




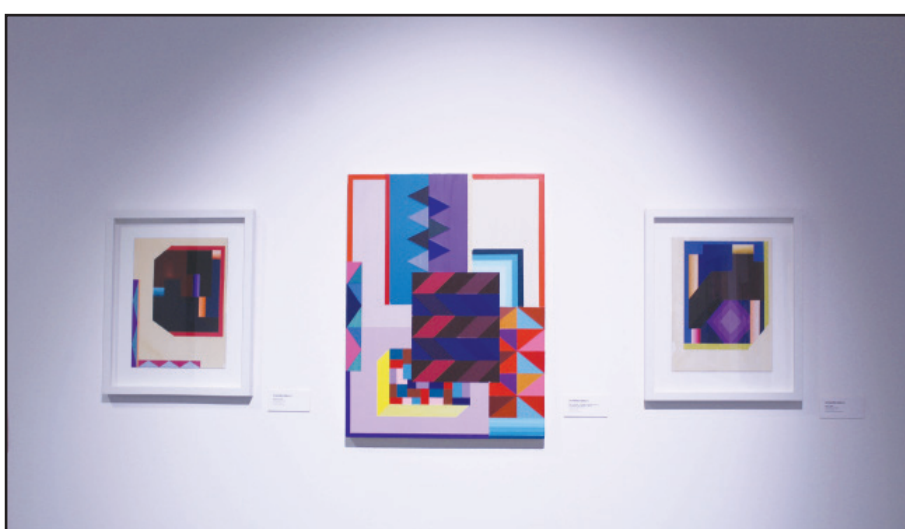


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# Concerns over safety protocols addressed



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**Shelter-in-place protocols:** The Faculty Senate met on Sept. 10 to further discuss the recent bomb threat at Cerritos College on Sept. 3. A campus forum regarding the shelter-in-place incident will take place on Sept. 12, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Falcon Gymnasium.

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Conversations on improving of shelter-in-place protocols continue, as Faculty Senate expressed their concerns over the events on the Sept. 3 bomb threat at Cerritos College to the chief of campus police on Sept. 10.

Chief Thomas Gallivan appraises the police officers in charge of apprehending the suspect, Mohammad Sameem Yaqubi, as well as campus police and faculty in charge of evacuating and informing students, but understands there are “lessons to be learned.”

He said clarifying terminology in regards to what shelter-in-place and a lockdown actually mean is important.

When President Jose Fierro first told Faculty Senate President April Griffith about the shelter-in-place, she “assumed lockdown

meant active shooter and [didn’t] want everyone to panic and try to run out.”

“I think that shared language among campus is important,” she said.

“We really need to be more emphatic about explaining that just because it’s a shelter-in-place, does not mean that it’s going to be an active shooter,” Gallivan said.

A lockdown indicates a hostile situation, Gallivan added.

Felipe Lopez, Vice President of Fiscal Services, helped with the RAVEAlerts sent out on Sept. 3 and said he didn’t receive a message at all.

He said, “Technology doesn’t always work when we want it to,” and encouraged others to contact him regarding other possible methods to improve notifications and preventive communication problems for shelter-in-place situations.

Angela Hoppe-Nagao, chair of Communication Studies, brought up concerns over some doors, as in the Social Science building, not being able to manually lock from the inside.

From a law enforcement perspective, barricaded doors and flipped locks create a situation in which law enforcement cannot get inside a classroom and potential for “bad guy” to lock people inside and keep law enforcement out, said Gallivan.

Dennis Falcon, political science faculty adviser, recommended, “It should be mandatory that every instructor, whether they like it or not, during the first week of class [show] the [run, hide, fight] video.”

A campus forum regarding the shelter-in-place incident will take place on Sept. 12 and is open to all students and employees to provide feedback.

# New faculty inquiry group launched by the CTX

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The new Sexual Violence Prevention Curriculum Infusion Project is meant to give five faculty members the opportunity to incorporate sexual violence prevention into their courses, and earn 10 hours of flex credit.

These positions are open to all members on campus, whether they be full-time or part-time.

An email to all faculty members was sent on Aug. 30 by Associate Professor Chad Greene.

“If there’s anyone in your division who might be interested in participating, please encourage them to fill out the interest form,” stated Greene.

Forms will be due on Friday, Sept. 13.

Chosen participants will attend sexual violence prevention workshops this fall and then work with an official to design a lecture, activity, or an assignment on sexual violence that can then be infused into their courses.

The program will be supported by a Cal EOS Grant and co-facilitated by Dr. Hillary Mennella and Dr. Valynia Raphael.

Maria Campoverde, a graphic design major, believes this new group is necessary because of the high amount of people these faculty members work with.

“Even if you’re not exposed to this kind of violence, you might be able to do something to help someone in case you see some type of violence or harassment around you,” Campoverde stated.

Selected faculty members will be notified by Raphael on Sept. 17.

The new group will have a mandatory meeting on Sept. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

# Red Cross encourages students to donate blood

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The American Red Cross encourages students at Cerritos College to donate blood and help them reach their goal of 90 donors by the time their bloodmobile leaves campus on Sept. 11.

“We only have six bloodmobiles in Southern California so we schedule them [blood drives] up to 12 weeks out,” James Poole, an account manager at the American Red Cross, said.

He said the mobile operator for the bus isn’t just a regular bus driver, he also must know everything about the bus and the equipment inside the bus worth \$600,000.

With the Southern California region only having six bloodmobiles available, a high turnout of students is encouraged.

During the 12-week period the Red Cross has to hire the staff

who work the event and gather the materials and equipment needed. Alongside the school, they help create student awareness about the blood drive.

“We do all the hard work by getting the hiring and the organizing [done], the sponsor [Cerritos College] really just makes sure we have an area to put the bloodmobile and is

jointly responsible for recruiting,” Poole said.

Student Guillermo Espinoza said long lines and long wait times discourage other students from donating.

“When I came there was a 30-minute wait and some people would rather do something else during that time. Saving someone’s life takes time from what

you’re doing,” he said, “For me, I have a paper to write but instead I came here.”

Zoila Villata a supervisor charge tech for the American Red Cross said that with the heat, donors really need people to hydrate and drink a lot of water before they come in to reduce lightheadedness.

“California always needs blood,” Villata said, “Especially during the summer and holiday season when blood supply tends to drop because high school and college students are away.”

“One blood drive can be only for one particular patient, people don’t know the high need of it,” she said, “Even though you see a lot of blood drives, it doesn’t necessarily mean we are saving lots of lives... some patients need from 2 to 100 bags of blood.”

The American Red Cross blood drive will end on Sept. 11.



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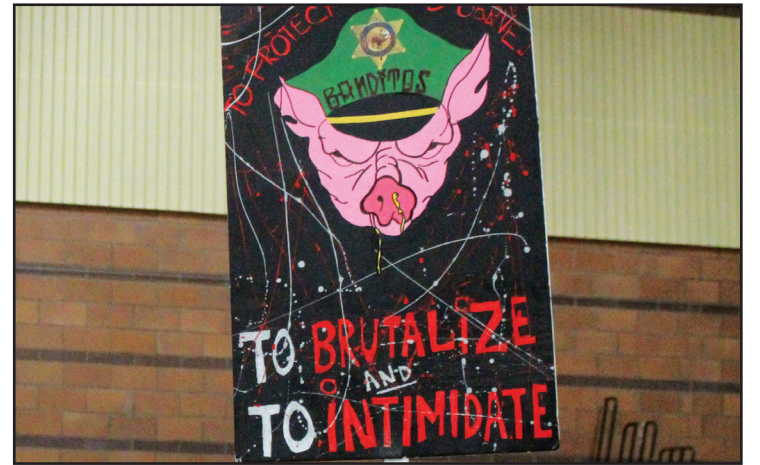
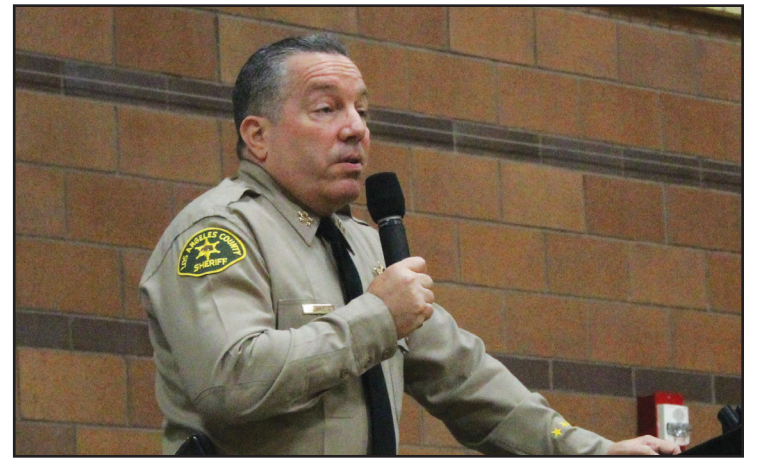
**Saving lives:** Cerritos College student Guillermo Espinoza donated blood. On his way out, he talked to his classmate waiting for his turn, September 10, 2019.



KIANNA ZNIKA

**Preventing sexual violence:** The new faculty group will be co-facilitated by Dr. Hillary Mennella and Dr. Valynia Raphael. Raphael has participated in other events on campus such as Take Back the Night. April 10, 2019.

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**Demanding answers:** The Vargas Family continues to seek answers to their questions regarding alleged police brutality and their relative, Anthony Vargas, who was shot in the back 13 times last year by East LA sheriffs. The family stated that Sheriff Alex Villanueva did not answer any of their questions at the town hall meeting held in Norwalk on Sept. 5, 2019.

## East LA family left 'disgusted' with LASD

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The Vargas Family of East LA continue to seek answers about their son, Anthony Vargas, who was said to have been shot in the back 13 times by East LA Sheriffs and died last year.

Since the passing of Vargas, the family stated they have been fighting for their justice and attending all meetings led by Sheriff Alex Villanueva, including the one held on Sept. 5 in Norwalk.

"We're here to still let Villanueva know, let the sheriff's department know, that we are

going to continue to fight," said Lisa Vargas, mother of Anthony Vargas, "They're going to see us until we get that information."

Lisa stated that she's been told that information can't be disclosed to her due to this being an ongoing investigation. The family said they have yet to receive an autopsy and official officer report.

Henry Vargas, the uncle, agreed and mentioned that the family's questions submitted at the Norwalk town hall meeting went ignored by Villanueva.

"They're using tactics to silence the families," stated Henry, "This isn't the first time that this has happened."

The Vargas family said they have been in contact with 215 families that have lost a loved one to East LA Sheriffs as well.

"I love my nephew, but it's no longer just about him. It's about all of them," stated Henry, explaining that these issues are taking place in the same area and same sheriff's department, "Chances are [it's] the same officers themselves."

The Vargas family is partnered up with other organizations as well, such as LA Voice and Check the Sheriff.

"We're trying to bring awareness to the community of what's going on and we want to let

Villanueva know that we're not going to stop until he's held accountable," said Lisa.

Villanueva explained to the community at the Norwalk town hall meeting that the department is strict when it comes to who is allowed to get hired and stay on the sheriff's force, and has upheld the same standards since 2006.

"Out of every 100 applicants, 3 get hired," stated Villanueva. "Half of those don't make it through."

According to the standard, criminal activity automatically disqualifies a sheriff.

The family's Facebook page "Justice for Anthony Vargas" has

about 273 followers and updates events and meetings led by Villanueva.

The next one will be held in Palmdale on Sept. 12. at 6 p.m. Palmdale and Lancaster residents are welcome to join.

"If the LASD has murdered someone from your family, I can not express how important it is to show up at these town hall meetings," the family posted, "He absolutely hates seeing families like us and hates seeing the names of the people we are fighting for."

"My son is no longer here to share his voice, so we're the voice that is going to stand in for him," stated Lisa.



PHOTOS BY KIANNA ZNIKA

**A community of stories:** Unheard LA is a series of events that tell stories of the people within the community. All members of the audience were encouraged to share their stories before the show on Sept. 7, 2019.

## No voice left 'unheard' at Unheard LA Show

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Featuring 11 local storytellers willing to share heartfelt tales from their lives, Claremont's Unheard LA was an event meant to bring the LA community together, entertain, and encourage the audience that they, too, have stories worth sharing.

The event was held in Garrison Theatre at Pomona College, and started at 5:30 p.m. Previous shows have been held in other locations such as Little Tokyo.

The show was kicked off by KPCC's own host, Bruce Lemon, who hyped up the crowd. In his own words, Unheard LA is about exploring stories that are untold and amplifying the voices of real people within the community.

Before the first storyteller, Lemon asked the audience to in-

troduce themselves to the people sitting around them and share where they came from and why they came to that night's show.

The stories shared at Unheard LA touched on a variety of topics, ranging from tales of exciting college getaways to poems about the power of words.

One of the featured speakers included Claremont's own David Allen, who according to Lemon had been called the "most underappreciated storyteller."

Allen's story was a lighthearted love letter to his city, describing the humor in the people within it.

"This is a city that loves to celebrate itself," he explained. "You have to be here for multiple generations to be 'from Claremont.'"

David Tanebaum of Claremont stated he had a great time, and that the show "makes you think

about your own stories."

Tanebaum had listened to KPCC radio before, but rode his bike to the event in order to watch Unheard LA live for the first time.

Ned Clafin of Hollywood agreed that the show was really fun and had a good variety of speakers.

"I like the amount of honesty," he clarified.

The audience was welcomed to a mixer after the show, offering many different refreshments, a photo booth, and a chance to further introduce themselves to new people.

The how is actively looking for all storytellers, whether they be professionals or speaking for the first time.

Unheard LA is an ongoing series of events, and will be held at more locations such as Torrance and Northridge.

# Gallery showcases contemporary art

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Cerritos College's newest art exhibit is currently on display in the Art gallery, which features art by seven contemporary artists whose work shows the traditional and non-traditional arts of Latin America.

The exhibit Southern Geometries: Contemporary Non-Objective Art and the Latin American Diaspora is curated by James MacDevitt.

Every artist showcased has their own unique style and objects in their work.

However, the trait they all share is the physical, material and referential culture of Latin America.

Each artist is given a dedicated space for their work along with a description of the piece biography of the artist.

In one of her works, Romina Del Castillo uses colored rhye straw on a wood panel to create "ribbons" that show off creative designs and pictures.

She states that she was inspired by traditional andean textiles and she decided to use this technique when she was an assistant to the french artist, Paulin Paris.

Another artist that was showcased was Sandra Vista who employs the use of colorful beads, gourds, and even discarded objects, such as zipper tabs to create her art.

One of her works, which was made entirely out of zipper tabs,

is called "Istanbul Crusade," which was made to tell of the neo-personality of her work, and being personal, being related to her own life.

Another piece of art came in the form of a video made by Marsia Alexander-Clarke.

She started off as a painter in the 1960s, and a sculptor in the 1970s and 80s, she has worked in the medium of video since the 1990s. For this particular art show, she created a dark background with bars of color that twist and turn.

She used temporal aliasing, that was used by extreme cropping, use of a camera and illusory movement.

Though her work was not inspired directly from someone or something, she used the term

"marks" in her videos because they highlight both the impossibility of merging the past and present.

Eduardo Aispuro is a sculptor who creates sculptures that defy the originality of rectangle sculptures. He sees them as a particular view of illusions and paintings as well.

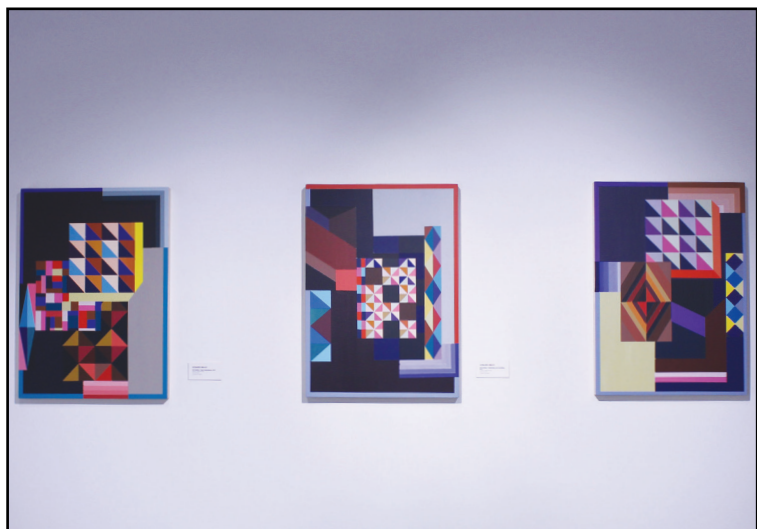
The most intriguing thing about his work is that he built it from scratch. He uses tools and supplies to create the effect of imagery that is unique in every way.

In one of the artwork that was displayed, the sculptor has "dents" in it to make it look like a spine.

The exhibit will run in the Fine Arts gallery from Aug. 26 to Oct. 4.



**Food as art:** Cos & Pi's famous avocado toast topped with ricotta cheese, Casey Wiele and Xochilt Perez and is located at the Cerritos College Fine Arts building.



**Non-objective art:** Southern Geometries: Contemporary Non-Objective and the Latin America Diaspora is the current exhibit taking place at the Cerritos Art Gallery in the Fine Arts building. The exhibit will conclude on Oct. 4, 2019.

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## Gordita E

Welcome to Gordita Eateries, the only food column dedicated to great food. It's time to get out of the constant cycle and venture into a world of delicious dishes that you're sure to love.

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Gordita Eatery checking in to give all of our college students a taste of what Los Angeles has to offer besides fast food and your typical hangout spot.

It's time for a change and a need for new experiences and I'm here to help you find the hidden gems in the metropolitan area of Los Angeles.

First up, is a little neighborhood eatery in Pasadena right near the Goldline train station located in a quaint area right by the famously historic Arroyo Seco Parkway.

Cos & Pi dishes are all way too beautiful to eat, is what you will initially think, but their food packs a mighty punch!

The flowers, the food and the atmosphere, all tie in together at Cos & Pi to have the perfect summer brunch.

Their desired result is only to cater to breakfast and lunch using only the freshest and finest ingredients that are available throughout the seasons.

Owned by a husband and wife by the names of Casey Wiele and Xochilt Perez, they both strive to have the food sing and speak for itself.

"From making our brioche buns/loaves, to grinding our own blend of meat for our burgers. We just care a lot about the food and care about each customer.

Whether it's their first time dining with us, it's always a special time," states Xochilt Perez.

Their avocado toast is simply to die for! This delicate yet scrumptious dish is loaded with smashed avocado, ricotta cheese, meyer lemon, espelette French pepper, baby heirloom tomatoes, and fresh basil.

Then it is decorated with elegant edible flowers and yellow Viola flowers to set the summer mood. It's a perfect blend of art and tastes just as good as it looks.

"It was all Casey's! He put them on the menu not only because they are pretty, but because they are good," says Perez.



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... goes perfectly for breakfast or lunch. The neighborhood eatery is owned by husband and ... located in South Pasadena.

## Eateries: Cos & Pi

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Talk about simple, yet delicately mesmerizing? The avocado journey isn't over yet.

Cos & Pi serve the most delicious avocado fries ever. The fries are fried to the ultimate potato crunch and is then bombarded with a huge slab of smashed avocado straight from the pit. These fries are definitely all in your face!

If you're in the mood for more of breakfast type of meal, then their croissant breakfast sandwich is what you need.

Two cage free eggs sunny-side eggs, two thick strips of applewood smoked bacon, fresh tomato straight from the vine, wild baby arugula, a garlic aioli sauce and finally, a delightful French croissant baked to perfection with a buttery flaky crust.

Cos & Pi is a unique little eatery filled with great people and amazing food that is different from the normal food in Los Angeles.

Enjoy their handcrafted pastries are baked fresh every morning by, wife and bakery chef, Xochilt Perez.

"Since I was a teenager I enjoyed baking cakes (box cakes). I didn't realize it was a career until I graduated high school and went to a short term culinary school.

My passion really developed more when I started working for the Patina Restaurant Group.

It was there where I learned techniques and made various desserts," says Xochilt.

Both chef and bakery chef have a passion for cooking and creating dishes that are different from the traditional lunch and breakfast.

Casey Wiele states, "I started working for The Patina Restaurant Group when I was 18 years old.

It began as a job to pay my way through college. But I got very involved in the whole process. I enjoyed eating good food, food that took time to prepare. So, once I finished college I kept working in the culinary industry."

It's the type of place where you can easily get away from the typical fast-paced fast food restaurant.

Where as that they don't value the true art form of healthy and creative alternative eating. Cos & Pi's food is clean, healthy and affordable for all college kids who like to experience new city adventures.

If you're tired of having the same everyday food, then you should defiantly check this place whenever you get the chance.

It's a short ride on the Los Angeles Goldline train system and a short walk after you get off at the South Pasadena stop.

## 'IT Chapter Two' emphasizes the power of friendship

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### Spoiler alert

"IT Chapter Two," released on Sept. 6, and is a rare case in which the remake outshines the original, highlighting that with the power of friendship and love, a "sloppy bitch" is no match for "Losers."

It is tied up in a way that breaks hearts and offers hope at the same time, with the help of a phenomenal cast.

The film does make use of classic horror aspects, such as cheesy CGI zombies and jump-scare tactics, but uses realistic horrors of life-- implied pedophilia, children being murdered and homophobia, using Pennywise as the cover for those who have a fear of clowns.

"IT Chapter Two" is set in 2016, 27 years after the "Loser's Club" unsuccessfully killed Pennywise in their adolescent years and in order to honor a blood pact made amongst the group, they are adamantly instructed by Mike Hanlon, played by Isaiah Mustafa, to return to Derry and finish the job.

Watching a gay couple peacefully enjoying their

date night out and ultimately being violently beaten by people of Derry, while simultaneously being slashed with homophobic slurs and then killed off by Pennywise is a bone-chilling image that lingers long after the film's end.

Controversy over the opening scene sparked, although it was taken straight from Stephen King's novel "IT" according to Variety, to showcase the relevancy in hate crimes in the past and present.

It makes one wonder: was it necessary to go hard with the homophobic slurs and "bury your gays" trope to make that point?

When will gay couples get their big, cinematic endings with fancy boats, fluffy dogs and beautiful sunsets?

When the Losers are at last reunited, the scene sets the tone for their relationships with endless bickering and teasing one another, but obvious care and love still present.

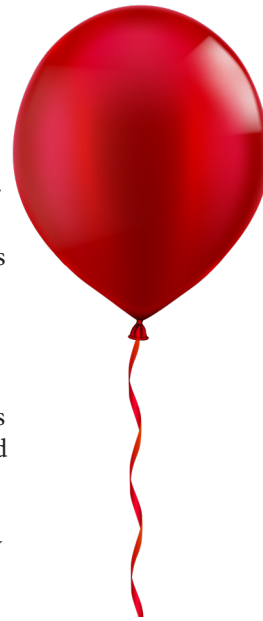
The adult cast eerily looks exactly like their kid versions in the best way possible.

Jessica Chastain, who plays Beverly Marsh and Bill Hader, who plays Richie Tozier, stand out in their adult adaptations of their younger selves-- making viewers laugh and even some, cry with them.

There were many more laughs and snuffles heard than gasps of fright amongst the audience.

If viewers are looking for a horror film that focuses more on the values of friendship and sticking together while being reminded of everyday, realistic horrors that occur, look to

"IT Chapter Two."



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Sequel: 'IT Chapter 2' focuses on real life events, rather than the usual corny scare tactics movie-goers are used to seeing with horror films. 'IT Chapter 2' premiered on Sept. 6, 2019.

### Upcoming horror films

- 'Zombieland Double Tap' Oct. 18, 2019
- 'The Lighthouse' Oct. 18, 2019
- 'Doctor Sleep' Nov. 8, 2019
- 'The Lodge' Nov. 15, 2019
- 'Little Monsters' Nov. 15, 2019
- 'The Grudge' (reboot) Jan. 3, 2020
- 'A Quiet Place 2' March 20, 2020



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Just in time: A sequel and reboot for these high grossing films. Zombieland is set to premiere Oct. 18, 2019.

# RAVE fails, every Falcon for themselves



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Cerritos College failed to make sure that both their students and their staff would be safe during an emergency with the handling of last week's bomb threat.

A delayed emergency alert, coupled with some classrooms having doors that could not lock and professors who abandoned their classes at the first sign of trouble, led to mass confusion and fear that could have been avoided or at the very least lessened.

At 11:53 in the morning of Tuesday 3, a man walked into

a classroom and declared that he was a terrorist and had a bomb, reported Cerritos College President-Superintendent Jose Fierro at a news conference following the incident.

Note that the incident began at 11:53 a.m., however, the first RAVE alerts did not go out until nearly an hour later, at 12:45 p.m. In this extensive gap, only students in close vicinity to the threat had some idea of what was happening.

While alarms went off across campus at 12:28, the order to shelter in place was not made

until the third set of announcements, and the nature of the threat was still not made clear.

RAVE advertises itself as a fast and reliable system that delivers information to a population in a simple manner, yet when it was time to prove that these claims were accurate the system fell frighteningly short.

Students and faculty alike were left with little to no information, leading to cries that there was an active shooter on campus.

Classes and buildings were poorly locked down, with some students discovering that some

of the classrooms had doors that couldn't be locked at all.

That fact that this needs to be addressed at all is completely unacceptable.

But due to the harsh reality of the new times we are living in these things have to be called out and taken into serious consideration.

Perhaps one of the largest concerns is that some instructors even left on their own accord during the shelter-in-place.

There is no logic behind students being forced to watch as their leader, or in this case, gatekeeper runs scared whilst instructing them to remain where they are.

There were claims that some of these professors told their classes that they would come back but they never kept their word.

All these factors create a school that is unprepared and unequipped to handle a situation like this it were to happen again.

Campus police can only do so much in the face of threats, so going forward, students and faculty must also play their parts.

There are all kinds of different meetings one can attend to voice their opinion as far as safety is concerned.

Board meetings, Senate meetings on campus and City Council meetings are available to all to speak about their opinions and suggestions.

Our community need not be shy, as speaking up will do everyone a greater good.

As we have learned from these events, the only thing that is for certain is that the current

system in place currently has failed us.

We must make it clear that student and staff safety should be the number one priority.

The school needs to at least establish and write up a plan for all possible scenarios no matter how far fetched they might be.

These plans can be emailed or handed out to students for them to read at their discretion.

The school should look into ways of incorporating more drills or at the very least having a talk about safety plans going forward.

To make systems like RAVE more effective, if students familiarized themselves with safety plans then they'd have a better idea of what to do if the warning system simply states 'bomb threat'.

The school shouldn't just rely on a safety system either.

In situations like this, social media can be a powerful tool for updating students on situations.

Communication should do just that, communicate, and unless measures are taken to update our response policy, Cerritos College may very well find that they are not prepared should a real threat emerge.

Cerritos College should also consider inspecting and updating all the buildings to ensure that students and staff will really be safe being lock downed should a future incident occur.

The school board, students, and staff all need to come together to ensure that situations like this are handled correctly and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

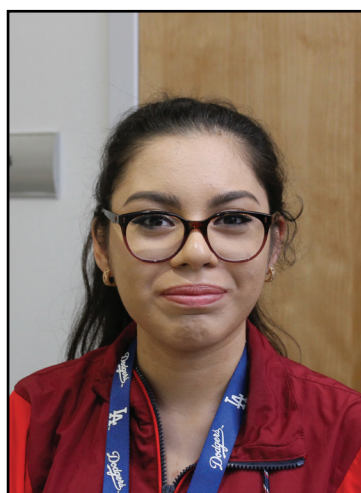
## Free Speech Zone

How well do you think Cerritos College handled the recent bomb threat?

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"I think they handled it alright. My concern was we didn't really get notified until like half an hour later. I feel communication wise they need to improve."



Ryan Brodnax  
Welding major

"I was on the way to campus when I got the notification from my professor. I think the campus handled it well, but he [the professor] didn't say why class was canceled. I didn't find out until my girlfriend did some research [into what caused the sudden class cancellation]."



Andrew Moreno  
Undecided major

"I think they handled it responsibly and handled it well."



Mateo Gil  
Biology major

"I felt like there was a lot of urgency during the lockdown. I feel like they wasn't enough communication as to what was going on with the situation. They said they were getting someone, and it took a while to release the students. I feel like they shut down the school rather quickly."

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# Five strong years of friendship on the volleyball court

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Alexia Torres and Mirka Granoble first met in high school, and went on to play on the same teams for the next five years.

They have represented three private clubs together, and currently represent Cerritos College on the Volleyball team having used their friendship to take their game to the next level.

The two friends have helped each other grow throughout their career, building on each other and providing support both as a friend and a teammate.

As stated by Torres, "It's fun because we know how the other plays and we can tell each other things to fix or change so it's easy just to tell each other how to get better and improve out there."

Having played their way through clubs and their high school years, these players have seen firsthand how daunting the transition to college sports can be.

Torres states, "So high school, I feel like it was just for fun, but we still got better and even in club, we played on decent club teams but also mainly for fun."

"The games are usually competitive but not as competitive as college where the girls are all



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**Teammates:** Mirka Granoble and Alexia Torres have been playing together since high school and now play together for the Cerritos College Women's Volleyball team. The two teammates compare their college sports life to their high school and club one in 2014.

really talented."

"College is different because that's where you transfer and there's way more competitive growth," Granoble said on the same topic, "You have to be more physically and mentally prepared for like stronger plays and harder games in college."

This competition comes with its ups and down and a great amount of burdens, but Granoble feels that the bond she shares

with Torres helps make any outcome a positive one.

She states, "It's fun playing with her because we've been playing together ever since high school and it's just like we have a strong bond, so it's just fun when we come together as a team and score points, whether we win or lose in the end."

The sport has also helped alleviate the stress of schoolwork, exams and long days.

"It's really fun being on like a college team, because we also get to travel. Every Wednesday and Friday, we have an away game, we go to San Diego, or Santa Barbara."

We get to travel together as a team. All while getting your education, and it just makes it fun. It makes us look forward to going to school because we have something fun to do," said Granoble.

Both players are excited about

the team's future and state that they foresee nothing but growth for the road ahead.

They hope to secure victories this upcoming season, and help the Falcons win a state title.

Torres and Granoble will next represent Cerritos on Sept. 13 in a home game against Santa Ana College.

The team's first league game is on Sept. 25 against East Los Angeles College.

## Sports Schedule

Football Schedule  
Sat., Sept. 14 Moorpark  
6 p.m.

Men's Water Polo  
Wed., Sept. 18 at El Camino  
4:15 p.m.

Men's Wrestling  
Sat., Sept. 14 at Bakersfield  
Duals 9 a.m.

Women's Cross Country  
Fri., Sept. 13 at SoCal Preview  
Meet Mission Bay  
(San Diego) 10 a.m.

Women's Soccer  
Mon., Sept. 16 at Ventura  
6:30 p.m.

Volleyball Schedule  
Wed., Sept. 11 at San Bernardino Valley 5 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 13 Santa Ana 5 p.m.

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## Falcons soccer team continues undefeated streak

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Cerritos played against Oxnard College on Tuesday, Sept. 10. The falcons continued their undefeated streak, taking a 2-1 win in regular time.

Sophomore midfielder No. 10 Bryan Ortega scored in the 48th minute. The sophomore shot under the far crossbar for his fourth goal of the season.

In the 79th minute, Hector Aguirre Ruiz scored an assisted goal, bringing the score to 2-0.

"The guys are starting to improve tremendously on offense," said head coach Benny Artiaga after a previous win against Hartnell College. "Defensively, we have been on it all year. I'm proud of the guys and their progression."

On Sept. 1st, the Falcons would play against the Rams' of Fresno City College.

The match ended scoreless, however Cerritos would come out victorious in penalty kicks 3-1. Thus winning the Hartnell Tournament back-to-back.

Freshman goalkeeper No. 0 Luis Enciso would record six saves; including a save during the

penalty shootout. Fresno City missed their first two attempts.

Cerritos scored their first two attempts thanks to midfielder Ortega and forward Diaz.

The game winning goal was scored by sophomore defender No. 5 Eugene Martinez.

Coach Artiaga stated that the team was going to have a tough game against the Rams of Fresno City College and hoped that the team would win the tournament.

After the Hartnell Tournament, Cerritos traveled to Golden West College, for a rematch of the state championship game last season.

The Falcons scored a late winner and kept another clean

sheet. Sophomore goalkeeper No. 1 Jose Azpeitia would have a career-high 10 saves in the match against the Rustlers.

Assisting Azpeitia in the back row were sophomore defenders No. 3 Ernesto Cueva, No. 4 David Lermas, Martinez and No. 18 Jorge Cardona.

The late winning goal was scored by sophomore Ortega in the 89th minute.

Assisted by freshman midfielder No. 24 Brandon Montoya.

When questioned on the goals scored midfielder Ortega stated, "It feels great to score goals, we know that these games are important. If we want to win a conference or state championship we have to get the job done on the field."

The Falcons will now host a familiar team: Oxnard College. In the two matches last season, Cerritos would win both games 1-0.

The second game went to extra time, because it was a second round playoff game.

It will not be an easy game for Cerritos, Oxnard have three wins and are also undefeated.

The Condors have scored 10 goals and conceded three; and only one clean sheet.

Oxnard have defeated Golden West 4-2 and Taft College in their previous match 2-0.

Cerritos have 29 games without a defeat since last season, hopefully it can be extended to 30 games this coming season.



ABEL MONTOYA

**Fighting for the ball:** The Cerritos College soccer team, which is undefeated, won against Oxnard College. The team continued their winning streak on September 10, 2019.

# Inside the minds of football captains

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Cerritos College has kicked off their 2019-2020 season with two new team captains, as well as one returning captain.

Each captain carries a different mindset and philosophy, however they all share a common passion for the game.

C.J. Parks, a wide receiver for the team and returning captain states that "I think as a team captain, you got to be able to vocalize some of the things that the coach can't, but that's just the nature of coaching and I and it is."

Parks went on to say, "It is what it is but as a leader or a team captain you have to be able to relay that same message to your players just in a different way like and just be able to lead by example."

Tre'Vion Ballard, cornerback and new captain for the team shares a similar opinion, stating, "I know everybody is looking up to me and I have to set the example."

Ballard also attributes the

team's passion to the coaches, stating that "they expect more out of us for sure, they push you to your limits so you get stronger, and I think they see a lot of potential in everyone."

The team has cultivated this potential, as Etieni Valele, captain, middle linebacker and fullback for the team states, "If we mess up, the coaches make sure that the next day we come back stronger."

Parks also spoke on the head coach, saying, "I think this season coach gross is has got the bull by the horns this year.

He's just he's always been a great coach.

Always since I've known him but last year was his first year being a head coach so I'm sure there's a lot of stress on him.

But now I think he has I think he has the bull by the horns and he's gonna he's gonna be ready to kill it this year, and we'll help him get there."

The captains are all eager for this upcoming season.

They are working their hardest to make this season an undefeated one.

#5 C.J. Parks  
wide Receiver

#3 Tre'vion Ballard  
Cornerback

#44 Etheni Valele  
Middle linebacker

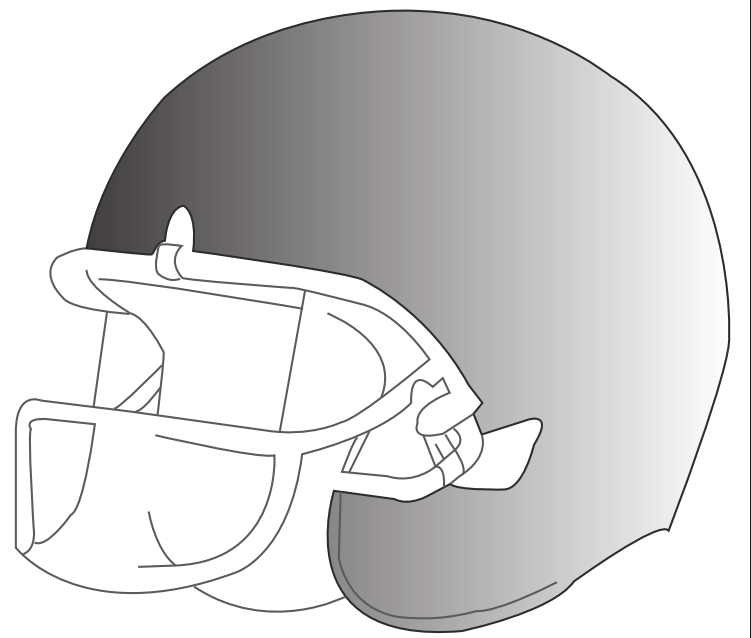


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## Falcons women's volleyball team defeats Hawks

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Friday Sept. 6 the women's Falcons Volleyball team, squared off against non-conference opponent Santiago Canyon Hawks (0-2) at Cerritos College.

Going into this contest the Falcons were coming off back to back losses. It was evident the Falcons were hungry for this win in front of their home crowd.

The Falcons would jump to a 12-5 lead early in the first set, led by a couple of kills by Jackie Dickson.

Early on it looked as if this would be a quick night in favor of the Falcons as the Hawks defense looked confused and out of sync on most of the Falcons kills, but to the Hawks credit they would pull it together and go on a 9-2 run to tie the game at 14-14 all in the first set.

After a few back and forth scoring runs by both teams, the Falcons would eventually outlast the Hawks by taking the first set 25-18, capped off with the winning kill by Alexia Torres.

In the second set the Santiago Hawks would come out firing on all cylinders and would take an early 4-0 lead on the Falcons, on 4 straight kill points.

The Falcons would quickly rally back to tie it up at four a piece, but as quickly as the Falcons tied it, the Hawks would extend the lead 18-10 and never look back taking the second set 25-13.

Heading into the third set with the series tied at one a piece,

set four would be a repeat of set three, but only this time it was the Falcons jumping out to an early 4-0.

But Santiago Canyon would rally back and tie it at six all, but the Falcons would put together a nice run of kill points to pull away from the Hawks and win set three 25-15 capped off with the game winning point by sophomore Mirka Granoble.

Cerritos Falcons would have a 2-1 series lead heading into set four looking to close out the match.

But the Hawks wouldn't make it easy for the Falcons as both teams were battling throughout the set. Santiago Canyon would take a 21-18 lead.

As soon as it looked like

Santiago would force a fifth set, the Falcons would rally back lead by clutch kill by Torres to pull the team within 2, 22-20.

After a Hawks point edge them closer to forcing another set, sophomore Brooke Winquist would stop their momentum with a crucial kill, which followed up by three straight attack errors by the Hawks to put the Falcons at match point.

But kills by Stacie Zumbek and Aubree MacDonald would then give match point to for the Hawks.

The falcons would than battle back with a another crucial kill by Winquist to tie the match, while a ball-handling mistake by the Hawks would give Cerritos



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**Spiked:** Mirka Granoble set the ball for a pass to Alexia Torres for a point. The team defeated the Hawks on September 6, 2019.



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Andrew Luck, 29, has announced his retirement from the NFL two weeks prior to commencing his eighth season as Quarterback of the Indianapolis Colts.

Luck stated it was the hardest decision of his life. His decision came from losing the joy he once had from playing football.

Luck held a press conference to publicly announce his decision on Aug. 24th, 2019. He battled tearing up as he said, "I've been stuck in this process and the brackets shows indication that the quote was shortened haven't been able to live the life I want to live....It's taken the joy out of this game."

The news spread quickly around the world after the quarterback met with the owner of the Colts Jim Irsay to discuss his decision prior to the press conference.

Luck has battled with injuries throughout his career and having to learn how to cope with all these injuries has taken a mental toll on his life.

Luck was on the field with his team for their preseason game against the Chicago Bears, but was booed by fans off the field as the news of his retirement came out. During the press conference, when asked about the crowds reaction, Luck said, "It hurt."

On social media, many NFL players supported Luck with his decision, and frowned upon the fans who booed the man who gave Indianapolis everything he had.

As the 2019 season was about to commence, news spread about an ankle injury Luck was battling, but nothing about how severe the injury was, until the retirement.

Luck missed most of the 2015 NFL season due to a lacerated kidney and torn cartilage in his ribs.

After the 2016 season, Luck had surgery on his shoulder that was troubling him throughout his career, therefore causing him to go undergo rehab and miss all of the 2017 season.

Andrew Luck is a four-time Pro Bowler who has given the Colts his best, but has struggled to stay healthy.

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