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Coyotes react to Japanese crisis

By OMAR GUZMAN
Staff Writer

Aft er a magnitude 9.0 earthquake which triggered a devastating tsunami that hit Japan on March 11, increasing concerns of Japan’s breakdown of nuclear power plants has many worried and looking to see what will happen next and how the situation will be handled.

“The prime minister called it Japan’s worst crisis since World War II,” said Martin Fackler, writer for The New York Times, “The disaster has left more than 10,000 people dead, many thousands homeless and millions without water, power, heat or transportation,” he added.

Coyotes gear up for Tom’s Day Without Shoes

CSUSB professor gets High Hispanic Honor

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Local hip-hop festival returns to San Bernardino

March Madness is back!

People push for iodide pills

Many citizens on the west coast are looking to the pills to combat nuclear fallout should any reactors in Japan explode

By LINDSEY MARTINOVICE
Staff Writer

People in California are rushing to purchase iodide pills as they watch Japan’s nuclear disaster unfold. The March 11 9.0 earthquake dam- aged the Japanese power plant, causing explosions, malfunction, and radiation leaks. The scare is centered around Ja- pan’s Fukushima nuclear reactor where radiation levels have risen.

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If released, the iodide pills could cause coughing, tingling, or a metallic taste in your mouth. If not taken, the radiation could be absorbed by the thyroid gland, leading to potential damage.

Students sound off on UCLA Asian rant

By HECTOR GAMA
Staff Writer

One YouTube rant has left a student at UCLA wishing she had a time machine. Alexandra Wallace, a junior political science major at UCLA, posted a video on YouTube expressing her discontent with Asian students who, as she explained, would interrupt her studying in the school library with constant phone calls to their homes.

Wallace especially targeted Japanese students who, as of late, had been calling relatives in Japan to make sure they had lived through the tsunami that hit, and devastated the country.

“In America, we do not talk on our cell phones in the library,” Wallace says in the video. “I feel bad for all people af- fected by the tsunami, but if you’re going to go call your address book, you might as well go outside.”

In addition, she proceeded to attack Asian students, accusing them of being much too dependent on their parents, who would pack up her neighborhood every weekend in order to cook, clean, and shop for their children.

“You will always see old Asian people running around this apartment complex every weekend,” Wallace said. “That’s what they do, they don’t teach their kids to fend for themselves.”

University officials are evaluating whether there have been any violations of the student code of conduct and what sanctions, if any, are appropriate.

The video could turn out to have seri- ous consequences on Wallace’s scholastic career at UCLA.

UCLA chancellor Gene Block said he was “appalled by the thoughtless and hurtful comments” and that the video “does not represent the views of our UCLA community,” according to abcel- cal.go.com.

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CSUSB students and faculty also are involved, and if there is anything they can do to help.

“Students that are currently in Japan through an exchange or study abroad pro- gram need to come back” said Paul Amaya, director of the CSUSB center for interna- tional studies and programs. “We had to see whether the Japanese students here and their families were okay, and gave them support if necessary.”

“As strange as it seems, the incident highlights the values of Japanese culture, because it is interesting to see how civil Japanese individuals are behaving, and it is impressive considering how orderly they are during this devastating time,” Amaya continued.

For CSUSB exchange students from Japan, Akemi Shotoko and Miki Kanemori the news was especially shocking. Speaking with the students through a translator from the College for Extended Learning Yasuda Homestay Consultant Eriko Harris, Kanemori said, “It was so unrealistic and it was frightening for my family.”

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Minority students to get funds for geographical science

By ANGEL BELTRAN  
Staff Writer

A $527,000 grant to the CSUSB Water Resources Institute (WRI) is helping fund a new program aimed to raise the retention and graduation percentage of underrepresented students on campus.

The program, tentatively titled as the GIS Training and Mentorship Program, is using new technology to engage underrepresented students with hands-on training that will help them further their education and quite possibly their careers.

“GIS, which stands for geographic information system, is like Google maps. Plus [it] allows you to see different levels and layers of the geography of a region. For example, it can show erosion potential and it can be used for census and see demographics, as well as hazards like earthquake faults and landslide potential,” said Hoykin Witherspoon, program manager and Geospatial Research Manager of the WRI.

The Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program Grant which was awarded by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE), provided the funds for the program to help underrepresented students enrolled in science, technology, engineering and math (collectively known as STEM).

“Our goal is to increase retention and make it capable for students to finish their degree by using technology to, hopefully, make it more interesting,” said Witherspoon.

The application states that the federal government defines “underrepresented” as a person of African, Indian, Alaskan Native, Black, Hispanic, or Pacific Islander origin. However, any students who are interested in the program are encouraged to apply, but will not be eligible to receive a stipend.

Witherspoon said eight students would be chosen to receive a $2,000 advanced stipend.

These students will also be trained in the basics of GIS and work with the system to help create the layers which will be projected onto a 6-by-4 foot physical terrain model of the Santa Ana watershed.

“Knowing the basics of GIS can help students excel in their careers. For example, if one student applies to a job and knows the system and another student applies for a job and doesn’t know the system, the one that knows will get the job,” said Witherspoon.

Additionally, 18 students will be given a $300 stipend and will go through a 25-hour basic core instruction.

“Our goal is to get them to go to the advance level,” added Gigi Hannah, associate director of the WRI.

“Anyone can apply. Funds are limited to underrepresented students but if students don’t qualify to receive the stipends, we will make it possible,” said Hannah.

According to the WRI, the Santa Ana watershed, which provides water to local homes, runs from the San Bernardino Mountains and discharges into the ocean at Huntington Beach. It is approximately 2,800 square miles and home to 4.8 million people.

The 18 students will also help build the 3-D exhibit of the Santa Ana watershed which will be featured in the College of Natural Sciences Museum in September.

As stated in the application form, the exhibit will “serve as a centerpiece for using geospatial learning, reasoning and mastery of [GIS] as means to increase academic success.”
CSUSB professor becomes AAHHE fellow

By MACKENZIE VON KLEIST
Staff Writer

CSUSB’s very own alumnus and Assistant Professor, Louie F. Rodriguez was selected to become a faculty fellow by the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE).

According to the College Board website, Hispanics make up 37 percent of students within secondary education. Hispanics at CSUSB make up an overwhelming 61 percent of the student body. In order to increase percent of Hispanic college graduate students and Hispanics in the workforce, organizations around the U.S. have been established to allow this community and its members to succeed to their highest potential.

The AAHHE provides support and allows Latinos and Hispanics in higher education to succeed by improving and enabling their skills and opening up opportunities to them.

According to the AAHHE official website, this organization is an agent of change for improving education, thus enabling Hispanic students to fully participate in a diverse society.

They work collaboratively with all sectors of education, business, industry, as well as community and professional organizations to enhance the educational aspirations and to meet the needs of a significantly increasing Hispanic population.

Professor Rodriguez, a CSUSB alumnus and Harvard graduate, has only recently been selected by this well established association.

“I feel utterly honored and excited to be chosen into this intimate group of people that are so very positive and supportive,” said Rodriguez.

“The selection is based upon certain criteria, such as, must be on the tenure-track professor, they usually prefer work that you have done to improve the Hispanic Latino community, and show promise as a scholar.”

The AAHHE has an annual conference that provides opportunities for graduate students to mentor them in their field of study and provide an outlet to allow students to learn, grow and development of skills needed to succeed in their careers.

“As a result from being selected as a faculty fellow, I was asked to be the faculty co-chair and be a part of selecting faculty as well as mentoring,” said Rodriguez.

“Also, I get to help the design and theme of next year’s conference, like a few years ago the theme was Latino Male Crisis that focused on the lack of Latino males within the workforce,” he continued.

Having such a successful annual conference and organization that helps the Latino culture portrays the significance that cultural organizations play in our society.

“I believe that universities and organizations alike should look and adopt the model the AAHHE has to promote and obtain faculty of color in higher education,” said Rodriguez.

For more information the AAHHE and Professor Rodriguez selection as a faculty fellow visit, www.aahhe.org.
Students debate on Bruin’s outburst

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While her future hangs in the balance, students are voicing their opinions on whether or not her rant was a reflection of her moral character, or lack there of, or if it was a simple exercise in free speech.

Students across the UCLA campus demonstrated these mixed reactions, with some feeling that the video was absolutely inappropriate, and others actually finding humor in it.

“I thought it was ridiculous,” said NiSha Wala, a UCLA student. “I didn’t even know that UCLA would accept somebody like that.”

Another UCLA student, John Wu, did not think as much of the video.

“I think it’s not that big of a deal,” he said. “It’s all overblown. I hope nothing bad happens to her, but I mean, like, she was kind of dumb posting it to YouTube.”

Students here at CSUSB who saw the video also had mixed reactions to it.

“I think that she definitely offended some people, and that she simply should not have posted the video,” said CSUSB student John Benitez.

Another CSUSB student Daniel Cruz, shared his thoughts as well.

“She can do whatever she wants,” said Cruz. “I mean yeah some people may be offended, but it’s not like they have to watch the video.”

In a statement made to The Daily Bruin, Wallace apologized for her actions.

“Clearly the original video posted by me was inappropriate,” Wallace said.

“I cannot explain what possessed me to approach the subject as I did, and if I could undo it, I would. I’d like to offer my apology to the entire UCLA campus. For those who cannot find it within them to accept my apology, I understand,” Wallace concluded.

Many await to see what consequences if any Wallace will face due to what some have deemed to be racially insensitive remarks. While others feel Wallace was simply exercising free speech.

American’s race for “radiation pills”

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The pills are used to protect the thyroid but are not a radiation cure-all. The CVS pharmacy, just minutes away from CSUSB, has reported numerous customers coming in asking for these pills. No prescription is necessary for the in-demand pills.

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Coyotes affected by Japan’s calamity

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“I was so confused, I didn’t know how we were going to go back to Japan, and I really want to know how bad it really is,” added Shotoko.

“Our families are trying as much as they can to stay safe and conserve energy, especially in the Tokyo area, since many nuclear plants were destroyed, but I don’t think my family can do very much about it. Especially in the Tokyo area, since many people are very worried about helping Japan and the people there rather than running around buying iodide pills for ourselves,” said CSUSB student Hayley Parke.

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Upcoming CSUSB smoking policy

Pro: Give me some air!

By RACHEL CANNON  Staff Writer

Starting this fall, students at CSUSB will be able to breathe a little easier.

This is because the CSUSB administrative council approved a new policy limiting smoking on campus to 17 specially designated areas. Although the policy is already on the books, signs aren’t going up until fall, which means it won’t be enforced until then.

I couldn’t be more supportive of this new smoking “ban.” It has always amazed me that smoking remains so popular in a day and age when we’re fully aware of its devastating effects on health. It’s well known that cigarette smoking leads to lung cancer, heart disease and many other diseases. In fact, according to a study by the Virginia Tobacco Use Control Project, one in five deaths in the U.S. are caused by smoking.

However, the deaths don’t stop there. The American Cancer attributes 50,000 deaths a year to secondhand smoke. We all have to share oxygen, and it’s also already polluted enough. It’s the least we can do to avoid contaminating it further with cigarette smoke. It’s my opinion that smoking in places which nonsmokers have no choice but to frequent is simply rude.

Cigarette do more than infringe on others’ health, however. Smokers who don’t bother to properly dispose of their butts also play a role in pollution.

We are blessed with one of the most beautiful campuses in the CSU system. By limiting smoking to certain areas, we can help keep it that way.

Having designated smoking areas will not only make the fumes easier to avoid for those who so choose, but will also benefit our campus’s custodial help by saving them the arduous task of sweeping up the many cigarette butts from all over our 441-acre campus.

It isn’t an all-out ban on tobacco use; rather, it’s a perfectly reasonable compromise that allows smokers to smoke while others with a healthier lifestyle can enjoy clean air (at least, as clean as air gets in San Bernardino).

Many opponents of this policy also claim that it’s an infringement of their personal rights, and that because students pay tuition for the privilege of being here, they should be able to engage in whatever legal activity they want. I couldn’t disagree more strongly with this sense of entitlement.

Paying a fee doesn’t allow you to do whatever you want without regard for others, whether on campus or at any other institution.

Many public places already have designated smoking areas. DisneyLand is a classic example. Paying a fee to enter the park doesn’t grant you the right to smoke wherever you want.

The problem with the “it’s my right” mentality is that rights often directly infringe on the rights of others. Case in point – what about my “right” to clean oxygen? Whose rights are more important?

This new policy is fair and reasonable. And as far as my lungs are concerned, this next fall quarter can’t come soon enough.

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Con: Let my people smoke

By MATT EDGERTON  Staff Writer

Does prohibition ever work? Or does it merely escalate the situation?

Recently, the CSUSB administrative council has prohibited the use of cigarettes on campus with the exception of designated smoking areas.

If we take a brief look at history we can see how ineffective the banning of substances has been previously and currently.

We need only look to the prohibition of the 1920s and the current struggle occurring with medical marijuana to see that prohibition does not work. Recently the campus of CSUSB has enacted a near campuswide smoking ban, signage reinforcing this measure will begin to be put up in the fall.

However, this smoking ban is not without its share of critiques.

The main reason this smoking ban is wrong is because it encroaches upon the personal rights of the free students of CSUSB.

No longer is the school merely mandating that the smokers can’t smoke inside; rather, campuswide bans are not interested in protecting the health of other students as they claim.

They are attempting to change people’s behaviors and lifestyles.

People have a right to live their life how they want so long as it does not infringe upon the rights of others.

If people want to smoke themselves to death, let them. They know the risks yet they choose to smoke. As long as they do it outside with proper ventilation the rest of us are not at risk and have no right to strip them of their personal freedoms.

Before this campus ban was enacted, all smoking had to be done outside, which was perfectly reasonable. This protected both the rights of those that smoke and the health of non-smoking students as they were not forced to sit in an enclosed space with second hand smoke.

Now, rather than having a few people smoking all over campus we will have large groups of people smoking in either designated areas or the parking lot.

This will most likely increase the amount of second hand smoke that non-smoking students will now have to try to avoid. As such, one could say that the purpose of the ban is lost.

Moreover, smoking receives more publicity due to the controversial ban, making people more curious about it and in some ways increasing its popularity. Very similar to how prohibition did not work, so to will the smoking ban most likely fail for the same reasons.

They say this campus smoking ban is in the best interest of the students of this campus; they claim it is to keep everyone healthier and safer, but really how hard is it to take a few extra steps to avoid two or three people smoking outside?

It’s not like their lighting up in the middle of class and blowing the smoke in your face. They aren’t encroaching on your rights to breathe clean air. Let them smoke.

With the way our air quality is currently, a few extra people smoking outside in our 441 acre campus really won’t affect us.

I think we’ll be fine letting a few people continue to smoke outside without having to herd them into the parking lot or designated zones like animals because they choose to indulge in something that has some negative side effects that almost solely affects them.

This ban encroaches upon the personal freedoms of paying students of this campus and as such should be removed for that reason alone.
CSUSB, get ready now for the “big one”

By ERIKA MARTINEZ
Staff Writer

A s Southern California watches images of fallen buildings, huge tsunami waves and exploding nuclear plants in Japan on its TV screens, it’s hard not to wonder when Southern California will be next.

According to Yahoo! News, the unprecedent¬ed 9.0 magnitude earthquake in eastern Japan closer to the United States by about 13 feet. This tragedy is a little closer to home than we would like to think about. Ever heard of “the big one?”

Who knows what effect it’s going to have on us when it strikes, but with almost 20,000 students and staff at Cal State San Bernardo, we better be prepared for the worst.

A study by the U.S. Geological Survey says that there is a 99.7 percent chance that a 6.7 magnitude quake will hit southern California by 2037.

But former USGS geologist Jim Berkland predicts that the upcoming full moon will bring a major seismic window from March 19 to 26.

Since the CSUSB campus is less than a mile away from the San Andreas Fault, being prepared this week may save your life.

I believe we should all be prepared for the big one; we should all have a plan and stock up on supplies.

The question isn’t ‘if’, but when.

It’s easier to be well prepared at home; you can put all items away in the garage or in a closet. But what if you’re at school, how can we be prepared here as well when the big one comes?

I spoke to CSUSB Disaster Preparedness Coordinator Don Soderbloom, who has been here since 2008. He told me that he focuses on four facets of emergency: litigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

Litigation is efforts to lessen impacts of emergency. Preparedness is where they spend most of the time doing planning and procedures, response is training employees, and recovery is staying informed.

The one thing that got my attention was recovery. Staying informed and knowing what to do in case of an emergency is the most important.

That’s why it’s important to be involved in earthquake drills such as the Great California Shakeout last October. Partaking in these can save our lives, not only during the quake but also after the disaster has happened.

Soderbloom informed me on materials students should have ready. “Students should be prepared to survive for 3 to 5 days, and they should have an emergency supply kit,” he said.

Soderbloom suggested that a proper supply kit should contain water, snacks such as granola bars, a radio with extra batteries and a flashlight. All this is stuff that can be kept in your car, which most students have.

What should also be suggested is the revision of the CSUSB Disaster Preparedness Emergency Plan which can be found in every classroom, but was last revised in 1998.

As for me, I should really listen to the advice of Dr. Soderbloom. I don’t even own an emergency kit at home and I definitely don’t have one in my car.

This is a wake-up call for all of us, including CSUSB student Veronica who says she hasn’t been involved in an earthquake drill on campus.

“I don’t have a plan in case of an earthquake, but I plan on asking how to be prepared while on campus because I commute and I’ll be stuck here for a while,” said Veronica.

I would like to be better informed on how to handle an earthquake on campus. I want to be able to feel well prepared in a place where I spend most of my time.

By DR. J. MOLTON CLARK
Chair of Diversity Committee

Dear Campus Community,

In keeping with our mission to “seek a campus climate that welcomes, celebrates, and promotes respect for the entire variety of human experience,” the CSUSB University Diversity Committee would be remiss if we did not offer a response to a recent Coyote Chronicle opinion piece entitled, “14th Amendment shouldn’t harbor illegal immigrants.”

The question isn’t if, but when.

In her narrative piece, beyond affirmation that freedom of speech is alive and well at the Coyote Chronicle, perhaps one of those lessons is that we can never take for granted our duty to speak out against those who would perpetuate the kinds of negative and damaging stereotypes found in her piece. As Martin Luther King Jr. said in a speech in Selma, in March of ’65 “A man dies when he refuses to stand up for that which is right.”

Rather than creating opportunities for dialogue, the ideas expressed in her opinion piece drive people apart.

According to a 2008 United States Geological Survey (above), the Cal State San Bernardino region and its surrounding cities near the San Andreas fault have a 90 percent chance of experiencing a 6.7 or higher magnitude earthquake by 2037.

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For the record

The cartoon referenced in Dr. Clark’s opinion was not selected by the student author but by the editors.
Community runs to stop child abuse

The Shamrock Project gives people a friendly competition for a good cause

By ANGELINA GARIBAY
Staff Writer

The first morning of daylight savings time finds most people snug in their beds ignoring the time change, but there was a different scene at CSUSB. A crowd from the community was milling around the library lawn yawning and stretching. The sun rose above the buildings, the fog lifted and the challenge was given: GO!

Some ran and some walked, but this 250-plus crowd plunked down over $8,000 to participate in the Shamrock Project 5K Run/Walk course laid out by the Kappa Delta (KD) sorority.

The well organized event offered water stations to re-fresh the body along the way and cheering members of KD to boost morale.

Paul Lacorte, a CSUSB student and a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, was making the run in a special wheelchair. He was in good spirits as he used his arms to quickly cover the course.

“IT feels good to work out,” said Lacorte. He couldn’t have had better weather for it. It was not too cold and not too hot, a wonderful benefit for all the participants.

One of Lacorte’s fellow fraternity brothers, Juan Macias, had worked late the night before the race. He struggled in the morning to get there, but he wanted to do it for the kids.

“I’m here for the cause, and I’m here for my brothers,” said Macias. There is a friendly rivalry between the sororities and fraternities over who can raise the most for their philanthropic causes and the point system for the competition involves being supportive of the other’s charities.

The KD sorority originally held a rally for the Shamrock Project to raise money for Childhelp (childhelp.org), an organization that helps severely abused and neglected children by giving them a place to live and heal.

This year they decided to change it up and put on a 5K challenge.

“We thought we could get more of the community involved and hopefully raise more money than last year,” said Shelby Swank, KD vice-president of public relations. They are still tabulating the money that they brought in minus their expenses, but they are confident it was over $8,000. It’s still not too late to add to the total, just see a KD sorority member to contribute.

The event split participants into three groups; the runners, the walkers and the teams. They released each group at different times to keep track of their time.

Isla Diego came in first in the running group, Gloria Ruddell came in first for the walkers and the Maroon 5 team came in first for the teams.

Kappa Delta tours the Village facility each year trying to bring cheer to the children by interacting with them. They also involve the Girl Scouts, another of their charities, on these trips.

Even though it was an effort to get up an hour earlier, it was worth it for all the people involved to help the victims of child abuse in a fun and healthy way.

Although it was the morning of daylight savings and people lost an hour of sleep, many showed up to show their support for the Childhelp organization by running. This organization helps children that have been severely abused and neglected.

By R. ANTHONY DIAZ
Staff Writer

Imagine what it would be like spending an entire day without shoes, not possible? Well, for just one day make the attempt.

Students of all California universities and other institutions will forgo wearing shoes on April 5 to raise awareness of less fortunate children across the globe that live without adequate footwear.

As CSUSB students, some of us have already heard the good things TOMS shoes is doing globally without all the hassle of giving cash to a charity.

So, mark your calendars for the first day back from spring break to share the experience of knowing what it feels like to function without shoes. Make the pledge and join people across the world to share a deep felt understanding of the necessities we take for granted.

Kim DeLeon, the TOMS Campus Club leader invites you and all CSUSB organizations to come join the walk around campus. The walk will start at 1 p.m. in front of the library, and a shoe check will be available, so arrive a few minutes be-
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Are you wondering what you should do for spring break? Here are some festivities that you can enjoy for a wide array of tastes and budgets.

A beach trip is always fun, easy, and costs next to nothing to have an entire day filled with fun things to do. One of the best features our local beaches have to offer is their starfish pinpin. This allows you to have seaside bonfires, hang out after a long day of being in the sun and roast hot dogs and marshmallows to satisfy those extra cravings. You can also visit a dog beach if you have furry friends and want to include them in what you’re doing.

Another activity that you can do that costs little to nothing is hiking at our National Parks here in San Bernardino County. The parks are close to home and beautiful.

By KATI PATAG
Features Editor

In light of Lent and my religious beliefs, I don’t eat meat on Fridays. Naturally, I eat massive amounts of meat throughout the week so that when Friday rolls around, I don’t get withdrawals. But, for some reason every year when Lent comes around, Fridays are the day I don’t get withdrawals.

By DIANA CANSINO
Features Editor

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Self-harm trend turns viral

By KARA DEMENT

Cutting, bruising, pinching and burning are just a few of the many alarming ways people are hurting themselves. Even things such as being in an abusive relationship and risk taking activities, like cliff diving can be considered to be ways of self-harm.

In society today, we are faced with all kinds of trends especially in our generation.

Some have a positive impact on us while others have a negative impact. They vary from the latest styles to the hottest vacation spots.

However, one trend has recently become a mega hit on websites like YouTube: self-harm videos.

Now let me tell you, I was completely shocked that this was even considered a "trend" since it’s such a horrible thing that is happening in our society. But sadly it’s true.

According to mirror-mirror.org self-harm is the attempt to deliberately cause harm to oneself, the resulting injury usually severe enough to cause tissue damage.

Dr. Jennifer Hartstein, recently interviewed on CBS’ The Today Show, mentioned that 14 to 24 percent of teens and young adults inflict self-harm.

Ninety-five percent of self-harmers are women.

Another study, done by Cornell and Princeton researchers, found that 17 percent are in college.

You may think that depression and painful memories are the culprits in this rise of self-harm, but that’s not the only case.

Most of us have all seen the infamous movie “Jackass” where Johnny Knoxville and his clan of troublemakers perform an array of stunts that deal with the inflicting of self-harm.

It seems as though this movie has a bad influence on people.

According to dailymail.co.uk a 13-year-old boy from the UK died after trying to do a bike stunt from the movie “Jackass.”

Heartbreaking stories like this leads to the question, could “Jackass” possibly be a culprit as well in causing people to self-harm purposely?

“When you see a celebrity you want to act like them, dress like them and be like them,” said student Thomas Monteron.

Some teens might look at that and want to be like the guys on ‘Jackass’ and that’s when they try to pull off the stunts. So, yeah I’d say it does cause teens to self-harm,” Monteron continued.

If you or somebody you know are going through self-harm issues, there are many ways you can find the help that is needed.

The Southern California Self Injury Help Group is a new non-profit organization that has dedicated themselves to helping locals who self-harm. They have help groups in West Covina, San Bernardino, Moreno Valley and Rancho Cucamonga.

Being in a group setting may not be for everybody who is dealing with self-harm so the next best thing is to talk to somebody, whether it is a friend, counselor or teacher.

This also might not be for everybody, so seeking help from a professional is another alternative.

Self-harm and self-harm videos are things that we should definitely be concerned with in our society and if you know anybody that self-harms you should help them in any way you possibly can.

Women start making greater impact in film industry

By JESSICA RAMIREZ

For the past few weeks the Women’s Resource Center (WRC) has been celebrating “Women in Film Festival.”

Within the festival they previewed incredible films all directed by women from the 21st century.

For the first week of this three day event was “The Runaways” in which you may recognize Dakota Fanning and Kristen Stewart as the stars.

Flora Sigismondi was the director of “The Runaways” a film about a 70s rock & roll girl band.

The famous girl band, of the same name as the film, was started back in the mid-70s by two girls Sandy West and Joan Jett after introducing themselves to a producer Kim Fowley.

Fowley helped the girls start their band and added three more members to the band.

They became one of rock & roll’s most popular teen girl bands in the ‘70s.

The Runaways most known and popular songs where “Cherry Bomb,” “School Days,” and “Queens of Noise.”

The band had their last gig on New Year’s Eve of 1978 and officially broke up in April of 1979 because of money management issues between the band members and the producer.

Half of the band tried to continue their career in music but did not succeed.

In an interview from afterellen.com Sigismondi said, “The film focuses mostly on Joan Jett and Cherie Curie, how different they are, how they were drawn together for this crazy experience.”

The main theme of the film was likely seen as a feminist driven film from adolescent girls growing up into adult women.

The second film was “Winter’s Bone” based on the book of the same name, and was directed by Debra Granik.

The film is about a 17-year-old girl taking care of her siblings and sick mother while trying to find her missing father.

One of the director’s goals was to highlight the strength and nurturing sides of women.

The last film shown was “Thirteen” in which a young teen girl established a new friendship which will take herself on a road of self-destructs, including an addiction to drugs, experimenting with sex and getting involved in crimes at an early age.

The director of “Thirteen” is Catherine Hardwicke another well-known director who also directed “Lords of Dogtown” and “Twilight.”

Hardwicke’s film follows the life of a struggling teen trying to find herself while dealing with a broken family.

These women directors have brought a great deal to the film industry, by showing the truth behind the real lives of people in today’s society while giving viewers hours of entertainment.
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One of the headliners is rapper E-40, who was fortunate to watch Cusson grow up with a troubled past and spend several years of his adolescence homeless on the streets of San Gabriel, California. He turned to music to help him cope with the difficulties of his life. “Music was and will always be my solace and comfort,” he said. 

Turning the tables of life

By JENNIFER PETERS

From a mixed up past to mixing up tracks Steve Cusson is turning his life around and using his turntables to do it. Cusson, 26 is a Southern California native who is trying to make his mark on the DJing scene. With the stage name of GhettoChip Malfunction, Cusson grew up with a troubled past and spent several years of his adolescence and even more so the way technology has empowered independent music as a whole,” says Murs on the official website.

The Paid Dues Festival is an all-day event featuring music in the hip-hop/rap genre, featuring over 40 performances by numerous hip-hop musicians and rappers will be showcased this year alone.

Aside from E-40 headlining, hip-hop duo Black Star, founded by MC’s Mos Def and Talib Kweli, will be reuniting on stage. The duo will perform a string of new singles rumored to be on their upcoming album.

Unlike previous years, this will mark the first time the Paid Dues Festival will have three different stages specifically themed with their performers.

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Jump into the battle for L.A.

By GRACE GARNER  Staff Writer

If you’re into alien invasions, thrilling action scenes, and seeing humanity at its finest then “Battle: Los Angeles,” which came out March 11, is definitely the movie to see.

Okay, so they could have picked a better name, but I digress.

The plot was far from original but the suspense and dialogue, as well as bits and pieces of action here and there, kept the movie moving along smoothly.

Enter Harvey Dent. Oh wait, I mean Aaron Eckhart, a Staff Sergeant in the Marines looking to retire, as we see he is continually questioned (more like talked behind his back) by his new platoon members whether he can be trusted in battle after his “failure” in the Middle East.

Eckhart’s new platoon is led by a young 2nd Lieutenant straight out of Officer Training School played by Ramon Rodriguez. Rodriguez only appears confident as he takes charge, but when the fighting starts he realizes that no amount of training can fully prepare him for battle—particularly against something as baffling as aliens, an enemy they have to figure out as they trudge their way into the City of Angels to retrieve any remaining survivors.

Luckily, he’s got Eckhart to guide him in his times of doubt.

Along the way they meet a few more characters including an Air Force officer played by actress Michelle Rodriguez. As always, Michelle is a badass who knows how to shoot the living hell out of anything that she needs to and does like the boys do, if not better.

What “Battle: LA” lacks in originality it makes up for in its storytelling and cinematography. To put it simply, “Battle: LA” is more a war movie than I thought it was going to be—one that lifts up and makes you marvel at concepts that seem lost most days like honor, bravery, and the human heart.

I was surprised to learn that the movie director was Jonathan Liebesman (“The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning”) and was trusted with such a hefty—literally and figuratively—responsibility.

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“A Battle: LA” reminded me of Call of Duty/Halo meets Independence Day (in fact, the “Battle: L.A” website has an eerily similar game you can play that looks like Call of Duty game play), but, to keep in mind, I like all those items more than the actual movie. Still, after Hollywood’s latest epic fails at alien movies (ex. “Skyline,” see also “Predators”) “Battle: LA” is a win.

Battle: L.A. is an action thriller film set in modern day Los Angeles. The movie follows the journey of a U.S. marines platoon attempting to fight off a devastating global alien invasion.

Femme Fatale gets bodies jerking, but not minds working

By MATTHEW BRAMLETT  Staff Writer

If you’re the type who loves going out to clubs and getting completely wasted while a guy with tribal tattoos tries to feel you up as he’s talking about how his dad was once an assistant to Mark Harmon, then Britney Spears’ new album is right up your alley.

Spears’ latest offering to the pop music gods, is a breakneck blend of party pop that handily achieves its one and only purpose: to get your body moving for the better part of an hour. The music is straightforward and unremarkable, but the themes and lyrics within them offer a little more.

“Hold it Against Me,” the first single off Femme Fatale, portrays Spears as a brooding nightclub regular, spotting the object of her drunken affection from the other side of the dance floor. She seductively coos, “If I told you I wanted your body, would you hold it against me?”

As if any straight male or gay female would turn down Britney Spears, even during her crazy bally days.

A good part of the album has a sense of sexual despair attached to it, which contradicts the album’s music. A tell-tale lyric that sets the tone for much of the album is during one of the verses of “Hold it Against Me”:

“Maybe I’m crazy, but you know I’m just your type, I might be a little hazy, but you just cannot deny.”

One can undoubtedly picture a heartbroken Britney, moving by herself in the middle of a epileptic and hazy nightclub, dancing her problems away and trying to latch on to anyone who so much as glances in her direction.

The opening number and best song on the album, the Ke$ha-penned “Till the World Ends,” is another song about what is undoubtedly Spears coming onto an unnamed person in the middle of a chaotic nightclub.

“This kitten got your tongue tied in knots I see, spit it out ‘cause I’m dying for company,” she soothingly serenades to her victim. “Baby let me blow your mind tonight.”

Of course, Spears didn’t pen any of the songs on the album, so the feelings and personalities portrayed in her songs have all been manufactured by a team of writers. But then again, nobody really buys an album like this for its lyrical content.

Auto-tune, one of the more curious trends in popular music today, makes a couple of guest appearances on the album. On some songs, Britney sounds insincere and distant, while on others she sounds downright robotic.

Above all else, Femme Fatale does get the job done. It’s definitely better than her previous offerings, and Britney fans (of which there are many) will absolutely love it.

Britney Spears has been through a lot in the past five years, and the wear and tear of those years can be heard within the songs on Femme Fatale. But this time around, all she wants to do is put her troubled past behind her and just dance until the world ends.
The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame exists to canonize the best performers of all time. On March 14, The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, now in its second quarter-century, inducted Neil Diamond, the Alice Cooper band, Tom Waits, Dr. John, and Darlene Love as its newest performer honorees.

In the “side man” category, pianist Leon Russell was inducted. The Hall requires that acts become candidates 25 years after the release of their first recording—it’s been a long time coming to artists like Cooper, Diamond and Love.

Cooper, inducted by fellow horror-rocker Rob Zombie, first went mainstream in 1971 with his hit “I’m Eighteen.” The shock-rock performer, known for his theatrics, appeared on stage spattered in presumably fake blood and with a yellow boa draped on his shoulders. Bette Midler inducted Love and made a comedic reference to her being overlooked as a candidate to be a Hall of Famer.

“Why so long? I have a theory: Six words: ‘You Don’t Bring Me Flowers Anymore.’ Beautiful love song. Recorded with Barbra Streisand, one of the great voices of our time. But Barbra Streisand, rock and roll? I don’t think they even allow that kind of DNA near this place,” Simon said.

1985 Hall of Fame inductee Neil Young inducted Waits, singer-songwriter-poet who earned a large following in the 1970s. Waits considered his own induction with an ironic indifference. “I never really cared about the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, but now I am surprised to discover how much I DO care,” said Waits.

By COURTNEY RINKER
Staff Writer

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame honors 2011 inductees

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It’s madness, baby!

By HANNAH ALANIS  
Staff Writer

And so it begins. March Madness is officially here! It’s time to fill out your brackets and watch the top NCAA men’s basketball teams to battle it out through a month-long tournament in March and April.

It’s the end of the quarter and students have taken on heavier workloads, studying for finals and writing papers but, March Madness celebrations can help keep us motivated.

If you’re stuck at school during the games, CSUSB’s own Blue Coyote Pub should be on your list of destinations. Come wear your favorite team’s jersey and enjoy the laid-back-vibe. There are four flat-screen TV’s and plenty of tables offering unblocked views.

Just like in previous years, games this year will be streamed live online. But the 2011 NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament will also be available free for live streaming on Apple iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad mobile devices.

Many students are filling out their own brackets for the games this year.

Student Dan Johnson, said he plans to participate in seven gambling brackets for men’s basketball. He is supporting Syracuse — a No. 3 seed — in six brackets and Gonzaga — a No. 11 seed — in another.

Johnson said he has participated in the brackets every year since he was seven years old, and he has done money brackets for the last six years.

He picked North Carolina in four brackets last season and won $350, which he spent on beer — despite it being half the cost of his rent.

Web sites such as Facebook and CBSSports.com allow fans to create their own brackets for free.

ESPN.com is offering a $10,000 prize to the person who fills out the most accurate bracket and $5,000 to the runner-up. BetUS.com is offering a $5 million prize to the participant with a perfect bracket. There is a $100 entrance fee, and participants must be at least 18 years old.

Student Aaron Marquez, said he participates in the brackets on Facebook and ESPN.com.

“When picking, I try and throw in at least two underdogs, because if they win, everyone is going to hear about it,” said Marquez.

Most students feel that it’s fun to cheer for a different team.

Student Scott Williams, has participated in brackets for about 10 years. He usually fills out 10 on ESPN.com, one on Yahoo! and one on Facebook.

But, while some students research their picks, Williams said he believes winnings are based on chance.

“I don’t do a lot of research,” said Williams. “Some of my friends who don’t even watch basketball end up having a better bracket than I do.”

“We try to watch the games together — especially if my pick and someone else’s pick are playing,” said Williams.

Participating with friends can lead to friendly and fun rivalries even if you’re not a die-hard basketball fan.

While I know all of you are spending hours of your time “studying,” why not give yourself a well-deserved break and relieve some stress, all while hanging with your friends, rooting for your favorite team!

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Coyote Jock Talk

PLAY BALL!!!!

Major League Baseball is just around the corner. In fact, it is at the end of the month, Thursday, March 31. Before then, you have to prepare yourself for your Fantasy Baseball draft. Let the Coyote Chronicle sports editors help you out. Check the blog pages for tips on how to draft, sleepers, future busts and much more.
The CSUSB Rec Center are teaming with the World of Works (WOW) Business Organization for the First Annual Fitness Event.

The WOW Organization will hold a 3-on-3 basketball tournament April 16 and 17.

The tournament will be open to participants that are 12 years or older. Teams can have up to four players. The teams will then be put into two divisions, youth boy’s and girl’s division and the adult men and women division.

The Registration fee varies depending on the age of players. It is $40 for teams under 18 years old, and $50 for CSUSB students who are currently enrolled with valid college identification.

For teams who are not currently enrolled, the price will be $70. Slots will be filling up quickly, so be sure to register as soon as possible.

Basketball tourney, $400 grand prize

By KIERA THOMAS
Staff Writer

The CSUSB Rec Center are teaming with the World of Works (WOW) Business Organization for the First Annual Fitness Event.

The WOW Organization will hold a 3-on-3 basketball tournament April 16 and 17.

The tournament will be open to participants that are 12 years or older. Teams can have up to four players. The teams will then be put into two divisions, youth boy’s and girl’s division and the adult men and women division.

The Registration fee varies depending on the age of players. It is $40 for teams under 18 years old, and $50 for CSUSB students who are currently enrolled with valid college identification.

For teams who are not currently enrolled, the price will be $70. Slots will be filling up quickly, so be sure to register as soon as possible.

WOW is a new student organization that built like a business with different departments.

As stated on their website, WOW is about performing above and beyond the basics of business concepts.

Along with the CSUSB Rec Center, Wow will be giving away fantastic prizes for the teams that work hard and strive through the tournament.

They will also be giving a cash prize of $400 for the adult divisions, for the first place winners.

To register for the Health and Fitness 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, call (517) 775-8068. You can also email the organization at WORLDOFWORKS@hotmail.com. Do not forget to visit the WOW Business Organization on their Facebook page.
For the love of the game

By KELEIGH ACOSTA  
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With a background of Irish and Dutch, to say Noah Kooiman has soccer skills is an understatement. Kooiman, head coach of the men’s soccer team is coming up on his tenth year of coaching at CSUSB. He began coaching the dual soccer program in 2001 as head coach for both the men and women’s soccer team.

In 2007, the program was broken in two, splitting the men’s and women’s soccer program apart. “When the program was broken up, it allowed me to free up my position and focus on one team,” said Kooiman. “I chose to coach the men’s team and focus on teaching them what my coaches taught me.”

The team has opened the eyes of many by not only coming out as the top team for our South group and our North group,” said Kooiman. “We played a great season. We won the one in the South, but also being ranked number one in the North, and Ireland, so it was meant to happen. I always try to be positive with my players and player management,” he said. “I want them to love and enjoy the game. I want them to recruit more for me. I have a roster of 27 guys and I want all 27 of them, even the guys fighting for minutes to say - Yes, my coaches take care of me.”

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The team has proven their athletic capabilities and intends to set the bar high for future players and puts a tremendous effort in bringing out the best of every individual on his team.

Kooiman explains that he would not have had such a successful season without the help and dedication of his Co-coach Tony Vigil.

“Tony was one of my players a while back,” said Kooiman. “He was always a hard worker and grew into an associate head coach and now we are both head coaches.”

Both coaches have brought a healthy and energetic balance to the team.

“Tony is younger than I am, so he is able to relate to the younger players on the team,” Kooiman explained. “He is a great attribute to what we are doing and I know he will be a brilliant coach one day.”

Vigil has high hopes for the team, and believes their program is not only successful, but complete.

His goals are to make sure his players are focusing on every aspect of their student duties and roles in society. He pushes them to excel not only as athletes, but academically as well. Putting the meaning back into student-athletes. “We try and create a good environment for administrators and students. I think that it’s important in times like this to be able to work and have fun all at the same time,” said Kooiman.

Kooiman has set the bar high for future players of the CSUSB soccer team. Without strength, dedication, passion and a good attitude, playing for Kooiman is out of the question, but it sounds like a recipe for success.

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Sister act

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As the famous saying goes, blood is thicker than water, but not when it comes to sisters and CSUSB water polo players Teresa Martinez and Misty Vu.

While Martinez and Vu are not biological sisters, they did grow under the same roof and are there for each other. Because of this, they are bonded by something more than blood. They are bonded by their love for each other, and their love for water polo.

As they sat next to each other, they knew what each other was thinking and feeling without needing to say anything. Even though Vu took the lead, as most older siblings do, they started and finished each other’s sentences as only sisters could.

“There is no need to communicate with [Misty] because I know what she is thinking,” said Martinez.

They have each other’s backs in and out of the pool and trust each other to always be there. Knowing each other’s tendencies helps when it comes to water polo.

“I’m going to look out for her whenever she’s in the water . . . we push each other to become better players,” said Vu.

The sister’s bond keeps them going, even through some struggles the team itself might be there. Knowing each other’s tendencies helps when it comes to water polo.

“She shows great determination and passion for the sport,” said Reneker.

Vu’s passion is displayed in every move she makes and every word she speaks. She is incredibly aggressive in the pool and shows emotion when things are not going her way. "I breathe this sport," said Vu.

“Vu is planning to not only excel in college by achieving All-American status but also wants to continue to play after college in international tournaments. Martinez’s aspirations for her water polo career is not quite as steep and the outward emotion she displays is not as deep but her passion for the game cannot be denied.

Reneker describes her as poised under pressure. She is calm on the surface but not enough to be misconstrued as a lack of passion. Underneath the calm exterior, there is fire that burns underneath to compete.

Martinez’s heart has been tested this year as she has not been able to play for the team so far. But she still goes hard during practice to improve her skills as well as focus on grades as she tries to get back in the pool with her teammates.

Both girls give all the credit for their discipline, drive and passion to their mom. “I don’t know where I would be without her,” said Vu. Her sister strongly agreed.

They describe her as a second coach and their coach as a second mother. Their mom and Reneker complement each other and both drive Vu and Martinez to be the best versions of themselves they could possibly be.

How sweet it is

With a win over Temple, San Diego State advances to the Sweet 16 for the first time in school history

By JESUS ROMERO
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Heading into the NCAA March Madness Tournament, the San Diego State Aztecs had never won a tournament game. SDSU had just enough to sneak by the Temple Owls in their battle in two overtimes Saturday, March 19.

Now the Aztecs have won two games in the tournament and have earned themselves a trip to the Sweet 16. How far can the boys go? Unfortunately, now they are matched up against the University of Connecticut Huskies.

If the madness has gotten to your head already and don’t remember UConn sweeping five games in a row to win the Big East Conference Championship. In those five wins, they beat DePaul, Georgetown, Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Louisville.

The Huskies are on fire right now. Not to take anything away from SDSU, but they must minimize all of their mistakes to have a fighting chance against UConn.

This will be San Diego’s toughest match-up of the season. UConn is bigger and more physical, so it will be tough to drive to the basket. They will have to rely on veterans Billy White and Rudy Gay to have great games on the perimeter.

The Huskies rebound well, so the Aztecs will have to be selective on the shots they take, and have a high shooting percentage. They are 35th in the nation, with a .467 shooting percentage. On the contrary UConn is 11th in the nations at rebounding with their big men, averaging 39.6 a game. The Aztecs have played great ball thus far, and have been coached well by former NCAA National Championship winner, Steve Fisher, but besides BYU, SDSU has not faced anyone as physical with a shooting guard like Kemba Walker.

It will be a chess match, but hopefully SDSU can bring home a National Championship back to Southern California.