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With less than two weeks until election day, California voters can easily find themselves undecided about which propositions to support.

Proposition 37, a measure seeking to label genetically engineered food in California, is just one of the many propositions on this November’s ballot.

If the proposal passes, it would require labeling on raw or processed food if made from plants or animals with genetic material altered in specific ways. The measure would also forbid such foods from being marketed as “natural,” “naturally made,” and “all natural” in labeling and advertising of foods.

Alejandro Rivera, a sophomore at CSUSB says he favors the proposal because he wants to know what’s in his food. “I have a right to know what’s in the food I’m buying and whether it’s healthy for me,” said Rivera.

Advocates for the measure argue that the food should be labeled accurately. Continued on Pg. 4

Businesses who operate in California and other states or countries will no longer be able to choose how their state taxable income is determined, if Proposition 39 passes.

Currently multi-state businesses choose one of two methods to pay their state taxes based on sales made in California, the more sales, the more income is taxed.

Proposition 39 affects only multi-state businesses and will require they pay state income taxes based on sales made in California.

The revenue will be used toward alternative energy projects for schools, public facilities, job training and development of programs geared toward energy efficiency and alternative energy.

This measure is estimated to raise $1 billion and up per year beginning in 2013, according to the official voter information guide. Method two specifies, the more sales from the business in California, the more income is taxed.

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Proposed by Republicans, Proposition 40 was submitted to overturn the State Supreme Court ordered state election of Senate districts drawn last year by the Independent Redistricting Commission.

In an unusual and confusing move, backers of Proposition 40 have recently withdrawn their support.

Proposed by Republicans, Proposition 40 was submitted to overturn the State Senate districts drawn last year by the Independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

According to the Orange County Register, advocates against the measure “had hoped the new districts wouldn’t be used in elections this year because of the pending measure. But in January the California Supreme Court ordered state election officials to use them.”

Opponents of the initiative had hoped the qualification for the ballot would have halted current senate district lines, but the Supreme Court kept them in place. Because of this, the measure is no longer needed so they are no longer asking for a no vote.

As voters may deem this measure a lost cause, they should still give heed to it because it is a referendum. It seeks to overturn Proposition 40. Continued on Pg. 4
Bashing report cards: Yee vs. Reed

By ANDREW HUCKS
Staff Writer

Senator Leland Yee (D-San Francisco) and retiring CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed had a back and forth exchange of report cards, scoring one another on their support of legislation for higher education.

In a first-of-its-kind report Reed blasted Yee and 20 other assembly members by giving them failing grades for their handling of different bills for higher education brought to the assembly and either supported or opposed by the chancellor during the 2011-2012 session.

“The intent of the legislative scorecard is to inform the public on lawmakers’ support of the CSU and public higher education,” explained the introduction of Reed’s report. “The state’s elected officials are accountable to support the CSU in achieving its mission and goals.”

Some of the bills supported by the CSU were related to funding of the higher education system, giving scholarships to illegal immigrants and closing corporate education system, giving scholarships in achieving its mission and goals.”

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“Yee did not take his “D” grade laying down, instead issuing his own report card for Reed who scored an “F” in transparency, affordability, accountability, access, advocating for students, advocating for faculty, advocating for workers and an “A-” in advocating for top executives.”

“Students such as Sara Nydam seem to be siding with Yee on this issue.”

Be it a bold innovation for holding assembly members accountable or an outright “sham,” the tit for tat between the chancellor and the senator may be how we remember Reed as he closes the door on his chancellorship.
News

Online services bring ease to voting

California voters can throw away the stress of registering at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), they now can vote online at sos.ca.gov by going through a simple step-by-step process that can save time, money, and help the environment.

By JULIA MATULIONIS

ew to California, voter registration was made available online as of Wednesday Oct. 10.
Since then over 1 million Californians have used the electronic system to register. California voters were able to use their computers, smart phones, and iPad’s to fill out the application.

Prior to the presentation of the bill allowing this change [SB 397], U.S. citizens looking to register to vote had to fill out a paper version which you could obtain at places like the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or the U.S. Post Office.

CSUSB Student Iviana-kia Ridgeway re-registered online this year. “It was actually really simple,” she said. “If you want to register online, you click the link, and it takes you through all the steps.”

According to CA Secretary of State, Debra Bowens’ website sos.ca.gov, the information provided in an online application must still be verified by a county elections official.

The report continues, “when it comes to determining a person’s eligibility to vote, preventing duplicate registrations, and adding a person to California’s official voter rolls, all the same safeguards are in place.”

“When I did the whole mail in to register, it was difficult because I didn’t know when they received it,” said Ridgeway on mailing in her voter registration in 2008.

Online and electronic voter registration has increased voter registration rates in places like Arizona, who enacted the online voter registration in 2002.

Paperless registration can add up for CA’s budget as well.

According to Voter Registration in a Digital Age, by Christopher Ponoroff, it can cost an average of 83 cents to process paper applications versus an average of 33 cents to process an electronic application.

These may sound like small numbers but they add up, according to SOS reports as of Sept. 7, over 17 million California’s were registered to vote, (72 percent).

The official count of registered voters will be released after verification processing on Nov. 2.

Voter registration ended Oct. 22, due to CA state law requiring all applications to register be in 15 days prior to election day.

This is much later than a majority of the other states requiring registration forms be turned in 30 days prior to election.
Fake foods, do you really want to know?

According to the Official Voter Information Guide, those in favor of the proposition also argue that the proposal is “a simple, common sense measure. It gives you the power to choose what foods to feed your family. Big chemical companies should not make the decisions for you.”

Meanwhile, the opposition campaign said it is concentrating on telling voters that Proposition 37 is far from “a simple labeling measure.”

Those opposing the measure claim that Proposition 37 is “a deceptive, deeply flawed food labeling scheme that would add more government bureaucracy and taxpayer costs … increase food costs by millions,” report opponents in the Official Voter Information Guide.

Opponents also claim that reports have broadly concluded that genetically modified plants are safe.

Noprop37.com reports, “more than 400 scientific studies have shown foods made with GE (genetically engineered) ingredients are safe.

Leading health organizations like the American Medical Association, World Health Organization, 24 Nobel Prize winning scientists, and US Food and Drug Administration agree.”

Some CSUSB students are opposed to the measure as well due to possibility of higher food pricing.

“As a college student I have to be really tight with my money. If this measure passes, the pricing of labels will cost me more money. I can’t afford to pay more for my cup of noodles!” exclaims sophomore Tania Solis.

If approved, California will be the first state to require labels on food such as corn, sugar, and beets.

Tax hike on low income Californians

Investment, and other income of individuals and families,” according to the official voter information guide.

California residents will each pay a different personal income tax increase depending on their annual income. Single residents who earn approximately $27-38,000 a year will face a 1.1 percent tax increase.

A breakdown of this tax increase can be found at www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov and select the PDF version on the left column.

Proposition 38 is not the only prop asking voters to increase the personal income tax rates. Proposition 30 plans to increase the same tax on annual earnings, however only for residents who earn over $250,000, for a seven year period.

These funds will be dispersed among K-12 schools and community colleges only.

If voters pass both propositions, the one with the most yes votes will be enforced.

Tax funds goes towards clean energy

A new nine-member board will be created to monitor how the money is used. The revenue will be placed in a new state fund named the Clean Energy Job Creation Fund.

The funds transferred into this state fund will not be used to calculate the state required minimum amount of school funding for California.

California is required to fund a minimum level of state and local funding to public schools and community colleges each year, according to the official voter information guide.

Of the estimated $1 billion new annual revenue, it is projected $500-$550 million will be dedicated to energy projects while the remaining amount will benefit schools. This amount is projected to be $200-$500 million.

Government redraws fair districts

A new government action.

Under state law, a yes vote on a referendum means you support the government action.

A no vote means you want the action overturned.

A YES vote is necessary to protect the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. This will ensure that the State Senate maps will remain in place.

CSUSB student Alondra Alcaraz is in favor of the measure.

“I think I will vote yes on 40. It makes me feel like I have a say in what goes on instead of feeling like its politicians who make all the decisions for California.”

For those who are not in favor and vote NO, this would overturn the fair districts drawn by the ICRC.
Lance Armstrong got what he deserved

By MELISSA O’BECK
Staff Writer

Lance Armstrong is a re- 
rowned cyclist with seven Tour 
de France titles, Chairman of 
the Livestrong Charity, a prominent 
and in my opinion a disgrace 
to the industry of cycling and 
sports.

Unfortunately, beyond his 
wins, I believe what he will best 
be remembered for is being in-
volved in the “Most sophisticated, 
professionalized and successful 
doping program in history,” ac-
cording to the U.S. Anti-Doping 
Agency.

I’m sure it is only a matter of 
time before his publicist makes 
an announcement of another 
“celebrity rehab” case where he 
could perhaps do some soul 
searching and change his corrupt 
ways.

The punishment for dop-
ing, Armstrong’s seven titles 
in the Tour de France have been 
stripped and vacated. The famed 
cyclist also has been banned for 
life in sanctioned Olympic sports 
and has lost all endorsements, ac-
cording to an article in USA To-
day.

Because Armstrong has 
played such a significant role in 
the cancer community and 
changed the world of cycling, 
some may consider this punish-
ment to be excessive and 
unfair.

“I will never 
forget sitting on 
the couch with my 
dad watching 
Lance Armstrong 
on TV. Even if they 
stripped his titles, 
I will always think 
of him as the best 
cyclist and a hero to 
many,” said student 
Chris Padilla.

I, however, consider 
this punishment 
completely necessary and well 
deserved.

Titles should be presented 
to winners, who strive against all 
odds, trained in all conditions and 
rise to the top ethically and won 
honorably.

Titles do not belong to cheat-
ers who take shortcuts, lie, and 
shoot up drugs to compensate for 
their shortcomings.

Athletes are role models to 
our children, the future athletes of 
the world.

If doping to succeed is the 
example that is being set, then 
the future has just been dimmed 
for a few shades.

“I think it is fair 
[Lance Armstrong] was stripped of his 
titles. Why should he get to claim something 
he didn’t technically earn? I think this 
helps set an example for what is 
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Amber Johnson
Student

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“I think it is fair he was 
stripped of his titles. Why should 
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didn’t technically earn? I think this 
helps set an example for what is 
not acceptable in sports,” said 
student Amber Johnson.

Lance Armstrong was 
not alone in this scandal.

According to USA Today, 
26 witnesses, including some of 
his team members, 
had agreed to testify 
against him and take 
lesser charges just for 
their confessions in 
participating in dop-
ing.

It is true that he 
has been made an 
example of and is taking 
the wrath for many 
other people involved 
in the very same scan-
dal.

However, I 
believe that when you are 
in the limelight you 
become a celebrity so expectations 
are much higher for you.

As a celebrity, it becomes 
part of your job description to be 
a role model. It is possible Armstrong can 
recover his reputation from this 
catastrophe, but it is not going to 
come easy.

Based off the overwhel-
mimg evidence, I think he needs to 
man up and take accountability if 
he even dare thinks he will once 
again be showered with the love 
and fame he once knew.

There is no doubt Armstrong 
has impacted the cancer commu-
nity immensely and was an obvi-
ous supreme cyclist despite his 
ruthless decision to get involved 
in doping.

I do not want to slander his 
honest successes, however, 
but he must pay the consequences 
for his mistakes.

When a doctor fails to meet 
the standards for practicing medi-
cine they are stripped of their li-
cense. When a cop fails to meet 
the standards of practicing law 
enforcement they are stripped of 
their badge.

When a cyclist fails to meet 
the standards of playing a sport 
ethically they should be stripped 
of their title like Armstrong right-
fully was.
Instead of treats, have you ever pulled any good tricks on Halloween?

“Growing up, I spent Halloween at my grandmother’s house. My grandmother had 18 foster children, all boys. Anyway, the boys and I would take turns acting as Halloween decorations in the yard. We would be perfectly still. We had a bowl of candy with a ‘take one’ sign on it. If the kids took one, we let them go, but if they took more than they were supposed to, we came alive and scared them.”

Roxanne Buser
CSUSB Student

“A couple years ago I was hiding in the bushes in front of my house. When a kid walked up, I jumped out. I guess the kid was scared because he took off running. All I wanted to do was give him some candy.”

Cristian Garcia
CSUSB Student

“One Halloween I decided to dress up as a homeless man and go to my cousin’s house across town. When I arrived, one of the small children opened the door, not knowing that he wasn’t supposed to. I went into the house without any of the adults knowing. As I walked into the living room my family freaked out! My cousin screamed, and then my aunt grabbed a broom and started beating me over the head!”

Shanieka Perrier
CSUSB Student

“Even though the election is just around the corner, some voters still have not decided which candidate they will vote for. There is some debate as to whether or not these undecided voters will really make a difference on election day.”

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I CAN’T DECIDE WHO TO VOTE FOR OBAMA OR ROMNEY FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER IT’S JUST A LOT BETTER WITH OBAMA 2012
Halloween has Coyotes howling

By AMANDA WIGLEY
Staff Writer

The time of zombies, ghosts, pumpkins and candy is upon us. Halloween is almost here and every store we walk into we see decorations of scary goblins and aisle filled with bite sized candy. From trick or treating to haunted houses, this holiday is a favorite for both children and adults.

One of the more popular Halloween attractions is the transformation of local theme parks into bone chilling haunted houses. Theme parks such as Six Flags Magic Mountain, Knott’s Berry Farm and Disneyland all join in on the Halloween festivities of transforming and scaring the whits out of their guests.

Student Corey Espisito has attended all three stating that his favorite was Knott’s because he got free admission for Scion Night.

The theme park Knott’s Berry Farm, in Buena Park is one of the more popular parks that celebrate Halloween. As noted on their website, this will be their 40th year they transform the park into “Knott’s Scary Farm.”

Disneyland is one of the few parks that begins their Halloween celebration six weeks prior to Halloween. They have popular movie villains roaming the park and on specific nights they have Mickey’s Halloween Party where people can come dressed up, children can trick or treat throughout the park and much more.

Another popular, less expensive, Halloween tradition is carving pumpkins. My friends and I have a ritual where we get together every year to play games and carve pumpkins.

Carving pumpkins seems to be a tradition with others as well. Several students

Costumes within a student budget

By MARISSA MOONEY
Asst. A&E Editor

Halloween is just around the corner and now that midterms are over, students are in search for the perfect costume.

On a college student budget, costumes can be expensive for something being worn only once a year.

Generic costumes can run as much as $30 to $90 at stores like Target and seasonal Halloween shops.

“It can be expensive to buy a costume from a Halloween store. I prefer exploring thrift stores or making my own costume. It’s cheaper and more original. I think some good costume ideas are superheroes, movie/cartoon characters, and it’s always nice to think outside the box,” said student Christine Hebert.

The quality of costumes and creativity has diminished over the years. Between classes and work, many students don’t have time to make one or go shopping for ideas. The easiest and most expensive way is to go to a store and buy a costume already made.

Disadvantages of going to a Halloween store and buying a costume means taking the chance of whether it fits properly or if it has all the accessories needed.

Costumes in prepackaged bags usually contain just the dress, suit, or costume and none of the accessories needed to make the costume unique.

“Even if I had the money I wouldn’t

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Coyotes go for green goals

By EMILIE CHACON  Staff Writer

CSUSB is working hard to make our campus an eco-friendly place. By taking actions like increasing energy efficiencies, reaching renewable energy goals, diminishing solid waste and reducing water irrigation our campus is getting one step closer to a clean environment.

Opportunities to do even more are available to CSUSB students, like with the PowerSave Green Campus (PSGC) program, meant to promote and bring awareness to leading a sustainable life.

“PSGC is a paid student internship program through the Alliance to Save Energy, promoting energy efficiency on college campuses,” said Michelle Dyck, sustainability coordinator. According to GreenCampusCSUSB.com, the goals of this are to build pathways to green careers, realize measurable energy savings, advance energy efficiency concepts and promote energy efficiency outreach.

The program is also looking to hire a project coordinator; interested students should end resume, cover letter, and visit for more details. Adding to all the actions mentioned before, CSUSB is also adding more recycling containers around campus and in facilities to make sure students can recycle instead of throwing them in the garbage.

They started this project in 2002 by installing 62 recycling bins on campus and since then added over 100 more. They reached a peak in 2009 by collecting 135,110 cans. Students like Christine Manzo really appreciate this initiative. “I am always looking for those blue bins to recycle my cans. It’s only a small action, but it helps our environment,” she said.

“If I think it’s great that there is so many recycle bins on campus,” said student Benoit Daoust, “It is really important to recycle what we can. Unfortunately, I feel there are only bins for cans. I don’t think I even saw one for papers, even in the classrooms.”

Manzo agreed with Daoust. “Because there is no paper bin in class, I keep the ones I want to throw away until I’m home. I feel bad not recycling when I know this is so easy to do,” said Manzo.

If you are not living on campus, you may not know that there is recycling bins in almost every apartment: another green action taken by the college to reduce solid waste.

For more information about sustainability on campus, its goals and the actions taken, you can have a look on the website at sustainability.csusb.edu, or visit their Facebook page at facebook.com/CSUSB-Sustainability.

Tips to stay green
• Save water and money by only doing full loads of laundry and washing in cold water.
• Channel your dad and go around turning off lights when not in use.
• Carpool with your friends... or strangers! CSUSB even offers prime parking and perks for people who pool!

So you wanna be a winner

By MARC OLIVIER DROUIN  Staff Writer

The Outstanding Professor Selection Committee invites CSUSB students to nominate the professor they think deserve the Outstanding Professor Award (OPA). The OPA rewards a professor that is recognized for their excellence in teaching. This award is basically one of the highest distinctions a professor can have in their career – this is like the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award of education!

Besides being considered a prominent professor, the selected faculty member also receives prizes; such as a $1,000 check and a $3,000 Faculty Professional Development grant for purposes of research and professional activities. Moreover, the OPA winner will be recognized during his or her respective college graduation ceremonies.

The professor will also take part as a keynote speaker at the annual Phi Kappa Phi initiation ceremony and be one of the participants of the Golden Apple Award ceremonies, an event sponsored by the Mayor’s Office of the City of San Bernardino that recognizes outstanding educators and support staff of the city major educational institutions.

The winner is also invited to represent the University at the Educational Roundtable.

Sadly, not every teacher is allowed to win the prestigious honor. In fact, the nominee must represent multiple criteria in accordance with the campus policy criteria for the students must respect if they want to nominate a professor. According to the Office of the Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs the nominees should have been members of the University for at least six months, have a record of distinction in professional and service activities and have not been a previous winner.

With the committee now calling nomination, the question is: what’s made an outstanding professor? For student Dan Dube, “An outstanding professor is more than a good teacher. He or she is someone that goes beyond their profession, someone that cares about their students like if they were their own kids.”

For others, an outstanding professor can be someone that is a leading expert in their domain or someone that is very involved in various projects in order to make CSUSB even a better place to study.

Remember, students are the source of most nominations for these awards. After, the committee will inform the nominee of the nomination and carefully choose a winner – note that nominees can refuse to participate at the selection process.

This year, CSUSB will reward their 33rd Outstanding Professor since 1980. Among them, men and women from different fields of study.

Students have until Nov. 2 to nominate a teacher they think deserves the title of Outstanding Professor. They have to send their nomination to Janette Garcia by e-mail at jygarcia@csusb.edu or at AD-101.

Halloween attractions sure to please

By EMILIE CHACON  Staff Writer

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Pumpkin patches and their playhouses are popular and affordable alternatives to get yourself in the Halloween spirit.

Halloween isn’t what they are going to do, but they have spent time with friends carving pumpkins for Halloween. CSUSB is even getting into the Halloween spirit: there will be some festivities here on campus this week. On Tuesday, Oct. 30 there is a free movie screening of Halloween and on Wednesday, Oct. 31 a one man play, “Shadow of the Raven” will be performed by Broadway veteran Duffy Hudson.

A bigger question for most on Halloween isn’t what they are going to do, but what they are going to wear. I asked some students and while several students either aren’t dressing up or don’t know yet, a few students already have their costumes ready to rock.

I will be the first to admit that I often wait till the week of Halloween and then scramble around from store to store to throw together a costume. However, this year I am prepared for a busy night of work where I will be dressed up as Doris the Explorer.

As noted on PR Web, it is expected this year that costume sales will rise to $8 million from $7.1 million last year. They also noted that Marvel Comics and Big Bird costumes have been selling out faster.

Halloween is a holiday that is celebrated by people of all ages. Whether you chose to celebrate by going to a theme park or carving pumpkins, there appears to be an option for everyone.
By JOCELYN COLBERT
Staff Writer

B
onjour! Hola! Kon-nichi-wa! Guten Tag? Nei Ho!
There are many ways to say hello and so many countries you could be visiting right now.

CSUSB invites you to study abroad.
Globalize your educational experience and build your professional network to place you on the path of success.

Manny Ollawa had nothing but positive things to say about his experience studying abroad. “I always wanted to study abroad to visit a culture I wasn’t used to. I wasn’t afraid to go by myself because it gave me a sense of independence,” he said.

Each person has their own reasons for studying abroad and Stacey Roberts formulated a plan to have fun this past summer. “Summer school in San Bernardino in July or summer school in Florence, Italy for an entire month? That was easy! I was doing it. Why not? I decided to treat myself to summer school in Europe. It’s a once in a lifetime experience,” said Roberts.

Everyone probably knows someone who has studied abroad or is currently doing so. But what most people don’t know is how to begin the process.

Students interested in studying abroad can start by visiting the Center for International National Studies and Programs (CISP) located in the College of Education, room 356. There with guidance from the friendly staff, I learned of many nations offering abroad programs that include Asian, Latin American and Middle Eastern countries.

CISP also has a website to further advance your curiosity in studying abroad. Search “CISP CSUSB” to connect to the site. The focus of the website is to assist students to find the nation that would best fit their academic and personal goals. Stop by the CISP office where you can find Ollawa working as a volunteer.

There are so many reasons why you should be interested in studying abroad. Students who study abroad learn about other cultures and gain perspective on their own culture. You can build your resume and globally expand your career opportunities.

If presented with the opportunity to study abroad again, Ollawa would definitely do it.

“I gained an endless amount of positivity as far as networking, a different style of life and culture and new lifelong friends and faculty whom I’m still in contact with,” said Ollawa.

Studying abroad is a phenomenal experience where you can learn about yourself while earning academic credit. Get an insight on international business culture and etiquette. Learn appreciation of international art, music and dance.

Want to know more? Your professors that are teaching you right now might be more interesting than you think.

Many professors at CSUSB are apart of the Professors Across Borders program in which its members are active around the globe.

Professors extensively travel to develop international programs for their students among many other things. Please look for professors by name or department to find out about their international accomplishments and the languages they speak.

Studying abroad is an adventure in it’s self. Maria Aguilar said studying abroad was the best experience of her life thus far.

“Studying abroad teaches you more than what a textbook ever will. One day, you can look back and say, ‘I did that,’ and feel great satisfaction. Aside from learning in class, I gained so much worldly experience. From adapting to new cultural ways, to learning the basics of another language, exploring Italy without a car was an adventure,” said Aguilar.

Get out there and explore the world CSUSB! “Come here, go anywhere”, literally.

Become your favorite characters with DIY Halloween costumes

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Halloween parties are the ones made from scratch. It would be embarrassing to show up to a party with five other people wearing the same thing. Unique and interesting costumes are great conversation starters at parties.

Digging through a closet you can encounter treasures that can add to or make a costume. Shops like Fun Corner off of Baseline in San Bernardino offer many accessories to add to any costume. Craft stores like JoAnn’s Fabrics or Michael’s have patterns and material to use along with cheap Halloween makeup.

San Bernardino based vintage clothing line, MOvintage, released a zombie line of clothing and other pre-made costumes for cheap to buy at a college student price.

“If like to be creative about it, it’s more fun. It is better not to be like anyone else and come up with your own ideas. You don’t see anyone else in the same costume as you,” said student Bianka Ceballos.

Making costumes can be entertaining and fun for everyone. Halloween costume inspiration can be found on DIY websites like pintrest.com and movintage909.com.

Halloween can be a fun and safe time for all college students, especially with the right costume to join the festivities.

Photo courtesy of Jackie Davis

Photo courtesy of Maria Aguilar

Be a Marvel character without spending an arm and leg.

Photo courtesy of Maria Aguilar

Features

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Let that inner Coyote roam and...

Study abroad for a once in a lifetime experience

Like many students, Maria Aguilar made the decision of taking a trip of a lifetime to Italy. Besides learning from what a textbook has to offer, Aguilar took off to the streets of Rome to get the satisfactions of learning about the rich culture it offers.

(MOvintage)
CSUSB's very own AJ Salazar is working hard towards his education while playing a key component in local bands Spirit Fangs and What Hands Are For.

Most students not only go to classes and study, but they also have jobs and families to take care of. This gives us very little free time on the side to do much more, but that doesn’t stop Salazar.

Salazar is the drummer for both bands. “I started in seventh grade. My friends in middle school wanted to start a band and they needed a drummer.”

“I took private lessons for two years. I learned how to read music and technique,” said Salazar. He has been apart of 10 bands since then.

Although music is a passion of his, Salazar’s academic life has taken a different route. He is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Arts in History.

“I’ve always enjoyed the subject,” said Salazar when questioned on why he did not pursue a degree in music. “I wouldn’t have enjoyed college.”

Balancing school is difficult enough for a regular student and even more so for one who is actively involved in music. “It does get hard during midterms and finals,” said Salazar. “I’m always writing papers.”

Being involved in the music business means that he often has to rehearse and play gigs. “Lately it has slowed down a little bit,” said Salazar “but we try to rehearse three or four times a month.”

Both bands are from the local scene. What Hands Are For recently relocated to Los Angeles from San Bernardino. Salazar describes the music’s genre as alternative rock. Spirit Fangs is based in San Bernardino and their music is described as indie rock with a punk edge.

What Hands Are For won a talent show a few years back on campus and subsequently was hired to play a few shows. “I used to get really nervous, but now I’m 100% comfortable performing,” said Salazar.

“arz has also participated in the song writing process. He has written, produced and contributed songs for What Hands Are For and contributed lyrics for Spirit Fangs. He also taught himself how to play the guitar.

“Aside from being the drummer, Salazar has also participated in the song writing process. He has written, produced and contributed songs for What Hands Are For and contributed lyrics for Spirit Fangs. He also taught himself how to play the guitar.

After a long day I like to lay down and play my guitar for hours,” said Salazar.

Salazar plans to graduate this fall and become a high school teacher. He has been working with kids at an after school program called CAPS for the last two years.

Aside from wanting to become a history teacher, it is clear that he still wants to be involved in music. He plans to be a substitute history teacher for the first year so he can continue performing with both bands.

For any additional information on the bands, music and upcoming shows visit their official websites or like them on Face-
Kendrick Lamar fans, the wait is finally over. The highly anticipated album good kid, m.A.A.d city has been released, establishing it as the highlight of hip-hop releases this year.

As a Los Angeles native, who has not only followed but has lived, experienced and grown up with the West Coast hip-hop scene, it’s been expected for the west side honcho to deliver his finest work.

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Aside from his encounter with Sherane and the two men, the message behind The Art of Peer Pressure is exceptional. The song demonstrates how his actions are influenced by his “homies” which results in reckless behavior such as: breaking and entering, harassing pedestrians and experiencing marijuana for the first time. It isn’t until the snippet that follows this song and the track “m.A.A.d city” that listeners are informed that the marijuana Kendrick smoked was laced with angel dust (which better explains his album title: m.A.A.d = my Angel’s on Angel dust/ my Angry Adolescence divided).

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Aziz Ansari’s “Buried Alive” tour set to bury CSUSB in laughter

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World renowned Stand-up comedian, Aziz Ansari's performance is right around the corner! The star of “Parks and Recreation,” is making a stop at CSUSB for his “Buried Alive” Tour on Saturday, November 3rd at 8 p.m. in the Coussoulis Arena. The critically acclaimed Ansari has been featured in many box office films such as, "30 Minutes or Less," "Get Him to the Greek," and even co-starred in "Funny People," with Adam Sandler.

Ansari was born in Columbia, South Carolina into a Muslim family from India. He started his comedic career performing shows at Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre where he was recognized by Rolling Stone. Soon after, Ansari became a hot commodity for his original comical style and down-right silly humor.

The comedian's material mainly focuses on personal experiences and real life issues. In his recent interview with Pitchfork, Ansari confesses the underlying inspiration of the tour. "On my new tour, I talk about three things: babies, marriage, and how hard it is to find someone. I could talk about those topics forever-- the easiest writing happens when you have a genuine passion for the material, or it evokes an emotion: anger, fear, whatever. This tour is driven mostly by fear: I'm 29 now, am I really ready to get married and have a kid? I don't think so," Said Ansari.

Ansari has been making people laugh since 2007 and he's not afraid to admit that he's changed since then. But what Ansari is sure to stand by is that there is always room to master his craft.

Later on in the interview Ansari expressed how much his career means to him. "With stand-up it's like: That's all me. That's something that I thought was funny, that I developed myself. No one can really tell me anything about it," said Ansari.

Since his stamp was imprinted on the laughing world Ansari has made appearances on TV, award shows, movies and comedy tours. Ansari's jokes are also being told through cyberspace on his Twitter and Tumblr pages.

"Funny People," with Adam Sandler, "I Talked to the Girl in the Movie," "30 Minutes or Less," "Get Him to the Greek," and even co-starred in "Funny People," with Adam Sandler. "Buried Alive" Tour on Saturday, November 3rd at 8 p.m. in the Coussoulis Arena. Tickets are still on sale! For more information, visit arena.csusb.edu or call (909) 537-7360.

Aziz Ansari

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Perfume Genius left an alluring aroma in the air at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

Seattle’s own Mike Hadreas, the face and composition of Perfume Genius, released his second album Put Your Back N 2 It this past February.

Since his first album, Learning, released in 2010, Hadreas made a comeback filled with love ballads and strong, powerful melodies. Both albums are perfect to listen to in your car, on the way to class, for the spooky night while studying for a stressful midterm.

The Hollywood Forever Cemetery welcomed Perfume Genius in the Masonic Lodge with an almost haunting and eerie mood. The room was filled with front to back seating, and long couches on the side. The stage was set up with throne like chairs and candles creating dark shadowy figures. The room almost presented a David Lynch-ian vibe with red velvet curtains and dim lighting.

The audiences got a warm up for the spooky night while parking and walking through the cemetery to the venue. Creekly wooden stairs climbed up to the second floor of the Masonic Lodge to the seats to eagerly await Perfume Genius’ performance.

Mike Hadreas was joined by a backing keyboardist and drummer. His voice matched the mood of the crowd as he played along on his piano. Everyone sat quietly as they heard Hadreas’ voice waft in and out of the crowd hitting every note.

Perfume Genius even gives Grammy award-winning Bon Iver’s Justin Vernon a run for his money. Hadreas sang every song off his second album beautifully with utter confidence. The crowd was respectful and quiet most of the show but didn’t hesitate to clap or yell when a favorite song was played.

Perfume Genius’ “Take Me Home” created an alluring aroma: “You never call me baby,” chills filled the room and tears formed. Not one single voice or sound was heard other than Hadreas and his piano as fans tentatively sat there taking in every single sound soar-ing through their ears.

The venue fit perfectly with the mood of the music and the cold October night in L.A. Perfume Genius is excellent for sitting and listening to in a comforting, dark room surrounded by a cemetery of dead celebri-ties.

Many of the people attending Perfume Genius’ show were already fans. After the show many rushed to buy merchandise and mingle about what they thought of the show. Hadreas’ wonderful voice and stage presence should be shared more often among others.

Although not as famous as Justin Vernon, Perfume Genius’ intimate shows and powerful music makes the hairs on the back of your neck stand up and water build-up in your tear ducts.
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Three straight losses keep women's soccer out of playoffs

By RYAN LIBBY
Staff Writer

I f you walked into the woman’s soccer team practice you wouldn’t be able to know that they just lost three straight games and missed the playoffs.

Instead, you would hear laughter and chatter about the recent mid-terms and be able to see the smiles spread across their faces.

The mood was light and relaxed. It made me wonder if the stressful week of needing to win two games against opponents like Chico State and Cal State Stanislaus had weighed them down.

It might have, but it also may have been inexperience.


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With two games remaining in the regular season, men’s soccer is looking to go out with a winning record and momentum to carry into next year.

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during the season. Freshman Ricardo Velasco had a total of 8 shots during the game and ended up with 2 shots on goal.

According Reinhiller, “Goal keepers Tanner Olinger and Jeff Salt maintain the NCAA lead in team save percentage with a sterile.

I thought the game was even,” said Coach Travis Clarke when talking about the team’s loss to Chico on Oct. 19.

“Kind of chalk that one [game] up as not [being] experienced enough to win that game.”

Despite the disappointing losses, with 19 freshman on a roster of 36, the future looks bright for the Lady Coyotes.

The team had two games over the weekend and although the results didn’t matter as far as playoff rankings, it still made a difference to the team’s six seniors.

“I think it’s just they really want to go out on a positive note right now,” Clarke said.

“I think it’s important for [the seniors] to end above .500. I think it’s important for them to beat teams that they should beat. I think it’s important for them to have some success at the end of the year and I think they realize it.”

The six seniors who have played their last season as a Coyote are: Priscilla Collings, Jani-Carmona-Urban, Amanda Villavicencio, Allison Pena, Priscilla Gomez and Ashley Wolf.

Senior Collings joined the Coyote soccer team after she finished her eligibility with the volleyball team last year and has definitely provided this team with a solid performance.

Villavicencio, Gomez, Pena and Wolf have played for the Coyotes for the full four years and Carmona-Urban has played for three years with one year played at Hawai’i-Hilo.

Though the time for these seniors has flown by, some of them are not ready to leave their cleats and jerseys behind.

Carmona-Urban somewhat looked forward to the season’s end. When speaking to her it seemed as if the practices and time spent on the field were taking away time with her daughter.

That can be understood because athletics does have an effect on a family’s whereabouts, but in the end she will miss her teammates.

“I wish I had more years with them. I love all of them,” Carmona-Urban said to Coyote Chronicle’s Lindsey Allen last week.

The women’s soccer season is now over.

No, they may not have made the playoffs, but they say that the overall experience from this season will live on.

“Being in the playoff hunt all the way through the end [of the season] is really good experience for them,” Clarke said.

With nearly the entire team returning next year, they can use their defeats and their experience as motivation to succeed and finish what they started this season.

Men’s soccer suffer heartbreak as playoffs slip away

By MEGAN ACUNA
Staff Writer

A heartbreaking goal in the final 15 minutes of the Coyote men’s soccer team’s game gave them their 4th loss of the season.

The game was at home on the Coyote’s Premier Field against CSU Stanislaus.

This led brought the Coyotes’ overall record to 4-4-7 and 4-4-5 in CCAA. With two games left in the season on Oct. 26 and 28, the Coyotes are looking to end their season on a high note against Cal State Monterey Bay at Cal State East Bay, both games are away.

The recent loss also means that the Coyotes are now out of contention for CCAA Tournament play, but with the upcoming games against Monterey Bay and East Bay the Coyotes “are attempting to earn a winning record in a season for only the fourth time since 1994” according to Mark Reinhiller, Associate AD/ Media Relations.

The ‘Yotes haven’t won a game since Oct. 7 against Sono-

Also, should the Coyotes earn another 0-0 contest, it would definitely provide this team with a solid finish what they started this season.  

On top of the loss, this game was the final home game of the season and the Coyotes’ two senior players, goal keeper Tanner Olinger and defender Martin Esqueda, were honored in a ceremony before the start of the game.

In the game against Stanislaus, the Coyotes outshot the Warriors 20-12 with six of those shots on goal.

Olinger had three saves during the game against the Warriors. Freshman Ricardo Velasco had a total of 8 shots during the game and ended up with 2 shots on goal.

According Reinhiller, “Goal keepers Tanner Olinger and Jeff Salt maintain the NCAA lead in team save percentage with a Sterling .886 effort in 15 games this season (65-for-76).

The pair also has combined for the third best GAA at .051. Olinger checks in at No. 4 in GAA and No. 7 in save percent-

Velasco’s goal percentage for the 2012 year is .455 in relation to how many goals the team has scored so far this season. He gained five of the teams total 11 goals.

Lee Nishanian ended the game with 3 shots. Gabriel Quintero had 3 shots with one of those on goal, Demetri Burgos had two shots, and Daniel Lopez had two shots with both of them on goal.

Martin Esqueda had one shot which was also on goal and Corey Christ with 1 shot in the game. 

This loss has the team attempting shots in the first half of the game and came back strong in the second half with 11 additional attempts.

Their overall record last year was 7-9-2 and 6-9-2 in CCAA. Hopefully our Coyotes can tack on wins to this season’s final record.

If the men can keep their record of losses at four for the season it would tie the school record for fewest losses in a season since becoming a CCAA member in 1991.

In addition, Reinhiller says that “one more tie would establish the most ties in a season in NCAA Division II history, eclipsing the shared record with Seattle Pacific, which went 7-6-7 in 2007.

Also, should the Coyotes earn another 0-0 contest, it would mark their fifth 0-0 draw for the year, breaking the record they now share with Rockhurst (2009) and Chico State (2004).”
Clippers destined to take NBA by storm

By JOVANI GAMA
Sports Editor

If last season’s battle for Los Angeles was any indication as to what this year is going to look like, then basketball fans should be licking their chops in anticipation.

After a few blockbuster acquisitions during the off-season that involved the arrival of Steve Nash, Dwight Howard, Jodie Meeks and Antawn Jamison, the Lakers enter the season with, not only what everyone not living in South Beach considers to be the best and most fearsome starting lineup in the league, but with a bolstered and revamped bench as well.

33 All-Star Game appearances, four Defensive Player of the Year Awards, and three Most Valuable Player Awards comprise said starting lineup, while Jamison and Meeks’ scoring abilities provide a nice one-two-punch coming off the bench.

Though it may appear as if the Lakers are a lock for, not only winning their division, but, at the very least, making an unprecedented 31th appearance in the NBA Finals, the Los Angeles Clippers will definitely pose a tough, tumultuous hill that the Lakers must try to climb over.

With a starting lineup anchored by star point-guard Chris Paul and held firmly together by the high-flying tandem of Blake Griffin and DeAndre Jordan, the Clippers possess one of the most explosive, yet structured offensive lineups in the league.

It is not just the starting lineup that has most teams nervously checking their calendars to see when the Clippers come into town, however, but a frighteningly talented bench as well.

It is made up of former sixth men of the year, Jamal Crawford and Lamar Odom, the skilled up-and-coming point-guard, Eric Bledsoe, an energetic duo of centers in Ronny Turiaf and Ryan Hollins, and the seasoned veteran and defensive specialist, Grant Hill.

That’s right; I did say that this was the Clippers’ bench, and no, it was not a mistake on my behalf. With a starting lineup that is better than most, and a bench that on any given night can be better than their starting lineup, the Clippers have a unique blend of experience and youth, and are poised to take the NBA by storm.

With age being a lingering, irreversible ailment in that Lakers locker room, the Clippers seem to have the energy, speed, and youth necessary to dethrone the Pacific Division champs.

Seems unlikely, doesn’t it? After all, the vaunted Lakers have won 23 division titles, including the last five, while their locker room rivals have won a woeful 0.

The Clippers have been living in the Lakers’ shadow for as long as both teams have shared the same arena, with the Clippers often times being regarded as the younger brother.

It appears however, as if the younger brother has finally grown up and, while still younger, finally ready to take on their older sibling for the rights to the house.

Staples Center will be as hectic as it has ever been with its hockey team defending the Stanley Cup title for the first time, and two teams and fan bases colliding for the keys of not only its establishment, but of the city that houses it as well.

Home to two of the most talented teams in the league, the city of Los Angeles is in for a treat, as a fierce rivalry will see them both fighting for bragging rights, playoff positioning, and the heart of a city spoiled by champions.
By LINDSEY ALLEN  Staff Writer

The CSUSB women’s cross country team is working hard and continuing to succeed on their journey to the NCAA West Regional in Hawaii. During the CCAA Championships on Oct. 20 in La Jolla, the team finished 8th in the 11-team race with 201 points.

Freshman Patricia Cortez was a particular stand-out, finishing 23rd and earning the spot of CSUSB’s top runner for the conference. She covered the 6,000 meter course in 23 minutes, 1.3 seconds. “I was excited to see my effort paid off,” Cortez said.

She also expressed how hard the team worked at this race, and how everybody did better due to vigorous practicing. “As a team everyone improved as well. Everyone has been showing such hard work during practice, and as a result we did awesome as a team,” said Cortez.

Katherine Gomez finished 41st (23:40.7) in the race and has also been showing strength and determination during this season. Especially when she lead the Coyotes at the UC San Diego Tritons Invitational on Oct. 6.

Sarah Colorado finished 46th in 23:47.3, Courtney Ciraulo 49th (23:50.3) and Krystal Cota 60th (24:10.4) rounded out the top five. The final five of the 10 Coyote runners were: Desere Perez 61st (24:12.8), Jacqueline Felix 62nd (24:13.7), Marisela Giles-Hernandez 66th (24:23.9), Elizabeth Hernandez 74th (24:49.6) and Kristina Huelga 85th (25:21.9).

Coach Tom Burleson, who is now in his first year at CSUSB, said, “We were only 11 points from finishing 7th; that’s how close and competitive it was.”

“Eight out of ten of our runners had personal records for the day. I am pleased with how everything turned out. They were well prepared, and anytime you run a personal best you know you were trying your hardest.”

Burleson also stressed just how competitive the race in La Jolla was and said out of the top six teams, five of them are top 10 in the west and two are top 10 in the nation.

“We were only 11 points from finishing 7th, that’s how close and competitive it was,” said Burleson.

He considers the Coyotes one of the top 10 teams in the west and is hoping to continue preparing for NCAA West Regionals, which are hosted by Hawaii Pacific University in Kahuku, Hawaii on Nov. 3.

“I am excited for the NCAA West Regionals, “I am excited for Hawaii. It’s a really big deal. I believe our team is prepared mentally and physically. We also need to be prepared for the climate change and the humidity!”

The girls have been practicing diligently at 6 a.m. and are on track to do even better than they did in La Jolla. Their mentality is positive and they will continue to do everything they can to be physically and mentally prepared for Nov. 3.

Undoubtedly the Coyotes will push themselves and persevere to success when they head to Hawaii this weekend for the NCAA West Regionals.

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By DEVAN LEE  Staff Writer

CSUSB women’s volleyball comes out on top of their conference after they shut out rival school Cal State Los Angeles, Saturday Oct. 20.

The victory marked the team’s third win in a row after they faced a bitter defeat against Cal State East Bay a week earlier that ended their eight game winning streak.

After such a disappointing loss, head coach Kim Cherniss and her staff devised multiple strategies to bounce back and inevitably gain a winning edge in their upcoming games.

Cherniss believes having to work around the team’s youth and inexperience has become one of the main obstacles the Coyotes have faced this season.

“We really try to play well in every game, but with such a young and fresh team it’s become a constant education process,” said Cherniss.

The Coyotes managed to run away with come from behind wins in both their season opener against Cal State Los Angeles, Saturday Oct. 20.

Not only did the Coyotes have a two-game winning streak under their belt, but the Golden Eagles of CSULA had just been shut out a game earlier by the Tritons of UC San Diego.

Players like freshman outside hitter Alexandria Tortline played exceptionally well to pull out a sweep against the Golden Eagles.

Tortline led the team in kills against CSULA with a total of 12.

Equally impressive was the athleticism of veteran players such as senior All-American Camille Smith.

Smith’s performance included 29 assists, two service aces, and two solo blocks against CSULA.

In my opinion, I personally believe the team’s overall will to win, without a doubt played a pivotal role in their flawless victory.

During the ending moments of the second and third sets, CSUSB trailed behind the Golden Eagles. It especially looked bleak in the second set when the girls were down by a margin of nine points.

However, the Coyotes managed to run away with come from behind wins in both sets.

Ultimately, their unmatched performance not only gave them the victory against a rival team, but also landed them a first place spot in their conference according to the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) standings.

There are still a handful of games left in the 2012 season, leaving little margin for error if the Lady Yotes wish to maintain their top spot in the conference.

Coach Cherniss claims the team’s main focus as of lately is to continue their successful performance in games, thus reaching their goal of making it to the postseason.

“We really want to put ourselves in a position to be in the NCAA tournament,” said Coach Cherniss.

According to coach Cherniss, playing in postseason games provides the much needed experience many of the younger players have not yet gained.

Despite their youth, CCAA rankings show that the CSUSB women’s volleyball team has thus far had a successful season.

Only time will tell where the Yotes will end up when the final whistle of their regular season blows.