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Jill Biden Makes Time for



BY KATHY FORD

r. Jill Biden, the First Lady of the United States, is a friend of Los Angeles and all community colleges, but she has a special relationship with LACC. On Friday, Sept. 16, 2022, Dr. Biden visited the Los Angeles area again. For this visit, she was introduced to and given a tour of Homeboy Industries' Homeboy Bakery and Homegirl Café, which are part of an 18-month employment and re-entry program offering services to former gang members.

As an educator, Dr. Biden is especially supportive of community college education. She first demonstrated her support of LACC when she visited the campus in Sept. 2016. In her speech, Dr. Biden emphasized the importance of education.

"Education is the great equalizer. Education is something that no one can ever take away from you

- it becomes your knowledge, your skills," she said. LACC personally experienced her support again when she was the keynote speaker at the LACC commencement ceremony in June 2022. During her speech, Dr. Biden reminded graduates of the importance of their personal stories and their

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journeys that led them to achieve their educational

While Dr. Biden did not give a speech at the Homeboy Industries event, she demonstrated her ongoing support of education, especially higher education in community colleges.

During the Homeboy Industries event, Dr. Biden spoke with founder Father Boyle, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, as well as program participants, graduates, and staff.

Among the people Dr. Biden spoke with at the event was a program participant, Johanna Carbajal,

ACTIVISM

League of **Women Voters Discuss State Propositions**

Reproductive freedom, arts education, electric cars on fall ballot

BY RACHEL RODRIGUEZ

A Ballot Measures presentation happened in Holmes Hall at L.A. City College where League of Women Voters President Mona Field explained propositions for the upcoming election.

Field served as a member of the board for the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) four times. The LACCD serves nine community colleges and is the largest community college district in the nation. Field was also a professor at Glendale Community College where she taught political science.

The League of Women Voters is open to everyone, not just women. It was founded in 1920 and is nonpartisan. Their purpose is to educate voters.

"What we do is we have positions on issues," said Field. "And we try to help people understand the propositions: the things where there is a pro and a con, but it's not, you know, directly a party or partisan issue.'

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NEWS BRIEFS

LACC Hosts Movie Nights

L.A. City College will host a movie night on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022 in the main Quad.

This will be the second movie night of the semester and the fourth movie night hosted by LACC this year. "Jurassic World: Dominion" was featured during the last movie night which happened on Sept. 15.

The event features free food, free games and a free movie. The fun starts at 7:30 p.m. People who wish to attend must RSVP.

Coming Out Day

The LACC Race, Equity, & Social Justice Center is hosting a National Coming Out Day celebration! Join at the Nike BE-TRUE rainbow track.

The event will be held Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. The event will feature a drag show, food, music, markets, photo booth and Cubby's closet. An LGBTQIA+ career panel will be hosted in Holmes Hall (room 105) from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. See you there Cubs!

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MONEY MATTERS

Student Loan **Forgiveness** Gets Biden's Signature

BY LARA BARNEY

resident Joe Biden announced a student loan forgiveness package of up to \$20,000 to people who took out federal loans to pay for college.

Student loan forgiveness has been a topic of conversation that has been gaining popularity since The Great Recession. The topic came to the forefront when many people who had college degrees struggled to find jobs after they graduated college, leaving them with a huge pile of debt and nothing to help them pay it down.

This new bill is a big break for people who went to college despite their lack of generational wealth. With the rise of social media and some people gaining a job not having gone to college, millennials may feel they were sold a bill of goods and may question the price of an education altogether.

"The burden is so heavy that even



if you graduate, you may not have access to the middle-class life that the college degree once provided," said President Biden at the announcement of Student Debt Relief last month.

Biden's plan offers \$10,000 in debt relief per borrower and \$20,000 if the borrower was awarded a Pell Grant in college, if the borrower makes less than \$125,000 a year (\$250,000 for married couples).

The plan affects 43 billion Americans, and of the people receiving forgiveness, roughly 90% of them make less than \$75,000 a year.

In addition to simply taking away debt from current and former students, Biden is also proposing to cut tuition and make community college free for Americans. While there has not been much action on that proposal, some find it exciting to see the president take on the problem of college education costs.

People have come out in droves to knock down Biden's historic bill.

Common critiques have come from both sides after this bill was signed. Criticism ranges from people saying the bill is being unfair to people who paid off their student loans, to low income people who did not go to school because of loans feeling left out.

While criticism is expected with any big political move, the outcry against this bill seems out of proportion to some Americans. Debt is crushing people who have student loan debt, lower credit scores and are more likely to live with their parents.

They are also less likely to buy a house. Critics of this bill forget that Americans usually take out well over \$10,000 to get an education.

In the last 40 years, the cost of an education has tripled while the average entry level salary has only increased by about \$10,000. Pell Grants used to help cover 80% of tuition while they now only cover 30%.

This bill might restore the new generation's faith in higher education. Some criticize the degrees that students select.

"Enough of this nonsense," said conservative figure Kim-

PACEMAKER/PINNACLES



CMA Recognizes City with 4 Finalist Pinnacles

COLLEGIAN STAFF

This fall, journalism has been nominated for an Organizational Pinnacle Award for the Collegian Times magazine and also the Collegian newspaper by College Media Association.

Los Angeles City College has made the list of finalists for Organizational Pinnacle Awards in the Two-Year Feature Magazine of the year and Two-Year Newspaper of the Year categories for 2022.

This is the first time the newspaper has received a prestigious Pinnacle nomination. Pinnacle finalists for best newspaper include Del Mar College, Santa Monica College, Dallas Eastfield College and Tarrant County College in Texas.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL



Stuck in the Middle

BY KATHY FORD

Recently, Republican governors have been using migrants coming to the southern U.S. border states to score political points with their voters.

Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida sent 48 migrants, who had been in San Antonio, to Martha's Vineyard, Mass. This is not the first incident of Republican governors shipping migrants to other states as a political stunt. Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas recently sent two busloads of migrants to Vice President Kamala Harris's home in Washington, D.C.

Now, Sheriff Javier Salazar of Bexar County, Texas, opened a criminal investigation into the Republican stunt to ship migrants to Martha's Vineyard. The governors of Texas and Arizona should also be criminally investigated because they sent busloads of migrants to D.C., New York, and Chicago also as political stunts.

Sheriff Salazar indicated that a task force would determine the specific laws that were broken during the Martha's Vineyard incident. The migrants were "lured under false pretenses," said Sheriff

Salazar.

According to Edgar Sandoval and Eliza Fawcett in a New York Times article (Criminal Investigation Is Opened After Migrant Flights to Martha's Vineyard, Sept. 19, 2022), a Venezuelan migrant was hired to persuade other migrants in the San Antonio, Texas, area with false promises if they boarded the planes destined for Martha's Vineyard.

It has not been determined yet if or which laws were perpetrated against these migrants. Regardless of whether or not any specific laws were broken, those Republican governors should be held responsible for their inhumane and reckless behavior.

Children were among the primarily Venezuelan migrants that were flown to Martha's Vineyard. Perhaps child endangerment charges would be appropriate in addition to fraud charges or any applicable criminal charges. If criminal action cannot be taken against these governors, they should still be held accountable politically for these stunts.

Now the migrants are being represented by Lawyers for Civil Rights. This orga-

nization provides legal assistance to migrants, according to Eduardo Medina and Remy Tumin from the New York Times. On behalf of the migrants, that organization filed a lawsuit against Gov. DeSantis and other Florida officials involved in the stunt.

"No human being should be used as a political pawn in the nation's highly polarized debate over immigration," said Ivan Espinoza-Madrigal, Lawyers for Civil Rights' executive director.

The problem of illegal immigration is not new. This contentious issue has been problematic for many presidential administrations. However, placing the lives and welfare of people, including children, at risk as a political stunt is unforgivable.

Will these governors and similar leaders continue to stick people in the middle of the illegal immigration debate?

The complete lack of compassion for the migrants flown to Martha's Vineyard is astonishing. DeSantis apparently did not have any sympathy for the migrants, mainly from Venezuela fleeing political and economic turmoil.

Kathryn Reid from World Vision ex-

plains that people are fleeing Venezuela with their families because of "hyperinflation, violence, and food and medicine shortages" as a result of political turmoil. Venezuelans are suffering from food insecurity and extreme poverty. Reid states, "Once-eradicated diseases like cholera and malaria have returned, and children are increasingly dying of causes related to hunger and malnutrition."

It's no wonder why 6 million Venezuelans fled their country. Ambassador Mark Green indicates that a 2021 study found that "76.6% of Venezuelans live on less than \$1.90 a day, the international standard for extreme poverty."

There's no doubt that the issue of illegal immigration needs to be continuously addressed by politicians. However, putting non-political people in the middle of the debate is unethical. There is no easy solution to this problem. It's not likely that Republicans and Democrats will ever agree on how best to address this problem as long as Republicans see them only as a problem rather than recognizing the human suffering that leads to illegal immigration.

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO BEAT THE HEAT?

COMPILED BY
MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ



IRENE GARZA English Major

"Me and my roommate are spending most of our time out on the balcony of our apartment. Luckily, it faces away from the sun for most of the day!"



BRIANNA PERRY Major Undecided

"I don't mind the heat very much, really. I'm not home most of the time anyways and like to be outside."



BRADLEY ANDERSON Psychology Major

"Me and my roommate are spending most of our time out on the balcony of our apartment. Luckily, it faces away from the sun for most of the day!"



ANTHONY HERRERA English Major

"I live with my grandparents and luckily, we have an air conditioner that we only turn off at night. Not great for the environment but my grandparents aren't in the best health, so the heat is dangerous for them."



JEFF GOSVENER Psychology Major

The heat really bothers me, so I keep the air conditioning going on pretty much all day and night. The energy bill isn't cheap, however, and I'm aware of the environmental effects but I just can't stand the heat.



PHOTO BY JUAN MENDOZA

Thousands of demonstrators gather and march in Downtown Los Angeles on Saturday June 24, 2022 to protest the U.S. Supreme Court Decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade.

Absolute Power for a Few Suppresses Women's Rights

BY JUAN MENDOZA

For More than half a century, women's reproductive rights have been protected by the Constitution. Women have



b o d i e s, but now the view of five Supreme Court justices, Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas, Neal Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barret at the Supreme Court will impose their personal and religious beliefs

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fect will be detrimental.

In a recent poll from Pew Research Center, April 5 to 11, 2022, research found that about six out of 10 Americans say abortion should be legal in all or most cases. Abortion has always been a divisive issue in the United States from ideo-

on American women. The ef-

logical perspectives to religious beliefs.

But after Donald Trump took office in 2018, he filled the court with conservative justices. They agree with evangelical and Christian doctrine that established abortion as an evil act that must be prohibited.

I am not a Constitutional lawyer, and I do not mean to lecture on Constitutional law. However, it is unthinkable that this could occur in our democracy where people have the power to elect their representatives. Supreme Court judges are nominated by the president and approved by the senate. It's a lifetime job, and they are not accountable for the decisions they make.

Five conservative evangelical Supreme Court justices are going to impose their absolute power against the people's will. This type of behavior only exists in countries where the people are governed by kings, dictators and autocrats who can change the laws as they please.

We live in a multicultural

society where people from all backgrounds have the freedom to practice the religion, they believe in. But let us be respectful and let women decide this issue.

It is not up to a few men who have the power to decide what women need to do with their bodies, it is up to the women to decide.

The leak of the draft opinion by Justice Alito reveals how radical the majority of the court is at this moment. For 50 years, republicans and conservatives, who are hypocrites fought for this type of Supreme Court.

As the fall begins, the Supreme Court is preparing to hand down the court opinion that will overturn the 1973 landmark decision, Roe vs. Wade.

It will change the lives of millions of American women. It is a change that is not popular among Americans, and that most women reject.

We Have Seen This Movie Before

BY MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ

#WeStandWithUkraine is ubiquitous across social media in the name of democracy as the Russia/Ukraine war is doc-



real time.

H u n dreds of
videos have
been uploaded of
Ukrainian
resistance

umented in

as missiles streak through their neighborhoods.

Americans are horrified, outraged, and inspired by the resolve of the Ukrainian people.

Polarized as the nation is, just over half of Americans favor continued support to Ukraine, "until all the Russian forces are withdrawn," according to a recent Reuters/Ipsos poll.

The poll was released the same week the White House announced a new \$3 billion long-term aid package - that sailed effortlessly through Congress - signaling a readiness to extend the conflict for years to come.

"Today and every day, we stand with the Ukrainian people to proclaim that the darkness that drives autocracy is no match for the flame of liberty that lights the souls of free people everywhere," said President Biden.

"The United States, including proud Ukrainian-Americans, looks forward to continuing to celebrate Ukraine as a democratic, independent, sovereign and prosperous state for decades to come."

As the first war to go truly viral, social media is inventing how information is communicated, documented, and manipulated for the masses during modern warfare.

Framed (again) along clearly drawn lines of democracy vs. autocracy, good vs. evil, it becomes curious when government interests align with public mood to beat the drums of a war that has never been more accessible or viscerally human.

The ease with which the American public is convinced that the current conflict is yet another—freedom-preserving battle for democracy says something about a collective amnesia and lack of curiosity surrounding the #WeStandWithUkraine narrative.

We've already seen this movie and stood in line for the sequels of "American Exceptionalism." This time around, even the most self-proclaimed anti-war liberals have bought tickets to "American Exceptionalism: #WeStandWithUkraine."

In our hubris, we assume we are indispensable to the world.

How are the living conditions in the Middle East or Latin America faring these days?

Our conceptions of freedom are the veins that pump the blood of democracy to provide oxygen for the American national psyche. Any encroach on freedom is deeply offensive, guaranteed to create a nationalistic fervor until it is restored.

It's not hard to imagine less altruistic interests or agendas being easily baked into such a grand and passionate narrative.

War is not cheap. An entire economy exists to reap its profits, and there is enough incentive to ensure they are endless. If the vast profit fuels an entire economy, war dipped in universal democracy pays off in dominance - resources, labor and technology.

Eventually, the temptation for global hegemony is irresistible.

This is not to say that Ukraine should go unaided, left to a certainly grim fate. However, public support for wars on its own ideals rarely seem to consider negotiating for peace if blood has not been spilled first.

Political discourse that shifts focus from things as they are to make a stand on grand principles of how they should tend to assume those ideals already exist. International Relations does not ask how states should act, but rather how they do act.

American exceptionalism breeds apathy. It strengthens, expands and trains our fortitude to perform the mental gymnastics necessary to justify war with our own morality.

After all, it's easier to imagine a new world in our own image than it is to know this one – doing so may force us to ignore the challenges ahead for our own democracy.

There are only two ways to end a war: destruction of one side or a negotiated settlement. If there is a third way, centuries of war have not figured it out.

It is not a bad idea to ask ourselves if we as Americans truly have the freedoms that fuel the belief in our own exceptionalism.

Freedom to and freedom from is the difference between night and day, the former a permission and the latter the true marker of freedom.

As Orwell put it, "War is Peace. Freedom is Slavery. Ignorance is Strength."

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FILM REVIEW



A home Invasion triggers a reality check for a U.S Senator, the reality of her decisions.

BY LOUIS PRIMAVERA



riggered," a short film with a veteran cast is not only entertaining, but should also be recognized to be considered powerful cinema.

The piece sheds light on the growing, much controversial issue of gun violence in America. In its 18 minutes, the film manages to take the audience through a turbulent ride and no matter your political stance, it is quite thought provoking.

Tara Westwood (The Grudge) made her directorial debut and stars along Isiah Whitlock Jr. (Da 5 Bloods), Robert John Burke (Law & Order; Special Victims Unit) and Caitlin Mehner(Dope sick). Written by Thomas C. Dunn and executive produced by John Leguizamo, the picture received a great reception on the film festival circuit.

The premise centers around Ohio (Isiah Whitlock Jr.) and Virginia (Caitlin Mehner) who have lost family to senseless gun violence.

In an attempt to seek revenge, they invade the home of a prominent senator (Tara Westwood) while her husband David (Robert John Burke) is present and held at gunpoint beside her. Their distraught emotional performances pull you into the film and are quite impressive.

"With an issue like this ... how do they [honor] the children they lost," Dunn said. "But if they do this and take it to the extreme, then are they becoming bad or worse than the people perpetrating the problems?" The live screening and Q&A took place at the Cinelounge Sunset in Los Angeles.

The style of film makes it hard to decide who the true villain is in this short one act film which raises more questions than answers. As the film progresses and intensifies, some might say sympathy is felt for the visually traumatized villains who have the guns raised.

A very unusual emotion to evoke and a tough

task as a filmmaker. Not only is Tara Westwood's directorial debut terrific, but her performance is powerful. Her character is not only scared and emotional, but is visually coming to grips that the legislation she passed came with tragic consequences.

"This is the answer for her, so everything is justified so that's kind of where I came at it from," Mehner said. "For me the words on the page guide you and for me my job is to serve the words and serve the story."

The ending has an ambiguous, yet exhilarating climax. The film is sure to leave the audience engaged and entertained from start to end. Most importantly, it serves as a vehicle for discussion on an issue that plagues this country. Senseless gun violence.

Once the credits roll and the excitement and shock wears off, it only leaves you deep in thought. Who is the real victim?

PHOTO BY RACHEL RODRIGUEZ

Hands get messy during a singlechannel video with audio "Rinse and Repeat" (2019) by Tirsa Delate.



VAMA Aristically Unfolds Tenebrous **Femininity**

BY RACHEL RODRIGUEZ

itness the messy world of women curated by Candice Greathouse at Los Angeles City College's VAMA Gallery Monday

through Thursday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. until Oct. 5, 2022. The exhibition, MESS, unravels

The exhibition, MESS, unravels a somber yet complex reality that women endure. The artwork

consists of all women artists showing their perspectives through photography, sculpture and video.

Flo Kasearu created a painfully hilarious video about maternal care which unfolds at the beach. She also expressed domestic violence through a dying plant installation.

Jo Ann Callis' photo of bloodstained sheets came across as intimate and elegant. The Los Angeles based artist captured womanhood in a way that anyone could relate.

Jaimie Bull created cleverly clownish sculptures that represent women being treated as objects of sexual pleasure. Beth Abaravich made an oversized sweater that is playful and empowering.

Danielle Deadwyler expresses eeriness to household tasks that leaves a person feeling breathless.

Come appreciate the thoughtfulness put into each of these masterpieces. Consider setting aside approximately an hour to truly appreciate the art.

Directors Celebrate Empowerment of Women

Director Ava DuVernay thanks women directors of 'Queen Sugar.'

BY LUVLEIGHAN CLARK

he Directors Guild in Hollywood hosted a panel of women from the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN) show "Queen Sugar" with a group of L.A. City College cinema students in the audience

lents in the audience on Sept. 14.

The panel included a group of female directors whose careers moved forward with the help of

"Queen Sugar," creator and executive producer Ava DuVernay. In 2016, ARRAY Filmworks

and OWN released "Queen Sugar" with prominent actresses like Rutina Wesley, who is known for her spunky portrayal of Tara in the HBO fantasy series "True Blood."

This year will be the seventh and final season of "Queen Sugar." Like all great leaders, Duvernay thanked the female directors she has hired over the years.

Many of the ladies went on to direct television shows such as the Starz Network's "Billions,"

"Bridgerton," "Ozark," and "The

Umbrella Academy," for Netflix and "Westworld," for HBO.

They joined DuVernay in speaking about how they interacted with the actors, and why they

picked specific camera angles. Los Angeles City College students received an invitation to the

event to gain exposure to this information.

Many trying to break into the

industry find it is hard to get advice from those that have "made it."

DuVernay is known for sharing the knowledge she has gained in more than 20 years working in

the film industry. In that time, she has given many women their big break, and they did not forget it.

At the end of the panel, Oprah came out to present a video of all the ladies thanking DuVernay.

She proclaimed that they are "The Ava Effect." It is a trend that is being talked about all over

Hollywood, as DuVernay is a leader in combating the lack of equal representation of females in above-the-line jobs like directing.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ

Select streets such as DeLongpre and Normandie will have highly durable centerline gateways. Their high visibility and placement of these treatments will force drivers to watch their speeds.

'Slow Streets' in East Hollywood Are Underway

It is intended to be a temporary fix to a shortterm problem as next phase begins

BY MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ

Details for phase two Los Angeles' Slow Streets program in East Hollywood were revealed in a September meeting organized by the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council Arts and Cultures Committee that brings the program closer to a long-term reality for the area.

Los Angeles Slow Streets was implemented in May 2020 by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT). A response to the COVID-19 pandemic that limited public access to outdoor recreational spaces which placed signage intended to slow through traffic to allow for safe, socially-distant exercise in communities across the city.

Claire Eberle, transportation planner for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), addressed the main issues voiced by residents. This concerned the durability of signage – currently A-frames and plastic barricades - and their maintenance by encouraging

residents to order service requests treatments with bollards and with LADOT by dialing 311, or (213) 473-3231.

"Unfortunately, people do continue to speed and there is a blatant disregard for safety," Eberle said. "We will continue to do our best to maintain and replace signage, ideally using existing materials that LADOT already has that could be revisited down the line."

The next phase of Slow Streets most notably includes the removal of eight parking spaces on Delongpre Avenue above Santa Monica Boulevard and below on Madison Avenue for installations of centerline gateway treatments and a painted medium.

Natalie Chiva lives in the neighborhood and understands the parking tradeoff.

"I bike these streets often and have had a few near misses with traffic," she said. "I believe the safety outweighs the parking loss there."

Other updates include four additional centerline gateway treatments with signage and markings, two signal gateway markings, an additional painted median and updated signage for all streets.

Signal gateway treatments with bollards, markings, and painted medians that are both durable and visible are the priority for this new phase. Especially intersections experiencing the bulk of through traffic that include the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Madison Avenue and the corners of Lexington Virgil Avenues.

Community outreach to residents will be conducted by the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council regarding the new changes before plans are finalized with LADOT who anticipate a sixweek timeline for construction. What happens after phase two depends on its success.

"Ultimately, permanent treatments are pending the success of this current phase," said Claire Eberle from LADOT. "Ideally, the changes made now will be assessed and move towards something robust and permanent in the future."

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Also, designer Beatrice Alcala has received two nominations for best double-spread design with Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo, Southwestern College and Ball State University.

The finalist for Best Design of a Two-Page Newspaper spread honors Alcala's layout and design on "Students Launch New Effort to Clear Marcus Garvey's Name," and "City Rests on Hallowed Ground," a photo essay and story about the Tongva villages that covered LACC 10,000 years ago.

Winners will be announced at CMA MediaFest22 at the Grand Hyatt in Washington D.C., on Oct. 27, 2022. ACP Honors City with

Pacemaker Finalist Nod Associated Collegiate Press named the Collegian Times a finalist for a national Pacemaker Award for a Two-

year college; Feature/General

Audience Magazine. This is the fourth consecutive finalist award for the Collegian Times from ACP. Final places will be announced along with the Top 100, a snapshot of the top programs in the 100-year

history of ACP. "It was a long road paved with hard reporting and even harder editing," said former Editor-in-Chief Sorina Szakacs from Columbia University in New York. "The result is a competitive magazine that does justice to

the college and the program." Other community colleges vying for a magazine Pacemaker in the category include Southwestern College in Chula Vista, Fullerton College, Amarillo Community College and Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon. Winners will be announced at the ACP Fall Media Fest Conference in Washington D.C., from Oct. 27-31.

Pick up your Collegian Times from a campus kiosk this week.



CUB STORE PLANS TO ACCEPT EBT

Cub Store Manager is Working Hard to Implement EBT Purchases on Campus.

BY LUVLEIGHAN CLARK

Bookstore Manager Christi O'Connor is working to get Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT), previously known as food stamps, approved for students who rely on EBT to purchase food.

The Cub Store has been stocking more food products like rice bowls, burritos, and sandwiches more than snack foods to ensure healthier eating while on cam-

O'Connor credited the Los Angeles City College Foundation for the idea to accept EBT, also known as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), in the Cub's convenience store. O'Connor had to bring the system up to state requirements.

"We had some hiccups [signing up for the EBT program] then we finally got approved," O'Connor said. Then 2020 closed everything down.

2020 might have slowed the process, but O'Connor did not give up. She and her staff are still working hard to bring in EBT so students can utilize the assistance.

O'Connor says they now know the process for applying, which will make it faster, once they find a vendor that can handle all the requirements. The vendor must be used by the whole Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), as it would be a district-wide contract.

Many colleges are trying to help their students by enrolling in the SNAP program. Southwestern (SWC) College newspaper, did an article about their Tradewinds Café accepting SNAP/EBT after a two-year process.

SWC cites their Superintendent, Dr. Hall, as saying students spend five to six hours on campus per day. This is correct for fulltime students who spend about four hours per class and many students take more than one class per day.

Rosalynda Goodliffe studies at L.A. City College and the Collegian caught up with her inside the Cub Store as she shopped for snacks. The Cub store is open during the week and closed on weekends.

"[I] think it would be wonderful if they brought food stamps to the school," Goodliffe said. "So many people are on food stamps, it would be so helpful to not be worried about eating at school."

There are also students that go to work before or after classes and have no time to eat, except for fast food. The campus convenience stores can offer healthier alternatives to drive-thru food.

Kids Count Data Center collected information in 2021 that shows 41.5 million people rely on EBT to buy food. Many college students need extra assistance.

According to the "California Community Colleges (CCC) Health and Wellness - EBT Guidebook," hunger is one of the main concerns of college students. The book cites a Wisconsin HOPE Lab 2017 report that states, students who go hungry are less likely to stay focused on their classwork and are more likely to drop out of school.

According to the CCC EBT Handbook, community colleges are beginning to become aware that students need more support with food on campus. This is another reason it's important to bring EBT to campuses.

CCC further states that students are having to pick between buying required textbooks and food. Out of 43,000 students polled, 44 percent of students that go without a steady source of food receive failing grades compared to students that have no food insecurities.

The handbook goes on to state, housing and food are the two main concerns that prevent students from achieving success in college. Unlike students without food insecurities, these students are more likely to miss class and school activities due to financial hardships.

LACC has its own program to help students sign up for EBT, City Cares Network (https:// www.lacitycollege.edu/Resources/LACC-Cares/Fresh-Success). Students may also apply on their own at the Department of Health and Human Services. See the QR code for more information.

Inflation Tests Students, Their Families

BY POUPY GAELLE NGUETSOP

Many families struggle because of the rise of inflation over the past

According to the World Bank, there are economic, political and geographic consequences to the war between Russia and Ukraine, and the war has caused global ripple effects. A recent L.A. Times report says inflation has reached the highest point since 1994. Many families have been affected, especially low-income people, including students.

"Right now, I [am] kind of struggling with the gas prices," said Leslie Soto, a psychology major at LACC. "Because [inflation] is so high, I don't know whether to waste money on gas or groceries. Everything went up and it's difficult for me to buy products like meat and vegetables." Soto says housing costs are high. She also says it is unfair to pay expensive rent for such small spaces.

USC Dornsife Economics Professor Jaime Meza-Cordero teaches a course called "The Practice of Economics." He says one way to solve the inflation problem is to have the Central Bank increase interest rates. He also says that will prevent some people from investing and allow others to afford the basics.

Inflation has a huge impact on the population, especially lower-income people. Lower-income people use their money or spend it all on buying goods and services, while higher-income people are investing theirs, Meza-Cordero explains to the Collegian.

Angelo, a student at LACC, sits

in front of the MLK Library on a hot day. The biology major says his family feels the effects of inflation and is among the people who have struggled to make a living during the current inflationary times.

"Early this year, me and my family were homeless," said Angelo in a very sad voice. "It was really difficult to pay for gas and just simple things like bread or transportation. We had to take the bus more and train sometimes.

The Collegian caught up with Diane Edwards outside the Chemistry Building and Cinema. She is a radiologic technology major.

"Inflation has definitely impacted when it comes to gas for sure," Edwards said. "The gas price is up. So, I just use my car basically to come to school and back to home, so I don't have to worry about that. A lot of things have gone up. You have to be careful about that. For example, you cannot eat out as much. You eat at home more because of the food prices."

The Boutique Hostel in downtown L.A. offers some guests an alternative to expensive accommodations.

"We have welcomed more people this past year," said Paul Walker, head manager in charge of the Boutique Hostel in downtown. Their goal is to help visitors or low-income guests to find a place to stay daily or weekly from \$24 and up.

"There are all kinds of travelers from other states, people who couldn't afford rent and plan to stay for a short period of time while looking for something else," Walker said. "And people from the government programs."

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FROM "FIRST LADY" PAGE 1



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Dr. Biden Speaks at the Home Boy Event

who discussed her personal story of what led her to participate in the Homeboy program.

Carbajal discussed how she became pregnant at the age of 15. With the support of Homeboy Social Enterprises, Carbajal attended a community college before attending UCLA.

She now plans to attend Law School in the future. Dr. Biden was particularly impressed and supportive of Carbajal's educational achievements. When Carbajal mentioned that she initially attended a community college, Dr. Biden can relate. "That's where I teach, community college," she said.

It is perhaps her experience as a professor at a community college that she feels a particular affinity for community college education. The Biden administration has generally supported higher education with particular regard for community college education.

While President Biden's plan

for free community college education did not come to fruition, he has continued to be supportive of assuring college students of his dedication to higher education.

Other measures President Biden took demonstrating his support of education include the American Rescue Plan, which provides funding to help college and university students adversely affected by the pandemic. Recently, President Biden announced Student Loan Forgiveness of \$10,000 and \$20,00 for recipients of the Pell Grant.

The First Lady's visit to LACC in 2016 and keynote speech at the LACC 2022 graduation ceremony indicate ongoing support by this presidential administration to support higher education. Not only does the administration acknowledge the importance of community college education, but Dr. Biden demonstrates a significant connection with LACC.

FROM "FORGIVENESS" PAGE 1

Nearly 8 Million Borrowers May Be Eligible to Receive Relief

berly Gulifoyle on Twitter. "I mean, paying off loans for people that don't want to — they wanna have some bizarre basket-weaving degree."

A diverse workforce keeps the country moving, and that includes artists and artisans. For the people who decided to forgo college because of the cost, this bill follows through with its promise of lower tuition costs so that those people can return to college if they

would like to.

Income qualifications to take advantage of student loan forgiveness include:

Payment pause for student loans expires Dec. 31, 2022.

Nearly 8 million borrowers may be eligible to receive relief automatically because relevant income data is already available to the U.S. Department of Education.

If the U.S. Department of Education does not have your

income data, the Administration will launch an application, available this October.

Borrower completes the application and can expect relief within 4-6 weeks.

Everyone who is eligible should file the application, but there are 8 million people for whom the government has data for and who will get the relief automatically.

Borrowers should apply before Nov. 15 in order to receive relief before the payment pause

expires on Dec. 31, 2022.

The Department of Education will continue to process applications as they are received, even after the pause expires on Dec. 31, 2022.

To receive a notification when the application is open, please sign up for email notifications on ed.gov/subscriptions. Take advantage of this historic bill and see the positive change that could come from it.

FROM "LEAGUE OF WOMEN" PAGE 1

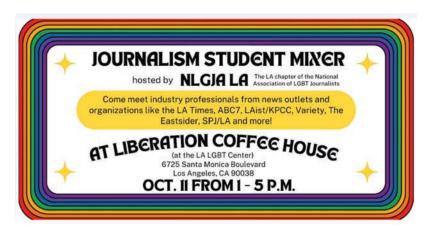
League of women voters is open to everyone

Propositions can alter laws and sometimes California's constitution and are voted on by the public. For the fall 2022 election, the state of California will show seven propositions on the ballot and it is not a requirement to vote on all of them.

There was a low turn out

to the presentation causing a concern for whether California voters would be doing the same at the polls. The majority of students that attended did so as a class assignment.

"Technically this is 1% of my grade," said LACC student Ryan Kim. "And also I can drop off resumes around this area."



FROM "INCUMBENT" PAGE 1



Hugo Soto-Martinez
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Mitch O'Farrell
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Race Heats up for City Council

BY TUPAC ZAPATA

The race for a City Council seat in Los Angeles' council district 13 intensifies as the campaigns head into the final two months of canvassing and fundraising before election day on Nov. 8.

Last June, Hugo Soto-Martinez won the primary with 19,196 votes (40%), 4,244 more votes than incumbent Mitch O'Farrell who has been an L.A. City Councilmember since 2013. Soto-Martinez has since been endorsed by Kate Pynoos, who finished third with 7,371 votes (15%).

About 250,000 people live in district 13, which is where Los Angeles City College is located. District 13 includes the neighborhoods of East Hollywood, Echo Park, Silver Lake, Atwater and Westlake. Three out of four of its residents are renters, many whom have seen their rents increase during the last 10 years.

O'Farrell is not the only incumbent to lose the primary. Gil Cedillo of council district 1 lost his reelection to community activist Eunises Hernandez, in a two-candidate crucial primary that would send the winner to City Hall.

A shift looms in the Los Angeles City Council as seven out of 15 council seats are up for election on Nov. 8, with four new councilmembers guaranteed. Soto-Martinez's candidacy has been endorsed by worker unions, political organizations, activists and politicians, and does not take donations from real estate developers, police unions, and corporations.

At a fundraising event at a downtown brewery on Sept. 7, the 39-year-old expressed his confidence that his grassroots campaign will have a similar success in November as it did back in June.

"We are going to stick to the same plan that has yielded good results for us and we will continue to knock on doors in order to get the votes needed to prevail", said Soto-Martinez.

Raised in South Central L.A. of immigrant Mexican parents who worked as street vendors, Soto-Martinez became involved as a union organizer for a hotel he worked at in his senior year of college. This helped to secure a better contract with his fellow hotel workers. The workers were able to get benefits and a pay raise, which taught him a great lesson about organizing and fighting for what is fair.

Discontent over rising rents and the growing numbers of individuals living in the streets has many wanting a different approach when it comes to the issue of homelessness. In March of 2021, a very expensive and massive police raid forcibly removed a large encampment at Echo Park Lake. Many pointed the finger at Mitch O'Farrell as the one responsible for the sweep and various organizations vowed to vote him out.

During a District 13 candidate forum, O'Farrell defended his 9-year tenure as councilmember. "Leadership is not easy," said O'Farrell. "It means that you are willing to take chances and willing to take risks and willing to be criticized for being a leader and standing for what you believe. We've done that since taking office. My leadership has resulted in four thousand units of covenant affordable housing and permanent supporting housing for the unhoused since 2014."

O'Farrell worked over a decade for his predecessor Eric Garcetti, and was elected to the L.A. City Council in 2013. In 2017, he was reelected for a five-and-a-half-year term that ends in December. This is the first election for city council to be held the same year as the midterm elections. Half of the city council board members are up for election in 2022, and the other half will be up for reelection in 2024. Election night is on Nov. 8

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RESOURCES

COMPILED BY RACHEL RODRIGUEZ

GeneTex Scholarship Program

GeneTex believes in accelerating scientific advancement and the notion that the genesis of future discoveries begins with the support of young scientists now. Scholarship for students pursuing a STEM undergraduate or graduate degree.

Amount: \$2,000 Deadline: December 17, 2022 Contact: Scholarship Committee 2

456 Alton Pkwy Irvine, CA 92606

scholarship@genetex.com 949-553-1900

Talbots Women's Scholarship Fund

Talbots Women's Scholarship Fund, a program of the Talbots Charitable Foundation, will award \$100,000 in scholarships to women determined to finally get that college degree. Five women will each be awarded \$10,000 scholarships and 50 women will each be awarded \$1,000 scholarships. All applicants must be seeking an undergraduate degree from an accredited two- or fouryear college or university, or vocational-technical school.

Amount: \$1,000-\$10,000 Deadline: January 2, 2023 Contact : Scholarship America One Scholarship Way, PO Box 297 Saint Peter, MN 56082 talbotswomen@ scholarshipamerica.org 507-931-1682

NVFEH Scholarship for Medical Students

The North Valley Health **Education Foundation** educates people about healthrelated issues and financially supports students involved in the health sciences. Students enrolled in health professions at a community college, 4-year college nursing program, medical school, and paramedic program at Butte College are eligible to apply for scholarships. Scholarship applications are available December 1st through May 1st- annually since1975.

Amount: \$1,500 Deadline: March 1, 2023 Contact: Scholarship Committee North Valley Health **Education Foundation** 1380 East Avenue, Suite 124,

PMB 377 Chico, CA 95926 Sara@nvhef.org

530-591-4161

Kohlberg-Manacher Foundation's Professional **Development Scholarship** Program

The KMF Professional Development Scholarship Program provides annual academic scholarships to very bright, hard-working, entrepreneurially-minded students from lower-income, less-privileged families. Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student (junior, senior, and/or graduate) for the academic year that the scholarship is awarded at any U.S. college, university or vocational school. Scholarship selection criteria include, yet is not limited to demonstrated

high levels of resiliency and maturity, academic record, achievements in sports and/other extracurricular activities, and/or other unique skills or accomplishments, entrepreneurial tendencies, aspirations and/or experiences and personal/family circumstances.

Amount: \$7,500 Deadline: June 15, 2023 Contact: Scholarship Committee

shubhecchha@kohlbergmanacherfoundation.com

Mel C. Marshall Student Scholarship

The Mel C. Marshall Student Scholarship was developed to encourage high school seniors or college students to enroll in careers related to the precast concrete industry and to provide opportunities for those students who receive financial support to liaise with CPCA. Scholarship applications are requested by October 31 for the academic year beginning the following fall, and by April 30 for the following spring semester. Must maintain a 2.5 GPA and be a California resident. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

Amount: \$500 Deadline: October 31, 2022 Contact: Scholarship Committee

California Precast Concrete Association

P.O. Box 417 Rocklin, CA 95677 cmiglino@caprecastconcrete.

916-259-2629

National Rice Month Scholarship Contest

Applicants must create an original, short (3 minutes or less) video about U.S. rice, National Rice Month, and the importance of rice to you, your state, or the world in general. Once you have recorded your video, upload it to YouTube or Vimeo. Complete the entry form and submit your video. After you've uploaded your video, share it on your social media. Encourage your friends, family, and teachers to watch and vote for your video. (You can also check out your competition.) For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

Amount: \$5,000 Deadline: October 31, 2022 Contact: Scholarship Committee 2101 Wilson Blvd Suite 610

Arlington, VA 22201 703-236-1446

Aquarium of the Pacific African American Scholar Program

The program supports exceptional African American students pursuing fields of study related to the Aquarium. Through the award and engagement experience, the Aquarium hopes to lower barriers by providing both financial support for academic endeavors, and community support through networking opportunities. This program seeks to provide continued involvement in fields related to the Aquarium for deserving African American students to bring diverse minds to solving the issues facing our planet and its inhabitants.

Amount: \$10,000 Deadline: November 25, 2022 Contact: Scholarship

Committee

Aquarium of the Pacific 100 Aquarium way Long Beach, CA 90802 africanamericanscholar@ lbaop.org

562-951-1664

Ford Built Tough Scholarship

Students who are pursuing a two-year or four-year degree in any major are eligible to apply. Applicants must apply online and then visit their local participating Ford Truck dealer for signature and dealer code.

Amount: \$1,000 Deadline: January 11, 2023 Contact: Scholarship Committee

National FFA Organization 6060 FFA Drive Indianapolis, IN 46268 888-332-2668

Cherry Hawk Scholarship

Applicants must have received a cancer diagnosis at any point in the past, plan to attend a U.S. college or graduate school, and have a family income of less than \$150,000 per year. The Cherry Hawk Scholarship is open to students from or attending school in Southern California. Students should aspire to become sports professionals, studying a sports-related field such as Sports Information, Sports Medicine (inc. Physical Therapy, Sports Psychology or related), Sports Management, Sports Marketing, Sports Journalism or Communications.

Amount: \$5,000 Deadline: January 31, 2023 Contact: Scholarship Committee

Cancer For College 28465 Old Town Front Street, Suite 224

Temecula, CA 92590 applications@ cancerforcollege.org 760-599-5096

Dan X Wray "Big Dream" Scholarship

Cancer for College has provided need-based college scholarships and educational experiences to cancer survivors. Applicants must have received a cancer diagnosis at any point in the past, plan to attend a U.S. college or graduate school, and have a family income of less than \$150,000 per year. Please tell us about your "BIG DREAM" and how you plan to use your college education to make that a reality.

Amount: \$20,000 Deadline: January 31, 2023 Contact: Scholarship Committee

Cancer For College 28465 Old Town Front Street, Suite 224

Temecula, CA 92590 applications@ cancerforcollege.org 760-599-5096

eQuality Scholarships eQuality Scholarship

Collaborative awards scholarships to honor and encourage California students for their service to the lesbian/ gay/bisexual/transgender community. Applicants for all scholarships must have demonstrated service to the LGBT+ community. Applicants of all sexual orientations and gender identities are eligible for most scholarships. Awards are available to graduating high school seniors, community college transfer students, and medical students, with their own criteria.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Amount: \$6,000 Deadline: January 31, 2023 Contact: Scholarship Committee

eQuality Scholarship Collaborative

155 Sansome St Ste 650 San Francisco, CA 94104 info@equalityscholarship.org

TELACU College Success Program

Applicants entering college as first-year students are eligible to apply for an award that can be renewed for up to four years. Applicants must be first-generation college students from low-income households with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Applicants are available to students from regional areas in California. Priority will be given to applicants pursuing a degree in Business or a STEM field.

Amount: \$5,000 Deadline: February 28, 2023 Contact: Scholarship

Committee 5400 E. Olympic Blvd Third Floor Los Angeles, CA 90022

CollegeSuccess@TELACU.

323-721-1655 x486

Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship

Program Each year, the Friends of the California State Fair Student Scholarships help our state's most promising students achieve their goals and realize their dreams by granting scholarships. These awards are given in a broad range of academic studies. They are presented to college students and graduating high

school seniors who exhibit academic excellence, leadership potential, civic accomplishments and a strong sense of personal commitment to continuing their education. Scholarship categories: Agricultural Students (current college student), Agricultural Students (high school senior), Art Major, Blue Diamond International Scholarship, Business or Agricultural Business, Culinary Cooking or Hospitality Management or Event Planning, Past Participants (exhibitors), Sacramento Region Top Achiever, Teacher Credential Program, Top 10 Percent of Class, Trade School, and Viticulture or Enology.

Amount: \$1,000-\$2,500 Deadline: March 1, 2023 Contact: Scholarship Committee

1600 Exposition Blvd Sacramento, CA 95815 scholarship@calexpo.com 855-670-4787

Tall Clubs International Student Scholarships

Tall Clubs International annually awards student scholarship(s) to tall students who are under 21 years of age and attending their first year of college in the following fall. To enter, applicants must be under 21, entering college in the upcoming fall and meet the TCI height requirement minimums: 5'10" for women and 6'2" for men, barefoot. You must also find a local Tall Club member to sponsor you. If you are interested in applying for a TCI Scholarship Award, you must contact a TCI Member Club closest to you for sponsorship. Even if they don't have a local

Student Scholarship, they may simply appoint you as their candidate. Once you have a local sponsor, your name will be submitted to the TCI Foundation.

Amount: \$1,000 Deadline: March 1, 2023 Contact: Scholarship Committee

Carolyn Goldstein 1555 cr 2103 Weimar, TX 78962 tcifoundationscholarships@ gmail.com

888-468-2552

CSAC Cal Grants

CSAC Cal Grants are for students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree or vocational or career training, and do not have to be repaid. In addition to meeting the financial criteria and Cal Grant requirements, applicants must submit the FAFSA or CADAA application by the deadline, be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen who is a California resident for at least 1 year, attend a qualifying California college at least half-time, and be enrolled in a program leading to an undergraduate degree or certificate. There are three kinds of Cal Grants — A, B and C but you don't have to figure out which one to apply for.

Amount: \$14,242 Deadline: March 2, 2023 Contact: Scholarship Committee

Program Administration & Services Division PO Box 419027

studentsupport@csac.ca.gov

Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-

888-224-7268

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\$2,500 CSAC Grant

Students who lost their job during COVID may qualify for the California Student Aid Commission Golden State Education and Training Grant Program.

Students must enroll in at least one course to qualify. See eligibility requirements, create an account and apply at: https://gsetg.csac.ca.gov/landin







Men's soccer team is ranked 6th in the division!
"That is fantastic, this is the second year playing,"

LACC President Mary Gallagher said in her announcement on Tuesday.

Cubs Men's SOCCER TEAM RANKED #12 IN THE NATION

As the Cubs gain momentum, it appears they could garner a spot in the playoffs.

BY JUAN MENDOZA



PHOTO FILE/COLLEGIAN

he L.A. City College Men's
Soccer team traveled to
Visalia, on Sept. 23, to play the
Giants from the College of the
Sequoias.
The Ciants are great

The Giants are great contenders. They are the 2021 Central Valley Conference titleholders and ranked #6 in their division.

"A match up that everyone was waiting for," said Javier Aguiniga Campos, the head coach of the Cubs.

According to the Los Angeles City College Athletics Department official website, the game ended 2-2. During the game, the Cubs created more chances of scoring and more moments of excitement.

With a six-game winning streak, one loss and two tie games, the Cubs have a great opportunity to make it to the playoffs.

"We're doing a great job," coach Aguiniga Campos said. "We are putting a lot of time on training. The guys are responding and doing a lot of work. We are running on the streets of LACC. It's nothing easy, and we expect results."

The Cubs had suffered a loss in the first game of the season against Golden West College with a 4-3 score in favor of the Rustlers. The game was exciting, and fans of both teams were cheering in the stands.

At the second home game against the Corsairs of Santa Monica College, the Cubs repeated their strategy of playing and moving the ball. They beat the Corsairs 3-1, and since then the team has been on a winning streak.

"The 90 minutes of the game was even and well played by both teams," said Javier Castañeda, the father of freshman Jose Castañeda who plays as a left midfielder for the Cubs.

"The game ended 2-2, in a

playoff game environment that promises for a future match up in the playoffs," coach Aguiniga Campos said.

On Sept. 30, the Cubs beat the Moorpark College Raiders 2-0, and on Oct. 4, the Cubs won again by crushing the Lancers from Pasadena City College, 2-0.

"Let's go Cubs!" said an enthusiastic Javier Castañeda with a big smile.

After a few weeks playing away, the Lady Cubs and the men are playing at home. On Oct. 7, both women's and men's teams will play against El Camino College at 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.



