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Aliso Canyon gas leak plugged up

By KYLE RICHARDSON
Staff Writer

Finally, after 4 months, the methane gas leak at Aliso Canyon has been plugged by work crews. Estimated numbers showed that since the start of the leak up to January, the leak had spewed more greenhouse gases than 440,000 cars emit in a year, according to the LA Times.

The gas leak that many did not know about, has been leaking methane gas into our atmosphere since Nov. 28. "The well is no longer leaking," said Jimmie Cho, senior vice president of gas operations and system integrity for Southern California Gas Co., to the LA Times.

As the methane gas was released into the air, schools within 5 miles of Aliso Canyon were all given air filters for each classroom and office, according to the LA Times. The same action has been taken upon Southern California Gas Co., as they have been delivering air filters to all the homes that families have returned too.

President of Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council Paula Cracium spoke for the residents on their return home.

"It changes from controlling the crisis to now navigating recovery," said Cracium to the LA Times.

"Homeowners have been injured. Property values have been injured. There’s going to be a version of PTSD as they get a whiff of any odor in their home," added Cracium.

The company Sempra Energy, who owns Southern California Gas Co., is expected to pay costs of $250 million to $300 million, though that number could possibly climb higher with the sealing of the well, according to The Weather Channel.

That number does not include the lawsuits filed against the gas company, where as many as 65 lawsuits have been filed so far.

Gov. Jerry Brown is planning to move forward with his goal of reducing California’s petroleum use in half by 2030, according to the LA Times.

Last month, Gov. Brown submitted a budget to the California State Legislature that proposed spending a third of the state’s cap-and-trade funds, which is approximately $1 billion, according to the LA Times.

Brown’s goal is to cut oil use by 50 percent and with the state’s funds, he would invest in public transportation, promoting electric vehicles, and other environmentally friendly programs.

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In 2015, the SB-350 Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act (CERPA) was proposed, however there was much opposition from oil companies and their lobbyists, according to focus.senate.ca.gov.

Brown’s goal is to cut oil use by 50 percent by 2030, and double the energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas end uses by 2030, according to legislature.ca.gov.

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"While $65 million is not a huge amount in terms of the overall state budget, it certainly could pay for important services that teachers that would pay for," said Zach Schiller, research director at Policy Matters Ohio.

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The Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act (ITFA) was passed by the Senate on Feb. 11.

"It was a big win for those of us who’ve been fighting to preserve net neutrality but we’re going to have to stay vigilant on this," said Senator Al Franken of Minnesota.

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The bill, however, included a grand exception for states that have their own taxes on Internet use. Wisconsin, making a combined $563 million yearly on the tax, according to US News.

Cleveland.com reported Ohio will lose $65 million annually in Internet taxes.

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Meanwhile, scientists look to determine its connection to birth defects and a vaccine.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the potential link between the virus and neurological disorders, microcephaly and Guillain-Barre syndrome, can be confirmed within weeks.

Microcephaly is a birth defect that causes infants to be born with abnormally small heads and developmental issues. Guillain-Barre syndrome, is a neurological disorder that causes paralysis.

As stated by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), symptoms for the virus include: fever, rash, muscle and joint pain, headache, and red eyes.

“It seems indeed that the link with Zika (and microcephaly) is becoming more and more probable, so I think that we need a few more weeks and a few more studies to have this straight,” stated Marie-Paule Kieny, WHO assistant director-general for health systems and innovation, at a news briefing in Geneva.

The Brazil health ministry issued a report of 4,314 possible microcephaly cases in Brazil on Feb. 12. Of those, 462 cases were confirmed and 41 showed traces of the Zika virus in the mother or child, according to Reuters.

More than 30,000 Zika virus cases were reported in Colombia, according to Reuters.

Of those cases, 5,000 were pregnant women.

In a week, the total reported cases of Zika infections increased by 23 percent and 57.8 percent for pregnant women, as reported by Reuters.

Scientists from the U.S. National Institute of Health (NIH) and the Indian biotechnology firm, Bharat Biotech, are the leading candidates for developing a vaccine, according to Reuters.

The WHO reported that the vaccines would take a minimum of 18 months to begin clinical trials.

Reuters reported the NIH vaccine to be similar to the West Nile vaccine, while Bharat Biotech is scheduled to begin pre-clinical trials on animals.

Recently named Brazil’s most wanted criminal, the Aedes mosquito is known to carry the Zika Virus.

“It will sometimes bite four humans in one feeding, and therefore it spreads the disease quickly,” stated Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Health and Human Services Secretary.

The virus resided in Africa and the Asia-Pacific, before making its way to Latin America in early 2015.

Blood transmissions and sexual transmission are also possibilities, although mosquito bites are the most common form of transmitting the Zika virus.

Earlier this month, a man in Dallas, Texas contracted the Zika virus after having sexual contact with his partner who recently returned from Venezuela.

“Now that we know Zika virus can be transmitted through sex, this increases our awareness campaign in educating the public about protecting themselves and others,” stated Zachary Thompson, director of Dallas County Health and Human Services, in a statement to the CDC.

People are encouraged to take precaution by practicing safe sex and that pregnant women should refrain from traveling to a region with a Zika outbreak.

Reuters reported two cases of Zika infections through blood transmissions in Brazil earlier this month.

American Red Cross has asked that anyone who has been to Latin America in the last 28 days not donate blood.

According to CBS News, Zika has been detected in saliva, breast milk and urine samples, although the CDC has not confirmed these as ways of transmission.
Boy buys flower for every girl at school (Feb. 14)
A 17-year-old boy spent $450 in order to purchase a carnation for every girl at Sky View High School in Utah on Valentine’s Day.
“I would feel so special if I went to that school and received a flower from someone I didn’t know,” said 8th grade student Jessica Hernandez.
Hayden Godfrey worked as a dishwasher and cooked at different fast food restaurants in order to purchase 900 carnations for girls at his school.

Never forget to pay your student loan debt (Feb. 15)
The U.S. Marshals service in Houston is now arresting residents for student loan debt, according to Fox News.
Houston resident, Paul Aker was greeted by cops and arrested for his $1,500 student loan from 1987.
Aker was taken to court where he had to agree to and sign a payment plan for a loan that he took out 29 years ago.

New Orleans haunted mansion for sale (Feb. 12)
A New Orleans 1857 Magnolia Mansion home, rumored to be filled with ghosts, is up for sale, according to wfae.com.
James H. Calrow designed the mansion for Alexander Harris who died of yellow fever 11 years after the home was built; and the next owner John Henry Maginnis died after being struck by lightning.
“In a city famous for its fabulous food, art and ghost stories, New Orleans also has some of the most colorful homes in the world,” according to TopTenRealEstateDeals.com.

New York Judge arrested for getting lit in her whip (Feb. 15)
A New York judge was arrested on her way to court for drinking and driving, according to KFLY News.
Judge Leticia Astacio was on her way to “oversee criminal arraignments” in court, when she was involved in a car accident at 8 a.m. on Interstate 490.
Officers tried to give Astacio a breathalyzer test, but she then refused and was taken to jail and released the following day with her court day in March.

Brown cuts down on oil
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and constantly mentioning it since.
“Oil is the heart of modern prosperity, and yet it has the destructive impact that it’s going to undermine that prosperity very quickly,” said Brown at a news conference. “So we have to move off it.”
Brown’s administration says cutting petroleum use in vehicles is a crucial part of its climate change strategy because transportation accounts for an estimated 40 percent of California’s greenhouse gas emissions, according to arb.ca.gov.
The Air Resources Board said that going on with Brown’s goal will require Californians to decrease the number of miles they travel every year, continue improvements in vehicle fuel efficiency, and invest in fuel sources with lower carbon content.
This new budget proposal depends heavily on mass transit, proposing to add an extra $400 million of discretionary cap-and-trade funds, according to the LA Times.
An additional $500 million would go toward consumer rebates for electric vehicles and low-carbon fuels.
These proposed increments in spending are a combination of new cap-and-trade dollars and money left over from stalled negotiations in Sacramento from 2015, according to the LA Times.
California’s clean transportation policies will save over $8 billion on health care costs due to fewer asthma attacks, cardiovascular hospitalizations, and premature deaths from poor air quality, according to focus senate.ca.gov.
“If the governor is going to push these expenditures forward, he will need to demonstrate to the legislature, and the people of California, how proposed spending can dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” stated The Western States Petroleum Association in a statement.
Democrats have argued that voting for this budget proposal could hurt low-income and commuter-reliant communities, according to the LA Times.
Any action that Gov. Brown takes toward his proposal remains at risk of being dismantled once he leaves office in 2018, according to arb.ca.gov.
“I do remain of the strong belief that [defining petroleum targets] statutory is the best way to do it,” said Senate President Pro Temp Kevin de Leon.
Kathryn Phillips of Sierra Club California applauded the governor for finding a way around the political stalemate to work toward cutting gasoline use now, according to the LA Times.
“The administration is pressing forward with what they can do at this point, but everything they’re doing is essentially consistent with that goal,” said Phillips.

New Supreme Court Judge needed
A few Supreme Justices are refusing to look at the nominees President Obama is nominating for a new supreme court judge after the recent death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.
Obama vowed on Tuesday to name an “indisputably” qualified Supreme Court nominee and lashed out at Republicans who he said demanded a strict interpretation of the Constitution—except regarding his right to propose a new justice, according to CNN News.
On Tuesday, Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI) said that the Senate “might” actually grant a hearing for Obama’s Supreme Court nominee, even though Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pledged not to hold a vote. Johnson told radio host John Howell that while he probably wouldn’t vote yes on Obama’s nominee, he’s open to a vote either way, according to thinkprogress.org.

Republicans would need to lose two votes on the Senate Judiciary Committee in order for Democrats to overcome the committee hurdle, because a 10-10 tie vote results in a failure to report the nomination, according to thefederalist.com.
“This is the Supreme Court and it’s going to get some attention. We have to ask ourselves as a society, a fundamental question, are we able to still make this democracy work the way it’s supposed to, the way our founders envisioned it?” Obama asked in a press conference in Rancho Mirage, California Obama stopped short of tipping his hand in terms of who he would nominate. When asked whether his comments should be interpreted as suggesting a moderate, Obama said, “You shouldn’t assume anything about the qualifications of the nominee other than that they’re well qualified,” according to USA Today.

Penguins stranded (Feb. 15)
Approximately 150,000 penguins have died after being stranded on an iceberg for six years in Antarctica, according to CNN News.
The animals had to walk 40 miles or more to find food leaving them landlocked.
The Rhode Island sized iceberg cut off the penguins’ food supply and majorly changed the landscape of their home.

Brown wants to suggest a new supreme court judge to replace the judge that had just recently died.
CSU professors deserve raise

There are 23,000 California State University (CSU) educators that have been fighting for a salary increase, and I believe they deserve it.

By MICHAEL ISBERTO
Staff Writer

The education system is important to everyone. We are all looking to better ourselves and get a respectable job after we finish school. But that’s the thing: we all need to go through school, learning from professors who feel unappreciated, and this has to change.

I think it has to start at the top. It seems as though administrators are living the good life while the rest of the faculty are struggling.

The LA Times reported, “More than half of CSU faculty make less than $38,000 in gross earnings.” The Chancellor of CSU and the presidents are all making an average of $300,388.29 a year plus benefits since 2014, according to Transparent California.

So, while some of our favorite professors are taking second jobs, and living off food stamps, there’s a chance we may see CSU administrators in fancy new sports cars.

I’m not saying they need to be paid the same, but I believe the income gap between administrators and faculty should be narrowed from what it currently is.

People talk about the disappearance of the middle class, that soon the world will only see very rich people and very poor people. It’s scary to think that it’s happening in our education system as well.

They need to give the professors what they deserve. If this matter is not settled and my professor walks out of the classroom in April—so will I.

Classroom is no place for phones

By STEFFANIE MARTINEZ
Staff Writer

Would you put your cell phone down if by doing so you could potentially improve your GPA?

As college students, it seems impossible for us to go throughout the day without checking our phones multiple times.

I’ve seen it in all my classes; the students who sit in the back pretending to look at the professor, meanwhile they expertly text, or surf through their Instagram feeds without getting caught.

Richard Murphy and Louis-Phillipe Beland, two economics professors at Louisiana State University, measured the impact of mobile phones on student performance.

They surveyed 91 schools in four English cities before and after strict cellphone policies were implemented. “We found the impact of banning phones for these students equivalent to an additional hour a week in school, or increasing the school year by five days,” said Murphy.

According to the results, low achieving students benefited most from the cellphone bans. Their test scores increased by 14.23 percent. It’s an issue that dates all the way back to grade school, hiding our cellphones from our teacher thinking we’re fooling them by putting it on our lap.

Back then, teachers would simply confiscate our devices. Now as adults, the consequences aren’t as effective due to potential disputes.

Most classes I’ve had clearly state on the syllabus that cellphone use is not allowed during class time. However, there’s always that handful that don’t seem to care.

Many students think it is their responsibility to not use their cellphones. Becoming dependent of this device not only affects their personal life, but it can also be detrimental to your academic career.

A recent study done at Longwood University found significantly lower test scores for those who used their cellphones.

The overall trend was that when cellphone use is higher, test scores are lower, for everybody, within each period before a test,” said Dr. Chris Bjornsen, a psychology professor who studied the relation between in-class cellphone use and academic performance in all of his classes during an entire academic year.

There are clear benefits to not using your cellphones in class.

While professors could easily come up with solutions to keep their students from getting distracted by their cellphones, I personally don’t think it is their responsibility to do so.
Zika, is it getting too much hype?

By NICHOLAS WHITT

Hide your kids! Hide your wife! Hide your husband!

A virus called Zika (just like Ebola and the swine flu) is coming to take us all away—or that’s what the media is telling us. However, I disagree.

The media is only using this virus as a means of getting traffic on their website because in fact, the virus is not a big deal—at ALL—at least in the U.S.

Within the past month there have been a total of 52 Zika virus cases in the U.S., all of them are from people traveling in areas of Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC). There has not been a single case yet of someone acquiring it locally in the U.S.; so as long as you do not take a family vacation, you will be okay.

Zika is an RNA virus related to the West Nile, yellow fever, and dengue viruses, and caused by the bite of the Aedes mosquito, according to Dr. Peter Jay Holtz; dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Furthermore, there is something different about Zika compared to the other terrifying viruses that were not a threat at all to the U.S.

Common symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain, or conjunctivitis (red eyes), according to the CDC.

If you think about it, those are not severe symptoms at all. Especially since they do not usually just get sick enough to go to the hospital, and they very rarely die due to the Zika virus, according to the CDC.

Pregnant women who have the Zika virus can transmit it to their unborn children, causing birth defects.

“As we’re seeing illness it is striking women who are pregnant and it’s producing a horrific effect of Microcephaly,” said Holtz.

Holtz continued, “We don’t know when in pregnancy the consequences are greatest.”

Microcephaly may cause mental retardation, as well as delays in speech, movement, and growth, according to the Mayo Clinic.

Now, don’t worry. I know this sounds very alarming, and you are probably thinking you must check if you have it before you and your significant other try to be adventurous.

Relax, take a chill pill. Remember, there has not been a single reported Zika virus being locally born in the U.S. The U.S. cases are by means of traveling to the areas outside the U.S. that have it, according to the CDC.

The virus was first discovered in 1947 in a rhesus macaque in the Zika forest in Uganda, according to Dr. Jennifer J. Brown in genetics at the State University of New York and senior editor at Everyday Health.

The virus has been known for more than 50 years and how now getting coverage. Yeah, the U.S. is in a “real” state of emergency with this one.

One could argue that there is currently no cure available, but just like Ebola, there wasn’t until the U.S. actually had an interest in even making a cure due to it hitting U.S. citizens in my opinion.

According to Sarah Boseley, health editor of the Guardian, they had a potential cure that was successful in curing victims of Ebola more than a month prior to its recognition by the media.

If it was not for being a little too expensive to freely give out, the virus most likely would have been contained before even being considered an epidemic.

The media knows this too, yet they still want to strike fear into everyone’s heart with this non-lethal, non-threatening virus.

“I went home for the president’s day weekend and all my family talked about was this stupid virus,” said student Jose Rodriguez.

Rodriguez continued, “the media needs to stop causing this much concern for the public when in reality it will never impact the U.S enough for this much coverage.”

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We have bills to pay and families to take care of—we do not need to worry about a virus that will not affect us at all.

Sincere love imperative for growth

By SERENA GOMEZ

“I love you,” the three words and eight letters that so many people yearn to hear.

Love to many is an emotion and to others, a state of mind that every human strives to have and is afraid to lose.

However, what they fail to realize is that there are two different types of love: healthy and unhealthy.

A healthy love is filled with support, faith, and care.

An unhealthy love is the exact opposite; it is consumed by jealousy, control, and obsessiveness—it is tainted.

“No average, 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States,” according to the Center for Disease Control.

“When someone says they’ve fallen in love with you, it can be hard to tell if they love you in a healthy way, or if their love is tainted,” stated psychologist Kevin D. L. Cottrell.

There are some relationships where a significant other will give gifts to make up for something they did when they hurt their partner.

Some relationships are based on one person’s wants and needs rather than reciprocity.

Do not mistake control for care.

If someone truly cares they will trust you to be your own individual self and will not force you to do things you do not want to do.

It is imperative to be strong by letting go of obsessive and abusive relationships.

It is hard to differentiate between healthy and unhealthy love. It is even harder to leave someone you have been with and known for so long, but you need to think about yourself first.

Instead of looking for another to love or be in a relationship with, focus on yourself as an individual.

Love is a gift to someone who could honestly say they would never want to be.“Healthy love is a choice. It is something you give as a gift. It has conditions that shape the self and strengthen the other,” stated licensed marriage and family therapist John Kim.

Everyone wants to know that there is someone who loves them and cares about them and who they are.

Love is a good feeling to have, just be careful who you end up with.

If there is patience, love is kind, love means slowly losing your mind,” stated Kevin Doyle in my favorite movie “27 Dresses.”

Do not go crazy over a person that does not want you for your true self. Be with the one that would not change who you are, but wants to complement their individuality with yours.

Clean water essential

By RACHEL RUNDENGAHN

Water is of major importance to all living things. Seventy percent of the human body is made up of water.

So you can imagine just how important water is not only for our health, but also our overall well-being.

Some of you might read this and think that these facts are common knowledge—facts we should have known in grade school.

However, the crisis in Flint, Mich. has shown just how incapable Michigan officials were in understanding the importance of water.

Residents of Flint, Mich. drank, cooked, and bathed with lead-contaminated water for the past two years.

For months, citizens of Flint could not get anyone to pay attention to the problems with their water supply.

“As a Flint citizen and as one of the activists who fought to raise awareness regarding quality in Flint, I witnessed firsthand a reluctance to address citizen concerns,” said Laura L. Sullivan, professor of Mechanical Engineering at Kettering University, Michigan.

This crisis has been going on for two years, and it’s barely getting the media attention it deserves.

The reason behind this disaster was due to a financial strategy that would supposedly help with the city’s budget.

But screw making decisions off of financial concerns when people’s health are being jeopardized.

“As problems worsened, people from the community began attending city hall meetings and events with jugs of brown chalky water,” stated writer Timothy Regan.

“Despite clear evidence of contamination, officials continued to provide Flint Michigan with impure water,” added Regan.

Excuse my language, but how does this make any sense?

How can anyone disregard such horrifying evidence?

This makes me question the veracity of this crisis.

Was the decision really made to stop billing the city’s budget, or did race and poverty factor into this water crisis?

“Between 2009 and 2013, some 41.5 percent of Flint’s residents lived below the poverty line, compared to just 16.8 percent of the rest of the state,” said MSNBC national reporter Trymaine Lee.

“Flint Michigan with impure water,” stated writer Timothy Regan.

“Without any concern on account of its socioeconomy,” said Laura L. Sullivan, professor of Mechanical Engineering at Kettering University, Michigan.

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**Savage slang**

**New words to live by**

*Lit*

“When something is turned up or popping.”

By HAECHEOL JANG

Staff Writer

Words are alive. Words change meaning during every situation. Some words disappear and some words appear. Even the same words can have different meanings.

For example, think about the word “cool.” Many people use this word to mean “great.” However, some people use this word in its intended form, which means “proper low temperature.”

There is a lot of slang in this century. Urban Dictionary is a useful source for people to understand what new slang words mean.

Traditionally, “lit” means the past tense and past participle of light, according to Longman Dictionary. How about the slang term of lit?

The most recommended definition is “when something is turned up or popping,” according to Urban Dictionary.

However, lit is mostly associated with drug use, as in “as I’m so f— lit.” It is easy to find the slang in songs. In the song “Black and Yellow” by Wiz Khalifa, there are two lyrics related with lit. “I’m a bumble bee lit up like a crime tree,” and “the champagnes poured... the weeds lit.”

Nas’s song “Daughters” also has a lyric with lit. “Don’t think I’m slow, I know you probably had that chronic lit.”

Both of the two songs’ lyrics use “lit” in relation to drugs.

“Savage” is also an interesting word.

The original definition is very violent or cruel, according to Longman Dictionary. However, this word is used as slang, meaning “bad ass. Cool. Violent. Awesome,” according to Urban Dictionary.

In “Savages,” by Five Knives, there is a lyric related to the term savage. “So let me go now, let’s burn our bridge down. Oh oh, oh oh ehhhh, we’re savages!”

How about the word “fire”? Fire has many meanings in Urban Dictionary.

Most people think fire is uncontrolled flames. Do CSUSB students think fire is just fire? “Fire means really GOOD, and I often use this word when I feel great,” said student Keith.

It is easy to find the same meaning in the Urban Dictionary. There are lots of meanings like “good herb,” “some f— good... weed,” “incredible,” “hot,” “crazy,” “nice,” and “the new word for hot.”

There are lyrics in a song “fire” by Gavin DeGraw. The chorus is, “We are the champions. Setting it off again. Oh oh we on fire. Running our own campaign. Doing the whole shebang. Oh oh we on fire. We on fire.”

Some people say that slang is just bad, but slang allows for easier conversation.

It is common to hear slang in songs, movies and dramas. Now, accept slang as part of the culture and enjoy it!

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**Dinner for one**

**Warm waters force sea lions ashore**

By CHRIS CAUHAPÉ

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On Jan. 22 members of the Sea World San Diego Rescue team rescued a California sea lion pup that had climbed 43 steps to enter a La Jolla business.

Two weeks later, the team captured an emaciated, malnourished and dehydrated female sea lion pup at an upscale La Jolla eatery.

The animal had found its way into The Marine Room restaurant and spent the night in a cozy dining booth.

Sea World rescuers said that the 20 pound, eight-month-old sea lion was 20 to 30 pounds under normal weight. The fact that the animal was dehydrated is no surprise, because although members of their particular zoological family can hydrate themselves by drinking seawater, their main source of hydration comes from what they eat.

At eight months, sea lions are unable to hunt or eat. The mother could have been killed on a hunting expedition. Eastern Pacific Ocean sea lion prey consists of northern anchovy, Pacific sardine, market squid, rock fish, and Pacific hake. All of those fish species prefer cold ocean water for their habitat.

When the El Niño condition exists as it does this year, coastal California water temperatures are raised, which causes food fish to seek colder water.

Colder water is found either too far from the coast for mother seals or at depths, which are beyond the diving limits of these carnivores.

The sea lion population is always hard hit by this weather phenomenon. The birthrate for sea lions in 1983, which was a particularly strong El Niño year, was 60 percent lower than the 1982 figure.

The species is not in danger. The peak California sea lion population has remained around 300,000 through many El Niño episodes.

El Niño is a highly unpredictable climate condition that is a result of a “warmer than usual” band of water that runs perpendicular to the coast of Chile. When El Niño occurs it effects weather conditions all across the world.

In the U.S., El Niño generally causes warm and dry winters in the northern states and cool, wet winters in the southern part of the country including California.

La Niña is the condition that exists when this band has “cooler than usual waters,” which causes cold wet winters in the northern states and warm dry winters in the southern part of the country.

El Niño or La Niña conditions occur every two to seven years. El Niño episodes occur more often than their counterparts, and may last up to two years which is twice as long as the La Niña endures, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration El Niño webpage.
By Erendy Rodriguez

Empty shelves, empty stomachs

Student food insecurity

By MARIA DE LOURDES CAMPOS

The "hunger kit" includes water, food, and snacks. Hunger kits are provided for students in need, to help the students get through their day without feeling hungry.

"A study revealed that over the past 30 days, 43% of college students said that they couldn’t afford to eat a well balanced meal, while another 22% stated that they couldn’t afford food at the time they were hungry," as indicated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

These statistics may be shocking, but well balanced meals and diets can be outside many students' budgets.

Going to the supermarket to pick up a few apples may seem like a cheap expense, but eating right can be more expensive than expected.

If opting for meals that are cheap, like fast food, be aware. The dollar menu may satisfy hunger, but processed food can have little to no nutritional value.

"48 percent of college students have had some form of food insecurity." U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

Features

Racial Ambiguity

Have you ever been asked, “what are you?” Have you ever wondered about someone’s mysterious ethnic background?

There are times we cannot pinpoint someone’s race by their physical appearance. We call this “racial ambiguity.”

"Someone that is racially ambiguous does not possess the stereotypical physical attributes of his or her supposed racial category. It is the physical features that one notices in the stereotypical physical attributes of his or her supposed racial category. It is the physical features that one notices in the receiving end of the classification—a noun, an ownership.

There are mixed feelings and opinions in regards to those whom are racially ambiguous. For the most part, most racially ambiguous people see their “differences” as an awesome thing.

Nora Turrigio, a Colombian-Italian blogger, shared her experiences and opinions of being racially ambiguous in the article, “How To Know You Are Racially Ambiguous.”

"In her blog, Turrigio stated that she enjoys people guessing her ethnicity.

“The reason why it’s so fun? Because you’re racially ambiguous, that’s why! Based on the answers I’ve received from this guessing game, I now know that I can pass for Native American, Cambodian, Brazilian, Middle Eastern, African American…Oh, and white with a “nice tan.” Pretty cool, huh?” stated Turrigio.

“The best part is that with all these various possible ethnicities, it’s a guaranteed fact that the racially ambiguous were destined for travel! We blend, people, it’s what we do, so please respect our craft,” continued Turrigio.

Though Turrigio makes part of the group who embraces being racially ambiguous, there are others who view it as a not-so-good thing.

“You get called exotic, but somehow it seems like racism or talking about animals in captivity than a compliment,” stated Muslim-Jewish writer, Naima Karp, in the article, “18 Struggles of Being Racially Ambiguous.”

While there are people who embrace being racially ambiguous and others who do not, there are others who are still debating how they feel about it. They find themselves stuck between the “awesomeness” and the struggle behind the concept.

“I am Mexican-American, but I usually get asked if I am Middle Eastern. I love it. I think Middle Eastern women are beautiful,” said student Jiana Martinez.

“However, this one time in particular, a man at my job out of the blue asked me to ‘tell my people to stop terrorizing our country.’ It was the rudest, most weirdest thing I have ever encountered,” continued Martinez.

Breaking the mold and not fitting into any particular physical stereotype is something that should be embraced. Those who ask, "What are you?" mean no harm. They are usually just curious.

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The DEN helps students who face food insecurity on campus.

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By MARIA DE LOURDES CAMPOS

"Missing breakfast can have negative impacts on weight, hormonal health, memory, cognition and mood," stated Dr. Shavon Jackson-Michel.

Jackson-Michel argued that one should make it a point to have a well-balanced diet that consist of oats, fruits, vegetables, and protein.

Balanced eating does not always happen at CSUSB.

As a result, many students end up going hungry. They skip meals, because they simply can’t afford to eat.

“The food here is really bad for you and it is expensive, so I don’t eat here,” said student Mayra Tejeda.

More and more students can’t afford to pay for meal costs, and as result, they find themselves hungry and stressed.

“We have seen indicators that suggest that about 48 percent of college students have had some form of food insecurity," stated the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

If you are a college student on a budget and find yourself confined to little or nothing to eat, come check out The Den food pantry.

“The Den food pantry helps those students in need, when they don’t have the adequate food supply,” said student Aranya Huour, who works at The Den.

The food pantry has various items, such as cereal, macaroni and cheese, and an assortment of snacks.
California will soon be one of two states that grants women access to birth control without a prescription. This change is said to be made in April 2016. Soon, in the state of California, birth control will be available to women over the age of 18 at local pharmacies. The patch, the ring, and the pill are all said to be available once this takes place.

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### Features

**Birth control without prescription**

**By CAROLYN SOLAR**

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Kanye West dominated Valentine’s week with his album release, Saturday Night Live (SNL) performance, fashion show, and unenviable controversy.

West performed “Highlights” and “Ultra Light Beam” on SNL Feb. 13 alongside guest performers; Young Thug, Chance the Rapper, El DeBarge, and Kelly Price. After performing the hip-hop gospel crossover “Ultra Light Beam,” West announced his album “The Life of Pablo” is officially available through Tidal.com. “My album will never never never be on Apple. And it will never be for sale... You can only get it on Tidal,” tweeted West on Feb. 15.

The album, which West described on Twitter as a gospel album, will stream for one full week before a wider release. Days before he announced he will live stream Yeezus Season 3 collection and play the full album “The Life of Pablo” at Madison Square Garden (MSG), he also confirmed that Tidal subscribers will exclusively be able to view all of the madness at MSG in theaters around the world.

West continuously teased fans with surprise singles, snippets, and four title changes throughout the end of 2015 to present day, in a series of Twitter posts. Within a four month span of Feb. through May, it was switched from “So Help Me Go,” “Swish,” and “Waves,” before becoming “T.L.O.P.” West also released his single “Real Friends” and a snippet of “No More Parties in L.A” on SoundCloud and posted a picture of a handwritten list of the “official” 17 track list.

Finding a West song on my playlist would be unlikely; however, his performance of “Ultra Light Beam” on SNL may change that. The song starts with a little girl’s voice saying, “We don’t want no Devil in this house/We want the Lord.”

The SNL stage gave a spiritual feeling with a colorful ceiling grid above a gospel choir dressed in white, while West sang. The movements from the choir consisted of folding hands and bowing heads like in prayer formation, as well as holding hands out to prayer over West. My take on the song is summarized in the lyric, “I’m trying to keep my faith but I’m looking for more, somewhere I can feel safe.” Essentially asking God for peace and trying to keep faith while living in a world where devil resides nearby.

With its deep lyrics and spiritual influence, it easily became my favorite song in the album.

West, being no stranger to starting controversy, sparked some major issues this week as well. West reignited the flames of the infamous 2009 MTV Music Award incident where West interrupted Taylor Swift’s acceptance speech for “Best Female Video.”

As “Famous” played during the fashion show, many were furious of one line that read: “I feel like me and Taylor might still have sex. Why? I made that bitch famous.” West said he obtained Swift’s blessings; although, Swift’s representatives said that is untrue.

Through his mishaps, many fans still believe West’s creative mind is brilliant. “I understand why people don’t understand Kanye, I don’t always either, but as far as an artist he has a madness to his method and you never know what your going to get,” said student Abel Berdusco.

In the course of one week, West managed to stay on top of entertainment news with his fashion show, performance, album and Twitter rants.
So much hype and nothing to show

By CASSIE COUGHLIN
Staff Writer

The king of fashion Derek Zoolander strut down the runway of the 2015 Paris Fashion Week, but his performance was so over-the-top that you would think he was from flaming in the box office it’s opening weekend.

In a report by Rotten Tomatoes, the film gained a 34 percent like score from audience viewers, and a 22 percent Tomatometer score, which is the percent of critics who gave the film a positive review. Even though the film didn’t do as well as expected, there was plenty of hilarious advertisement material leading up to the release.

Promotion for the film began when main characters Derek, played by Ben Stiller, and Hansel McDonald, played by Owen Wilson, announced the future release of “Zoolander 2” by making a surprise guest appearance at Paris Fashion Week. According to an article by The Rolling Stones, the duo, who co-starred in the first film together, walked the runway during the Mai- son Valen- tino Fall/Winter Women’s wear show.

For some fans, the over-the-top advertisement, such as this runway walk, was no surprise. “The characters in “Zoolander” were really eccentric and had many funny phrases, so I’m not surprised they are promoting “Zoolander 2” this way,” said student Erin Martinez. After their model appearance at fashion week, advertisement, “Zoolander 2” kicked off with commercials, trailers, and guest appearances by the stars in character.

In one instance, Ben Stiller re- prised his role as Derek to partake in a mock video interview with Vogue Magazine. The video, which was titled 73 questions with Derek, was published on Vogue Magazine’s YouTube channel and was nothing short of hysterical, as it featured Derek walk- ing through his house and answering random questions guided by the cam- era man. In the interview, Derek was asked how often he takes the subway, in which he responded, “hardly ever,” sandwiches are a gateway to cake.”

Derek wasn’t the only actor promo-ABH of the new film in humorous ways. Actress Kristen Wiig, who plays Al- exanya Atwood, ad- vertised the film by appearing as her character and releas- ABH a fake commercial promoting a skin cream called “Youth Milk.” The fake commercial gives off a Frankenstein vibe with Wiig as Atwood speaking in a monotone deep voice, over the image of scientist working in a laboratory. The commercial is also ironic, because it is promoting a skin product targeting keeping the skin looking “young” and “beautiful,” while her own face appears quite old and wrinkled. This mock commercial is a great representation and promo- tional tool for the film, because it’s not only humorous, but it composes a bi- zarre theme and acting approach that was used in and so well-known from the original “Zoolander.”

Watching the film’s well-known actors and actresses’ in entertain- ment advertisement, commercials, and fashion shows, is bound to excite many viewers for the upcoming film. “I’m planning on seeing Zoolan- der 2, because I enjoyed the first film and I think they have done a good job in showing that the new one [film] will be just as good,” said student Chris Harris. Although the film did not have much success it’s opening week, with a top rated cast consisting of Kristen Wiig, Will Ferrel, Owen Wilson, and Penelope Cruz, and based on the humorous advertise- ment released for it, the film is bound to at least leave you with a few good laughs.

Adrian Gamboa
aspíres for greatness

By ESTEFANIA TORRES
Staff Writer

Adrian Gamboa, also known as AG, has the key that leads to stronger success.

The aspiring rapper realized his talent for writing mu- sic in middle school when he created versus on MySpace. However, it wasn’t until high school that he decided to take things a bit more seriously and compose his own music.

Sacrificing his lunch mon- ey, the Riverside native began to save up for recording equip- ment. He saved enough money to buy a microphone and initi- ated his journey to making mu- sic.

The rapper became notice- able on campus for his artist’s views. However, he took some time off to master producing and writing. Coming onto the CSUSB campus, AG decided it was time to make his music and love for the craft public again.

“For me, it’s always just the love for music, I like the feeling that I get when I make something.”

The aspiring artist col- laborated with individuals that lead to friendships contributing their creativity to his project.

AG and a group of his fraternity brothers and friends joined together to form the eight-member crew “Not For Sale.”

“The whole meaning be- hind ‘Not For Sale’ is that we don’t sell out the integrity, you- self as a person, or your art for what other people want you to do,” said Gamboa. Once his crew was official and had a name to go by, the aspiring rapper knew it was the perfect time to release his first I-track album called “Castles in the Sky.”

The first track off the al- bum, “The Arrival,” immedi- ately hooked to the fast pace beats and clear, meaningful lyrics.

“I got my foot on the gas. So take the break off! I never take a day off! I’m out here try- ing to take off.”

The production put into these tracks are infused with high quality sounds and all I kept thinking was, “Why isn’t this music on the radio yet?”

“What makes him differ- ent is the quality of his music and production….I heard it on the radio I would think this guy is famous already, he has this unique flow and great vo- cabulary that puts him over any other local artist,” said listener and fellow brother Abel.

When interviewing AG, I couldn’t help but notice how humble he is despite having opened for various big name artists like Action Bronson, Kid Ink, MGK, and 2 Chainz. AG also collaborated with Philadelphia rapper Tayyb Ali for the song “All I Know” off his new album.

The musician started re- cording his second album and plans to perform at least once a month to gain a much bigger fan base. However, having a bigger fan base isn’t as important to the rapper unless his music means something to the lis- tener.

“To have people believe in the music, that’s the whole point, that’s all I want even if one person can listen to the song and feel something about it and feel happy then that’s all that matters,” said the 22-year- old.

“Castles in the Sky” is available on Gamboa’s web- site, Agofthegame.com, and I highly recommend that all mu- sic lovers take a listen and sup- port your local artist.
Deadpool gets approved after six years

By JACOB COLLINS

"Deadpool" hit the box office on Feb. 12, setting the record for the biggest Friday opening and opening weekend for an R-rated movie. The film, which was a hit with fans, was highly anticipated and has been gaining attention for its unique take on superhero cinema. The movie is a blend of action, humor, and heart, making it a memorable addition to the genre.

The film is about Wade Wilson (Ryan Reynolds), a former special Forces soldier who becomes Deadpool, a mercenary with a mangled body and an unbreakable spirit. Wade suffers from terminal cancer and is offered a cure by Dr. Francis Drake (Vince Vaughn), but the treatment goes wrong, leaving Wade with superhuman abilities and a grudge against the man who did it.

The production for "Deadpool" was a collaborative effort between producers and writers, with a script by Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick and a writer/director in Deadpool himself, Ryan Reynolds. The film was shot in South Africa and the United States, and the cast and crew worked hard to create a film that would be both entertaining and stylish.

The film's success was due in part to its unique writing style, which included a lot of dialogue and humor. The film also featured a number of pop culture references, which fans enjoyed and appreciated.

Overall, "Deadpool" is a well-crafted and entertaining film that is sure to please fans of the genre. The film is a great example of how a superhero film can be both entertaining and smart, and it is a film that is sure to be remembered for years to come.
Acto Latino host third annual plays

By ANDREA JIMENEZ
Staff Writer

The theater was filled with supporters, who were ready to experience this amazing interpretation of Luis Valdez’s famous plays.

“La Quinta Temporada” and “Los Vendidos” were brought to life in the San Manuel Student Union theater on Feb. 12 by CSUSB’s “Grupo De Estudiantes Acto Latino Universitario.”

The purpose is not only to inform minorities about the “National Farm Workers Association” brought about by activist Cesar Chavez, but to encourage them to fulfill the dream that he fought for, with hard labor.

I arrived a few minutes late, as I was ushered to my seat the chant: “La raza unida jamás sera vencida,” quickly arouse in me to my Mexican roots the most.

Archival footage and bickering revealed the hard times faced for many when seeking a better life as America crumbled.

Financial crisis took its toll on the women while their travels across the nation, encountering the sins in each city, such as gluttony, envy and greed, would tear away in their hopes for a better life.

The San Diego-based dance company Mojalet Dance Collective and the Lotusflower New Music Project collaborated the same night to bring opera and dance as suspense and revelation do in this folkloric.

The opera was a beautiful harmony between artists and music that was supported by live performances, featuring percussion and piano.

For those who admire ingenuity in the craft, theater is combining many art forms created for audiences to interpret the life, nature, and aesthetics from the writer to the script as found in “The Seven Deadly Sins.”

I hope to see many more performances by Fraser and the CSUSB Opera Theatre in support for the innovative reality I experienced from being in the audience—a retreat away from home and a captivating story we would leave for only our dreams to play through.

I did not expect a Mexican Elsa to pop up,” said student, Wendy Zavalza, after seeing Mayra Godinez Davila dance her way on to the stage in a long, blue dress and white braided wig, interpreting the winter.

The atmosphere played with the elementson stage and dance along with the cast, as they formed a conga line and wobbled their way into the next scene accompanied by what should be the Mexican anthem, “La Bamba.”

The second play, “Los Vendidos,” although extremely humorous, connected me to my Mexican roots the most.

Sophomore, Jasmine Velazquez, seemed to agree with me. “I literally felt like ‘Pancha la Honesta’ could be one of my aunts from Mexico,” she said jokingly.

“Pancha La Honesta,” a brutally honest sales associate who sold cheap Mexican laborers to prestigious Americans, was played by Itzel Viramontes, this character’s charisma was my favorite, Viramontes engaged and brought this character to life in a magnificent way.

Throughout the plays, it was evident that this cast worked together not only to form a connection with the audience, but to make sure that the bond between them was also as strong.

At the end of the show Edgar Salazar, who played the role of “El narco” in “Los Vendidos” apologized for stuttering while reciting his lines.

“It was hard to keep myself together, since the stories I told during my monologue, were personal anecdotes,” he said.

This brought emotion to the audience, a few stood up to speak and congratulated the cast on the wonderful job. I had the privilege to interview CSUSB President Tomás D. Morales, who was sitting among the audience.

“Both plays were great, their performances came from their heart, their stories were real, I was blown away, I just thought they were exceptional,” said President Morales, proudly.

“Follow your dreams, don’t forget where you came from, we have to be proud and give back to our community,” continued Morales.

I would definitely recommend these plays to anyone who wants to gain inspiration and motivation with a little laugh.

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An era of prohibition and sin

By ARTHUR MEDRANO
Staff Writer

“Anna was somewhat desperate to get out of the small town in Mississippi to experience the rest of the world for a better chance at fortune,” said student Miguel Rivera.

As having watched the performance myself, it brought the emotions of every person in attendance and exhibits an astounding perspective of prohibition era history documented from our past.

“Anna was consumed by her lust in an attempt to do the right thing, but with all the wrong reasons. The men were her outside conscience in revealing to her the sins of the path she’s taken,” continued Rivera.

The stage was set, venue seating fit for a small group compared to the school’s recital hall, I was able to admire the intimacy between the actors as it seemed we were taken back in time watching the performance as it was intended to be written.

Lights turned dim as Anna 1 and Anna 2 entered, played by Fraser and Jensen-Ismay.

The atmosphere played with the venture they would take as luggage—dismay and bickering revealed the hard times I hoped to see many more performances by Fraser and the CSUSB Opera Theatre in support for the innovative reality I experienced from being in the audience—a retreat away from home and a captivating story we would leave for only our dreams to play through.
Track team off to second year

By KIARA PAUL
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With the new season quickly approaching, Coyote Track and Field have been preparing for their best possible season.

Coyote Track and Field kicks off their season Feb. 27 in Claremont, California.

Track and field have multiple events that take place throughout day long competitions. The team is timed or measured based on which event they take place in. There are two ranks that the women are able to score in, the “A” or “B” ranks.

Last season, Coyotes statistics averaged; the highest placer in every category came in slightly below or just above the “B” ranking. The Coyote Chronicle broke down each section to shine a little light on the Coyotes who ranked the best for CSUSB in their inaugural season.

For the 100 Meters, the top five women for Coyote Track and Field were Sa’Cora Goodin with 13.05 seconds, Chinwe Nwankwo with 13.46 seconds, Witley Simpson with 13.75 seconds, Cecilia Patino with 13.96 seconds and Jayln Mc Dermott with 14.14 seconds.

For the 200 Meters, Goodin ranked first again, her time was 27.01 seconds, about 3 seconds after the “B” rank.

For the 400 Meters, Sewell came in first and topped the Coyotes chart with 62.94 seconds, McDermott followed with 63.82 seconds. Ana Avalos came in with 65.32 seconds, Sierra Marrero with 68.76 seconds, and Turner close behind Marrero with 68.96 seconds.

Marrero stated, “All the returning teammates have improved and we have some fast recruits, this year more of us should make it to the finals.” Evelyn De La Luz came in on top for both the 5,000 Meters and 10,000 Meters. Her time for the 5,000 Meters was 30 seconds past the “B” rank; she came in at 17 minutes 50 seconds. She did much better on the 10,000 Meters, but she missed the “B” rank by 2 seconds. Goodin also topped the Coyotes charts for high jump and long jump.

Kassandra Rico-Alvarez and Heidi Felberg placed at the top three for discus. Rico-Alvarez was about 40 meters away from being the “B” rank, her discus throw at the distance of 104 meters. Felberg placed first for Shot Put as well, her distance at 31 meters.

Most of the women who placed highest in the Coyote stats were only off by a small amount to be in the “B” rank.

Sewing has been working on a bond between all the team members, he wants all the women on the team cheering on other team members at their events,” said Sherman.

She also shared the training and practice the team has been partaking in. “We practice distance running at least six days a week and lift weights to build strength Monday and Wednesday, I personally practice the hurdles every Tuesday and Thursday,” said Sherman.
Catcher Jessica Brown dominates

By LAUREN JENNINGS
Sports Editor

The Coyotes softball team split their four game series against the Cal State East Bay Pioneers, winning two games and losing two. Games one and two of the series took place on Feb. 12.

In game one of the series, the Coyotes were shutout and only managed to get two hits over six innings. Designated hitter Caitlyn Olan and shortstop/second baseman Taylor Ancona recorded the only hits of the game.

The Pioneers, however, scored one run in the third inning on a sacrifice fly, one in the fifth on an error, and six in the sixth, giving them eight runs total.

The Pioneers scored their six runs on a two RBI double, a single, a double steal of second and home, and another RBI double.

Cassandra Williams took the loss after going five and 2/3 innings. The Coyotes' luck changed in game two as they went on to win 7-4.

They started off the game by scoring three runs in the bottom of the first, all on fielder's choice balls and one in the second on an RBI double by Jessica Angulo.

The Pioneers added a run to the board in the top of the third on an RBI single. In the bottom of third, the Coyotes took back the run and added one more.

Catcher Jessica Brown hit an RBI triple and Monica Maddox hit an RBI single.

In the top of the fifth, the Pioneers scored their second run of the game courtesy of a solo home run.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Coyotes again lengthened their lead as Kaylee Gammell reached on an error, allowing Angulo to score the seventh and final Coyote run of the game.

The Pioneers would take back two of those runs on a two-run home run, but that would be all they would get that day.

Williams pitched again in this game, pitching all seven innings and earning her fifth win of the season.

Games three and four took place on Feb. 13.

Game three ended in similar fashion to game one; this time in only five innings, as the Coyotes were again shutout 8-0.

The Pioneers came out swinging in the first, scoring three runs. Two from a two-run home run and one on an RBI single.

They scored two more in the top of the second on a two RBI base hit, bringing the score to 5-0.

In the top of third, they scored two more on Coyote errors.

Wrapping the scoring in the top of the fourth with a sacrifice fly to right field. Coyote Gabby Walker took the loss, her first of the season, after pitching one inning.

The Coyotes got the last laugh in game four as they went on to win 12-7.

Williams got the start again, her third of the series. The Coyote offense backed Williams up throughout the game, starting in the bottom of the second.

Brown hit a solo home run to left field to start the scoring. Briana Quintana added on the second run of the day with an RBI single. Amanda Herrera hit a two RBI single to bring the score to 4-0 in the bottom of the third.

The Pioneers tallied back with six runs of their own on three singles and an RBI double in the top of the fourth, but the Coyotes were not ready to quit.

The Coyotes scored three more runs in the bottom of the fourth on a double and a single, and five in the bottom of the fifth on a wild pitch, a single and a Pioneer error.

The Pioneers scored one more run in the top of the seventh on a walk, giving them their seventh run.

Williams again pitched all seven innings, earning her sixth win of the year.

The one run Coyotes earned was on an RBI by Senior Brian Lockey in the first inning.

The Coyotes ended the weekend by snagging a win in another non-conference game against UTPB 8-6.

Buchanan went three-for-five; he added a run for the Coyotes when he scored in the first inning.

Buchanan stated that “getting past the first few games of the year” and being “more settled in” and knowing “what to expect during the game” helped them take this win over UTPB.

“We were more relaxed and settled in after playing [Cal Poly Pomona and UC San Diego] because of how good they were,” Buchanan stated when asked about the overall game against UTPB.

Along with Buchanan, Damion Edwards and Lockey got on base by each hitting a single.

The Coyotes are now 4-7 overall.
Men’s basketball splits at home

By KAILA MORALES
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CSUSB Men’s Basketball gave their all against conference leader, Chico State Wildcats on Feb. 13.

The game went back and forth as there was a total of 13 lead changes and 11 ties throughout the entire game. The Coyotes never allowed the Wildcats to be up more than four points during regulation.

However, after a strong second half from the Coyotes, the Wildcats were only able to pull through, scoring the first 10 points in overtime to defeat the Coyotes 91-79.

Senior Juan Martinez was CSUSB’s leading scorer with a total of 19 points against the Wildcats. Sophomore Darryl Adigwu earned 12 points and led the team with eight rebounds.

“We played really hard, and even though we didn’t make shots in overtime, I think we played okay, but I definitely could have done better defensively towards the end of regulation,” said Adigwu.

The first half started with a layup by Senior Keith Smith with the assist to Junior Everett Turner.

The Coyotes took their first lead 7-4 with Adigwu’s 3-pointer, but it was answered right back with a 3-pointer by Wildcat Corey Silverstrom.

At 10:26, Smith’s layup was able to gain the Coyotes a three point lead, making the score 15-12.

With five minutes left and the Coyotes down by four points, they were able to get three turnovers, two of the three to Turner, and the other to Senior Zeke DeBlase.

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Coyote women’s basketball wins the weekend! After losing five straight games, giving the team a record of 10-10, the Coyotes were able to get three turnovers, two of the three to Turner, against Chico State Wildcats. Both games were won by more than 10 points.

With three games left in the regular season, the Coyotes have a good chance at heading into the CCAA tournament on a high note. On Feb. 12, the Stanislaus State Warriors came to visit the Coussoulis Arena to play the Coyotes.

The Coyotes and the Warriors would have a close and hard fight through most of the game. After the close competition in the first half, the Coyotes would only be ahead by four points. In the second half, both Stanislaus and San Bernardino would score 20 points each. The score was still close at 50 to 54 in favor of CSUSB.

However, the story would change dramatically in favor of the Coyotes.

At the 7:47 mark, the Warriors Cassidy Sanders-Curry would make a 3-point shot, which closed the lead to 60-59 in the Coyotes favor.

The Warriors would only make one more basket for the rest of the night.

The next time the Warriors did make a basket, it would be almost 7 minutes later. By then, the Coyotes had already scored 15 more points.

With 49 seconds left, Stanislaus State made its second shot, which closed the lead to 60-59 in the Coyotes favor.

The defense remained intact as the Wildcats were unable to pull out a win in overtime.

At the 5:59 mark, Barnes made a jump shot to put the Coyotes up by one. She notably also had 18 points for the night, along with Adriana Brodie.

This would seal a victory for the Coyotes with a final score of 68 - 57. With this win, the Coyotes improve their record to 12 and 10 overall.

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Archived photo: Brianna Harden (33) and Adrianna Brodie (24) take their places on the court to try and get the ball.

CSUSB Women bounce back

By ABDEL AGUAYO
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As the Coyotes and the Warriors walked onto the court, the game was going to be a tough one. The Coyotes were leading 30-22 in the first half, but the Warriors would come back to even the game at 73-73. The defense remained intact as the Wildcats were unable to pull out a win in overtime.

At the 3:39 mark, Turner hit both free throws to tie the game at 91-91. With 33 seconds remaining, Martinez gave the Coyotes their largest lead of the game at 41-34 with a jumper at 16:26. The defense remained intact as the Wildcats were unable to pull out a win in overtime.

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