitiful is that?

You would think those in charge of taxing specific items would take their own mothers, sisters, grandmothers and other loved ones who have ovaries into consideration when deciding what is essential or not.

Those individuals wouldn’t even be alive if weren’t thanks to the fact that their mother, grandmother and etc. possess a uterus and the ability to menstruate.

Some may argue that one must be prepared at all times for their period, that the school or others should not be responsible for providing pads and tampons.

It’s not about providing, it’s about being human and accommodating to others.

Periods are already uncomfortable for the four to seven days they are experienced monthly, let’s not add unto the discomfort by having those who experience said periods stress out whether or not they can afford sanitary products.

Ideally, tampons, pads, etc.

should be as free and easily attainable as condoms are.

Where is our large fishbowl full of pads?

Sure, some people argue the point that condoms are a necessity but the fact of the matter is a person can choose to be sexually active.

However, periods are a biological construct, meaning that they are essentially out of our control.

Depending on your cycle, your body decides when it is time to shed its uterine lining, not the individual.

So why is it that those who experience menstruation must pay for something that is completely out of their control?

Paying taxes for sanitary items, hell, even paying for sanitary products in general is the exact equivalent of having individuals pay for having specific body parts.

Nobody in their right mind would pay for using their arms so why should we pay for ovaries to do exactly what they have been doing since our creation.

Only until recently has the campus placed sanitary item dispensers, this Monday to be exact, in the women’s rest room of the new Fine Arts and Communications Building.

Only until recently. And simply due to the fact that it had been brought to the attention of Dean of Student Services Dr. Stephen Johnson by Talon Marks news editor David Jenkins.

What if no one had spoken up about the dispensers?

Would those in need still would have been stuck up a flowing river without a paddle?

The ‘alt-right’ loves identity politics

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A profoundly new political movement has made its way to the political discussion.

During the 2016 presidential election, a far right wing group made its home on the internet within the comment section of particular websites such as YouTube, Twitter, Reddit and mainly 4Chan.

This group is called the “alternative right (alt-right)” or as the internet has dubbed them: the “alt-right.”

They first hit mainstream a year ago, when Hillary Clinton tied them to Donald Trump in a speech she gave during the general election on August 25, 2016.

The movement were here before that.

The “alt-right”, unlike the political left, dominate the internet with their memes and trolling comments.

They even went as far as getting the notorious meme, Pepe the Frog to claim as a sort of banner, the being described as a hate symbol by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL); a really dumb move by the ADL.

It has become the alternative to establishment conservatism, such as your Paul Ryan’s, Marco Rubio’s, John McCain’s and so on.

The “alt-right” believes that the color of one’s skin should determine certain outcomes of certain policy.

They thrive off political policy that benefits the white race. This is nothing more than identitarianism, or simply put: “identity politics.”

Many in political commentary say that the “alt-right” thrives primarily in hatred, which is objectionable. Though there obviously is hate in their racist ideology, the primary emotion is fear -- fear that a country that was once theirs (or their ancestors’) is being taken from them from a diverse group of people; a fear that western culture is being diminished by allowing migrants from south of the border and from non-European countries overseas; a fear that whites aren’t reproducing enough; a fear of what many of them coin as a “white genocide” is getting ready to happen.

Nothing more than inexpensive paranoia and crackpot conspiracy theories, victimhood and oppression is key in their rhetoric.

The “alt-right” does not believe in the ideas of the enlightenment, such as individualism. They believe everyone is part of a collective and that is determine by the color of one’s skin.

They denounce the free market and the freedom of movement.

To them, “culture” is synonymous with race and skin color.

They fail to make a distinction.

The movement lacks the understanding that culture is some-

thing that can be shared and that it is bound to change over time.

They carry cheap nationalism for the West, while simultaneously fearing and fighting against the melting pot that is the West.

They may be white nationalist or white supremacist, but the ideology that they hold is neither superior nor nationalistic.

It’s a knock off of that which once was and that which will never be again.

Their ideology will suffocate and die in the market of ideas.

“Alt-right” ideology must be, and will be, intellectually ridiculed, mocked and treated with contempt.

No tiki torch holding march will stop that, no matter how high the flames on those torches are.

Just as they have the right to express their rather lame and failed ideas, that same right is upheld for us to call their ideas out for the fraud that it is.

No matter where you lean on the political spectrum one should always intellectually fight against identity politics.

It serves good for no one, expect for those who call for it.

Once you begin to understand the ideas and teachings of the “alt-right” your fear of them will turn into laughter.

They love identity politics and for that their ideology will force itself under the failed ideological rock of whence it came.

Don’t fear the “alt-right.” Mock them.

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Dance culture: Students participating in dancing auditions for the Fall Dance Concert and for the Repertory Dance Theater. A total of 44 auditions showed up to auditions.

Dance auditions held for Fall

Counselors assist students through CSU applications

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The Transfer Center held a workshop helping students filling out their online Spring 2018 applications for Cal State Universities.

Transfer Counselor Marvelina Graf went over the application process, eligibility requirements to transfer (60 units and a minimum of a 2.0 GPA), creating an account, and fee waiver process and prices.

Graf told students this year Cal States are using a new website named Cal State Apply and any students that had a CSU Mentor account need to make a new account for this new site.

Students created a personal account throughout the Cal State Apply site. Afterwards, Graf showed the students a step-by-step process for filling out the applications.

She mentioned students will be limited to apply to a few Cal States such as Cal State Long Beach and Cal State Fullerton because not all universities are accepting students for Spring 2018.

Graf mentioned fee waivers cover up to 4 campuses and applications are \$55 per campus, she suggested that students should apply to see their eligible to get fee waivers.

Counselors advised students to enter their information accurately in the application because one mistake could cost their admission status.

After Graf finished presenting the application process, counselors Dr. Ken Matsuura, Gloria Morales, Ramon Franco, Chris Sugiyama and Debbie Boudreau were walking around helping students in their

application process and answering any questions they had.

Students such as Alejandra Mendez, Sociology major found the workshop very helpful, saying that the workshop helped her in her application process.

"I had an issue on my application were there was an error that would pop up that said I haven't completed all my course work and they helped me fix it," said Mendez.

Carina Rodriguez, Sociology major, said she had started on the application but she needed help and decided to attend the workshop.

"I had questions that came along as I was doing the application and I was able to get helped by the counselors there," said Rodriguez.

Alejandra Ochoa, psychology major, said she attended the workshop to start on her application and hopes to transfer to Cal State Long Beach in Spring 2018.

"I found out about this workshop through the Transfer Center and I came because I needed help starting my application," said Ochoa.

"The fact that we are offering these workshops for students really helps because these students don't have anyone to go for resource because even if they have family members or friends that have already submitted applications to Cal States in the past, that application is different to this one so it won't help them" Graf said.

The last day for students to apply to Cal States for Spring 2018 is August 31.

There are two more workshops offered on August 23 from 4-7 p.m. and August 31 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in room BE 117.

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Cerritos College Dance department held auditions for the 2017 Fall Dance Concert and for Repertory Dance Theater on Aug 19 in Classroom Building 105 with a total of 44 auditioners.

There were nine choreographers choosing dancers for their pieces for a variety of dance styles.

After a warm up, auditionees had to improvise individually across the floor, presenting themselves to the judges and let their personality shine through their dance moves.

Adjunct professor Steve Rosa and dance department chair Rebekah Hathaway taught the students a couple of routines for across the floor and group performances.

For Rosa, dance is a balance of discipline therapy but most impor-

tantly culture, "showing our culture from different places and exposing that to different people while they come to the dance concert or while they come to take a dance class, that's super important."

He started dancing at the age of 18, when he took a class in the Cerritos College dance program and later got a Master's Degree in dance.

Rosa explained what he was looking for in the dancers, "the main thing is heart and presence, we can teach how to get your leg up to your ear, we can teach how to point your foot, but it's harder to teach presence and performance."

Hathaway has been in the dance department for ten years and has been dancing for 31 years.

She teaches modern and for her, dance is as necessary as breathing.

Hathaway was looking for those with passion, "you can teach tech-

nique, you can teach steps, you can't teach passion, you can inspire it but it's so much easier when someone comes to dance thirsty for it."

Popy Saradeth, dance major, was excited to be auditioning for the dance concert once again.

Saradeth has been participating since 2006, "I feel like Cerritos College Dance Department is like my second home, I feel safe, I feel welcomed, I love dancing here. I tried dancing elsewhere and it's not the same as dancing here at home."

Dance has helped him to express his feelings and reflect it on stage.

"For a small guy like me, I have to dance bigger and I like doing that, showing that height doesn't matter" said Saradeth.

Alleah Collins was auditioning for the first time at Cerritos College, overall she was excited since she hadn't dance in about 6 years.

Collins likes the expression side of dance, "I can just let everything out through movement".

On a scale from 1-10 Collins felt like she did an 8 or 9, "I was kind of forgetting choreography a little so that would be the only points taken off for me" she stated.

After auditions for the Dance Concert, there were auditions for the Repertory Dance Theater held by Christine Gregory (Dance Professor/ Repertory Director).

"We are looking for a group of dancers who want to represent Cerritos College on the campus and out in the community, hoping to give them performance opportunities" said Gregory.

Results of those chosen were be posted August 22 at CB 105 and will be performing at the Fall 2017 Dance concert from Nov. 2, 3, 4 at 8p.m.

Hitman's Bodyguard gets great reviews

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"The Hitman's Bodyguard" -the most talked-about movie came out this past weekend, which is an American action comedy film directed by Patrick Hughes and written by Tom O'Connor, has three leading stars:

- Samuel Jackson as Darius Kincaid, who is one of the world's notorious hitman's and Sonia's husband
- Salma Hayek as Sonia Kincaid, Darius wife
- Ryan Reynolds as Michael Bryce, a rated protection agent who becomes close to Darius later in the film.

The main plot is how a bodyguard is hired to protect a hitman who has to testify at the International Court of Justice.

The film starts with a dealer being shot in the head unexpectedly, where Michael was just hired to protect a Japanese arm dealer.

Throughout the film, Bryce teams up with Darius Kincaid, who agrees to testify against Gary Oldman's Vladislav Dukhovich in exchange to bail out his wife Sonia, who is incarcerated.

Consequently, as Michael and Darius start developing a friendship, Michael finds out a shocking secret about Darius and he feels betrayed.

The film made \$21 million on the first release date and received mixed reviews from different critics who appraised Reynolds and Jackson's chem-

istry, while some critics felt the plot was cliché.

The Hitman's Bodyguard is a must-see movie because it has an important theme which is to be careful who you befriend because they can betray you.

This movie is worth the money to see because it is entertaining to those who have a great sense of humor and want to see two people develop a real authentic friendship.

The movie is a must see because it teaches young adults and children real life lessons and if anyone likes action/adventure movies, then this is the one.

By all means, this movie is not disappointing and people can expect the unexpected because this film has unpredictable events that happen, which can shock the audience.

The primary characters, Darius and Michael are the only characters that made this movie so iconic and real, that it keeps the audience attention.

This movie is a hit because it makes people wonder what happens next after each event occurs and the main question for people is why did this happen and what led to this.

Darius kept many people amused by doing things unexpectedly and always trying to steal the spotlight from Michael, which annoyed him but it made him laugh most of the time.

This film was exciting and awesome in so many ways that no one will understand. It is a must see, you will not regret it.

Anyone who enjoys violence, the unexpected action that takes place, and the characters sense of humor should give this movie a try.



PHOTO BY SWUNG JUN KIM

Solar eclipse: Students in Oregon looking at the long awaited and once-in-a lifetime Solar Eclipse. They camped at John Day, in Grant County Oregon.

Students camped to see the Solar Eclipse

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Cerritos College students prepared for the rare Solar Eclipse Cerritos College students went on a trip to Oregon on Thursday night to see the Solar Eclipse of a lifetime on Monday morning.

They camped at John Day, in Grant County Oregon.

One of the student such as Elsa Anaya, planetary science major said, "This was a once in a lifetime astronomical experience. There hasn't been a total solar eclipse in 38 years so we didn't want to miss this opportunity."

According to eclipse 2017 NASA.gov, "The last total solar eclipse viewed from contiguous

United States was on Feb. 26, 1979 whose path passed through the northwestern U.S. states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, and Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec."

Anaya mentioned the night temperatures were lower than the forecast so they were freezing cold each night since they weren't prepared for those drastic temperature drops.

The students experienced dimming and sudden temperature drop as the moon covered the sun during the eclipse.

According to ABC News, Oregon's weather was "Patchy morning with fog and clouds, then becoming sunny; temperatures in the 50's."

Anaya mentioned it was really hot an hour before the eclipse and

as soon as the eclipse started she got cold along with her colleagues.

John Day campground were selling solar eclipse glasses to the campers but students came prepared with their own.

Swung Jun Kim, former student from Cerritos, took astrophotography equipment and took pictures of the eclipse.

Carlos Leiva, aerospace engineering major, said "I liked the actual event of totality, the fact that it got cold before and during the total solar eclipse. The way the eclipse looked was better than I expected. My interest in astronomy and the fact that this is a one in a lifetime astronomical experience."

Leiva took a DSLR camera and solar glasses, other students took telescopes to take pictures of the

eclipse and Go Pros to record people's reaction.

He mentioned his experience was a lot better than expected, it almost felt like a religious experience.

He described the eclipse as the eye of god.

Leiva learned how the Corona of the Sun looks when the Sun is eclipsed by the moon and the light effects that manifested from that.

"Going home with the fact that an event like this that was so astronomically huge makes you feel small but humble and appreciate the universe," said Leiva.

Anthony Zamora, Electrical engineering major, said he's always been fascinated with astronomy and he wanted to go when he heard a few of his colleagues were planning a trip to Oregon to see the eclipse.

2016-2017 Falcon’s Outstanding Year

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Cerritos College athletic program finished No. 7 in the state last school year and hopes to be equally successful this year.

The Cerritos College athletic program finished the 2016-17 season with an overall ranking of No. 7 in California.

Athletics Dean Dan Smith said in a Long Beach Press Telegram article that “It was a phenomenal year” with a national championship, three state championships and six conference championships, with the women’s programs leading the way with two state titles.

Juanita Webster led the women’s track and field team to its third consecutive state title.

Webster won four individual state championships and led the nation with 5,471 points in the heptathlon.

The perennially top-ranked women’s soccer team with its fifth consecutive state title and second consecutive national title, winning the NSCAA Division III non-scholarship national title.

Falcon softball finished 28-15 and powered its way to the super regionals.

Not only did the win advance the team into the next round, it was also the 500th win for Head Coach Kodee Murray who now holds a 500-196-3 record.

She is just two wins away from



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Greatness: One half of the men’s double Sasha Krasnov (pictured) not only won second place with his team partner Nikita Katsnelson, but he also won State Player of the Year. One of the many outstanding athletic achievements that came out of Cerritos College from 2016 and thus far into 2017.

tying the college’s all-time leader, Nancy Kelly, who went 502-320-1 in her 22 seasons as the head coach.

Standout sophomore Kylee Brown received the Nancy Kelly Scholarship and sophomore Ashley Melendez was named recipient of the Bob Arthur Athletic Scholarship. Both women are transferring to four year schools to continue their softball careers.

Coach Murray predicted “This is a team that will go on and finish college and have something to give back to the community.”

Men’s athletics also finished the season on a high note with Track and Field placing 16th at the CCCAA State Championships and

for the second year in a row finishing 3rd place at the So Cal Championships. Sophomore Zach Munoz came in second place in the decathlon.

Falcon football had 19 players named All-Northern Division.

Of those that were selected, sophomore linebacker Alex Bush was named the Defensive Player of the Year, while sophomore running back Kishawn Holmes was a unanimous 1st Team choice.

Freshman cornerback Darian Cornay will play at Arizona State University. Cornay joins linebacker Alex Bush (Texas Christian University), strong safety Elijah Walker (Kansas State University) and cor-

nerback Brandon Ezell (San Jose State University) as Falcons who transferred to Division I schools.

Also signing with four-year schools was quarterback Nick Mitchell who signed with NAIA school Southern Oregon University, wide receiver Landry Jones, who will play Division II at Central Washington University and offensive lineman Art Gomez, who will play at Division II East Central (OK) University.

The men’s basketball team finished a winning season 21-7 with Christian Perez, Tyler Payne, Carlos Salvador, Brian Nebo and Anthony Lefeau receiving scholarships to four-year schools. Former Falcon,

NBA player and coach Tom Tolbert was inducted into the California Community College Men’s Basketball Coaches’ Hall of Fame.

Both men’s and women’s tennis teams had stand-out seasons finishing the year as Couth Coast Conference Champions.

Reigning Coach of the Year Alvin Kim led his team to a 27-2 record and the women to a 10-6 record.

The men’s double team of Sasha Krasnov and Nikita Katsnelson finished second in the state. Sasha Krasnov won State Player of the Year honors and plans to attend UC Irvine in the fall.

The Wrestling team won the

wrestling duals state championship, with an 18-1 record, overtaking Fresno City to win the State Title match 23-16.

Both men’s and women’s water polo teams ended their seasons in the win column and moved on to compete in the playoffs.

Dean Smith attributed the success of the athletic program to the “committed dedicated coaches” at Cerritos College.

Aside from all of the team wins and championships, Smith believes the biggest success of the program is the more than 100 Falcon student-athletes transferring to four-year universities to continue their athletic and academic careers.

Real Madrid soccer players are the real kings of Spain

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Real Madrid won Spanish Super Cup champions after defeating arch-rivals Barcelona in a 5-1 aggregate score.

Real Madrid showed their superiority against Barcelona during the first leg with an assertive 3-1 lead.

The deadlock was broken after Barcelona’s very own Gerard Pique scored a goal to which Lionel Messi responded back after netting a questionable penalty.

The 1-1 tie did not last long because Real Madrid had a trick up their sleeve.

Cristiano Ronaldo came off the bench and gave Real Madrid a 2-1 after a great counter-attack initiated by Ronaldo giving a chest pass to Isco Alarcon who gave a wonderful pass to Ronaldo and finished the play with a powerful strike.

A fantastic goal called for a celebration when Ronaldo decided to take off his shirt which called for and automatic yellow card which would cost Real Madrid later on in the game.

Ronaldo was booked sent off after the referee believed Ronaldo dove inside the box after feeling slight pressure from Samuel Umtiti.

Ronaldo was clearly upset and pushed the referee to show his disagreement this action could hold serious repercussions.

When it was believed that everything was all set and done and Real Madrid was going into the second leg with a 2-1 lead Marco Asensio scored a worldie goal from outside the box giving Real Madrid a 3-1.

For the second leg, Real Madrid held their 3-1 lead without Ronaldo who was handed a five-game ban.

The game consisted of one game

for being booked twice and four games for pushing the referee.

Barcelona had to win by a three-goal difference at the Santiago Bernabeu in order to win the Spanish Cup, something they are no strangers of.

However, Marco Asensio one of the main villains for Barcelona in the first leg had something else to say by scoring another worldie goal in four minutes to starting the game.

Barcelona now had to win by a four-goal difference which seemed nearly impossible for this well structured Real Madrid squad.

Karim Benzema confirmed Real Madrid’s victory by anticipating Umtiti inside the box and netting Marcelo’s diagonal pass from inside the box.

For the second half, Messi and Luis Suarez tried to carry Barcelona to a historic comeback but it was not enough for the Catalan club.

They lack depth in their squad which in consequence leads them to depend on the starting 11.

For Real Madrid, the season looks bright; their starting 11 is fantastic with having the best midfield in the world right now with Modric,

Casemiro, and Toni Kroos.

On top of that add the best player in the world at the moment Ronaldo and Benzema who is willing to do all the dirty work up on top and Gareth Bale who when healthy is fantastic.

Madrid’s squad has depth something Barcelona squad lacks now even more with the absence of Neymar who recently left the squad to join Paris Saint Germain.

For Jesus Sanchez, Electronic Engineer major, believes Real Madrid are favorites.

Sanchez states, “Real Madrid will win this season since Barcelona doesn’t have Neymar anymore and they were the only real challenge toward Real Madrid.”

Marvin Cerrate also believes Real Madrid will take this season.

Cerrate said, “Madrid will take this season by a long shot they have a better starting 11 and better players that are able to come off the bench, unlike Barcelona.”

With Zinedine Zidane rotation method worked to perfection and having a phenomenal bench, Real Madrid are not only favorites to win La Liga but to possibly the sextuple.



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Boxing, MMA meet for the first time

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Mayweather vs McGregor

Some are calling it “the biggest fight of the century,” others are referring to it as “the money fight.”

Regardless of what you decide to call it, one thing is for certain: a fight like this has never taken place before.

The biggest name in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), 29 year old “The Notorious” Conor McGregor, is making his boxing debut on Saturday, August 26th by taking on the biggest name in boxing, 40 year old, Floyd “Money” Mayweather Jr., who currently has a record of 49-0 and looking to improve it to 50-0 by the end of the week.

This bout will be housed in the T-Mobile arena on the Las Vegas Strip in Nevada and it is completely obvious that it is more about money-making spectacle than it is about the actual sport.

McGregor, 21-3, former Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) Featherweight Champion, as well as, reigning UFC Lightweight Champion of the World and only person to ever hold two UFC titles at once, is going to box professionally for the first time on Saturday.

Skeptics all over the world are saying that he has no chance against one of the best boxers of all time, saying there is no way McGregor can transition from MMA into boxing and compete, let alone beat Mayweather.

McGregor embraces the challenge and gets momentum from his critics, saying, “When I hear their disrespect, I use it as motivation and I look forward to going in and educating them.”

He gets that he is coming into a new sport but he is looking forward to earning respect in boxing as well. Although McGregor is very confident in his ability, the odds are against him, even in Vegas betting odds are 40/1 on him winning.

McGregor is used to having the odds against him, collecting a \$250 welfare check from the Irish government just days before his first professional fight in 2013, soon after his career took off.

However, he doesn’t forget where he came from and what he has overcome to be where he is today.

This fight has sparked a lot of hype, especially since Mayweather and McGregor went on a 4-day, 3-country press tour, starting in Los Angeles, to Toronto, New York and

finally finishing in London.

With each city, the insults seemed to escalate, the language grew more immature and the material ended up being embarrassing and just plain unfortunate for both men.

To make things even more interesting, this week the Nevada State Athletic Commission allowed both men to fight in 8 oz gloves instead of 10 oz gloves, ignoring advice from the Association of Ringside Physicians.

This will increase the chance of McGregor landing a knockout punch on Mayweather, but it also makes the fight a lot more dangerous.

Whoever’s side you are on, the upcoming fight between McGregor and Mayweather seems to be more about entertainment, money and fame, than actual sport.

Putting an MMA fighter up against one of the best boxers of all time, making it more dangerous. Going on a tour that was all about who could land the best insult, is changing the game of boxing in a way no one has seen before.

One thing is for certain; better or worse, we will see on Saturday if we like the way the game is changing.