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Gas hikes hurt students

Melina Perez
Staff Writer

Ever increasing gas prices lead students to look for alternate means of transportation.

The San Bernardino-Riverside area has been impacted by current economic hardships. Island Empire gas prices reached new levels this past week as well.

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Rations of frustration

Shantal Anderson
Staff Writer

Consumers now face rations on the most popular grain on the planet due to short supply.

Grain prices have hit all-time high because of the global food crisis, according to the Washington Post. As women have been rushing to local supermarkets and Costco stores to find they are only limited to buying one bag of rice, businesses are also affected because they are only allowed to buy a week’s supply of rice. The two biggest retail stores in the nation limited their supply of rice to consumers.

Contact has mandated that all store post signs limiting how much rice you can buy based on previous purchases. According to the San Bernardino Sun, Rachelle Cuc­cina’s Costco store manager has put the pressure and effects of the global shortage.

The shortage of rice production comes from Asia and Australia. The cost of Jasmine Rice hit a high of $20.

Food experts predict that hunger and poverty in poor nations will increase due to the limited supply of grain and the doubling of prices.

"Not being able to buy rice has put a damper on my nutrition. I like cutting fruits, vegetables and grains, but it's so expensive. I have to either eat things that aren’t good for my health or eat out all the time,” CSUSB student Jasmine Zepeda said.

The shortage comes from major rice producers like India, Vietnam, Egypt and Brazil, according to the San Francisco Chronicle. Researchers, who are also among those that buy rice from retailers, had to raise menu prices.

Raj Patel, the author of "Stuffed and Starved" expects the crisis to increase the demand of food stamps and food aid programs in the nation.

Food experts have said it is possible for California to switch to medium grain rice.

The president and CEO of the California Rice Commission, Tony Johnson, said that rice is planted on an estimated 54,000 acres in California, which is up from 53,400 acres in the past year.

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Recognition for commitment and service

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SUSB will honor Dr. Gnanagari Gnanadev with its 2008 Arrowhead Distinguished Executive Officer Award. The Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC) director will be honored at a black-tie dinner on May 9, at the Arrowhead Convention Center.

He will be recognized for his leadership, civic service and commitment to both health care delivery and education. The college bestows the award annually to executives whose leadership, civic service and commitment to education make a difference in the community.

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**T**he value of human touch will be touched by CSUSB.

The Adult Re-Entry Center (ARC) and Pride Center will be presenting its sixth annual Stress Break on Wed., May 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Santa Manuel Student Union Events Center.

All in attendance are invited to enjoy a variety of relaxation techniques as well as information to help students cope before and after midterm exams.

"Stress Break is meant to give students an opportunity to unwind and blow off some steam as they come away from or go into their midterms," said Juli Crize, coordinator of the ARC and Pride Center.

Stress Break will host an array of practitioners whose services range from massages to authenticity. There will be art to assist with card readings, as the Events Center is filled with the smell of herbal teas and oils and tranquil images and music create a relaxing ambiance.

Robert Knox, who is a licensed massage therapist with over 100 hours of training, will be one of the many facets of Stress Break. Knox has provided his services to the event since its creation in 2002.

Knox describes the event to be such a tranquil massage therapist, the line of people waiting to be massaged by him at any given time since he began offering his services to Break.

CSUSB student Paula Armenta and Crean Hill Community College-Coracentic -student Marie Bahner, both li- censed massage therapists, will also be in attendance.

Massage school students from Crean Hill and Everest College will be on hand to provide massages. This event provides an opportunity for those students to complete hours needed for certification.

In addition, attendees can receive an authentic henna body art decoration called Mehndi from Delhi Reiner, owner and operator of Henna Crane.

According to Henna Crane's website, Reiner has been providing henna for the Indonesian Empire since 1999.

Mehndi is the ancient art of skin tattooing using a plant juice made from the dried leaves of the henna plant. Lemon juice, essential oils and milk are mixed into a paste and painted on the skin. The paste is a plastic cone much like a pastry tip and designs are drawn on the skin by pressing the paste on and left on the skin for at least 6 to 12 hours, according to the website.

Stress Break was created by Crize when she first started working for the Santa Manuel Student Union in 2002 and has been the traditional event held by the ARC and Pride Center since.

"Overall, I wish I had a picture of everyone as they come in, and then leave. The visual differences is obvious," said Crize. "They have an opportunity to unwind and blow off some steam as they come away from or go into their midterms.

**Event at a glance**

**What: The Adult Re-Entry Center and Pride Center present Stress Break**

**Where: Wed., May 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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**Stress Break offers an opportunity to relieve tension created from the unconscious stresses of life (Nick De Leon-Chronicle).**

**Greek games build unity**

**A**fter a week of practicing, sport and music were on the agenda for the Greek speaker event, CSUSB Greeks have collected a numerous amount of my for their fun times during this Greek Week.

"The best part of Greek Week was the amount of Greek events present both on and off the court," said Delta Phi Pi member Liz Salcido.

Salcido said, "Though, indeed, it was competitive during the game events, what unified us all was the cousin support, cheers and above all motivation we gave to one another."

Greek Week kicked off on April 25, for the Gentlemen in Intercollegiate Council for Athletics and on April 26 for the Ladies in Pervolamie sororities.

During Greek Week, Pan- hellenic sorority participated in sporting events such as volleyball, dodge ball and softball, while the fraternities competed in basketball, dodge ball and softball. The week of competition proved to be very memorable for first-time participants.

"I'm very excited participating in my first Greek Week. All the hype and competition make it so much fun," said Chi Sigma member, I. Wright.

"My friends, Sigma Chi, really showed everyone also that we're the best by our active participation and dedication in all Greek Week events," said Wright. "My favorite part was how all Greeks came out to support, watch the events."

Christopher Monserrat, Sigma Phi Epsilon member, expressed his feelings toward Greek Week.

"It was a great time in the field and seeing all the Greeks together," said Monserrat. "I wish there were more events for Greeks to participate in together. At the end of the day, it's all about Greek unity."

"I really enjoyed playing sports with my friends. I had a good time playing against each of the other sororities," said Kappa Delta member Jordan Amosdale.

Amosdale said, "I liked all the Greek events supported each other. At the same time, all get to have some and have a good time to get together."

"Greek Week has given fraternity and sororities the opportunity to showcase their brother and sisterhood bond," said Sigma Chi member Aminnole Jones. "At the same time we were uniting with others with in our organization. The key word is: Greek unity."

In addition to all the sporting competitions, Greeks Week were also encouraged to attend the Greek Speaker event on Wed., April 30.

Ray Lutsky, the Greek speaker, was a motivating speaker for more Greeks, as he gave advice on public relations tips and how to publicize their organizations.

Greek Week events was a huge success for the Greek community.
**DNA breakthrough to live longer**

Scientists are tweaking DNA so humans can live longer. They might be close to helping people live up to 400 years old (Courtesy of octlconsulting.com).

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The tip-off

Elizabeth Saucedo
Managing Editor

The heat couldn’t keep the fans from flocking to the fields. Indie’s ninth annual Coachella Music and Arts festival brought music of all genres, eclectic art and people from all walks of life together for three days of camping and festivities.

The Friday, April 25 lineup was headlined by the Canadian duo of Tegan and Sara, Jack White’s The Raconteurs, British pop legends The Verve, and the smooth Hawaiian acoustics of Jack Johnson. As the sun began to set slowly behind Tahpakupa, twin sisters Tegan and Sara took the main stage. The Canadian duo performed songs from their fifth studio album, “The Con,” with hit songs like “Speak Slow” and “Jealous.”

The Raconteurs, founded by Jack White, (The White Stripes), Brendan Benson, Jack Lawrence, (The Greenhorns) and Patrick Keeler, (The Greenhorns), took the stage. While the group consists of established musicians in their own right, they have creatively come together to develop catchy harmonies paralleled with psychedelic rock guitar rhythms on the 2008 release, “Consolers of the Lonely.”

The Verve delivered rock and a mix of smooth indie-blues with the songs “Many Shades of Black” and “Rich Kid Blues.” The music of The Verve highlights not only the vocal superiority of White and Rimes, but also the musical technicality of Lawrence on bass and Keeler on drums. The night was wrapped up with the musical styling of The Verve of his own, Jack Johnson’s, style.

While The Verve had returned to the U.S. for the first time in a decade since their split, their set time came in between The Raconteurs and Jack Johnson made them greatly overshadowed by the other acts of the day. The Verve offered the audience more than a taste of their set, including “The Drugs Don’t Work” and the more popular “Bittermain.”

Frontman Richard Ashcroft introduced a new song entitled “Silk and Water” and assured the crowd that the reformation of the band would result in new material.

“Don’t tell a soul” this band is about,” said Ashcroft.

The family then began to light up the dessert chill and lean in to the side of the stage. 

The festival began to light up and the desert chill crept in, later singer-songwriter Jack Johnson took the stage as the final headliner of the day. Dressed in jeans and a t-shirt, he performed favorites from all five albums, with his hit such as “Sleeping at Home Together.”

While Johnson’s performance was almost impossible to compare to previous headliners like Rage Against The Machine, Nine Inch Nails and Tool, Johnson brought a much mellow mood and overall warm feeling to close the first day of festivities.

The ninth annual Coachella Music and Arts Festival brought three days of camping and music, spectacular art and eclectic art displays to the Empire Polo Fields in Indio, CA. Thousands without fearing temperature extremes to see and hear their favorite bands and artists. Top left: Mike Ross (Big Rig Jig (Ken Dillard/Chronicle). Top right: Jake Snider of Minus the Bear (Elizabeth Saucedo/Chronicle). Bottom right: Eugene Blitze of Gogol Bordello (Steven Morel/Chronicle).
Prince's purple reign

Prince brought his purple reign to the desert as the headliner for Saturday Night's festivities.

MURS is not a typical rapper because he talks about issues, not bling (Steven Murrell Chronicle).

Kevin Manning
Multi-Cultural Editor

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Madonna's still got it

Phineas Aikde Editor

Y our iPod is full of dance-­
house drum rolls, throb­
ing guitars and screaming
vocals, but you've never seen
your favorite metal ensemble perform
live before. With the summer con­
cert season well under way,
there are some very
important behaviors you
need to be informed about
to ensure you have an optimal
time at a metal show.

"Throw up the horns!" The
devil horns sign is a staple at all heavy­
metal shows. Whether you are an
upcoming rock band or the queen of
the metal world, you will be doing it.
While there is a very common mis­
ception about the sign-language­
metal gesture, I'll clear it up.

Make a fist. Extend your index finger.
"Keep the thumb tucked!"

Many people believe it is
necessary to "face the music" and
fumble incoherently in the back­
ground.

The steps:
- Make a fist.
- Extend your index finger.
- The thumb should be tucked under.

The beat recycling continues
and the shouts erupt around the middle of the floor.
"We were in a studio," Williams told MTV News, "and she
was like, 'Look, give me some hits!'" I was looking at her like,
'What's going on?' She was like, 'Okay! So we just went back and
worked on it.'

The sound on "Hard Candy" is
definitely unexpected.

Over the master of reinvention, Madonna provides listeners with a
funky, 90 second upbeat album that is a definite gym necessity.

The first track, "Candy Shop," sets the agenda and the tone for the rest of the album.

The song is a heavily drum and bass influenced, in which she tells "I'll be your one magically sexy
thing that I got..."

Clearly, "Candy" is a metaphor for sex.

"4 Minutes" features Timber­
lake and is the album's lead single.
It recently reached the #1 million
peak in sales, and is topping the Bill­
board Hot 100 chart.

In this song, Timberlake proves
he's never too far from that drum
beat of his. The horns are the stand­
out in the song, and at first listen are
a little amusing, but the song is
definitely a grower.

"Dance (2Night)" is the third single
on the album, and contains the
"UFO" reference.

The song awkwardly inter­
leaves to an overproduced frenzy, in
which Madonna repeats "get stu­
pid" and Williams can be heard
screaming in the background.

Classic hard rock, is the best way to describe this album.

"You Can Dance" is the fourth single
on the album. The song is a
tribute to disco, and is a fun
song to get up and dance to.

"Hard Candy" is in stores now. (Courtesy of Warner Bros. Records)

Leona Lewis steps up to plate

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"Spirit"... proves to be success

Melanie Hunter Assistant Aikde Editor

When Christina Aguilera fin­
ishes over-singing everything, and
Maria Carey is done being a diva,
Leona Lewis will be ready and able
to take their places as music's next
big star.

Lewis' album, "Spirit" sounds like
Christina Aguilera in a great way,
and the way her voice floats over
the beat.

"I could just see the effect that she had on the audience," said
Talented Entertainment Weekly. I think, this girl's not just going
to be fighting for less than ten years, consider it now.

As we look forward to upcom­
ing albums later, she's still
relevant, even if she is old enough
to be your mother.

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The big debate
Andrea Putnam
Staff Writer

In a small Presbyterian church on D Street in San Bernardino, Dr. Amir Hussain of Loyola Marymount University spoke to a full house on the relationship between Muslims, Jews and Christians.

"This lecture is to promote inter-faith dialogue," said Hussain.

Hussain's lecture, "Separating Fact From Fiction," was hosted by Cal State San Bernardino and the Center of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies.

The lecture has been taking place every year at different locations throughout the world. The event took place April 29 with members of the community, professors and CSUSB President Albert K. Katsiy.

Dr. Hussain discussed the issues facing Islam, Judaism and Christianity in the present world (Andrea Putnam/Chronicle).

CSUSB students Karla de Alba, Olivia Martinez and Joseph Chavez volunteered at the Cross Cultural Center to make the decorations for the Cinco de Mayo event.

"I enjoy helping. The event is important to keep up with culture," Chavez said. "I have noticed that many students don't know what Cinco de Mayo means. It is important to educate students about the celebration."

Cinco de Mayo celebrates the overthrow of the Mexican Imperial Monarchy headed by Maximilian of Austria in 1867. The French planned to march from the port city of Veracruz to Mexico City but President Benito Juarez sent troops of General Ignacio Zaragoza to Puebla to defend the country. Juarez's troops defeated the French army, with success.

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Pastor's tongue brings down Obama

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A pastor has become Sen. Barack Obama's biggest obstacle in becoming the Democratic nominee. Obama's most memorable, beat-down, in the media was Pastor John 3:16 Wright. Wright even conducted the marriage ceremony between Obama and his wife, Michelle. He also baptized Obama's two children. Any criticism that has been made of Wright's religious beliefs and political views could have drawn negative attention to Obama. Obama chose Wright to marry him and control his children's baptisms.

Save money, take the bus

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Waterpolo finishes 5th

The match was tied five times, the last time at 6-6 with 6:15 left in the fourth period on a goal by the Vaqueros' Jordan Ammon after a goal by the Coyotes' senior Ashley Hays.

In other matches, UC Davis defeated LMU 10-9 in the championship game to advance to the NCAA national championship. The Coyotes also lost starter Cheyne Hann to a leg injury after he pitched his way to the week's acknowledgment. The 2008 season marks the end of the road for 14 Coyote seniors. In their final game at home, the Coyotes managed to lose a close game against Cal State San Marcos, 4-5.

The baseball team ended their season and although it has been a tough one, there have been key highlights of individual successes (Bree Diaz hit 20 home runs, 30 RBI and a team-best 44 runs scored. His batting average as of April 28 was .373, the highest in the Coyotes' lineup. King is second in the nation with 56 RBI. He has 18 doubles and a batting average of .474.
Softball makes history

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T he 2008 CSUSB softball team has accomplished something that no Coyote softball team has ever achieved. After 21 years, the Coyotes stepped on the field to play in their first post-season softball game. "Last fall, we decided that we wanted to be in this position," said coach Tom Mainez.

Nicole Carmona, "We worked really hard in practice, is the weight lifting, the sacrifice we made, a commitment to do our best."

Outfielder Tori Beauchesne said the team advanced to the CCAA post-season championship tournament because they never gave up on themselves.

"Even when we were behind, we never felt defeated," said Beauchesne. "We just went out there, played our game and did what we had to do." 

Although the Coyotes found themselves in a deficit at the tournament, assistant coach Leroy Gamboa is confident that the team will overcome its problems. "The girls adjust to adversity very well," said Gamboa. "We fight back, every time. We have a defense and some good hitters." 

The Coyotes have the most hitters in the CCAA. Jordan Dahl was named the CCAA's most valuable player of the year by the conference coaches. 

She led the CCAA in hitting (.418), doubles (12) and slugging percentage (.645) during conference play. She batted .373 overall with 50 runs scored, 11 home runs and 48 RBIs. "Jordan is a great kid and a great player," said head coach Joining Dahl on the all-CCAA first team was sophomore Jamie Low, pitcher Debbie Shidler and centerfielder Priscilla Cantu. 

Additionally, senior Tami Baker and sophomore Ashley Collinwood make up the pitching corps. Baker is the pitcher and player of the week, for their performance in the final week of the CCAA regular season. 

This is my version of the Dream Team," said Shidler. "We've got a lot of talent and a lot of work here.

The Coyotes headed into the CCAA championship tournament in the No. 3 seed. The tournament was hosted by the top seeded Humboldt State Lumberjacks at HSU Softball Field in Arcata. CSUSB faced Cal State Monterey Bay in the opening round at 1 p.m.

The Coyotes were seeded No. 7 coming out of the West Regional. All teams will attempt to repeat its team has accomplished for 2008 CSUSB Softball.

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Coach Taylor Wilson tags out Debbie Shidler at third base during practice as they prepare for the CCAA Softball Championship (Justin Delos Reyes/Chronicle).

Three players from Cal State Stanislaus were named to the all-CCAA first team while two were named to the all-CCAA second team CSUSB and one player to regular their regular season.

Regardless of how the "Votes did this weekend, they did solidify their place in CCAA history.

"Playoffs on this year's team will always be known as the cross that took the program where no other team was able to go.

Taylor Wilson tags out Debbie Shidler at third base during practice as they prepare for the CCAA Softball Championship (Justin Delos Reyes/Chronicle).

Coyotes golf team prepares for West Regional

Justin Delos Reyes
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Col State San Bernadino will attempt to repeat its 2007 NCAA West Region golf championship on Monday when the three-day, 54-hole West Regional tournament begins at the Adobe Creek Golf Club in this Northern California city.

The Coyotes are seeded No 7 in the eight-team Western Regional that is contested with eight teams from the West Region. All teams will play 18 holes per day.

Five teams out of the combined region will qualify for the NCAA national championship the first place finisher in both regions and the next three lowest scoring teams in the two regions. Historically, the other teams have all come from the West Region.

The Coyotes made it into the national tournament after finishing No. 3 at the 2007 CCAA championship tournament was contested on May 14-17 at the Memorial Park Golf Course in Arcata. CSUSB faced Cal State Monterey Bay, Grand Canyon and Hawaii.

"Whether we finish first or fourth, it doesn't matter," said Mainez. "We advance to the national championship because we have the head Coach Cayce Tidwell.

"We're a big help to us because it fits the program that the coach sets. We're the head Coach Cayce Tidwell.

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Mainez said the Adobe Creek golf course is pretty straightforward. "There aren't many trees and the fairways are wide-open for the most part. We know where the good hitting and the easy hitting holes are, and we probably will make the difference as to when we finish." 

As a team, Mainez said, "we have been playing well and we're going to have the advantage because Joe (Alldis) and Bill (Clayton) are used to whether we advance or not." 

Clayton helped the Coyotes in the final round of the CCAA tournament, shooting one of his best rounds of the year (74) to be in the top four for scoring purposes after sophomore Geno Webster Jr. bal­looned to a 79 on the final day. CSUSB finished 11 strokes back of San Jose State and seven back of Cal State Stanislaus.

Alldis has averaged 76 per round this season while Clayton is at 76. The Coyotes are led by junior Micah Burke, a fourth-place finisher in the CCAA tournament, who is averaging 73.9 strokes per round and won the Southern California Invitational. Tournament with rounds of 65, 65, and 65 back on March 11. Burke shot a 213 three-under par at the CCAA event.

Webster, the 2007 West Region, is averaging 74.2 strokes per round and shot 69 and 71 in the first two rounds of the CCAA tournament before suffering through a 79 in the final round to finish third-over par.

Senior Dane Bagwell is averaging 74.9 strokes per round this sea­son but has played well in his last two tournaments, shooting two-over par at the Stanislaus tournament and three over at the CCAA event with rounds of 69 and 68 mixed into those outings.

Alldis has shown he can go low, shooting 219 at the Grand Canyon and Stanislaus tournaments for 54 holes and 171 at the GGU fall tournament.

Clayton shot 222 for 54 holes at the Grand Canyon spring tournament, his best outing of the season. Burke is averaging a remarkable 73.0 putting average.

"Showmanship is what we are looking for.

"It's not college, it doesn't cost very much money at all," said McDo­nald. "It's like a high school, where you really are in charge and you can get away from the college roommate problems that can help people with this transition.

"We want to encourage our players to play in as many local tournaments as possible to try out for the NCAA squad because of the cost.

"If you do, nobody can stop us," said Gamboa. "But we have to put the hit together.

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