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Partners in crime: President Dr. Jose Fierro and Dr. Hasmik Danielian superintendent of the Norwalk-La Mirada USD announcing the official opening of classes at La Mirada adult school.

CLASSES NOW AT LA MIRADA

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Cerritos College classes can now be taken in La Mirada Adult School as the doors for those classes were finally opened on Aug. 29.

Board members and staff and other officials from different cities gathered for an opening ceremony that day to officially commence and publicly thank all those involved including the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District (NLMUSD).

According to President Dr. Jose Fierro, “roughly 540 students currently enrolled in La Mirada”.

Fifteen classes in subjects math, english and ESL will be taken place at La Mirada.

The opening ceremony lasted

15 minutes with three individuals speaking and giving thanks to all those involved. Those who spoke were Dr. Fierro, Board of Trustees President Zurich Lewis and NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian.

Dr. Lewis grew up in La Mirada and spoke of it during his speech saying “As you know, La Mirada is my hometown and will forever have a special place in my heart. Its no secret that I’ve always wanted to see more opportunities for students and residents in this area with more ways for people to reach their education and career goals.”

The project took about year and a half to push an agreement with NLMUSD to make this possible.

“NLMUSD has been a great partner, lots of collaboration ob-

viously their was a lot of conversation on how to make this come true. The conversations were extremely positive and headed always in the right direction, I think this is the beginning of more partnerships.”

Dr. Lewis believes that the negotiation process was smooth and done in time for the fall semester.

“Ever since we had our first conversation with NLMUSD about this site it moved I think relatively quickly and efficiently to make this happen in time for the fall semester. So I’m very grateful to the staff of Norwalk, La Mirada and Cerritos for working very closely to make this happen.” He said.

Dr. Fierro says he would like to do more things in the future with NLMUSD concerning high school students.

PARKING LOT 7 PARTIALLY CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

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More than 100 parking spaces will be expected to be closed off through-out September in Lot 7.

Specifically, 116 spots will be closed off closest to Studebaker Road, which will affect students.

Director of Physical Plant & Construction Services David C. Moore said in an email, “Beginning Sept 1, parking lot 7 will be partially closed to traffic and parking to allow the extension of a new storm sewer line and for repairing of the asphalt.”

Nursing major Hannah Park said she noticed the affected parking lots were fenced off Friday morning.

“It is already crowded before it was fenced off. I know we have a lot of parking lots around the area, but in this parking lot a lot of students use it for the Science Building, [PST] building and I think the Liberal Arts Building,” she said.

Moore said this was a necessary improvement for the parking lot, and understands that it could have been done in the summer, but due to the delayed billing process, it was pushed forward a couple of weeks.

Jonart Kanchao, woodwork technology major, upset that the

parking lot is limited to the first three rows of parking spaces, said, “I think it is messed up because there is very little parking already so this is just like slicing it straight in half which is ridiculous because we paying, and we are also expecting to show up on time to class.”

Park said if the lot would have been fixed over the winter, she wouldn’t have minded the walk too much, but because of the excessive heat this summer, it will become a problem.

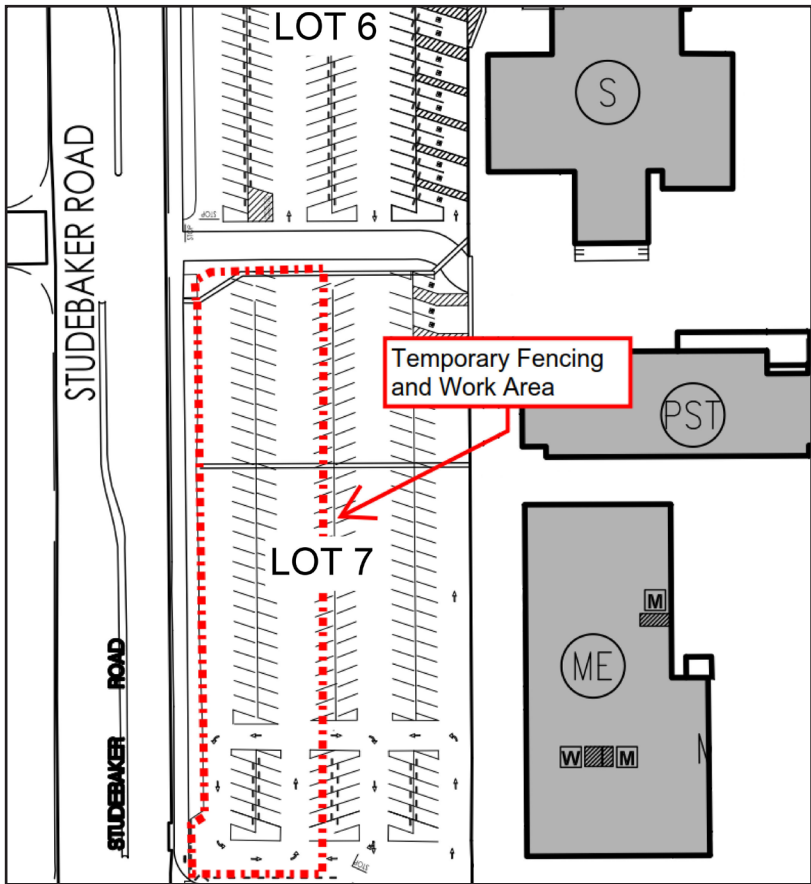
She said, “Even though we are not running late by the time we get to class, we are already exhausted-that is how you start off the day and I don’t think it is such a good idea to fence it off.”

Undecided major Angie Kwon said she did not have a problem finding parking, but was surprised to see half of the lot blocked off.

Park said a solution to the problem would be to try and work later in the afternoon when it is less crowded because it is “way too packed to fence off that much [of the lot].”

Medical Assistant major Re-neicesa Drake, said “I think its causing a problem with the parking because I was parked on the side for a minute until someone moved.”

Moore finished, “We appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding as we work to improve the campus parking lots.”



DAVID MOORE

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COLLEGE BUDGET CUT DUE TO ENROLLMENT DROPPING

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Faculty and staff members at Cerritos College held a meeting about the adopted budget for the 2017-2018 academic year on mutiple occasions.

The current situation of the budget is the decrease of numbers of full-time students (FTS) enrolling in the programs the college has to offer.

Vice President of Business Services Felipe Lopez urged that an increase of enrollment management is necessary in order to keep the budget consistent.“Enrollment is the driving force of the budget,” Lo-

pez said.

“It’s overly critical that we try to maintain our FTS as high as we can.”He also stated that if FTS does not reach the goal of 16,800 by the end of this academic year, it can cause a major impact towards the budget in the following years according to Lopez,

Cerritos College’s budget is mostly assigned to benefits and salaries. The state’s average for salaries and benefits is 87 percent, however Cerritos is 91.2 percent, which is above the state average.

However, this allocation leaves very little room for other situations that may arise. Lopez also stated that for every 200 FTS decrease, it will cost the college roughly \$1.5 million of state apportionment.

In the previous year, Cerritos College has implemented a temporary hiring freeze for management and confidential positions. The measure managed to provide \$1 million one-time cost savings.“We can’t continue to do that year after year,” Lopez said.

“At some point we need to evaluate positions and make sure that were adequately staffed and not overly-staffed in other areas; that’s assuming that we cannot grow in FTS,” Lopez said.

California will give the college three years to recover from the student deficit. If after the three year period, the college shows no sign of recovery, the amount of funding will be readjusted to suit the new school attendance.

Lopez estimated that about 70 percent of students are part-time students.

Ariel De Los Santos, ASCC treasurer, expressed her concern for future classes as the dwindling numbers may affect aid and support in the future.

“We do try to be concerned about things that would affect the student body as a whole, not just us personally. As ASCC, we try to see what would benefit the student” she said.

Cerritos College is currently developing methods to increase FTS such as increasing outreach, emphasizing dual enrollment and increasing the amount of advertisement of programs available via social media platforms, mailing catalogs, television and radio.

In addition, Cerritos College



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TRUMP FAILS HELPLESS VICTIMS



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Hurricane Harvey has already displaced 30,000 Texan residents and has killed over 40 in the course of a week.

Conditions have deteriorated so far in a short amount of time; but wait, where is the call for a state of emergency, all hands on deck? Where is Trump when his nation needs him the most?

Instead of Trump making America “great again,” he reached deep into his pockets, he tossed out some pocket change and has essentially ignored it.

Instead of focusing on the pressing situation at hand and saving the lives currently being affected by Harvey, Trump is too busy ending lives by cutting programs such as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

A lot of stories have emerged from Hurricane Harvey’s watery depths, both of a heartwarming and heart-wrenching nature.

Heartwarming in the fact that the people of Texas have banded together, found unity in despair and, with the best of their abilities, contribute in evacuation efforts to retrieve people from their flooded homes.

However, these stories of camaraderie are heart-wrenching.

Heart-wrenching because they were forced to act, and act fast, simply because they had to. There wasn’t relief fast

enough. No one wants to see their hometown and their community drown.

However, while Trump was busy thanking Hurricane Harvey for the rain, Mexico decided to step in and take the reigns.

Despite the many threats of a wall built on Mexico’s dime, Mexico put aside their differences and valiantly came to the aide of the people of Texas.

The people of Mexico proved who was the bigger individual when they offered relief.

Despite all the racist remarks made by Trump, the wall, the demise of DACA, Mexico rose up above all of his ignorance and donated their help and resources to those in desperate need.

Even though Trump wouldn’t dare repay the favor.

Yet Mexico provided this thankless act because, get this, they are human.

People have already died because of Harvey; their families will never get them back.

Communities have been destroyed; some people will never be able to go back home again.

Why? Because the home they had as they knew it is lost.

Instead of leading the country, Trump denounced it by not setting aside his ideologies.

In times of need, we must all set aside conflicting ideologies because in the end, ideologies

don’t make a difference, we do.

In 1996, an 18-year-old Kes-hia Thomas shielded a white supremacist from injury when protesters discovered his views.

This young black woman selflessly put herself in harm’s way, she placing herself under the onslaught of protesters.

If an individual is willing to subject herself to a barrage of physical abuse in an effort to protect a man who would have done the exact opposite in her case, why can’t the president set aside his own ideologies and allow the nation to receive the care that they desperately need?

No person in their right mind would ever prevent anyone from helping them especially when they are in need, yet Trump is allowed to do just that.

In times of great distress, we must band together, despite race, creed or belief -- helping each other out. In the face of disaster, we would never look at those attempting to help and spit in their face.

Quite the contrary, we’d embrace them with open arms and thank them for their kindness. Why is our president allowed to do the same?

If he really cared about America as much as he said, he would set aside his ideologies and allow the nation to get the help it needs.

THE ENVELOPE

THREE WAYS TO BEAT
NEW SCHOOL YEAR
OF BUM-FIDDLING

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The sinking feeling in our guts that tells us summer is almost gone is increasing in weight.

Many of us are coming back from epic vacations; while others have been taking classes to get ahead, or whatever.

No matter how you spent your summer, one thing is sure: you either remembered you hate going to college, or you never forgot.

Furthermore, your spirit is broken for having to buy some pointless books for a pointless class. “Introduction to Interpersonal Skills,” who needs those?

You have been Shanghaied into needing a pass-code (probably from Pearson) to turn in your math homework — from which, you will retain nothing.

Spending money on equipment for a class required to get your pointless degree was in order.

There is no escaping these things; however, there are ways to make up for this wasted capital.

For starters, you could invest in a new wardrobe; and don’t think too literally about regaining lost

funds, buying a t-shirt that says “I’m not gay, but \$20 is \$20.”

Why not donate all your clothes to thrift stores, get a tax rebate and replace them with better clothes. You don’t have to go high-end, just make yourself look presentable.

Not only will this give you a competitive edge in getting the job/girl/resources you want, nay, need, but you will also be presented with an opportunity change your image.

Dress for the job that you want to have; meaning that if you want to be a deadbeat dad — keep wearing sarcastic graphic tees, athletic sandals and khaki shorts.

Next on this list of ways to bum-fiddle the bum-fiddler, buy absolutely NOTHING from the student store if you can help it.

At Cerritos College, it takes people five years to graduate for lack of math classes; and it makes us pay for everything from parking in the lot, to turning in math homework, to having access to scantrons for taking tests.

It’s time we stop giving the school money that could be used towards better things.

Items sold off campus rather than at the various stores on cam-

pus are much cheaper, especially food.

Here’s an idea: bring food to school.

No doubt a salad from the nearby Trader Joe’s will succeed where whatever they sell at Elbow Room consistently disappoints.

Books required to pass a class you are not enthusiastic about attending, will always be too expensive — if you spend a single cent on a book you don’t won’t read. There are ways of getting books for free.

Lastly, do what you can to help your comrade save — because, as a wise man once told me, “We’re all in this together.”

If you find other ways to beat capitalism and thwart the overlords (corporate or not) that try to control and manipulate our way of life through financial strain, it is your duty as a good communist to export this knowledge to your networks of fellow revolutionaries.

Remember: in a world where we are nearly forced to spend, spend, spend — saving every penny you can is a form of resistance.

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DENOUNCED RAPIST COLUMBUS

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It’s finally official, Oct. 8 is now Indigenous People’s Day in the city of Los Angeles.

California is one step closer to becoming a state that undoubtedly supports diversity.

And those bitching (and moaning) about how we have lost a sense of pride by voting out Columbus Day, there is nothing at all patriotic about celebrating a holiday which offends the nation’s indigenous people.

Independence Day, Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day were especially set aside to celebrate the nation and be patriotic.

Why single out those who died because of this country as well?

Nothing is patriotic about celebrating a day in which a man committed acts of atrocity unto to a group of people -- it’s sadistic and utterly wrong.

It takes a hell of a lot of strength and determination in order to take down a statue.

Not many people are willing to exert so much effort over nothing. So why is it that people in various states of this country are

willing to make that effort, and have made that effort, in order to demolish those statues themselves?

Columbus is not the symbol of a new world, he is the symbol of a lost one.

One cannot discover anything if it already exists. Columbus brought disease, death and essentially misery to a group of people, nearly wiping out their race.

If the United States is such a melting pot of cultures then why has this nation been trying to rub out a particular culture for centuries?

No rational person would ever celebrate a holiday set aside for rapists and mass murderers, but somehow the United States has been doing so since 1937.

For 80 years, we have been allowed to take the day off from work and education in order to pay tribute to a person whose actions would fall under the Geneva Convention’s definition of a war crime.

The indigenous people of this country are one step closer to receiving the myriad of respect and condolences that they deserve.

Because of Columbus, others

found it acceptable to continue the destruction he started, and even though the murdering of Native Americans has long since ceased, they still, to this day, face harassment, insensitive stereotypes and discrimination.

It is appalling that it took the city council this long to finally dismiss Columbus Day and make the appropriate, long overdue switch to Indigenous People’s Day.

Columbus day should have never been a possibility in the first place, however, ignorance has always been a constant affliction of this nation.

The only path Columbus paved was the way to allow more Native Americans to be wrongfully mistreated, to be slaughtered, to be stereotyped as savages and continued to have more of their land stolen from them.

Indigenous People’s Day is proof that this nation, as painstakingly slow as it might be, is finally starting to overcome its affliction.

And we, especially minorities, must never stop fighting to instill a difference in the wrong ways of our nation.

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STUDENTS REFUSE APPLICATION AID

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Transfer Center Counselor Marvelina Graf held a University of California Workshop in Business Education room 117 to help students fill out UC applications for the Fall of 2018.

Graf went over student's transcripts and directing them on which classes to take in order to be admitted to a UC. Only three students showed up to the workshop.

Counselor Graf explained to three students about the honor's program, the application process and transfer guarantee for the UCs.

Graf mentioned that the students create accounts ahead of time so they can get a head start and review the application process carefully.

Students must have above a 3.75 GPA and be part of the honors program and complete the program if they want guaranteed admission

to whichever UC they are interested in.

The Scholar's Honor Program is for students with a 3.0 GPA and must have a minimum of 12 UC transferable units complete.

Students have to commit to the program by completing five honors courses and have a passing grade in order to stay in the program.

Iesha Ringor, double major in communications and nursing, found the workshop to be helpful because she feels like she can confide in her counselor and talk to her about anything.

Juliene Porciunculoy, sociology major, thinks that the workshop is beneficial and life-changing because it makes her decision easier to which UC she wants to apply to and students who want to transfer to a UC should attend this workshop.

The last day for students to apply for UC's for Fall 2018 is Nov. 30.

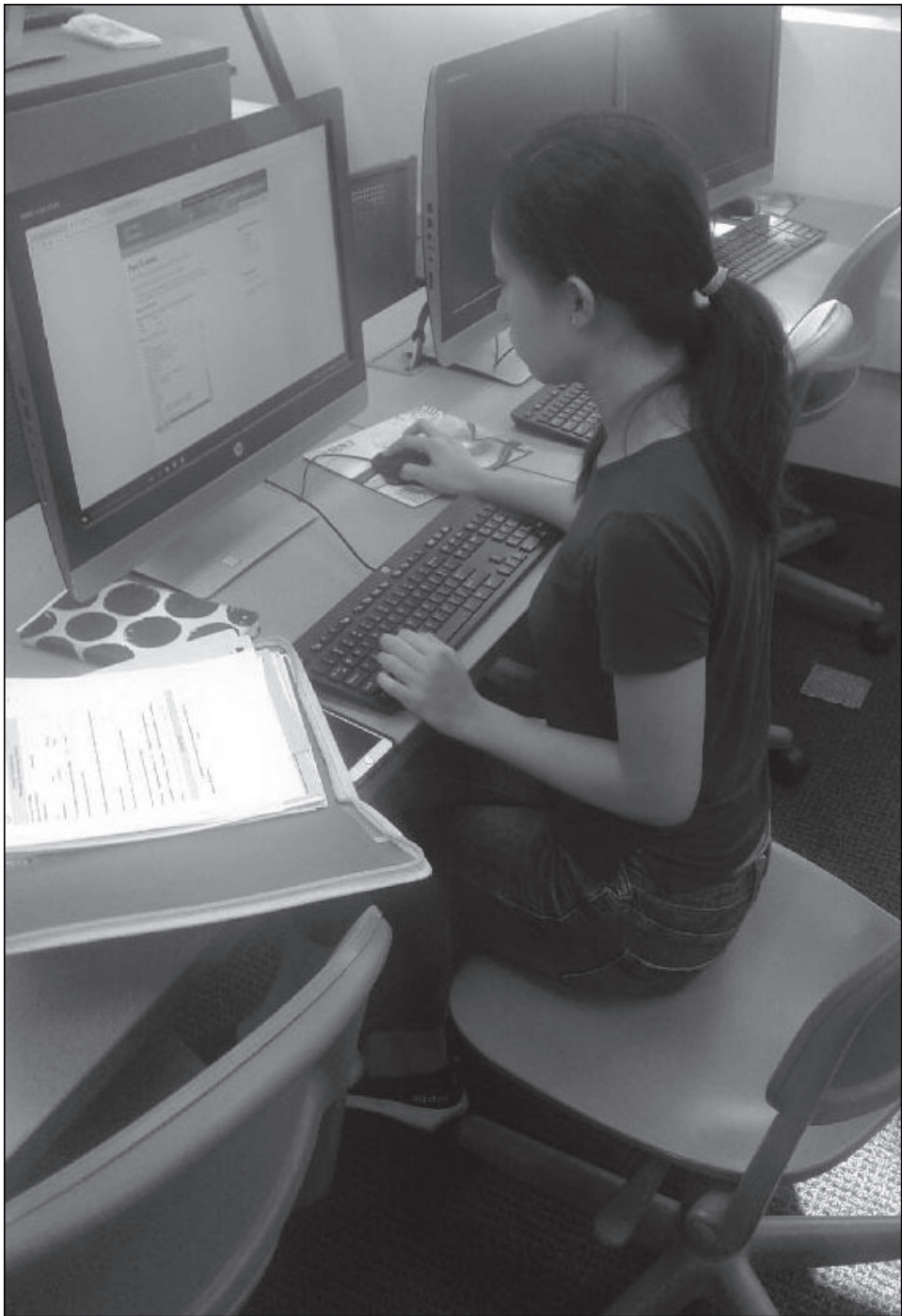
Graf suggest that students take the right classes that

can help their major and to be sure it is UC transferable because if it is not, then it can mess up the units they need.

In January, the UC's invite students to complete a transfer academic update before officially being accepted.

The UC has a application fee waiver that determines if the student is eligible for the fee waiver when applying. or they have to pay \$55 when applying.

Graf said "The transfer center is offering a UC workshop for those that want to get a head start on the UC applications for fall 2018."



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Transfer Center: Iesha Ringor, double major in communications and nursing, found the workshop to be helpful because she feels like she can confide in her counselor and talk to her about anything.



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DRUG LORD DRAMA IS BACK

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The second season of Narcos came to an end with an exciting storm of bullets between kingpin Pablo Escobar played by Wagner Moura and the DEA that led to Escobar's death.

The DEA's new target in this season is the competition of Escobar, "the cali cartel."

In this new season, drug enforcement agent Javier Peña played by Pedro Pascal is now the series lead since his partner Steve Murphy played by Boyd Holbrook left the DEA shortly after Escobar's death and also been written out of the show as well.

One of the first things that made a good improvement on season three is that agent Murphy did the voice-over throughout the first two seasons and now it got handed over to Murphy's co-star, now lead agent Peña.

The first episode begins at a party in his hometown of El Paso, Texas where Peña's family and friends celebrate his

law enforcement victory even though he has no interest in celebrating.

Peña is called back to Colombia to go after the new Colombian drug lords -- leader Gilberto Rodriguez played by Damian Alcazar, his sneaky and evil brother Miguel Rodriguez played by Francisco Denis, New York troublemaker Chepe played by Pepe Rapazote and the product security who was also crazy for men, Helmer Pacho Herrera played by Alberto Ammann that were known as the "cali cartel," one of Escobar's primary rivals.

The over confidence of the cartel's chief accountant, Guillermo Pallomari played by Javier Camara led to the United States Drug Enforcement Agency agents following him and his escort to Gilberto's secret home which led him to get caught and things went south from there.

Throughout the entire show, the DEA wanted to do things differently than with Escobar -- they wanted to be smart and tactical to avoid loses and in the Colombian government, they

didn't want the blood shed that happened in Medellín in Cali.

It was very difficult trying to avoid these problems because the cali cartel bribed the prime minister and the president of Colombia.

It is only when Peña talks to a reporter of Colombia that he explains how their government is corrupt, and if the people wanted change from drug-lords then they would have to take action.

The drug lords were expecting to play their get out of jail free card, but because of agent Peña, two brothers were extradited to a U.S prison.

Miguel and Gilberto, Chepe attempted an alliance with communist guerrillas but were killed by them-- and Pacho was shot by a northern valley cartel prison mate.

So came the fall of the biggest export and import cartel in history.

In my opinion, this season was good but it was compressed into one season in comparison to Escobar's Medellín cartel that was depicted into two seasons.

STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

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Students who were interested in applying for the 2017 fall semester scholarships were able to start their applications during a scholarship workshop held on Aug. 29.

The Cerritos College Foundation will award a total of \$80,100 that will be distributed within the 29 scholarships available this fall semester.

Those who attended the workshop learned how to apply and begin their applications, received tips on how to write a personal statement and got a list of all the available scholarships.

Suleyma Martinez, sociology major, is a mother of four, has two jobs and is a student.

She said, "Having my kids is a little bit harder. Having part time jobs, I felt like it was my responsibility to come back."

Martinez decided to re-enter school after her

kids got old enough to be in school full-time in order to provide better lives for her children.

"School is expensive and it's nice to have some resources available," said Rachel Samarin, program assistant for Cerritos College Foundation.

Samarin was pleased that so many students were interested in learning about the scholarships and the full attendance the workshop had.

She coordinates the Scholarship Program which allows her to work with the donors to establish a scholarship and gets to work with students with their applications, screening process and selections.

Elizabeth Uria, psychology major student, found the information provided very helpful to complete her application.

"I got more information on how to write my personal statement, to have letters of recommendation ready to go and research the application to know who is the person giving the scholarship to use the right words and relate to what they are trying to do," Uria said.

As of Aug. 29 there was a total of 363 students that have started their scholarship applications with 38 completions.

Kyle Regaliza, nursing major, attended the workshop hoping to qualify for a scholarship.

Deadline for applications is Sept. 18 and those selected will be notified throughout November.

Swiftie snake video equals Hillary Clinton of pop music

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There comes a time in a Grammy year where a pop song blows away all our expectations and transcends to the zeitgeist and is immortalized as an American classic.

Taylor Swift's song "Look What You Made Me Do" and it's corresponding music video was not that. The video depicts what social media influencers call a knock-off Beyonce's Lemonade or an Illuminati rebirth; forgetting that such a "rebirth" happened when rapper Kanye West allegedly humiliated Swift at the VMA's years earlier.

What is sure is that Swift's new single is an attempt to re-brand; but re-brand from what?

Could it be being called racist or not having black people in a music video set in Africa?

Or possibly being called a copy-cat for mimicking Lana Del Rey's style in the aforementioned video; or being a "snake" according to "Kimye" following on social media?

It really doesn't matter which Taylor Swift era the new, edgy and dominatrix Taylor Swift is running from -- the old Taylor is still alive and well in the world.

Thematically, "Look What You Made Me Do" is the same as every other Taylor Swift song from "Speak Now" to present.

From then to now, Swift learned to dance and not just move her arms in the same three swoops, not bending her elbow.

Sonically, the song is a safe bet; sounding something like a member of Swift's crew Lorde song -- though lacking a good melody or any original substance.

However, the subject matter discussed in "Look What You Made Me Do" is pure high school politics; this ties directly in with where Swift is in her career.

As The Young Turks political pundit Ana Kasparian points out, "This isn't anything new. Usually what young pop stars do when they first have a squeaky clean 'I'm a really good girl' image and then all of a sudden, they grow up a little bit and they're like 'I'm so bad and edgy -- look at how bad I am. I'm going to get you!'"

This is not meant to be a hit piece on Swift -- some of us just wish she could give the drama a rest and rise above all the pettiness which she has started so long ago and continues to perpetuate.

We can be fans of Kanye West, Katy Perry, Nicki Minaj, Lana Del Rey, etc and still enjoy what Taylor Swift has to put out there; when stars create played-out and negative kinds of work so consistently, it becomes boring, as Kasparian pointed out that is what makes "Look What You Made Me Do" a generally bad song.

One could only hope -- if not for our waning admiration of Swift, but for the future of pop music -- that Taylor Swift can truly "exclude" herself "from this narrative."

THE BATTLE FOR LOS ANGELES IS JUST BEGINNING

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After the official announcement on Jan. 12, the former San Diego Chargers had to pack up their things and move north to join another returning Los Angeles team, the Rams, making the “City of Dreams” a two-football team city again.

This move was met with controversy, mainly from loyal San Diego fans that have called the Chargers their own for 56 seasons after they moved south after only playing one season in LA.

The disgruntled die-hard San Diego Charger supporters felt betrayed, lashing out in a magnitude of ways, including burning jerseys and taking to social media to express their disappointment.

The now LA Chargers weren’t exactly welcomed with open arms and it was very apparent that their fan base in LA was something they were going to have to work for, unlike their new roommates, the LA Rams.

When the Rams returned to LA after spending some hard time in St. Louis they had a fan base already in place for them.

The Rams called Los Angeles their home for 47 years longer than the Chargers, so when they returned, it was apparent how much the city of LA missed them, even if it was just for nostalgic reasons or family history.

Conversely, the Chargers,

only made a quick one season appearance in LA from 1960-1961 before leaving just as quickly to start building their own fan base in San Diego.

Most LA fans didn’t even realize they left and never had the opportunity to fully commit to a team that stayed for only one season, plus they had other football teams to worry about and unfortunately Los Angeles is a very “out of sight, out of mind,” type of city.

If you don’t stay relevant and especially if you don’t win and win a lot, your stock starts to plummet and sadly you will start to see locals sporting more team fan gear for whatever team is winning at the moment than from the LA/Southern California home teams.

This is why, regardless of who was in LA the longest, it will all come down to who wins the most and the fastest.

LA as a whole is drawn to winners, just like during the 2000-2002 Kobe and Shaq era of 3 consecutive championships when everyone in LA was a Lakers fan.

In recent seasons the Lakers started to lose a lot and now where are their fans? Staying in their seats but watching a different LA team instead, just swapping their gold and purple jersey for a red and blue one.

Battling to be the “Kings of LA football” has just begun and as long as there continues to be more than one NFL team in town, battles will be won but the war will never be over.



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Running away: Freshman quarterback Isaiah Bravo of the Cerritos College Falcon’s looks for a pass and incompletes it on Saturday’s game against Los Angeles Valley. The Falcons lost 25-13.

FALCONS LOSE OPENER

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The Falcon’s are back, opening their season at home Saturday night against Los Angeles Valley College.

In what ended up being a fourth quarter breakdown, the Falcons’ football team was left with an unfortunate loss after leading for the first three quarters of the game.

Head Coach Frank Mazzotta didn’t waste any time explaining why his team lost their first game of the season, saying that he tells his players that “more first games are won and lost because of the special teams than any other reason in football.”

Coach Mazzotta said that his team’s first two kick-offs were returned past the 50 yardline by LA Valley, then reiterated the importance of having a strong performance by his special teams players during the first game of the season.

The Falcons had a stronger first half than the second half and were the first to put numbers on the score board.

Freshman quarterback Isaiah Bravo No. 11 completed a 25-yard pass to Sophomore wide receiver Jacob Gasser No. 8 in the first quarter of the game, with 5:52 left on the clock.

Humberto Avila made the extra point, giving Cerritos a 7-0 lead, however, the Falcons didn’t hold the lead for long.

LA Valley immediately answered back with a 15-yard pass reception by Faizon Knight No. 9 that tied the game 7-7, after Craig Jones made the extra point for his team.

Cerritos came back in the second quarter, scoring another touchdown in less than five minutes, when sophomore running back Roderick Ashford Jr. ran the ball six yards into the end zone, once again giving the Falcons the lead.

Avila made the score 14-7 by

completing the extra kick.

Conversely, the Falcons started to show that they were having difficulties moving the ball down the field and only collected a total of 15 yards the rest of the game.

In the fourth quarter, things fell apart for Cerritos. The Monarchs scored three touchdowns in 14 minutes, two on fumbled balls by the Falcons.

Freshman defensive end Jordan Thomas finished the night with three and a half sacks for 29 yards, six total tackles and a quarterback hurry.

Freshman linebackers Latrell Stearns, Tishawn Barnaby and Bryne Smith each had seven tackles a piece, and, freshman defensive end Derek Thomas made six.

Mazzotta thought his team would have more trouble on defense than offense, since they are young, but said it was the Falcon offense that played “terrible” that game.

He didn’t know why his

team didn’t do as well as expected, but said, “I am going to get it fixed, trust me.”

Defensive back #26, Junius Washington, believes the biggest problem the Falcons faced was the lack of communication.

He said he doesn’t think the Falcons need to change their strategy at this point, but just execute the plan they have been practicing and already in place.

Freshman quarterback Isaac Bravo commented that his team was prepared to beat LA Valley, but despite their game plan being “on point,” he admitted that none of the players executed the game plan properly.

He felt his team “beat themselves” by turning over the ball, collecting way too many penalties and taking themselves out of positions to make plays.

Bravo is looking forward to the next game against defending league champions Fullerton College and said “If 11 guys do their jobs, there is no way we are losing.”

LOSING STREAK CONTINUES FOR WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL



LINDSAY HELBERG

Diving in: Cerritos College freshmen Jody Suski No. 17 and Nataly Reynoso No. 4 both dive after a ball during Friday’s game against Golden West. They were swept by the Rustlers in three games.

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The Cerritos College women’s volleyball team has lost their first four matches of the season but looking to come up with their first win against undefeated Irvine Valley College on Wednesday.

The Falcons, now 0-4 after another loss on Friday against 2-3 Golden West, need to start adding numbers to the win column before their regular season starts on Oct. 4.

Pestolesi noted that most of her players have never competed at a high level, making it an even greater challenge to get all 12 athletes up to speed in such a short period of time.

“We are working to build a mindset to play at a high level,” said Pestolesi.

The Falcons have a challenging pre-season schedule

that Pestolesi hopes will give her team the experience and skill they will need to win conference games.

The first match of pre-season the Falcons fell short to Santa Ana on Aug. 25, then lost two matches in one day, against both Fullerton and Citrus Colleges, on Aug. 30 at Fullerton.

Cerritos lost both matches in the 3-way mini-tournament, dropping all six sets, leaving the Falcons with only two wins out of 12 sets played so far this season.

In the first match of the 3-way against Fullerton College, the Falcons consistently fell behind in each of the three games, resulting in big losses, 18-25, 12-25, 17-25.

Cerritos finished the match with eight service errors, which gave the Hornets free, unearned points.

The second match of the

3-way the Falcons fought back against Citrus College, and although it was a more competitive match, they were unable to close a single game, concluding in a 23-25, 22-25, 22-25, sweep for the Owls, sending the Cerritos College volleyball team home winless for the day.

Citrus, head coach of the Owls, Shin Jung, said, “When the whistle blows during the match, nerves have a lot to do with mistakes,” adding that he also has a number of freshmen on his team.

The most recent game Cerritos College played was at Golden West on Sept. 1, falling to its opponent in 3 games.

The lack of a strong offense and power hitters in the front row has proved to be a problem for Cerritos so far in the season, with a hitting percentage of only .124% in four matches.