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California teachers get a break

Andrew Burick
Staff Writer

The opportunity to change leaves through teaching and work- ing with children is shown to be a priority in California as grant- making foundations are offered to help pay students' tuitions.

The 2007-08 Child Development Grant Program is designed for students who are attending a California Community College or four-year institution, and practicing a Child Development Permit to teach or supervise in a school or licensed California child- ren's center.

For every year that students receive the grant they must agree to teach or supervise in a licensed California school or children's center. "I think this is an excellent way for students to get their way paid through college," junior high teacher in Rialto, CA, Marcella Attenbach, said. "Not only will this help students, but it will encourage them to work in the California school system and help with the overcrowding of California schools."

"Ms. Attenbach knows what a stressful job teaching can be as she has an average of 38 students in each of the six classes she teaches every day at Moore Middle School. Teaching for over 20 years has allowed her to see the growing trend in California's overcrowding of schools. "California has one of the worst student-teacher ratios in the nation," Attenbach said. "We need more qualified teachers that have been trained well."

San Bernardino County is no stranger to the concept of overcrowded schools. The average pupil-teacher ratio was 24.3 students for every one teacher in 2007. This is a little less than the average of the U.S., which was only 14.8 stu- dents for every one teacher, according to a study done by the University of Arkansas. San Bernardino County also had an estimated 23,000 teachers in 2008.

"We've not been doing a good enough job in the broad sequence, and we haven't had as many com- mittees with aggressive programs to put things like slow flash light- boxes for students who need help," Attenbach said.

Junior high teacher Marcella Attenbach believes that these grants can encourage more students to become teachers, which will help with school overcrowding.
Don't get caught in the flames

Jasmine Hunter
Staff Writer

Wildfire season is fast approaching in California.

It is imperative that all Californians be aware of the potential risk to homes and fellow residents. Each year, California experiences thousands of fires. These fires destroy homes and businesses. Last year alone there were over 60 different fires in Southern California. These fires burned over 100 acres of land according to the California Department of Forestry. Along with running loots, fires also released carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into our atmosphere.

These gases negatively affect our environment and quality of life. All too often they can take the lives of our friends, neighbors and our fellow firefighters.

Nearly 90 percent of fires in Southern California are caused intentionally or by accident.

That leaves only 10 percent started by natural causes. This means that 90 percent of fires in Southern California are provable and all the lives lost and property damaged could be prevented.

"All too often I see people driving down the University Parkway and they flick their cigarette out the window," Myles Monte, 20-year-old local resident of San Bernadino said. "People don't realize how dangerous that is."

According to the National Fire Protection Association, burning cigarette materials, primarily cigarette paper, are the number one cause of fires in the United States.

Such fires kill approximately 800 Americans each year, including more than 100 children.

About 25 percent of residential structure fire deaths are caused by smoking materials, to be safe this summer as we travel, use ashtrays to discard of your cigarettes or pull over to have them put out and extinguished.

The flames blazed across San Bernadino's Little Mountain, scorching 300 acres of land and causing the evacuation of 60 homes.

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Incident: Medical Aid
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Incident: Injury
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Incident Reports

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The facilities would provide an additional $500,000 per year for water per year, enough to meet the needs of one million California families.

The WRI provides various grants and programs that return faculty and students to the system, according to the CFA.

It is high time that education is not cheap. Kam-Chi says, "Teachers do not want to be just teachers, but they and their students need to be respected for their hard work."

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There was great speculation at the start of the 2005-2006 school year, with 31.3 percent increases over the years.

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"California is offering a lot for those to drive and the police will be able to write a ticket if he or she observes an unlicensed driver or passenger, with all passenger tickets being issued to the driver."

For those who do drive around without seat belts and have been blessed enough not to get into accidents, still have to think about getting the ticket," Brown said.

"You can’t be obsessed with what might happen when you’re driving, but you can take the precautions," Shanel Brown, a representative for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 68 percent of male vehicle occupants between the ages of 18 to 25 years old who were killed or severely injured in crashes were not wearing safety belts.

Car State University student, said, There were three percent of young people who were in a final crash last year and were estimated to survive. While 44 percent of people involved in fatal accidents and were not properly restrained didn’t survive according to the NHTSA.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger awarded traffic safety grants totaling $5.7 million to 279 police departments statewide to be used for the upcoming "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

"Click It or Ticket" was started by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to get the message out the toilets so you’re not in an older home, you should change it’s brown color to conserve water in their homes.

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Imagine that professors and provide more flexibility to respond to the changing climates, the Governor’s Water Plan calls for two above-ground storage facilities to be built.

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The problem of overcrowding in California schools has only grown since then and will continue until something is done," Amechele said.

"I think it’s a good idea," says Susan Kay, a Liberal Arts major at CSUB. "Teachers do not get paid a lot of money, and education is not cheap."

"California is offering a lot of grants and loan programs to help students," Kay said. "This is a good idea, for anyone who wants to be a teacher."

Selected students attending a California community college are eligible to receive up to $1,000 each academic year for two years; recipients attending a four-year institution are eligible to receive up to $2,000 each academic year for two years, with a maximum of $6,000. Students must maintain at least 60 percent enrollment and satisfactory academic progress. Applications are available at the financial aid office.

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When seat belts are properly used they can not only save your and your passengers’ lives, but also save you money by preventing the police from writing you a ticket.

Since the "Click It or Ticket" campaign was launched in May 2005, nearly one million more California residents are buckling up. In 2005, about half of the 700 uninsured fatalities would be able to today had they simply buckled up.

"It takes mere two seconds to buckle a seat belt — those two seconds could literally save a life," Governor Schwarzenegger said. "I am asking all drivers and passengers to buckle up at or above every single stop, no matter how short or close home. It’s a matter of life and death."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 68 percent of male vehicle occupants between the ages of 18 to 25 years old who were killed or severely injured in crashes were not wearing safety belts.

Fifty-four percent of female vehicle occupants between the ages of 18 to 25 years old who were killed or severely injured in crashes were not wearing safety belts.

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Donations give live

Jennifer Minter  Staff Writer

Every two seconds someone in America needs blood.

Without donation of blood approximately 4.5 million Americans would die each year according to www.bnl.gov.

Josh Minter was about 20 years old when he was in need of surgery, which requires a blood transfusion. During surgery eight pints of blood were used, the average adult has about 10 pints. Shortly before his surgery, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints hosted a blood drive.

Donors were able to directly donate blood to Josh.

"Without the donation of blood Josh would have died," Janet Minter said.

"One of the nurses commented they had never seen so much blood donated to one person as there was that day."

CSUSB students were given the opportunity to donate live saving blood on Thurs., May 17.

When giving blood, donors begin by registering, which involves reading information about donating and answering questions regarding basic health information. A nurse then asks a series of health history questions. Temperature, blood pressure and pulse rate are then taken.

Those donating blood then lie on a bed and once again blood pressure is taken.

The visit is located to begin the blood giving process.

Afterwards, the donor's arm is bandaged and they sit for approximately 15 minutes to enjoy juice and snacks. This allows the body time to adjust to the change in blood levels.

The donation room at CSUSB was filled with six beds and attending nurses.

Stacks of red ice chests containing the donated blood filled one corner of the room.

Once the blood is donated and returned to a clinic, 14 tests are performed on each unit, 11 of those tests are to check for infectious diseases.

"If someone was not eligible to donate blood this time around, there is always next time," attending nurse said.

Of all the Americans eligible to donate blood, only five percent donate each year.

"Donating blood is the easiest way to help others with out having to spend money," Sarah Dowling, a regular blood donor said.

On average a person can donate every 56 days.

"If a person started donating blood at the age of 17 and every 56 days until they were 76, 48 gallons of blood would have been donated states www.bnl.gov.

Following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, blood supplies were limited. Within days half a million people donated blood.

According to www.bnl.gov, 32,000 pints of blood are used each day in the U.S.

One pint of donated blood can save as many as three lives.

Joshua Tomas Gutierrez  Staff Writer

Attention CSUSB students; the Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) would like to invite you to get your Coyote spirit back by picking up a Coyote Spirit card.

The Coyote Spirit card has made its return to CSUSB with a goal to get more students involved in ASI programs. Ashley Baugh, the incoming Vice President of University Affairs, said she will have much to do with the card during the 2007-2008 school year.

"The card first came about in past years, but after weak publicity it was lost in the flurry of other CSUSB promotions," Baugh said.

"It's all about increasing pride and spirit," Baugh said.

"To pick up a card, go into the ASI office located on SC-108 and simply ask for it. The card is free, and when picking one up, make sure you ask for the Coyote Spirit card." The card is also available online.

The card is blue and looks almost identical to a credit card. The number on the card contains the year CSUSB first opened and the current school term. The other number on the card is the phone number at the ASI office.

On the bottom of the card there are 10 empty boxes. During each ASI event, cardholders should have one of the ASI executive members sign one of the boxes.

Card holders can only get one signature per event.

After each third signature, students are encouraged to visit the ASI office where they can claim a prize. During each ASI event, cardholders are placed in a raffle for a grand prize.

One of the advantages is legal issues. The legal assistance is paid for by the ASI dues, so no legal advice worth hundreds of dollars can be had for free.

"Students need to take advantage of the assistance. There is an attorney right where attorneys come in and help advice student clients," this is also paid for by ASI, Baugh said.

For her upcoming position in VP of University Affairs she will be the programming and event coordinator. She will arrange entertainment for students.

"I think Ashley is very qualified for the position. She has helped me out with events in the past and is always for the students. I am really excited to transition her into my position," outgoing Vice President of University Affairs, Toddie Rodriguez said.

"I really want to promote ASI and increase student attendance to our on-campus events. My goal is to have students walk away from ASI events saying that they are fantastic," Baugh said.

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New LCD books may replace paper

By Dean Van
Staff Writer

There is now an electric car that has completely killed the gasoline habit.

The Tesla Roadster sports car is fueled entirely by electricity, uses no gasoline and is six times as efficient as the best sports car while producing one-tenth of the pollutants, according to Tesla Motors.

Electric cars can go from 60 mph to 60 mph in about four seconds, said Tesla Motors.

Tesla Roadster is named after Nikola Tesla, the inventor of alternating current electricity, and was invented by Martin Eberhard. "It’s time for us to do something about our dependence on foreign oil," Eberhard said in ABC News. "It’s time for us to do something about global warming, but I wasn’t ready to go drive around some goofy little car.

Eberhard’s goal is to have the next great American car company and to have a last of cars for every kind of driver, all of them not burning gas.

Eberhard said he wants people to think of “electric cars as being actually light and durable and fun.”

In the next two to five years, Tesla Motors plans to have a family-size sedan and a smaller mass-market electric car.

Tesla Roadster’s base price is currently $98,000 and will be increasing to $99,000 on June 15, 2007.

This car is a two-seater that is powered by lithium-ion batteries and weighs about 2,640 pounds.

There is no tailpipe on the Tesla Roadster because it produces zero emissions and can be powered by 100 percent renewable energy.

The new roadster is powered by the same kind of cell that would power a laptop or camcorder, Tesla Motors’ director of public relations David Vesperini said.

The interior weighs about 77 pounds and can fit into a backpack, Vesperini said.

Electric vehicles typically can go 60 miles per charge while the Tesla Roadster can go more than 250 miles per charge.

The battery pack is warranted for 10,000 miles and can cost thousands of dollars to replace.

Tesla argues that battery technology is improving every year and each model will be better.

Vesperini said that the charging station allows a quick charging of 3 hours and can be just like a gas pump.

The charging station can be hooked up to a dryer circuit and can be installed by any competent electrician, Vesperini said.

In addition to the home-charging stations, there is also an option of mobile-charging kit stored away in the trunk.

This charging kit can be used in standard electrical outlets.

Eberhard tells how the entire drive line consists of 12 moving parts as opposed to the thousands of parts in a regular car.

Pay Pal investor Elon Musk, started up with Eberhard and has invested $57 million into Tesla Motors.

“We are in negotiations with some fairly big auto companies, so we hope to make a really big difference in CO2 concentrations in three ways,” Musk said to ABC News.

“One is the cars we make, which allows them to be 100 percent electric and accelerate the technology development in what car companies and there by servicing a good example to the rest of the auto industry and help ing that they follow our lead,” Musk said.

Don’t forget to register for Comm 243A, and be a part of the dynamic Coyote Chronicle team!
Jaslene is the new top model.

Staff Writer

Jaslene, who was sent home in cycle seven of America’s Next Top Model last week, said she will not try out for the competition again.

"I'm completely blown away by the judge's decision," Jaslene said. "I had the best pictures."

The next day the two finalists, Jaslene and Natasha, met with Catrina Rozenberg, entertainment director of Seventeen Magazine, for their cover photoshoot.

Rozenberg revealed that only the picture of the girl that becomes ANTM would actually end up on the cover of Seventeen Magazine.

For their final challenge both Jaslene and Natasha competed in a Bake and Bake runway show with the theme being Evolution.

"I think I bring a feminity on the runway," Jaslene said. "I'm the Latin spice here. I bring some extra flavor. Isn't your girl sexy enough?"

At the final judging panel the judges believed she had the best commercial. At the final runway show with Carissa Rosenberg, entertainment director of Seventeen Magazine.

Jaslene became the guest on the final episode. She could purchase a shirt before it went on the market, Elite Model Management, a modeling contract with one of the world's leading agencies, Seventeen Magazine and a six page spread and a cover of Seventeen Magazine. The next day the two finalists were sent home.

The original Dirtbag logo, designed by skateboarder and boutique owner John Alves, was launched in 1996 when they were attending the University of Southern California. Since their clothing line has allowed the creators to provide their customers with a unique, high quality product. Dirtbag has a large following and one of the main reasons is that they are not a mass produced commodity. They are not a dirtbag clothing. People wear Dirtbag clothing, were other approaches used to avoid paying large sums of money for advertisement or famous people. With a national radio of 50 percent and a Dirtbag sponsorship of ska/punk bands Fat White Family and Sun, according to www.dirtbagmusic.com, gives hope to future entrepreneurs.

The source from their clothing line has allowed the creators to pursue the personal passions of the owners. The Dirtbagmusic.com website will help promote bands. This website has a similar layout to MySpace with accessibility to band members and to the music streaming. With a catchphrase like "Wear it to the max" and a philosophy of doing what you want, Dirtbag Clothing not only reflects the nature of the target audience, but also suggests an alternative approach to how to get a new clothing brand on its way or even a new idea noticed in mainstream.

Are you a dirtbag?

A clothing company creator approached easily marketing with a grassroots mentality and entrepreneurial spirit.

Dirt Canning, 32, and Jamie John-Arens, 32, started Dirtbag Clothing in 1996 when they were as their final year as film majors at San Francisco State University. Canning Whitton, 36, later joined them as a partner according to www.powerhomebiz.com. The original Dirtbag logo amazed attention from people on the streets who asked where they could purchase a shirt before it went on the market.

"At Dirtbag, it is our goal to provide our customers with a unique, high quality product. We are not a mass produced commodity brand. People Wear Dirtbag because they wear to, not became an overpaid musician or athlete says that they should," Canning and Alves said.

The traditional route of contacting skate, surf and boutique stores by printing a catalog would set Canning, Alvie and Whitton back thousands of dollars to get the business together, because they decided to utilize the internet and course, for only a few-hundred dollars, the website www.dirtbagclothing.com, to get their clothing line recognized in the market. Their marketing approach was not only through direct sales on the internet, but also contacting international distributors as well as domestic skate reps and numerous bigger chain stores, such as Urban Outfitters, Hot topic, Pacific Sunwear and Mr. Rags according to www.dirtbagmusic.com. The only Dirtbag Store can be found in San Diego, CA.

Contacting independent record companies for bands they thought would appeal to the Dirtbag demographic, and sending out letters offering a 40 percent discount to any band willing to wear dirtbag clothing, were other approaches used to avoid paying large sums of money for advertisements or famous people. With a national radio of 30 percent and a Dirtbag sponsorship of ska/punk bands Fat White Family and Sun, according to www.dirtbagmusic.com, gives hope to future entrepreneurs. The source from their clothing line has allowed the creators to pursue the personal passions of the owners. The Dirtbagmusic.com website will help promote bands. This website has a similar layout to MySpace with accessibility to band members and to the music streaming. With a catchphrase like "Wear it to the max" and a philosophy of doing what you want, Dirtbag Clothing not only reflects the nature of the target audience, but also suggests an alternative approach to how to get a new clothing brand on its way or even a new idea noticed in mainstream.
Raging zombies return

Samantha Clark
Staff Writer

The rage virus is back in the sequel film "28 Weeks Later," which opened last week. It has been four years since "28 Days Later" made its horrific appearance and its sequel in just as gory and gruesome.

With a fresh cast and new director, the film provides audiences with an exploded zombie, nail-biting excitement that horror movie watchers love.

Just as the title implies, six months have passed since the rage virus swept through London, leaving the city in a deserted and ghostly state.

The U.S. Army has been sent into the city to quarantine the public. Only after they dispose of the handful of survivors remains will the public be allowed back into the city.

After living through the terrifying experience of being hunted by the diseased zombies, Don (Robert Carlyle) is reunited with his children Tracey (S嘣ren Puea) and Andy (Nacknich Rushed), who survived the outbreak because they were away on a school trip.

The army begins to let more and more people enter the protected boundaries and everything is looking up for the people of London, or so they think.

Just when everyone starts relaxing, the virus appears again, reeking havoc on the citizens. As the story unfolds, the teenage sister and younger brother seem to hold the key to stopping the virus from claiming more victims.

The movie's sound effects emphasize the home film's ambiance, making the sound track very terrifying.

With the chilling sounds of flesh ripping apart and the blood curdling screams of the dying, one gets a sense of just how bloody these zombies are.

The shaky camera captures a state of mind that the characters in the film are suffering, giving the movie a scarier affect.

Many times the camera was shaking so much you couldn't make out what was happening. The sound effects also gripped the audience's attention.

The lighting played a major role in the story telling technique, employed by the director and helping reveal how scary London had become.

The dark settings and dimmed lighting enhanced the depressing state proecing the isn't your happy-go-lucky city.

The fact that the film's kids lack the only way to keep the survivors alive makes the movie more frightening because of the fear that they are so young and innocent, yet hold the key to life.

Anyone who likes to be grossed out, cr creeping out and personally get a scare is the only way the film is to watch.

Guitar legend honored

Philip Leer
A&E Editor

Some of the top names in past and present hard-rock and heavy-metal music made appearances at the Guitar Center in Hollywood last Thursday when a fallen guitar legend was inducted into the Rock Walk Museum on Sunset Blvd.

The late Dimebag "Darrell" Abbott of Pantera and Damageplan was added to the list of numerous rock legends to be honored at the museum.

His induction was unique because, unlike most inductees, Abbott is no longer living.

"I just want you to know, Darrell gave you everything he had," Abbott's brother and bandmate Vinnie Paul Abbott said to the crowd. "As much as you loved him, he loved you just as much, if not more.

"Other musicians and friends of Abbott to speak were Ace Frehley from Kiss, Zakk Wylde from Ozzy Osbourne's band and Black Label Society (BLS), Kenny King from Slayer, Jerry Cantrell from Alice in Chains and Scott Ian of Anthrax.

Wylde honored Abbott by performing BLS's song, "In This River," on a piano followed by a speech.

"(Darrell was) probably the best of us, man. A lot of people probably thought I was the best, but my best friend thought I was the best. We were lucky to have the guy we had."

Ian approached the microphone and spoke not only about Abbott's talent, but of his humble, generous personality. He concluded his speech by having the fans in attendance mimic a toast to the passed musician.
Second chances

Nick De Leon

Second chances rarely come around to correct missed opportunities, but for one night a CSUSB group had their second chance. The Pride Center held its first "Second Chances" Prom on May 12 in the Commons' Oubrash Dining Room.

The Pride Center invited all members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community as well as any heterosexual students to attend the prom, giving each a chance to meet and mingle with others they may not have known were part of the LGBT community or allies.

Some schools, families and friends are not accepting of same-sex couples arriving at events. It is even more difficult for the transgender community. "There is the question of prom court. Where does the LGBT community fit in? Can a transgender male or female be a drag queen be prom queen? Can a lesbian or transgender be voted prom king? Warren said referring to the difficulty members of the LGBT face when it comes to going to the prom. "Most schools don't know how to accept these students and in turn find it easier to ignore them or make the atmosphere so unwelcoming they don't show," Warren said.

Everybody danced to music ranging from funk to recent artists like Justin Timberlake. Food such as vegetarian mini enchiladas, fine dining, and candles was provided by CSUSB Dining Services.

According to the American Civil Liberties Union, the issue of prom for LGBT youth has been in the spotlight since 1980. In the case of Frick v. Lynch, a Rhode Island teenager successfully sued his high school for the right to take his boyfriend to prom.

A federal court ruled that taking a same-sex date to prom is a matter of free expression covered by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and ordered "the school to let the student take his date to the dance."

More recently, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a policy based on nothing more than animosity or prejudice toward gays and lesbians violates the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. For this reason too, bans on same-sex dates at school dances are illegal.

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Salsa, more than just a dish

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The social was from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Free salsa lessons were from 6 to 7 p.m. as well as performances from expert dancers. Food was also provided for the social, which took place on-campus. The social took place at events centers A, B, and C in the Santos Manuel Student Union. As soon as people showed up they were given name tags and Hawaiian leis. About 70 or more students were receiving instructions from Club member and co-founder Lou Luistro. Luistro guided participants on basic steps to dancing salsa. First they learned some basic steps without music and then as they mastered the moves music was added. "I will be teaching from the man's perspective. It is a lot easier, since I do happen to be a guy. I promise it will become easier once the music begins, but first we must know the basic steps to salsa," Luistro said.

Twins Karri and Corri Pierce took the opportunity to come out and dance the night away. "It is a lot easier when Salsa, the hip bashing comes more natural once the music begins," Luistro said.

Once the participants had mastered the dance steps to music, they formed a circle and switched partners as they learned how to move fluidly to the music as a group. "Trust is important in dancing this," Luistro instructed. "Bringing the university and community closer together in a safe and friendly environment was the goal of the Salsa Social," Prak, co-founder, and instructor said. "The energy and passion behind each individual, that's what makes the dance to be full of life," Prak, otherwise known as the "Bachata King," said.

Those interested in learning Salsa or Bachata still have a chance to attend a free workshop on campus on Monday, May 21, 2007. With support from the community and students on campus this organization will remain strong, as long as the people behind it are passionate about having it," Prak said.

Upcoming events organized by the L.O.B.O.S. club include the U.C.R. Salsa Club Formal, held on June 1st at Imagine in Upland. Also join them on June 3rd for free lessons from 5 to 6 p.m. at Riverside's Coffee Depot. Those interested in more than a day of celebration can attend Summer Salsa Mambo Festival in Palm Springs. The festival is scheduled for June 26th through the 29th.
Gas prices gouging our pockets

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For students who commute, this summer is going to be a bummer. That means tighter budgets and more money going to suffer due to high gas prices. That means tighter budgets and less spending. Oh, how it stings. So, what's going on with these prices?

The Consumer Federation of America found that on average, households pay $35 more for gasoline each year than they did five years ago. There are now $1,000 more for gasoline each year than they did five years ago, according to a report by ABC News. That is $1,000 dollars less to help pay for college tuition, books, Red Bulls, or even those car repairs. While most of us students were busy scrounging up bills, while most of us students were busy scrounging up money, the five largest oil companies made a shared $29.3 billion in profits. This figure is up 4.5 percent from last year alone.

The high cost of gas has recently been under investigation by Congress. According to Congressman Hunter Wilson of New Mexico, "The government doesn't set prices, but we do have a responsibility to prohibit price gouging and unfair manipulation of the market. Opportunities should not be able to reap ill-gotten gains. The profits on the backs of America's families, particularly when disaster strikes." 

"More than half the cost of gasoline is attributable to the cost of crude oil," said John Falvey, chief economist at the American Petroleum Institute. "Oil companies do not set the price of crude. It is bought and sold in international markets, with the price for a barrel of crude reflecting the market conditions at the time of purchase." According to CNN, last summer oil was traded at $79 a barrel, while gas at the pump went for about $3.03 a gallon. These days, oil is about $65 a barrel and a gallon of regular unleaded costs an average of $3.10.

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"What's going to tell you the maximum price is going to be the supply of refined product," said The Hamilton, who works with OilWatch.org, a Santa Monica-based consumer group. "Supply of the finished product is short and the price is going up accordingly, and it's all profit for the refiners."

The initiative to lower our own fuel costs, seems to be the only short-term solution. Purchasing a smaller, more fuel efficient car may not seem like a solution like this are unrealis tic. A smaller car will get more miles per gallon and cost less. Also, keeping your tank filled up as often as possible will definitely make it easier to buy gas at the club.

California suffers from dependence on the commuter lifestyle. Not only do we have to drive, we like to drive ourselves and be independent. Try and live on the edge and bypass your friends. Besides being able to show costs, imagine all of the quality time that could be shared.

Of course, in many cases, alternatives like this are unrealistic. Yet those of us fellow victims to the commuter lifestyle, it seems we are going to be a battle this summer to keep our tanks filled as well as our wallets. Those interested should check their favorite news source this Tuesday, May 22.

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