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New financial aid process coming soon
By Marie Thomson
Staff Writer

There is help on the way in alleviating the pain that comes from filling out financial aid forms. That relief is in the form of a new computerized system that will go into affect on April 1.

The new process for awarding financial aid begins on April 1. The process is different from previous years because letters that normally are sent to the student address will now be sent via e-mail. This will dramatically reduce the amount spent on postage and the amount of paper being used.

The actual letter will not be sent by e-mail, but the student will receive an e-mail notice that they have a letter waiting for them on the financial aid web site. This is done in order to ensure the privacy of the student. In order to retrieve the letter, the student will then have to visit the CSUSB financial aid website to preview the letter.

The student then has the option of printing it out or e-mailing it to his or her own personal e-mail account. The letter will remain on the website for future viewing. The website is also going to offer students a chance to look at their past award or tracking letter.
Palm Desert gains position in ASI

By Bethany Anderson
Staff Writer

Cal State's Palm Desert Campus (PDC) will soon be holding elections for their new Vice President and representative for Cal State San Bernardino Associate Student Incorporated (ASI) meetings.

Election enrollment figures over one thousand has brought the need for more comprehensive student body representation. Dean Peter Wilson credits CSUSB's President Eric Faltis for working on the student body laws that has given room for the creation of a vice president.

The vice president's duties will be to meet with the PDC Advisory Board to discuss issues specifically curated to the needs and concerns of PDC's students.

The Board is made up of one student from each of the campus's 16 majors. The VP will then relay their concerns and attend regular meetings at the San Bernardino campus.

P D C A s s o c i a t e D e a n C y n t h i a Flores along with Dean Wilson will begin advertising for the advisory board positions in the near future. The groups of student representatives will then elect their VP to the position of the PDC Vice President-Pro tem. During this period the VP will work to develop the necessary committees and duties of the position.

When the doors opened in 1986, the satellite campus had only a little over 80 students and few majors to choose from.

CSUSB PDC classes were originally held at the College of the Desert Community College in portable classrooms, with some held at the local high school.

With the initiative and direction of Dean Wilson, the campus has swelled its enrollment to over one thousand students, and a choice of 16 majors. For the first time, a building opened on the site in the summer of 2002.

The average student attending PDC is 36 years of age, and 85% of students work full-time. Not unlike the San Bernardino campus the PDC serves students ranging from Banning, Blythe, the Morongo Basin, Menifee, and the Imperial Valley.

For further information regarding the Palm Desert Campus please contact: http://pdc.csusb.edu; call (760) 341-2893 or (909) 495-7100.

Health News

National Condom Week is observed Feb. 14-21. As this issue coincides with this observance, this issue's regular Health News will be focused primarily on reproductive consciousness.

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WORLD NEWS

American and Colombian found executed near plane wreck

The executed bodies of two people who had been aboard a U.S. government plane that crashed in southern Colombia have been found a mile from the cockpit wreckage, according to U.S. officials. The men have been identified as James Thomas, an American who was shot once in the neck, and Sgt. Luis Alcides Cruz, a member of the Colombian army who was shot once in the chest. Three other Americans were also aboard the crashed Cessna 208 that suffered mechanical problems. The plane crashed deep in territory controlled by leftists from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).

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**The Scene**

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By Arianna Valdez
Staff Writer

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Even though it was a rainy day, the bad weather definitely did not stop the girls from making this a prosperous event. In fact, as Alpha Phi member Jen Ward said, “We did really good raising money considering that it was inside and that it was raining.”

About 150 people attended the event, the total profit that Alpha Phi made was $4,955.49, which gave pride to the sorority. The purpose of this event was to raise money for Cardiac Help, Women’s Health Research and for the Children’s Center on campus.

Students paid a $5 ticket at the door, that provided them with popsicle, chips and a drink. There were different booths, like the “Gone Fishing” booth, where you could win a small gold fish if you make the ball into the cup. Lots of drawings also took place, allowing students to win many prizes.

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Staff Writer

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“Valdez said, “I would just like to thank all who came and supported our event. Its support that made this possible” says Sullivan near the end of the night.

For those who opted not to bid, the event closed with about $2,000. Sigma Nu will be donating $500 to the Health Center on campus. Dates with the Sigma Nu are now in the works with plans for dinner, movies, and even amusement parks. This year almost doubled last years record and is sure to become a CSUSB Sigma Nu tradition.

**Roving Reporter**

“Why are men attracted to older women?”

By Teresa Sosa
Scene Editor

**Name:** Little Nicky
**Major:** Criminal Justice
**Year:** Sophomore

“Women are like a fine wine, they only get better with age. It’s also cool to tell your friends that you are with an older woman.”

**Name:** John Connor
**Major:** Criminal Justice
**Year:** Junior

“I think that it’s because older women are out of our league. It’s every man’s fantasy to be with one.”

**Name:** David Olson
**Major:** Business Admin
**Year:** Freshman

“Older women are much more experienced and they know what they want in a relationship. Young girls are much more naive and are all about what’s hot and new.”

**The girls of Alpha Phi quickly counted the money to determine who the Heart-Throb will be.**

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The event was lively and a great way to get out of the storm and have some fun.

The event started off with a license-plate contest to get the crowd excited. A bit unsettling, but never the less the event progressed and in the end 72 members brought in about $1,900 for charity. Fast paced and frantic to win a date with the Sigma Nu of their choice, the ladies had to outbid members of Sigma Nu for their date.

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Heart Healthy Tips
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February is Heart Month, so here are some tips to keep your ticker in
tip top shape.

Instead of this:
Mayonnaise: Low fat variety with zero cholesterol
Sour cream: Fat free sour cream, saucy, plain yogurt
Cheese: Evaporated skim milk makes a great substitute and can be whipped
Whole milk: If you don’t have to cut them out, but
Meats: You don’t have to cut them out, but
Bacon: Try Canadian bacon, it’s actually lower in fat than the turkey bacon products.
Hamburger Patty: Try vegetarian patties like Boca burgers, they are quite tasty and easy to prepare.
Butter: Look for light or diet margarine’s, some
Cooking Oils: Canola, olive, almond, and peanut oils are high in monounsaturated and low in

Remember:
1. Watch your Calorie intake and stay active, physically, just move it
2. Take baby steps in making changes, small changes allow you to
3. Eat a plant-based diet instead of the animal products, cholesterol is only found in animal products.
4. Know your blood cholesterol and triglyceride levels as well as your risk.

FREE nutrititm analysis and counseling. These services are available FREE on dw:

Coyote Lite

Urging students to protect themselves and practice safe sex

By Arianna Valdez
Staff Writer

Need a condom? The San Bernardino Planned Parenthood representatives handed out condoms and information on Feb.12 and 13 to promote safe sex during Valentine’s Day. This was a good idea since, according to CSUSB professor Dr. Kim Clark’s, article, “Sex, Love and Intimacy,” "Less than 40 per- cent of CSUSB students think using a condom during sex is mind boggling since, according to CSUSB professor Dr. Kim Clark’s, article, “Sex, Love and Intimacy,” “Less than 40 percent of CSUSB students report using a condom during their last episode of sex.” This is mind boggling since, according to CSUSB professor Dr. Kim Clark’s, article, “Sex, Love and Intimacy,” “Less than 40 percent of CSUSB students report using a condom during their last episode of sex.” This is mind boggling since, according to CSUSB professor Dr. Kim Clark’s, article, “Sex, Love and Intimacy,” “Less than 40 percent of CSUSB students report using a condom during their last episode of sex.” This is mind boggling since, according to CSUSB professor Dr. Kim Clark’s, article, “Sex, Love and Intimacy,” “Less than 40 percent of CSUSB students report using a condom during their last episode of sex.” This is mind boggling since, according to CSUSB professor Dr. Kim Clark’s, article, “Sex, Love and Intimacy,” “Less than 40 percent of CSUSB students report using a condom during their last episode of sex.” This is mind boggling since, according to CSUSB professor Dr. Kim Clark’s, article, “Sex, Love and Intimacy,” “Less than 40 percent of CSUSB students report using a condom during their last episode of sex.” This is mind boggling since, according to CSUSB professor Dr. Kim Clark’s, article, “Sex, Love and Intimacy,” “Less than 40 percent of CSUSB students report using a condom during their last episode of sex.”
Finding your Match

The brothers Lambda Theta Phi play match maker for Valentine’s Day.

By Lorena Salcedo
Special to the Chronicle

Blind Date: (Noun) 1. A social engagement between two persons who have not previously met, usually arranged by a mutual acquaintance. 2. Either of the persons participating in such an arrangement.

Dating Game: Established 1966. Three young men vied for a date with a young woman who was hidden from their view. She asks questions specially prepared to reveal the romantic nature of each man and later chose the one with whom she would like to have a date.

Last Tuesday, February 11, the brothers of Lambda Theta Phi along with ASI brought Valentine’s Day a little early this year. They put together an event inspired by the original, called The Dating Game.

The purpose of this event was to get regular students a chance to get involved on campus and have a good time. And as further incentive, Clubs and Organizations with the most attendees were rewarded with cash prizes. First place winner Alpha Phi received $100 and second Kappa Delta received $50.

The Dating Game called out to all the single people and couples looking to do something a little different for Valentine’s. The game involved one bachelor or bachelorette asking several questions to three bachelors or bachelorettes in order to determine which one was date worthy material.

Add a DJ, a riled up crowd and a little blind faith since the bachelor/bachelorette weren’t able to see their potential dates and you get one crazy game of love. Contestants got more than they asked for when they were asked to dance and model for the crowd. They received shouts of approval further encouraging whom the bachelor or bachelorette should choose.

"The people in the crowd were really involved, making the whole thing a lot better. And that was the whole purpose, for people to come out and have fun," says Ezekiel Bonillas, Lambda Theta Phi. Questions like “What was one of the craziest things you’ve ever done?” and “What’s your favorite animal and why?” were asked by the bachelor/bachelorette and replied with wild and spontaneous answers from their potential dates, each better than the first.

In addition, another more personal round intended for couples only, very similar to the Newlywed Game, gave each a chance to ask each other questions in order to determine which couple really knew each other the best. Winners of each round received prizes including a dinner for two, The Olive Garden or TGI Fridays, movie tickets and a bouquet of roses.

To spice things up a little, a raffle for a dinner, movie tickets and flowers was held for couples, males and females in the audience. The chance to win movie tickets became the highlight of the evening, since winning meant getting set up on a date with a total stranger or for someone, a friend.

The Dating Game was a first for Lambda Theta Phi. They wanted to try something new that students would enjoy and give them a chance to get to know their fellow classmates. Because of its success they’re hoping to bring the event back next year, bigger and better.

Coyote Dating

Look in next week’s issue to find out how the dates went.

Contact us at: CoyoteDating@yahoo.com
Apply for a summer internship in the sports business at mastercard.com. You could be sent to Nashville, where you'll spend five weeks learning from industry bigwigs. Some students will even go on to work with the St. Louis Cardinals™ or the New York Mets™. There are some things money can't buy, for everything else there's MasterCard™.
China: Communism vs. Capitalism

By William Tecklen and Tara Wallace
Special to the Chronicle and Copy Editor

China is moving from a Communist nation to a Capitalist state. Does this mean that China will simply be hurtling its citizens or will it be a short-term risk for a long-term successful profit? Although this will take an economic change of pace in living, the economy will also mean much more freedom for Chinese citizens.

CSUSB philosophy professor, Tom Meisenhelder, explains what some of the possible risks are for this new economic state of China. He says, “I think the primary danger has already occurred. As China reduces the role of the state in the economy, social programs such as education and healthcare will collapse.”

What will happen when the state reduces the number of schools and healthcare programs that it supports now? The result will be long-term poverty and labor markets. It will be difficult for many to make a transition into the newly empowered marketplace.

Meisenhelder says, “China is the world’s largest nation. It is a huge consumer and labor market. As it enters the world economy it will have a profound effect. For instance, since Chinese labor is perhaps the cheapest labor on earth, when corporations have the opportunity to move production to China, it will have a downward effect of wages across the globe.”

Although these effects might seem harsh, some of the things that Americans take for granted such as giving opinions and being able to read whatever we want, the Chinese would be very grateful to have. This economic move, from a Communist country to a Capitalist country, will make it possible for Chinese citizens to have more choices in what they can read and say. They will also now be able to start their own businesses.

An article in the World Press Review says, “In the planned economy, those at the top controlled everything, and we believed when they said that capitalism was evil, it was only when I became an entrepreneur that I contributed to China’s economic growth.”

Zou Wenlong, a small business owner, reports that the difference between a Communist and a Capitalist nation is the citizen’s mobility in making independent decisions in the economic and social world.

In a Communist nation the prices for workers begins at five cents an hour to whatever the lowest bid is to get the job done. A good computer programmer in the United States gets paid about $30,000 a year, however the same programmer in China gets paid less than $5,000 a year. Also, when a person is finished with a job he/she is done and will then need to find another job. Contrary to popular belief, because of the quick turnover rate of jobs, communism is very competitive.

Capitalism means the complete separation of economy and state, much like the United State’s separation of church and state. Capitalism is the social system based upon private ownership of the means of production, which entails an economic system where all land is privately owned.

Capitalism recognizes that each person is the owner of his/her own life and has the right to live that life in any manner he/she chooses as long as he/she does not violate the rights of others.

The sole purpose of government in a capitalist society would be to protect its citizens from force or fraud. This protection of rights includes a military to protect from foreign attack and a court system to enforce contracts and settle disputes. The government would, thus, only use force in responding to the group or persons who violated others rights.

To move from communism to capitalism is a start toward having a less restricted country, but it is also going to take some time. For example, a country and a lot of time for China to fully be accepted as a Capitalist nation.
John Carlos recognizes Black History Month

"John Carlos is a great speaker and a history maker. This was a unique event." - Dr. Bob Rinehart

Touring the World

Crete, Greece

Located in the Aegean Sea, Crete is the largest southernmost island of Europe. At an estimated 160 miles in length and 37 in width, large mountains that are divided with deep gorges mostly dominate Crete. The distinctive landscape varies from plateaus and plains set within large mountains to beautiful golden beaches along its coast. With a climate similar to our own, here in California, the summers are hot and dry with moderate rainfall that is limited mainly to its winter months.

For the travelers who seek adventure, beauty and romance, they can easily find their enjoyment amongst this unique Mediterranean atmosphere. With many choices offered to vacationers, one can either choose hiking, horseback riding, scuba diving, sailing and yachting, or an archaeological tour within the island. The archeological sites that are as ancient as the island itself provides a mystical exploration of its past.

Four Minoan Palaces exist on Crete, but the most famous of all is the Palace of Knossos, which is only a few miles south of the city of Iraklion. Knossos was once the most impressive building during the Bronze Age and built twice. It contained 1400 rooms, which sheltered its Royal family of Knossos and their servants.

Within this beautiful palace were many storerooms, temples, private rooms, and even a theater. At some areas of the palace it was even 4 to 5 stories high. Although most of Knossos lies in ruins today, one can still get a sense of that Minoan love for nature and art from their charming frescos still survive on some parts of the palace walls.

With so many beautiful beaches and antiquities to see during the day, one may want to spend their evening out on the town. The vibrant nightlife in Crete during summer offers a constant venue of taverns, dance clubs, ouzeries, live bouzoukia, and many other party spots in and near the cities of Iraklion, Chania, Malia and more.

The local Cretans are proud people with many traditions, but if one would like to have a better understanding of these islanders then a visit to one of the many villages is ideal. In the villages, one can enjoy its flavorful foods, take a serene walk through its lush spring flora or enjoy the autumn winemaking and other traditions that occur all year round.

You Say

A graduate degree costs too much?

Here's a great investment tip: Cal Baptist.

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February 17, 2003

Racism brewin' at UCLA

By Susie Medina
Multi-Cultural Editor

Sugar and spice, and noth­ ing about it nice, this is what the Promotion Bake Sale, was made of.

February 3, UCLA's Bruins Re­public, was in such a sale with prices on genders and race. Black, Hispanic and American Indian fraternal organizations charged 25 cents for cookies. Black, Hispanic and American Indians: males $0.25 cents; White females: $1; and White males and Asian Americans: $2.

The club's aim was to "edu­ cate UCLA students on the hypocrisy of affirmative action," reports a UCLA press release.

The result from the baked goods played the following roles: "The Man," "The White Oppressor," "The Self-Hating Hispanic Race Traitor," "Uncle Tom," and the "Admissions Officer." This led to the absurd possibility for distributing prices to specific races and genders.

The Bruin Republicans, anticipating a reaction, especially from the American Student Union and MEChA. They got more attention than that as California Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres and President of the Democratic Law Students Association Juan Carlos-Orellana.

Torres felt disappointment as he expressed "being deeply disheartened and disheartened at the activities of its political constituency, the extreme views of their Republican lenders." He speaks specifically of Dana Conley, Senator Trent Lott, and Congressman Coble's recent comments portraying the intern­ ment of Japanese Americans during W.W II.

The event also stirred up significant tensions on the Michigan State University court controversy on its recent affirmative action announcement for 2003.

The sale offended many stu­ dents because they felt it was an inaccurate demonstration of a sensitive issue concerning equal opportunity.

It was this very reaction that the Bruin Republicans sought from people, more specifically students, to show the disadvantages of affirmative action to White and Asian-American stu­ dents.

The insult from the students came not only from the point made, with the varying prices, but also on how the point was made. A cookie sale with stereo-typical characters as sales representa­tives.

Some students refused to pay anything but the full $2 for their cookies, the Daily Bruin reports.

Others claimed that they consid­ered themselves as belonging to the human race only, not as others. Opinions and editorials fill the Daily Bruin newspaper, going back and forth on the debate.

CSUSB student and former MEChA president Fabian Perez says that this doesn’t surprise her and she finds it typical of groups that do not benefit from certain advantages. 

"I believe in affirmative action. It gives back to people the opportunities that were taken away from them."

She continues, "If white Americans were benefiting from it, they wouldn’t complain, and the ones being discriminated against, don’t usually have their voices heard."

The sale, whether or not an ethical move, requires students to re­ view their own conclusions about affirmative action. These students may have done more than offend a few people, it made them realize that this issue is going to be dealt with sooner or later by the Supreme Court.

Eminem, making his mark

By Janel Briones
Staff Writer

Eminem: is he a talented artist? Is he who exercises free speech or a violent, women-hating, homophobic rapper?

In the music industry, being so contro­ versial...he is, by his detractors, deterred by parents so much he became a "house­ hold name" says student Brandon Torres.

As Eminem matured as an artist, he tried (and is trying) to use his strong position in audience appeal to influ­ ence the youth, in a reluctant role model model, capturing an enorm­ ous range of audiences and specifically allowing suburban white kids to become a part of hip-hop culture. "Eminem is no longer as controversial as he used to be...he is a proud cultural export."

As of discrimination, Eminem faces two kinds; one in the music industry; including CEOs and the other culturally from both critics and fans. As far as he is, he has practically con­ quered it.

There were many racial barriers presented by artists and fans, Eminem "found a loophole in the industry by being so contro­ versial...he is, by his detractors, deterred by parents so much he became a "house­ hold name" says student Brandon Torres.

Eminem was ratted and adopted. As a white rapper whose race has never been an issue, Eminem faced no problems in the music industry; including CEOs and the other culturally from both critics and fans.

His success proves this in his producing, rapping, and ability to develop artists on his own label. Since Eminem raps about hard issues, situations, feelings that occur in his life, and he is per­ ceptible to be white, he "opens the door to the fact that culture does not take race into account...as he blandly proves as he enunciates the top of the hip hop culture trend pole" says student Edward Washington.

Besides racial barriers, which he can prove over, being so contro­ versial. Eminem is a freely spo­ ken, white, hip-hop culturally influenced, musically artistic role model for a range of audience that many others can’t and will never reach.

Umoja Day commemorates Black History Month

By Pleasance Brown
Staff Writer

Umoja Day is a day of Unity and love among all. Umoja is the Swahili word for "unity."

The Umoja Day was held Friday February 13, 2003, in the Event Center with the Cross Cultural Center. It included vendors on hand, selling art, clothing, food, and musical entertainment by own Cross Radio station. It was located here on the campus.

Umoja Day is vital to the members of black community integrated with several other cultural groups. It is a day that people can come together to learn the achieve­ ments of African-Americans who made history. This is a day that everyone or individuals together come and celebrate their differences without preja­ dice. It is important to cele­ brate Umoja Day because it is vital to have a united campus where the world is in such a cri­ sis, with the chance of a possi­ ble war.

The reason that most peo­ ple choose to attend this event to celebrate the lives of African-Americans and Black History Month. This day allows people of every ethnic race to come and learn the importance of being or living as a united front.

There were several students who came out for this event for various reasons. Student Brian Cobb, says that Umoja Day was important to come together in unity. He believes that we can work better together by coming together rather than just being on our own.

There were several students who came out to lend their sup­ port for this day. Among the students there were many editorial, and fan support as they hang out with his favorite rappers and make new friends as well. It is important for the campus to come togeth­ er to reflect on the history of all Americans.

Student Chris Markin, says the reason he came to partici­ pate in the Umoja Day events, was to create a more positive cultural experience for the stu­ dents here at CSUSB. It is also an opportunity to share and experience different cultures that exist throughout society.

The Cross Cultural Center's main aim is to bring students to different cul­ tures and traditions of other peoples, so that Cal State can remain diverse and open-minded of the world to which they will enter.

This Day in History

February 17, 1801
DEADLOCK OVER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ENDS:

Jefferson and Burr lost out in a presidential election which went to the House of Representatives to vote on the issue of the Electoral College. What first seemed but an elec­ toral technicality—handing Jefferson the run­ ning mate—developed into a major constitutional crisis when Federalists, in the lame-duck Congress that day, supported Burr. Jefferson needed a majority of nine states to win, but in the first ballot had only eight states, with Burr winning six states and Maryland and Virginia. Finally on February 17, a small group of Federalists realized that the powerful trium­ ph of James Madison and John Quincy Adams had been the result of their own decisions. As the two Federalists were each, with five votes, then away from them. The House of Representatives, voting in Jefferson's favor with 10 votes, Burr received four votes and two states went blank. Thomas Jefferson was inaugu­ rated the third president of the United States on March 4. Three years later, the 12th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, provid­ ing for the separate election of president and vice president, was ratified and adopted.
Breaking reality: Ut Coleum

By Jenn Ward
Staff Writer

Never could I imagine the depth or intensity of what I was about to encounter, nor could I truly understand what had just happened to me after visiting Ut Coleum. I can only try to explain the force that this exhibit entails. After leaving I did not know if I felt relaxed or uncomfortable about what I had just seen and heard. It is a creative masterpiece that I never, not even in my wildest imagination, could have fathomed. Ut Coleum is like nothing I had seen before, and it is truly something to behold.

You enter the exhibit in what is supposed to be a red room, but instead what becomes obvious is that the room is made of a fishnet piece. Gazing at Alexander-Clarke’s previous works set on music stands, you begin to hear a faint hum from the other room. The music beckons you as you try to understand the words but instead are answered only by the hum of the air conditioner and the rhythmic voices of Local Color, a women’s choir. Entering the second room you are astounded by the vastness and enormity of the room. It is completely black except for the 12 monitors in the front of the room. The room, being a square, seems in contrast to the monitors formed in a semi-circle. There are benches for you to sit and contemplate while being engulfed in the undulating and often distorted images projected on the screens.

"It pulls you in with its ancient sounds, and then captures you with its modern images, pulling your senses in multiple directions until at last, you feel distorted and at the same time, alive." 

The monitors play in succession in a grid-like cluster, alternating images and colors. The music you heard from the red room is now louder, building with tension as you feel your heart pounding. You’ve heard that works of art move people. Ut Coleum does just that, as the images and sounds escalate and die in perfect succession. You feel trapped in the moment, stranded in the blackness as the images capture your mind. Alexander-Clarke viewed the new exhibit, "This sounds a little creepy," she said, as we stood in the red room. "All you hear is the hum of the choir and you are given the sense that you just walked into the past. I almost feel as though I were standing in a cathedral in Europe, hundreds of years ago."

One cannot help but be caught up in the moment with the understated combined with ancient sounds of Latin. You are frozen to your seat, wanting to leave the almost uncomfortable darkness, but also wanting to stay and enjoy the music as it over- whelms you.

"After leaving," says Arnold, "I felt completely drained. It was as if the life had been sucked out of me. My head felt a little light, but at the same time I felt much more intellectual."

That is the ambiguity and depth of Ut Coleum. It pulls you in with its ancient sounds, and then captures you with its modern images, pulling your senses in multiple directions until at last, you feel distorted and at the same time, alive. It heightens your ability to feel and understand the art all while making you feel trapped in the moment. This exhibit is like nothing you have seen before. It is truly a modern work of art and something everyone should experience.

The new installation piece by Marsia Alexander-Clarke is now open at the Robert F. Fullerton Museum in the Visual Arts building on campus, and will run until April 5. Call 880-7373.

MOFRO brings the swamp rock and soul

By Alan Vacks
Staff Writer

MOFRO funkied up the Troubadour in Los Angeles last Wednesday night with its brand of down home soulful grooves. A return to juke house music, MOFRO reveals the roots of American music and brings to light a swampy southern style of playing.

Front man JJ Grey says, "We cut into old blues, old soul and early funk." Major influences include Otis Redding, Jerry Clower and Curtis Mayfield. Although the band is based in Jacksonville, Fla., MOFRO has been touring vigorously and using the crowd to fuel their fire.

Mike Shapton’s keyboards, Fabrice Quentin’s bass guitar and “The sounds that MOFRO produce makes me think of a speeding locomotive, moving hard and strong and using the crowd to fuel their fire.”

Craig Barnett’s drums provided the funky rhythm and enabled Grey to unleash his soulful vocals onto the crowd.

Grey’s ability to shift personalities in his voice astounds me. When I first heard the group’s latest CD, “Blackwater,” I was sure there were two vocalists, but after seeing them live I realized it is all about Grey. In one song he sounded like a blind blues man from Alabama, searching his senses to paint a masterpiece. Then in another song he would display his versatility by resonating a vocal range similar to Stevie Wonder.

The sounds that MOFRO produce makes me think of a speeding locomotive, moving hard and strong and using the crowd to fuel their fire. Overall, I give these Southern boys the highest rating. Independent bands normally have more substance to their music, but MOFRO genuinely puts their heart and soul into live performance.

The band is currently working its way through the west, promoting its CD “Blackwater.” The CD can be purchased and heard in its entirety at www.mofro.net.
Exhibits going on all week:

A Saint in the City: Sufi Arts of Urban Senegal at the Fowler Museum of Cultural History in Los Angeles. (310)825-4361.

Contemporary Projects 7: Keith Edmier and Farrah Fawcett. 2003 at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA). (323)677-6000.

MONDAY

Concerts
Elemental at the Troubadour in L.A. (310)276-6168.
The Good Life at Spaceland in L.A. (213)833-2843.

Comedy
Ellen DeGeneres at The Ice House - Annex & Restaurant in Pasadena. (626)577-1894.

Clubs
Anonymous (Philosophy) at Zanzibar in Santa Monica. (310)451-2221.

TUESDAY

Concerts

Global Funk Council at the Knitting Factory in L.A. (323)463-0294

Saul Williams at the El Rey Theater in L.A. (323)936-4790

Charles Manson, Where Are You? at the Celebration Theatre in Santa Monica. (323)937-1884.

Comedy
Dave Coulier plays at The Comedy & Magic Club in Hermosa Beach. (310)372-1193.

WEDNESDAY

Concert
30 Seconds to Mars (*Jared Leto’s band) at the Roxy in L.A. (310)276-2222

THURSDAY

Concerts
400 Blows at Spaceland in L.A. (213)833-2843.

Big Head Todd and the Monsters at the House of Blues in West Hollywood. (323)848-5100

FRIDAY

Concerts
Agent Orange at the Key Club in L.A. (310)874-5800.

DJ Kruish at the El Rey Theater in L.A. (323)936-4790

By Becky Klink

Gary Young, one of Southern California’s many talented poets, spoke with several students and faculty members at a poetry reading sponsored by CSUSB’s English Club.

The event was held in the Pine Room of the Lower Commons on February 10th. Young, a poet, graphic artist, print maker and much more, read several poems and discussed some of his many books including his most recent, No Other Life. He is the recipient of many awards including a grant from The National Endowment for the Arts.

He spoke of his long history of being a printer, and made some interesting comments about the correlations between art and printing art. He commenced with a poem about printing, and afterwards commented that an artistic person, “wears many different hats.”

Young went on to discuss how the word poet, is derived from a Greek word meaning to many things.

He remarked that growing up in the mountains of north Santa Cruz has greatly influenced him to concentrate on landscapes in his poetry as well as in his graphic design. However, his fictional writing, poetry, and graphic designs focus around a variety of subjects.

After the reading, Young commented that he had begun to write poetry at a young age but later became interested in design and the printing process. Student Beth Bennett says, “I enjoyed listening to his lyric poems, but especially loved to hear him talk about the craft of writing.”

Young is a multi-talented man who is an inspiration to those who some day plan to follow in his footsteps.
The Coyote Movie Ticket:
Adaption tames the beast within our dynamic duo

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IMDB Synopsis: A lovelorn screenwriter turns to his less tal-
ented twin brother for help when his efforts to adapt a non-fiction book go nowhere.

Marcos: “Adaptation” just goes to show that it really isn’t that hard to make a great film. All you need are some talented people, the right amount of money and some dedication. Take Nicolas Cage, who plays a dual role as twin brothers Charlie and Frank Kaufman. Normally, I would think twice about watching any film with Cage but, as this film was directed by Spike Jonze and written by the real life Charlie and Donald Kaufman, I bit my lip and saw it anyway. Needless to say, I was incredibly impressed with Cage’s performance. Even more incredible is the fact that he successfully portrayed two different characters, many times simultane-
ously on screen. Congratulations Mr. Cage, you’re no longer a ham.

Marcos: WOW! This was a beautiful picture. It was beauti-

lly directed, beautifully written, beautifully acted and just
plain beautiful. There’s nothing more I can say than “Just Watch
This Movie,” unless you’re like my fiancé who shouted out “this
was a stupid movie” as soon as the end credits hit the screen.

Marcos: I don’t feel so bad on him. She’s only a fiancé.

Marcos: All his eyes, this movie will never be as good as “Sweet
Home Alabama.” But I still love her and we’re still watching
“Dardevil” on Valentine’s Day. That’s romance!

Marcos: I still don’t understand why it’s so hard for the average person

of all the laws in America.

An adaptation that American Filmmakers should take a real shot at lining

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Marcos: What the hell is wrong
with me? Why can’t I write a

The Metalhead: Need a recording contract?

Brian Keathley
Metalhead

Greetings Friends! Brian here from
HEAVY METAL PLANET with

news for all you local bands, rap-
pers, vocalist and anyone else who feels they have the “right stuff” to

make it in the music business.

Gene Simmons, the fire breathing, blood spitting, tongue wagging master-
mind behind the supergroup KISS is forming his own record label SIM-
MONDS RECORDS this year and he is now accepting demos from any local bands
that wish to submit their material.

Simmons had a similar project in the 1980’s - also called Simmons Records
- and he was teamed up with RCA records for manufacturing
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**Touch Your Sack, Not Iraq**

By The Right Hand Man

There are many ways to protest war: marches, hunger strikes and lighting yourself on fire. However, there's a new form of protest surging across the globe with the strength of a runaway gerbil. This protest movement is popular with thousands of people all over the world who are fighting the power by working on their love bones.

It's no surprise that millions of people around the world pleasure themselves for many reasons (and if you're like me, the main reason is lack of sex). However, what the majority of these kitten killers don't know is that you can support world peace while noodling your spaghetti.

This is where you, with the help of masturbateforpeace.com, come in.

The best method of fighting war is with love. Even Ghandi knew that, "However," says the site, "any real love must start from within. You can't love others without loving yourself first. And, of course, masturbation is the greatest expression of self-love. So it's natural that we, the citizens of the world, are joining together to masturbate for peace."

It's simple. The way it works is, while masturbat­ ing, which 98% of people are probably doing as you read this (second to reading on the john), think of world peace. Yeah, that's it. Think of something other than the buzzy red-head in your math class...damn she fine...oh, sorry.

And women, fear not. Because masturbateforpeace.com believes in equal rights, you are also invited to partake in democ­ racy. If you believe that "War is a***", don't hesitate to "rub your clit." As Moxy from Philadelphia writes, "(my fiance) and I will masturbate together, every night until war has ended or we are together again. Then we will begin to have sex for peace, join­ ing together and hopefully increasing the power we give out."

Still not convinced? Here are the top nine reasons to mastur­ bate for peace:

1. **What else am I going to do with 80 GB of porn on my PC?**

2. **If I use my left hand, it feels like someone else has joined my cause.**

3. **It may be the only "peace" I'll be getting for a while.**

4. **If I go blind they can't cut me.**

5. **The walls need painting white.**

6. **This is my weapon...this is my gun, this one's for shootin'...oh, never mind.**

7. **The walls need painting white anyway.**

8. **If you, or anyone else, is interested in more, e-mail me at person_place_thing_idea@hotmail.com.**

9. **When you jerk tonight, keep peace in sight.**

Don't be a War Junkie.

**Spank your Monkey!**

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**Always read the instructions**

By Tara Wallace

Copy-Editor

Do you ever wish that you could just go back in time and fix a really stupid mistake?

That's how I felt this summer after receiving my second session summer school grade.

Yes, 1'm one of the few dedicated students who force­ themselves to suffer through sum­ mer school every year at Cal State. And this summer, in hopes of graduating this March—which apparently isn't going to happen—even I signed up for both sessions.

For those of you who haven't been put through the joys of going to school during the summer, it includes four hours of torture, the ordeal of which greatly depends on the instructor of the course—while you mostly dream of being somewhere, anywhere but in a classroom.

The first session went alright, but by the end of the second I was totally and com­ pletely burned out. I knew by that time that I wasn't the best, most attentive student, but I did continue to faithfully appear every morning at 9 a.m. in hopes of a good grade. I know that I didn't deserve it and that this was simply, "I think you will answer the question!"

To this, my teacher as calmly as I could回答ed, "I felt so stupid."

The second session had the same problems, but in a class I was utterly unprepared for. I couldn't believe I had signed up for a class I had never taken before. It was just too much and I felt burnt out. I knew by that time that I wasn't the best, most attentive student, but I did continue to faithfully appear every morning at 9 a.m. in hopes of a good grade. I knew that I didn't deserve it and that this was simply, "I think you will answer the question!"

The real killer was that I once picked up my final I had answered scored 15, 15 and 13 out of 15. If I had answered all of the questions (what a concept!) I probably would have gotten an A on the final.

Another disappointing thing about my getting that grade was that if it had been a little higher, say by a letter or something of that nature, imagine my surprise when TRACS coolly announces my C+ in calc class.

Now, don't get me wrong, I do have my share of grades that I'm not too proud of, but those are all in my require­ ments classes, not in a class for my major.

So, naturally, I e-mailed my teacher as calmly as I could and asked her why I received such a low grade. Her reply was simply, "I think you will not have to worry about it that you only answered three of the five questions on the final. That affected your grade. I felt so stupid."

In the past I have always been one of those people who wonder why teachers always stress the instructions of their tests. I would laugh when they directions are in bold and underlined and say things like, "Make sure you completely answer the instructions."

Who would be dumb enough to not answer the ques­ tion? Well apparently me.

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Every now and then we all run into someone who thinks they're God's gift to the world. There are the types of people who assume that everyone wants them, everyone wants to be with them or that everyone wants to be like them. Yeah Right!!!

These annoying pretentious people are nothing but stuck up, self-consciously ignorant beings that believe that the world should, and does, revolve around only them. Don't get me wrong now, I'm not saying that they have problems or that anyone who can be considered decent looking has to have an attitude adjustment, (because we ALL need one of those at one point or another) but I have to admit, some people do need to take a look in the mirror and realize that they're not the most... Now the best example for a description of what these kind of people may look like is this: they're the type you see everyday on campus walking around draped like they're moving to a fashion show, wearing their short mini with spiked heels. For the guys, it's those trying sport their new gear thinking they're hot and trying to hit on you while the 36x30 sticker is still stuck on the back of their left leg. Are you getting the picture now?

Oh, come on now, what are you thinking? You're at school. But wait, that doesn't mean that I'm putting down those who are fashionably gifted. I have to give it up to those who have their own style sense. But girls leave the 3-inch plastic, stripper shoes at home. No scratch that. Throw them out. They're not cute! And to make one thing clear, I'm not saying that I'm the one, nor do I think that I am. And it doesn't give me any right to talk about these type of people, but it really gets on my nerves when they have it set in the back of their minds that they're better than everyone else.

Yes, in some way we are all better than someone at something, but not all around. But you see, they think they are. When in reality, a good 75 percent (at least from my experiences), haven't got a clue about what's really going on.

You can't even hold an educated conversation without them regurgitating what you just said or without them saying, "Yi, I know." While they look at you playing to play off the whole "sure I know what you're talking about" look. You know the one we've all given to our professors so we don't feel stupid in front of them.

Well, maybe that's it! Maybe they don't want to feel stupid. Especially when they make comments like, "Oh no, I got deodorant on the inside of my white shirt. Can you see it?" Now that's a classic!

I'm sure by now you're thinking what's up her act? Or, Why the jealousy? Right?

Well, nothing's up there, and no I'm not. I'm just trying to make my point. And if you don't know what it is by now, then you clearly haven't been paying attention! Pretentious stuck up people SUCK!

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Eating Disorders
Student Union
Events Center C
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, Feb. 18
"Salsa & Swing Club"
HP 104
8:00 p.m.
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Salsa & Swing Club

Wednesday, Feb. 19
"The Jesus You Thought You Knew"
Student Union
University Room
12:05 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Sponsored by:
Cross Training Ministry of ARDM

Thursday, Feb. 20
ASI Movie Night
"Frida"
Student Union
Events Center
B & C
7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sponsored by:
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Friday, Feb. 21
Air Force ROTC Career Day
Student Union
Events Center A, B & C
1:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Sponsored by:
Air Force ROTC

Saturday, Feb. 22
"Salsa & Swing Club"
HP 104
8:00 p.m.
Sponsored by:
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Sunday, Feb. 23
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Krieger, who gained knowledge of water issues by attending meetings and working with the district, was appointed in 1975 to the Western Municipal Water District's board of directors and retired in 1988. While there, she helped devise the first minimum standards for the measure.

Krieger's involvement with water issues dates back to her last illness, which caused insufficient dosages being distributed. The recall is not medically dangerous. Those who were included in this group were warned to use alternative prevention such as condoms and spermicides to avoid pregnancy.

Two new additions to the options for birth control are the ring, Norplant, and the patch, OrthoEvra.

Norplant is 95-99 percent effective. This form is a small plastic patch that does not need to be fit like a diaphragm. The small, flexible ring is inserted deep into the cervix once for three out of four weeks. With this product there is no need for spermicides. Symptoms have arisen since its inception, such as increased discharge, vaginal irritation or infection, diaphragm and cervical caps should not be used with this product as a backup method. Condoms are usable with this product. The cost of this product is $30-35 per month, and $35-125 per exam.

Advertisements for the patch have recently appeared heavily on television. OrthoEvra is selling the patch that was approved by the Western Municipal Water District in 1998.
Hikes fo' you: Lost Palms Oasis

By Rod Rodriguez
Staff Writer

Where: From CSUSB, take I-215 south to the I-10. Take I-10 east toward Palm Springs. Continue on the highway past Palm Springs until you reach Cottonwood Canyon exit. Exit on this road and proceed north on Cottonwood Canyon Road for about 8 miles until you reach the Cottonwood Visitor Center inside Joshua Tree National Park.

Turn right at the Cottonwood Visitor Center and go 1.5 miles until the road ends. There, you can park your vehicle in the Cottonwood Spring parking area.

Length: 8.8 miles round trip to the Oasis.

Difficulty: Moderate

Originally, for this week's article, I had planned to hike Mt Baden-Powell in the Angeles National Forest. Unfortunately, there was still too much snow and ice, making the path difficult and impassable.

With the weather having been very good and the temperatures unusually warm this past month, I continue to forget that it is still winter up in the mountains.

However, there is one place that can still be trekked in the dead of winter without too much fear of snow and ice. Joshua Tree National Park has numerous trails you can embark on. One of these wonderful trails is a hike to the Lost Palms Oasis.

The Lost Palms Oasis boasts some of the largest and most numerous palm trees found in the California desert. This nine-mile round trip hike takes you from the remote Colorado Desert to a mountainous region with a palm tree oasis hidden inside it.

Upon arriving at the trailhead, you become awestruck at the sheer magnitude and beauty of the California fan palms. Here, there is a sign informing you on the history of the Lost Palms Oasis as well as the peoples who formally occupied the land.

This is very fascinating because you get to imagine what the trail was like more than a hundred years ago. After poking around the trailhead area, you can then embark on the Lost Palms Trail.

As you begin the journey, you will begin to notice the beauty of the Colorado Desert. Cholla and ocotillo cacti, sage bushes and elephant trees surround the area with their radiant splendor.

Continuing on the trail, the geology begins to change from a desert to a mountainous region. This change is what makes the Lost Palms Oasis Trail so enjoyable. You never have to experience the dolorousness of a homogenous landscape.

You will find yourself journeying through a different region at every turn. You will feel like an explorer just a mere few miles away from the trailhead.

After about four miles of hiking, you will see a sign indicating the Lost Palms Oasis. You must then descend 0.2 miles into a canyon where the oasis is located.

The hike down to the oasis is steep and the hike back up the canyon is strenuous. Inside the canyon, the hiker can explore the oasis.

There is supposed to be water and streams located at the oasis, but when I went with my wife a month ago, I was not lucky enough to witness any. The oasis is a day-use only area for the protection of big horn sheep that occupy the area.

If you are lucky, you will be able to see one of these majestic animals. If not, you will be able to enjoy one of the best hikes the park has to offer. So keep on trekking!

Rating: 4.5

1-Stay Home, this hike is a waste of time; 2-Alright, if you have nothing else to do; 3-Decent, you'll have fun; 4-A blast, you'll enjoy; 5- Must do, no matter how many blisters you get!
**Softball back on track**

By Tony Evans
Assistant Sports Editor

Cal State Dominguez Hills swept through the Western Conference playoffs like a freight train, and left little room for anyone to place their bets in next week's National Championship.

In the first game the Coyotes scored 11 runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. The Gators answered in the fourth with a 6-2 advantage. Kolodzik led off with a single, moved to second on a sacrifice by Latisha Hernandez and Schioppo against Biola pitcher Jamie James. James saw this one aiming before I did. Jason Kidd brings the Nats into the finals to get worked again by the West.

The Western Conference tests the organizational styles of the previous championship levels. However, they have the two best players in the game - Shaq and Kobe. With Shaq's mobility getting better, we can expect the defensive efforts of the Lakers to step up to their previous championship levels.

However, statistics don't win championships, heart does. Kobe is averaging 28 points a game and has proven that he can carry the team just as well as Shaq.

In the second game with SFSU, the Gators scored in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game 2-2 which held until the 11th inning.

I'm calling the Lakers in six games to win the series. But so are the pockets of their owner Dr. Jerry Buss.

Anybody who keeps up with NBA basketball knows that the Eastern Conference has been the overlooked stepchild of the league for the past few years. The only thing an Eastern Conference team is good for is four losses in the finals. However, I believe the East will produce a stronger contender for the title this year.

It's time to make a prediction on which team will make it to the NBA finals from the West. Kobe and Shaq's ability to get things started, combined with the defense of the Los Angeles Lakers, make them the best team in the conference.

The rest of the NBA teams are what's on tap. The NBA all-star game is over and all the stars have gone home. Why would any sports analyst pick a team that is currently 13.5 games back to win anything but the lottery, because we are talking Shaq and Kobe.

The last of the NBA team that is hot is the San Antonio Spurs. However, the San Antonio Spurs, the Indiana Pacers and the New York Nets are all valid options.

The confidence of the Phoenix Suns is a bit too slim, but legitimate to upset the West. However, it would take a miracle to get to the NBA finals.

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So, you know the team that will make it to the NBA finals is the Los Angeles Lakers.
A ‘Ray’ of sunshine on CSUSB men’s team

By Wesley Collins
Staff Writer

Lance Ray is trying to make the most of his fifth and final season with the Coyote Men’s Basketball team—a season that has his team rolling through the CCAA conference and looking towards the Regional Tournament.

“Lance’s biggest attribute is that he’s very active... and consistently around the ball,” says head coach Jeff Oliver. “Which is an attribute you really can’t teach,” he adds. Oliver also says that consistently being around the basketball means getting long rebounds, steals, lose balls and offensive rebounds, which lead to easy points.

Ray has stepped up and taken on the role of a team leader this season. He is a co-captain along with fellow senior Bobby Burrites. “I focus on scoring and rebounding, that’s my role on the team,” says Ray.

Ray is the second leading scorer on the Coyotes averaging 16.4 points per game, and the team’s leading rebounding averaging 8.2 boards a game, which is also good for third in the CCAA.

Coach Oliver points out that ranking third in rebounding in the CCAA conference is an impressive accomplishment for a guard, the position Ray plays.

Coach Oliver says that Ray has not only been tremendous on the boards this year, but has gone from being a streaky scorer and turned into a very consistent one.

However, Ray does not believe he is meeting his full potential this year. “You have to set lofty goals... I’ve played well so far, but I’d like to play better and help the team as much as I can,” he says.

This is Ray’s fifth year on the team, but only his first year as a full-time starter. Yet, he does not feel this year is any more special than his previous four with the team, which he feels he has been assisted by good experiences.

Ray graduates in March with a degree in math. He then plans to continue his goal towards a master’s degree. His future aspirations are to become a community college professor. “I only have eight more guaranteed games left in my career,” says Ray.

With this in mind he plans to take the advice of the great Michael Jordan who says: play each game as if it were your last. “If I’m just going to go out on a good note,” Ray says.

However, if the Coyotes keep adding to their 15-game winning streak Ray’s career will be a lot longer than eight games and that good ending he wants will be achieved.

Tirona understands chemistry

By Beatriz Barragan
Staff Writer

Practice is winding down and the women are all playing a scrimmage game before heading off to the locker rooms. Clapping enthusiastically, Leilani Tirona, cheers on her teammates from the sideline.

Being captain of the women’s basketball team is not an easy job, but Tirona enjoys her responsibilities. She describes herself as the communicator of the team. If need be, Tirona can be the middle person between her teammates and her coach.

“I have to relate to my teammates and my coach,” says Tirona.

Tirona understands the job well. She played basketball at Alameda High School and for the last two years, she was captain of her team.

Even though it’s her first year as captain of the CSUSB women’s basketball team, Tirona is in her third year playing for CSUSB.

The chemistry major student looked at a few other universities before deciding on CSUSB. UC Davis and Sonoma State were very much taken into consideration.

But lucky for CSUSB, Tirona chose to pursue her career and her love of basketball at San Bernardino.

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