During his campaign, president-elect Donald Trump grabbed the public’s attention with his outspoken personality and antics. He insulted women, immigrants, the disabled and angered Muslims and the press during his campaign rallies.

Yet he found support among those who were tired of career politicians and those who wanted someone they believed could make the country ‘great’ again.

Professor Ashraf Almurdaah teaches in the business department. He said there is no clear evidence on who will have a better impact on economic issues like employment, wages and taxes.

“Mr. Trump for example supports lowering taxes, but does not state how the deficit resulting from that reduction – estimated to be around $6 trillion – will be financed,” Almurdaah said.

He also said that while Trump wants to bring back jobs, the effort would most likely result in a spike in the production costs of U.S.-made products, and the retail prices of those products would rise due to inflation.

“Trump also wants to impose tariffs on certain products,” Almurdaah said. “But how will manufacturers be able to sell their products at the same price when the international supply chain is disrupted and their product components get expensive?”

Music Department Chair Christine Park said the biggest problem in 2016 is discrimination. She said people are still discriminated against because of their race, culture and gender.

“We would be in fear of Trump because the issues we struggle with will escalate,” Park said. “It could be devastating for the art world because we share humility, humanity, love and care for the world ... With him, it will create bigger negative issues.”

Professor Emeritus Henry Ealy of the African-American studies department said there are policies in the United States that allow companies to take jobs offshore and manufacturing to countries where they can get the cheapest labor. According to him, there are no consequences for that, and Trump is taking advantage of those laws.

“He has no concern for the rule of the law,” Ealy said. “He still has not revealed his taxes. Every other presidential candidate has shared his or her taxes with the public.”

Trump has said he wants financial institutions to demand identification from prospective customers before opening accounts or conducting financial transactions. This would effectively make it so those without proper documentation cannot wire money outside of the United States.

“It would take years for Trump to reverse any of Barack Obama’s immigration policies, not days like he says,” Ealy said.

Trump also claimed he will deport 11 million illegal immigrants, but failed to provide a roadmap detailing how.

“You can’t just arbitrarily deport people. That has to be done with the Justice Department with the approval of Congress, but he’s telling people what he’s going to do the first day in office,” Ealy said. “He’s going to build a wall and Mexico is going to pay for it. That’s madness. His policies resonate within a certain element of our country.”

Trump also plans to remove the U.S. from the Paris Agreement and has called global warming a hoax.

Michael Farrell, geology department chair, said it has been a long and difficult road for the United Nations and the international community to come to climate agreements such as the Paris Agreement.

“I don’t know what Trump’s presidency would mean to our continued involvement in efforts to reduce greenhouse emissions,” Farrell said.

Overall, many people refuse to support Trump because of his lack of experience in public office, and because of the character he has displayed during his campaign, however, there are also those who believe an outsider like him is the best chance the country has for the future.
America craves change.
This was clear when the country elected Barack Obama. It was clear when Bernie Sanders campaigned. And it is clear now that Donald Trump is the president-elect.
The nation does not want the status quo and is willing to go outside the box to get what it needs. The problem with this strategy is that it is doomed to fail.
Americans cannot look outward for change. The change must begin with each individual.
People in the United States must embrace revolutionary ideology. Ironically, these are the very principles we profess to embrace, but fall short from reaching.
The U.S. is branded as the land of liberty and justice for all, where the huddled masses are welcome and all men are created equal.
However, if we the people are to be true to these ideals then we must understand that these tenets of liberty and equality preclude patriarchy, sexism, racism and hyper-fueled nationalism.
So here we are. This is the opportunity.
The issues that divide us must come to the surface to be completely eradicated.
Our society must experience the discomfort of change before it moves forward. We have to tackle the hard issues that plague us.
Americans must engage with one another productively and at a grassroots level. Change can be made. Holes in the sidewalk can be filled, crosswalks painted, and community gardens can be planted. Police oversight committees can be formed.
Health insurance for all can be an affordable reality. The middle class can make a comeback and vacations can become the norm, but only if we take the country back from people that embrace money and power at all costs.
Prosperity does not have to equate to the subjugation of other human beings here in the U.S. or abroad. We have the ability to create an economy that does not follow the plantation system used by the slave masters of the past.
Weapons of mass distraction are continually used to keep the citizenry in check. Numbing the body with food, the mind with weed and opiates, and binge watching Netflix is not conducive to change. Stop.
Likewise allowing oneself to be drawn in by catch phrases and rhetoric about minorities and immigrants is giving in to another form of diversion.

Ink Style: A VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT
Hillary Clinton did not succeed in her quest for the presidency, but she did make history as the first woman in the United States to serve as her party’s candidate for the position.

BY NAOMI JOHNSON

Nobel Prize winner, chancellor, president, prime minister, these are just a few of the titles attached to names of women from countries around the world. The United Nations reports that one out of every 10 leaders today is a woman.

They are mothers, wives and politicians on a mission to bring forth change brighter futures in their respective countries. Although the U.S. has been behind other nations in electing a female president, history was made when Hillary Clinton was nominated for the highest office in the land. While this event advanced women in U.S. politics to a new level, there are other countries that have been governed by women since the mid 20th century. They prove that women are as skilled and as complex as their male counterparts.

Angela Merkel is one of the most powerful leaders in the world. She is the first female chancellor of Germany and one of the architects of the European Union.

Merkel’s style of government has been described as pragmatic. After the Fukushima accident in 2011, she phased out nuclear power in Germany even though she had committed to keeping the power plants open just two years earlier.

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“We need trust among allies and partners. Trust now has to be built anew.”

- Angela Merkel

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WOMEN TAKE CHARGE

WOMEN LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD


Born June 21, 1953. Bhutto became the first female leader of a Muslim nation in modern history. She served two terms as the leader of Pakistan in 1988-90 and in 1993-96.

Bhutto was the daughter of the politician Zulfikar Ali Bhutto who was the leader of Pakistan from 1971 until 1977.

Her father was executed in 1979 and Bhutto became the head of the Pakistan People’s Party (PPP).

Bhutto’s PPP won the single largest bloc of seats in the National Assembly. She became prime minister on Dec. 1, 1988, heading a coalition government.

After another term in office was dismissed by the military Bhutto was again in exile.

Upon her return to Pakistan in 2007 she escaped an attack on her life only to be executed later that year on Dec. 27.


Born Sept. 28, 1947. Wajed’s family members were assassinated during a military coup on Aug. 15, 1975.

Considered to be one of the most powerful women in the world, Wajed ranked 36 on Forbes list of “The World’s 100 Most Powerful Women in 2016.” For the better part of the last two decades, Wajed’s chief rival has been Bangladesh National Party leader Khaleda Zia. The two women have alternated as non-interim Prime Ministers since 1991.

Wajed is currently serving her second stint as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh.

BRAZIL: PRESIDENT DILMA ROUSSEFF – 2011-2016

Born Dec. 14, 1947. In 1964 Brazil’s president was overthrown by a coalition of civilian and military officials around the country. Rousseff, who became involved in the left-wing opposition to the government.

After her involvement Rousseff went into hiding but was eventually arrested by government operatives.

She was charged with subversion, imprisoned for three years and was subjected to torture.

Rousseff was the first woman and 36th President of Brazil since 2010 until her recent impeachment for allegedly violating Brazil’s budget law.


Born Sept. 29, 1951. Bachelet’s father was arrested in 1973 for opposing the military coup that brought Augusto Pinochet to power.

She was also arrested along with her mother and sent to prison where she was tortured. Under Pinochet’s order, Bachelet was exiled from Chile. When she returned from exile in 1979, she worked as a pediatrician and human rights activist. She is currently serving her second term as president.


Born Dec. 12, 1943. Miller is the first woman prime minister of Jamaica.

In March 2007, she received the International Olympic Committee’s World Women and Sport Trophy for outstanding dedication to women in Jamaican sports.

Simpson-Miller has reportedly pledged to transform Jamaica into a republic as part of the 50-year anniversary of the island’s independence in 2012.

She became the first head of government in Jamaican history to formally endorse civil rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens.

NORWAY: PRIME MINISTER ERNA SOLBERG – 2013 TO PRESENT

Born Feb. 24, 1961. Solberg has been Prime Minister of Norway since Oct. 2013 and leader of the Conservative party since May 2005.

Solberg has been outspoken about Brexit. She said that “this type of connection is going to be difficult for Britain, because then Brussels will decide without the Brits being able to participate in the decision-making.”

Solberg has been spotted playing Pokemon Go during a session of parliament in October 2016.

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Ellen Johnson Sirleaf is the president of Liberia and Africa’s first elected female head of state.

Sirleaf was awarded the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize along with fellow Libyan Leymah Gbowee and Yemen’s Tawakkol Karman.

The women were recognized for “their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women’s rights.”

“Be not afraid to denounce injustice, though you may be outnumbered. Be not afraid to seek peace, even if your voice may be small. Be not afraid to demand peace.”

- Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

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Election Night Goes Global

A large gathering of 41 international high school students from a business school in Denmark joined Los Angeles City College students to witness the results of the presidential election.

As election results trickled in, the group of mostly female students between 18 and 19 years old shared their impressions of the American political system.

BY CLINTON CAMERON

An election results viewing party on the second floor of the Student Union provided students a place to watch election results with peers.

The Associated Student Government (ASG) and the science department sponsored the event which lasted from 7:30-9:30 p.m. More than 80 students attended.

Professor Lisbeth Vorbeck teaches high school in Denmark and 19 years old shared voting America through social media. "In International Economics class we talk about the USA everyday," Vorbeck said. "We have to have the demeanor of mostly female voters should be credited with putting Trump ahead in the race. His support from African American and Latino voters also surprised expectations.

The chord Trump struck with the American people is a debate that will continue for years to come. However the general reaction to the election is an accumulating amount of questions with no immediate answers.

Will Trump do what he said he would do? Will he withdraw from NATO? Will women be punished for having abortions? Will he deport all illegal immigrants? Will he tarnish ties of the government as it stands, perhaps Trump is a product of our own creation.

Nevertheless, we have to make due with what we have and move forward. We have to progress and hope that as a country we can figure out how to bring our country together no matter our race, gender or class.
Local Astrologer Named Clinton President

Robert Prete has accurately predicted every national election since 1972.

On Oct. 9, Prete looked at data from the astrology charts of Clinton, Trump and the United States. Prete has picked a winner: Hillary Clinton. For the first time in 44 years - he was wrong.

BY ANDE RICHARDS

Local astrologer Robert Prete is intrigued by politics. He moved to Los Angeles from New York in the ’70s and has had many professions including turns as an actor, a spiritual leader of a non-denominational church and as a noted astrologer and publisher of Rising Sign newspaper.

While he doesn’t focus as much time on the preparation of astrology charts these days, he does maintain the tradition of creating and analyzing them for every presidential election cycle since 1972.

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In the ’76 Prete belonged to an international collaboration of astrologers.

“He wants to go back to the past. He likes the idea of being powerful. His children are important in his life. He favors one in particular. With one child there is more opposition than we see.”

Mike Pence’s chart has his sun in Gemini, moon in Gemini and his rising in Virgo.

His chart shows he has tremendous amounts of money coming in and tremendous amounts of money going out.

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President Richard Nixon’s resignation. “He won by a landslide in 1972,” Prete said. “No one saw this coming.”


Left: Robert Prete is an astrologer with more than 40 years of experience. He lives and works in West Hollywood. On Oct. 9, 2016, Prete offered his predictions for the 2016 election. “It’s the most contentious election I’ve seen,” Prete said. “There’s going to be tremendous anger and violence.”

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These placements reveal a character with two personalities. It accentuates his propensity to ‘put his foot in his mouth’, his role as the performer and his need to rule.

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Her moon in Pisces makes her much more emotional than we see.

Gemini rules her public persona. This mask shields her true self so on the surface she does not show her feelings. It is like the twins the sign represents she has two personalities.

She has many powerful planets in the sign of Leo. The planet Mars, which rules energy, Pluto which rules government and Saturn, which indicates someone that can teach and possesses an amazing work ethic.

Jupiter and Mercury are both in 6th house of work. That creates someone with a great capacity for doing many things and someone that pays attention to detail.

Tim Kaine’s chart indicates he performs very well in partnerships. His marriage is of great importance to him and he depends a great deal on his wife.

His sun in Pisces, his moon in Gemini, and his rising sign is in Aries.

His Mars in Capricorn in his 10th house indicates that he is a fighter for political change.

His Gemini moon allows him to bring new ideas to the table.
Students in the journalism lab spot a naked man walking around the closed pool on the north side of campus on Nov. 7, 2016. He and his partner had been taking advantage of the amenities in the building.

HOMELESS SEEK REFUGE IN UNUSED BUILDING

A student casually looks out the window of a classroom on the second floor of the Chemistry Building and catches sight of naked man walking the perimeter of a drained pool.

He turned out to be one of the many thousands of homeless people that reside in Los Angeles. His new shelter was an abandoned building adjacent to the old Men’s Gym.

BY ANDE RICHARDS

Ballot measures are objective in presentation and may get glossed over by people that do not come into direct contact with the pressing problems being addressed.

At Los Angeles City College the issue of homelessness continually intersects with life in and around the campus.

In the recent past, tent city encampments on Monroe street and Vermont avenue were constant reminders of the homeless crisis this city faces.

Several City students were also inhabitants of these makeshift homes.

In this community the homeless are physically and psychologically entrenched into our landscape.

Homeless that live in the streets in the surrounding neighborhood take advantage of amenities here at LACC. They use the toilets. They shower in the new Kinesiology Building and occasionally relieve themselves in various areas of the Quad.

A naked man was spotted walking around the perimeter of the drained swimming pool adjacent to the old Men’s Gym on Nov. 7, 2016.

He and another man, also unclothed, were discovered using the location as a temporary refuge from the streets. Campus security was notified. They located the men and took them into custody without incident.

Prior to their arrest, one of the men spoke with Collegian reporter Angel Johnson. Following is an excerpt from their conversation.

Johnson: Okay, so can I please have your name?

Man: My name?

Johnson: Just any name can use for the newspaper.

Man: Why don’t you just call me Daddy for right now.

Collegian: Okay.

Daddy: I’m trying to teach my friends a valuable lesson specifically.

Collegian: And that is?

Daddy: How we should focus on the real issues at hand like why California, the largest state in our country, is falling behind every other state taking care of the issues like homelessness, hunger, health care, but we’re focusing on stupid issues like whether or not somebody should wear a condom in a porn movie ... why are we wasting our money and our time talking about that? Why aren’t we talking why you know, treatment of HIV is not a real priority for many people?

And why are we focusing on other silly things like raising cigarette taxes five dollars when we should be worrying about why are grocery stores throwing away all that food. And where is it going? Landfills. And all homeless people are hungry at night.

But, you know, look at this building? It’s beautiful! Look at the building next door. Beautiful! Those spaces are marvelous! Why isn’t California supposed to be the greatest state in the nation? We need to take that back to California.

And then the revolution. We need to bring the revolution back to California.

Why don’t you just call me Daddy and bring the revolution back to California.

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At a glance

- There are 46,874 homeless people currently living in L.A. County, and 34,527 live unsheltered, according to the latest count by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.
- Homelessness in L.A. County has risen 5.7 percent since 2015.
- Homelessness in the City of Los Angeles has risen 11 percent since 2015.
- Total of unsheltered and sheltered homeless youth has risen 6.5 percent since 2015.
How well can City College students guess the election outcome?
President-elect Donald J. Trump spread panic on the campus and trial-telling the nation that his main priority is for immigration. He made a target of ‘Mexicans’ and in the process left many people shocked and fearful.

Protesters rioted on the streets of Los Angeles. Undocumented High School Justice students are concerned about their futures made up a large portion of the crowds that staged marches. Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez of the Los Angeles Community College District and the nine presidents in the district issued a joint statement to help ease tension.

LACC is also deeply committed to protecting the rights of our undocumented students attending our institutions and receiving state aid under the provisions of AB 540 enacted in 2001, and the California Dream Act, signed into law in 2013,” they said. “These laws allow undocumented students to be exempt from nonresident tuition, and receive private scholarships and state financial aid including community college fee waivers (ROCS) and Cal Grants.”

LACC President Rene Martinez acknowledged the many students that have expressed concerns regarding the policies supporting their education.

“We want our students to know that Los Angeles City College is the ‘City’s College,’ which means we are here to support each and every one of you,” Martinez said.

The vandals scrawled words in the words: “SORRY OUR DEBATE Team have participated in the debate and panel discussion in the victim of the Higher Education Act,”

PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN KASIDLO

Philanthropist’s Gift Benefits Scholars

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**EDITORIAL**

**EXERCISE YOUR POLITICAL MUSCLE**

*BY RICHARD TULL*  
Millions of Americans were impressed last month when Presidential candidate Donald Trump showed up at a Wall Street rally with Native Americans to denounce what he called the "war on Wall Street" andygolden money while shamelessly pandering to minorities and young people. His opponents can fill up this whole page even with the right connections to the streets. Donald J. Trump is incoherent, inarticulate, disorganized and frequently made legiti-

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RON PELTON
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“Don’t break people’s windows. Don’t graffiti police cars. Please register to vote.
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“The point of a protest is to increase the scope of conflict. You’re trying to bring more people who are not affected into the situation. Otherwise they would never know about the problem – it has to be spectacular.”

LOUIS VIERA
Kinesiology

“Blocking the freeway is not a good way to protest, because you are hindering other people’s lives and productivity and that renders their cause moot. They are not letting the people work.”

Ink Style: A VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT
“It’s clearly some sort of hate motif,” Santenauri said. “Why else would someone just pull this kind of an incident and not do something that doesn’t even concern the victim and take it as a way to penalize President of the Feminist Speech and Debate Team Esa Reyes in a stage name; the President, Montes and Maldonado,副主任, the TDoorway Committee, and you cannot just walk out of the street.”

President of the Feminist Speech and Debate Team Esa Reyes is also a student worker in the community resource center from the foundation.

“I don’t know if there’s enough evidence to interpret this as a personal attack,” said Chinchilla, chair of communications studies. “It could have been worse.”

Reyes says that everyone is dragging her self left ASG because the president of the spring semester.

“This is one of the scholars who agree with the Herbst scholarship. They used the compositions as a tool to get themselves exposed, and it’s a better representation of themselves. It helps them to interpret this as a personal problem.”

“Aubrey identifies as a black male. With such a wide variety of interests, it’s no wonder that scholars dedicated exclusively to music have wavered little interest in those offers. Going to [sic] a conservatory is not easy. Aubrey’s interest in UCLA, UC Berkeley, and other ASG members say the ASG president is not allowing the board to fund the events for the students.”

“The city should pay people to clean the streets,” said L.A. City Councilman Curren Price. “We need to get people to come from the get go.”

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“[The scholarship] helped me achieve a lot, but it’s just I just feel like it’s not enough. You know it’s just kinda locked into doing just music and nothing else.”

Some ASG members say that Dixon restricts the budget to $250 and will not “go all in” for students. Dixon said she has been working with the ASG president to fund the events for the students.”

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Christopher Martinez Goes Public for ASG

BY RICHARD TZUL

The November election has just passed, but the positions of our Associated Student Government have been filled for months. Every issue of the Collegian will spotlight an ASG senator or officer so you become familiar with the people who represent you. In this issue we profile Senator of Public Relations Christopher Martinez.

Collegian: What do you do in your position?
Martinez: Basically, the senator of public relations is the person that goes out to promote and represent the campus. So, one of my main priorities is to attend Region 7 meetings, which is where all the representatives of the other eight community colleges and the art district meet.

Collegian: What have you accomplished so far?
Martinez: We did a town hall a few days ago. It went well. I have also represented and talked to many students and I have done many classroom visits. So I guess yes. Have done my fair share, but of course there’s still much more to do; that’s why we still have this position and what I’m doing here at LACC.

Collegian: What made you take this position in the first place?
Martinez: The reason why I took it is because I like to talk to students and I also like to deal with what goes on outside our college campus. I like to see the broad function of government in our society not just here in our inner circle at school.

Collegian: Does this position tie into your major?
Martinez: Yes, my major is political science, so it’s related to what I do. I want to go into government official work like a city council representative, so it’s a really good starting point for me.

STAR SIGHTINGS

Supermoon Makes a Comeback

BY REBECCA KLINESMITH

Members of the Astronomy Club hosted a viewing party on Nov. 17 to watch the supermoon on the viewing deck of the Sci-Tech Building. Approximately 400 people attended.

In the past month, there have been two consecutive supermoons. Monday night’s was the first and brightest in almost 40 years. The moon appeared at a distance of 252,000 miles away and was at its closest point to the Earth in its orbit.

There is another supermoon appearing next month on Dec. 14, but it won’t be as exciting as this one on Nov. 17. According to Scienceblogs.com, supermoons always come in a row of three, but appear on a cycle that’s 14 days long. The moon takes a little over 27 days to orbit, 30 degrees around Earth, a little over 23 days to go from new moon to new moon again.

It also takes a total of 14 lunar cycles, or 411 days, to go from a full perigee moon to a full perigee moon again due to the motion of its elliptical orbit around the Earth.

Dean Arvidson is an astronomy professor at L.A. City College, he says this supermoon was the most the moon has been in the past century, and that the moon goes around there’s a point in its orbit where it’s closest to the Earth, and when it’s furthest away.

Also in use at the viewing party was their sizable 28-inch diameter telescope, which is more than two feet in size, it is huge for a telescope. It is the largest telescope of any community college in Southern California.

Lexi Lutter, the secretary of the Astronomy Club expressed her excitement on seeing the supermoon.

“It’s really cool, these events are great when they happen at night, and we can open it up to the whole school,” Lutter said. “This one specifically is exciting because it’s the biggest, and closest the moon has been since 1948. So any excuse to get the students out here is good.”

If you missed the supermoon in November you will get one more opportunity on Dec. 14. The next one won’t be until Nov. 30, 2034.
By Shannon Godby

C Frieda, the playwright behind “Waiting for Lefty,” is a twentieth-century theater giant. His work goes beyond an era of unapologetically bold and relevant plays that demand the audience think critically of the social and political systems in place. “Waiting for Lefty” depicts a re-creation of the American working class to severe economic hardship in the 1930s. Specifically, it follows cab drivers who are planning a labor strike, but this serves as a larger allegory for issues of class and economic disparity.

“Waiting for Lefty” can feel overly relevant today, two weeks after a controversial election in which part of the narrative is that the “forgotten working class” rose up to elect Donald Trump. This is a production not to be missed.

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By Rebecca Klinesmith

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The LACC Theatre Academy ensemble works together nicely to convey the play’s true significance. This is a production not to be missed by anyone who is interested in seeing a “fresh” perspective on a story with political relevance, treated with a satisfactory blend of gravity and comic relief.

By Lynne A. James


“Mariela in the Desert” runs Nov. 18 through Dec. 5 at Casa 0101 Theatre, 2012 East 1st Street Boyle Heights, CA 90033. For more information and tickets, call (323) 953-4000, extension 2525, or visit theater.casa0101.edu.

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Students have the opportunity to participate in a week of stress-busting workshops, events, demonstrations, and class drop-ins, offered by the LAUC-Kinesiology Department and Associated Student Government starting Nov. 29.

The event, called “Happy Healthy Stress-less Open House 2016,” is scheduled for Nov. 29–Dec. 5, prior final exam week. Verification of attendance will be available and students are encouraged to ask if professors offer extra credit for it.

The program is not final and changes may apply.

Students interested in attending any of the workshops are encouraged to contact Phyllis Ecker (382) 373-4865 or Akeelah Sampson-Espino (382) 373-4865.

Dianna Cameron estimates 265 to make sure the times and locations are accurate, or request an updated schedule either from ASC or from kinesiology department.

RELASE YOUR STRESS BEFORE FINALS

WORKSHOPS

Open Swim for Students and Faculty with Jan Melevsky in Kinesiology North Pool on Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 12:15-1:30 p.m.

Self-Massage with Peter Paraiso, location to be announced, on Tuesday Nov. 29 from 12:2-2 p.m.

Bystanders Save Lives! (Basic CPR instruction) with Virginia Russell in the Quad on Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Restorative Yoga and Meditation with Piers Ecker in Kinesiology North Pool on Thursday, Dec. 1 from 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Dealing with Test Anxiety with Joe Evonick in Student Union on Monday, Dec. 5 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Bally Dance Bootcamp with Jon Tom, Women’s Gym 202 on Monday, Dec. 5 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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TO VISIT OUR MULTIMEDIA BLOG FEATURING COVERAGE OF OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

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BY KYLE BLOAYLOCK

Black activism has not had a true leader for the last 55 years. Denied to be the lastanguard of 2016, the entire country’s pants are full of lunchbox talk about Colin Kaepernick sitting out of the national anthem. He explained he doesn’t honor the flag of the United States, a symbol of a country that has made him wealthy. His message was strengthened and the movement skyrocketed when overzealous flag protectors and racists said heinous things and sent him death threats. Colin is egregiously ungrateful for the time that captured the focus of a nation and has upheld the American flag. He is one of the faces I blame for this stunt. He is the one that spoke to the heart of the American dollars.

Overall, Colin Kaepernick’s message was strengthened and the movement skyrocketed when overzealous flag protectors and racists said heinous things and sent him death threats. Kaepernick said he would not act on the anthem as long as he could. Many football players took up the cause and stood and knelt during the national anthem, it was deemed by the leaders to protect them from the pressure of the movement.

Social media groups sprang up like wildfires. #StandWithKaepernick, Marries against Kaepernick, Marxism against Kaepernick, and a variety of other groups that saw him as a hero for the minority struggle, or as an ingrate to the nation that has made him wealthy.

In the process his jersey sales skyrocketed and he ubiquitously commanded a focus on black issues like raising awareness of police brutality, a focus that would normally be held on white issues.

Milennials around the nation join in the struggle against the system of oppression from peaceful protesters, to gay soccer players, to high school teams. The statement was powerful, divisive and commanded respect.

Fast-forward to Election Day and Colin Kaepernick, explain to the media that he did not vote, “I said from the beginning ... I was against the system that has made him wealthy. I’m not going to show support for that system. And if we, the oppressor isn’t going to allow you to vote then I’m not going to show support for that system.”

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BY ANGEL JOHNSON

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People rose up to protest in the days following the election of Donald J. Trump to the office of the President of the United States.

The nationwide outcry was equal parts disbelief, fear of the future and unabashed anger.

By Andee Richards

“Not my president” was one of many anti-Trump chants that rang through the streets as residents marched to City Hall. They congregated on the steps, sidewalks and spilled onto Grand Park in an attempt to exorcise their frustration.

The mixed clamor of speeches, chants, dance and song filled the air. Many people held signs and wore clothing that exemplified two philosophies—one of anger, “F*%k Trump” and the other a cry for love, “Love Trumps Hate.”

Time will tell whether or not President-elect Trump will follow through with the proposed policies he touted during his campaign. Trump’s plans to build a wall, feuds with Hispanic and disabled members of the press, along with revelations of sexual misconduct, were not easily dismissed by a community sensitive to those issues.

TRUMP’S WIN SPARKS SOUTHLAND PROTESTS

Photos by Curtis Lebra Salinas

Top: Protesters look on as President-elect Donald Trump is burned in effigy. Front and center, an indigenous resistance group hold signs that call for Trump’s deportation. Middle left: A man carries a child holding the American flag. They participate in protests outside the CNN building on Wilcox Avenue and Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles on Nov. 13, 2016. Middle right: Protesters hold banners during a rally outside the CNN studios, in opposition to President-elect Donald Trump on Sunday, Nov. 13. One sign speaks to Trump's affiliation with the KKK. Bottom left: City Hall is brightly lit in the background as protesters gather on the steps just hours after the president-elect was confirmed. Bottom right: A policeman prepares to face a crowd making its way toward the 101fwy on Sixth and Main St. downtown Los Angeles.
Cubs Coach Miller Hosts TV Show

“Timeout with Coach Miller,” a web series hosted by former Los Angeles City College basketball coach Michael Miller. Miller was coaching LACC’s baseball team from 2014 at 12:30 p.m.

LACC community in Lecture Hall

Music Performances

From 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cinema Moscow

from 1:30 p.m.

LACC community in Echo Park Lake.

POLICE ENFORCE ‘NO SLEEP’ BAN

They settle in the dark, in their cars, buses or RVs. They keep silent. They must not be noticed.

They are the more than 7,000 people in Los Angeles who drive into park, to streets, sidewalks, residential areas or in front of homes to spend the night in the dark because they have no other place to go. But more.

Police enforcement of this ban began in late October and the City Attorney’s Office is now accepting complaints from residents.

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) began enforcing a new law, which prohibits people from sleeping at least 100 feet away from schools, daycares facilities and parks.

The show aired every first and third Friday of every month at 11 p.m. PST on www.dromebox.com.

COMPLIRED BY ANGEL JOHNSON

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SPORTS THRIVE ... ELSEWHERE

by laVelle HEBBERB

Between the Administration Building and Holmes Hall stands the Student Services Building, the newest addition to campus.

Big glass windows and sliding doors stand in contrast with an air of modernity, and offices once scattered across campus are now housed in the new shiny building.

However, the glass windows that separate the lobby from the offices are very thick, which makes it difficult for people working in the offices to communicate with each other.

“There is really no reason why the glass is so thick,” said Collette Willis, an assistant in the Financial Aid Department. “A glass door was made for holes to be put in glass so that there can be better communication between us and students, but nothing has been done yet.”

The Health and Wellness Center is located on the east side of the Student Services Building, and getting inside can be tricky.

The entrance is hidden behind the windows of the pathway of Holmes Hall and the door must be pushed. To enter one must press the handicapped button so the door will automatically open.


campus Gets a Facelift

By sorina Szakacs

Students enrolled in 51-supported sections, and those who chose to be SI participants had a 77 percent success rate in English 028, and an 85 percent success rate in English 037.

Students who did not use the program had lower success rates. “It is a nationwide program that tries to narrow the process of learning and help students improve their academic success,” said SI Program Coordinator Thu Tha Ma.

Los Angeles City College currently offers SI to assist students in English, ESL and math courses.

“We try to make improvements with our students, to allow funding for more sections, find more courses and more monitors,” Ma said. “We value the outcome for both students and mentors, especially students who want to pursue a career in teaching and mentorship.”

This September, the college offers specialized, one-on-one tutoring and small group attendance classes in his or her section to become familiar with each instructor.

Rocío Velasquez is an English teacher.

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Editorial

Media Access, Vital to Democratic Society

P resident Trump has waged war on journalists and by default the American people. Instead of a free press of government, he laments the role of the press as the watchdog.

Trump's attacks on the press are not unprecedented and quite natural if you consider the roll of journalists in the democratic society. The job of a journalist involves gathering in stories and present them to the public. If journalists are not able to show the public the truths of the situation, many people may be persuaded into believe in anything.

The media is not just an innocent bystander to this; they are active participants in this game of smoke and mirrors. If journalists are not able to show the public that "alternate facts" are not true, then the administration would be able to maintain its lie to the American people.

We already have evidence of this. According to "The Washington Post," President Trump was campaigning he lauded Fidel Castro, thus antagonizing President Obama. The media presented an article that showed the statement was untrue. Trump's supporters chose to believe what he said.

While the media has pointed out these inaccuracies, President Trump has continued to use the same statement. During this administration, "alternate facts" have been the norm.

As a black student and veteran of World War II, the idea that a black veteran would not be able to attend college in his hometown state of Michigan, is truly shocking. This woman is truly unfit for a position as Secretary of Education. She is the worst pick for a position that should be there just in case of a future education commitment.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

G.I. Bill Failed Black Veterans

BY DELTON BOOKMAN

Sixty-nine years ago, roughly 70,000 black veterans were sold off as nomads here in the United States. This act was a byproduct of Jim Crow and one of the most pernicious deals struck by Uncle Sam in U.S. History.

During the second world war, African American soldiers were often segregated, African Americans were often segregated to non-combat units and positions of servitude. Positions many of these veterans later found out would disqualify them from benefits of their white counterparts, if any benefits at all.

Non-white veterans who did qualify for benefits under the G.I. Bill faced an uphill battle for equality. Southern congressional leaders made certain it was local white officials who had oversight over each program and not Washington. As a result, many black veterans were often denied the ability to go to school and purchase homes for their family.

The elimination of public education in the United States is a byproduct of "alternate facts" untruths. Offering "alternate facts" undermines the hard work journalists do every day to bring factual news to the public. If the Trump administration is not able to get away with giving up on their alternate version of the truth, they will be able to influence public perceptions and shape their goals, which may not necessarily be the good of the nation. They claim they are not stories and exposing false news is an important battle that journalists must wage during this administration. If this battle is lost, it could be detrimental to our country.

The media is the only voice that can be heard. We are constantly being bombarded with the idea that education is not necessary. The media has pointed out how necessary education is for a healthy society, and the Trump administration is not able to ignore this fact.

BY MYNOR PERALTA

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BY JORDAN RODRIGUEZ

DeVos, as the devil of education, is the newly appointed Secretary of Education. She is a billion dollar philanthropist from Michigan who believes that charter schools are the future education system. DeVos has no experience in education. She is a woman in the hands of a woman whose response when asked about giving guns in schools was that they were often denied the ability to go to school and purchase homes for their family.

She is the worst pick for a position of education. The end is near for government-funded schools. Get ready, because change is coming whether we like it or not.
HANGING THEM OUT TO DRY?

SAFER? ARE LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNING BODIES DO YOU THINK THIS BAN MAKES LIVING IN THE CITY HOMELESS PEOPLE. PARKED IN PUBLIC SPACES. THE BAN DIRECTLY TARGETS BANNING PEOPLE FROM SLEEPING IN THEIR CARS WHILE THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL VOTED IN FAVOR OF

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HENRY WALTON
A Vision in Natural Light Goes Dark

Cherysse Walton had one request to commemorate the memory of her father, Henry Walton who died during the first week of February. Her request broke from the traditional. She asked Vice-Chair of the Visual and Media Arts Department Daniel Marlos to secure a location at Los Angeles City College for his memorial.

BY CLINTON CAMERON

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ey College photography students often praised the natural light of the entire building where the hallways and empty classrooms became a favorite for shooting assignments.

Walton and his fellow classmates spent hours perfecting their printing techniques in the basement labs that take up most of the downstairs space.

However, he stopped attending class due to his struggle with illness last semester.

Walton’s service took place during the afternoon of Feb. 8. The room filled with more than 100 family members, friends, colleagues and fellow students arrived in small groups shortly after the doors opened. The memorial officially began nearly an hour later.

Of all the labels one could assign to Walton, Apipline may be the most fitting. He was a friend to everyone he came in contact with. His involvement with union activities, photography and broadcast radio brought friends together at his memorial service who may have otherwise never met.

The Walton family invitation to celebrate his life reached all the way up the political ladder to Los Angeles District 1 City Councilmember Gil Cedillo. When KPFK extended an invitation to Cedillo to host a radio program, he declined. Instead he turned it over to Walton who worked for him at the time. He told the story in front of the crowded room.

“I don’t know who you are but, nobody here knows who I am but, nobody in my life doesn’t know Henry.”

Some of his friendships overlapped from one activity in his life to another. Photography student Jeehyun Lee met him in contact with Walton as his board operator at KPFK. They had no trouble becoming instant friends according to Lee.

“He just opened up to me like a flower,” Lee said. “We had so much in common.”

Lee saw more of them when she attended the same school and took the same photography class. Lee’s friendship with Walton resulted in sharing photography tips and shooting together.

Walton passed for some of Lee’s most profitable outdoor portraits. According to Lee, their friendship recently discovered they would be classmates.

“I walked in and there he was sitting in class, and that’s when our friendship blossomed,” Lee said.

Walton’s connection to the college began in 1958. He took the now defunct V train from South Los Angeles to City College to take classes. His first experience was short lived when he was discovered by what he referred to as “racial insensitivity” from one of his photography instructors.

A hassle that lasted more than 15 years followed. He re-enrolled in the same class decades later when his friend, Cori Alegria introduced him to Marlos.

“That’s what I do. I coordinate my people to meet,” said Alegria in a 2015 interview with the Colleague Times.

Eventually, Walton passed the class with an A. Unbeknownst to Walton, Marlos petitioned the LACC Board of Trustees to recognize him with an honorary degree for his contributions in photography.

“I don’t know who learned more, me or him,” said Marlos during his speech to honor Walton at his memorial.

Walton’s photographs sparked interest all around the world. He claimed to have had his work sold as far away as Japan. Much of it documented the lives of everyday people in Watts and South Central L.A. during the height of the civil rights movement.

That everyday life needs to be documented because that’s the part that needs to be preserved,” said Ben Caldwell, founder of the Leimert Park based Kacc Network gallery space. “Some of those areas get passed over by the 105 freeway.”

Caldwell described Walton’s work as social political art. His gallery presented the last showing of Walton’s work that ran at the gallery from August to September 2016.

Walton’s Daughter Cherysse Walton delivered a heart-warming eulogy at the City College memorial. She described her father as a politically tough man. As a disabled girl, she spent her early years being carried by him during some of her most challenging moments. She said seeing adults eye-to-eye helped her confidence.

“You only get one daddy, but I had a gem,” she said. “I was blessed.”

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DANCE BEATS TO ITS OWN RHYTHM

PHYLLIS ECKLER, DANCE INSTRUCTOR

“ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PERFORM. WE FEEL THAT PRESENTING YOURSELF ON STAGE IS SOMETHING YOU WILL DO IN LIFE AND IN ANY JOB YOU HAVE.”

By William Torres

Dance offers six styles of dance classes: ballet, jazz, modern dance, tap, social dance and world dance. Each discipline has two levels, and students must enter the program at the level best suited to their experience. Phyllis Eckler teaches ballet, yoga, tap, flamenco, dance and body sculpting this semester. She has a Master of Fine Arts in dance from the California Institute for the Arts. Eckler says, “On top of that we offer yoga classes within dance that is very popular with the students. When they come to working your body, you have to work in various ways to get strong to have form, to have the endurance and the strength.” Performance is an integral part of the dance class curriculum. “We have an open door policy and all students are encouraged to perform,” Eckler said. “We find that presenting yourself on stage is something you will do in life and in any job you choose.” Dana Cummins has been teaching dance and yoga for more than 15 years. This semester, she is teaching modern dance and yoga at L.A. City College. Cummins has an M.A. in Art of dance from UCLA. She points out that students can grow with the program. “With the different levels of dance classes, students are able to take the same dance style more than once to improve on their skills,” Cummins said. Cummins also runs a dance theater company called ManGO. Her dance company is comprised of current and former City students who have studied with her. They perform in and around the Los Angeles and Long Beach area. Cummins’ dance company is a vehicle to attract students who want to become professional dancers, particularly for those who do not have a dance program. All dance classes are part of the kinesthetics department.

“From my understanding, there’s never really been a push to a stand-alone program,” Cummins said. “We are still under the umbrella of dance.”

Eckler says she has tried to give the administration the department’s own identity. “Several years ago, I turned a production course that allowed students to both choreograph, dance, and put the final work on stage,” Eckler said. “Unfortunately, that course has been archived, but it would be great to bring it back to complete our program. Eventually, we would love to see a ‘Dance Teaching Certificate.’”

Prompted by the declining enrollment in dance classes over the past year, Cummins and the rest of the dance faculty have been working hard to promote dance at Los Angeles City College. “The increase in publicity we are doing is a conscious effort to build our presence,” Cummins said. “Last semester, we had a happy, healthy and leading two-week open house. We offered little workshops around the Quad and in the dance studios.” Eckler and Cummins say they are planning workshops and performances for this spring semester. “We are going to do more that this semester,” Cummins said. “It’s good for that heart and soul — we need that.”

By Eve Moreno

Mykki Blanco and Cakes Da Killa are two black, queer hip hop and rap artists challenging the heteronormative narratives of the industry. They draw from their experiences navigating the world as trans, queer and hip hop artists. The unapologetic artists are training up to bring their fans into the queer world they have never seen. The Stunt Queen Tour with Mykki Blanco and Cakes Da Killa began Feb. 10 and ends March 26. This dynamic duo is making a pit stop in Los Angeles and performing at the historic music venue The Roxy, Sunday, March 5 in West Hollywood.

Mykki Blanco was born in Orange County, Calif., and ran away from home at 15 to explore New York, where Blanco validated their transmasculine identity. Blanco shared their passion for poetry, activism, music and performance art. The transmasculine artist has been releasing music since 2012 and released their first studio-produced self-titled album, “Mykki” on Sept. 12, 2016. The album’s wavy beats and queer-centered lyrics are sure to turn out the dance floor. The first track of the album, “I’m in a Mood” gives listeners an insight into Blanco’s unapologetic personality. Despite the harsh realities of Blanco’s environment, the artist leads their life with love and humility. Blanco’s work is a portal to the traumas they have experienced navigating the world as a black, trans and queer artist, as well as the liberation that comes from being authentic. Cakes Da Killa, also known by Rashad Rehman, began rapping as a hobby in high school and has been openly gay since elementary school. The queer rapper has been established as an artist since 2011 and released three mixtapes before his first album “Hedonism,” which was released in Oct. 2016. Cakes Da Killa’s music delivers a message against mainstream hip hop culture. Cakes’ lyrics and unapologetic rhymes for his sensuality. These two artists are not to be missed. Tickets for their performance on March 5 at The Roxy will go for $20. For more information, visit www.thesoxx.com.

BY ROSA CORDERO

Last year’s Academy Award nomination announcement was received with a barrage of negative press. Best actor, supporting actor, actress and supporting actress categories featured all white nominees as did many other categories. This was not the first time the Oscars shut out people of color. Immediately, social media bursted with conversations on the hashtag #OscarsSoWhite. While Academy President Cheryl Boone Isaacs was right when she said on Feb. 6, 2017 that “real progress had been made,” we still have a long way to go.

The truth is minorities continue to be passed over when big screen films are cast. Things have improved for many black actors and that’s definitely a wonderful start, but where is the Latino representation on the big screen and at those coveted award shows? We like seeing Sofia Vergara and Gina Rodriguez representing, but there has to be better opportunities for Latinos in Hollywood. I screen a lot of movies for editorial reasons. I can vividly remember the moment I saw Idris Elba in ‘Rogue One: A Star Wars Story’ and now Diego Luna led the biggest movie franchise in the world.

His accent didn’t matter because his performance was outstanding. We are not looking for handouts, our empathy votes from anyone as many suggest. What we are looking for is an equal opportunity to land quality roles that could potentially lead to award nominations. I have many friends who are actors and they mostly receive casts to audition for stereotypical roles. Even if they turn them down in protest, there will be another hungry Latino waiting in the wings to take it. It is not their fault; they’re just trying to make it in this industry. The only way to change this is to have more minorities get behind the cameras as directors, more writers in the writer’s room and to get involved as producers and executive producers.

It is also as important for those who believe in these projects to go out and support the projects. If you don’t believe in it nobody will! I’m proud to see the progress that has taken place in one year’s time and I’ll be cheering for actors from diverse backgrounds because they did all the hard work.

I am hopeful that our voices and our talent will win against prejudice and stereotypes.

#OscarsSoWhite

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Fist Fight Breaks Out in Financial Aid Office

By Rebecca Arndt

Students looked on as a 20-year-old man punched a 35-year-old man in the eye on Feb. 25 at the financial aid window inside the Student Services Building. Both men are L.A. City College students.

James Hutson says the 20-year-old unennrolled student punched him in the left eye after Hutson asked him why he was there. Hutson says it all started as 30 people gathered outside of Vermont Avenue and West Sunset Boulevard. The young man went from the back of the line to the front of the window to be helped. Some students had been waiting in the line for more than an hour, according to Hutson.

“And he turned and faced the new... we can only help them be- fore the Supreme Court, which judges could rule in Pres- ident Trump’s favor but, that is highly unlikely. I think some modified form of the ban may be possible, because from what I understand, the pres- ident has pretty broad immigra- tion authority, said history pro- fessor Chistin Neumann. “I don’t have any particular expertise in this, though. From what I heard in the news, it sounds like they botched [the] rollout of the ban and Trump’s own statements and the US Court of Appeals in Virginia may have the courts cause to stop the ban because they would not otherwise have had.”

Johnson is a former LACC stu- dent who studied dance from 2012- 2013. He was planning to go back to school this year, but with the new law being enforced Johnson’s edu- cation might be placed on hold.

“I think it’s going to be real- ly bad, I’m not sure of the impact of the ban this month. As far as this Assets Protection Services is there for me. I’m going to be in touch with the new office building, because we post- it notes and information that is the City of Los Angeles Central City College and there have not been any students who have come forth seeking ad- visor yet on the ban.”

“We’ve been part of the line for two times. We’re at the Community service station, we have an oc- currence of abuse. We always have people come inside for prayers.” Du said.

“Most of our students have jobs or children, if they want to take a nap in their car during school time. They are tired, they will soften their mood, but we’ve had some people come inside for prayers.” Du said.

“HOMELESS FACE FEWER OPTIONS FOR SAFE SHELTER

Nancy Alvarado from the Cali- fornian Work Opportunities and Responsiblility for Kids Office (CWARiKs) said her new loca- tion changed the way the staff in- teracts with students.

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“Students who take advantage of it are more likely to pass their classes, than those who don’t,” Vlas- hupas said. “This is my second semester of classroom and I passed all of my ESL classes and now here for my English 10 class. She says that the program helps students improve their understand- ing of each lecture and that professors encourage all students to use the SI program. Psychology major Cindy Cruz tu- sed in the facilities on January 25 at 2:10 p.m.: Ag- gravated assault in the facilities on January 25 at 2:10 p.m.: Ag- gravated assault in the facilities on January 25 at 2:10 p.m.: Ag- gravated assault in the facilities on January 25 at 2:10 p.m.: Ag- gravated assault in the facilities on January 25 at 2:10 p.m.: Ag- gravated assault in the facilities on January 25 at 2:10 p.m.: Ag- gravated assault in the facilities on January 25 at 2:10 p.m.: Ag- gravated assault in the facilities on January 25 at 2:10 p.m.: Ag- gravated assault in the facilities on January 25 at 2:10 p.m.: Ag- gravated assault in the facilities on January 25 at 2:10 p.m.: Ag- gravated assault in the facilities on January 25 at 2:10 p.m.: Ag-
There is an incredible opportunity for activists interested in exerting power through parliamentary politics in the 13th district Los Angeles City Council race.

An unlikely alignment of factors has resulted in favorable conditions to unseat a vulnerable incumbent and create a beacon that could possibly change the course of politics in Los Angeles. Challenge nye Wha, a long-time activist for renters' rights and co-founder of the Los Angeles Tenants Union (LATU) LATU was first created to defend her home, an artist's community, which was threatened by wealthy developers.

Her work led her on a road to becoming involved in local politics, where she became well known at neighborhood council meetings and city hall.

Later, she was galvanized into action as an organizer for the homeless community as so many were by the unprecedented achievements of an accomplished socialist.

The incumbent, Mitch O'Farrell, was characterized as a friend of wealthy constituents in a Los Angeles Times endorsement. His utter mediocrity as a politician made national news in 2013 when an abort plan to destroy a local homeless aid organization was seen as a callous attempt to make feeding the homeless illegal.

His unpopularity is not merely a result of his complete disregard for the most unfortunate among us, but that he is completely devoid of a basic ability to handle his obvious loyalty to power.

It has been said that all national politics is about war, all local politics is about development and O'Farrell is a friend of developers. His coalition is made up of those who build and the Business Improvement Districts - the shadowy business groups, which would influence in how our city is built. Shain's understanding of local politics is informed by this: The housing crisis in Los Angeles is not the result of the inevitable, but the expression of political capital by developers who've become rich speculating on housing.

The problem is not a shortage, but that a market for above human rights has become monetized, and that this monetization has pitted the poor against the power and often times the aid of the government. If Shain Shain is elected to her platform of popular policy to the benefit of working people it could quite possibly turn the tide of gentrification which has made Los Angeles unaffordable for all but the very wealthy.

Shain's insurgency against a lumbering Machiavellian half-set, should at a minimum bring some pleasure to those frustrated by the constant complacency of politics. Finally, an obviously righteous underdog fighting a plainly monstrous gnom of the political machine.

Measure S: Set to Ban New Housing Construction

Not Good for the Homeless, Not Good for L.A.

BY DAVE MARTIN

Measure S is a poorly written and dangerous initiative that blocks the building of new housing for L.A. needs it most. The measure will harm our economy in the bargain.

It is time to say no to the people who wrote this measure. It is time to fight back.

Measure S spells D.A.N.G.E.R. for the chronically homeless of downtown Los Angeles. If the measure passes it will block 30 percent of the planned construction for permanent supportive housing.

Measure HEAL in effect becomes null and void. Let's face it, the housing situation in downtown L.A. is not getting better. Every day more and more tents congest sidewalks leaving no space for pedestrians.

As a result, there is always trash on the streets and this generates another problem: rats.

You can see them running, especially at night, up and down the sidewalks. Many fought long and hard last year to have measure HEAL placed on the November ballot. Do not let that victory slip between our fingers.

Take action on March 7 and vote "No" if you want chronic homelessness to end in Los Angeles.

Ink Style: A VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT

PROTEST TIPS FOR THE ACTIVIST

BY ANDRE RICHARDS

1. Have a cause. This is not always necessary, but it will affect your poster design.
2. Dress code: Goggles, backpacks and black clothing. War paint is optional.
3. Wear comfortable shoes. They come in handy for running from the police or for an impromptu dance number.
4. All kidding aside, if you are moved to protest then do so. That is the legacy of our nation's founders. Stand up for your rights, be considerate of others and be safe.

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JEFF SESSIONS

Former Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions has been confirmed as the new attorney general by a Senate vote of 52-47. Sessions has strong conservative views on immigration, same-sex marriage and civil rights.

He will be in charge of directing President Trump's "law and order" platform. Sessions argues that the separation between church and state has been taken out of context and that same-sex marriage is a threat to American culture.

In addition, he believes that immigrants are committing crimes, taking jobs from Americans and sucking welfare money from the government. He also agrees that government should have mandatory penalties for drug offenses. Sessions is another controversial addition to Trump's administration who faced large opposition.

BETSY DEVOS

Recently confirmed as the nation's 11th Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos is an American businesswoman who is known for her dedication to the educational system in Michigan. DeVos, confirmation hearing split the two parties evenly and it took Vice President Mike Pence to break the tie for a 51-49 vote to give Republicans the win.

DeVos is highly criticized by democrats for her ideas of funneling money from public school systems in order to pay for charter schools and vouchers. Moreover, she has also received criticism for supporting the control of education systems at the state and local level as opposed to federal oversight.

Her most controversial idea is to impose religious teachings in schools, which is troubling for most Americans. DeVos is among the most controversial candidates in the Trump administration.

ELAINE L. CHAO

Elaine Chao is the new secretary of transportation. She was born in Taiwan and moved to the U.S. with her family when she was eight years old. Chao has served in the secretary of labor in the George W. Bush administration and has been involved in government functions for decades. Chao is married to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Chao was confirmed by a 93-6 Senate vote which was a good sign for the Trump administration because of the heated opposition to the confirmation of the country. The background and experience of Chao will only help President Trump succeed in working with both sides to get things done.

REX W. TILLERSON

Former Exxon Mobil CEO Rex W. Tillerson was confirmed by the Senate on Feb. 1 with a 56 to 43 vote to become the new secretary of state. Tillerson has no public office experience: he is widely recognized for having an extensive knowledge of international business. According to the Wall Street Journal, Tillerson previously made a deal with Russia for the rights to drill in a 63.7 acres of land, which are unconditional due to the sanctions placed on Russia by the U.S.

Tillerson's ties to Russian leader Vladimir Putin, along with the possible lift on Russian sanctions, have given government officials a good deal of concern.

TRUMP'S CABINET: THE PEOPLE AROUND THE PRESIDENT

LA TIMES

Newly confirmed by the Senate to join the Trump cabinet, Elaine Chao was nominated for the post of secretary of transportation which she was confirmed for. President Donald Trump was confirmed to be the new secretary of state. The confirmation of Tillerson was not without criticism, as he is closely tied to Russia and has been accused of being undependable.
Health Inspector Halts Swim Class Due to Chlorine Levels

Problems with the level of chlorine in the campus swimming pool prompted an inspector from the Los Angeles County Health Department to order students out of the water and close down the facility last week. The pool opened for spring classes, but problems persist, and since the beginning of the semester classes have been canceled several times including on Feb. 22.

BY SORINA SZAKACS

Students enrolled in swimming classes this semester may be disappointed by persistent issues that plague the swimming pool. Cold weather, the lack of a pool cover and chlorine and pH level fluctuations are still issues that have not been resolved since last semester.

Even though the campus spent $7,000 on a device called a "condenser" to monitor the water, chlorine and pH levels are still a problem. It became crystal clear on Feb. 17 when a health department inspector entered the area and ordered students out of the pool during a swimming class. "The inspector came and measured the chemicals in the water and right away told us to get out of the pool," said Sandra Moran, a student enrolled in beginner swimming classes. "I heard from other students that classes were canceled today too, because the water is too cold." Last semester, complaints of red eyes and itchy skin led the kinesiology department to cancel early morning swimming classes, and caused students to leave the pool. Chemical readings showed an absence of chlorine and pH levels were higher than recommended values. These factors contributed to unsuitable conditions in the pool.

Denis Berkshir, president of Aquatic Design Group along with a kinesiology faculty helped with the design of the pool. He trained faculty and staff to be certified pool operators.

"Chlorine, under the California State Health Code, needs to be at least at one part per million and no more than ten parts per million, and you calculate that knowing the volume of the pool, and how much water it contains," Berkshir said. "The pH level should be somewhere between 7.2 and 7.8 according to the same state code. There is no state code for the alkalinity because it is not a health and safety issue."

Chlorine and pH are the "disinfection team and the first defense against germs that can make swimmers sick," according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). When there is no chlorine in the water, the pH level goes high. Last semester the kinesiology department canceled more than half of the swimming classes and the only viable solution was to change the water in the pool.

During the winter break, the pool was drained and then refilled in preparation for the spring semester. According to swimming instructor Jim McEveety, the problems with the pool did not end after replacing the water. The pool was closed the first weekend of the semester.

"There was no chlorine in the water, pH was too high and the water was too cold," McEveety said.

Students enrolled in swimming classes either dropped after the first week of school or signed up for a different kinesiology class. "I enrolled in swimming class for this semester as part of the general education requirements," said Mr. Cano's swim class, McEveety said. "I am no longer enrolled in the class. I really don’t want to get into freezing water while it is raining." McEveety says he agrees with students and says that constant issues with the pool are a detriment to enrollment numbers in swimming classes.

"There is no hot water in the men’s or women’s showers. This pool temperature has dropped. Students are complaining. This is not the case this semester," McEveety said. The plumbing department is in charge of pool maintenance, but they refused to talk to the Collegian. Administrators are also unable to answer questions about the pool. The Collegian contacted General Foreman Alex Nelson and left several voicemails.

John al-Amin, vice president of administrative services, LACO President Renee Martinez, the Los Angeles County Health Department and the CDC were contacted to address questions about the new controller and the condition of the pool.

Requests for information remain unanswered.

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WILDCATS DEFEAT BRAHMAS

Both the men’s and women’s basketball teams at West Los Angeles City College walk away with impressive victories over Los Angeles Pierce College after the first game of the Western State Conference south division on Feb. 15.

BY JAY YIM

After taking what seemed to be an insurmountable 59-52 lead with 17:39 remaining in the second half, the West Los Angeles College Wildcats men’s basketball team (11-13, 3-3) held off a furious second half rally by Pierce College (10-16, 2-5) to secure a 75-71 victory in the first game of the Western State Conference South Division. The visiting Brahmas cut the Wildcats lead to 74-70 on a Kelton Conway layup with 19 seconds remaining.

Tawuan Cargill was fouled intentionally, but missed the two free-throws. Cargill pulled down a game-high 14 rebounds, and collected his biggest rebound of the night by rebounding his own missed free-throw and intentionally fouled again. The sophomore forward redeemed himself by making the first of the two ensuing free-throw attempts, which for all purposes sealed the Wildcat victory.

Cargill finished the game with 23 points and also registered a game-high six steals. Jordan Newt scored a game high 25 points for the Brahmas including 19 points during their second-half rally. They were led by guard A’ja Daniels’ 22-point, 7-rebound, 4-steal performance while her backcourt mate Kayli Schwenke added 19 points and 12 rebounds. Forward Eva Calabrese was the Brahmas leading the team with 13 points.

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Students enrolled in swimming classes were canceled Tuesday and Wednesday, on the second week of school, but the Wednesday afternoon class was canceled.

"Apparently while we were in the viability meeting, a LA County Health inspector came to do a spot check on the pool during Mr. Cano’s swim class," McEveety said. "She ordered everyone immediately out of the water for their safety. Her not showed no chlorine in the water." Students enrolled in swimming classes either dropped after the first week of school or signed up for a different kinesiology class.

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Both the men’s and women’s basketball teams at West Los Angeles City College walk away with impressive victories over Los Angeles Pierce College after the first game of the Western State Conference south division on Feb. 15.

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After taking what seemed to be an insurmountable 59-52 lead with 17:39 remaining in the second half, the West Los Angeles College Wildcats men’s basketball team (11-13, 3-3) held off a furious second half rally by Pierce College (10-16, 2-5) to secure a 75-71 victory in the first game of the Western State Conference South Division. The visiting Brahmas cut the Wildcats lead to 74-70 on a Kelton Conway layup with 19 seconds remaining.

Tawuan Cargill was fouled intentionally, but missed the two free-throws. Cargill pulled down a game-high 14 rebounds, and collected his biggest rebound of the night by rebounding his own missed free-throw and intentionally fouled again. The sophomore forward redeemed himself by making the first of the two ensuing free-throw attempts, which for all purposes sealed the Wildcat victory.

Cargill finished the game with 23 points and also registered a game-high six steals. Jordan Newt scored a game high 25 points for the Brahmas including 19 points during their second-half rally. They were led by guard A’ja Daniels’ 22-point, 7-rebound, 4-steal performance while her backcourt mate Kayli Schwenke added 19 points and 12 rebounds. Forward Eva Calabrese was the Brahmas leading the team with 13 points.

The pool did not end after replacing the water. The pool was closed the first weekend of the semester or signed up for a different kinesiology class. The pool temperature has dropped. Students are complaining. This is not the case this semester; McEveety said. The plumbing department is in charge of pool maintenance, but they refused to talk to the Collegian. Administrators are also unable to answer questions about the pool.

The Collegian contacted General Foreman Alex Nelson and left several voicemails.

John al-Amin, vice president of administrative services, LACO President Renee Martinez, the Los Angeles County Health Department and the CDC were contacted to address questions about the new controller and the condition of the pool.

Requests for information remain unanswered.