President Barack Obama has decided as of March 8 to continue military trials of Guantanamo Bay detainees two years after he promised to close the military prison. Whether or not the Guantanamo Bay detainees should be tried under civilian or military tribunals is an issue that continues to divide the nation.

Kevin E. Grisham, faculty executive board member for the center of Islamic Studies at CSUSB said, “The problem with trying the prisoners in civilian courts is that they may have to use secret information that if made public can endanger the lives of many people. There may also be more serious problems if some of these prisoners are released or prosecuted, but not by military tribunals, where some have been tortured and broken to where they act like children. It is a disgrace to this nation,” said Dany Doueiri, assistant professor of World Languages and Literature.

CSUSB becomes comedy central

By SHARONDA HARRIS
Staff Writer

With finals approaching, students were able to momentarily forget about exams, and laugh their butts off.

Associated Student Incorporated (ASI) hosted its annual ‘Comedy Den’ on March 8.

Nick Kendle, vice president of university affairs, decided that the ‘Comedy Den’ should be held each quarter, contrary to the and far spaced scheduling of the event in the past.

“The quarterly comedy dens are a way to help people relieve right before finals; and it helps when you can laugh and forget about high gas prices, tuition, and test,” said Kendle.

This Comedy Den featured comedienne and MC Cocoa Brown.

“What I liked best about this event was Cocoa, the host. She kept the show alive. Her jokes were always on point,” said student Omolara Oluyemi.

“It’s great to have an education in your back pocket. I have a Bachelor’s and Master’s. I can quit any time, and easily be a back pocket. I have a Bachelor’s and Master’s. I can quit any time, and easily be a

Kendle says that he noticed Brown at a CSUSB event years ago and felt that it would be great if the campus held more comedy slams for students to attend.

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No more smoking on campus

By LINDSEY MARTINOVICH
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Smoking on campus is prohibited ... or nearly so.

The following smoking policy was recommended by the CSUSB administrative council and approved by CSUSB President Albert Karrig in the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year:

According to the new smoking policy, “Smoking is prohibited on all CSUSB property and in all indoor and outdoor spaces owned, leased, licensed, or otherwise controlled by CSUSB, with the exception of designated smoking areas.”

This policy shall be assessed in two years from its inception date to determine its effectiveness and appropriateness.

Also stated in the policy, “Smoking is prohibited in all vehicles owned by CSUSB and at any event or activity on campus property.”

The policy expects all CSUSB students, faculty and staff to comply.

Optimistically, CSUSB believes that with time and patience, this policy will eventually become widely accepted and followed.

In addition to the policy, non-smoking signs are placed throughout campus. All ash cans are to be removed on campus unless they are in the designated smoking areas.

According to the Student Health Center (SHC), “The success of this policy depends upon the courtesy, respect and cooperation of users and non-users of tobacco products.”

Any member of the CSUSB community may respectfully ask individuals to comply with this policy.

The SHC, along with the Student Taskforce Against Tobacco (STAT), are committed to collaborate with all campus community entities in an effort to promote, educate and implement this policy.

Looking out for the betterment of all, the purpose of the smoking policy is to promote a healthy educational and work environment for all members of the CSUSB community.

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The SHC claims that, “Research shows the likelihood of a person will be able to quit smoking is enhanced when the work environment has eliminated or curtailed the ability to smoke. For many smokers, the restrictive environment provides the required impetus to quit.”

Although the policy sounds great, it still leaves many students’ questions unanswered.

Where are the designated smoking areas? Is there a fine for those caught violating the policy, and if so how much? Who is responsible for enforcing the policy?

“I didn’t even know there were smoking areas on campus, I feel like people smoke wherever they want to, especially outside of the [Santos Manuel Student Union],” said student Kamerin Bateman.

“I have noticed a definite decrease in people that I see smoking on campus since my freshman year here at Cal State,” said student Arianna Flores.

Even though there is still some ambiguity within the smoking policy, “CSUSB is committed to create a safe, healthy and productive environment for its students, staff and visitors,” as stated in CSUSB’s policy guidelines.

Students can learn more about the policy by checking policies.csusb.edu.
Mexico remains on top of the current travel warnings list issued by the U.S. Department of State, although it remains one of the most popularized destinations for spring break travelers.

Travel warnings are issued by the Department of State when a country is deemed far too dangerous for Americans to travel to.

According to the Department of State website, more than half of all Americans killed in Mexico in 2009, whose deaths were reported to the U.S. Embassy, were killed in the border cities of Ciudad Juarez and Tijuana.

The Texas Department of Public Safety also issued warnings to college students about traveling south of the border for spring break.

However, Cancun and Puerto Vallarta made it onto this year’s MSNBC top ten spring break destinations for college students.

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Students are advised to check the state department website for travel news and alerts at www.4studentsabroad.state.gov.


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Comedians come out to relieve stress of impending finals

By MACKENZIE VON KLEIST
Staff Writer

Inspired by several comedians, Brown gives credit to the comics who have influenced her comedy genius.

“I got my comic inspiration from J.B. Smooth, Cool Brotha Ice, Fred Rick, Fat Doctor, Devin Davis, and Kevin Hart; but the utmost respect goes to the great women comics; you got your Monique’s, Sheryl Underwood’s the list goes on,” said Brown.

Brown shared her start as a female in the male dominated profession.

“Honestly, when I came into the game, it was only male comics, and no I wasn’t sleeping with anyone,” said Brown. “And they treated me like an equal. They respected me and they wanted me to be original, creative, and step up my game,” she continued.

Brown says that she feels comfortable going before or after any male comic.

“My favorite moment was when Cocoa made jokes about the audience members,” said Oloyemi.

Comedy Den also featured comedians Chris D’Elia and Justin Rivera. Students were able to assist Rivera with some of the magical comedy sketches he has performed at the Improv Comedy Club and Restaurant and other local venues.

While D’Elia had the audience in tears with his multiple dialects, and ‘inner gangsta’s’ skit.

He got his start five years ago in LA doing local gigs.

“It’s hard to get good stage time, in LA you know. People are pretty cut-throat in the beginning. Like in the beginning stages, people are really competitive before anybody has real success,” said D’Elia.

Now that ASI has goals to maintain the Comedy Den on a quarterly basis rather than annually, students are anxious to see what comics close out the school year.
In memoriam: Aerianthi Coussoulis

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First and foremost, the Coyote Chronicle extends its condolences to the Coussoulis and CSUSB family, following the loss of a mother and fellow Coyote.

Aerianthi Coussoulis is a name that may only ring a bell to those who pass by the north eastern end of campus, but to all students and faculty of CSUSB, she was more than just one of the namesake’s of our sports arena.

Mother to one of the greatest CSUSB alumni, Nick, her devotion to her son and her family helped not only her son through college but countless other students, including seven of her own family members.

Her nurture and care for her family, and love and support of her husband James most certainly played a part in Nick’s care for students and the devotion the entire family gave to CSUSB.

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Local programs face fiscal cuts

According to the CAAP, this would mean that Community Action Agencies deliver programs that are of the most need to the community and its citizens, thus reducing duplication of services offered by other organizations and maximizing efficiencies of delivery of service.

The agencies help people get education, training, employment, food, childcare, shelter, housing, transportation, and home energy and weatherization assistance.

This would include Head Start for preschool children, centers for seniors, and others that offer summer feeding for preschool children, centers for seniors, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, dental care, and the teaching of values to young people.

Also on the chopping block is CSBG, a nationwide program designed to provide a range of services to assist low-income people in attaining the skills, knowledge, and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency.

According to csd.ca.gov, services are provided to local communities for the revitalization of low-income communities, the reduction of poverty and to help provider agencies to improve and increase their capacity at achieving results and to develop community resources with whom to link services and funding.

The Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino (CAPSBC) is very concerned with the impact that these reductions will have on our communities’ service levels.

They are working with our state association and national agencies to develop a strategy to convey the importance and merits of CSBG and other funding streams.

Over the next month, their Board of Directors will be meeting with San Bernardino’s elected officials to inform them on the impact these cuts will have on the county.

The CAPSBC were unavailable to comment on the effects that the proposed cuts would have on CSBG.

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“...If Obama had kept his promise and closed the prison in Guantanamo the Arab community would have had more faith in the American system, but the U.S. continues to play a double standard role,” said Doueiri.

Many wonder whether Obama still might have future efforts to close the prison on even though there is no hope for this action in the near future.

“There might be future efforts if they can figure out the logistical concerns of the Congress, the right place to keep the prisoners, and how to maintain the safety of the American people,” said Grisham. Zentner went on to say that if Obama is re-elected he may try to close down the prison again, but his main political mistake was not that he continued military tribunals, it was the promise he made to close it in a year.

Military trials at GITMO to resume

Coinciding with Grisham, Scot Zentner, political science professor said, “I favor military tribunals naturally because of the necessities of national security.”

He added, “The country expects President Obama to do some justice and needs to recognize that he has to give up on civilian trials in order to do that.”

Grisham further added to the discussion by explaining that military tribunals work to an extent, but they do need work.

The main problem of these trials is that they go “against many American principles of justice” he explained.

Zentner explained that prisoners of war used to go back to their own countries after the war was over, but due to the complicated continuing war, releasing the prisoners would not be considered.

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Eating disorders require on-campus specialists

By RACHEL CANNON
Staff Writer

Eating disorders wreak havoc on not only the physical but the mental health of those that suffer from them. The number of those suffering rises every year.

Female college students are by far at the greatest risk for developing such a problem. According to the Massachusetts Eating Disorders Association, up to 40 percent of college women suffer from disorders such as anorexia, bulimia and binge eating disorder (BED).

That means if there are 15 women in your classroom as you read this, odds are that up to six of them are endangering their health through extreme dieting, binging, purging, or some combination of the three.

On top of the damage this is exerting on their bodies, they are also dealing with the anxiety, depression and general distress that this disorder has brought into their lives. They are also dealing with the anxiety, depression and gaining, or some combination of the three.

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effect for the winter/spring of 2011 and will raise tu-

ition by $105 per semester for undergraduate students, $234 for credential program participants and $252 for graduate students.

Tuition will rise from the current $2,115 to $2,220 for the spring quarter for full-time undergraduate stu-
dents. The committee also approved a recommendation to increase tuition by 10 percent for the 2011-12 aca-
demic year.

The question to address with these constant fee in-

creases is where is it going? Is it going to the students, facilities or teacher pay?

It seems the answer is that these increases go to stimulate enrollment so that the school can take more students in each year.

According to the CSUSB web site, there are an esti-
mated 15,014 full time students in attendance at this school. A rough estimation just counting the undergrad increase ($105) will generate the school around $3 mil-

lion dollars in revenue over the last two quarters.

Factoring in the credential and graduate student fee increases, we are looking at a substantial amount of cash, but as I’ve asked before: where is it going?

I asked the student body reading this article, have you seen an increase in school beautification? Or may-

be there have been more classes made accessible to the student population?

At this time, as a student, all I’ve seen is that classes have been harder to get, parking tickets more aggressively distributed, books are still ridiculously ex-

pensive, and parking passes are still grossly overpriced.

Yet it’s only going to get worse as time goes on.

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It seems this is our new reality. I’m sure we will see constant fee increases in the coming years; if this year has been an indicator of future policy in 2012, it’ll probably be another five or 10 percent and before long we may be looking at tuition near the $6,000 per year mark.

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Dame mas gasolina... but not for $3.97

By ANDREAS BRANDSTETTER
Staff Writer

As I drove to school the other day, I was struck by the lyrics of a well-known Beach Boys' song:

"Come on, let's crus-ya, get nothin' to lose."

All I could do was shake my head and laugh. California's drivers, especially students, have a hell of a lot to lose these days. Most notably: money.

The price of gas has risen exponentially over the past couple of months, largely due to the unrest in the Middle East, where the U.S. imports some of its oil. The San Francisco Chronicle reported that the price of crude oil has now reached $100 a barrel for the first time since 2008, when gas prices reached an all-time high.

According to several AAA officials, the high gas prices are a result of "investor demands" as opposed to factors related to supply and demand.

"Investors have been willing to speculate that prices will increase further and that they will be able to make a profit on the produce they are purchasing today," said AAA spokesman Matt Skrja.

If recent trends are any indication, our pain at the pump is likely to continue.

According to ABC News, the national average for gas is now $3.52 per gallon, an increase of 12 cents from last week and 77 cents from a year ago.

Naturally, Californians pay more for everything, including filling up at the pump.

A recent report by the AAA found that Californians now pay approximately $3.91 per gallon of gas, an increase of 50 cents from early last month.

KPSP Local 2 News reported that the average price of gas in the Inland Empire is $3.90.

What makes these gas prices worse for Californians are the included state and federal taxes, which amount to 66 cents per gallon.

Taxes are always unwelcome, but they may do some good if the revenue is used to reduce the state's $25.4 billion deficit.

Nevertheless, as gas prices soar and pocketbooks shrink, many are voicing their concerns, including CSUSB students.

"It's really difficult because we [students] are trying to pay for our tuition, books, and parking permits. Having to pay [more] for gas is just ridiculous," said Alissa Ochoa.

For Ochoa, who drives a Ford Excursion, the high price of gas is just ridiculous," said Alissa Ochoa.

"Stuff goes up and we have to pay for it. We don't get investment in it."

At the very least, oil drilling at home could provide a temporary solution to a long-standing problem.

Instead of spending of billions of dollars importing oil from countries that don't like us, why not use the resources we already have?

Although there are plenty of safety concerns regarding oil drilling, particularly after the BP oil disaster, I believe our government can enforce stronger safety regulations that will reduce the likelihood of another similar event.

Of course, alternative energy is the wave of the future in terms of this issue, and I gladly support American investment in it.

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For more about gas prices:
Check "Gas busters: the facts about how to get more gas" Pg. 8

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Opinions

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Students greatly. It would help me out by allowing me to stay on campus and not lose my parking spot.

For the most part though, I end up going home, saving myself a couple of bucks and losing my precious parking spot.

Student Union (SMSU).

Coyote Market, located in Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU).

When I found the chips that I thought would complement my sandwich, I decided to get them. Turns out the bag of chips are smaller in size.

As I pull out the dollar to pay for it, the cashier says "$1.30."

I'm in shock. I can buy a bigger bag for a $1.29 at the gas station on University Avenue.

So, after paying for what should have been a bigger bag of chips, I decided to see if any other place on campus had some sort of deals to help out the starving student they're supposed to be serving.

The on-campus Taco Bell sells tacos that are 99 cents, but they don't have the $2 meal that comes with a soda, chips and your choice of a burrito, gordita or taco that's available at restaurants off campus.

Next, I went to the Denny's Express. Real Denny's restaurants offer meals that are $2, $4, $6 or $8. But Coyotes are out of luck here, too. Turns out the CSUSB Denny's Express doesn't because, as the cashier told me, they're just Express.

These "meal deals" I like to call, would have the potential to help out students greatly. It would help me out by allowing me to stay on campus and not lose my parking spot right in the front.

That's something that I debate when I don't bring my sandwich, whether I should spend money on food that can barely fill me up or whether I should go home and lose my parking spot.

The campus food prices wouldn't bother me if I went home to eat all the time; unfortunately, I don't.

So for now like many students I'm stuck searching under rocks for meal deals that help me out and fill me up rather than foraging in the ever expensive SMSU.
No bark or bite, just pets

Students take time away from studying for finals to battle stress and pet therapy dogs

By ANGELINA GARIBAY
Staff Writer

Finals are right around the corner and students are feeling worried, anxious, stressed and pulled in four or five directions with assignments; what is a student to do?

Some students curled up next to a pooch or snuck in a massage, enter the Pet Away Worries and Stress (PAWS) event held to remedy such collegiate maladies.

The Student Health and Psychological Counseling Center hosted this event on March 8 to help soothe the anxiety that comes at finals’ time with therapy, dogs and free massages.

“I’m stressed about all the stuff that comes at the end of the quarter,” said student Kelsey Slater.

Over 300 students participated in the four-hour event, petting away their stress and chatting with the trainers in the Lower Commons.

“It’s fun and relaxing. You never get a chance to pet so many,” said student Eddie Lopez.

The seven dogs came in all sizes ranging from the 120-pound, Black Russian Terrier, Petrovich, to the 17-pound Pekinese, Gizmo the Gremlin.

The students’ laughter could be heard around the room at the dogs’ antics of putting their paws out to shake or playing dead.

It was a relaxing atmosphere as groups of students were sitting on the floor with the dogs while asking the trainers questions about the dogs’ histories.

Several of the dogs were rescued from unfortunate circumstances but took to the therapy dog training amazingly well.

One of the dogs, Emma Zen - part Labrador and Great Dane - was rescued from an animal shelter and now has her own website, emmazen.com, and Facebook page. This dog has a big repertoire of tricks and even takes acting gigs.

Emma’s owner, Debra Jo Chiapparino, feels like she is the lucky one since getting Emma. Owning this special dog has opened doors for Chiapparino to feel fulfilled by helping others.

The trainers were also doing their part to let the students release their stress by inviting them to talk about finals as they petted the dogs.

CSUSB students weren’t the only ones who had a great time with the dogs. A group of students from Ramona Alessandro Elementary were on a field trip and got to enjoy the experience as well.

The elementary students were especially drawn to the huge Pyrenees, Cera, as they enjoyed burying their hands in her long fur. Her owner, Kathie Park, surprised them when she said she had four more Pyrenees’ at home. That brought up questions about how much food Cera consumes.

“She only eats four cups of dog food a day,” said Park. Even though Cera looks big, she only weighs 89 pounds and her metabolism doesn’t require as much food.

The Student Health and Psychology Counseling Center had planned to have five massage therapists at the event to last the entire four hours. Unfortunately, only two showed up and only stayed for two hours.

Regardless, 40 lucky students were treated to a free massage, compliments of those students from Kaplan College. Another PAWS event is planned for spring quarter finals. A word of advice; get there early for a free massage!

Rudeness all around, cell phones take away our face to face etiquette

By KARA DEMENT
Staff Writer

We have many different sorts of wonderful technology to communicate, but our lack of etiquette is driving us further apart.

Etiquette is the set of rules we have all agreed to in order to be considerate to one another, whether it’s talking on the phone, text-messaging or a face-to-face conversation.

Nowadays, our etiquette has gone down the drain. Nobody knows the proper way to talk on the phone anymore and our text-messaging has hit an all-time high.

We text while we drive, when we’re supposed to be learning and even while somebody is trying to have a civilized conversation with us.

We do it non-stop!

There is never a moment we are not text messaging or talking on the phone.

It’s ridiculous and quite sad that we can’t put our phone away for five minutes to have a conversation with one another.

I admit I’m completely guilty. I don’t use the appropriate phone, text messaging or conversation etiquette.

However, I don’t think I’m to blame for it. For example, my parents taught me the proper way to talk to people and even made me take a manners class when I was 10 years old. So, why is it that I’m not using the skills that have been given to me?

The answer is simple.

The times have changed. Our generation is clueless about phone etiquette because we so rarely make actual phone calls.

Yes, we text, but only because we don’t know how to use etiquette properly over the phone. Plus it’s a lot faster for us to get the message to the receiver.

Text-messaging also demands a set of etiquette, and this includes text-messaging while we’re driving and while we’re in class, when we’re supposed to be learning.

It’s rude to text when somebody is trying to talk to you and even worse when you’re driving.

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**Features**

**Tough times means looking for more discounts**

By JESSICA RAMIREZ Staff Writer

Saving money is a goal of many people during this financial crisis, and as we fight the crunch, people find they don’t have that extra money for those desired trips as Spring Break and summer loom closer.

Well students don’t have to look any further than Associated Student Inc. ASI is offering the discounts you have been searching for.

Why pay $12 when you can pay $7, saving you $5 at the movies? Or who would want to pay a mere $95 for a two-day stay at Disneyland as opposed to a gross amount more.

ASI is an organization on campus that represents the needs and interests of our student body and promotes and organizes many of the events held on campus.

The Box Office sells tickets from the dispenser to parks such as Castle Park, Legoland and Knott’s Berry Farm at a good price.

The most requested tickets sold are for Disneyland. ASI has two special offers: the one-day pass for $71 for adults and $65 for children and a two-day stay for $94.25 for all ages.

Movie tickets are another big seller. ASI offers tickets for AMC, Edwards Cinemas and Krikorian Theaters.

Other popular places that the ASI Box Office sells tickets for are Sea World, Universal Studios, Medieval Times, Scandia, Six Flags Magic Mountain and Castle Park.

The prices are discounted and can help save you money.

Sea World tickets are sold at $55 per adult and $48 per child, Universal Studios is $55 for all ages, Medieval Times $42 for adult and $31.50 per child, Scandia for all ages is $13.50, Six Flags Magic Mountain tickets are $26 per adult and $17.50 for child, and Castle Park tickets are $16 adults and $12 for child.

Take note, Prices are subject to change due to expiration of tickets.

The tickets are available for purchase to students, faculty and alumni.

To purchase the tickets you must have a valid Coyote ID or an alumni fee card, and the ASI Box Office only accepts cash or check.

There is a limit of 10 tickets per person due to the fact that some people re-sell the tickets.

“I bought movie tickets and Disneyland tickets; the service has been good so far,” said student Maria Fierros.

ASI offers tickets to the most popular places that students are interested in going to.

“We sell what we know will sell, and once in a while we’ll try out other places that students request more of,” said Diana Wilson, a student employee for the ASI Box Office.

The discounts are year-round except on spring break when the office is closed, and on Fridays during summer.

“I think it’s a good place to save. It’s a cheaper kind of service for students,” said student Lety Molinero.

If you’re looking for entertainment or something to do and are not willing to spend much money visit the ASI Box Office for cheap and fun deals.

For more information and hours of service visit the ASI website at asi.csusb.edu or the ASI Box Office located in the Student Union next to the ASI Office (SMSU-108).

**Gas busters: ways to get more bang for your buck**

By KATI PATAG Staff Writer

We are all in this together.

Unfortunately, the rise of gas prices is not something that we would like to be facing, but we are.

There are many myths out there about how you can save gas and get the most mileage out of your car, and without thinking, we all employ at least one of these myths that we think save time and money.

For starters, turning off your air conditioner in the summertime will not save a ton of gas; therefore, we can drive comfortably knowing that we are not using excess gas and we are not overheating ourselves.

According to Yahoo! Consumer Reports, auto testing has proven that running the air uses a very small amount of gas.

This was not always the case, but as our cars have improved and become more efficient, the air conditioners themselves have become more efficient as well.

Rolling down your windows can actually add drag to your car, causing your gas mileage to drop. For best gas mileage, keep the fan running and keep your windows up.

Student April Standofer was asked about this myth.

“If my gas is low I turn my A/C off in the summer. Otherwise, if I have a full tank I leave it on because having the windows down is worse,” said Standofer.

The way you drive your car impacts your car’s gas mileage significantly; however, changing your driving habits, for example, huging a curve rather than breaking, more than likely will not make much of a difference.

Another misconception is that turning your car off or putting it into neutral while going uphill will improve your mileage.

While this does save some gas, it is extremely dangerous because you have minimal control over your vehicle.

To save your gas with this method, you can take your foot off the pedal instead of putting your car in neutral.

This is much safer and will save you gas.

Student Vanessa Perez was asked about the validity of this myth.

“Sometimes, I feel like if I do put my car in neutral it isn’t safe because I don’t feel like I have control,” said Perez.

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For more about gas prices:
Check “Dame mas gasolina” Pg. 6

**Dishing it up with Diana**

By DIANA CANSINO Features Editor

I managed to lose my voice. I sound like bird squawking on its death bed. But that doesn’t stop me from eating.

Granted, I haven’t been able to splurge on eating out thanks to gas prices and my lovely commute to school five days a week. Nonetheless, I try to stuff those foods that just smelling it makes you tip-top shape, and that’s exactly what I’ve been doing, because Mother knows best.

My mom has been my salvation during the difficult stage of my life; she’s cooked for me each day. Nonetheless, I try to stuff those foods that just smelling it makes you feel like I have control,” said Perez.

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Face-to-face interactions aren’t the same now that we have technology at our fingertips, and often we have none out.

**Answer your phone, please**

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Like they say in traffic school, “Be considerate of other drivers.”

This also pertains to the no-texting-while-driving dilemma, something that we’re once again totally clueless about.

“There isn’t phone etiquette anymore because everything is done via texting and even then I don’t think that etiquette exists. The personal touch of a phone call is gone,” said student Stephanie Real.

I don’t think etiquette has completely vanished; I just think our generation has become so tied up in the fast way of communication by text-messaging and e-mail that we forget to be considerate towards one another.

We forget to treat others as if we were talking to them face-to-face. We often don’t live in the moment and tend to miss out on things. It’s something at which we should better ourselves; you never know when the proper phone etiquette might help you ace that telephone interview that you’ve been preparing for.

They get their inspiration from every-day life; they focus on what is thrown in front of them that many others fail to see. Hip and urban phrases like “Live now, die never,” “It’s nice to rage harder,” song lyrics and random pictures of women are just the beginning of how Damascus finds inspiration in an urban city with so much to offer.

“We revolve around provocative topics, loud music, going against the herd, anarchism, and rebelliousness,” said Khouli.

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*Damascus Founder*  
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When a “winner” starts to lose it

By MATTHEW BRAMLETT
Staff Writer

Here is a prediction: Charlie Sheen will be either dead or in prison by the end of the year.

The popular actor, who has appeared in such classics as “Shadow Conspiracy” and “All Dogs Go To Heaven 2,” has spent the past few years playing one of the central characters on the nation’s highest-rated television sitcom, “Two and a Half Men.”

It was a gig that established Sheen as the highest paid television actor working today, earning an estimated $1.8 million per episode.

But in recent weeks Sheen has become known for something completely different. He has been in the middle of a media firestorm, firing off nonsensical outbursts and trash talking the people he knows and worked with, including his shows co-creator, Chuck Lorre.

His random musings, in which he claims to have “tiger’s blood and Adonis DNA,” are funny if not disturbing. His Twitter page, set up just a few days ago, already has over 2.2 million followers, and there are many voices on the Internet and abroad that are egging him on and adopting Sheen’s strategy of “winning.”

He has dubbed his Los Angeles mansion the “Sober Valley Lodge” (in reference to Sheen claiming he cured himself of all his substance abuse problems with his mind) and has set up a kind of fortress with his people and has set up Twitter page, set up just a few days ago, claiming that the studio owes him millions, making the show a surefire way to annoy friends and family at the drop of a hat. Everyone in the show is dehumanized, with messy hair and an paranoid look emblazoned on his face. In a recent entry, entitled “Torpedoes of Truth Part 2,” Sheen looks gaunt and shaven, with messy hair and an paranoid look emblazoned on his face.

Meanwhile, sites like TMZ have been revealing in Sheen’s meltdown, devoting their attention to the mysterious, controversial land between the prom queen and the drooling drunk.

2. “I'm sorry man, I got magic and..." I win here and I win there. Now what? If I'm bi-polar, aren't there moments where a guy like this can be the hero? They look to the town mayor of Dirt, a wizened old tortoise, unfurled as the town mayor of Dirt, a wizened old tortoise...

Rango camouflages rating guidelines

By GRACE GARNER
Staff Writer

Moviegoers should expect dry humor from a film set in such an arid desert. However, they may be surprised at Paramount Pictures latest effort starring Johnny Depp’s voice acting. “Rango,” released March 4, features always-quirky Johnny Depp as a domestic chameleon on a quest to find an oasis...

A true thespian at heart, our protagonist is thrust from his lonely terrain into the Mojave Desert while acting out a scene with his dear “friends” – or a beheaded, one-armed Barbie doll, a wooden palm tree, a dead bug, and a wind-up plastic goldfish.

From the get-go, you understand “Rango” is going to be more of a “grown-up movie” than you thought. Especially after the protagonist asks the disfigured, shirtless Barbie: “Are these real?”

Even while you laugh, you can’t help but ask yourself: Should these kids in here be watching this movie? Indeed, as the plot progresses “Rango” transforms more into a PG-13 cartoon movie than a new – in your mind – mere PG.

The plot itself is actually quite simple. After making a few lies and acting as “Rango” – a stage name so to speak – who is all gut-instinct and bravery, his lies become unfurled as the town mayor of Dirt, a wizened old tortoise, steals all the water to build upon a new age of industry and hires Rattlesnake Jake to get rid of Rango. You can only imagine how the rest of the story goes.

While the plot is simple, there is a depth to it that only adults could possibly grasp. The questions of “Who am I?” circulate in Rango’s mind throughout the film, a chameleon desperate to be somebody.

Though I didn’t fall in love with “Rango,” the animation was incredible and Hans Zimmer does not disappoint with the score, which was almost too perfect for a cartoon.

“Western.” Movie director Gore Verbinski (“Pirates of the Caribbean”) does a good job of giving “Rango” action scenes Steven Spielberg would be proud of – and all in cartoon form.

Depp and the rest of the cast (Isla Fisher as Rango’s lizard girlfriend Beans and Abigail Breslin as tough little armadillo Priscilla) reaffirm their voice acting talents, but “Rango” falls short of being a complete success.

Advertised as a children’s film, the PG rating brings into question the mysterious, controversial land between PG and PG-13: Where does the line stop, before or after Beans spits “Go to Hell!” to Rattlesnake Jake?

This is an incredibly quirky movie that is for adults. It is most certainly not universal and if not for its looks and acting talents, it would have flopped. However, if you’re looking for a fresh film chalk full of bizarre, “Rango” will most likely be right up your alley.

Just remember: Disregard the rating and get ready for constantly saying “Rango!” with a Mexican accent – a sure way to annoy friends and family at the drop of a hat.

Rango is a heart warming story of a quirky chameleon and his journey home.
Fiasco beams on his darkest project

By JENNIFER PETERS
Staff Writer

Lupe Fiasco’s latest album, LASERS, has listeners beaming after patiently waiting for the March 8 release.

Fiasco has been working hard writing and co-producing LASERS (an acronym for Love Always Shines Everytime, Remember to Smile) alongside The Neptunes and The Audible Science.

There has been plenty of hype surrounding this album for nearly two years. Many fans feared they would never hear another album from the rapper after he announced last year that he was retiring from hip-hop.

Due to conflict with Atlantic Records, LASERS has been held back for over a year.

Fiasco stated that the making of the album was “a very painful, dark, f’d up experience...”

When asked how he came up with the title in an interview on BET’s “106 & Park,” Fiasco said, “I thought LASERS would be a dope name for an album, so when I came up with it I just put it in my head and it stay there.”

In an interview with Complex Magazine, Fiasco said, “I’m happy for the fans, this is their album. This is the album that they fought for and that’s what made me write these songs.”

In an interview with New York Magazine, Fiasco talked about the supports of the fans and how it motivated him to release this album.

“It was amazing, humbling, and inspiring, to the point where I went back in the studio and did more records ... it made everything real, that your music is actually something that people want,” said Fiasco.

“And it’s something that is successful, not in selling records, but the way it moves people, inspires them to do better for themselves.”

To promote his new album, Fiasco has been making appearances on major television shows like “BET’s 106 & Park,” and “Lopez Tonight.” In 2010 he also released a viral video on the Internet titled “The L.A.S.E.R.S. Manifesto.”

The video encouraged the growth and prosperity of the nation. In the video Fiasco says, “We will not lose because we are not losers, we are LASERS! LASERS are revolutionary. LASERS are the future.”

When asked how he felt about the album Fiasco said “One thing I try to stress about this project is, I love and hate this album, I listen to it and I’ll like some of the songs.”

“Burton’s highly successful film “Alice in Wonderland” is one of the most important things that I have ever been through, it’s a totally different thing. I had to sit down and write honestly about someone else’s words.”

The album also includes an extended version of last year’s single “Alice,” which was used in part of the soundtrack to Tim Burton’s highly successful film “Alice in Wonderland.”

The album’s mellow and deep music brings emotions that anyone can relate to. Fission told Rolling Stone, “It’s so easy for me to do a boy-bashing pop song, but to sit down and write honestly about something I’ve been through, it’s a totally different thing.”

Four years in the making, Avril Lavigne fans will enjoy Goodbye Lullaby as it returns to Lavigne’s older musical style that launched her into stardom.
Facebook is changing again in the hopes of keeping their position as the top social networking site. On March 11, a series of new Facebook changes started taking effect. Facebook released a new Facebook Pages, messages, and even movie rentals through Warner Bros. One of the most interesting changes is the new ability to rent and purchase movies through Warner Bros. on Facebook.

It’s as simple as “liking” the movie. If you “like” the movie you can pay three dollars to watch the film through Facebook.

In a move that other distributors are sure to follow, Warner Bros. released “Batman: The Dark Knight” as a rental through Facebook and promises more releases in the future.

In addition, there are changes being made to Facebook Pages, which are pages set up for non-personal use. Most of the changes to Facebook Pages is geared towards businesses, organizations, and brands who want to interact with their fans.

Now, Facebook Pages users can use Facebook as a business with the ability to “like” other pages, comment on pages, see news feed as recent/top news, choose which news to view, and see notification updates in the same way personal pages are able to interact.

The major downside of Facebook choosing “top news” is that it automatically sorts out what it considers to be “top news,” without any regard to what you consider. In other words, you better check twice to make sure Facebook hasn’t skipped over any run-of-the-mill news that you might be interested in.

The evolution of Messages is something every Facebook user will be interested in. The company’s CEO Mark Zuckerberg wrote in a blog about how the new Messages will work.

Messages now allows you to decide how you’d like to talk with your friends—SMS, chat, e-mail or Messages—and they will receive your message through whatever medium/device is most convenient for them.

“You can both have a conversation in real time. You shouldn’t have to remember who prefers IM over e-mail or worry about which technology to use. Simply choose their name and type a message,” said Zuckerberg.

One of the more interesting changes is the creation of @facebook.com e-mail addresses for any Facebook user who wants one. People no longer need to be on Facebook to talk with friends—whether these friends are Facebook users or not.

Zuckerberg insists that Messages is not e-mail.

“There are no subject lines, no cc, no bcc, and you can send a message by hitting the Enter key. We modeled it more closely to chat and reduced the number of things you need to do to send a message.”

By COURTNEY RINKER
Staff Writer

Facebook users will start to notice changes from the social networking giant including page layout and simple operation.

“We wanted to make this more like a conversation,” said Zuckerberg. Time will tell how this affects other big messaging companies.

This is a small step towards becoming a media giant—competing against virtually every aspect of social networking and social media.
Basketball glory and Cinderella story

By J. LEVI BURNFIN
Assistant Sports Editor

Commodities all over the nation are about to see a substan-
tial drop in their employees productivity for about three
full weeks.
That’s right, it is March Madness time and college
basketball is going to capture the nation’s attention as 68
of the best teams face off in a single-elimination, winner
take-all tournament. It is not for the faint-hearted as we
learned last year when Duke beat Butler in an exhilarating
victory. Right now, Aaron Craft is that player but he is only
a freshman and I am skeptical that he is ready to lead this
team to the championship.
We cannot discuss March Madness without mention
the defending national champion Duke Blue Devils.
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How about some possible Cinderella stories?
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the season but have won nine straight games since includ-
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I believe Kansas will take it all.
Kansas is incredibly efficient on offense, as they lead
the nation in both field goal percentage and assists per
game. They are also fifth in the nation in points per game
(73.7), averaging 42.5 assists per game.
They are an experienced team; all five of their starters
are at least juniors.
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Polo struggles to tread water

Lady Coyotes float at 7-10 on the season after being set back by an unprecedented seven-game losing streak in the pool

By J. LEVI BURNFIN
Assistant Sports Editor

CSUSB’s women’s water polo endured an off-season full of strife only to start a season filled with even more struggles.

The team is off to a disappointing start after two straight years of subpar performances.

The team started off the season with a 3-3 record but immediately lost seven straight and an average team would start to have doubts about their ability to compete.

But this is not an average team. They have already experienced hardship in and out of the pool.

“I was really excited to get [the season] underway because I knew we had so much talent and so much potential,” said Head Coach Sarah Reneker.

However, four student-athletes did not have the drive that was needed in order to compete at a collegiate level.

“Sometimes players come in from high-school or a [junior college] and think ‘I got this...’ but the college level is so much more intense [that] a lot of them get burned out,” said Reneker.

Reneker declined to name the two recruits and two returning players outright but did indicate that they had a ton of talent and that if they had the heart that some of the other players had, they would have been extremely valuable players to the team.

Reneker believes that the off-season struggles may have made them a better team because she would rather have a team with less talent and bigger hearts than a team with more talent but did not have the drive to compete at the highest level.

“Our team is very bonded and very positive with one another so it worked out for the best,” said Reneker.

Still, many obstacles have risen from the decision of the girls to leave the team.

The most important may be that the team is shorthanded as they only have three girls that are able to come off the bench and give the starters a rest.

They are playing teams that have more than 20 players on the team while the Lady ‘Yotes only have 13 girls.

The best example is when CSUSB played the NCAA Division I and 14th ranked Hartwick College.

Hartwick has 23 players on the roster, 10 more than CSUSB, but the Lady ‘Yotes were still able to compete and only lost 14-10.

In spite of all the struggles the team has endured, the goal remains the same: to get better and improve their conference seeding from the last couple years.

“We never give up because we know how much talent we have and how much heart we have,” said Reneker. “We actually have a good chance of finishing third or fourth.”

The Coyotes have not had a winning season since 2008 where they went 20-17 overall. Since then, they are a combined 27-46 and have finished eighth each of the past two years.

The team still has quite a way to go considering the seven game losing streak but there are areas that could be improved that would immediately have an impact on their win-loss record.

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“We are right there with all these teams, we’re losing by one goal but it’s because we are not finishing,” Reneker continued.

The Lady ‘Yotes lost five games by two goals or less. Being able to finish those games would have taken a disappointing record and transformed it into a strong start for a talented yet short-handed team.
Spring Training gives you a behind the scenes look on how major league ball players work on fundamentals, take batting practice, stretch and bond as a team. The stars that kids look up to are seen as just regular guys.

There are two Spring Training locations, the Cactus League in Arizona and the Grapefruit League in Florida. Half of the Major League Baseball teams are roughly within a 19 mile radius of one another when in Arizona. I have been going to Spring Training in the deserts of Arizona for the past 12 years. Fans of all ages will be able to watch their favorite players and coaches as they get ready for the game. Most of the complexes were the players practice, giving a chance to interact with the fans. After the players are finished with their workouts, they usually sign autographs and take pictures with the fans, hand out baseballs or bats they may have broken and can no longer use.

When I was young, I would collect my favorite player’s autographs as well as try to get the entire team to sign a baseball. Kids are usually the ones that ball players tend to give the most attention to, since they are the role models for them. Some of my most favorite Spring Training moments include, playing catch with future Hall of Famer, Trevor Hoffman, talking to Tony Gwynn about my swing and even being a bat boy for a game. It’s a tradition that all baseball lovers should experience. It is only a four hour drive from Southern California, and could make for a relatively inexpensive road trip. Games are as cheap as $6 a ticket for lawn seats, and there are plenty of hotels nearby to choose from. You can take in sandwiches and bottled water (as long as it’s sealed), and you save money in the game.

There are still a few more weeks to go before all the major league ball clubs go back to their cities for the regular season. So now is the best time to go for a road trip.
Lee #20

Canadians finds second family with softball team

By HANNAH ALANIS
Staff Writer

From almost 1,500 miles away, Cassidy Lee was able to catch the attention of CSUSB softball coaches. For this Vancouver native, softball is life.

Lee explained, “There weren’t many options for softball players back home. I chose CSUSB because it’s one of the toughest conferences in division two. California also has great weather, and I’m still only two a hour flight home to my family.”

On the pitcher’s mound and in the field, Lee has demonstrated leadership during her four-year career as a Coyote women’s softball player.

Head Coach Tracy Duncan describes Lee as “our go-to-pitcher. She has good movement, she’s consistent and she keeps batters off balance.”

With practice almost every day and double headers twice a week the lady ‘Yotes have become her second family.

Coach Tracy highlights the teams unique sportsmanship when she explained, “They root for each other to succeed… everyone is genuinely happy for their teammates to do well.”

In the short amount of time she has off the field, you can find her watching her favorite team the Vancouver Canucks or doing homework in the study hall.

Keeping up the GPA as well as being a full time student is a requirement to play sports here at CSUSB.

“Maintaining a good GPA is hard with all the practicing and traveling” said Lee. However, Lee has been able keep her focus and soon she’ll be graduating with a degree in Business Sports and Entertainment Marketing.

Living on her own for the first time has also proven to be a challenge.

“Whenever I get homesick, the hardest part is realizing I just have to deal with it,” said Lee.

Lee’s dream is to work for her hometown hockey team the Vancouver Canucks, but she wouldn’t mind working for the Los Angeles Kings if the opportunity presented itself.

They clearly is on a path to achieve her goals due to her determination and hard work ethic.

Both the coaching staff and Lee have high expectations of the team this season.

“We have a strong team this year, we should go far. I’d like to see the fan base grow. Not many people know that CSUSB offers a softball program. It’s easier to play when you have a fan base. It’s also tough when your visiting team has more fans,” said Lee.

So far this season the team is 6-0 home and 6-10 away.

“We’re more comfortable in our own environment. We’re used to our field, we get the last at bat and we have our fans to cheer us on. I feel a lot less pressure at home,” said Lee.

By KIERA THOMAS
Staff Writer

CSUSB continued to strive for victory as the Women’s basketball team advanced to tournament play, alas that ended in the first round.

The Lady ‘Yotes were selected to compete in the 2011 NCAA Division II West Region Tournament held at Kellogg Gym at Cal Poly Pomona in which they lost the their opening game of the tournament 71-43, ending this year’s season.

Under the direction of head coach Kevin Becker, the team was eager to participate in the tournament again for the fourth consecutive year. The rewarding feeling of being one of the only teams still competing was enough to spark the fight in the players, despite coming up short.

“Heading into the tournament, I think we just want to meet all expectations and stay focused and consistent. This is our second chance coming out of the CCAA tournament. We need to be in it to win it,” said Senior guard Sabrina Gonzalez.

Even though the team lost, this season showed a very coordinated team.

“We handle our business on the court and we play really well together. We support each other and are close,” said Gonzalez.

The Lady ‘Yotes were led by Eisha Sheppard, Danielle Shows and Gonzales; who have shown their drive and hard work throughout the season.

Despite the season ending without a tournament win, their hard work is evident both on and off the court leading not only to the NCAA berth but individual awards as well.

Sheppard was very proud to be named to the first All-CCAA as well as second team All-West Region collectives.

These attributes continue to fuel her determination and winning spirit.

“When I heard I won the awards, I was shocked and glad. It made me feel good to know my work was being noticed,” said Sheppard.

People called and congratulated me even before I knew I had won.”

Gonzalez, along with Shows, also gained honors for the second team All-CCAA honors.

‘Yotes miss chance to advance

By JESUS ROMERO
Sports Editor

Feel the rhythm, feel the ride, it’s soapbox time

The Red Bull Soapbox race will be flying through the streets of downtown Los Angeles May 21.

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Some of the past contestants have included a car shaped soapbox looking like a Red Bull and others an actual red bull with horns and all.

However, they don’t have to be Red Bull-themed or related to the project, they can be anything you think of, from birds to small dog houses on wheels, ANYTHING goes.

There will be tons of prizes for the winners and fun filled day.

The event is free for the spectators. They encourage you to come out and support the crew who has put together the creative soapboxes masterpieces.

For more information on the event check out the Red Bull website at redbul.com and then search keywords soapbox derby.

The Chronicle will be there with our own cart, so check it out and maybe even sign up and compete, it should be energy-fueled event.