Veterans unappreciated on Veteran’s Day

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Veterans Day approaches and cities throughout the Inland Empire begin to prepare for the ceremonies. Yet, for some, the respect shown to veterans during the celebrations cannot heal the wounds inflicted on them by their own countrymen upon their arrival home.

Every year for Veterans Day and Memorial Day weekends, volunteers show up and hand out the ‘Buddy Poppy,’ across the country at grocery stores, department stores, and other local markets. In return, some give small donations to support veteran causes. These people are the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

This tradition goes back to just after World War I. ‘Buddy Poppies’ are the adopted memorial flower for the VFW. They are assembled by disabled veterans, and then handed out by volunteers. “We do poppies in front of our local grocery store, and people all stop, give you hugs, thank you for your service,” says Mike Bazylak, a Vietnam veteran and Commander of VFW post 9415, in Phelan.

On Sunday, November 11, the city of San Bernardino is hosting a parade in honor of all veterans. On Monday, November 12, Victorville is holding a Veterans Day parade ceremony; and that’s just a few of the Veterans Day events going on.

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I want to draw your blood

By Jon Anderson
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Needles and blood can be a cringe-worthy topic for most, but during the Halloween season, vampires lurk in the mist to draw and deliver blood to survive! LifeStream drove their blood donation stations to Victorville, CA, on Oct. 22, 2018. The event was hosted by their Food 4 Less to make real-life superheroes through donation.

Victorville citizens say that a swift bite from a vampire (nurse) is a small price to pay for a much bigger reward.

Norma De La Torre, a 445-year-old single mother of two and cashier at Food 4 Less, is a partner with LifeStream. She is a passionate advocate for blood donation and hosts blood drives through Food 4 Less annually to give back to her community and remind her that these actions are what saved her son’s life; a blood-transfusion of his rare AB-negative blood type.

LifeStream is a mobile blood donation group who tours all through the Inland Empire, establishing stations in Victorville, San Bernardino, La Quinta, Murrieta, Ontario, and Riverside and partners up with those looking to give back with the use of LifeStream’s educational and functional donation campers.

In Victorville, CA, off Bear Valley Road, a couple of LifeStream trailers were set up for blood donation. The doors opened at 10 a.m. and continued through the mid-afternoon.

“It helps anyone in need, from babies to elders. It helps and could possibly save someone’s life” Norma said, “it was through Life Stream that the hospital was able to find the blood type for my son.”

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Palm Desert Campus Homecoming

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The Rancho Mirage Student Center, PDC Special Events, and CSUSB Alumni hosted this year’s PDC Homecoming on October 23, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m at the RG Lawn. Paws Radio kicked off the Homecoming event with alternative music and DJ’s announcing what activities were available for the CSUSB students.

“I’m so excited to be out here promoting Paws Radio at this PDC school event, it’s a great way to practice being a DJ and fun because we are catering to students,” said Alex Aparicio, one of the Paws Radio DJs at the event. Besides the music, a variety of clubs showed up to present fun activities at the event, including the Photography Club photo-booth, a performance by the Dance Club, pumpkin painting, free flu shots from the Student Health Center, and the PDC Pride Haunted House.

“The haunted house was my favorite part of it all, I don’t think we’ve ever had anything like it before! I hope they do something like it again,” said Yanira Perez a PDC accounting major.

Those that participated in activities even had the opportunity to be entered in a raffle to be able to win an Alexa Dot and the chance to get free food from a Carl’s Jr. food truck that came to the campus.

“A lot of people showed up to this event which makes me hopeful for more successful ones in the future,” said Steven Rojo, a PDC business major. “Everybody was friendly and having a good time. Overall a great homecoming.”

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For Veterans Day, the Phelan, VWV holds a flag retirement ceremony that is performed by a local boy scout troop every year. Afterwards, a potluck is held inside the club. This year, a bugler will join the ceremony and play "taps," a song normally played during ceremonies and funerals. This event is open to the public, and is usually well supported by the local community.

With all this love being shown to veterans on this most venerable of days, how do they truly feel about the holiday?

Ted Davis is a Vietnam veteran, and Chaplain at this post. He is looking forward to this years events.

“It’s a chance for us all to get together and remember all of our friends and our veterans, those past and present. It’s just a real nice socially day. I really enjoy it.”

While that is the general sentiment throughout this VFW post, for some members, the day’s enjoyment was slightly lessened due to the treatment that Vietnam veterans received after coming back from war.

Jan Bazyllak is not a veteran, but she is the Charter President for VWV post 9415’s auxiliary, its Senior Vice, and she is also the wife of Mike Bazyllak. She recalls with visible displeasure how Vietnam veterans were treated after the war: “They were spat on...they were called baby killers because of what we were expected to do.”

She is not the only person to recall this happening, Gunther Steinberger, a Vietnam veteran and Quartermaster at this post has a similarly unerving recollection: “The public as a whole... treated us like crap when we came back...

Up until recently from the other wars we’ve had, they’re finally coming up there, they’re trying to show their respect. But to me, it’s like 50 years too late.”

The Vietnam War was a divisive period for the country. It was even more so for those that fought, and for those that were drafted and came back to an ungrateful country.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is a non-profit organization that is made up of veterans, and fights for veteran’s programs.

Membership in this organization currently stands at around 1.7 million according to its website.

“Thanks to organizations like this, Gunther Steinberger believes things have gotten better for veterans since Vietnam.

“They are treated better at the medical facilities. They’re told different things; there are different types of programs they can go through.”

Daniel Gonzales is a future veteran as a US National Guard member, and this is what he thinks Veterans Day means to him.

“Go out and thank a few veterans today, memorials, they put on services. It means serving your country honorably and remembering every other you served with. The camaraderie, the community, everything.”

As Commander of the post, Mike Bazyllak wants the public to know this about Veterans Day.

“Go out and support your post. A lot of the posts, veterans’ memorials, they put on services. Go out and thank a few veterans and tell them thanks for your service.”
Exposing deceptive political mailers

By Linda White
Staff Writer

Oct. is the time of year when political advertising makes its way to voters by the bushel. Some political advertising is fairly transparent, however, slate mailers can be disturbingly deceptive.

Slate mailers are any mailer recommending a "slate" of candidates and/or propositions for the purpose of influencing a voter recipient. Some mailers, like Election Digest and EduYourVote, actually solicit payments from campaigns to have their favored candidates' and propositions listed on their slate, through a "pay-to-play" arrangement which is typically not apparent to voters.

Dr. Thomas Corrigan, Assistant Professor of Mass Communication at California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) and volunteer student have begun a crowdsourcing campaign with the hashtag #ShowMeYourSlate to shed light on the role of slate mailers in California elections.

The crowdsourcing campaign asks Californians to share their slate mailers on Twitter with the hashtag #ShowMeYourSlate. In doing so, Corrigan and his students hope to see how political campaigns are using slate mailers to target voters with tailored, paid-for messages.

Crowdsourcing participants can post photos of their slate mailers on social media with the hashtag #ShowMeYourSlate, or they can be emailed to ShowMeYourSlate@gmail.com. Dr. Corrigan has examples of two mailers he received in his mailbox. One directed to him was using a representative American bald eagle, a sign of masculine strength, the other specifically targeting his wife with much more feminine colors and a reference to children and literacy.

Both mailers were identified with, "A Project for the Coalition for Literacy," however online research showed only one instance in which the coalition has contributed to a literacy-related cause.

"These slate mailers looked like the political mailers we see so often in our mail, but when you read the fine print, you realize that every candidate and proposition listed is actually a paid advertisement, not an endorsement from the Coalition for Literacy. It is a really deceptive practice," said Corrigan.

Election Digest and EduYourVote receive their funding via advertising purchases from political candidates' campaigns, and from organizations seeking to pass or defeat California's various ballot propositions.

A political consulting agency, Larry Levine and Associates, creates and produces both of these slate mailers.

The slate identifies candidates and propositions that have paid to be included with an asterisk. In the case of the mailers, Dr. Corrigan and his wife received, every single candidate and proposition on the slate was a paid-for advertisement.

A study in the "Journal of Law & Politics" states the following:

"Although some of the causes advocated on a slate mailer — presidential, senatorial and gubernatorial candidates and an occasional well-publicized proposition — are typically known to voters, most of the candidates and propositions on the slate are not. By means of the prominent causes that are advocated and the symbols and messages contained on the slate, the slate identifies itself with a broader cause or point of view.

"My wife and I were pretty perplexed to see the Coalition for Literacy telling me to vote one way on Proposition 10 and for her to vote the other," Corrigan said. "The only way that makes sense is when you realize that these aren't endorsements from the Coalition for Literacy, but rather the paid advertisements of groups that support or oppose these propositions."

The #ShowMeYourSlate crowdsourcing movement aims to further research on political advertising and to provide voters with more visibility into these stylo influence operations.

"Self-governance only works when voters are well-informed, but that can't happen when advertisements for candidates and propositions mask-querate as independent endorse- ments. Hopefully, through this crowdsourcing campaign..."

Suicide Watchmen rally at Red Hill Park

By Ana Tapia
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The Inland Empire Initiative for Suicide Prevention and Awareness was held Saturday, Oct. 27 at Red Hill Park in Rancho Cucamonga by a Christian-based organization known as the Suicide Watchmen Prayer Team.

The focus of the rally was to break the silence and stigma regarding suicide in the community.

Spoken word poetry, music, art and educational flyers on suicide were provided for guests throughout the event.

Certain obstacles did not allow the group to host the event during September, which is nationally recognized to be Suicide Prevention Month. However, they were able to host on the day of the two-year anniversary for Kasey Latta's online ministry.

Kasey Latta, prophetic bible teacher, Watchmen member, and events coordinator of social media ministries on Pinterest for her Christian followers. Being highly active on social media, Latta has encountered others of the same faith around the world who were struggling in their daily lives.

"I was a person of faith and encourager, I got involved in these people’s lives and cared about what’s going on with them. I noticed in the time I was doing that, people were always coming to me for encouragement because they were having suicidal thoughts. That’s kind of how it all started," said Latta.

Everyone that attended is dedicated to their beliefs in the fight against suicide.

Latta continues, "God told me, ‘hey, why don’t you start a prayer team,’ so I started a prayer team, The Suicide Watchmen, a group of 12 women who pray every two hours around the country for a 24 hour period. We pray every week for different focus groups affected by suicide.”

One group in particular consists of people from the Inland Empire that made it very personal for her.

"I was at home in August and got information that three Rancho Cucamonga high school students and one elementary student committed suicide,” Latta explained, "Two weeks later, Pastor Andrew Stocklekin in Chino Hills killed himself and I realize this was all in the Inland Empire within a month and that’s just what I know of. I took it personally, this is my community!"

This was one of her main reasons to create the Inland Empire Initiative under the Suicide Watchmen.

Mental health professionals, suicide survivors, and other guest speakers were also present.

Few speakers gave their testimonies on what it is like to be suicidal or knowing someone who was. Others provided their personal tips on how one could handle the matter.

“When you see changes in the way someone acts, the way they behave and how they present themselves, that is a time to ask what is going on with them,” said guest speaker Alex Blaines, a graduate student studying psychology, "They may not let you know the first, second, or third time so that would be a time to ask someone else they know. Don’t stop asking because you never know whose efforts might be the one to impact and get through to them.”

While prayer is a core of what the group does, they would like others to know that modern medicine and therapy is also essential in prevention efforts.

"There should be mental health professionals in church. I’m a firm believer in God but some people need more than prayer, you need medicine and therapy. Whether it’s prayer, medicine and prayer, therapy and prayer, or all three. That is probably what you need to not go down that road," Latta said.

In the end, according to Latta, it is important to always take someone seriously when they feel this way and ask for more than what is being shown.
The 34th annual AIDS walk event

By Judith Diaz-Nungaray
Staff Writer

The 34th annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles was held with the participation of approximate over a thousand people, on Sunday October 21st. The 10 a.m. walk lasted around two and a half hours, beginning and ending at the steps Los Angeles City Hall in Grand Park.

AIDS Walk Los Angeles aims to bring awareness and fundraise money which will go towards APLA and more than 20 other HIV service organizations. Participants from many ages united their words to bring on a message of solidarity for those with HIV and AIDS.

Walkers were able to enjoy breakfast donated by Trader Joe’s, and choreography presented before the Opening Ceremony. Ani Ilan did not stop there. Frenchie Davis started the Opening Ceremony singing Katy Perry’s Firework, followed by Tony-award singer Brian Stokes Mitchell, who performed The Quest.

“What this song is really about is trying, period, and that is what we are all here today to do, to try, period, because you can’t succeed at anything without trying first,” said Stokes Mitchell.

The Opening Ceremony was hosted by On The Red Carpet correspondent Karl Schmid whom early this year revealed to be HIV positive for more than 10 years.

“Thank you guys, you help people like me,” said Schmid, “and while I’m lucky, I have a fantastic job, and I have insurance I’m able to afford the life-saving medicine, there are some people in Southern California they just need a little bit of extra help.”

“People like myself and other HIV positive people who are undetectable present zero risk, so by all of you being here today, by you raising money, by you supporting APLA and other charities whom over the last 34 years has raised more than 400 million dollars, you are not only helping people like me but you are helping countless of thousand of others that need extra help, so thank you,” Schmid added.

During the walk, participants were constantlycheered on by the hundreds of volunteers and LA Residents.

The walk closed down the streets of Downtown Los Angeles, from 1st to 12th street intersecting with Olive and Main Street.

With three checking points and resting areas, participants were able to enjoy all kinds of donated goods like water, fruit, and frozen treats.

Celebrities such as Disney Channel actor Garrett Clayton, The Middle actor Brock Ciarcelli and Emmy winner Jean Smart were some of many to come in and support such cause.

“Every single one of you today is here because you are supporting APLA Health and the great work that they do,” said Smart, “I have to say, AIDS has been in the news for a very long time and we don’t want people to get complacent.”

“We need to keep waving the banner and keep it in the news because there are so many other issues that people are facing who are battling life with AIDS,” Smart added.

After the walk, participants were able to enjoy refreshers, games and the performances of Australian singer Betty Who, and RuPaul Drag Race judge and choreographer Todrick Hall.

ABC7, Paramounts Studios and Delta Airlines where among the many sponsors supporting the event.

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#JourneyToSafety domestic violence and immigration

Today’s ongoing immigration policies not only target migrants that live in or journey to the US, but also target individuals caught in domestic violence situations who cannot report their abuse due to their immigration status and fear of deportation.

A workshop titled “#JourneyToSafety – Intersections of Domestic Violence and Immigration” was held at the San Manuel Student Union (SMMU) Fourplex on Oct. 25 to inform students of the ongoing social justice issue.

Community Advocate for Survivors of Sexual Assault, Dating Violence and Stalking and event’s organizer, Marina Rodriguez, hosted the event with VOICE and the Undocumented Student Success Center (USSC) in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and as part of End Sexual Violence Training students are required to do every school year.

VOICE is a peer educating group at CSUSB that hosts various events on campus to educate students about forms of violence such as dating and domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking and host support groups for students in an effort to prevent further violence in the community.

Fortunately, the event was packed with many students ready to learn about the topic and listen to survivor testimonies.

Various presenters from VOICE Peers explained and provided specific information regarding domestic violence and how it intersects with immigration.

It is a heavy struggle for individuals who are caught in the middle of a domestic violence situation, but for others such as women and children of color, their fight to leave their abusers behind almost feels impossible because of the lack of resources and outside support.

Jhailin Saloma, VOICE Peer and domestic violence survivor, gives her testimony on the experience and talks about her personal journey to guests on the topic at hand.

“I have been having to cope with my internal struggles and hasn’t been easy but I’m doing things for myself and helping those around me so I now do things like therapy and help run a support group on campus. I also talk about my experiences to help others that may have gone through similar situations.” Saloma told the audience, “So I’m here to tell survivors that you’re not alone, I believe you, and it’s never, ever your fault.”

Testimonies on sensitive topics like these are likely to become an emotional moment for speakers. In response, the audience were able to snap their fingers in support for the speaker to continue their story and if they relate to the issue itself.

“The many sponsors supporting the many sponsors supporting the event are not just trying to raise money, but also talk about my experiences to those around me so I now do things for myself and helping others that may have gone through similar situations,” Saloma said.

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The event began about 4 years ago and is held once in the spring and once in the fall lasting for 6 hours each time.

The walk extends along all of state street and other parts of the downtown area, including vendors set up on the streets and different pieces of art displayed in local businesses.

Families and friends from the local community gather in the historic downtown area to come view the works of art.

“It’s rare that I get a whole day off from work, especially a Sunday. So, it’s nice to get to come to an event like this when I do, it’s nice to come see familiar faces and see creative minds at work,” said art walk attendee Ellie Gunn.

Vendor displays are not limited to selling only traditional pieces of work, but also feature items like knitted projects, clothes and sculptures.

Some booths also feature family friendly activities to help encourage creativity within the community’s youth. There is face painting, games, and various stations where children can participate in painting and crafts.

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In addition to fun for the kids, the art walk also features a beer and wine garden for anyone of age. It’s set in Ed Hale’s park which features a stage for musical performances, usually consisting of bands local to Redlands.

This year the line-up featured bands: Ghost Captain, Hunter Lavender, Maria Sweet, What, and Wolf Panther.

There’s also a smaller stage at the Civic Plaza which features talented individual musicians, so attendees can enjoy live music all around the art walk.

A variety of food options are provided at the event ranging from simple snacks such as fresh popcorn, to vegan tacos, to more hearty items like pizza. Attendees also enjoy stopping in the local restaurants to relax and enjoy full service dining between viewing vendor displays.

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Experience the feeling of these heroes by donating blood. Check out the information online at Lstream.org and find a donation center that may be coming near-by.

Heros Halloween Haunt blood drive

Robert Blomker is the Life Stream Director of Blood Drives for the Hi-Desert and showed his support by heading the event.

“It is a wonderful thing and helps everyone give back in a simple, yet major way. We put a little spin on it to join in on the fun of the upcoming Halloween celebration with vampires being the culprits behind the blood draw. Vampires are the bloodusted creatures of haunted lore and in our world today, it’s our nurses drawing blood from our participants,” Blomker said.

He continues, “It’s all for a good cause and why not make it fun, plus it’s similar to a vampires way of life and as LifeStream’s saying goes, ‘give me life, give life, give blood,’ it does just that. We’re calling this the ‘Heroes Halloween Haunt!’ With every donation, it can be used and save up to three lives and it only takes about three minutes to do.

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CSUSB Sports Update

Sascha Dominique Earns CCAA Player Of The Week Hit .471 on the week SAN RAMON, Calif. – After helping Cal State San Bernardino to a pair of wins over potential CCAA Championships squads from the north, Sascha Dominique has been tabbed CCAA Player of the Week for Oct. 14-21.

The junior from Redlands hit an effective .471 in three-set home sweeps of San Francisco State and Cal State East Bay. Dominique finished the weekend with 20 kills, recording just four errors in 34 attempts. She dominated the net for the Coyotes, tallying five blocks and adding an assist as the now No. 3 Coyotes rebounded from their first CCAA loss in style.

Dominique’s .423 hitting on the season stands in second nationally with teammate Hailey Jackson who is also hitting a national high of .417. The duo leads the CCAA in hitting percentage as high of .417. The duo leads the CCAA in hitting percentage as high.

The team will take one week off and then the CCAA Championship, officially hosted by CSULA, will be run on November 3 on the campus of CSUSB, the same course they ran at the Coyote Challenge on September 22.

Coyotes Take Fourth At Triton Classic

Balvaneda leads the way in 16th SAN DIEGO – The CSUSB Coyotes ran their final race before the CCAA Championships on November 3 and looked championship ready, finishing fourth at the Triton Classic on Saturday morning.

They finished ahead of host UC San Diego and Cal State LA from the CCAA. Chico State was the team winner.

Kaylie Balvaneda was the top finisher for CSUSB at 23:01.6 in 16th with Michelle Pineda Palacios close behind in 18th at 23:09.5. Arianna Fuentes finished in the top-25 at 23:14.8 in 25th place.

“It was a really good day, the ladies did what they have done the last couple weeks,” head coach Tom Burleson said. “One of our top runners was unable to go and everyone else just stepped up. A strong finish against a very good field. Really feel we are getting ready for conference championships.”

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Women’s Volleyball

Joshua Jacques
Sports Editor

CSUSB Women’s Volleyball team is in position to win the CCAA Championship for the 3rd year in a row and is currently the No. 1 team in the Nation.

With playoffs set to begin, the team is 22-2 overall and 15-1 in CCAA.

Recent victories over Cal State Dominguez and nationally ranked Cal State Los Angeles, have head coach Kim Cherniss and her team playing their best volleyball of the year.

When asked what the team is doing well, Senior Jayann DeHoog credits focus and team depth.

“Every point, we play with intent and purpose,” said DeHoog. “A lot of the girls can step up when needed.”

With high expectations that stem from last year’s NCAA Elite 8 appearance, CSUSB started the season ranked 11th in the nation. They eventually reached No. 1 earlier in the year, but with a league loss to No. 25 Cal Poly Pomona, they moved down a couple spots.

While nobody likes to lose, a loss in the middle of the year has the potential to be beneficial. The goals for this team go beyond league play and it has allowed them to grow.

“Losing exploited our weaknesses and they helped highlight the areas we needed to improve on.” Junior middle blocker Sascha Dominique said. “Individually it made me realize what I could work on and down the line, as a team we may look back and be grateful for the things it taught us.”

Since the loss at Pomona, the team has gone on a 6-game win streak while sweeping the last 4 opponents.

Of its 21 wins, CSUSB has swept 17 of their opponent’s. It even swept Cal State LA on their home floor, who at the time was 16th in the nation.

When asked what sweeping an opponent does for the team, Dominique emphasized the future.

“Other than being a statement of intensity, it prepares us for the playoffs when we run into tougher competition,” Dominique said. “It gives us an idea of what level we are at and forces us to stay focused. We have bigger goals in mind, and sweeping teams is all part of the process.”

“We know how good we are and we have been steadily getting better.”

Jayann DeHoog

After losing Lauren Nicholson, an All-American as a senior last year, the team has relied on all of the players for their success. Whether it is in practice or just moral support, every player is vital.

It is the experience of...
Women’s Volleyball return to No. 1

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Looking like a force to be reckoned with, the team high 377 kills on the year has also stepped up. Cardoza has been a team high 179 kills along with 30 blocks. At 18 years old, the program seems to have a gem on their hands.

The potential from all of our youngsters is huge," DeHoog said. “I am excited to see what their future holds.”

DeHoog has a league high 981 assists while the duo of Dominique and Jackson lead the CCAA in hitting percentage. Dominique is hitting .423 on the season while Jackson is hitting .413. Both are ranked top 5 nationally and are only two conference players hitting over .400. Dominique is hitting .423 on the CCAA in hitting percentage.

DeHoog, Dominique and Senior Danny Ortiz lead the team. Playing alongside Leslie is counting on all of his teammates. Ortiz leads the team with 14 assists and the league in over all points with 32. He has been involved in 23 of the team’s 32 goals this season and was named CCAA Player of the Week twice.

“This has been a special season for me, I honestly had very high expectations for myself this season and I am really happy I’ve been able to meet them so far,” Ortiz said.

According to Ortiz, his teammates deserve a lot of the credit.

“I’ve really enjoyed being a leader for this talented group of players. I am happy to have my name in the record books, but in reality it’s the whole program’s merit. My teammates, coaching staff, athletic department, and family and friends who are supporting me back home, have all helped me develop as a student-athlete. This is a sweet outcome of all the support I get from everyone around me.”

Also in great form is junior, goalkeeper Jacob Huber. Huber has recorded 7 shutouts this year and made a season high 11 saves against Humboldt University.

The Coyotes will host San Francisco State University at Premier Field on Tuesday at 2 pm in the CCAA Championship Quarterfinals.
Dia de los Muertos

By Yessica Gonzalez Multimedia Editor

Latino Education and Advocacy Days (LEAD) held a celebration of Dia del Los Muertos on Sunday, Oct. 28.

The Mexican holiday lasts from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2, and is celebrated throughout Mexico, including parts of Central and South America.

Enrique G. Murillo, Executive Director of LEAD, shared his perspective on what the organization’s duty is.

“Part of our responsibility as a university is to connect our community with the campus. We have to create ways to bring the neighborhood to the campus,” said Murillo, “Let’s do something from our own culture.”

In the beginning of the event, Murillo shared to the community what the purpose of the event was for.

“Connection of community and campus. Bring your children and make sure you tell them: ¿Saben que? (You know what?) When you go to school, you are going to get good grades and when you grow up you’re going to go to the university,” that’s what we are here for,” said Murillo.

Day of the Dead is a celebration of past ancestors that are making a journey across the Milky Way to make a pit stop on Earth for a few days. This belief system is of the ancient Aztecs before the Spanish and Europeans came to their lands.

This includes a unique and special idea of death.

Death for us is the end, it is just another stage. Life and death are part of the same coin and it is to understand the cycle of life,” shared Murillo.

This holiday also involves alters that are built as landing spots for the spirits.

Burning flowers or copal, helps them determine the location of their family.

“I’m happy because my dad passed away about a year and a half ago and he’s here with me. I feel a connection with my dad, even though he passed, we keep our connection with our ancestors,” shared Murillo.

Another aspect of his work is to educate people, especially young adults, and in terms of the Day of the Dead event, he is an advisor on the cultural aspects with a group effort to make the occasion possible.

The celebration included performances by high school students, organizations and Aztec dancers.

There was face painting for all ages and Loteria, a Mexican bingo game that families could enjoy.

Karina Arias, a third-year student, discovered the Dia de Los Muertos event from attending another occasion on campus that was just as similar.

She went to two plays that were put on by the club that placed together the alter for this event.

The director of the club informed her about the Day of the Dead occasion that was meant for students and community.

For Arias, she enjoyed the event’s decorations, dances and... Continued online @ CoyoteChronicle.net

#EndTheStigma

By Adriana Contreras Staff Writer

Breaking the stigma about major issues is essential in freeing an individual to become their best self. Mental health is an important aspect in our daily lives and should be discussed without judgment. Many people suffer from issues and do not speak up because they do not feel safe or fear of being judged.

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior used by one partner to maintain power and control over them. Stigmas that follow this behavior are “Men are not victims”, “It’s not that bad if they stayed”, “They must have liked it”. Domestic violence has a huge impact on the victim, causing them to feel powerless when leaving relationships like this. Sometimes they feel their lives are threatened, their families are in danger or that this person will come back in the future.

Here on campus, there is a group called VOICE this group of students are dedicated to utilizing prevention education to reduce the number of CSUSB students impacted by sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking.

VOICE peer educators help students recognize the dynamics of these violations, identify ways to step-in and speak-up safely and provide appropriate referrals for survivors.

Mental Illness is a condition that affects a person’s thinking, feeling or mood. Meaning that it can negatively impact one’s ability to form relationships and engage socially.

Don’t separate mental illness and substance abuse, some people can deal with both of these issues at the same time.

Substance abuse is when an individual consumes larger amounts of a substance that was intended to reach a level of being functionally impaired who abuse substances get cravings and strong desires to keep consuming these products. The stigmas that follow substance abusers are things like “you can’t trust them”, “junkies”, “it’s a maturity thing” Some people who suffer from substance abuse are using it as a way to cope with their unspoken problems and issues.

Wendy Romero is one of the therapists here on the CSUSB campus. Speaking to Romero, she advised it is best to seek support and get help if you are dealing with a difficult issue. There are counseling centers on campus that you can call in and seek help or set an appointment with your preferred counselor. Also, there are different avenues to get help and support off campus.

The most important thing to note is to know that you are not alone.

Brenda Rombalski is one of the women who spoke out about her story with domestic violence. Her journey with domestic violence began in 1990 when this subject was silenced and not as talked about as it is now. In 2012 still dealing with domestic violence, domestic violence was barely becoming an important issue to be brought to light.

Rombalski had a huge transformation in her life since removing herself from a life of domestic violence.

Rombalski said, “I lost my ability to communicate and getting it back taught me how important communication was”. Being silenced in domestic violence can cause you to... Continued online @ CoyoteChronicle.net

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Saving Low-Riders, One Bark at a Time

Queens Best Stumpy Dog Rescue (QBSDR) is a Southern California based non-profit charity organization that focuses on rescuing and rehabilitating special needs corgis medically and through training. Rescuers work to get to know the dogs they rescue to ensure that when they are adopted, they are going to the right home. Corgis popularity has risen greatly over the years with things like memes and events like Corgi Beach Day, but people who buy these dogs forget the work that comes with them and they are surrendered and left at animal shelters.

According to the QBSDR website, the primary reasons corgis are given up are due to health and behavior issues, and one common issue they have noticed is their aggression towards other dogs. This aggression has been linked to the dogs becoming territorial over their owners and household. The rescue organization focuses on saving corgis with disabilities, special needs, and seniors because they require the most attention, making their slogan “Saving low-riders, one bark at a time” very fitting. At QBSDR, they provide proper medical care and obedience training until a properly-matched family comes along. To adopt a corgi from QBSDR, one must go through a thorough adoption process, which requires submitting an application, a home check to confirm your home is a safe place for a pet, and a “meet ‘n greet” with all the household members and any other pets to ensure they will all get along.

The organization has an extensive focus on obedience training because they have found that a majority of their rescued corgis, mainly the purebreds, have behavior issues that require management training. These trainings teach them polite manners, and proper direction on their position in the household. The rescue company also aims to educate potential corgi owners about what comes with their ownership, to prevent them from being given up and ending up in shelters again. Their website states that corgis are a herding breed, meaning they tend to be more vocal. While this means they are also excellent alarm dogs, they are also playful and appreciate time with their humans. Because of their territorial behavior, early socialization with other pets and dogs helps to sustain an even tempered and confident corgi.

Corgis also require engaging activities with their families like playing, obedience training and various exercises to prevent boredom and bad-behavior. Patience and time are needed to teach these dogs, but the results lead to a happy relationship between the human and their corgi, making the effort worth it. To find more information about corgis you can go to www.queensbeststumpydogrescue.org to read more.

There are several different ways you can help the Queens Best Stumpy Dog Rescue, all of which are on their website under the “How to Help” tab. They always accept money donations via check or money order to the address on their website. They also accept supply donations like dog food, blankets, treats and many other dog accessories, and they also have an Amazon Wishlist containing items they need. One can also volunteer in different areas and parts of the QBSDR ranch. Some positions they have include dog walking, training, grooming, transporting dogs to things like vet appointments and much more.

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God First Since 1899
By Avery Bracken
Staff Writer

Saving money in college was not common in the generation before, but with apps such as “Acorns” give college students the ability to begin with just spare change. With tuition and having to buy expensive books and parking permits each quarter may cause CSUSB students not even begin to think about saving money.

Creating a savings account can be easier to do with the advancement of technology. The creation of the “Acorns” app was founded by Walter Jeff Cruttenden along with his son

Cruttenden. This way of saving has allowed students to prepare and begin a savings account for the future with a small amount of money.

There are three types of accounts that makes up the app. First is the “Round Up” selection they offer.

This section of the app is where anyone can allow their spare change from any transactions they made by rounding the change to the dollar and investing that with outcomes that have minimal risk.

The risk can be adjusted depending on your style of investing. “It has helped me believe in what the future has in store for me. Now I can’t purchase items without thinking if it will affect my future financially,” said Ke-Lan Newt, who is a student here at CSUSB.

It seems as if this has changed his perception on money and the future. The target audience for this product is college students and it seems to be working properly.

The second account is called “Found Money.” This gives the owner of the account the ability to shop with major companies such as Nike, Airbnb, and SoFi that gives you a certain amount of money right into your account when you purchase something from them.

Lastly is the “Acorns Later” application which is a retiring account that guides and prepares you by helping pick a certain IRA that best fits your needs.

This goes great with college students because they can invest as well as plan for retirement. Some of the benefits that also go great with this new accessible opportunity of saving is the ability to deduct the spare change after every transactions without being reminded with a notification. It allows you to grow wealth in the background of your life and be prepared for the future.

Students are running from banks who have overpriced fees so that they can gain profit rather than lose profit. “I opened a savings account with Chase Bank and they charged me 10 dollars a month by just having one. Acorns has just been an easy and simple way of saving,” Samantha Hernandez said.

“Not having to pay a overpriced monthly fee was the decision to switch to Acorns,” Hernandez said.

The minimum to start investing is 5 dollars. If you are a college student then they will waive your fee of 1 dollar per month for 4 years by using your college email address ending in edu. This can be a jumpstart for students here at CSUSB to begin preparing for financial stability.

By Linda White
Staff Writer

After 9/11, the Federal Government made the decision to implement a new all-encompassing form of identification in each state to streamline air travel throughout the United States. The Real ID, which will replace a regular California driver’s license, has slowly been implemented in the United States over the last 15 years even though the deadline with the federal government for full compliance for all 50 states is October 1, 2020.

As of October of this year, 37 states and territories were compliant, 19 have been granted extensions and California just began offering this enhanced driver ID on January 22, 2018. According to KFI AM radio hosts, John Kobylt and Ken Chiampou of the John and Ken Show, California is behind in the compliance process – only 1.5 million people have transitioned their driver’s licenses to the Real ID since January 2018, which means there are 23.5 million people that need to apply before the federal compliance deadline of October 1, 2020.

At a recent committee meeting at the Capitol in Sacramento, members of the assembly were taken aback to learn these statistics. “It doesn’t appear to me we’re anywhere near on track,” said state Sen. Ben Allen, D-Santa Monica. “I’m just worried about the chaos that may ensue. There’s this huge cloud out there of getting from 1.5 million to 25 million in the course of two years.”

Republican Sen. Ted Gaines echoed this sentiment. “We’ve got a mess on our hands.”

People regularly complain about the long lines at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and it is bound to get much worse.

Just weeks ago, the Sacramento Bee reported that the Director of the California DMV, Jean Shiomoto, has asked the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to extend the Real ID deadline for California, however, this request has been denied.

“If we could move that date out a little further, we’d appreciate it. Customers are just not hearing everything correctly and being prepared,” Jean Shiomoto said.

The Real ID will allow domestic flight without any further identifying documentation, however, if an individual never plans to fly this type of ID may not be necessary.

There is a choice between a federal compliant Real ID driver license or identification card OR a federal non-compliant driver license or ID card if people do not plan to travel by plane in the future.

Traveling by plane after October 1, 2020 without the Real ID will require a second valid form of identification, most particularly a current passport.

The cost of an adult passport in California is $110, plus a $35 processing fee for a total of $145, and it can take weeks for processing. A Real ID total cost is the same as a regular driver license or identification card in California – $35 for a driver license and $30 for a California ID.

Make sure to review all the required DMV documentation when applying for the Real ID at the California DMV website https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/realid and save time by making an appointment.

There is no study available indicating whether the Real ID will smooth out the domestic Transportation Security Administration’s (TSA) airport security clearance process, or for that matter make U.S. citizens safer. Only time will tell.

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Jonny Lauderdale AKA Rebel J out of Norco, California has big dreams and isn’t letting anyone get in the way of making them a reality.

These big dreams started when Lauderdale learned how to play the electric guitar at 13 years old. From there, his father suggested that he learned to sing. Lauderdale was always against this and thought singing could never be for him.

As the years went on, he got into choir and started taking vocal lessons. Surprisingly enough, Lauderdale began with singing opera music. He then taught himself how to play the acoustic guitar and started writing music.

While trying to figure out his sound at one of his vocal lessons, he heard an Alan Jackson song that he liked the sound of, which made him want to sing with a country style.

He did this for awhile before deciding that it wasn’t for him after all.

Lauderdale stated, “It just wasn’t for me. I mean it was a good sound, everybody liked it, but that wasn’t much of the style that I felt was reflecting who I truly was.”

He then went on explain that he started writing his own sound by mixing a couple of different sounds that he would personally like to hear.

Jonny working on his EP, and he says “Music is born in the soul, my job is to express that.”

Jonny Lauderdale’s style of writing is an inner perspective on the way he views things. He explained, “It’s like a blend of all kinds of different things. When I say something, I try to use a complex way of saying it through my perspective, so that people need to think about it.”

Then he decided to learn how to produce music by himself, which led him to producing his first single.

Lauderdale got a band together, and they had the opportunity to go out and perform at the Santa Barbara Fair.

Unfortunately, the band quickly came to an end because of conflicting schedules and lack of drive from the other band members. However, this didn’t stop Lauderdale from pursuing his dreams. He taught himself how to play the drums and chose to produce an EP all on his own.

When asked what made him want to do an EP Lauderdale stated, “An EP allows me to show the world, or a broad audience, what my style really is.”

He then went on stating that it’s the first step to creating an album and it’s a great way to get his foot in the door.

When asked what makes him different from everyone else he stated, “I rely on being myself. I’m not trying to be on a pedestal and say, ‘Oh, I’m just like the other person.’ I don’t like using inspirations or saying I’m inspired by anybody else, because I don’t tend to want to reflect anything from somebody else’s perspective, I want to use my own.”

Once the EP is finished and ready to go, he plans on performing at small bars around Norco and getting his name known.

He dreams about becoming the first big star to come out of the small hometown and will stop at nothing until it happens.

Jonny the one man show

By Vanessa Lopez

With the fall season ahead, the scenery around you will begin to take on a drastic change from the drab and dull colors of the typical American neighborhood to an array of oranges and reds meshed around the iconography of skeletons and pumpkins.

Halloween is quickly approaching and whether you’re going off and trick or treating with the kids, staying in or hitting up a party with friends, there’s always a desire for some movies to fit the season to get everyone in the scary mood.

Some will only consider the more obvious movies one would watch for the holiday season but let’s focus on some lesser known movies from the genre.

First off “The Endless”, a science fiction horror film lead by independent directing duo Justin Benson and Aaron Moorhead. The film fits closer to a more existential idea of horror, the fear of the unknown.

The leads, played by Benson and Moorhead, are ex-cult members who are coerced to visit the cult they once came from and encounter a force that has control over the surrounding area. The direction is impressive given its low budget nature and the actors deliver A-class performances. Benson and Moorhead know how to get the absolute best with very little as seen with their previous films “Resolution” (for which “The Endless” serves as a pseudo-sequel) and “Spring”.

Another film to consider viewing is “A Cure For Wellness”, directed by Gore Verbinski who is best known for the first three “Pirates of the Caribbean” films. The 2017 release flew under the radar in theatrical run, being a financial failure at the time but has gained a following since.

The film focuses on an executive named Lockheart, played by Dane DeHaan, who is sent to a castle-turned-rehabilitation center to retrieve a missing colleague. Lockheart soon finds himself questioning his own sanity as he’s swept into the bizarre castle and meets a mysterious woman who is looked after by the head doctor.

The strengths of “A Cure For Wellness” come from its gothic visuals and stellar cinematography all wrapped around a chilling story that will undoubtedly make any viewer squirm in their seat.

“The Autopsy of Jane Doe” was a release from 2016 that jumped around the film festival circuit, receiving mass acclaim and praise for its director, André Øvredal who had previously directed the found footage film, “Trollhunter”.

A father and son work together as coroners who upon examining the body of an unidentified woman, the titular Jane Doe, begin to experience supernatural events that turn deadly.

This is definitely a film to watch if you’re alone on Halloween night. It’s an unsettling experience that will fill one with creeping dread and may even make you afraid to walk around your own home with the lights off. You also may never hear the song “Open Up Your Heart and Let the Sun Shine In” the same way again.

That’s enough though about ghosts and existential dread, what if you prefer something a bit simpler and bloodier? Then the 2012 remake, “Maniac” might just be for you.

“Maniac” sets itself in a first-person perspective of a brutal serial killer, played by a shockingly perfect Elijah Wood, and his exploits as he tries to push back the desire to kill once he meets a woman named Anna.

I must advise this is not a film for the easily queasy. The brutality in the murders are not held back and could disturb some viewers. Those willing to brave the warnings will find a surprisingly complex story in such a simple idea, held together by the amazing soundtrack and excellent performance from Wood.

Finally, there’s “Trick ‘r Treat”, easily the most “Halloween” film of the bunch. The film went through a tough path to release back in 2009 when it finally hit the home entertainment arena but it became a cult hit.

“Trick ‘r Treat” is an anthology film that has four primary stories that are all in some way connected to each other as they’re set in the same town on Halloween night. It features everything from serial killers, werewolves, swamp zombies and an adorable ancient spirit named Sam.

Directed by Michael Dougherty (“Krampus”, “Godzilla: King of the Monsters”), the film has a lot of witty entertainment to it. Things never get too terrifying or bogged down in a serious tone to deluge the fun of it all. It’s infinitely rewatchable and will undoubtedly become a Halloween favorite for many in the coming years. It’s perfect for group watching.

Hopefully, you’ve found some films that you will consider giving a watch this upcoming holiday season or maybe even saw one or two personal favorites.
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