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Early voting

The Early Vote Pilot Program (EVPP) will be held on campus in the lobby of the Sarno Student Union May 22-25. The early voting program reflects a new trend in voting convenience and technology aside from absestive voting.

According to a CSUSB public affairs press release regarding the early voting, it is different from absentee voting for many reasons.

Early voting utilizes the same voting technologies used in regular elections, whereas absentee voting, although done early, is done strictly through the mail.

So, for those voters who like to actively participate in the voting process, the EVPP provides a similar arena for voting that will be open polling places on June 6.

The Early Vote Pilot Program at CSUSB offers new voting machines that feature secure access with paper printed records.

These machines have recently been certified to meet all California voting laws, which require that all registered voters within the state be able to vote at polling places within both counties.

According to an article written by Gregor McCaull in the Press Continued on Pg. 2.

Complete program

The website and the vocational training programs included Business Clerk, Carpenter, Electrical Wiring, Food Service, Landscaping, Nursing Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Plumbing, Surveying, Tile Setting, and Welding.

Disadvantaged youth between 18 and 24 years old are able to attend. If the student prefers to walk off campus they must live within 20 to 25 miles of the facility, according to Wallace. She also said the company is government funded and only low-income students may apply.

"Job Corps is a good program to those who apply themselves," said Terry Wallace, employee for the San Bernadino location. "I have seen many students come in and focus on the program and realize the benefits.

Wallace said the facility currently occupies approximately 255 residential students and about 75 non-residential students. She said non-residential students are offered sheltered vans for support to attend in the mornings to be on time for their assigned work.

"Usually about a tragedy that occurs every year is in every three adult women at least once in their lifetime," she explained, and felt that an average of four million American women annually," states a life study made on sexual abuse.

Small town (A) reported that out of 1.2.3 nationally representative sample of 2,143 couples in 1976, 20 percent had experienced violence at some point in their marriage, and 16 percent had experienced violence within the past year.

Many of those victims have been so intimidated, dehumanized and isolated from help that they believe they have no options and no one to go to for immediate assistance.

Three individuals may continue to stay in their hazardous relationships, believing that it is their only choice.

It is for this reason the CSUSB and Option House held its third annual Walk-A-Thon to end domestic violence against families.

CSUSB Sociology Club, Women's Resource Center and Continued Pg. 2.
Continued: **Primary elections**

**Enterprise.** The new voting initiative allows local business people to choose a candidate in a primary election before electorally casting their ballots. The new vote is expected to be passed on the board for the next election. The new voting initiative has been described by The San Bernardino County Register as a move to allow more participatory and responsible way for people to cast their votes.

At the elections, a Supervisor for Montana, Deputy Register of Voters will on hand to assist voters with any questions or issues.

The EPP will also be staffed by paid student poll workers who will be on hand to assist in the voting process.

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**A helping hand**

**Cal State-Entry Center launched up with the widely known organization The Salvation Army.**

The many attendees vary from families who want to help out with the event and get a helping hand, to families who are victims of financial hardship.

The principal advantage of this event is in Velda Griffin, executive director of the Cal State-Entry Center. She said that she has decided to do something with the event that will help others.

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"The event is a way for people to cast their votes for the Salvation Army," said Griffin. "The event will help others who may not be able to vote because of financial hardship."

**The event will be held at the Salvation Army, where the participants will be able to vote for the Salvation Army."**

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**Continued: ** **Productive citizen**

Wallace said students must first go undergraduate classes before the course sessions are available every quarter. The students begin by signing up for the course on campus for the EVPP. As follows: Monday, May 22, and Thursday, May 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 23, and Wednesday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The participants of the Walk-A-Thon start Saturday May 20, 2006, at the County Courthouse parking lot on Arrowhead and 5th Street in San Bernardino to participate in the six-mile walk, which will be attended by several hundred participants.

The walk ended at the CSUSB Union where the participants gathered for an awareness rally, refreshments and drawings.

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The mission statement reveals Our purpose is to encourage Our college experience and help them sustain the families that have been affected by the violence. The Women’s Resource Center puts on are Movie Nights, Night, and Women’s Self Defense Center offers a quiet place to study and have their statement filled. The WRC, as well as the Adult-Recipient Center, tries to help support the club’s supporter, the shop’s store. They changed her costumes and wigs to stage right in front of the audience.

Known as the "Woman of 100 Voices and Sound," Owen pleased her audience, or at least her last number. She dedicated her last number to a woman who admired锯. She deduced her last number to a woman who admired 锯, and the audience cheered and clapped as she bowed. "I am very happy to have gotten this opportunity, once more, to be here at CSUSB," said Owen. "Being here was so gratifying in the better events that we just had to stay all night and keep it up! I feel like blessings have been sent my way.

The cookbook was ever published to Mexican, and everything in it is one of several documents that are to entertain the students of our University. It is one of the most important ingredients that Cal State San Bernardino has issued a new copy of its cookbook "Heart Belongs to Babe." With tears in her eyes, Owen said, "My Heart Belongs to Thank you all for your support and enthusiasm."
Equal Opportunity Religion

Jenka Adhikari  Staff Writer

With a following of over 20 million people, Sikhism is ranked the fifth largest religion in the world. Sikhism preaches a message of devotion and remembrance of God at all times, truthful living, equality of mankind, and denounces superstitions and blind rituals.

The religion began over 500 years ago in northern India. The founder of the Sikh religion was Guru Nanak, who was born in 1469. He began the religion in an attempt to unite the Hindus and the Muslims under one belief. He wanted to go beyond what was being practised by either religion and from there a well-known saying of Guru Nanak was born, "There is no Hindu, there is no Muslim." All are equal.

According to the Sikhs, there is only one God, He is the same God for all people and all religions. Widowers, the Aborigines, is accepted. To the Sikhs, God has no gender and does not take on human form.

Sikhism promotes the belief that all humans are equal regardless of race, religion or sex. People born on all roads of life are welcome to join the religion.

Unlike other belief systems, Sikhism does not consider its religion to be the only route of obtaining salvation. Sikhs believe that people of other religions may also attain salvation.

The Sikh religion upholds the concept of reincarnation. Every person has a spirit that passes on to another person or thing. Because of this belief, it is very important to Sikhs to live a positive life that promotes the betterment of the world.

Throughout life, Sikhs encounter what they call the five evils. Ankhar (sins), Kesh (unshorn hair), Lobh (greed), Mohn (attachment), and Kriya (action). To counter or overcome these vices, Sikhs use five virtues: commitment, charity, kindness, positive attitude, and humility.

Living a good life is the key to salvation for the Sikhs. Therefore, they must abstain from what the Sikh religion has outlined as "prohibited behavior."

Under no circumstances are Sikhs to engage in any sort of superstitious beliefs or rituals. These are seen as a "non-logical form of behavior."

Since attachment is one of the five evils, Sikhism prohibits material obsession. Things such as money and property will be left behind when a Sikh receives salvation, thus accumulation of material possessions has no meaning.

Living as a hermit or recluse is prohibited. Sikhs are encouraged to live lives oriented around family. It is a Sikh's duty to give 10 percent of their income as well as 10 percent of their life to the service of God and others.

The sacrifice of any creature, whether it be human or animal, is strongly prohibited, as well as lying, bragging, gossip, and intoxication.

Although priests are considered to be ministers of God, a Sikh is not to feel inferior to them, nor is he/she to rely on them to perform religious functions. Everyone is equal before God. In following this belief, Sikhs are not to discriminate or carry out any prejudicial acts.


Senior Staff Writer

Prescription for addiction

Jennifer Kent  Staff Writer

One in five teens uses prescription drugs to get high, making the family medicine cabinet equivalent to the neighborhood drug dealer, according to a recent survey conducted by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America.

The survey, titled Partnership Attitude Tracking Study (PATHS), analyzed the drug-related attitudes of 7,360 teens between 7th and 12th grades.

The drugs of concern were mostly prescription drugs such as pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants, and sedatives. However, they also asked questions about over-the-counter drugs like antihistamines, inhaled and over-the-counter pain medications.

The widespread availability of prescription drugs has caused usage among teens to remain steady over the last three years while underage smoking and drinking have declined.

In fact, many teens favor prescription drug use, referred to as "pharming," over drinking or smoking.

Two equal of five teens believe prescription drugs to be safer than those that are illegal. Those out of ten think that prescription drugs are non-addictive, according to PATHS.

"It's really a case now of accepting the fact that it's here," said Steve Pasierb, president and CEO of Partnership. "Clearly, this is a new problem in American society. But how did it get to this point? Experts have largely pointed to a communication gap between parents and their children for 92 percent of parents surveyed reported talking to their kids about drug abuse, only a third of the kids reported actually hearing something from their parents on the subject.

"This is bigger, I think, it's communication. That's how you keep your kids off drugs," said George Hoffman, former addict and counselor at Kids Helping Kids, a youth drug treatment facility.

Hoffman also recommends that parents keep track of their medications regularly to make sure that they aren't being stolen. That includes over-the-counter medications that may not seem threatening, such as cough syrup, as one in 10 teens are using cough syrup to get high.

Unfortunately, many parents aren't even aware of the problem. Because of this Partnership, has teamed up with Consumer Healthcare Products Association to launch a bilingual campaign to spread awareness of the dangers involved in prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse.

The campaign will highlight commercial advertisements on television, radio, newspapers, and magazines, of many of which are being done pro bono.

For more information on teen drug abuse and ways to stop it, visit www.drugfree.org.
‘Poseidon’ film sinks and swims

Robert Mogensen Staff Writer

Poseidon quickly sinks when it comes to plot and character development, but the edge of your seat suspense and action make it worthwhile. Josh Lucas and Kurt Russell star in the aquatic adventure “Poseidon”, which is in theaters now.

Unfortunately, the 99-minute run-time doesn’t show enough storyline for the audience to develop any kind of connection with the characters. We are briefly introduced to the characters when a rogue wave hits the Poseidon and flips it upside down.

In a visually impressive scene, we are introduced to Director Wolfgang Petersen’s vision of a capsizing cruise ship. Fire, water, sparks, screaming people, and tons of debris fill the ship as the boat goes through its horrific transformation.

After realizing the hopelessness of waiting for help to arrive, Dylan Johns (Josh Lucas) determines to find his way to the bottom of the ship and a way out. Robert Ramsey (Kurt Russell) offers his help, but first he must find his daughter.

A few more characters join the two men in their attempt to reach the surface. Unfortunately, they quickly find that the new structure of the ship delivers many death defying stunts and obstacles for them to go through. They find themselves in a race against the quickly rising water to reach the surface alive.

Who will survive? Who will die? Who will sacrifice their own life to save others? Who will be a hero? Go see the movie to find out.

The movie never has a dull moment. With decent acting, impressive visual effects and stunning underwater stunts, the relatively weak script should not be enough to keep you away from theaters. If you are looking for a little suspense to get your heart pounding, go see this movie before it leaves theaters.

I only wish this movie would have set up the characters more before they sent the 100 foot rogue wave slamming into the ship. In the blockbuster movie Titanic, we were introduced to the characters for the first half of the film, and watched the ship sink during the second half.

Maybe the writers wanted to step away from a long background of the characters, thinking the extra movie length would take away from the suspense. But with Titanic earning nearly two billion dollars worldwide, I think they should have taken more of a chance.

Having a $160 million budget, I think they should have spent more time developing the plot instead of relying on their star power to sell the movie. In my opinion, the more a script develops the characters, the more the audience is impressed by their deaths or heroism.

If you are looking for a come­dy or a deep dramatic movie, don’t go see Poseidon. If you are looking for a movie that will keep you at the edge of your seat and never has a dull moment, go see this movie.

If you are looking at the best movie of the year, wait a couple of weeks and go see X-Men. The last stand, when it comes out May 26.

Kurt Russell and Richard Dreyfuss as they struggle to find a way out of the sinking ship.

Entertainment and tasty food at Tokyo Wako

Michelle Organo Staff Writer

It was Mother’s Day morning and my mom was craving Japanese food so I suggested Benihana’s in Ontario for lunch. When we arrived, there was a two­hour long wait and since it was Mother’s Day the prices were high. The meals started at $33 a plate.

We were hungry and could not wait to see so I suggested looking around Ontario Mills for restaurant. As we drove around we noticed there was a new place that just opened called Tokyo Wako.

The exterior of the restaurant is very beautiful because the architecture looked like a traditional Japanese building.

There was a water pond near the entrance with lovely landscaping all around. Before getting too excited, we went in to see how long the wait would be.

In the dining area, there was no wait at all and we were seated right away. The restaurant was very clean and welcoming.

The hostess greeted us in Korean and we were seated with another family. The seating arrangement is similar to Benihana’s where you are seated around a grill and the chef stirs and serves you while cooking your meal.

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Pearl Jam still not ripe

Band stuck in mid-life grunge crisis

June Paul Lattarulo
Staff Writer

After a four-year hiatus, Pearl Jam has finally returned on the scene with a self-titled album. The album was released May 2, and still seems to lack a track’s spot on any prestigious music chart. The album has an awesome, simple cover accompanied with very interesting, digitally rendered art inside; however, the quintet’s fifth album seems to be lacking in what someone would call “good” pop rock music.

According to Pearl Jam’s label, J-Records, “Most people, even the music conscious, almost forgot PJ kept making albums after Yield,” or even “Vitalogy.” Well, I wonder why they forget. Maybe there wasn’t anything worth listening to on the subsequent albums. There might be a reason that PJ has not had a “real hit” since 1999 and I think I know the reason.

They sound the same and it’s not working. Now, here is a little history lesson, Pearl Jam, Nirvana, and Red Hot Chili Peppers were all contemporaries. After the tragedy of Nirvana, Red Hot Chili Peppers seems to have evolved in their music style and therefore have had hits on a regular basis.

However, Pearl Jam has decided to keep the grunge sound and has unfortunately lost the “hit” battle. Grunge is dead and post-grunge is dying.

Some may see, “Well, Pearl Jam isn’t selling out like Red Hot Chili Peppers,” but what would you rather listen to? Music you like, that is hip and different, or the same old Eddie Vedder shredding vocals about what an average person would like.

Unless, of course, that’s what you like. In which case you would like the new album.

PJ’s credit though, the album is somewhat politically charged. It contains songs “World Wide Suicide” and “Army” helping the lyrics of the best songs.

“Marker In The Sand,” has the best sound. While “Gone” and “Inside Job” are finely crafted somber ballads with full-band harmonies and vocals lead by Dave Giovannelli of 3-Records.

Pearl Jam's self-titled album cover art is visually simple.

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Struggles of an Asian American actor

Elizabeth Tomzik
Staff Writer

As Wong grew up, he said that he was the "ugly child you've ever seen."

Wong claimed that he could play dress up and was fascinated with television.

He claimed that he had so many great teachers that fostered his imagination and fascination with the arts.

"I was the little Asian boy with the big smile, bowl hair cut and glasses in the first and center of every performance," said Wong.

"I finally looked like Errrry from My Three Sons!"

As he approached his college years, Wong said that getting work became a tough reality. "I didn't get any work... they were using Asian traditions. They didn't cast colorblind," said Wong.

"So, I moved to New York! Then LA! And I found work!"

Although he found work, Wong said he was not entirely satisfied with the work he was getting.

"It was either the grumpy waiter, the china town gang member, the brother of the china town gang member or, I can't believe I even did this, the wacky foreign exchange student," said Wong.

Wong continued to be cast and played these characters until he was offered a leading role in the play "M. Butterfly," written by David Wong.

"It was okay to have this role," said Wong. "I was this guy because I had that face...this was the beginning of my peace, my joy.

By being able to embrace differences, Wong claims that we will be able to move forward in the world.

"By having a conversation on diversity, we can be more open," said Wong. "Diversity isn't going away... we have to make it work... we have to create a dialogue.

The Diversity Committee sponsor of the lecture, works to foster diversity and understanding at CSUSB.

They have given $50,000 to find events by campus groups and have given $35,000 towards faculty research projects to put diversity in CSUSB's curriculum.

Wong has spoken to college campuses across the nation for approximately 12 years. He has earned the Ouster Critics Circle Award, Theater World Award, Drama Desk Award, Cleavance Dower Award and Tony Award. Wong has also written a memoir, "Following Foo," which was sold at the lecture.

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Wong will speak on her experiences as a Taliban hostage.

Taliban hostage survivor & writer to speak at CSUSB

Yvonne Ridley
Staff Writer

Former Taliban hostage and British reporter Yvonne Ridley recounts her experience in the hands of the Taliban.

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Many will learn about the African Kings and Queens, such as for example... It helps boost their confidence. Thomas said. In addition, the expo will be the first to present an African tradition. Elementary students will have the opportunity to meet African American farmers and plant a community garden. This activity is expected to continue for many years to come. The expo will embark on two special guest speakers, Dr. Ashra Kwesi, a historian and lecturer of African American culture, and Merit Kwesi, a lecturer on African fashion and culture. The second half of the expo will be the educational part. Children from elementary schools, middle schools and people from high schools and community colleges will have the opportunity to be involved in numerous activities. Each group will have a table with different activities. They will learn about the geography, and art of the African continent.

At their first table, children from middle schools will take a personality test and will be able to match their personalities to ancient kings and queens, such as King Tut (for example). It helps boost their confidence. Thomas said.

The festival is coming up and every year students from Texas across the U.S. participate. The Public Affairs Office (PAO) is seeking nominations for its Entrepreneur Awards, a gala business event, the first of its kind. The awards program is presented by the Island Empire Entrepreneurship Center (IEEC) at California State University, Fullerton. The Island Empire Entrepreneurship Center (IEEC) at Fullerton College is in its effort to honor and celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit that exists in numerous communities. The IEEC will be accepting applications until Aug. 15 and can be made directly through the Island Empire Entrepreneurship Center website: www.islandempireentrepreneurship.com. Assistance will be provided in completing the required nomination information before being evaluated by a judging panel that consists of highly respected business leaders and former students of the Entrepreneur Award recipients.

The IEEC’s college expo is a huge event and many are expected to attend. CSUSB’s college expo is also a huge event and many are expected to attend.

The Inland Empire’s premier business business event, the Spirit of the Entrepreneur Awards, is now accepting nominations for its second celebration to honor the region’s top entrepreneurs for their creativity, passion, risk-taking and world-class business acumen. The Inland Empire has been recognized as a leader in providing businesses with the tools necessary to succeed. The Fourth annual event, set for Nov. 15 at the Riverside Convention Center, will feature presentations to a diverse group of individuals in every category: representing general entrepreneur-emerging company, facili-ty-owned business, social entrepreneur, supplier of entrepreneurs, insurance, corporate entrepreneur and a special Lifetime Achievement Award.

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This mentality helped propel the Los Angeles Clippers, long known as “little brother” or the “JV” team to the Lakers, to start to get a little more earned respect. Los Angeles will always be Laker town, but some celebrities are converting to “Clipper Nation.” Mr. Laker, Jack Nicholson, was spotted during the Clipper game in Phoenix on Tuesday.

The Clippers were in a must win situation Thursday night, as they were down in the series 2-1. The slogan for these playoffs is “Win or Go Home,” and the Clippers were not ready to go home, not yet anyway.

The Clippers clinched up with a 118-110 victory over the Phoenix Suns, forcing a game seven in Phoenix Monday night.

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In the second half, the Suns made a run, but could get no closer than eight points down. Whenever the Suns would make a run, the Clippers went to their best player, forward Elton Brand, who despite the constant double teams on him by the Suns with 30 points, 12 boards and five blocked shots.

The victory puts the Clippers one win away from going to the Western Conference Finals, a place the Clippers have never been before.

The Clipper franchise has been the laughing stock of not just the NBA, but all of professional sports. In 2000, Sports Illustrated voted the Clippers as the worst franchise ever.

The change started when Clippers owner Donald Sterling, long known for not paying big salaries, watched the contract offer of MVP candidate Elton Brand.

The biggest salary, $82.2 million, playoff appearance since 1997, ever in Los Angeles, and their first seven game series.

Coach Mike Dunleavy is very excited of this team. The Clippers pride in hustling for 48 minutes.

“I hate to lose, but I can bear it a whole lot better if I know we put everything we had into the game, and left it all out on the court,” Sam Cassell said after the Clipper’s game five loss.

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June 26-27 and July 24-27. For more information contact assistant coach Booker T. Harris at 909-537-3451; press 2 when prompted.

Girls 2006 Volleyball Camp

The camp will be offered on July 31-Aug. 8 at Coussoulis Arena. The camp is open to all girls entering grades seven to 12 and to graduating seniors in the class of 2006. The cost is $195 per camper with a $75 deposit due by July 30.

The camp is geared toward players of any skill level who hope to maximize their potential and develop their fundamental skills. For information, call (909) 537-5050.
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Going into the 2006 NFL Draft, most felt that the Chicago Bears would look to upgrade their offense. After all, they did finish the 2005 campaign ranked 26th in the league in total offense. Furthermore, with the 22nd selection in the first round, the Bears would have a legitimate shot in one area: their offensive line. With the addition of UCLA's Marcus McNeill and Georgetown's Leonard Pope. However, deciding to go against the grain, the Bears traded away their first-round pick and then proceeded to select defensive players with their first five picks.

The Bears were a Cinderella story in 2005. Led by a stingy defense that allowed the fewest points in the league, the Bears finished 11-5 and was the NFC North division title for the second time in 15 years. With all 11 defensive starters returning through at least the 2006 season, and quality depth at almost every position, the Bears’ choice to shore up depth early and offensively was understandable. After trading away their first-round pick to the Buffalo Bills for the Bills second and third-round picks, the Bears selected safety robot Daniel Manning from Abilene Christian with the 42nd overall pick. The Bears then chose Miami corner-back return specialist Devin Hester with the 57th overall pick. Both players outlined extensive athleticism, speed and agility, but remain extremely raw.

‘Manning’s had a lot of returns and he’s got very, very good numbers both as a punt and kickoff guy,’ said Bears General Manager, Jerry Angelo. ‘For my personnel, that’s very impressive.’

Angelo’s ‘Philosophy of drafting top players in the secondary might stem from the loss of veter­ an cornerback Jerry Azzazio to retirement. Azzazio, citing neck and back pains, called it quits last month after seven solid seasons with the Bears.

The Bears later signed free­ agent cornerback Ricky Manning Jr. from the Carolina Panthers to compensate for the loss, but obviously they felt they needed more.

With their next three picks, the Bears selected Oklahoma defensive tackle Dandy Duncan, Arizona State tight end Jerre­ wood Williams and Alabama defensive end Mark Anderson in that order. Due to the Bears completely ignoring the defensive side of the ball until they selected Oklahoma defensive L.J. Romans, and Penn State guard Tyrone Bird with the 195th and 200th overall picks in the sixth round.

The success of the Chicago’s draft will be contingent on Manning and Hester finding a position that they can excel at, and the Bear’s offensive evening turning around around their newly healthy, fourth-year-quarterback Rex Grossman. Like Manning and Hester, Grossman, sound mind and body, has yet to prove himself consistently.

With field position on an extremely important aspect of any game, the Bears have two players in Manning and Hester who are capable of scoring every time they touch the ball.

The possibility for great field position on every play greatly enhances an offens­ e’s chance for success.

If the Bears can get off to a good start, and the defense can return in its elite form of 2005, the Bears will be a very dangerous team to contend with in 2006.