

MEN'S SOCCER WINS SCC TOURNAMENT



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Kick: No. 16 Antonio Negrete, Midfielder, Sophomore tries to get control of the ball mid air during the the SCC Tournament when they played Mt. San Antonio.

Falcons soccer defeats Mt. Sac 3-2 for conference championship

Samuel Chacko
Editor in Chief

The Falcons won a gritty win against a tough Mt. San Antonio team on Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. at El Camino's football stadium with around 50-80 fans in attendance.

During the first half, the energy was there for both teams and their defense was on point throughout the game.

Cerritos first goal in the 14th minute with Sophomore Uriel Sanchez (No. 11), Midfielder scoring an unassisted goal to start the game 1-0 Falcons.

After multiple fouls by Cerritos, Mt. San Antonio didn't cower away as No. 14 Andrew Vazquez, Freshman Forward scored right back one minute later.

In the 44th minute, a foul from Mt. San Antonio resulted in a Falcons goal by Antonio Negrete (No. 16), Sophomore Midfielder, giving the Falcons a 2-1 lead in the first half.

Don't be mistaken, the atmosphere was intense and had back-in-forth action with Cerritos and Mt. Sac constantly getting the ball in the other's side.

The Falcons were extremely aggressive, having 10 shots on goal compared to Mt. Sac's four.

Mt. Sac's goalkeeper, Jacob

Cardenas (No. 1) got key, athletic saves to allow Mt. Sac to try to claw back and win the game.

The fans were giving the refs grief all game because of the lack of yellow cards from Mt. Sac, which could've been way more cards compared to the stat sheet.

Around the 60th minute, Mt. San Antonio fouled Cerritos again and result in a huge goal for the Falcons as Sophomore Defender Alfredo Ortiz (No. 3) scored, giving Cerritos a 3-1 lead.

When it looked like Cerritos had stolen the momentum from Mt. Sac, continued to fight with a foul and a yellow card from Julian Vazquez, allowing a penalty kick.

Mt. San Antonio's Edward Castro (No. 11), Freshman Forward, took advantage of this huge blunder that the Falcons gave them and scored, slowing the lead down to 3-2 in the 68th minute.

However, Cerritos stopped Mt. Sac from scoring any more goals, winning 3-2 against Mt. San Antonio.

After time ended, the Falcons soccer team ran onto the field as they were sharing their enjoyment of the victory with each other and their friends/families.

Pablo Caparelli (No. 9), the Captain and the Falcons

Centerfielder said, "It feels amazing [...] after all the hard work and dedication we [everyone] had for this team."

"I feel like I just need to work on my conditioning," the Sophomore said about the adjustments he needs to make, "I feel like if I can do that better, I could last and I feel like I can do way better."

"I think this is the best team in Cerritos so far and I just can't wait to go to Sacramento because

I know we're going to make it over there," Caparelli said,

Freshman Goalkeeper Steven Ruiz (No. 0) said, "We're really excited to finally get first place but we're all looking forward to that state championship."

"Just one more to go," he said and one of his teammates, Kobe Chavez, added, "you know what, jobs not finished yet."

The Falcons will be playing the conference match on Nov. 19.

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Trophy: Kobe Chavez (No. 20), Midfielder, meets at the right side of the field to take a photo of the trophy with his friend on Nov. 11 versus Mt. San Antonio.

MEET TRUSTEE DAWN GREEN

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The Cerritos College Board of Trustees voted to appoint Dawn Green on Oct. 20 to fill the vacancy of former Board member Trustee Carmen Avalos and will remain in the term until 2024.

According to the Cerritos Press Release, Trustee Green will be the first African American woman to serve on the Board in its 67-year history.

"Oh my gosh, it blew me away because I didn't even know that. It makes me very proud,"



Trustee DAWN GREEN Green said with a smile on her face, "I'm very thankful to serve as the first African American female board member."

Trustee Green had 20 years of experience as an elementary school teacher and is currently the principal at Rosa Parks Elementary School in Lynwood.

"Through my lens of experiencing education, through the things I've seen through the years, though my fight for equity, access and justice, I just feel like I have a lot to bring to the table," Trustee Green said.

The new trustee said that her mission right now is to get to know the college, meet with the high schools and meet with people in Trustee Area 2.

"Always believe in yourself," Trustee Green said as her advice to college students.

"There will be challenges and doubts. However, you must stay the course, do your best and you will reach success."

Trustee Green expects herself to contribute to Cerritos' success in 3-5 years in the future.

She named examples like increasing and sustaining enrollment, equity access and justice, having award-winning programs, being out into the community and building partnerships.

"Being a part of that continued movement for success, that's what I'm hoping," she said in closing.

Trustee Green will officially be inaugurated and installed as a Board of Trustee member during the next Board of Trustee meeting on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.



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Veterans: Shedrian B. Williams II, a recruiter for the U.S. Air Force and Space Force, talked with some of the members of the U.S Coast Guard on Nov. 7.

CERRITOS HOSTS VETERANS FAIR, MAKES VETERANS 'PROUD'

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The Cerritos Veterans Resource Center started Veterans Week with the Veterans Fair and Spirit Day on Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. to show their support and gratitude to all the heroes that fight for our freedoms.

The event had around 20 to 30 students walking around, talking to different Veteran branches and having fun with them.

Most of the ASCC members came out to support the Veterans Fair and talked with the Veterans throughout the fair.

You see that closeness when some of the Army members and ASCC members play against each other in Mario Kart, having fun and laughing the whole time.

The Veterans Fair gave out free hot dogs and drinks for the military and students.

Shedrian B. Williams II, a recruiter for the U.S. Air Force and Space Force, said that he felt touched and honored that Cerritos held this event for all the branches.

"I feel proud. Me waking up every day and putting on this uniform knowing that I'm here to protect and serve, is something you can't match anywhere else," the U.S Air Force recruiter said.

Lt. Junior Gray Marcus, who's a part of Coast Guard recruiting said he's happy Cerritos had this

event, "We're just honored to be here and tell people what the coast guard does but also see our brothers and sisters in other services."

The Coast Guard recruiter said that he's going to be going to a Veterans Event at Six Flags

it looks good," Andres Solorzano, the Director of Veterans Affairs for ASCC, said.

Solorzano said he was a prior service Army member and said that they're planning on having a Military Ball in the Spring time.

The rest of the events are:



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Laugh: three members of the army laughed and had a close bond on Nov. 7

to spread more awareness of the Coast Guard.

"We're really happy, we put a lot of work into this, a lot of coordination and a lot of planning and just to see it come to fruition,

Open House on Nov. 8 and Long Beach Veterans Affairs Hospital at 11 a.m. and Celebrating the Marine Corps. Birthday! on Nov. 10 at 12 p.m. will be on the same day.

IMAJAH WANDIX ISN'T FEELING CALIFORNIA

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The golden state is losing its value rapidly and Imajah Wandix, a Long Beach native, talks about it.

California the Golden State where dreams are made possible for anyone, anyone who's anyone goes to California for a better life.

Imajah Wandix, a Long Beach native, doesn't agree with California anymore.

He says California was one of the best livable places to start a family to be able to make a decent living.

"People wanted to come to this state to finally live out the American dream but now it had gone far down the drain," Wandix says as he was stretching his arms.

Imajah tells me California's price of living has skyrocketed out of nowhere and made people want to leave the state for good.

Most natives who wanted to stay here are moving out and going to Las Vegas.

He is really passionate about his feelings toward this state, he explains the majority of the people that live in Southern California are moving to Lancaster or the valley in California for a better affordable life.

"If California doesn't have the most issues, then I don't know if other state does because over these years it has been hell," the Long Beach native said.

"Don't be deceived by the Hollywood walk of fame and the palm trees it's still problems here."

"I'm from Long Beach California and for starters, we can discuss the gentrification that's happening all over urban cities," Imajah says, he wants the property tax to not go up forcing him to pay more.

Mainly Compton and South L.A and Watts are being gentrified expeditiously, especially the Jordan Down projects, word to the wise if you ever go over there, it may look nice but it's still a gang-infested area.

Speaking about gang activity, there are places where you cannot go still to this day because of street gangs that are in California.

Crips and Bloods are still here in California and certain colors you cannot wear can end it being brutalized or even killed.

Imajah said that finding a decent place to live is difficult, apartments are difficult to get approved for because of the rent is out of control.

"Rent in California might

as well be a mortgage because it ranges from \$1700 to \$2000," he said.

The Long Beach native added that it's ridiculous to continue to pay that a month, which can be someone's life savings.

Taxes are crazy in California, going as far as 13.3% and has made it one of the worst places to live at.

"California is only fun for people that have money to spare and you can live the dream here," Wandix said, "If not a person will have to have three jobs to make it."

The summertime heat is extremely hot in California, making it over 104 degrees this year.

If you have a car in California, the gas prices have gone up to \$7 and this again is wrong. "Who wants to continue to pay this amount of money on a Chevy Malibu?" Wandix said.

California has another issue with trying to buy a home, the average house goes for \$500k and it some where located in the ghetto of Los Angeles, probably in

a dangerous community.

"As a west coast native, I can personally I am considering on moving out of California

because it's becoming too much for me,"

Wandix said, "The lifestyle is fine but the people are getting annoying."

Speaking about cars, if you plan on coming to Los Angeles, please try to be patient with the traffic cause it's crazy. You can expect to be stuck in traffic for about an hour maybe 40 minutes at best.

"Please expect the out of control wildfires in California because it is quite often that we get them every blue moon," Wandix explains to me.

Imajah goes over how much he hates the wildfires in Southern California because, "it makes the air filled with pollution and ashes tend to be seen in the sky."

"The fires make the sky look ugly and orange kinda like the sun from the movie Nightmare before Christmas," Wandix said as he chuckled about his movie reference.

The schools in California can be awful because of the economic status that it has, majority of people have this false image that because a person lives in California the schools are great, not exactly.

"Poverty I wish I can change that cause I can't stand being broke, being on food stamps is



Imajah Wandix

DOWNEY RESIDENTS FLOCK TO 9TH ANNUAL 'DIA DE LOS MUERTOS'



DIANA MORALES

Día De Los Muertos: Maricela Aviña in traditional Día De Los Muertos makeup as she stands next to her artwork.

Diana Morales
Staff Writer

The City of Downey hosted its 9th annual “Día de Los Muertos” event on Oct. 29 from 11 a.m to 8 p.m.

This event has been taking place at the Downey Theater on Firestone, right across the street from Downey High School and had local food vendors, live performances and fun activities to participate in.

Entering the event, you notice a community altar displayed with pictures, flowers and different

offerings for loved ones that have passed.

Inside the Downey Theater was an altar dedicated to pets who have passed and was also decorated with flowers and treats for the pets.

About seven tall skeleton statues were wearing traditional Mexican dresses and suits that people were able to take pictures with.

The Día de Los Muertos event had multiple food vendors and local vendors, which were “Pinch of Flavor,” “The Taco Cartel,” a Pupusa truck and even street vendors selling Tamales among

other items.

There were also local artists selling beautiful traditional Mexican-inspired work as the Mexican American artist Maricela Aviña was there selling some of her work.

“My art is inspired by life. As cliché as that sounds, life experiences.” Aviña shares, “I’m really inspired by Sylvia Ji and Frida Kahlo; a majority are women artists but also the youth.”

Different small businesses were selling things like homemade candles, aprons pins and many more goods.

On the main stage, they

had multiple dancers of all ages performing a traditional Mexican dance called “Folklorico.”

Outside next to the theater there was a live performance where people happily danced to salsa and merengue.

There were a lot of activities for the kids and adults to participate in as they had a section for people to decorate their own paper masks to look like the face paint, traditionally worn on Día de Los Muertos.

Author of “Sundays with Abuelita” Teresa Verduzco was doing book signings and taking pictures with fans. She used to

teach 2nd grade and would share with the student’s stories of her childhood.

“Everyone has a very unique story so share your story with the world. You will inspire someone,” Verduzco shared.

Many children stopped with their parents to take a picture with Verduzco.

This event continues to bring a community together who all share the same beliefs and culture backgrounds.

They encourage people to also come out and learn about the Mexican belief of Día de Los Muertos.

NATALIE SOLIS SHARES HER STORY ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Jaelyn Delos Reyes
Community Editor

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness month, victims can use this time to share and inspire their stories with others, to heal and open up to someone about their traumatic experience.

Natalie Solis, Cerritos College Kinesiology major student and Cal State Long Beach Psychology major student, shared her experience as a victim of a toxic relationship and explained her growth from it.

“It was just a lot of gaslighting and manipulation with him,” Solis said, “Every time he would do something that I did not like, he would manipulate me by reversing the situation on me for something I did in the past.”

“He hit me by accident. He just blamed his anger on it than himself. At that time, I was apologizing for him doing that to me, so he can not get angry and get even more mad,” Solis said.

Solis met her toxic ex during the pandemic while at work.

“I was gaining weight after high school and he was already a personal trainer and we would have the same shifts,” said the

Cerritos College student, “So our relationship was the gym.”

Solis and her ex would go to the gym after work and both of them had a 5 month friendship before they started dating.

Solis noticed the changes in her ex when he started being abusive.

“In the beginning, I ignored the red flags because I already fell in love with him before he fell in love with me. So I feel like after he was crying about how much he missed his ex, I knew he was changing.”

Solis said that when they broke up she hated him, but as time went on she learned to forgive him and is now working on forgiving herself for gaslighting her own self.

Solis talked about the negative effects that she went through after her toxic relationship with her ex.

“I feel like now, just 5 months after, I look at every sign in a toxic way,” she said, “One thing that just bothers me, I kinda just ignore it now.”

“I feel like now I’m very insecure about my work ethics now. I’m more in my head,” said the psychology student, “I overthink about every situation.”

“I push people away now

and I don’t like to communicate ‘cause when I would always communicate with him, he would never listen to me. He would just ignore my emotions and feelings.”

Solis talks about struggles to talk with her friends and family and started isolating herself and saying that she started to self-sabotage everything.

“I gaslight myself thinking ‘It’s my fault he cheated. I should’ve been the person he really wanted to be with. I should’ve trained more at the gym. I should’ve ate healthier,’” the Kinesiology student emphasized.

Although she had gone through a tough relationship, she started healing and learning the positive effects from her toxic ex.

“I feel like I became very grounded after the relationship,” Solis said, “I don’t put up with anyone anymore. I feel like before I would try to fix people, but now I don’t even care to try.”

“I put work and school first now. I know what body goals I want for myself during my gym journey. Just getting closer with my family again and making new friendships.”

Solis added, “I’m eating better now. Before I would eat fast food and I would throw it up just



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Solis: Solis talks about the struggles she experienced after breaking up with her toxic ex-boyfriend..

because he would tell me that I was getting fat.”

“I feel like I would change being friends with him and me trying to fix his emotions and his childhood. I feel like that’s not healthy in a friendship or relationship,” Solis said.

Solis admitted that he taught her to be more strong-minded

and that she didn’t regret being with him because she has learned more from being broken up with him rather than being with him.

Solis said that sharing stories about their experience can open up and embrace what other victims have been through and that everyone has to go through an obstacle to grow as a person.

ELDERLY PEOPLE LEARN NEW SAFETY SKILLS



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Schmid: Jennifer Schmid explains the names of homeowners are public information and scammers can easily find this information and pose as a legitimate call on Nov. 9.



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Nguyen: Alicia Nguyen, Outreach Coordinator, explaining rights and responsibilities to community on Nov. 9 during the workshop.

Benjamin Garcia
Freelancer

The senior safety seminar was held at the Weingart Senior Center in Lakewood on Nov. 9 that included information on personal safety and both online and in-person scams.

An important strategy for ensuring personal safety for any individual is remembering to close and lock all windows and doors at 9 p.m.

This includes both home and car protection as well as securing garages and a way to take away crimes of opportunity from criminals.

Another form of disincentivizing crimes of opportunity is by bringing in Amazon packages from the doorstep.

Jennifer Schmid, the public safety program coordinator for the Public Safety Department, gave out a message.

She said that being aware of one's surroundings is the most important way to avoid physical hurt.

"Scams are obviously one of the biggest problems for the senior community," Schmid said, "Because older people are a little bit easier to persuade" and the older people get, the more things

can be confusing.

"We try to emphasize not talking to people you don't know; even if it's a company that seems legitimate, it's so easy to lie," Schmid explained.

Schmid added that it is good to call the company directly to be sure one is talking to an honest person.

Another point Schmid emphasized was to not click on any links from unknown senders; strangers can buy access to public information to target older people.

According to Schmid, one of the newest scams is an ad that is posing as Amazon that shows the words, "Click here!"

Lakewood community member, Laurie Vandy-Brake, who donated fire extinguishers for elderly people or anyone who doesn't have one, attended the event.

Vandy-Brake told the attendees that it is important to unbox the extinguishers to have them ready for emergencies.

She emphasized that there is a recall on Kidde fire extinguishers which allows people to be given replacement units.

Carol Brown, a community member who regularly attends Sherrif deputy meetings, said that she was glad she learned how the fire extinguishers work.

She lamented about the dangers elderly people face, such as various highly trafficked crosswalks where cars don't stop especially at the intersection of Hardwick St. and Downey Ave.

Brown added that she asked a police officer, who was waiting near the stop sign, about how many run-throughs he saw. He replied that there were about seven per hour.

Another problem Brown disclosed to Talon Marks is the fact that a person calls her phone, who poses as Amazon, asks for an amount of money between \$400 and \$700; even though she does not have an Amazon account.

"Old people are sitting ducks," was Brown's final thought on the presentation.

"Things are always changing out there and I think it's good to be aware," said Lakewood resident, Sandy Andrew.

Schmid said that it doesn't matter where a person lives, this information is important to all, "Personal safety is number one."

"You just need to constantly learn what's out there and what to avoid," Schmid concluded.

To learn about public safety, Lakewood has a section on its website with all types of information to keep you and the things you care about safe.

NORWALK'S FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP

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The Fair Housing Foundation hosted a Fair Housing Workshop on Nov. 9 at the Norwalk Social Services Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The workshop was a free event that educated tenants, landlords, managers, property owners, attorneys, realtors and management companies about their rights and responsibilities.

During the workshop, there were 14 topics were discussed such as California Fair Employment & Housing Act, Section 504, disability and new laws including COVID-19 & AB 1482 and commonly prohibited practices.

Alicia Nguyen, outreach coordinator explained, "The following are the most common prohibited practices. Refusal to sell because of someone's race, color, religion, national origin and so forth."

Nguyen informed the visitors that landlords who require a larger deposit or charge higher rent to tenants who have large families or who have children are considered discriminating.

Another topic that Nguyen mentioned is the Uniform Housing Code which provides a minimum standard and requires units to have a habitable room except for the kitchen.

Nguyen shared her thoughts about why this workshop is important for the community.

"A large majority of the community don't know their rights as a tenant and even

as a landlord," The outreach coordinator said, "They don't know what to do in terms of dealing with difficult tenants."

"The law changes all the time. It's good to keep them informed because they make better decisions for themselves and for the community."

"We are here to keep the community informed because if you know your rights, you know your options," Nguyen said.

The Fair Housing Foundation is an educational organization that was founded in 1964 and has been providing services to the community. In the past, the workshops were in-person, but it has transitioned to Zoom.

The foundation offers a rental counseling program that one can join. In order for one to join, he or she needs to follow these steps:

1. Set a free appointment with a HUD-certified counselor
2. Assess your housing and financial situation
3. Create a personalized budget and set financial goals
4. Manage your debt and improve your credit
5. Learn about your housing rights and options

After one follows the steps above, one may earn a \$50 gift card.

The Fair Housing Foundation has workshops every Tuesday through Zoom and can be registered from their website under the events tab.

For more information about the rental counseling program, contact the Fair Housing Foundation via their contact us page, which has their email and



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Vandy-Brake: Laurie Vandy-Brake, Lakewood resident, who donated fire extinguishers to be distributed at the Senior Safety Seminar. The particular fire extinguisher goes above stoves to prevent kitchen fires.



UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

Movie: This is the “Halloween Ends” poster, which is releasing on Oct. 14 in theaters and on Peacock.

‘HALLOWEEN ENDS,’ ALL HOPE FOR THE FRANCHISE

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David Gordon Green’s “Halloween Ends” was released on Oct. 14 and officially closes the sequel trilogy which reconnected all past projects and continued 40 years after the events of the original 1978 film.

“Halloween Ends” grossed \$41 million during its opening weekend, yet still fell behind its predecessor “Halloween Kills,” which made \$49.4 million in its opening weekend.

Despite its successful opening, Green’s finale received many mixed reviews, largely being negative.

The film succeeds in its cinematography, ever so reminiscent of the original “Halloween,” as well as its strong leads and standout performances, especially in its kills.

Where the film begins to dip is in the continuation of the egregious commentary on evil itself.

Like the first two, “Halloween Ends” attempts to explore what makes a person evil, this time with an Audience Surrogate in fresh face Rohan Campbell’s character Cory Cunningham who, minor spoilers, becomes the lead antagonist.

This may surprise viewers as the trailers teased the final fight between Laurie Strode, played by Jamie Lee Curtis and The Shape, played by James Jude Courtney.

Opening on Campbell’s Cory, who performs excellently in the film, we see him accidentally kill the child he is babysitting after being locked in a dark room in which he attempts to aggressively break the door down.

It’s the guilt and judgment from this that ultimately lead Cory to become the main antagonist of the film, as well as his interactions with returning actress Andi Matichak playing Allyson, who’s the lead protagonist.

In fact, Laurie and Michael are sidelined for a story that focuses on how everyone else has become impacted by their rivalry.

Three years after Cory’s accident and four years since “Halloween” and “Halloween Kills,” events, there were radio broadcasts; flashbacks and narration from Laurie reveal Haddonfield has turned savage in its period of mourning.

The film explores its characters’ grief well as each character is tense from constant torment by Haddonfield’s bitter residents, but it’s with the townspeople that “Halloween Ends” loses its brilliance and becomes ridiculous.

Cory is persistently harassed by a cartoonish group of marching band members who always know where he is, always wears the same thing and drive in a convertible sports car.

Laurie’s blamed for Michael’s rampage by survivors, despite Dr. Sartain freeing Michael in “Halloween” and it is revealed

Michael has no personal vendetta against Laurie in “Halloween Kills.”

As the lead characters share their grief, Laurie begins to suspect Cory of having a more sinister agenda as he eventually encounters Michael and becomes his disciple.

As Michael and Cory begin killing and The Shape resurges, the carnage ensues!”

Halloween Ends made 43.4 million dollars its opening weekend worldwide it ended up making over 102.9 million dollars so the film did pretty good.

This film is perfect for the title because the ending of Michael Myers reign of terror is over.

Jamie Lee Curtis did an outstanding job in this film she showed levels in her acting .

Curtis showed the audience that her ability to survive is immaculate , she was stabbed in the previous Halloween Resurrection.

Curtis played her role perfect she knows her way around a weapon.

For those who haven’t seen the film her survival tactics has increased since the previous films.

The gory aspect of the film lived up to expectation , it was quite graphic with the killings.

Halloween Ends made people who are fans of the franchise understand the direction of what this film was going.

If I were rating the film, I would rate it a six out of 10.

WAKANDA FOREVER AND UNFORCED ERRORS

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The release of “Black Panther: Wakanda Forever” draws near and Marvel Studios reveals more about the film’s plot, but some of these details should raise some eyebrows.

Despite the sequel’s infamously troubled production, many of the problems it looks to potentially face could have easily been avoided.

Take the focus of much of the film’s marketing, the MCU debut of Atlantis and the classic comic character, King Namor.

Portrayed as a monarchic, alien culture that is typical of the source material, Atlantis has been reimagined as an underwater Aztec empire.

For better or worse, social media is always looking for ways to get riled up by “---the hot new thing.” Almost nowhere is that more true than with comic book adaptations.

Namor has been around for a very long time and has a sizable fanbase.

Central to the character’s appeal for many is that he can be a bit unlikable and this goes doubly so for his early appearances where he often served as a villain.

An issue with adapting this aspect of his character now, however, is that the vocal portion of online discourse like to claim those character traits displayed by members of certain races in a

story should be taken as a broad statement about the race in question.

Consider the fact that Namor is typically characterized as arrogant and prideful, and the fact that “Wakanda Forever” has yet to showcase a potential villain besides the Aztec-like Atlanteans and it’s easy to see the minefield that Marvel is about to step into.

Did it have to be this way?

Aside from dodging Aquaman comparisons, the logical reason behind the decision is to diversify the Marvel universe, but even that explanation proves damning.

By taking preexisting material and diversifying it with little thought to how it affects everything else, “Wakanda Forever” has thrown a wrench into the works where there was not one before and complicated the whole endeavor as a result.

That’s not even mentioning the gaping hole left in the story by actor Chadwick Boseman’s passing or that neither side of the advertised conflict seems particularly morally upright.

How this will all play out on the big screen and twitter is yet to be seen, but all signs point to the whole thing being a mess.

The movie has made over 330 million dollars since it had come out ,not as much as the first has made but still its pretty high in box office.

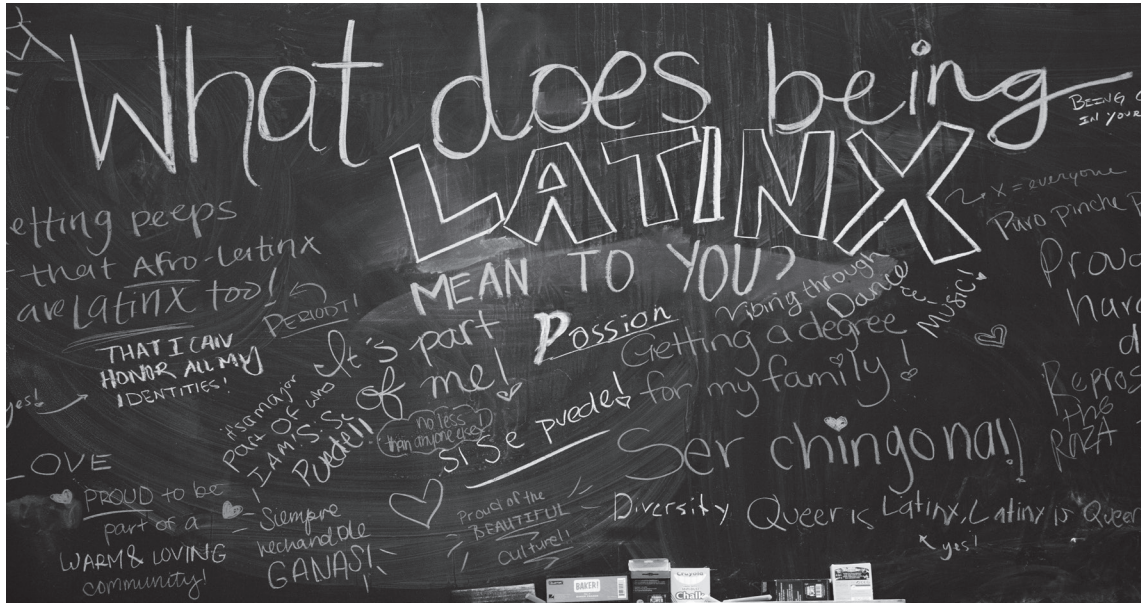
“Black Panther: Wakanda Forever” is in theaters on Nov. 11 to a theater near you.



MARVEL STUDIOS & DISNEY

Poster: This is the “Black Panther: Wakanda Forever” movie poster, which came out, in theaters on Nov. 11.

Stop calling us 'Latinx'



CSUF PHOTOS

Latino: Latino Students from Cal State Fullerton writing on a board about why they're proud to be "Latinx."

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Staff Writer

Many mainstream media platforms have taken up the term "Latinx" to refer to the Latino Community, causing even more distrust towards the term "Latinx."

Many Latinos do not like the term or do not like being called "Latinx" and prefer to just be called what they are now; Latinos and Latinas.

The Latino Community for the most part also finds that when they are called "Latinx" it offends or bothers them.

"Latinx" also doesn't follow the traditional structure of Spanish because it is not Spanish which makes plenty of Latinos veer away from the term even more.

Only 23% of Latinos in the U.S know what "Latinx" means, of that 23% only 3% identify as

"Latinx" and 74% of Latinos in the U.S. don't even know what "Latinx" means.

Many Latinos would argue that the word itself already is inclusive because the O doesn't direct it to just men, it's collectively talking about a massive group of people including those that feel like they're not either sex.

"We already have an inclusive word for this.... It's LATINO, the "o" is already meant to be gender neutral," John McWhartor, a linguistic professor at Columbia University said.

Since the word "Latinx" is not Spanish. it makes many Latinos feel as if they're ripping away a part of their culture by referring to them as "Latinx."

The "X" is added to the word and dropping the letter "O" feels more exclusionary to many Latinos as opposed to it being more inclusive.

The term is predominantly used by white progressive Americans who want to make the Latino community more "inclusive" and accepting of "multiple genders."

There are better alternatives to identify the Latino community if people want to feel like there should be a gender-neutral word for the community.

A few terms many Latinos feel better about is the term "Latine" which replaces the "X" with an "E" or just calling us Latinos "Latinos" or "Latin."

Thankfully due to so many drawbacks and rejection of the term "Latinx" many institutions and companies are dropping the term and reverting back to saying Latinos.

People should stop calling Latino's as LatinX not only because Latino's don't like it but it's offensive.



SALLY T. BUCK

Workers: Protest in Canada taking place to stand up for sex workers. People marching down the street with signs and umbrellas. (2016)

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN SEX WORKERS MUST END NOW!

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Men love to say "women have it so easy" especially when it comes to sex workers but this job is not for the weak.

Many people rely on sex work as their only source of income and there is nothing wrong with that.

It is not fair to tell them that their job is easy because many people have to deal with harassment that can lead to very dangerous situations.

Stories are more likely to be shared on Twitter where people know they will be heard with Twitter threads and TikTok is depended on to get the word out.

Like the case of Felicia Johnson, who was last seen at Cover Girls Night Club looking for work in Huston, Texas.

Chukwuebuka Nwobodo, the man who's wanted for Johnson's disappearance, was arrested and released right away.

There was evidence of her blood found in his apartment and the trunk of his car.

His search history included searches like "how to be a serial killer" and "Huston escorts." Yet with all the evidence in front of them, they let him walk freely.

The harassment doesn't stop there; it also happens online with sites like Onlyfans.

Only fans and similar sites I've been on the rise since quarantine started. It's nothing new and there are around 1.5 million content creators on only fans today.

Content creators that go viral on social media like Twitter or Instagram happen to be women; However, all the attention these posts get isn't all positive comments.

Many floods the comment section with hateful messages and complaints from most men.

They slut shame, name-call, tell them to pay taxes (which they do) and even send threats.

You can tell it's mostly men because they are the ones that comment or share the post the most.

There are popular male-only fans and content creators who have a big female audience yet these men tend to get praised instead of harassed.

Being a sex worker is not as glamorous as it seems and some men don't see sex workers as people; which brews hatred.

There are plenty of TikTok and YouTube videos and social media posts all over the Internet glamorizing how easy it is to make money.

Some smaller creators are coming forward and even sharing with their audience to not join only fans due to the consequences they have to face.

The phrase "see something, say something" is extremely important in cases like this.

Never be scared to stand up if you see someone getting physically or verbally attacked.

You can always call the authorities to come help if the altercation is getting out of hand and it's a shame that there are random people who say it's wrong but don't do anything to help.

People who disrespect sex workers should be called out and even sharing a post on social media goes a long way to bring awareness to this important issue.

There are also protests that happen where people can attend and use their voices to stand up for sex workers.

TEACHERS ARE EMPLOYED TO TEACH, NOT BULLY THEIR STUDENTS

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A teacher's job is to not only hone the academic skills of their students but to inspire and guide them down a path of success.

Unfortunately, not all teachers carry out the latter, as a percentage of students may occasionally gripe about how their instructors at school speak to them or humiliate them in front of their peers in a high-and-mighty way.

Teachers should not use their positions to act arrogantly toward students and disrespect them.

Not only is it irresponsible for a teacher with such power and influence to put down their students, but it's also pathetic and embarrassing for a grown, knowledgeable adult to shame a

growing teenager.

While some students may succeed in rebelling against their torment, such as Duncanville High School's Jeff Bliss, who spoke out about the neglect he felt he and his peers faced, not all students may come out on top.

Most often, when students defend themselves, they are unfairly given referrals or detention for reacting accordingly.

This discourages other students from standing up to teachers, allowing teachers to continue abusing their power.

According to Verywellfamily.com, 93% of high school and college students reported having at least one teacher target and bully them in their school.

When a student is bullied, they may develop feelings of resentment towards not just towards the abusive teacher, but all teachers.

California Compulsory Education Laws require children between the ages of 6 to 18 to attend a learning institution with intervention policies preventing truancy.

The rippling effect a teacher's bullying has may influence a student to avoid attending class, as Cyberbullying Research Center reports 160,000 or 18.5% of students skipped school to avoid being bullied.

As stated previously, educational institutions have a job to not only strengthen a student's learning ability but instill an efficient work ethic for a student to further succeed and develop their virtue.

Teachers should be against other teachers bullying students because it makes learning harder for the students and makes them more likely to skip school as a whole.

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Booth: Davon Booth, No. 6 (Soph) running back for the Falcons, poses without his glasses or hat, which he wore during the Oct. 12 interview.

DAVON BOOTH TALKS FOOTBALL AND FUTURE

Samuel Chacko
Editor in Chief

Davon Booth, the speedster running back at Cerritos College and as his teammates call him “Von,” recently committed to play with the Utah State Aggies.

The Falcons running back said the reason why he committed to Utah State is because of the amazing view, the campus, the togetherness and family orientated town.

“I remember it was eight o’clock at night and you still see kids playing and it’s a pretty safe town. I always say to myself, ‘Without football, would I ever live there?’ and I could see myself living there,” Booth said.

Booth talked about how he has a son now and talked about how his life changed for the better, “I love being at home with him, he brings joy.”

With a son in the world, Booth talked about his girlfriend, “I don’t have any words. You wake up, you see them smiling and it just brings life to your day.”

He also talked about the game he attended where Utah State took on Air Force, “The atmosphere was crazy. The fans yelling. The student center was by far the best I’ve ever seen.”

Booth first played football

when he was around eight years old when he began and said that his cousins, Elijah Penny and Rashaad Penny, who both have successful NFL careers, got him into football.

He also talked about how his mother had 12 children and the impact they had on his life.

playing football for the rest of my life,” he added.

Booth was a two-way player at El Monte High School, playing both running back and safety, but is now focused on playing running back.

Coming out of high school, he didn’t get any college offers and

is serious.”

The Falcons running back said that his ability to read the wholes was god-given, just like his speed and agility, but also due to watching film, “The one thing I always say is ‘be patient, read the blocks, once they block it correctly, just go off there.’”

The coaches have a huge influence on refining and creating new skills, Booth talks about how in his first year at Cerritos, Coach Montera and Coach Lindsey taught him a new way to hold the ball.

“Hand over the watch,” he said, “Once you get into contact, you put the hand over the watch and hold it high and tight.”

When you play in any sport, there’s a bond that comes with it and Booth said that he would play 2k with some of the offensive players and chill out with the players and their families.

That bond with the team lasts forever, Booth said and that bond also helps them on the field.

“If that’s either having a job, owning a business or playing football, that’s what it is,” Booth said.

Booth envisions himself hopefully in the NFL, getting his master’s or anything school-related, and being a good father and husband.



“They were supportive of the jump,” Booth said adamantly, “I said, ‘I wanted to play football’ and they said, ‘okay,’ when I had games, they went to the games. Now, they’re even more supportive, they want me to pursue my dreams and keep chasing them.”

“I went to a team called the Paramount Pirates when I was nine and that’s when I saw myself

decided to go to Cerritos because his cousin Elijah went to Cerritos in 2011, “I just knew Cerritos was a good place I can go to if I want to go to other Division I schools.”

“It was my first year against PCC [Pasadena City], my first game of the year,” Booth explains as he talks about his ‘come to college moment,’ “I’m running the ball, and I see the d-line keeping up with me and I’m like ‘wow, this

FALCON SOCCER CHAMPS



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Phone: Jesse Erazo, assistant coach for Cerritos, shows his trophy to his family.

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As for adjustments, the goalkeeper said that sometimes the team turns off, “When we turn off, teams really punish us and we just saw today [...] we just got to clean up those little mistakes and keep it clean in the back.”

“Man, every time we take care of Mt. Sac [Falcons rivals], it’s a great feeling,” Falcons head coach Benny Artiaga said, “Our team worked really hard this year.”

“To go undefeated in California, man, I want to say it’s darn-near impossible because every game, someone is out gunning for you,” he added.

The Falcon’s head coach talked about the adjustments that need to be made, saying that the team controlled the game 3-1 but committed PK, which he added that it just takes a little bit more discipline and focus.

“Somebody would have to beat us at home for us to not get to our destination,” he said about regionals, “We’ll have the boys prepared [...] we’ll have them ready.”

The Falcons will be playing the first round of the South California Regional Playoffs on Nov. 19 at 2 p.m.



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Family: Foward and Captain Pablo Caparelli took a photo with his family.



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Trophy: Two Falcons kissed the trophy on Nov. 11 versus Mt. Sac.

FALCONS WIN OPENING GAME VERSUS SANTA MONICA



DERRICK COLEMAN

Dribble: Guard Jalen Shores (No.5) Sophomore, took the ball up the court against Santa Monica as his 19 points propelled the Falcons victory 81-71.

Samuel Chacko
Editor in Chief

Around 30 people came out to watch the Falcons' first basketball game against Santa Monica on Nov. 1 at 5 p.m. and won a tough fashion with the final score of 81-71.

In the first half, the Falcons built up a 24-14 lead which ended with a 12-6 run from Cerritos and a 30-second time out by Santa Monica.

Throughout the game, when Santa Monica players were picking up Cerritos players, you can hear some of the coaches yelling "let them get up," which was the energy they palyed with.

However, Santa Monica wasn't going to get blown out and went on their own 15-12 run to get the game to 36-31.

Forward (No. 20) Jonathan Salazar had 16 points and 10 rebounds in the first half alone, leading both teams in rebounds and points.

The Sophomore had around

emotion with fouls, driving into the lane and talking to his players.

"I know I got to bring it every day because they feed off my energy. I know I have to keep them going and I know if I keep them going, they can keep me going," he said about his energy.

The second half was a tighter game as the Falcons experimented with playing occasional trap defense on the defensive end and pushed the floor.

Every time Santa Monica inched closer, the Falcons respond back as Sophomore Guards Gorden Boykins and Jalen Shores helped their team secure the victory.

The final score of the game was 81-71.

"It's my first college game ever and came out and guarded me extremely tight," Forward Everett May (No.13), said.

Salazar talked about how he saw that Santa Monica was in the paint too much and talked about how the team spread out to run the coaches' offense.



DERRICK COLEMAN

Drive: Gary Williams drove to the basket and scored during the Nov. 1 game versus Santa Monica

half of the Falcons' points and rebounds with most of his rebounds coming defensively.

Salazar was the spark plug for Cerritos as he would show

"We have Jonathan over here [...] who's a great player, we have a lot of pieces and it'll be very hard to guard us regardless of size," he added.



ROMAN ACOSTA

Football: Sophomore running back Davon Booth takes the carry in the third quarter against Mt. San Antonio. He outruns defenders before being tackled by a gang of Mounties on Nov. 12, 2022.

FALCONS FALL 28-7 AGAINST MT. SAC

Samuel Chacko
Editor in Chief

The Falcons were bested at home 28-7 against Mt. San Antonio on Nov. 12 at 6 p.m.

Cerritos displayed great defense early in the ball game as the Falcons forced a turnover on downs on their first possession.

After putting up 45 points last week versus Riverside, the Falcons looked out of rhythm early as a delay of game on fourth and one set the Falcons back, and they were forced to punt, going three and out.

Cerritos' defense has been one of their strong suits in the first half of the ball games this season, as they once again forced another punt as the Falcons fast-flying defense rallied holding the Mounties to only 30-yards on their second drive.

The Falcons would start their second offensive drive on their own 10-yard line.

Cerritos started off nicely as

they relied on their star running back Utah State commit Davon Booth. Booth picked up 26-yards on two carries.

A penalty on the Mounties' defense added on 15-yards at the end of Booth's run which set the Falcons up at the 40-yard line.

Several plays later Sophomore quarterback Jordan Simpson connected with his tight-end Jacob Leija in the endzone for an 8-yard TD to put the Falcons up on the board first.

However, the Mounties responded right back as they put together a 10-play drive and scored a rushing TD early in the 2nd quarter to tie the game at 7-7.

The Falcons started the next offensive series on the 35-yard line and a roughing the passer penalty on Mt. San Antonio was called as Simpson was thrown to the ground after an incompletion.

On 3rd and 16, Simpson was intercepted on the deep ball and gave the ball to Mt. San Antonio

on their 36-yard line.

The Mounties would capitalize on the turnover as a balanced run and pass attack led to a 24-yard TD pass as Mt. San Antonio took a 14-7 lead.

A crazy start to the Falcons' next offensive series as the ball was batted at the line of scrimmage and popped up in the air and intercepted again by the Mounties.

The Cerritos defense was able to hold the Mounties to 14 points in the first half.

However, Cerritos struggled throughout the second half and failed to put any points on the board for the rest of the game, making the final score 28-7.

"They outplayed us for sure," said Coach Grosfeld, "They're a good football team, it was for the playoffs and they outplayed us, and that's just the bottom line."

Cerritos finishes the season 7-3 and will play in a bowl game on Sat, Nov. 26.

WOMEN'S SOCCER PLACE 7TH IN PLAYOFFS AFTER 3-1 VICTORY AGAINST LACC

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The Falcons women's soccer team wins in tough rain and wind versus Los Angeles City with it coming down to Penalty Kicks, winning 3-1 on Nov. 8 at 3 p.m.

After staying in the tents for 30 minutes, because of the heavy rain, and the quick warm-ups, the Falcons women's team played through the rain.

The first half was back-and-forth with neither team scoring as both goalies played perfectly, saving all the attempts coming at them.

Freshman Victoria Ruiz (No.1), the Falcons' Goalkeeper,



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Running: Meghan Legayada rushes to the ball on Nov. 8.

the game?" and decided to do Penalty Kicks to get rid of the tie.

It got so bad that the turf was getting muddy and even the tent at the scorer's table and the Falcons' tent was moving wild, with one of the tents quickly losing the roof.

With the freezing-cold temperatures, the shot was blocked and the Falcons yet again slides through the mud again and won the game 3-1.

After the game, Head Coach Tressa Troglia talked about the win and the future of the women's soccer team.

"The wind, the rain played a huge factor, anticipating skips and bounces," she said

The Falcons end the season on a high note, having a 6-9-3 record.

had four saves and a total of 113 saves for the season.

Surprisingly enough, the game got to halftime and both coaches met at the tent and asked each other, "Do you want to continue