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Gas prices: Increasing? or Decreasing?

By **DANNI YBARRA**
Staff Writer

"Get ready for \$10 [per barrel of] oil" and a decrease in gas prices, according to Yahoo Financial.

Yahoo Financial reports that the rise in U.S. oil production (due to hydraulic fracking and horizontal drilling) and output, as well as other factors such as more environmentally friendly cars, is lowering our demand for foreign oil and therefore putting a large strain on the global oil market and in turn lowering prices.

These factors are what will likely help bring down the price per barrel to anywhere between \$10 to \$20, claims Yahoo Financial.

However, some are not so convinced.

Both NBC News and *The Wall Street Journal* report that gas prices are back on the rise and ready to become stable again.

"Gasoline prices are rising across the country. The average price of gas rose 13 cents in the past two weeks, bringing it up 26 cents since prices bottomed out after a nine-month slide ended in January," reported NBC News.

"Prices collapsed from \$115 [per barrel] in June [2014]," continued NBC News. This collapse

was the cause of the continuing decrease until prices started stabilizing again this month.

"I loved the drop in prices!" said student Dara Dunn.

"The last time I saw it that low I was in elementary school," continued Dunn.

Another factor of the price drop is the overproduction of oil by the Organization for Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), the organization for Middle Eastern countries who produce and supply oil. Since the overall global oil demand is declining, OPEC held an emergency meeting in November 2014 to address the issue.

OPEC came to the conclusion that it would not cut output production to save money, but rather keep output at the same rate and hope for the demand to increase again and for the market to steady itself.

OPEC currently has enough oil on reserve to boost their output even more to try and maintain their current cash flow.

"The Saudis figure they can withstand low prices for longer than their financially weaker competitors, who will have to cut production first as pumping becomes uneconomical," reports Yahoo Financial.

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By **JOCELYN COLBERT**
Staff Writer

Android malware spies on you even when phone is shut down (Feb. 19)

New Android malware can make calls or take photos even if you shut the device down, according to Anti-Virus Guard (AVG) technologies.

"The malware hijacks the shutting down process — making it appear as though your Android device is shutting down," said AVG. Users see the animation, the screen goes black, but the phone is actually still on.

Dentist receptionist stole patient info to buy \$700K in Apple gift cards (Feb. 5)

A receptionist at a Manhattan dental office stole confidential information from over 200 patients and teamed up with a former Apple employee to open fraudulent credit lines and buy approximately \$100,000 in Apple gift cards, authorities said.

Devin Bazile used the patients' information to apply online for instant Apple credit lines ranging from \$2,000 to \$7,000, authorities alleged.

Bazile and his accomplices were indicted on 394 counts of grand larceny, identity theft and other counts for the scam that ran from May to November 2012, court records show.

College student accused of rape claims he was reenacting "Fifty Shades of Grey" (Feb. 23)

Mohammad Hossain, 19, is accused of sexually assaulting a fellow student in his dorm room at the University of Illinois in Chicago.

After bringing a 19-year-old woman back to his dorm room, Hossain used multiple belts to restrain and beat his victim while he assaulted her, the state's attorney's office told *The Washington Post*.

The Washington Post reports, prosecutors allege that after Hossain was arrested in his dorm.

Man finally buried after earlier funeral with wrong body (Feb. 23)

Johnny Morgan Lowe III, a Georgia man whose body was left in a state crime lab after a mix-up, has finally been buried in Augusta.

According to the Associated Press, a coroner says the mistake at the state crime lab in Decatur, outside of Atlanta, led the family of Lowe to bury the wrong man during a closed-casket funeral in December.

The body of Louie Caldwell of Clayton County, Georgia was mistakenly returned and buried by relatives who thought they were actually laying Lowe to rest.

Snowden reveals SIM card spying

By **TANIYA HARWELL**
Staff Writer

American and British spies hacked into the network of Gemalto, the largest manufacturer of cellphone SIM cards in the world, according to top-secret documents revealed by National Security Agency (NSA) whistleblower Edward Snowden.

The hack was a joint venture con-

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Campus carjacking

By **MARVIN GARCIA**
Staff Writer

A CSUSB student fell victim to a carjacking that occurred on university premises in parking lot G on Feb. 23 around 12:15 PM.

According to CSUSB Public Affairs press release, the suspect approached the victim, who was sleeping in his Ford Taurus, and threatened the driver with a firearm, and hit him several times before forcing him to drive out of the parking lot.

The suspect, 20 year old Julio Cesar De la Luz, took off with the student's vehicle after robbing him, according to Lieutenant

Richard Lawhead of the San Bernardino Police Department, as the victim contacted the authorities, De la Luz crashed the student's car in the area of 27th Street and Interstate 215 and then carjacked a second victim at gunpoint, then fled the area and headed southbound on Mt. Vernon Ave.

On the morning of Feb 24, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department deputies became involved in pursuing the second victim's car where two more individuals were accompanying De la Luz, with one believed to be his girlfriend.

De La Cruz faces several felony charges including kidnapping, carjacking, assault with a firearm, and more.

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SIM cards used to spy on people

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sisting of NSA operatives and its British counterpart Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ). It gave the surveillance agencies the potential to secretly monitor a large portion of the world's cellular communications, including both voice activity and data.

It is unknown what the agencies have done with the data.

This information comes from a secret GCHQ document published in *The Intercept*, an online publication dedicated to NSA coverage from information leaked by Snowden in 2010, according to independent.co.uk

Gemalto, the targeted company, is a Netherlands firm that makes the chips used in mobile phones and next-generation credit cards, according to firstlook.org.

Gemalto supports clients like AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon, Sprint and over 450 wireless network providers worldwide.

Gemalto executives were completely oblivious of the hack.

"I'm disturbed, quite concerned that this has happened," said Paul Beverly, Gemalto's executive vice president stated in *The Intercept*.

GCHQ also claimed they are able to manipulate the billing servers of cell companies to "suppress" charges in an effort to conceal the spy agency's secret actions on a person's cell phone.

The most disturbing piece of information for Gemalto is that GCHQ also penetrated "authentication servers," allowing them to decrypt data and voice activity between an individual's phone and their provider's network, according to firstlook.org.

"The most important thing for me is to understand exactly how this was done, so we can take every measure to ensure that it

doesn't happen again," stated Beverly.

Hacking was not limited to Gemalto; the leaked documents also revealed that the agencies had accessed the e-mails and Facebook accounts of employees of other major telecom corporations and SIM card manufacturers trying to obtain information that could potentially give them access to millions of encryption keys according to *The Intercept*.

They did this by utilizing the NSA's X-KEYSCORE program, which allowed them access to private e-mails hosted by the SIM card and mobile companies' servers, as well as those of major tech corporations, including Yahoo and Google, according to firstlook.org.

Although it is standard policy for the GCHQ not to comment on intelligence matters, officials stated in an e-mail to *The Intercept* that any work they may have done was "authorized, necessary and proportionate."

Mobile companies are recommended to support Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS), a type of encryption used to lessen any damaging effects caused by the theft of encryption keys.

Mobile companies that do not support this software are a target for theft.

The only effective way for individuals to protect themselves is to use secure communications software rather than relying on SIM card-based security, according to *The Intercept*.



Joaquin Junco Jr. | Coyote Illustration
Britain and America are spying on people with SIM cards.

CSUSB receives \$1 million in student grants

By **DAVON DEAN**
Staff Writer

CSUSB has received nearly \$1 million dollars in student grants from the U.S. Department of Education's Rehabilitation Services Administration.

The grant is help finance the disabilities program, to assist with new programs and provide technology to improve the program.

According to the CSUSB Public Affairs, the \$1 million dollars grant will be disbursed over a five-year plan.

"The grant's purpose is to train graduate students to work with people with disabilities in becoming more self-sufficient through independent living skills and/or placement into gainful employment," said Margaret Cooney, the grant writer and project director, and professor in the CSUSB College of Education's Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling.

Cooney also said the grant will not only help students financially but also help, the number of students who graduate will increase.

Cooney said the rehabilitation program on campus has reached its all time high, becoming a nationally accredited program by the Council of Rehabilitation Education.

One of the benefits of having a degree in rehabilitation is that you could work in any state, said Cooney.

"This degree of being a rehab counselor can be used in any state in the country [. . .] and, they will be hired," said Cooney.

Another benefit of graduating while in the program is an individual can become fluent in Spanish.

"The rehabilitation counseling program also will offer a bilingual rehabilitation counseling experience. The purpose for having a bilingual experience is that there is a demand in the rehabilitation profession for counselors to have the skills to speak and work with Hispanic clients," stated the rehabilitation counseling program website.

Dr. Connie McReynolds added that not only are students inside the program encouraged to take the bilingual course but, by speaking two different languages, students will have a better opportunity in the real world.

If a student gets on the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) list, which is an honor scholarship, then he or she will have a 98 percent chance of getting the job they apply for.

According to Cooney, each student who participates in the program and graduates must repay their scholarship by working in some accredited state or federal government agency.

If you are interested in joining the program there will be upcoming meetings, on March 23 and April 23, at 5 p.m.-5:50 p.m. in College of Education 117.

Students interested in the Rehabilitation Counseling Master's program may contact McReynolds at (909) 537-5453 or cmcreyno@csusb.edu.

New Palm Desert scholarship

By **MARVIN GARCIA**
Staff Writer

CSUSB Palm Desert Campus (PDC) was granted \$10,770 by local Coachella Valley rotary clubs on Feb 13. The funds will go to the Desert Rotary Scholarship.

According to Susan Knollenberg, director of major gifts at PDC, the purpose of the scholarship is to keep students in the Coachella Valley by providing financial support with Rotary.

Whether or not the scholarship will be exclusively for upcoming or current

students is not yet known since Rotary has not placed criteria, but PDC is confident it will be available for all students.

"The real significance of this has to do with so many individual Rotary clubs agreeing to partner in a scholarship project which will grow and benefit many Coachella Valley students who otherwise would likely have gone to universities outside the valley, and in most cases never return," said Scholarship Coordinator Ricardo Loretta to the *Desert Sun*.

Kollenberg further remarked how this donation indicated Rotary support to the

Coachella Valley's first four-year public university and how PDC wants students in the area to have a viable option to obtain a four year degree.

"It is an incredible partnership to have this show of support from local community organizations. We plan to build on relationships such as this," said Kollenberg.

The 15 rotary clubs, lead primarily by the Palm Desert Rotary, and the Rancho Mirage Rotary Club was selected as the official club of record for the scholarship grant.

Oil price speculation confuses some

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Though OPEC may have enough to weather the storm, other non-OPEC countries, like Venezuela and Russia, are getting hit hard with the price decline and are petitioning OPEC to cut production to help them be competitive in the market again and save their economies, according to NBC News.

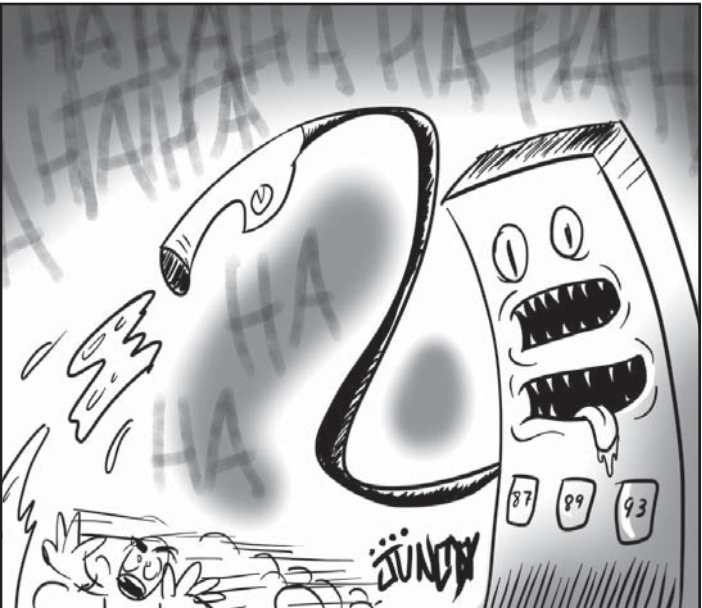
"It sucks that the prices are going up again, but it was nice while it lasted," said student Christina Castro.

Those who are not easily persuaded still believe oil prices are back on the rise.

"Oil prices have started to stabilize around current levels of \$60 a barrel and demand is showing signs of improving," reports NBC News.

When NBC News spoke with a senior Gulf OPEC delegate, who remained nameless, on Feb. 24, he claimed "there are a lot of indications showing that demand is growing" and "the market is stabilizing as well as prices."

"I drive an old Volkswagen Bus and if [gas] prices go up again that means I'll be driving a whole lot less and walking a whole lot more," said student Vladymir Gonzalez.



Joaquin Junco Jr. | Coyote Illustration
While some sources say oil is going down in price, other sources say they are increasing.

Former CSUSB vice president dies

By **DANNI YBARRA**
Staff Writer

Larry Sharp, former Vice President of Advancement at CSUSB, died on Monday Feb. 16.

For 27 years, Sharp ran the largest credit union in the region as president and CEO of Arrowhead Credit Union.

After a seven year long battle with colon cancer, Sharp died at Loma Linda University Medical Center, according to *Inland News Today*.

Sharp was a respected businessman, community leader, and philanthropist.

At 23, he began his credit union career as the general manager of Solar Federal Credit Union. After 14 successful years, Sharp took control of the San Diego Navy Credit Union, until joining Arrowhead Credit Union, according to legacy.com.

As the Arrowhead Credit Union President and CEO, Sharp also became a national leader in the credit union industry, advising political leaders and influencing everyday working people, according to legacy.com.

The California Credit Union League praised Sharp for his 45 year legacy of volunteerism and leadership that advanced the interests of the Golden State's credit union movement and local Inland Empire community, according to *Credit Union Times*.

The federal agency placed Arrowhead Credit Union into conservatorship on June 25, 2010.

Sharp's long and successful career as president and CEO of the company came to an end when he was fired by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) on July, 2010, along with three other executives, according to *Credit Union Times*.

In an interview with *Credit Union Times*, Sharp acknowledged that Arrowhead was struggling after the Inland Empire region increased in job losses while home values decreased. However, the credit union was on the road to recovery, according to Sharp.

The NCUA concluded that Sharp's performance projections were too optimistic, according to *Credit Union Times*.

Sharp was elected for a two year appointment as vice-president for university advancement at CSUSB where he began leading the school's University Advancement Division about two weeks after losing his job at Arrowhead Credit Union.

"We are truly saddened by Larry's death," stated CSUSB's President Tomás D. Morales. "When I first visited campus in June 2012, Larry was completing his second year in leading University Advancement. He immediately began connecting me to many of our friends in the community as well as public officials. That experience truly helped me launch my transition to San Bernardino. We offer our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Cassie, and the entire family."

In October 2012, Sharp retired from that position, according to the *Press Enterprise*.

After he retired, Sharp stayed in touch with some of his fellow credit union leaders and continued championing the industry's philosophy of people helping people, according to *Credit Union Times*.

Sharp was also well known for long term involvement with many political causes, including service as the past chairman of the political action group Inland action, according to the *San Bernardino Sun*.

Sharp's contributions were recognized on multiple occasions including being awarded the Arrowhead Distinguished Chief Executive Award by CSUSB in 1998 and being named Business Leader of the Year by the *San Bernardino Sun* in 2000.

He also received the Excellence in Business Development Leadership Award in 2002 and the Donald Hagman award from the Southern California Association of Government in 2003, according to the legacy.com.

"Sharp did so much good for the community and the credit union will honor his memory with a sizable contribution to a local foundation," stated President and CEO of the Arrowhead Credit Union Darin Woinarowicz.

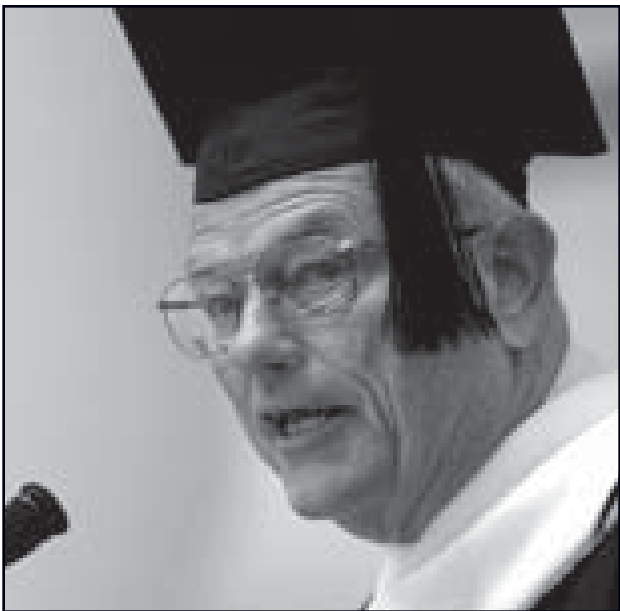


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President and CEO of Arrowhead Credit Union

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"We will also be donating \$10,000 to the Loma Linda Children's Hospital Foundation, where he served on the board," stated Woinarowicz.

A memorial service was held on Sat. Feb. 21 at The National Orange Show, Renaissance, according to the legacy.com.

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College education is worth debt

By **ANGIE BURKHART**
Staff Writer

The benefits of attending college far outweigh the debt that is accrued when we consider the opportunities and knowledge we gain.

Statistics show that college graduates are financially more successful than those without a degree.

When I asked fellow college students why they are pursuing a degree, I got a variety of responses.

Some said it was just to land a job, and others said it was to better their life altogether, whether financially or intellectually.

CSUSB graduate Genna West said she originally pursued higher education to make more money, but found purpose in her career that during her time at CSUSB.

Some say that “knowledge is power” or that “money can’t buy you happiness,” and the drive behind my own pursuit of higher education, debt or not, lies within these cliches.

Whether the benefits of education surpass student debt, has become a very important question. I have reason to believe that the benefits do outweigh the debt.

“Americans with four-year college degrees made 98 percent more an hour on

average in 2013 than people without a degree. It’s up from 89 percent five years earlier,” stated David Leonhardt in *The New York Times*.

Leonhardt also added that “among four-year college graduates who took out loans, average debt is about \$25,000”, which in his opinion, is “a sum that is a tiny fraction of the economic benefits of college.”

My own student debt falls at about half of this average because I attended community college before transferring to a university, which is a route I would recommend to all prospective students who want to save money.

Aside from the costs associated with higher education, we have to ask ourselves what we are facing if we decide to not pursue a degree: Is the grass really greener?

“In the work world, many employers see a four-year degree as a must, even in clerical jobs,” stated author Don Lee, in the *Los Angeles Times*. Although there are doubts about the value of a college education nowadays, “what’s clear is that the alternative is much worse,” added Lee.

Of course, debt is undesirable, however, nothing worthwhile comes easy, let alone free.

I would like to ask you to consider this: “An alarming 70 percent of those surveyed

in a recent Gallup poll either hate their jobs or are completely disengaged,” stated Beth Stebner in the *New York Daily News*.

Although this may not exclude college grads, a degree may give you options that individuals without a degree may not have, such as flexibility and a career path choice.

Higher education gives you the op-

portunity to commit your life to something you love, instead of something that is merely a means to an end, and I believe that is enough to justify the price of higher education.

West concluded with, “I absolutely love what I do. Is my debt worth it? Yes, it is.”



Angie Burkhart | Chronicle Photo

Potential students cheat themselves from a college education by worrying about debt that may accrue during attendance.

Fifty Shades of BS: Truth about BDSM

By **ESSENCE DENNIS**
Staff Writer

Abuse is abuse -- and that’s what “Fifty Shades of Grey” enforced.

“Fifty Shades of Grey” is a story about an abusive man who wanted control over a college senior, using sex and a contract.

BDSM is known as an overlapping abbreviation of bondage and discipline, dominance and submission, and sadism and masochism, according to urbandictionary.com.

The public only reads and experiences what the author portrays in “Fifty Shades of Grey.” However, the author has portrayed a false sense of consent in the book, as well as the movie.

“She didn’t even know what a butt plug was, most people do - and if they don’t, they wouldn’t be involved with a man like him,” commented Emily Sarah, a performer, fetish model, and owner of “BDSM Healing.”

In most BDSM relationships, most people who engage in any of the sexual acts at least know what tools are involved.

“I don’t think he’d be interested in a woman like her. She’s clearly not up for BDSM, and he could find someone else to do it. That makes their relationship abusive,” said Sarah.

In my opinion, it seems as though BDSM holds a bitter taste in many people’s mouths when thought about.

Most people go straight to something like hardcore porn, believing that the act itself is all that BDSM is composed of.

There is consent within BDSM relationships, which “Fifty Shades of Grey” simply does not discuss.

This makes the book and movie more of a fantasy. The downside, youth will

view this kind of movie and gain a false sense of what sex and sexuality are, which may push them into abusive relationships.

“It’s scary for kids to have to see it. It messes kids up and gives them a false sense of what sex is actually like,” said student Joseph Youngblood.

The media, in my opinion, already misconstrues what sexuality is and how people express it, which ultimately demonizes what’s acceptable and what’s not.

When in reality, a study was performed in 2005 by Durex called the “Global Sex Survey” that stated about “20 percent of sexually active people engage in ‘kinky play’ with their sex partners,” according to divinecaroline.com.

“Most people outwardly think it (BDSM) is not suitable for most Americans, but in reality most people do it without knowing,” said student Celeste Youngblood.

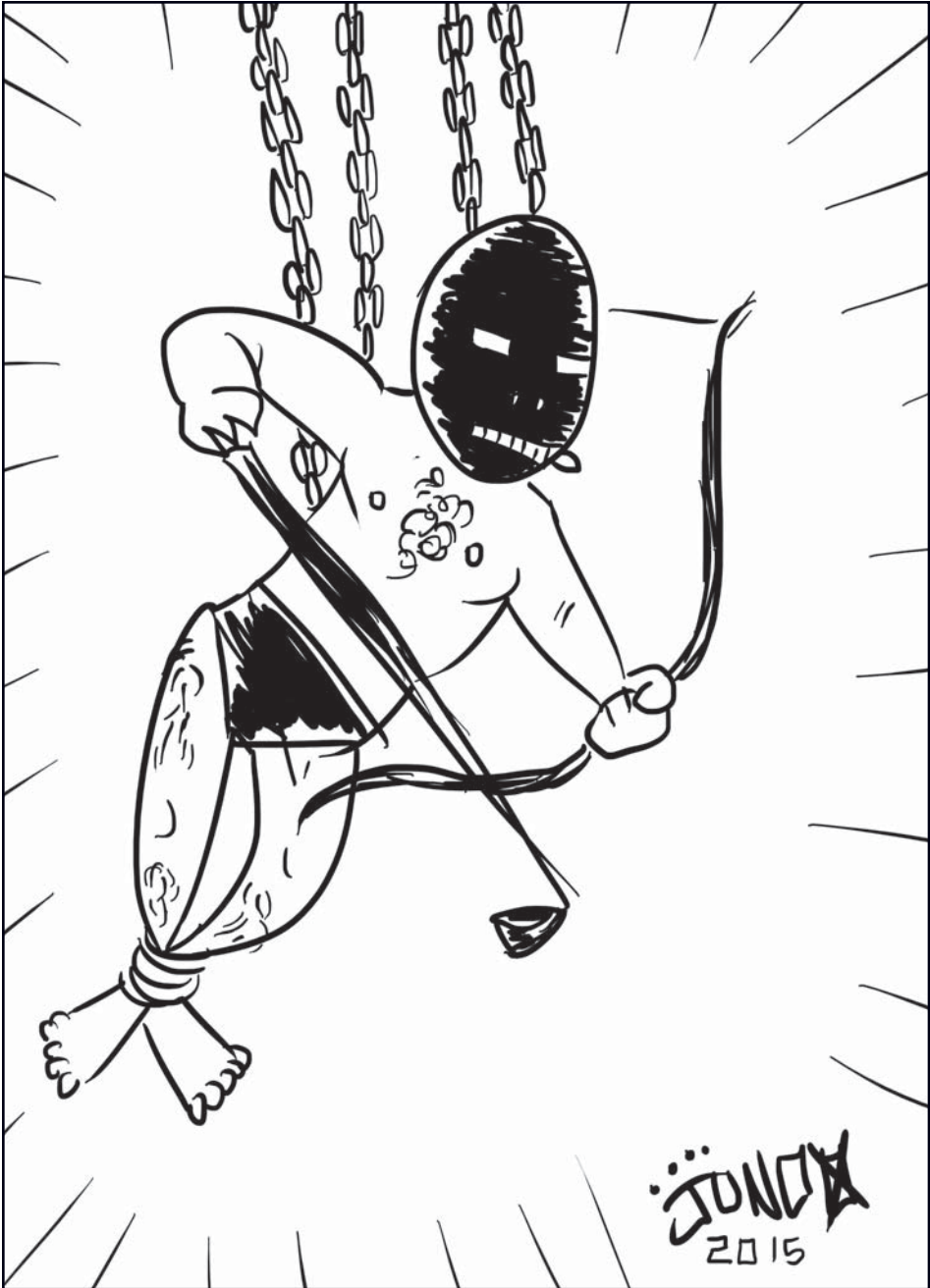
Celeste mentioned what seemingly a lot of couples engage in can deal with anything, such as slight choking, tying hands on bed posts, or to a heterosexual couple having the woman be the dominant individual during intercourse.

“Psychologically, certain guys could watch it and think, ‘All right, this is how we play it now? This is what I need to do’,” said Ronald Elliston in an interview for *The Guardian*.

Elliston has been a part of the fetish scene since 1983.

“Christian (the main character in “Fifty Shades of Grey”) is manipulative, controlling, and has all the characteristics of a psychopath. At the end, he proved his point by beating her up, then being charming again,” said Jon Blue to *The Guardian*.

“Fifty Shades of Grey” misrepresents BDSM, and further perpetuates abuse.



Joaquin Junco Jr. | Chronicle Illustration

“Fifty Shades of Grey” creates misunderstanding and unease within the public concerning BDSM activities and practices.

Facebook from beyond the grave

By **DOMINIC INDOLINO**

Staff Writer

Facebook did well with their announcement on Thursday, Feb. 12 that a new option is available for users to memorialize their accounts after their inevitable deaths.

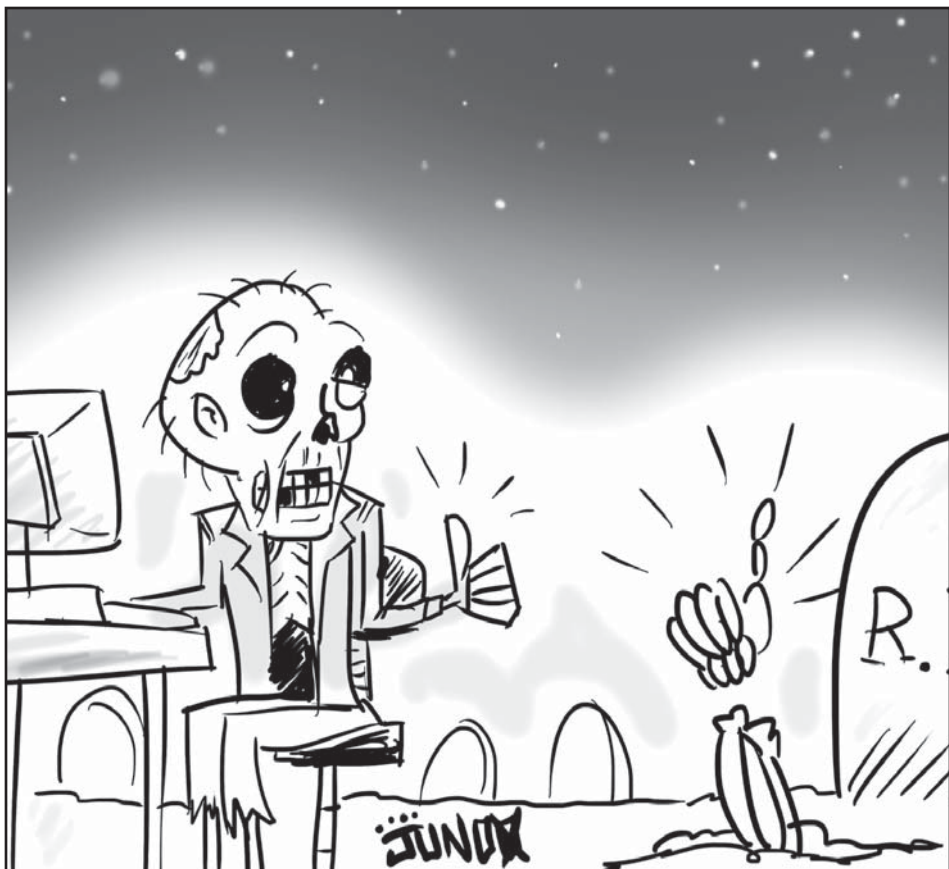
They call it a legacy contact, a family member or friend who will be allowed to manage the account of a person that has died.

The legacy contact is allowed to maintain a memorialized page, update the profile picture and the cover photo of the deceased. They are not allowed to log in as the deceased, edit posts, or view private messages. An option to download an archive of photos, posts, and profile information that is already offered to the living, will be made available to the legacy contact.

For those who do not want to be memorialized on Facebook, the company gives you an option to permanently delete your profile after they learn about your death.

Sam Lopez, a first-year transfer student at CSUSB, viewed Facebook's new option as a nice idea. Lopez said that even though he did not have a Facebook profile he would choose a legacy contact, not for him, but for the ones he would leave behind.

A first-year transfer student who wanted to remain anonymous, agreed with Lopez. "The idea is nice," but she would have her profile permanently deleted after her death because she would not want to



Joaquin Junco Jr. | Chronicle Illustration

Facebook's legacy contact allows a family member or friend to manage the profile information of a person that has died.

give someone that responsibility unless "they knew her really well," she added.

Kelsey Zurcher, a fourth-year environmental science major, said having a legacy contact could be good but that it "does the same thing" that families already do to remember their loved ones. Zurcher would leave her Facebook profile alone after her death because "it doesn't really matter in

the long run," but would give her family the option to do whatever they want with it.

Surprisingly, out of the four CSUSB students I interviewed, only one had heard about Facebook's initiative to memorialize the dead.

Christopher Brewer, a freshman studying pre-biological psychology, thinks the option to memorialize is a bad idea.

Brewer understands that the memorial is for those who cared about the deceased but that the permanent profile "belittles" their death.

"A death shouldn't be felt sorry for but honored," said Brewer.

Brewer would have his profile permanently deleted but is not opposed to an archive of his profile being downloaded. Brewer thinks that it is better than a permanent account and gives his family an option to remember his story, "the way I told it."

Facebook's new program is kind because it allows users a sense of control in what will happen after their death, but I know that even if my Facebook is deleted my Internet profile will exist forever. Every stupid, adolescent MySpace post will be there for my mom to laugh at.

So instead of covering up my premature posts with a memorial wall of sympathies, I want all my jokes, sappy posts, and bad pictures that I regret to continue to exist because it is our choices, even our mistakes, that make us who we are.

"When a person passes away, their account can become a memorial of their life, friendships and experiences."

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Licensed to carry should be OK

By **JACOB COLLINS**

Asst. Online Editor

Those with a license to carry a concealed weapon should be able to carry their firearms on college campuses.

I believe there is no good reason for this restriction and it negatively impacts an individual's right to self-defense.

Many opponents to concealed weapons at universities have a myriad of reasons, all or most of which are equally moronic.

A popular argument is that firearms are not necessary or that other means of self-defense work better. I disagree with these arguments.

On California university campuses, the only weapons you can legally use in self-defense are pepper spray or a folding knife less than two and a half inches long that cannot lock in place. Other weapons such as tasers, stun guns, and firearms are illegal.

Fending off an assailant with pepper spray seems unrealistic, given the fact they would have to be further than arms reach but still within 15 feet. Also, chances are that in spraying the assailant you will be affected by the spray as well.

Assailants have also been known to fight through the pain of pepper spray.

The same idea applies to using knives for self-defense. If your attacker has a knife or a gun, it's not going to end very well for either of you.

Another argument is the famous "but

what if the gun goes off accidentally?" All or most gun owners acknowledge that there is no such thing as an "accidental discharge," only negligent discharges.

"Among the more than 150 college campuses that currently allow concealed carry, there have been three accidental/negligent discharges—two by faculty/staff and one by a student. Two of the negligent discharges were the result of the license holder carrying the gun in a pants pocket without a holster (both of these incidents resulted in non-life-threatening injuries to the license holder's leg), and one was the result of the license holder showing a new gun—a gun with which she was not yet familiar—to her coworkers (this incident resulted in only minor abrasions that did not require medical attention)," states concealedcampus.org on their webpage refuting common arguments against concealed carry.

People who properly and lawfully carry their concealed weapon use a holster covering the trigger of the weapon which negates the firearm from discharging without being drawn. Showing your concealed weapon to others, or brandishing it is illegal and a quick way to get your concealed carry license taken away.

When a violent crime occurs that makes the use of lethal force necessary you cannot rely on the police to save you.

By the time they arrive, you will either be severely injured or, dead. You can only rely on the police to chase after your attacker and bring him/her to justice after the

fact.

You must rely on yourself for defense to avoid becoming another statistic of violent crime.



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Last meal delectables: The condemned's final choice

By **MACKENZIE VIERA**
Staff Writer

Buckets of ice cream, trays of meat, and slices of pie are all some of the most common last meals requested by inmates on death row. Kelly Gissendaner, the first woman to be executed in Georgia since 1945, was convicted for plotting the murder of her ex-husband with her lover Gregory Owen in 1998. She convinced her ex-husband to drive into a secluded area where Owen repeatedly stabbed him in the neck. A week before her scheduled execution by lethal injection, Gissendaner requested a 4200 calorie meal.

“Cornbread, buttermilk, two Burger King Whoppers with cheese, two large orders of French fries, cherry vanilla ice cream, popcorn, and a lemonade,” said a spokesman for the Georgia Department of Corrections.

“She also ordered a salad with boiled eggs, tomatoes, bell peppers, onions, carrots, and cheese, topped with Paul Newman’s buttermilk dressing.”

Despite the brutality of the crime, it has been a ritual in many countries for inmates to make a final meal request.

Last meals can be traced back to ancient Greece, Rome and China.

Granting a meal to an inmate can indicate a peace offering which alternatively could also cause controversy.

“Why should a serial killer have the opportunity to indulge in one last meal?” asked student Valerie Rose. “It’s stupid and unfair. Did the victim have the option?”

Many prisons in the United States allow inmates to order a special meal up to two days in advance from to the execution.

Though there are no standard re-

quirements in the states, some have certain constraints. Florida has a \$40 budget, Oklahoma upholds a \$15 budget, and the meals must be locally available.

In 2011, Texas announced that inmates will no longer be able to order a last meal due to convict Lawrence Russell Brewer ordering a massive meal and not eating it.

His order consisted of two fried chicken fried steaks, a triple-meat cheeseburger, fried okra, a pound of barbecue, three fajitas, a meat lovers pizza, a pint of ice cream, and a slab of peanut butter fudge with crushed peanuts.

“It is extremely inappropriate to give a person sentenced to death such a privilege,” said John Whitmire chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice committee. “It’s ridiculous.”

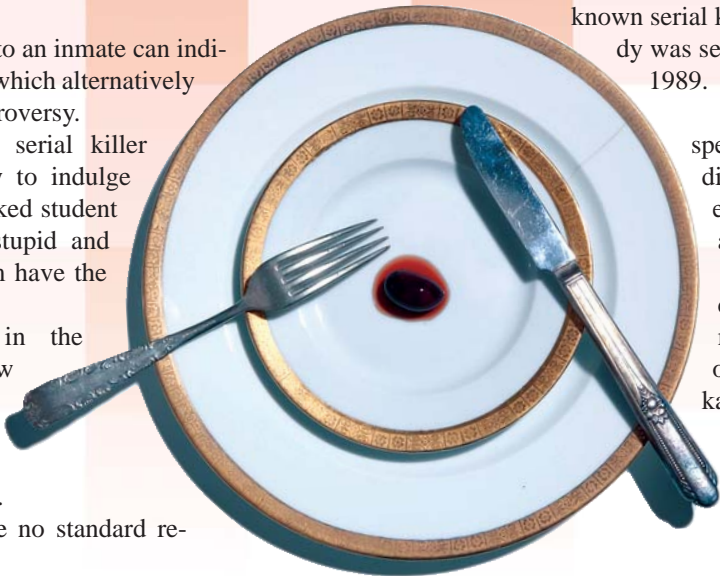
Although Gissendaner’s meal may seem bazaar, some of the reported request made by other inmates consists of pints of ice cream, loads of comfort food, or even just a single olive.

“I would order a massive burrito that has a different meat in every bite,” said student Shawn Reichers. “Nothing else.”

While more inmates have special requests, many prisoners refuse to accept any food offered. Infamously known serial killer and necrophiliac, Ted Bundy was set for execution in Florida during 1989.

Bundy refused to request a special meal, yet received the traditional meal of steak, eggs over easy, hash browns, toast, butter and jelly.

Under sufficient budget constraints, this writer’s last meal would consist of a bowl of Spicy Miso Ramen from Dai-kakuya in Little Tokyo, chocolate covered potato chips, a bowl of red gummy bears, and a Reese’s cheesecake from The Cheesecake Factory.



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By **SELINA CERDA**
Staff Writer

Ten years strong, YouTube generates billions of views every-day, changing the way people consume entertainment. Most of YouTube’s viewers range from 12-18 with 44% female and 56% male, attracting viewers 18-34 away from cable and satellite television. YouTube was founded by Chad Hurley, Steven Chen, Jawed Karim, who were three former employees of PayPal who wanted to create an outlet for creative people to express themselves. The domain Youtube.com, was activated Feb. 14, 2005 and after a few months of developing, the site was officially launched in May 2005. The first YouTube video to ever be uploaded, “Me at the Zoo”, was by co-founder Jawed Karim at the San Diego Zoo. This video was uploaded on April 23,

2005 and can still be seen today with over 18 million views. YouTube has changed throughout the years, providing a entertainment, information and a forum to billions of people from around the world to connect, inform, and inspire. “I mostly watch Bryan Tanakas’s videos because he pushes and inspires me to improve on my dancing skills,” said student Mollie Cooper. Daily users who most likely have a YouTube account have possibly uploaded videos of their own and subscribe to others. “I do occasionally upload videos myself, and usually they are just freestyle videos, they aren’t great but they’re fun to film,” continued Cooper. 300 hours of video content is uploaded to YouTube every month and half of the views are on mobile devices. In 2007, YouTube decided to monetize partner videos as an option to copy-right their claims with ContentID, which

enables you to be paid for your creative content starting at one thousand views per video. Depending on the number of subscribers a channel has, the creator of the channel gets a higher percentage of the royalty every time a video is watched. YouTube has invested in thousands of users to create weekly or daily videos as a full time paid job. The top video categories people subscribe to most include music, people & blogs, gaming, sports, and animals. “YouTube has definitely been a blessing and a curse for me! It was my life saver whenever I struggled with vector calculus . . . but it also comprised around 35% of my procrastination. Sometimes you just need a break to watch a funny panda video,” stated Diana Sifuentes via e-mail. YouTube has made it easy for global trends and news to spread quickly and easily by allowing users to share videos on other types of social media.

“We have access to entertainment and info from all over now and everyone utilizes it differently which is great because there’s a good chance that they’re also uploading videos which adds to the diversity of information we can learn,” said student Elena Rodriguez. Many YouTubers, like Justin Bieber, The Vamps, PewDiePie, and Heather Rooney, collectively have millions of followers for doing what they love—whether it’s singing, gaming, or drawing. “I like to post videos of my artwork and music video edits. I also would like to upload do it yourself videos hopefully soon,” said student Ivonne Viniegra. YouTube has changed the way viewers consume media, become a go-to source for tutorials, and has allowed the opportunity for users to become a full-time entertaining resource. Let’s hope for 10 more years of help with homework, hilarious, virile videos, and a dialy serving of awesome-sauce.

Smart phone use tied to cycle of depression

By ANNA GONZALES
Staff Writer

Much like a variety of substance addictions, cell phone addiction may be an attempt at mood repair,” according to researchers James A. Roberts, Chris Pullig, and Chris Manolis.

New research from Baylor University suggests that people who constantly check their phone may be linked to depression.

People check their phones on average 150 times throughout the day, according to the Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers’s annual Internet Trends report.

Constant searches through e-mails, social media sites, and the internet “may act as pacifiers for the unstable individual distracting him or herself from the worries of the day and providing solace from concerns,” according to Roberts, Pullig, and Manolis.

Five Coyotes were interviewed for their opinion concerning heavy cell phone usage and its possible link to depression.

Student James Glenn feels the findings of the study are inaccurate.

When it comes to the reasons why people use their phones heavily, “mood repair is unrelated,” stated Glenn.

He stated that he believes that if a person has a phone that has the capability to access social networks, they are going to check those sites regardless of mood.

Student Erin Miramontes checks her phone frequently throughout the day and feels people use their phones as a crutch for comfort and to feel connected to others.

Miramontes occasionally uses her phone when she feels uncomfortable in a situation, but a majority of the



time she utilizes her phone to escape from boredom.

Coyotes Paula Garcia and David Miranda also said they use their phones to access apps and features during moments of boredom.

“I go on Instagram to see what everyone is up to. Facebook is more entertaining because of all the videos people share and memes,” stated Garcia.

Although she checks her social media, she rarely contributes to her online profiles because she does not feel the need “to post up every bit of [her] life just to get likes to validate the fun [she’s] having.”

When asked if he believed that people can become addicted to using their phone, Miranda answered with complete certainty that it is possible.

“People get really attached to materialistic things that tend to make individuals feel dependent to that object,” stated Miranda.

Student Marisol Nava holds an opposing view compared to Miranda when it comes to thoughts of cell phone addiction.

“I do think some individuals can be too attached to their phone but [not] addicted,” stated Nava.

One thing Miranda and Nava do agree on though, they believe people use their phones to distract themselves from problems in their daily lives with selfie-filled feeds, random YouTube clips, and humorous, vintage Spider-Man memes.

While all the Coyotes did not state they felt heavy phone usage was linked to feelings of depression, there was a general consensus that they use their cell phones to escape from feelings of boredom.



NATURAL DISASTER AWARENESS



Student Tiana Watson practices taking cover under a desk during a simulated earthquake.

By CAMILLIA DABABNEH
Staff Writer

Students should take steps before a disaster hits and prepare emergency kits,” stated Rick Blackburn, CSUSB Emergency Manager.

Emergency preparedness is important to plan and prepare the campus community for potential disasters.

“Emergency Management develops plans and protocols to facilitate a better response by the campus community to disasters/emergencies,” stated Blackburn.

There are plenty of disasters that can happen throughout the world; the problem is, they’re always unexpected.

“Natural Disasters are a surprise, you never know when it’s coming,” said alumnus David Gomez. “Being prepared decides if you are either a survivor or victim.”

Some natural disasters that can hap-

pen around our area are fires, floods, earthquakes, mudslides, extreme wind conditions, and hazardous spills, which come with potential threats to everybody that is in close range.

These threats include injuries, death, car damage, damage to homes, damage to electrical wires, upon many other things.

Many students may agree they would have no knowledge on what to do if a disaster occurs.

“I don’t think I would have the means necessary for me and my family to survive,” said student Jackie Duran. “I do not have an emergency plan or a supply kit ready to use for such disasters.”

Luckily, CSUSB does have precautions in dealing with disasters.

We have a comprehensive emergency management program, campus emergency notification system, outside partnerships and resources, and building and floor marshall programs.

“I would be willing to take classes in order to prepare for a disaster and to inform myself on what is the most efficient ways to prepare for such event,” said Duran.

The campus’ safety programs will provide useful knowledge for students and faculty, and with all the programs available it should be simple enough to receive the information on how to prepare yourself.

“The campus has prepared and publicized several emergency management publications including the CSUSB Disaster Preparedness Quick Reference Guide, which provide guidance on what students should do during disasters such as earthquakes or floods,” stated Blackburn.

These publications hang on classroom and office walls throughout the campus, the CSUSB website, and mobile app.

The campus also provides building evacuation teams that have over 75 staff and faculties.

The exercises and drills provided

through CSUSB include evacuation drills, the emergency operations center exercise, the great shake out, and the active shooter exercise. All these exercises are knowledge-based, but there are material things that should be considered as well.

“Some basic items should include: a first aid kit, water, food (snacks), flashlight, gloves, extra shoes, and extra medications,” stated Blackburn.

The truth is, everyone should get prepared, but some people think these things are less likely to happen in their lifetime.

“I want to be prepared, but it’s hard to be prepared when nobody seems to believe in it,” said student Christian Chavez.

“Students understand that the more prepared they are before a disaster strikes the better off they will be to deal with and recover from a disaster,” stated Blackburn.

Whether at home or at school, natural disaster preparedness can save you from being helpless if and when tragedy strikes.



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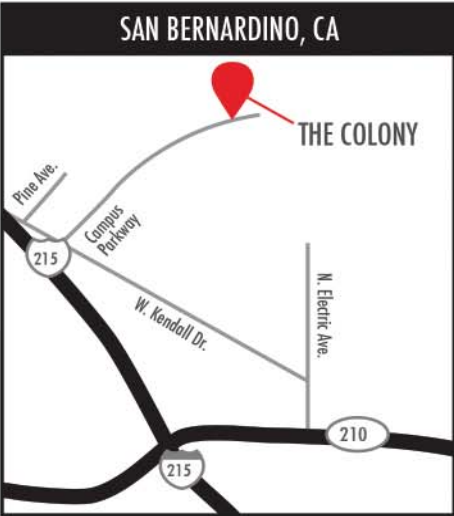


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Comedy Night rocks stage

By **JASMINE TURNER**

Staff Writer

CSUSB students laughed their butts off at the Comedy Night put on by San Manuel Student Union Program Board (SMSU) on Thursday Feb. 19.

The SMSU Program Board hosts a variety of events on campus for students' enjoyment.

"The Program Board is known for putting on parties and dances, we want to branch out," said Giacomo Thillet, student assistant of SMSU Program Board.

"The campus could use a good way to distress, during midterms," continued Thillet.

I attended Comedy Night on Feb. 19, where students were entertained by talented freshman and stand up comedians from Ontario Improv.

The night began with a Freshman Talent Show, where students strutted their skills on stage.

After the Freshman Talent show was over, it was time for the professional stand-up comedians to rock the stage.

The host of Comedy Night was Iggy Samaniego, who warmed up the crowd with jokes.

His act consisted of his experiences and how he grew up in the "hood."

"Everything has an attitude in the hood, even the roaches," said Samaniego.

The audience could not stop laughing after this joke.

The first performer of the night, Armando Anto, charmed the audience with



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The SMSU Program board presented Comedy Night to help students distress after midterms with Iggy Samaniego who hosted the show and warmed up the crowd with his great jokes.

his French accent and violin.

Everyone went crazy for him!

He would charm the audience with his violin playing and then would say a quick joke.

"Yes, I get laid," said Anto as he continued to play his violin.

Other performances consisted of Sam Butler.

After he was announced on stage, Butler immediately started to tell his jokes.

"I'd like to thank all the ladies for undressing me with your eyes," said Butler.

The audience roared with laughter to Butler's jokes on subjects that consisted of New Year's resolutions, and dating.

Butler then talked about his clothing options for his performances.

"At one time I wore a red shirt and people thought I was the Kool-Aid man," said Butler, "They thought I was going to bust out a wall."

Students practically fell out of their seat with that joke.

Each comedian did a great job making the audience laugh.

After the show, the comedians were more than grateful to take pictures with attendees.

"I have never been to a show like this before and I loved it," said Yvonne Romero.

Students who worked the event also enjoyed the show.

"It was funny, I was behind the camera but was still busting out laughing," said student Alberto Rendon.

Comedians gave advise to people who want to do stand-up comedy.

"Find what's shameful and painful and use that, that's comedy," said Igor Orlovsky.

"Just do it," said Samaniego.

If you missed out on all the fun and laughter, then just make sure to go support Iggy Samaniego, Sam Butler, Igor Orlovsky, Richard Villa, and Armando Anto at the Ontario Improv.

Addams Family spooks the stage

By **ALEJANDRO CARDENAS**

Staff Writer

The mysterious and spooky Addams Family (Snap, Snap!) came to life in the timeless, Old Town Temecula.

When I was told that I would be traveling to Temecula to see an Addams Family Musical, I was apprehensive to the idea considering that musicals have never been my thing and I had never heard of Old Town Temecula, all I could think about were the million other things I could be doing with my Friday night.

My mood quickly changed as I made my way into Old Town's, Front Street which was alive with the lights and music of the numerous restaurants and cantinas.

I wobbled my way towards the Old Town Community Theater, when I finally arrived I found myself at a giant wooden mansion that looked like it was built during the times of the "wild west."

With the outside of the building and the whole town having such an "old school" vibe, I was expecting the inside of the theater to be old as well, possibly with some wooden benches and an old rickety wooden stage.

Again, the unexpected surprises continued as I walked into a large and very modern theater with professional stage equipment and surprisingly, comfortable seats.

"The Addams Family Musical" was directed by Terri Miller Schmidt and the Grammy nominated Leonard Patton, the play was a presentation by the Temecula Valley Players.

"The Temecula players' club always puts on excellent productions,

every time they put on a show I have to see it at least once", said local resident Daniel Lacasse.

For those who don't know, "The Addams Family" is a creepy inversion of the ideal American family and originally made its start as a cartoon which eventually developed into a 60's television series as well as a movie in the early 90's.

The play centered around Wednesday Addams who is planning to introduce her normal human boyfriend, Lucas Beineke and his parents to her ghoulish family.

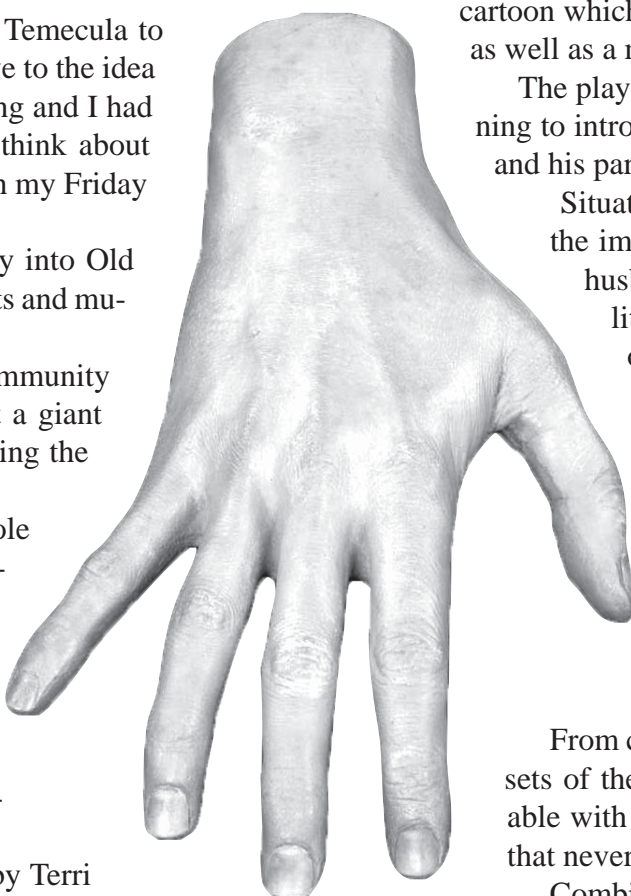
Situations arise as Wednesday's mom, Morticia, attempts the impossible task of keeping her family normal as her husband Gomez deals with trying to keep a secret and little brother Pugsley copes with no longer having an older sister around to torture him.

I hadn't heard much about "The Addams Family" since I saw the movie as a little kid but the play did an excellent job at filling me with nostalgia as the actors made all of the characters on stage feel remarkably familiar.

The musical brought loud cheers and laughter from the very diverse crowd as it was full of hilarious pop culture references as well as adult innuendo.

From creepy graveyards to an enormous dining room, the sets of the play made the entire musical experience believable with the help of fog machines, strobe lights and music that never missed a cue.

Combined with excellent acting and vocals from the entire cast, the play turned out to be a great cap to a surprisingly entertaining evening, proving Old Town Temecula to be a worthy weekend destination.





Florence responds to stress

By **JAYNE MORENO**
Staff Writer

Florence Welch, of Florence + The Machine, has admitted to suffering a nervous breakdown during her yearlong break from music.

The 28-year-old singer took a year off due to stress caused by overworking on her previous albums and tour according to E! News.

Welch told BBC Radio 1 that the band did not take any time off while making their last two albums “Ceremonials” and “Lungs,” giving her no time for herself.

“It was a decision to have a year off. [I had] a bit of a nervous breakdown,” she explained to E! News. “It was a bit of a crash landing in a sense. It was a funny time, I’ve been so used to [having] a gig at the end of every day...In the year off, I was still going out and going to events but something wasn’t quite right, I was spiraling a bit. I wasn’t making myself happy. I think I just felt very unstable.”

A nervous breakdown is not a disorder, but a response to stress.

According to mayoclinic.org, “the term ‘nervous breakdown’ is sometimes used to describe a stressful situation in which someone becomes temporarily unable to function normally in day-to-day life. It’s commonly understood to occur when life’s demands become physically and emotionally overwhelming.”

After overcoming her nervous breakdown, the artist is back with the band and making music.

The band will be releasing their new

album, “How Big How Blue How Beautiful,” this June.

The album is said to be Florence + The Machine’s most personal album yet.

“It was a really vulnerable time for me when we first started making the record and because of that it’s the most personal record I’ve ever made,” she said to E News.

How personal the album is going to be can be seen in her song “What Kind of Man”, which was released early.

Welch’s beautiful voice is not the only characteristic of the song but the lyrics themselves are beautifully put together.

In this song Florence sung, “I was on a heavy tip tryna cross a canyon with a broken limb. You were on the other side like always, wondering what to do with life.”

She then repeatedly asks “what kind of man loves like this?” With this she is referring to being in-love with a man who isn’t on the same page as her but still continues to love her.

Welch also refers to her ‘on-and-off relationship with a drinking problem’, in her lyrics with “I already had a sip so I’d reasoned I was drunk enough to deal with it.”

The song’s music video is available on VEVO and fits the song perfectly.

It depicts a woman being pulled back into love with a man she constantly argues with.

Nervous breakdown or not, the artist continues to be talented. Her previous albums are amazing and this album will not be different.

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“LIGHTS, CAMERA, DANCE”

By **IVANNA CARLOS**
Staff Writer

CSUSB’s University Dance Company (UDC) presented “Lights, Camera, Dance” with its opening night Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

They didn’t just put on one spectacular show but four.

From Feb. 19-21, UDC preformed 24 dances each night with Saturday having two shows, a matinee at 2:30 p.m., and its regular showing at 7:30 p.m., which included a little bit of everything from jazz, lyrical, hip-hop, tap, Latin, and gospel.

UDC members are not just current

CSUSB students but also graduates, professional dancers, grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and cousins.

UDC’s season starts in September with open auditions for those in any type of dance level.

The process continues with people auditioning for different dance pieces, come December before winter break there is a day that each dance piece has to audition for a spot in the show and every company member gets to vote.

The week of the concert, regular rehearsal is on Sunday from 6-9 p.m., technical rehearsal Monday and Tuesday, and

a full dress rehearsal Wednesday the day before the show.

UDC has been around for over 25 years now and keeps coming back stronger each year.

The dance concert, was located in the recital hall, was sold out each night. The show was a delight from beginning to end!

“Well I can say the most fun part about it is that you grow close to this huge group of people because you spend so much time together,” said UDC member Claudia Vizcarra.

“Especially toward the end of the season, we rehearse together, go costume

shopping together, food shopping, we do each others make-up, we share the same feelings, but most of all we share the same passion to dance and being able to share all those things with a group of people makes it fun and all worth it in the end,” continued Vizcarra.

My favorite dance was hands down the finale, “Cant Hold Us” which featured every dance member, it was up beat and made me want to get out of my seat and jump on that stage to join them.

If you want to expand your mind on the possibilities of dancing, I recommend attending UDC’s concert.



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Track and field debuts

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According to the NCAA, women's track and field is the sixth most frequently sponsored sport.

Two of the ten students interviewed were aware of our new track and field team, but all of the students interviewed were willing to support the team by attending their invitationals.

"I've never ran track and field but it seems pretty cool like I could maybe do it," said student Mirasol Pelayo.

Students who aren't interested in trying out for the team could attend the team's meets and show their support.

"The team should send an e-mail, hang posters and even set up a booth to invite the student body to attend their meets," said student Marissa Banuelos.

The track and field team can generate interest among students who might not be interested in any other sport.

"It'd be cool to see the track team and what they do," said student Liberty Luna.

The Coyote track and field team consists of 48 student-athletes under the direction of head coach Tom Burleson.

The distance runners mostly came from the cross country team; as for sprinters, jumpers, and throwers, the school held open tryouts for any student interested, according to Jackie Felix, the student athletic counsel president.

"A lot of us are from the Inland Empire," said Felix.

In the San Bernardino school district, all eight of the high schools have men and women's track and field teams.

"Student-athletes, as a group, graduate at higher rates than their peers in the general student body and feel better prepared for life after college," according to the NCAA.

Not only are there physical and mental benefits, there are also financial benefits that come with being a student-athlete such as scholarships.

"Division I and II schools provide more than \$2 billion in athletic scholarships annually to more than 126,000 student-athletes," according to the NCAA.

"The real value of athletics scholarships intangible. Without them, many student-athletes would be unable to pursue their athletics and academic dreams," according to the NCAA.

Hopefully the track and field program will give more funds for students.

While it is still really new, CSUSB's women's track and field team may have more benefits than students think.

The addition of the track and field team will provide a new sport, and a new beginning for current and incoming students.

For more information about track and field visit the CSUSB Athletics website at csusb.athletics.com and click the "Track and Field" link under the "Sports" tab.

Mayweather vs. Pacquiao mega-fight set for May 2

By **DANIEL DEMARCO**

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After almost six years, the boxing world has finally got its fight.

Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiao are officially set to fight on May 2, 2015 in Las Vegas at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

Mayweather made the official announcement on Feb. 20 by posting a picture of the newly-signed contract between the two fighters. Mayweather and Pacquiao have been the consensus top one and two boxers, respectively in the world for almost a decade.

"The Fight of the Century" is a label that was given to Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier's first fight in 1971 and the 1910 fight between Jack Johnson and Jim Jeffries; Mayweather and Pacquiao's upcoming fight is receiving similar promotion.

Many sources are labeling this fight amongst the biggest of all time, some are even comparing it to Ali and Frazier's first fight, which is widely accepted as the biggest prizefight in sports history.

Top Rank promoter Bob Arum said, "As interest is concerned, this is akin to the first Ali-Frazier fight."

HBO's Max Kellerman said, "I would say this is legitimately -- hyperbole

aside -- the biggest boxing event [...] since Ali-Frazier I."

HBO President Ken Hershman said, "Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather have been the two most prominent fighters in the sport of boxing for the past decade... in what everyone believes will be the biggest boxing event of all-time... May 2 will be a signature moment for the sport of boxing."

According to *Forbes*, a 60-40 purse split of \$200 million in Mayweather's favor was agreed on in the contract, setting the bar as the biggest payday in sports.

Reports of the expected Pay Per View (PPV) prices are to be about \$90 for standard definition, and about \$100 for high definition.

High prices aside, the fight is expected to break boxing PPV records.

The current recordholder for most PPV buys is the 2007 fight between Mayweather and Oscar De La Hoya, which was purchased by approximately 2.5 million viewers, according to CNN.

Tickets to see the event live are not being sold to the public as of Feb. 24, but face-value prices are expected to be \$1,000 on the least and \$5000 at the most, according to *Forbes*.

All in all, this fight is expected to be the richest prize fight in sports history.

Nicole Nobbe: breaking barriers

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Most athletes look up to a professionals, but Nobbe says her older sister, Heather, who also played college softball, is her biggest role model in sports and life.

"She (Heather) was a Division 1 athlete and she got a full ride to New Mexico State and didn't like it and then got another full ride to UC Santa Barbara, so just because she got discouraged about whatever it was she just kept on moving on," said Nobbe, who has started every game at shortstop.

After her playing days are over, Nobbe wants to continue her career in the sport she loves and become a collegiate softball coach.

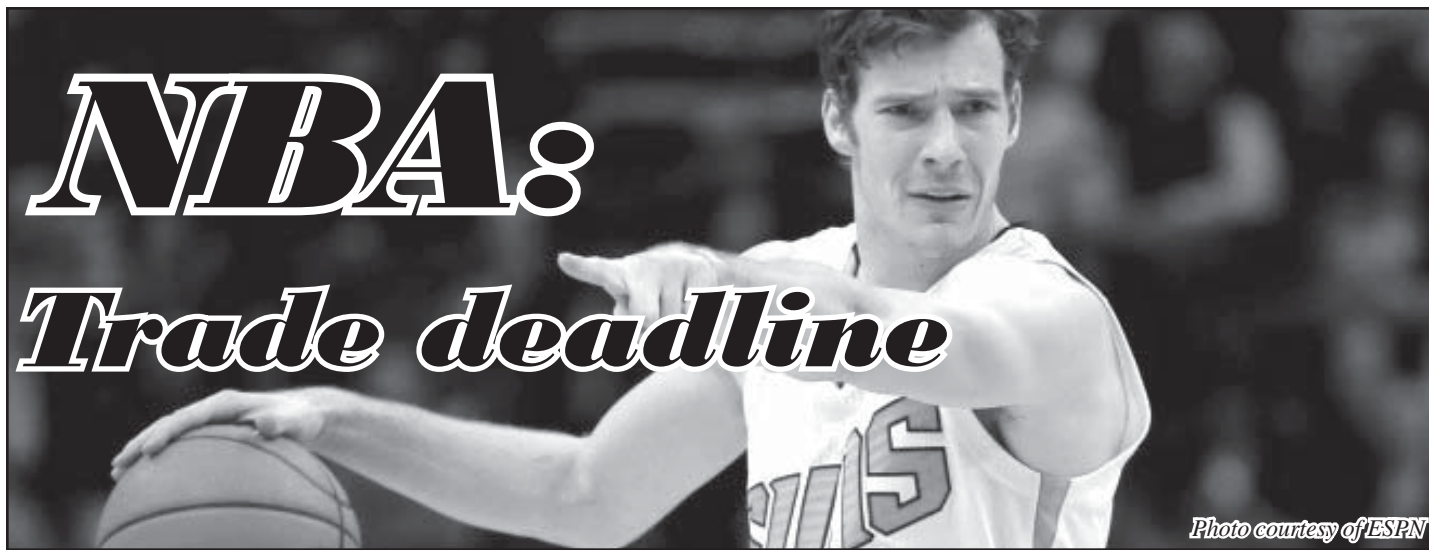
Nobbe had an answer that most people would be surprised about, as to why she wants to become a coach.

"My biggest influences are the coaches that I didn't like because they taught me how I don't want to coach," said Nobbe.

Nobbe plays a huge role in her team's success and believes the current team is built for something special.

"I think we have a lot of potential and we get along very well, but right now we are splitting even and winning and losing about the same, but I feel like we have so much potential that we can be a really great team," said Nobbe.

Nobbe is a true leader for the team and will continue to do whatever she can to help her team win.



By **NATHANIEL LASTRAPES**

Staff Writer

The 2015 NBA trade deadline was the most active it had been in years, drastically changing the state of the league.

The most sought-after player on the trading block was point guard Goran Dragic of the Phoenix Suns. Dragic is set to become a free agent after the 2014-15 season, where he will be a hot commodity while seeking a maximum contract from a team.

The Slovenian point guard is averaging 16.3 points and 4.1 assists per game and he brings a plethora of intangible assets to his team.

The evening prior to the deadline, Dragic made his intentions of leaving the Suns during free agency clear, forcing the organization's hand to trade him for assets instead of losing him for nothing this summer. Dragic also provided the Suns with a "wish list" of three teams he would like to be traded to, a trend that has become popular among superstars recently.

The list included the Los Angeles Lakers, the Miami Heat, and the New York Knicks.

With only 15 minutes remaining before the deadline, the trade festivities began as 44 players were traded for one another.

Dragic was granted his demands by the Phoenix organization and was traded to the Heat. The Suns acquired two veteran forwards, Danny Granger and John Salmons, along with future first-round draft picks from the Heat.

Dragic was excited with the trade to Miami as he tweeted, "excited to bring the Dragon's fire to Miami."

Dragic was not the only player to demand a trade short of the deadline. Reserve point guard Reggie Jackson of the Oklahoma City Thunder demanded a trade just a few hours before the trade deadline.

Jackson is also a sought-after point guard who expressed his sentiment to be traded away from the Thunder due to a poor relationship with his teammates.

Jackson was traded to the Detroit Pistons, and upon hearing the news he took to twitter and stated "crying tears of joy #GodIsGood."

This trade was not only good for an unhappy Jackson, but the Thunder's acquisition of center Enes Kanter and guard D.J.

Augustin potentially will thrust them into championship contention.

There were many other trades involving many young unknown players, but the most surprising trade was the least expected: veteran forward Kevin Garnett was traded from the Brooklyn Nets back to where he started his professional career, the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Garnett, 38, is near the end of his NBA career but a homecoming to Minnesota feels right. Garnett was drafted straight out of high school to the Timberwolves and played with them for 12 years before he was traded to the Boston Celtics where he won his first and only NBA championship.

Garnett spent six years with the Celtics before he was traded to the Brooklyn Nets, where he has spent the last year and a half, but the young Minnesota Timberwolves need a veteran in voice in the locker room. In his introductory press conference, Garnett said, "I figure if LeBron went home... why can't I?"

The 2015 NBA trade deadline made for very interesting storylines and has significantly effected the league as the second half of the season is coming to a close.

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Player of the week: Nicole Nobbe



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Nicole Nobbe makes all of her training worth while when she wins the award for highest batting average.

By **JACQUES LEE**
Staff Writer

In the classroom, Nicole Nobbe is just your everyday college student, but on the softball field, she is a force to be reckoned with.

She was recently named the National Player of the Week for the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Division II for the games between Feb. 10 - 15.

This award is given to the player with the highest batting average of the week.

She received the award for having a staggering batting average of .721 going (16 - 22) over that week.

This is the first time at CSUSB a player has been named National Player of the Week in softball.

"It hasn't really kicked in. Everybody has been saying cool stuff about it, but I think it will set it and I'll realize what I accomplished later down the road after season, because I'm just focused on my team and winning," said Nobbe regarding the award.

Nobbe is a 23-year-old senior and a transfer student from Cypress College.

"I didn't get any division one offers from anybody actually, and the ones I did get were all out of state, so I figured if my family can't come watch me play softball then what is the point?" said Nobbe.

Softball has been a part of Nobbe's life for 18 years and she says it was the first sport she ever played.

"You know it started in the crib really. My dad played baseball at UCR and he also coached in my hometown of Merced, California, so it was my first sport because I was around it so much," said Nobbe.

Nobbe explains her passion for the is the reason she plays.

"It sounds pretty cheesy but it is pretty emotional to me because I've been doing it for so long. I think it makes me a better person if I finish it all the way and not give up at the end when I'm so close," she said.

Throughout high school, Nobbe played other sports, which included volleyball and tennis, but she decided to stick with softball.

"After my freshman year, I just stuck with softball because I knew what it would do for me," Nobbe said.

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Coyote women's basketball has uneven weekend

By **EMMANUEL VALADEZ**
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The Coyote women's basketball team had a busy weekend playing back-to-back games on Friday and Saturday nights on Feb. 20, and Feb. 21.

The first game was a tough one, against the Cal State East Bay Pioneers.

Halfway through the game, the Coyotes were down 38-46.

Guard Alexcia Mack scored 11 straight points that shortened the Pioneer's lead over the Coyotes.

With two minutes remaining in regulation Chelsea Austin tied the game for the Coyotes with a three-pointer.

Following a missed free throw by the Pioneers, Chelsea Barnes converted on a layup giving the Coyotes a one point lead (61-60) before tying the game at 62 points and leading the teams into overtime.

The Pioneers took control in overtime as they scored 12 points while the Coyotes were only able to score four points.

Following a tough loss to East Bay, the Coyotes redeemed themselves the next night.

Coyotes had a dominant performance against the Cal State Monterey Bay Otters on Saturday.

It was a collective effort with four of the five starters scoring in double digits.

The Coyote bench played a major role as well, scoring 16 points for the Coyotes.

Coyotes were impressive when they shot from the free throw line converting on 16 out of 20 shots.

Mack had a spectacular night scoring 21 points with six assists, making five of six shots from three-point range.

Brianna Harden scored 14 points and added 12 rebounds for her 13th double-double of the season.

The Coyotes did not trail once throughout the entire game, which resulted in a win for the Coyotes with a final score of 81-56.

Coyotes have had one of their best seasons in years.

As of Feb. 24, they are ranked number four out of all 12 teams in the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) conference.

They definitely turned things around since finishing 9-16 last season, and failing to make an appearance in the Women's NCAA Division II tournament.

As of Feb. 24, the women's basketball team have won 75 percent of their games, with a record of 18-6.

March will be a very competitive month for the women's team because they will have the opportunity to compete in two tournaments.

First, the ladies will head up to Stockton, California to compete in the CCAA Tournament starting March 5.

Depending on their performance, the team has the chance to compete in the NCAA Division II Women's tournament.

These women need all of the support that we could give them.

Women's track and field is HERE!

By **SHELBY HANCOCK**
Staff Writer

The ladies are up and running. CSUSB's women's track and field team competed for the first time in school history on Feb. 28, 2015.

On March 21, 2014, Athletic Director Kevin Hatcher announced the conclusion of the women's water polo team and the organization of track and field.

The Coyote water polo program began in 1999 and was ended last year due to lack of participation from schools in the conference.

"They are [a] dedicated and hard-working group with 13 All-Americans in their history," said Hatcher.

"But at the end of the day, our commitment is to our CCAA membership and maintaining our fiscal operations in an efficient manner," said Hatcher.

"Track and field is the single largest high school sport for the young women in our immediate recruiting area of the Inland Empire," continued Hatcher.

"It accommodates more of the interests and abilities of young women in our area, it strengthens and enhances our university's commitment to Title IX, and it provides more access to athletics by the current student body," continued

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Men's basketball makes progress

By **ADRIAN SILVA**
Staff Writer

The Coyote men's basketball team is having a fair 2014-15 season.

Despite having had a rough start to their season the Coyotes have pulled it together.

This year they have a current overall record of 12-11, according to CSUSB Athletics.

They have a home record of 8-1 and an away record of 4-7. In total for their California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) conference they are 12-8.

Two of their most recent games in CCAA play were away against the Cal State East Bay Pioneers and Monterey Bay Otters.

CSUSB Athletics reports the Coyotes took a win from the Pioneers on Feb. 20, holding a score of 78-65 with 21 points scored by junior Jacob Thomas.

The box score indicates another 20 points were made by senior player Isaiah Morton and sophomore Everett Turner and senior Taylor Statham scored 14 points.

Coyotes took a loss against the Otters (64-78) on Feb. 21, with a combined total of respectively 49 points by Morton, Turner, and Thomas, according to CSUSB Athletics.

GO YOTES!