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Students neglect FAFSA money

By **JORGE CAMPOS**
Staff Writer

Millions of students who don't file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) miss out on thousands of dollars every year, according to Mark Kantrowitz, senior vice president and publisher of [edvisors.com](#).

U.S. high school graduates left about \$2.9 billion in free federal grant money behind last academic school year by not completing their FAFSA.

The U.S. Department of Education awards an average of \$150 billion a year in grants, work study funds, and low interest loans to more than 15 million students, according to [studentaid.ed.gov](#).

However, in 2011-2012 an average of two million high school graduates did not file their FAFSA and in California, about 100,000 students who did not file their FAFSA left over \$396,000 on the table, according to [nerdwallet.com](#).

More than 1.1 million students could have received as much as \$3.8 billion in state and institutional grants (averaging to



Jorge Campos | Chronicle Photo

Billions of financial aid dollars are left behind each year due to students neglecting to apply for grants and scholarships.

about \$3,400 per student) if they would have filed their FAFSA within the first three months of the application cycle [nerdwallet.com](#).

“FAFSA is very helpful because I am able to purchase all of my required books, pay for gas, and pay for food. Without FAFSA, I would definitely have to take out a lot of loans and struggle throughout college,” said student Luis Solis.

There are two types of Cal Grants: Cal Grant A, which provides need-based grant funds to low and middle-class income students to offset tuition costs and Cal Grant B, which provides funds to high-potential

students from low-income, disadvantaged families to help ease tuition fees.

The *Coyote Chronicle's* attempt to contact CSUSB's financial aid office failed.

Federal Pell Grants are limited to students who have not earned their first bachelor's degree.

A Pell Grant is money the U.S. Federal Government provides for students who need it to pay for college.

In order to maximize college student's financial aid money, students must file the FAFSA application as soon as possible and should not be afraid of the fact that many

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By **JOCELYN COLBERT**
Staff Writer

Woman to give birth on Mars (Feb. 4)

Humans have yet to set foot on Mars, but one British woman already wants to be the first to give birth on the red planet.

According to the [Huffington Post](#), Maggie Lieu is one of 600 people being considered for the Mars One Project, which hopes to set up a permanent colony on Mars by 2025.

Unmanned vehicles are scheduled to launch to the planet starting in 2018. In 2024, the first four humans will be sent, with four more every two years after that.

Man had sex with captive dolphin, creates documentary (Jan. 31)

A man who had sex with a performing dolphin at an amusement park in the 1970's has claimed the encounter took place because the animal seduced him.

According to the [dailymail.com](#), Malcolm Brenner, 63, claims that he fell for Dolly, a bottle-nose dolphin, after her advances.

Brenner told the story of their year-long relationship again in “Dolphin Love”, a new film which premiered last week at the Slamdance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

Alligators killed to serve as Super Bowl snacks (Feb. 3)

A Florida man trapped and killed five small alligators so that he could prepare a gator tail dinner for Super Bowl Sunday, according to fish and wildlife officials.

Richard Nixie, 30, was arrested Sunday--two hours before the football game began--and was charged with illegally taking the alligators, according to Florida Court records.

Student lives with fear of Ketchup (Feb. 4)

A student suffering from a tomato ketchup phobia claims her fear is so severe she starts gagging and is scared for her life whenever she comes into contact with the sauce.

Lauren Dodd suffers from the extremely rare *Mortuuequusphobia*, the extreme fear of ketchup and tomato-based sauces.

House transformed into cat paradise (Jan. 26)

According to the [nydailynews.com](#), a home builder has spent more than \$50,000 turning his property into the ‘purr-fect’ play pad for his 15 rescue cats.

Peter Cohen transformed his house to feature high walkways, tunnels, ramps and perches so that all of his beloved felines feel entirely at home.

iPhone films Sundance movie

By **MINTIMER AVILA**
Online Editor

The Sundance film “Tangerine” has been drawing attention for its story and characters, but the biggest surprise comes from the camera that was used to film the movie, the iPhone 5s.

Indie film director Sean Baker had the challenge of presenting a powerful story with a small budget.

Baker ultimately decided that the iPhone would be a perfect fit due to its size and portability, according to [yahoo.com](#).

“Everyone out there has a mobile phone with a video camera and everyone is shooting videos of themselves every day. That allowed us to be inconspicuous and not intimidate first-time actors and people on the street and shoot clandestinely,” said Baker after a screening of the film.

Using an iPhone, however, can result in some technical limitations especially for a film as ambitious as “Tangerine.”

The biggest drawback of using an iPhone for a film is the 16:9 video format that results from Apple's hardware, according to [The Verge](#).

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Texas teachers could use deadly force

By **DANNI YBARRA**
Staff Writer

A new bill proposal will allow Texas educators legal immunity from using deadly force against a student in self-defense.

The bill, HB 868, also known as the “Teacher's Protection Act”, would give an educator the right to use deadly force against a student in either self defense, in defense of other students, or in defense of school property.

An educator who uses justified brutal or deadly force would be entitled to the civil immunity, or not liable for their actions, according to the Bill.

“I do think if they can prove it was in self-defense, they should go easy on the teacher,” said student Katharine

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Kevin Powell fights domestic violence

By **MARVIN GARCIA**
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Acclaimed author and public speaker Kevin Powell visited CSUSB on Thursday, Jan. 29, to discuss domestic violence and how to redefine “manhood.”

Powell is a New Jersey native, author of 11 books, and an activist/public speaker for culture and civil engagement.

The purpose for the presentation was to inform students about the abusive and oppressive reality of how women have been treated and how the concept of “manhood” should be redefined to improve the negative perception of men.

Powell began his presentation by asking, “What is a man? How do we define manhood?”

Powell talked about how during his youth there was a thin margin on the dif-

ference between how men and women where treated in the past couple of decades in relation to sexism, gender equality, and domestic violence.

Powell says that abuse is abuse and that even he engaged in such behavior. Because of this realization it gave him the incentive to redefine his whole concept of manhood which correlates with the fair treatment of women.

According to Powell, men should take responsibility for their actions. They must have the willingness to rebuild the concept on the basis of love, peace, and nonviolence. They must also have the willingness to change mentally, and listen to women, continued Powell.

Powell concluded by stressing that one is not a healthy individual if that person oppresses and engages in violence against another.



Marvin Garcia | Chronicle Photo

Kevin Powell sheds light on the poor treatment of women.

HB 868 may allow teachers to kill students in self-defense

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Hall.

“But they should not be given full immunity for using deadly force,” continued Hall.

Created by Rep. Dan Flynn and introduced to Texas Legislatures in January, the bill also states that an educator must be on school grounds, school buses, or at an outside school sponsored event when the forceful action occurs to be protected by the bill.

“Flynn’s proposal wouldn’t actually change much since the Lone Star State already lets adults kill one another if done in self-defense,” stated rt.com.

“Teachers in Texas are already granted immunity if they assault a student and ‘the use of force, but not deadly force, against a (student) is justified’” continued rt.com.

CSUSB Professor Cecilia Julagay believes deadly force is never okay, and force may be acceptable if in self-defense or in defense of others but not in defense of school property. Julagay added that a person is not equal to property.

Defense of school property is clearly defined in the bill. An educator is justified in using force or deadly force in defense of property of the school that employs the educator, as stated in the Bill.

As the *Houston Chronicle* Online

pointed out, the bill was announced just days before a video of a 9th grade student body slamming his teacher on to a table for taking his cell phone away during school went viral.

“It’s clear that the teacher is avoiding fighting back or touching the student,” stated the *Houston Chronicle*.

Some students do not agree to the full terms of the bill.

“I don’t think it’s a good idea. There

are to many ways to define self-defense, it will create too many holes,” said Hall.

“I believe the lawmakers are on the right path, but as a student I would not support this bill,” said student Alfonso Cano.

“It would lead to more problems than it would do good,” continued Cano.

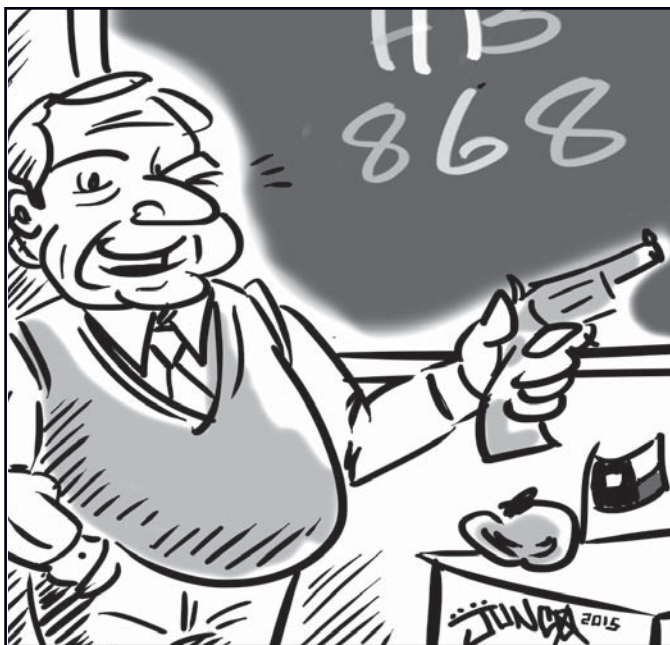
Other students find it fitting that the bill comes from Texas.

“I can definitely believe it came out of Texas. They’re all about that kind of stuff,” said student Michael Wubker.

Flynn believes the proposed bill “will require our Texas Judicial System to only allow American Law on American Soil in our Texas Courts,” according to rt.com.

The Teacher’s Protection Act will take effect if it receives a two-thirds of the vote from all members of each house.

If the bill to protect teachers achieves the necessary amount of votes from each house, it will take effect on Sept. 1, 2015.



Joaquin Junco | Chronicle Illustration

Student success fees may disappear

By **TANIYA HARWELL**
Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees for the CSU system has approved an overhaul for the student success fees tacked on to tuition costs.

This action was decided on during a Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 28.

“I’m not sure how successful the fee have made me,” said student Duayne Sayre.

“Student success fees” began being implemented around CSU campuses in 2008 and are now required for enrollment at 12 CSU’s.

The new policy will require a student vote after the new fee has been established for six years and after campuses undertake an education campaign to inform students about the uses and costs of the charges, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

State legislature put a moratorium—a pause in enforcement of a law—on the fee last Summer causing Chancellor Timothy P. White to recommend the overhaul to the board of trustees.

The moratorium on additional fees will remain in place until 2016.

Student success fees are a way that some campuses have supplemented their budget.

CSU administrators have pitched the

fees as a way to help pay for more services and to hire professors and staff in the midst of state budget cuts, according to *The Sun*.

Critics of the fees say they are a work-around to the tuition freeze implemented at \$5,472 in 2012 in exchange for increased state support, according to *The Sacramento Bee*.

Student success fees currently have varying amounts, the average being \$300. For example, Cal State San Luis Obispo features a success fee of \$780 while Cal State Dominguez Hills’ success fee is set at \$35.

The student success fee at CSUSB is currently \$162 for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Timothy White talks about graduation rates

By **DAVON DEAN**
Staff Writer

Graduation rates need to improve according to Chancellor Timothy P. White.

While speaking to students, staff and trustees at the State of the University conference, White addressed his developing plans to increase graduation rates throughout the California State University (CSU) campuses.

In a recent press conference with the *Los Angeles Times*, White said the importance of all Americans having a degree, and how it could be easily possible with more state funding.

“The nation’s largest university system could produce an additional 100,000 bachelor’s degree holders by 2025 if it reaches its targets,” said White.

The public policy institute of California in the year of 2025 will need one million more college graduates to meet workforce needs, continued White.

White said he plans to make his strategies successful by raising the current six-year graduation rate from 51 percent to 60 percent, boosting the four-year graduation rate for freshman to 24 percent, increasing the four-year rate for transfer students to 76 percent, and raising the two-year graduation rate for transfers to 35 percent.

The *LA Times* stated that White isn’t playing around, using strong phrases like “bottom line” to get his point across, also calling for all the executives such as President Obama and Gov. Jerry Brown to support his plans.

“Governor Jerry Brown, among others, are pressing public institutions to improve student success—and to hold them accountable. President Barack Obama has proposed a ratings system that would take into account factors including graduation rates, student debt and post-graduation earnings.”

Brown went further in-depth on the situation stating typically CSU uses a six-year benchmark on rates of graduating.

Moving forward, Brown has dodged providing any additional state funding after already granting \$119.5 million in state funding according to his 2015-16 budget. CSU has requested \$216 million in state funding which would allow 12,000 to attend CSU universities; 8,500 more students than what Brown’s budget approves.

Students and professors have a different outlook on the situation.

“I feel in this day and age, everyone needs a degree in order to have a somewhat decent living,” said Carol Walker, library service specialist.

CSUSB students are willing to assist White and the CSU trustees in taking the next step to get more individuals to attend CSU campuses.

“I’m first out of seven siblings to attend college and having two siblings younger than myself, I instill the importance of having a college degree. I would hate to see them not able to attend college due to funds running out for CSU campuses,” said student Nana Smith.

High quality iPhone film debuts at festival

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Modern films are usually recorded in a 2.35:1 aspect ratio.

This format can capture wider shots that result in more action and energy, according to The Verge.

The software behind the camera is also lacking many professional features that are necessary, such as control over the exposure and color temperature.

Finally, the size of the phone can present another issue, shaking. The slightest movements can result in bad shots, according to The Verge.

Baker's solution to these problems was simple: a Steadicam for the shaking, Filmic Pro, an \$8 app filled with professional features and a prototype lens from Mooondog Labs to record better, according to The Verge.

Baker said the lens was the key ingredient that "truly elevated [Tangerine] to a cinematic level."

He adds that he might not have even attempted to create the film without the lens.

Smartphone adoption rates grew at a decent pace when they were first introduced, but it wasn't until the release of the iPhone in 2007 that the market truly exploded with a demand for smartphones with rapidly growing popularity, according to phonearena.com.

Two years later the market for smartphones quickly jumped from 10 percent to 40 percent in the U.S., according to phonearena.com.

Shortly after, Apple released the iPhone 4 in 2010 which was capable of recording in High Definition.

It didn't take long for film makers to see the potential of the iPhone as more than just a phone.

In 2011 film makers Park Chan-wook and Chan-kyon won an award at the 61st Berlin International Film festival for their short "Night Fishing".

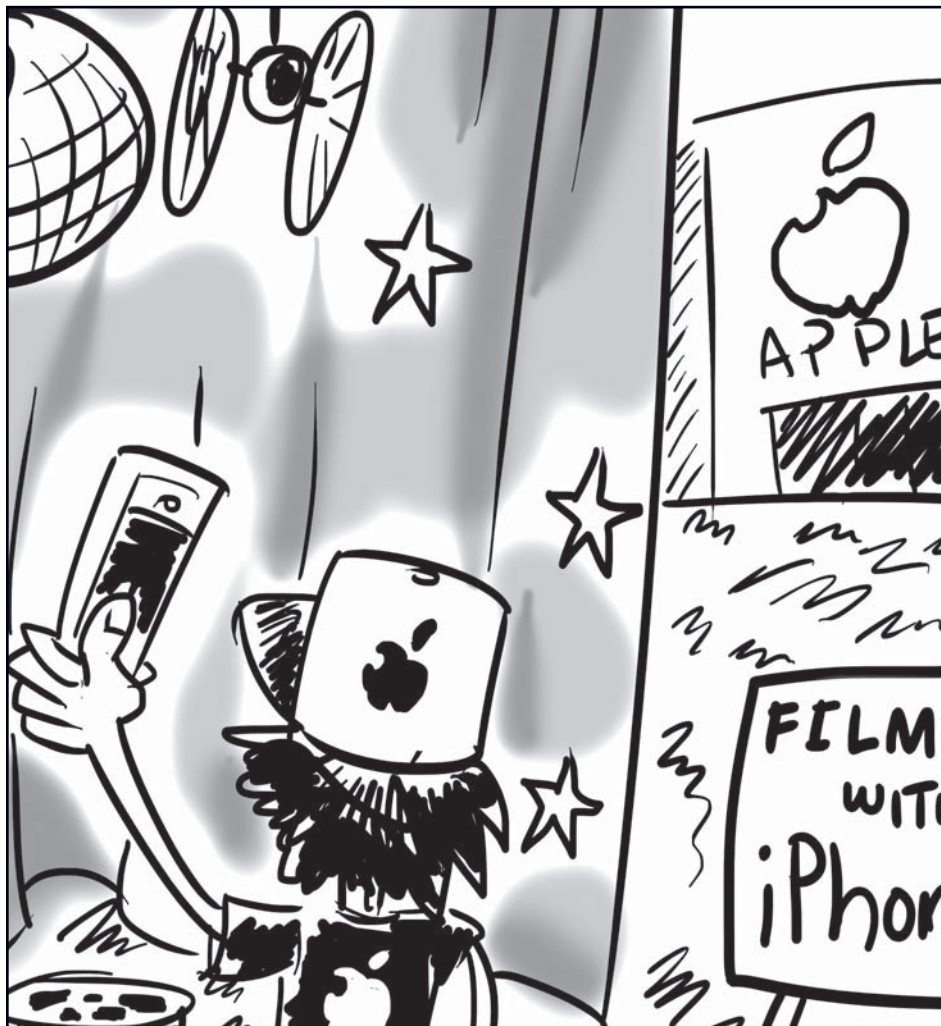
The film took 10 days to record using an iPhone 4 and a crew of 80 people, according to iphonestudio.org.

That same year, producers Matt Dessner and Corey Rogers started "The Original iPhone Film Festival" to promote filming with the goal of showcasing creativity, according to iphonestudio.com.

Contestants were only allowed to use iPhones and despite that limitation their festival drew in over 250 contestants, according to yahoo.com.

Fast forward to 2015 and its now possible to create a high quality, full length feature film such as "Tangerine."

Technology has grown to a level where anyone can just reach in their pocket, pull out their smartphone and express themselves in a way that couldn't be done until recently.



Joaquin Junco | Chronicle Illustration

Palm Desert expansion

By **MARVIN GARCIA**
Staff Writer

CSUSB Palm Desert campus (PDC) will be set to expand its borders with a new 113 acre-land donation.

The city of Palm Desert approved the donation during their Jan. 8 council meeting.

CSUSB Vice President Ron Fremont said that this new development could be expected to help cause significant growth in terms of student enrollment, larger class selections, and dormitories.

"PDC can be, and should be, a destination campus," said Fremont. "It will allow us to triple our foot."

PDC Dean Sharon Brown-Welty said another of the possibilities that this development will set in motion is a selection of programs that will help support economic growth within the Coachella Valley.

Both Fremont and Brown-Welty are quite confident the university will draw students nationwide and internationally.

According to *The Desert Sun*, the next step is to conduct a master plan of the newly expanded campus in order to figure out what is going where and it is expected to be completed within 12 months.

President Tomas Morales told *The Desert Sun* this act demonstrates Palm Desert's commitment to make CSUSB Coachella Valley's first four year university, and support for current and future students to come.

Currently, PDC stands on a 53 acre land-radius consisting of four buildings: the Mary Stuart Rogers Gateway Building, the Indian Wells Center for Educational Excellence, the Indian Wells Theater and the Palm Desert Health Sciences Building, all of which were built with donations by public and private partners.

Unused financial aid

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may not qualify for financial aid, according to College Financing Group.

Because financial aid is on a first-come, first-serve basis, parents and students are encouraged to start the first step in receiving federal Pell Grants by filing the FAFSA application as soon as possible.

On Jan. 1 of each year, students may begin submitting their FAFSA applications.

Students who file the FAFSA application in January, February, and March usually receive twice as much grant money, on average, than the students who file the application later.

"Our goal is to make college more affordable by helping as many students and families as possible to apply for student financial aid for college," stated Kantrowitz.

The FAFSA can be submitted at www.fafsa.ed.gov and is a necessary part of the financial aid process that makes students eligible for federal financial aid, including grants, loans, and work study, according to collegefinancinggroup.com.

As for all grants, there is a maximum amount that the government will fund for each applicant.

The maximum amount of grant money for the 2014-2015 has increased to \$5,645, and for 2015-2016 it has increased to \$5,830, College Financing Group.

To help students and parents complete FAFSA, Edvisors is making the 2015-2016 edition of their best selling book, "Filing the FAFSA; The Edvisors Guide to Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid".

The book is available for free download at www.edvisors.com/fafsa-book.

Internships = exploitation

By **ANGIE BURKHART**
Staff Writer

While internships provide a great opportunity for college students to make connections in the workforce, employers may sometimes take advantage of the free labor.

Ideally, the purpose of an internship is to give students real life experience that will help them in a future job; unfortunately, I do not believe this is always the case.

I recognize there are unpaid internships that allow students to gain valuable skills and references.

However, I also believe there are a great number of companies who are taking advantage of unpaid labor via college-age workers.

“An estimated 500,000 to 1 million interns are working for free or minimal pay, too often shadowing executives or running errands instead of learning skills,” stated *Los Angeles Times* author John A. Fry in his article Stop Exploiting Young Workers: Here’s an Alternative to Unpaid Internships That Work.

These numbers are striking to me, considering the potential output that interns can bring to a company that pays

them close to, or literally, nothing.

“These unpaid interns receive no benefits, no legal protection against harassment or discrimination, and no job security. They generate an enormous amount of value to their employers, and yet they are paid nothing,” stated *The New York Times* author Raphael Pope-Sussman in his article Unpaid Internships Should Be Illegal.

In my opinion, taking advantage of desperate college-age workers via unpaid labor when there is little to no academic benefit is unethical.

Though the Labor Department designed rules to protect against this type of exploitation, the Economic Policy Institute found that, after reviewing a guidebook of the top internships for college students, many businesses “offered unpaid internships with no explicit academic or training component.”

Aside from the exploitation, unpaid internships present an entirely different problem with regards to future job placement.

Individuals who do not have the means to take unpaid internships must compete with affluent individuals who can, and who do you think is more likely to land the job?

CSUSB student Malari Zarate is one of many students who cannot afford to take an unpaid internship.

“I have not pursued an internship just yet as I am currently working 40 hours a week while in school full-time. Many of them are unpaid, which would require me to make huge financial sacrifices,” stated Zarate.

Although there is evidence to support that unpaid internships can be exploitative and discriminating, many support the idea that an internship is great way for one to get their foot in the door.

CSUSB alumni and current sixth grade teacher, Laurie Coulter, completed an internship and recognizes the potential benefits.

“During my time in school it really helped me in understanding and applying concepts, and was overall a great experience,” said Coulter.

The solution to this sort of exploitation is not clear cut, but it needs to be addressed.

The Labor Department can start by better regulating the rules for unpaid internships, while colleges and universities can also set higher standards, giving credits only when there is a definite academic component involved.



Angie Burkhardt | Chronicle Photo

Some students who work for unpaid internships face the hardships of completing work for little to no pay. Legal action has been taken to offset the probability of students being exploited for their skills and resources by greedy bosses above them.

Family stripped of justice for murdered daughter

By **DOMINIC INDOLINO**
Staff Writer

After four years of ongoing trials, police officer Joseph Weekley, the one responsible for the accidental death of seven-year-old Aiyana Stanley-Jones, walks free.

The Huffington Post reports that the entire case was dismissed this January by Wayne County Circuit Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway, calling the death “unfortunate.”

The problem is that more officers are not held accountable for their ac-

tions.

The context of this situation presents an interesting twist on this case.

On the morning of May 16, 2010, Detroit’s Special Response Team charged into a house in Eastside Detroit while a television crew for A&E’s *The First 48*, was being filmed.

Given this critical time limit of 48 hours to crack a case, I feel the police officers wanted to put on a

show for the cameras.

Police acquired a warrant to raid a house believed to be Chauncey Owens, who was a suspect in a murder that occurred the day before, according to motherjones.com.

Reports show that the Special Response Team threw a flash bang into the window of the living room, even though both front doors were unlocked.

Upon entrance, Weekley shot Stanley-Jones in the head, according to motherjones.com.

“It’s not protocol,” said a Detroit police detective. Like in the case of Eric Garner, police officers seem to be able to get away with skipping protocol.

Weekley stated that the only reason he fired his gun was because Stanley-Jones grandmother (who was also present) reached for the gun.

Stanley-Jones’ grandmother was arrested and taken in for questioning.

Tests were later administered to prove if she was anywhere near Officer Weekley’s gun.

All tests came back negative, and investigators also checked for Martilla’s fingerprints on Weekley’s gun but none were found.

It turns out, Owens lived on the floor above the Jones family. Despite this appar-

ent lack of evidence, Weekley maintained his original statement.

Weekley’s statement was accepted by Judge Hathaway, but not by Stanley-Jones’ father, Charles Jones. Jones said, “I can accept the shooting was a mistake, but I can’t accept it because they lied about it.”

The Violent Crime and Control Law Enforcement Act of 1994 mandates that the Attorney General must collect data on the use of excessive force by police and then publish a report. However, the report has become just a long list of names that now includes Stanley-Jones.

Student Dawnika Lopez thinks that police brutality is not new, but has caught recent media attention. “Those in charge of police institutions should do more to have classes and lectures on morality,” said Lopez.

This would remind officers how much weight their actions could carry.

Student Michael Geocadin provides a counterargument, stating that “the actions of the [police officers] are solved in an appropriate manner [to them].”

How do we re-educate a police force that thinks they are free from indictment?

In our current situation, I feel helpless against an officer that thinks I pose a threat to them, especially when recent trials show that they can get away with murder.

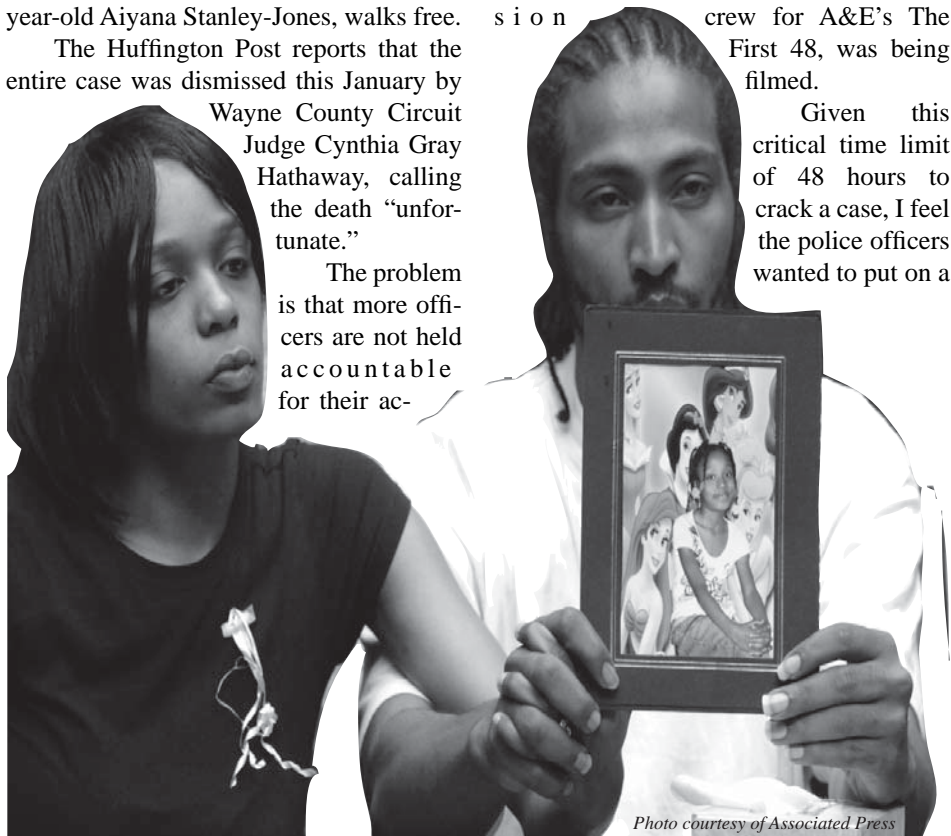


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Anti-vaccination may be dangerous

By **JACOB COLLINS**

Asst. Online Editor

The anti-vaccine movement is one that will only serve as a threat to public health and well-being. The movement stems from a study conducted by Andrew Wakefield in 1998 which attempted to link the Mumps, Measles and Rubella (MMR) vaccine to autism.

The study has been retracted from medical literature and, according to Business Insider, the study was conducted with only 12 subjects, all of which were not randomly selected but assembled.

Several large-scale studies have attempted to recreate Wakefield's results, one of which was a Danish study involving almost half a million children, but there has still been no link between vaccines and autism that can be proven by science.

Despite the evidence against any link to autism, today the anti-vaccine movement is spearheaded by figures mostly in Hollywood such as Jenny McCarthy, a former playboy playmate and MTV star, who has been known for her long-time stance against vaccinations.

In a *Time* magazine article McCarthy said, "If you ask a parent of an autistic child if they want the measles or the autism, we will stand in line for the [expletive] measles."

Not only is such a statement absurd but it shows just how dangerous the anti-vaccination movement is.

Measles is a potentially life threatening disease that has major complications such as pneumonia and swelling of the brain which could lead to even more severe



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Anti-vaccination supporters believe that disease related illnesses can cause serious injury or death for those vaccinated.

complications including hearing or vision defects, memory loss, paralysis or speech impairments, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

These severe complications can occur in as many as one in 10 people infected with the virus, according to the CDC.

Furthermore the CDC states that about

90 percent of those that are not immune to the measles who come in contact with the infection will become infected with the disease.

The parents that support the anti-vaccine movement are not only putting their children in danger but other children as well which is not only reckless, but stupid.

The bottom line is that no matter what you want to think or believe about vaccines, the fact is there is no scientific evidence that they can cause or have caused autism.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, vaccines are 90-99 percent effective in preventing disease.

There are some rare adverse effects from vaccination such as allergic reactions but the occurrence is around one in a million, according to the CDC. Other vaccines do have some risks although the occurrences are rare and the benefits of the vaccine outweigh the risk of a remote complication from happening.

Recently, California senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer have pushed for the state of California to stop allowing parents to opt their children out of vaccinations using the personal belief or philosophical exemption.

"While a small number of children cannot be vaccinated due to an underlying medical condition, we believe there should be no such thing as a philosophical or personal belief exemption, since everyone uses public spaces," stated Feinstein and Boxer in a letter to Diana Dooley, Secretary of California Health and Human Services.

I think that this is a big step in the right direction.

Freedom of religion is an important freedom in this country, however when your religious beliefs create a threat to the public health, there is a problem.

The anti-vaccine movement is misguided, misinformed and puts those who do vaccinate in harms way.

It's a strange world we live in

By **ESSENCE DENNIS**

Staff Writer

Misogyny, Transphobia, Boko Haram—these words should scare you.

They are literally and figuratively detrimental to the health of women around the world, transgender individuals who are accepting themselves, and Boko Haram who are popping people off as if they were toy soldiers a toddler chucks away with no thought.

"We should clothe ourselves with compassion and act in such a way that exudes kindness," said student Nicholas Navarro.

However, countless slayings and acts of violence, especially against women have occurred and are continuing to escalate.

In Detroit, Mary "Unique" Spears, a mother of three, was murdered after she rejected a man's advances towards her.

The man approached Spears asking for her number and after she denied shot her three times, striking her twice in the head, according to newsone.com.

And the mere fact that a woman made a video of her walking down the street to show how men catcall and ridicule women for no reason other than to boost their own confidence; and there are still people like Steve Santagati (author of *The MANual*) who still claimed "there is nothing more that a woman loves to hear than how pretty she is," according to nymag.com.

Did anyone ever think maybe all a

woman wants to do, while she is walking down the street is to get to her destination without being harassed or killed?

Almost 13 transgender women were found murdered in 2014, and already in 2015 two have been killed, and all except one of the women were either black or Latina, according to hrc.org.

"[Trans-phobia] is a range of antagonistic attitudes and feelings against transsexuality and transsexual or transgender people, based on the expression of their internal gender identity," according to wipe-outtransphobia.com.

Transgender people are sometimes pushed towards committing suicide by the prejudice and bullying they experience.

"People inherently fear what they cannot understand, and because of that the transgender community is misunderstood and targeted so often," said Navarro.

When the media shows us the deaths of transgender individuals more often than not, they are misgendered, misnomered, and misrepresented.

Boko Haram, a militant Islamist group in Nigeria, are claiming lives left and right and it seems as if no one is helping the thousands of innocent people they are murdering, raping, kidnapping and dislocating in Nigeria.

The groups name literally translates to "Western education is sin," according to newsweek.com

Boko Haram does not employ traditional Islamic values, instead they say "ha-

ram means forbidden, for Muslims to take part in any political or social activity associated with Western Society," according to bbc.com

In my opinion by keeping the people out of the loop, Boko Haram grows in power, quite obviously, by rampaging villages and killing them.

"We must address some of the cases of violence in our society if we wish to do

away with the violence we face on a daily basis," said student Nicholas Rayo.

All of these instances need to be discussed more seriously by the media. As a society, we should start discussing more events that we do not see on the media.

We need to see these disturbing images on-screen, blasting from our radios to incite some sort of fire in our citizens to ask for something to be done.



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Recent media reports of murder, sexual assault, hate crimes and terrorism have created a sense of social insecurity.

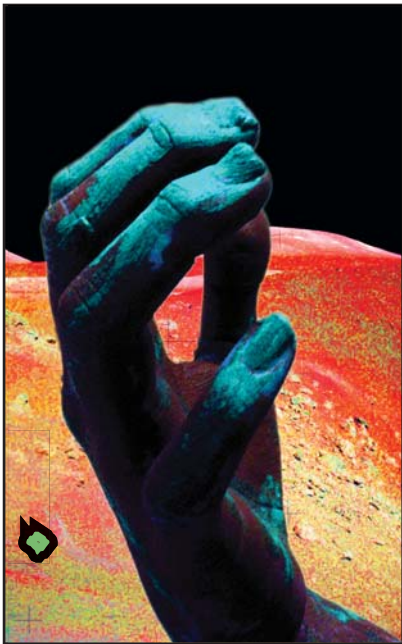
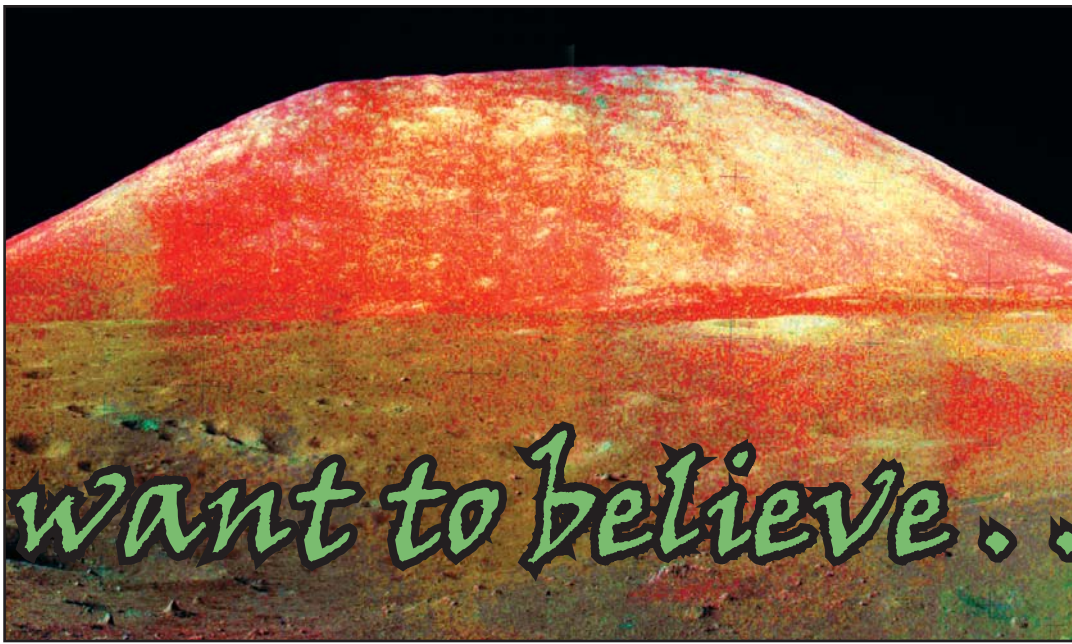
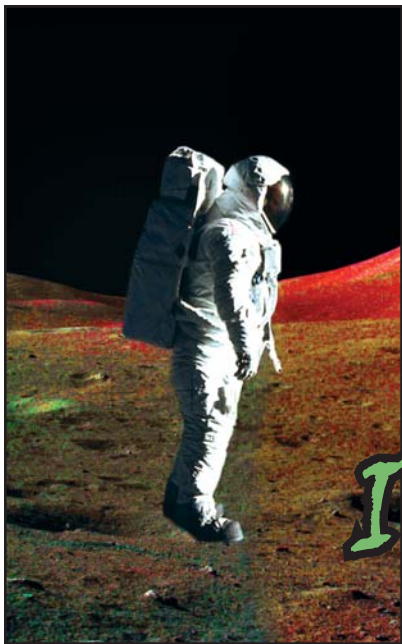


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By EMMANUEL GUTIERREZ
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Huzzah believers—extraterrestrial life may soon be at the precipice of discovery.

Kepler 438b, an exoplanet dubbed an Earth twin, was announced at the American Astronomical Society on Jan. 6. The likely rocky planet, in the constellation of Lyra, orbits an orange dwarf star within “Goldilocks” proximity, according to guardian.com.

The Goldilocks zone is the habitable range a planet is from a star, bathing sunlight that is neither too hot nor too cold, but just right to sustain liquid water.

Scientists consider liquid water and rocky surfaces to be key signifiers of a habitable planet, according to guardian.com.

These factors may arouse notions that humanity may pursue human colonization on celestial bodies capable of sustaining life—or perhaps even the existence of extraterrestrial life prior to human intervention.

One hundred Coyotes were surveyed on their belief in extraterrestrial life; either microscopic, plant-based, complex—like animals, or beings capable of abstract thought—like humans.

Seventy-eight percent of students believe in extraterrestrials in at least one of the forms enumerated, according to a *Coyote Chronicle* survey.

“It’s kind of arrogant to think that we’re literally the only living things. The universe is too vast and unexplored to think otherwise,” said student Lizette Chapa.

Of those who believe in extraterrestrial life, 55.12 percent believe there are life forms with the capacity for abstract thought.

Essentially, we are welcoming the idea that life forms other than *Homo sapiens* and dolphins possess the brain power for cognitive thinking—comprehension and memory—the capacity for more than rudimentary problem solving, and even advanced external self-awareness.

Approximately 14 percent of extraterrestrial believers speculate humanity has yet to make contact, nor will ever interact with extraterrestrial life at any capacity.

“The universe is a virtual cluster of galaxies upon galaxies, and it is so old that entire civilizations of aliens may have existed at one point, but are now extinct by the time humans can make telescopes advanced enough to play peeping toms,” said student Susie Garcia.

Of the 100 surveys, 19 marked a disbelief in extraterrestrial life—two students elaborated on their thoughts.

“If we can see it and we can prove it, then it is something worth believing,” stated an anonymous student, “but we haven’t.”

“God created only man,” stated the second student. However, not all members of the Judeo-Christian faith expressed the same sentiments.

“I do believe in God and I would consider him an extraterrestrial life form because he is not of this world,” said student Dominic Montano.

“If there is extraterrestrial life, I would come back to believe that God created that life and stirred it into motion at some point,” added Montano.

To the relief of this writer, not a single negative remark was made about undocumented immigrants in the ongoing conversation of aliens—restoring an iota of his faith in humanity.

While we may never know for sure if humans are the only stargazers in the universe, astrobiologists, astronomers, and extraterrestrial enthusiasts will never stop searching—they’ll never stop gazing.

One anonymous comment resonated in my mind above all other hastily written statements with its candid, thought provoking simplicity, “The universe is infinite; therefore there are infinite possibilities.”



By ERICA WONG
Foreign Correspondent

As online dating gained popularity in recent years, some people have begun to exploit their services for reasons other than just finding their significant other.

Last spring, we covered the growing ‘mutually beneficial arrangement’ dating industry with the ‘sugar’ dating site Seeking Arrangements (SA) and interviewed student Annabelle (her pseudonym) about her life as a sugar baby.

Annabelle has had three sugar daddies in the past year. While she’s still in school and trying to stay on top of her bills, her current sugar daddy now provides her \$1500 per visit.

As SA’s popularity has grown, now with over 3.6 million members, other dating sites have popped up as well.

With sites such as Ashley Madison, What’s Your Price, and Carrot Dating, girls looking for sugar daddies have more options now than ever.

Ashley Madison is a site catered specifically towards “married dating and discreet encounters.”

There are even more unconventional

sugar daddy sites, such as What’s Your Price and Carrot Dating that use an auction system to set up dates.

What’s Your Price was also founded by SA’s CEO Brandon Wade, who himself relied on scholarships to fund his Massachusetts Institute education.

As these arrangements fall into a legal grey area, there’s a disclaimer at the bottom of both of Wade’s sites saying, “Escorts are not welcome,” and “An arrangement is not an escort service.”

Even notorious hook-up app Tinder has a slightly higher-end sibling called Luxy, with only income verified members such as CEOs or celebrities in its exclusive dating pool.

Does this boom in the sugar industry mean there’s a new social acceptance for sugaring? Not necessarily.

“Of the 21 million students expected to attend American colleges and universities in the Fall of 2014, 60 percent will graduate with an average debt of \$27,300,” according to Angela Jacob Bermudo, SA’s Public Relations Manager.

Bermudo attributes last year’s one million new members to the startling in-

crease in college fees.

“College students don’t have much to look forward to after graduation, aside from almost guaranteed debt and a 50 percent chance of under- or unemployment,” said Bermudo.

People may still be critical as ever of this way of making money, but as tuition and expenses continue to increase, more students are seeking benefactors to fund their education.

“While other countries seek to create opportunity and provide a better start for students by abolishing tuition fees or lowering them to reasonable amounts, Congress continues to ignore the problem,” said Wade in a statement released by Bermudo. “The average debt is more than what most of these new graduates will make in a year.”

However, not everything is always sugar, spice, and everything nice in the sugar bowl.

Annabelle shared the darker side of her sugaring experiences while packing for Mardi Gras with her current sugar daddy.

A man she dated for a short time was

very racist, made her feel uncomfortable, and inconsistent with her allowance, withholding it from her or only giving her small bits here and there.

The only reason Annabelle stayed, however, was because she had just moved into a new apartment, wasn’t working as much, and didn’t have the expendable cash she was used to.

“I felt desperate, scared and alone. I couldn’t really talk to anyone about it because no one knows about this other life I lead,” said Annabelle.

The last time Annabelle saw him, however, he followed her to her hotel room and forced her to perform oral sex. When he tried to force intercourse with her, she managed to get him off of her and left the hotel.

Annabelle remained silent about her sexual assault, however, because she didn’t know how she would explain it to the cops, worried about being arrested for prostitution.

“I felt dirty and used and disgusting. I know that people already assume the worst of me for dating these men, who are sometimes married, for money, but no one deserves to be violated,” said Annabelle.

FATHER OF THE PILL DIES

By **MACKENZIE VIERA**
Staff Writer

Dr. Carl Djerrasi, best known as the father of birth control, died in his San Francisco home at 91.

The chemist developed a molecule that served as the key ingredient to the birth control pill, allowing women to take a new-found control in their lives by preventing unplanned pregnancies.

Djerrasi wrote many books, one of which was titled “The Man’s Pill”, where he expressed his interest in the way the pill affected society.

The evolution of birth control can be traced as far back as 1500 B.C. when women created concoctions made of crocodile feces.

Djerrasi lead a team in a Mexico City laboratory to study and discover the primary chemical found in all birth control pills today called norethindrone in 1951.

Djerrasi’s discovery triggered numerous studies that have resulted in other successful contraceptives such as the Intra-uterine Device (IUD), NuvaRing, patch and hormone implants.

The most commonly used birth control method is the pill, which is used by 16 percent of women between the ages of 15-44, according to WebMD.

Falling behind the pill are female sterilization and condoms.

Ninety-nine percent of sexually-active women aged 15-44 have at least used one source of contraceptives, according to guttmacher.com.

“I’m sure most guys can agree on saying it feels better without a condom,” said student Daniel Armstrong. “But if it’s not my girlfriend, I would definitely use a condom. If it were my girlfriend, I’d assume she was on some birth control method she feels comfortable with.”

Though his invention created contro-

versies over one’s safety, side effects, and morality, Djerrasi gave public lectures to inform society on the benefits of the contraceptive.

“I don’t use the pill because I don’t have sex very often and would rather not risk the side effects it may cause,” said student Eboni Jett.

Although the pill is reported to be 99.9 percent effective when taken as prescribed, the side effects vary.

The cons of the pill consist of weight gain, nausea, low sex drive, and for smokers, it can increase the possibility of blood clots.

“My favorite birth control method is the pull out method,” said Jett. “I know it sounds silly but I don’t usually engage in intercourse and when I do, it’s with someone I trust.”

Though birth control methods such as the pill, IUD, and NuvaRing are reported to be effective against pregnancies, they

do not protect against sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

There are nearly 20 million cases of new STD infections every year within the ages 15-24.

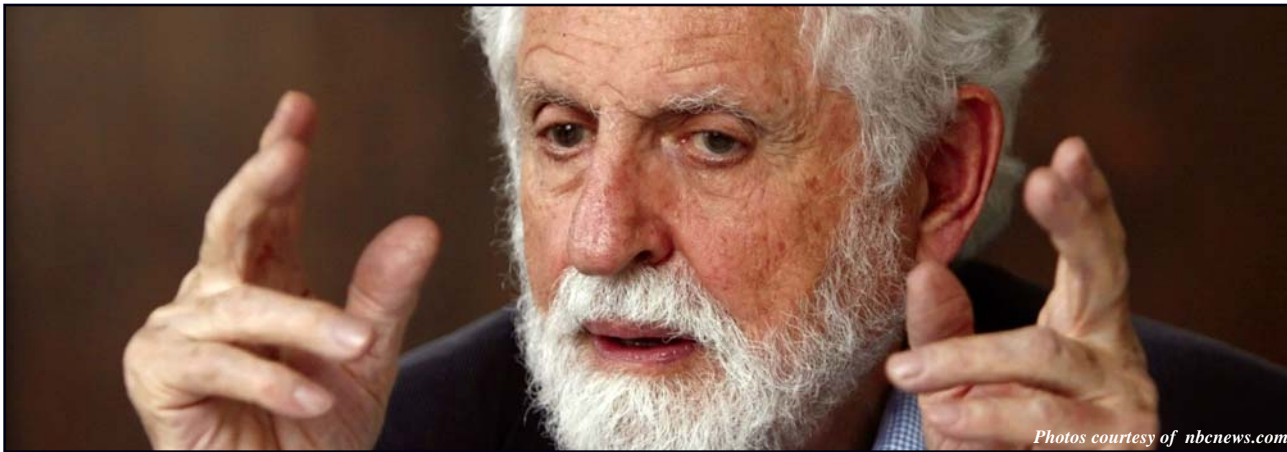
The most common STD’s are chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis.

California was ranked the highest in syphilis, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has listed San Bernardino fifth in its state for the most cases of the STD gonorrhea.

The only form of contraceptive that prevents pregnancies and STDs available today is the condom.

Although the pill does not protect users from STDs, Djerrasi’s findings allows women to control their fertility, making the pill the most common and highly effective contraceptive utilized today, according to WebMD.



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Room and Board caregiver

Student Philip Castellanos gives care and support to those who need a hand

By **CAMILLIA DABABNEH**
Staff Writer

CSUSB student, Philip Castellanos, has dedicated himself to be a true humanitarian by helping people with a variance of special needs.

Castellanos is double majoring in economics and political science, along with a minor in intercultural communications.

After high school, when in need of new living quarters, Castellanos was offered a place to live in Riverside, but in return, was expected to lend a helping hand.

Castellanos began living in the Room and Board, a facility that offers a place full of compassion and tenderness for people with mental illnesses, disabilities, the el-

derly, and sometimes even parolees.

Castellanos explains that the government places these patients in the homes, offering each of them Social Security to help pay for their current situation.

When he accepted this opportunity, he understood the huge commitment and responsibility.

“It was extremely nerve-wracking, but based on my living conditions I knew I had to test the waters,” said Castellanos.

In the Room and Board, he manages as a caregiver for six people in the household, around the clock.

“I supervise 24/7, 365 days a year, and also on weekends, for seven years,” said Castellanos.

Castellanos’ responsibilities include cooking every meal, cleaning the home inside and out, helping with giving medication, securing the facility, as well as enforcing rules and regulations to make sure all the patients are following them.

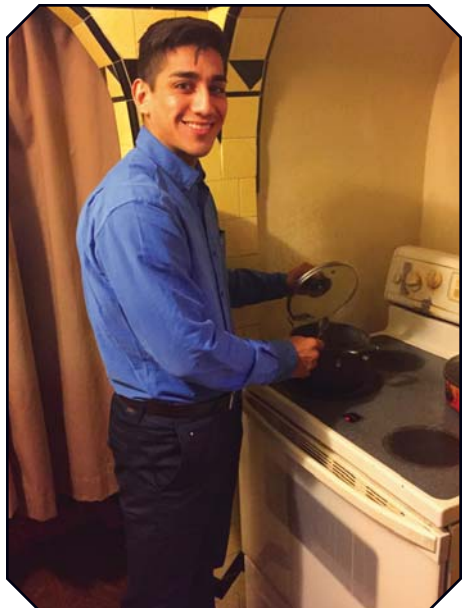
“I knew going into this I had to be calm and patient with them but learned pretty fast that I needed to be more stern at times,” said Castellanos.

Castellanos mentioned that sometimes he becomes impatient with them, but they understand that he is just having a hard day at work.

There are six homes in close proximity of each other, which makes it easy for Castellanos to frequently drive to and make sure things are running functionally. With a job this demanding, it comes to no surprise that running a Room and Board can be tough, but Castellanos considers himself extremely fortunate to have supportive friends.



Castellanos resides with members of the Room and Board program, feeding, cleaning after, and attending to the needy.



Photos courtesy of Philip Castellanos
Castellanos prepares meals for residents of the program.

Castellanos’ close friend and fellow CSUSB student, Jorge Partida, has shown encouragement by donating a trunk full of clothing for the patients that stay there.

Most of the patients that come into these Room and Boards arrive with no personal items—including clothing.

“Sometimes I will give them the clothes off my back if I have to,” said Castellanos.

When it comes to his school work, Castellanos always finds a way to never fall behind by making sure he studies for his exams and staying on top of his assignments.

“I’m the type of person that always gets his work done no matter what,” said Castellanos.

Castellanos ambition doesn’t stop him from working, he created an Instagram page, @TheSwollLifeProject, that is dedicated to motivating people to reach their goals in life, fitness, and education.

The only thing that makes what he does more enjoyable, is being able to hear their stories and share their laughs.

“When you get random moments of laughter, that’s the best part,” said Castellanos.

Since Castellanos was introduced to this world, he doesn’t see it ending any time soon. He has big goals planned ahead. Castellanos plans to venture on an international scale by buying pieces of property and opening more Room and Boards for those in need to get back on a focused path.



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Rae Morris figures herself out



ALBUM REVIEW

By IVANNA CARLOS
Staff Writer

Rachel Anne Morris, better known by her stage name Rae Morris, 21, released her debut album *Unguarded* on Jan. 26.

Unguarded, which was released in stores and on iTunes, has a total of 12 songs which includes Morris’ hit single, “Unguarded.”

When listening to the single “Unguarded,” which is personally my favorite song from the album, I felt as if I was listening to Ellie Goulding, a pop artist from

England.

Not only does Morris sound similar to Goulding, but she also compares to Coldplay, and Lana Del Rey giving off a pop-like vibe at times but also toning it down and having a resemblance to Birdy.

The song that reminded me of Birdy is Morris’ single “Don’t Go.”

“My debut album is me figuring out who I am,” said Morris on digitalspy.com.

“I guess that has been the process of making the album; me figuring out who I am and what I want from everything,” continued Morris. “I wanted to make sure I am

the person I wanted to continue to be before I release a debut, you know?”

On September 2011, Morris signed to Atlantic records, which later led to her first debut single “Don’t go,” which released in 2012.

The song was featured in the final episode of the sixth season of the television drama series “Skins.”

Lyrics in the song “Closer,” “A little give and take is never bound to break the kind of closeness that we keep a bond invisible beyond the physical as I let you slip away” give the listeners perspective on

how Morris is feeling.

I felt the album cover, featuring Morris on the front, was a great idea for her debut album, because it gives me the impression that this is all about her.

Powerful lyrics like this from “Closer,” show her vulnerability.

The lyrics “way beneath the weak surface of it all, I spy a girl only three foot tall that keeps me from drowning she keeps me from drowning in it all.”

Underrated, Morris delivers a spectacular debut album. I encourage everyone to listen to experience a new style of music.

Lyrics

“That’s where the love lies,
under the shadows,
that’s where the birds fly.”

-Under The Shadows

“We break the rules and
listen to our own skin. We
break our hearts and pretty much everything.”

-Skin

Yote’s Valentine Playlist

Assembled By JAYNENE MORENO
Staff Writer

Song Title	-	Artist	-	Length	-	Album Title
There’s a Moon out Tonight	-	The Capris	-	2:16	-	There’s a moon out tonight
All of Me	-	John Legend	-	4:30	-	Love In The Future
I’m Yours	-	Jason Mraz	-	4:02	-	We Sing. We Dance. We Steal Things.
Mi Razon De Ser	-	Banda MS	-	3:30	-	Mi Razon De Ser
Tell Me It’s Real	-	K-CI & JoJo	-	4:41	-	All My Life/Tell Me It’s Real
Come Close	-	Common, Mary J. Blige	-	4:24	-	Come Close
Birthday Song	-	2 Chainz and Kanye West	-	5:08	-	Based on a T.R.U Story
Just The Way You Are	-	Bruno Mars	-	3:41	-	Doo-Wops & Hooligans
Gracias Amor	-	Industria del Amor	-	3:07	-	20 Excitos... Historia Musical
Thinking Out Loud	-	Ed Sheeran	-	4:42	-	X (Deluxe Edition)

Agent Carter misfires



Photo courtesy of ABC

Agent Peggy Carter goes no where without first tucking her gun in her purse and having her spunky attitude at hand.

By ALEJANDRO CARDENAS
Staff Writer

Marvel’s “Agent Carter” is a witty, action-packed Captain America spin-off

led by the clever and strong-willed Peggy Carter (Hayley Atwell) from the “Captain America” series.

The show’s plot revolves around

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Bobbi Kristina found unconscious in bathtub

By DALAL MUSEITEF
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The 21-year-old daughter of Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown, Bobbi Kristina Brown, is in a medically-induced coma after being found unresponsive in her Georgia home on Saturday, Jan. 31.

She was found by her partner, Nick Gordon, facedown in the bathtub, according to police reports.

She was revived by CPR and rushed to North Fulton Hospital, then later moved to Emory University Hospital in Atlanta for their world-class neurological department: She still remains on life support as of Feb. 5, according to *People* magazine.

The incident occurred just weeks before the third anniversary of Whitney Houston's death, who died on Feb. 11, 2012 from accidental drowning, while a toxicology report found the singer had cocaine, marijuana, Xanax, Benadryl and other medication in her system, reported *Gleaner*.

On Jan. 26, Bobbi Kristina tweeted about missing her mother, writing: "miss you mommy ...") SO much.. loving you more every sec."

Reports earlier this week suggested Brown was depressed leading up to Saturday and was not only missing her mother, but had a bad argument with Gordon.

CNN's Nick Valencia reported that police were called to Bobbi Kristina's home on Jan. 23 for a reported fight, but no one

was home when they arrived on the scene. Initially, Valencia reported that they did not see any signs of drug abuse in her home, but law enforcement sources have confirmed drugs were later found and haven't specified whether they contributed to Brown's condition.

An inside source from *People* magazine also claims that in recent months, Bobbi Kristina had denied any sort of drug use.

According to the source, Bobbi Kristina said, "I know how my mother died, and I've learned from her mistakes," the source recalls. "She seemed very adamant."

Things appeared normal for Bobbi Kristina before her hospitalization.

Late on Friday night (Jan. 30), Bobbi Kristina posted a picture of herself with a male friend, writing, "YAYYYY :) finally my famBAM!!!"

Furthermore, Bobbi Kristina's relationship with her father has been strained lately.

"I can tell you that Bobbi Kristina and Bobby haven't been talking lately," claims the inside source from *People*, "Ever since Whitney died, they've been on again, off again. Sometimes they talk, but then they'll go for months and months without saying a word to each other."

Bobbi Kristina's father came out with a statement and said, "Please allow for my family to deal with this matter and give my daughter the love and support she needs at



Photo courtesy of mirror.co.uk

The late Whitney Houston attending the Pre-Grammy Gala & Salute to Industry Icons with daughter Bobbi Kristina Brown.

this time. Privacy is requested in this matter."

An unnamed family member reportedly disclosed to *People* magazine that a doctor told the family nothing more could be done for her and that she won't be able to survive, so family members are preparing to say goodbye to her.

A second family member told *People* the realization of Bobbi Kristina's immi-

nent death is dawning on relatives, who are still praying for her survival.

According to TMZ, doctors told Mr. Brown that it's time to withdraw life support.

Family sources say the decision is now in Brown's hands, but were told he's refusing to make the painful choice today, and instead wants to wait until after the weekend.

Get shot with cupid's arrow *in style*



By ALANA ROCHE'
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is on a Saturday, which changes the dynamic of the celebration, potentially involving more participants.

With Feb. 14 right around the corner, time is running out to choose the perfect outfit.

Whether you're going on a romantic date, making it a girls night, or just keeping it casual, the right outfit is of the utmost importance

Since Valentine's Day revolves around the color red, it seems appropriate to keep it in this color scheme.

If you are doing something that's worth dressing up for, this is the right outfit for you.

I chose a pale pink crop top that is still close to the Valentine's Day theme, but not going with the obvious red clothing that most girls wear.

This top can be found at princesspolly.com for \$35. The black skirt has lace at the bottom, which gives it a sexy touch that can be found on sale at romewe.com for \$9.99.

For shoes, I choose black strap heels that can be found on sale on fashionunion.com for \$17.

I chose to add a hint of Cupid by choosing heart shaped earrings for \$28 at belk.com.

Lastly, I added the red lipstick for more of a dramatic look. It can be found on asos.com for \$11. The complete look can be bought online for \$100.

If you are single, ready to mingle and

going on a girls' night out, this outfit is perfect. I chose a dress that would be perfect for dancing all night with your friends.

Since many women will surely be wearing red, you'll stand out in this off-white, cream dress that can be found at ax-paris.com for \$38.

The heels I chose match perfectly, as they were a shade darker.

These can be found at modcloth.com for \$40.

Next come the accessories: I found medium-sized earrings to match for \$12 that can be found at H&M.com.

Depending on how dramatic you want to be, you could choose to do a bold lip color or just keep it simple with a nude lipstick. The complete look comes to a total of \$90 online.

If you decide to keep it casual, this

outfit is perfect.

I chose a black and white cropped sweatshirt that can be found at blackfive.com for \$31.

I added shredded shorts that are from choies.com for \$25.

I also decided to add heart stud earrings that can be found at oliverbonas.com for \$18.

To add a Valentine's hint, I chose a purple lip that can be bought at newyork-color.com, or any local convenience store for \$1.99. The complete casual look can be found online for \$75.99.

Regardless of who you're spending time with on Valentines Day, it is a day of love so I suggest you spend it with a loved one.

However you spend this upcoming holiday, spend it looking fab and inspired.

Katy Perry roars like tiger and earns her stripes

By **BREE REYES**
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Katy Perry's Super Bowl XLIX halftime performance was the most-watched halftime show ever, with 118.5 million viewers, according to Nielsen Music in a Billboard article.

Perry opened the halftime show with her song "Roar," while she rode a giant tiger down the center of the field and soon after used visual effects of a chess board for her song "Dark Horse."

"I wondered whether she [Katy] was on a tiger or a lion, I couldn't tell," said Juan Martinez, a third year at CSUSB, "She was very predictable, but I did like how she was suspended from a star and the illusion of the chess board during "Dark Horse."

The show comprised a medley of Perry's top-charting singles, lasting 12 minutes, and included guest performances from Lenny Kravitz and Missy Elliot.

Perry posted her feelings on Twitter the day after the Super Bowl, stating, "MOST WATCHED SHOW IN US HISTORY?! Whelp, I gotta keep reminding myself I put my pants on leg at a time... But, yes I am incredibly proud!"

The singer also had her finger tattooed with "XLIX" after the halftime show, posting a photo to Instagram of her new ink work with the caption, "I thought it would be appropriate to draw blood tonight... XLIX"

CSUSB students and staff had mixed reviews on the performance.

"I liked it because I'm a fan of Katy Perry and it brought light to the Super Bowl," said Christina Raney, a third year at CSUSB. "I liked her whole performance, with Missy Elliot and Lenny Kravitz.

All she needed was Snoop Dogg and I would have been happy."

Lenny Kravitz sang and

played guitar for Perry's "I Kissed A Girl," and transitioned to a beach-themed party to showcase "Teenage Dream" and "California Gurls."

Perry's performance included dancing palm trees, beach balls, surf boards, and two sharks.

One of the two sharks was clearly not following the choreography. Social media soon created memes, gifs, and named the dancer "left shark."

She ended the show with her song "Firework," suspended in the air on a shooting star with fireworks bursting for a bright finale.

However, it was Missy Elliot's guest performance that had everyone talking. Elliot performed three of her singles, "Get Ur Freak On," "Work It," and "Lose Control," making her music sales in the U.S. increase by 99.6 percent, according to Nielsen Music in Billboard.com's article on the performance.

Elliot took to Twitter to express her gratitude stating, "To be honest, I didn't realize how much I was missed til last night. I'm crying y'all 4give me I just can't stop thanking God & y'all."

"Missy blew up on iTunes after the show," said Rafael Ramos, a fourth year at CSUSB.

"I think Missy Elliot overshadowed Katy Perry because of the prestige she has from those who know who she is. I want her to make a comeback. She's already in the studio with Diplo and Skrillex."

Vanessa Sandoval, a fourth year at

CSUSB and Stacey Sanchez, a second year, claimed they did not need to see the performance because of social media.

"I didn't watch the Super Bowl because I was studying, but I didn't really need to see it because of all the reactions on social media," said Sandoval.

"I saw memes comparing her outfits to a Hot Cheetos bag, Will Ferrell's outfit from the movie 'Blades of Glory,' and Hot Dog on a Stick. I saw everything I needed to see."

Perry also had some critics of the performance.

"Katy Perry's performance was good, but her songs are so outdated," said Madison Shaw, a second year at CSUSB, "She needs to come out with new music. I mean she killed it on stage, but I've seriously heard those songs a million times."

Donna Gotch, a Communications professor at CSUSB, had comments on the performance as well.

"I liked her performance, but no one can beat Beyonce," said Gotch, "That's my girl, but the performance was okay."

Overall, the halftime show left CSUSB students and staff with mixed feelings, and social media garnered to the attention of those who did not tune in to the Super Bowl performance.

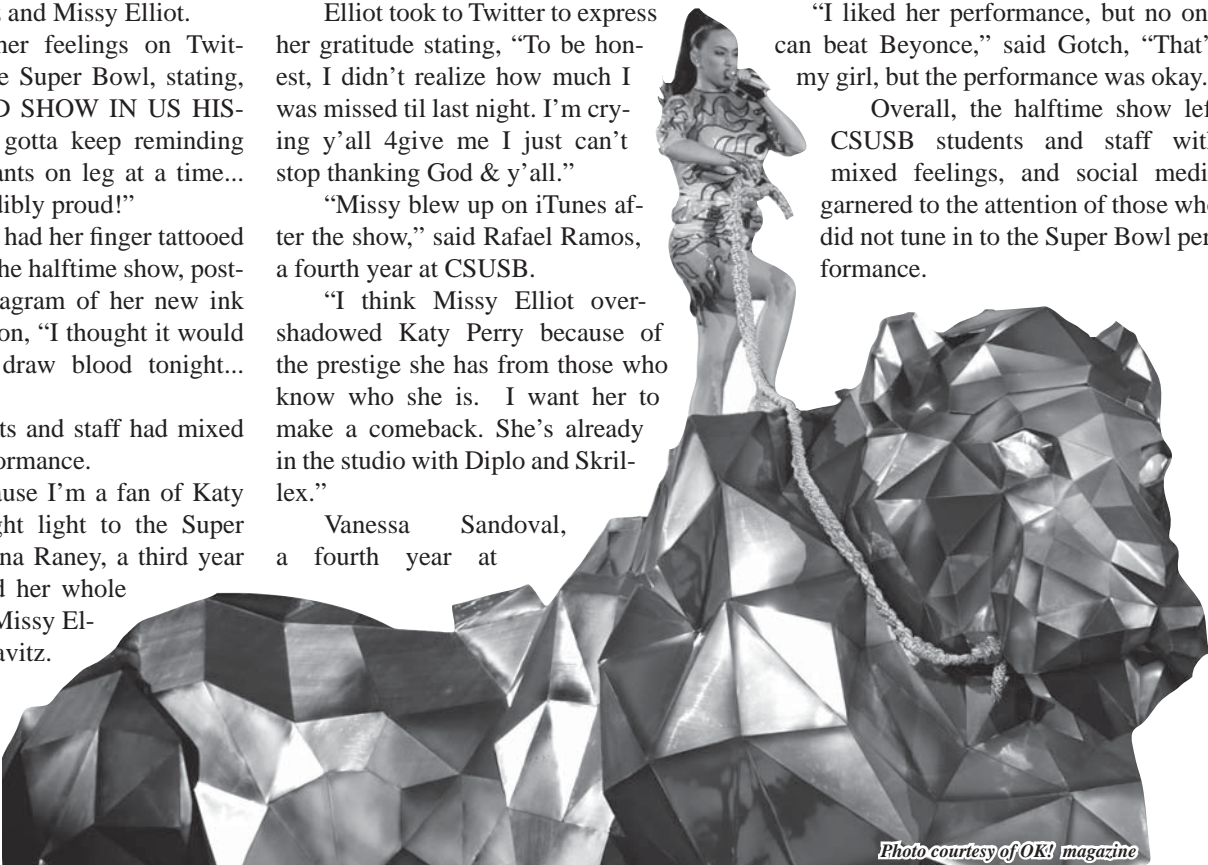


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ABC pulls the plug on Peggy

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the accusations facing Iron Man's father, Howard Stark (Dominic Cooper), who is believed to have sold weapon technology to the wrong hands.

Stark contacts Agent Carter, who works for the Strategic Scientific Reserve (SSR), in hope that she can clear his name and help him find out what happened to his weapons.

The series begins where "Captain America: The First Avenger" left off, showing Captain America sacrificing himself in the Arctic as he says goodbye to his love interest, Carter.

After Captain America's disappearance, the undervalued Peggy has been trying to reintegrate into the man-controlled work environment that has been forming since World War II, as millions of soldiers return from deployment and take the jobs from American women.

I was hoping the show's supporting character would be Cooper because he manages to present the entertaining persona Robert Downey Jr. gives Tony Stark.

The show went in a different direction and made Edwin Jarvis (James D' Arcy) Peggy's sidekick. Fans of the Marvel Universe will recognize Jarvis as the eventual personality for Tony Stark's Artificial Intelligence companion.

However, Peggy and Jarvis' partnership managed to win me over as the two forged a chemistry which brought a quality comedic element to the series.

Edwin and Peggy's forced relationship results in exchanges of witty banter that give this show the cheesy good-feeling laughs we have grown to expect from the Marvel franchise.

Another major character in the series is SSR agent Jack Thomason (Chad Michael Murray), who plays the chauvinistic counterpart to Carter's strong female characteristics.

The two are constantly butting heads and their interactions present many of the held stereotypes of the era.

Enver Gjokaj, who plays SSR Agent Daniel Sousa, a war veteran who has taken a liking to Peggy and presents a potential love story in the series.

The show's great writing is evident through the dialogue as it manages to remain witty and clever throughout each episode.

The show's constant references towards the time period kept me feeling like I was learning something and the references to the Marvel Universe will make the most hardcore comic book fans squeal in excitement.

"Agent Carter" is the replacement for "Agents of Shield" but I've found "Agent Carter" to be a much better series thanks to its writing, characters and a "noir-esque" environment.

So far, this mini-series has struggled in ratings.

Sadly, after eight episodes, it will end but I would still recommend it to other CSUSB students.

It is an excellent program that can be enjoyed by the most hardcore Marvel Universe fans as well as those who have no clue who Tony Stark is.

The show airs on Tuesday nights at 9 p.m. on ABC and past episodes can be viewed online at abc.go.com

MOVIE REVIEW

Traveling through time and space

By **NADIA AHMAD**
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"Project Almanac", Michael Bay's new sci-fi flick, has potential but won't quite leave an impact.

The film is shot from the point of view of high school senior David Raskin, his sister, his friends, and the most popular girl in school.

They discover pieces of what looks like a time machine in their basement and decide to change the world.

The high school students soon realize that the world around them is in danger due to the ripples they cause every time they travel back in time.

"Some parts of the movie are really cool. I like how when they went back in time, everything was shot in slow motion. I just thought that they used the machine for really petty things," said CSUSB student Chloe Tokar.

"Like, we get you've been bullied throughout high school and you want to be popular and liked, but millions of people are being affected by your decision so maybe not worry about your popularity," continued Tokar.

I agree that some of the decisions seemed a bit immature, but I'm not sure what one would expect from a group of five high school teens.

If you were a 17-year-old boy, what would you want to change? You would most likely want to get the girl, win lots of money, and go to cool music festivals you missed out on.

The movie was fun, but since each of the characters held the camera at different points in the film, the rocky camera footage is distracting, and likely to give you a headache.

"The handheld camera work seems overdone at this point, and so does the idea of time travel. I feel like they were trying to combine 'Project X' and 'Back To The Future' but it didn't go so well," said CSUSB student Travis Bartnett.

It was an interesting directorial decision, but somewhat of a failure for director Dean Isrealite, since most of the students I talked to said they would enjoy the film much more if it weren't for the chosen cinematography.

I'm sure director Isrealite was shooting for a natural look to the film, but it only made it seem less realistic.

Another component of the film that seemed unrealistic was the acting. The acting seemed very childish and lazy. In my opinion, I felt like the actors knew they were in a low-budget film and refused to give it their all.

For instance, when the group members would get into arguments, one of them would say "You know, you don't have to film everything."

However, the character would continue to film everything. My biggest complaints about the film are that it didn't seem real and that it seemed predictable.

The film might have been appealing if instead of focusing on a high schoolers it focused on college students.

The film wasn't terrible, but if "red-box" was a genre, the movie would fall under it.

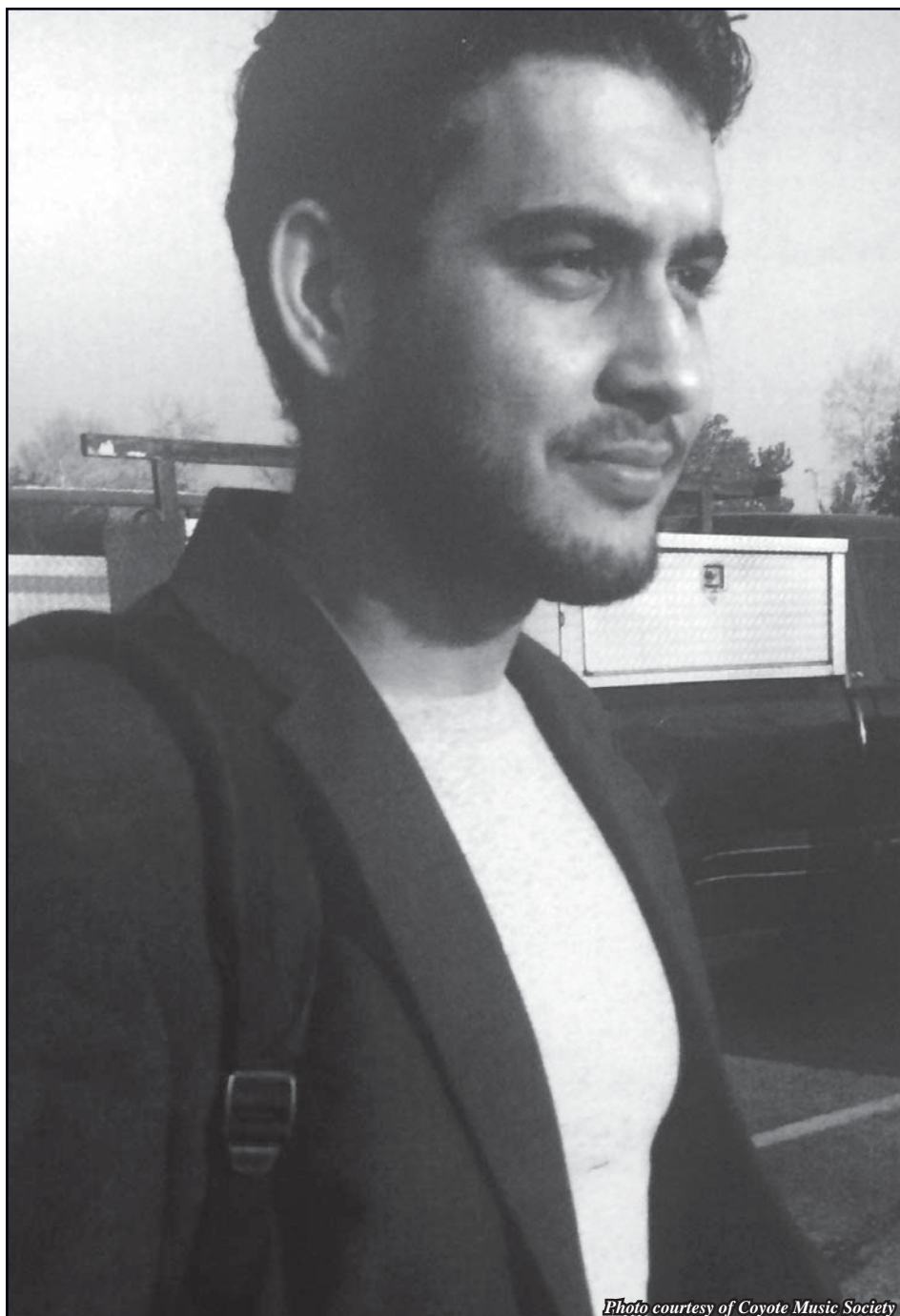


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Leaves a legacy

By **JASMINE TURNER**
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The CSUSB Events Center was filled with the heavy hearts of friends, family, and peers who attended an uplifting performance in memory of former student, Danny Ramadan on Saturday Jan. 31.

The concert raised money for a scholarship for music students who face financial struggles in pursuing their passion of music.

In June 2014, a former CSUSB graduate, Ramadan, and his girlfriend, Leslie Gonzalez, were on their way to an end-of-year banquet when they were involved in a traffic accident.

Ramadan later died and his girlfriend was seriously hurt, but is now recovering.

"Danny was a spectacular student and was lead trumpet player with the band, sang in the choir, and performed with the Jazz Band here on campus," said Julie Nichols director of development of arts & letters.

Ramadan was very active in his community.

"In the community, he was one of the founders of the Redlands Community Orchestra and played in the Sozo Community Jazz Band," she continued.

A reception was held before the banquet, allowing people to reminisce with photos of Ramadan showing his big smile.

When the concert began, the CSUSB Brass Ensemble Band started the show with the song "In resurrection tua Christe".

There was a variety of music per-

formed by the Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and the CSUSB Chamber Singers, which lifted spirits high in honor of Ramadan.

Between transitions of bands, different teachers and friends came up to speak about their dear student and friend Ramadan.

Dr. Robert Knop, the director of the Jazz Ensemble, made a few remarks to the audience before they played for Ramadan. "Danny was energetic and a good conductor and I would like to thank him in a more eloquent way" said Knop

Knop led the Jazz Ensemble with a powerful performance of the song "If I could," keeping Danny in mind.

After the Jazz ensemble performed, Ramadan's friend, Abir Naim came up to give a remark about her dear friend.

"Danny was amazing with everything and so loving and caring to everyone and he said so much with the way he looked and smiled at you," said Naim

Erik Jester, conductor of the CSUSB Symphonic Band, thanked the audience for their attendance and offered his positive thoughts of Ramadan.

"Danny wasn't going to be a good conductor, he was one. The choir of angels, found their conductor. When there are no words left, we leave with music," said Jester. It was great to see a community come together to celebrate Danny's life in a special way.

Ramadan leaves behind a legacy with the "Danny Ramadan Memorial Scholarship."

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Silva and Diaz battle it out

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landing many straight leg kicks and flurries of punches to Diaz.

After five long rounds, Diaz ended the fight a bloodied and bruised mess, while Silva seemed as though he had not been touched.

When it was all said and done Silva had his hand raised in victory and immediately broke down in tears, and after he recovered, he went to the outside of the ring to hug UFC light heavyweight champion Jon “Bones” Jones.

When asked Silva said about the hug, “Jones is my friend, I talk to Jones all the time. He’s young, he has all the problems, all the people hear his problems. The people talk that this guy is bad, he’s not bad.”

At the end of the fight, Silva hinted towards ending his fighting career on what would be a high note: “My son’s they don’t want me to fight, I need to go back with family now, I don’t know.”

Many experts believe if Silva were to end his career after this fight he would go down as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, fighter. in the history of mixed martial arts. Although, he shows that using drugs to win a fight is something that not only brings shame to your reputation but to the sport that you are apart of, using drugs is something that doesn’t bring you the advantage within the game but rather gives you a disadvantage overall.



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Tiger Woods withdraws from Torrey Pines

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On Thursday, Feb. 5, Tiger Woods withdrew from the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines.

Woods’ withdrawal follows his worst performance in his professional career at the Waste Management Open, shooting 82 and missing the final cut.

According to ESPN, Tiger had been struggling with back pains throughout the morning.

“It tightened up during the suspen-

sions and it never loosened back up again,” said Woods. It is not unusual to have long fog delays at Torrey Pines, a course Tiger is very familiar with.

Woods’s withdrawal is a disappointment for all golf fans as he has notably played well at Torrey Pines, winning eight times throughout his amateur and professional career.

Most notably, Woods’s last major championship came at San Diego’s Torrey Pine Municipal Golf Club in the 2008 U.S. Open.

Woods’ 2008 U.S. Open win is noted

by many golf elites, such as Johnny Miller, Nick Faldo, and Jack Nicholas as the greatest U.S. Open post World War II: He battled and defeated Rocco Mediate in a Monday playoff.

After his Waste Management last place finish, Woods has officially dropped out of the top 50 players in the Official World Golf rankings.

Fans may see even less of Woods, as he will now struggle to qualify for events, in which he has historically played well, such as the World Golf Championship at Firestone.



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Coyote player of the week

Briana Baker explains what makes her talented

By **NATHANIEL LASTRAPES**
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Most college basketball players have their mind on three things: basketball, school, and more basketball.

Some student athletes lose track of the important things in life but not the starting point guard of the Coyotes women's basketball team, senior Briana Baker.

The 21-year-old was born in Compton, California and was raised in Rancho Cucamonga. She grew up with a passion for basketball and eventually went on to play varsity at Rancho Cucamonga High School.

Baker fell in love with the game when she was in fifth grade and credits her father for her love of the game.

"He was really passionate about basketball, so I gravitated towards basketball. He coached me and he coaches my brothers now."

She remembers running on the court as a young child at her father's basketball games, trying to play with grown men and the rest is history.

Baker epitomizes the stu-

dent athlete. Aside from being the team's point guard, a position typically regarded as the leader of the team, Baker delivers impressive stats on and off the court.

Baker has maintained over her career at CSUSB a 3.8 grade point average.

She regards herself as the "geek" of the team, because whenever a teammate needs some help with homework, even personal matters, Baker is always there to assist them and give them good advice.

Baker's favorite thing about basketball is the team aspect, "your team is like your family. You have each other's back throughout every game. It's family oriented," said Baker.

Time management is essential for every student athlete, and Baker is no exception to the rule. When she is not practicing, playing in games, or attending class, she likes to spend time with her family and eat cookie dough ice cream.

Baker was recruited heavily in high school by Princeton University, UNLV, Idaho State, and Concordia University, but decided to stay closer to home and play basketball

at CSUSB.

Baker's family is incredibly important to her and she shares an especially strong connection with her mother.

She said her mother is the most influential person in her life because, "She is a very determined, driven woman. She's very optimistic and doesn't let anything bother her and leaves everything in God's hands. I just want to be more like her," said Baker.

Baker's leadership qualities are also seen on the basketball court. As the starting point guard, the team looks to her as a leader on the court who is responsible for orchestrating the offense and setting the tone on defense.

Her favorite thing to do on the court is lead the team on defense, getting in her opponent's personal space and generating energy for the team.

She also mentioned that she has to listen to "Lose Yourself" by Eminem before every game because it gets her pumped up.

With the correct balance of basketball, school, and family, Baker has figured out a formula for success and happiness.



Photo courtesy of CSUSB Athletics

Briana Baker is able to play basketball and keep up grades while remaining a inspiration.

Rec Center classes relieve the stress of campus life

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some calories through cardio, toning and strength training this is the perfect class for you," according to the SRFC.

Dance background makes the class more enjoyable but is not necessary.

The class incorporates different types of music with different tempos and speeds, working your entire body, as well as giving you a cultural experience with music and dances that some might have never experienced.

Moving multiple parts of your body at once requires some coordination, but the class is fun regardless of how you look doing it.

"Zumba is liberating," said student Rebecca Frey.

"I'd rather do an hour Zumba class than run for 15 minutes.

It's a great way to get your mind off of school and life, and also relieve stress," said Frey.

The class is offered eight times through out the school week with two different instructors.

"As long as you are actually trying to keep up and really putting everything into it you're going to get a lot out of it," according to CSUSB staff Kristal Gama, who attends the class at least once a week.

With the SRFC located on campus, students are able to take group exercise classes to help combat the stress that comes with being a college student as well as staying healthy and fit.

So no matter the exercise you pick and how comfortable you need to be, the SRFC will have options that you need so that you will be able to make the right decisions.

This will prepare you to make those decisions in the future.

Intramural basketball

By **EMMANUEL VALADEZ**
Staff Writer

Team Nike, Redeem Team, and Sac Kings are the only undefeated teams in the intramural basketball league.

There are currently 14 different teams playing in the league. The basketball league games are hosted in the Coussoullis Arena on Monday nights from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. During week one of regular season play, team Nike beat team Blue Thunder.

Chris Perez scored 24 points while making six shots from three-point range.

Thomas Monteon and Donavan Tolbert scored a combined 28 points which helped contribute to team Nike's victory over team Blue Thunder.

In the Redeem Team's victory over Power Circle, DJ Shumpert scored an impressive 19 points while aggressively crashing the boards with 13 rebounds.

Robert Murillo had a great game as well, scoring a team high of 21 points.

Team Power Circle's Justin Augustine scored a team high of 17 points.

Canthoy Olivar also scored in double digits with 11 points.

Sac Kings defeated Sig Ep Nation with the help of Mark Esho and Sal Khatib, who scored a combined total of 34 points.

Kendall McGraw was the top scorer for Sig Ep Nation with 14 points.

Pedro Navarro and Cory Heggenbeger both individually scored nine points.

As of Feb. 5, the top three teams in league are the Redeem Team, Sac Kings, and FA2/Nike with undefeated records at 2-0. Week three will begin on Feb. 10.

For team statistics, go to csusbrecsports.com, where you can also see the weekly game schedule and team standings.



Emmanuel Valadez / Chronicle Photo

Students play against each other during the intramurals while trying to relax.

Coyotes compete during Winter quarter

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dents are welcome to join.

There is a list of rules and regulations that all participants must follow, which can be found on csusbrecsports.com. If a participant fails to follow the rules and regulations, he or she may be removed from the league.

The league is eight weeks long, consisting of four weeks of regular season games and four weeks of playoffs.

Anyone who wants to compete can register at any time within the first four weeks of the regular season.

Every team will participate in the playoffs, which will give them the opportunity to win the championship.

The playoffs will consist of a division one winner and a division two winner.

The two winning teams win championship t-shirts, and will have their team picture posted in the Rec Center.

If you have any other questions regarding intramural sports, go to the Rec Center and ask to speak to the Competitive Sports Coordinator. You may also call their number at 909-537-3652.

Students dance away the stress

Zumba classes available for students to get their mind off school

By **SHELBY HANCOCK**

Staff Writer

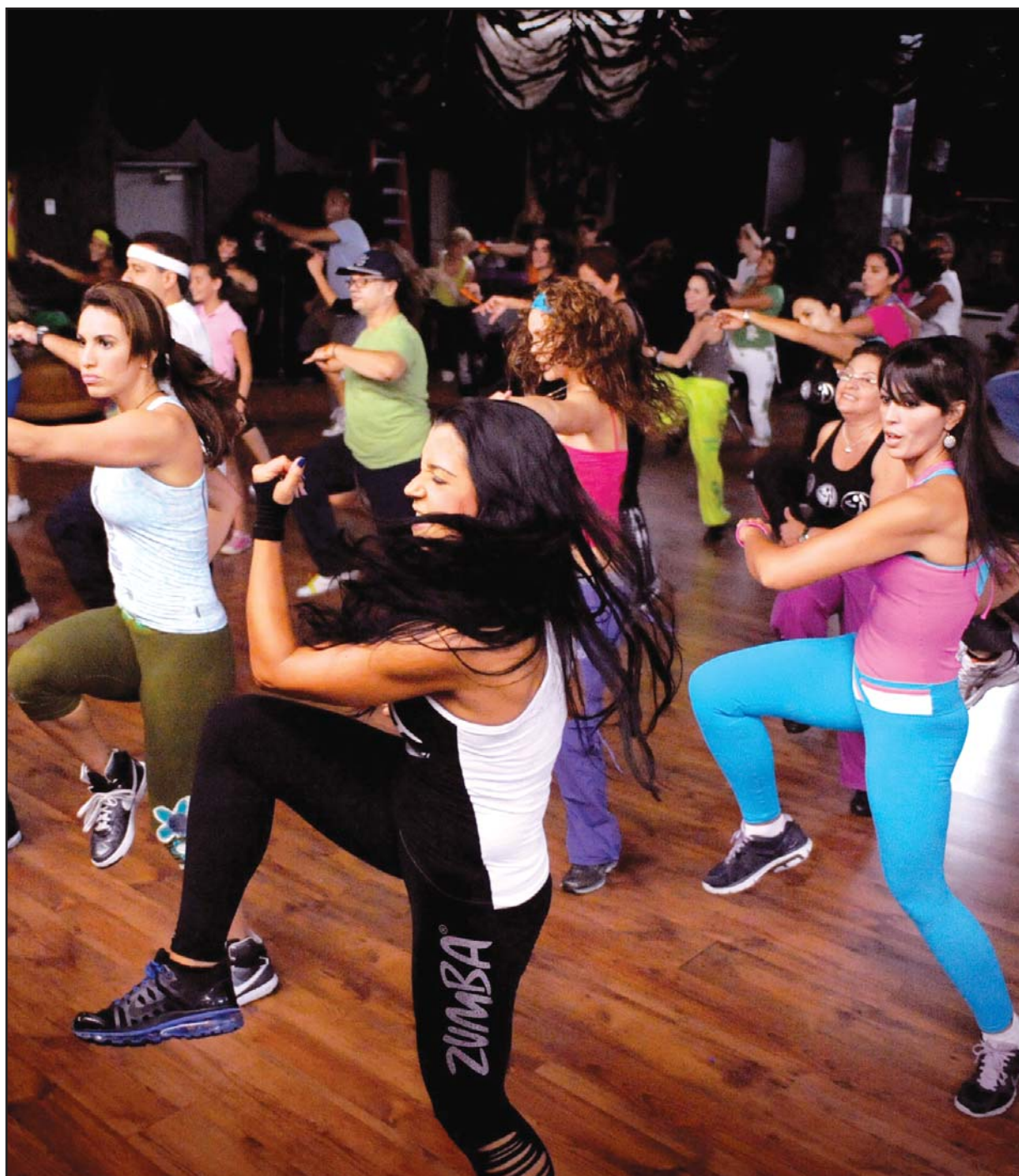


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Stress relief can come in many different forms, one of which is exercise.

Exams, papers, projects, and lectures at school are stressful.

The Student Recreation and Fitness Center (SRFC) on the CSUSB campus offers many exercise options to alleviate the side effects of being a student.

Exercise is recommended in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle, not only to reduce stress.

According to the Mayo Clinic, exercise has many positive effects, a few of which include improving one's mood and boosting energy.

Being active also reduces stress and anxiety, boosts memory, and builds intelligence, according to Dr. Susan Krauss Whitbourne.

The SRFC offers a variety of classes, available at different times, to accommodate different schedules.

One of the classes offered by the SRFC is Zumba.

Zumba is a fitness program with dance and aerobic exercise routines performed to popular music.

Zumba has become very popular, not only in America but also in other countries.

"Over 15 million people are taking a Zumba class around the world," according to Zumba.

Since its beginnings in the 1990's, the Zumba program has become the world's largest and most successful dance-fitness program, according to Zumba expert Dolores Mitchell.

During the sixty, class it is expected that you can burn up to 550 calories, according to the SRFC.

The class is instructed by Michelle Ruvalcaba, a junior Liberal Studies major, who is on her second quarter of teaching Zumba.

Ruvalcaba started Zumba in hopes of losing weight but ended up liking it so much she started teaching it.

"It's like exercise in disguise and people don't realize how fast the hour passes by," said Ruvalcaba.

On average about 15 students, male and female, attend each session although it's mostly female dominated.

"Each session differs in attendance depending on the day and the time," according to Ruvalcaba.

"If you are looking to have a great time and also burn off

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Intramural sports starts student competition

By **EMMANUEL VALADEZ**

Staff Writer

The Student Recreation and Fitness Center (referred to by the students as the Rec Center) hosts an intramural sports league every quarter.

All students, staff, and faculty members are welcome to join an independent league, which is absolutely free.

One of the intramural participants, Cody Hall stated, "It's an awesome way to have some good fun with my friends and teammates. I like how organized they make it for us to play."

In order to compete, you must fill out an online application or register at the intramural sports office at the Rec Center.

All participants have the option of signing up their own team or they can sign up as a free agent, which allows them to join another team.

Fraternity members are welcome to join one of the fraternity teams.

There is no limit for the amount of players in the league, therefore all stu-

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Silva wins fight and fails drug test

By **JACQUES LEE**

Staff Writer

Former Ultimate Fighting Championship, (UFC) Middleweight Champion Anderson "The Spider" Silva returned to the cage on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015, at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

After what seemed like a convincing victory by the former champion, some recent news hit the lime light.

On Feb. 3, 2015 both Silva and his opponent Nick Diaz failed random drug tests. Silva tested positive for Anabolic Steroids, while Diaz tested positive for marijuana metabolites. As of Feb. 5, there has not been any other news on the subject.

Silva had not fought since suffering a broken leg on December 28, 2013 during UFC 168.

There were many critics and analysts that believed Silva would be unable to fight again due to the severity of the injury and his age, 39.

"This is a very important moment for me and for my whole family... I've been through a lot of stuff in the past year, everything I went through. In the beginning, I didn't think I would be able to come back,"

said Silva in an interview with ESPN.

However, with all of the doubters and naysayers, Silva trained hard after surgery and rehabilitation and returned to the cage.

Silva (34-6) was scheduled to fight Diaz (27-10-1), a 31-year-old fighter moving up from the welterweight division, who is known for his trash talk in and out of the ring.

In the weeks before the fight, Diaz showed a great amount of respect for Silva. However, when both fighters got into the cage, Diaz returned to his normal self.

Diaz immediately began taunting Silva and putting his hands down while egging him on to try and punch him.

There was even a point in the first round where Diaz was laying down in a lounging position.

Diaz's antics got a negative reaction from the crowd and from referee John McCarthy, as the crowd booed him and was told to stop by McCarthy.

After the antics stopped, the fight moved forward and Diaz began to land a fair amount of punches, but that was not enough to throw Silva off of his game. Silva began to start using his rehabbed leg by

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Anderson "The Spider" Silva, tested positive for drugs.