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# Coyote Chronicle

## CSUSB welcoming an increased number of Native American students

California State University San Bernardino officials signing Memorandum of Understanding.

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Tomás D. Morales, left, president of California State University, San Bernardino, and Celeste Townsend, president and CEO of the California Indian Nations College, sign an memorandum of understanding that both institutions will work to create a college prep program and enrollment support to increase the number of Native American students earning a bachelor's degree.

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By Aleina De La Cruz  
Staff Writer

California State University San Bernardino opened to the public in 1965. Each year, the University provides education to over 20,000 students, and about 4,000 of these students graduate annually. The campus provides several types of programs including, Master's degree programs, education credential and certificate programs, doctorate programs, etc. There are about 80% of the students who graduate are first-generation students in their families. CSUSB is known for its first-generation graduation rate, which is very high and is still increasing. In addition, CSUSB is also known for its diverse student population and it will

soon become even more diverse. On October 4, 2022, it became official that the California State University San Bernardino will be able to increase the overall number of Native American students that can transfer to the Campus. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be signed to signify the amount of Native American transfer students to Cal State San Bernardino. Not only will this increase the number of students on campus, but it will also increase our campus diversity which overall creates a well-balanced school. CSUSB believes that the academic success of Native American students is imperative to the success of our

communities and has pledged to do everything in its power to be supportive of their development, said CSUSB President Tomás D. Morales. The people that make up a community will eventually set up a community for further success as well as success for themselves of course. It is all based on their impact on the community as well as the community's impact on them. In past years, many native students were excluded from having access to specific academic institutions. With this agreement being officially signed, it also is a huge way of getting rid of barriers and welcoming diversity to this expanding campus. However, according to the MOU,

as of the 2023- 2024 school year, CINC(California Indians Nations College) will be held responsible for transferring students to CSUSB. The California Indians Nations College is highly dependent on a culturally responsive academic curriculum rooted in Native American values. Students must meet the requirements for admission as well as proof of grad status from CINC. These requirements are as follows: 1. Meeting the minimum CSUSB admission requirements for transfer and/or additional requirements if applying to an impacted major; 2. Completing all Golden Four coursework, with a C- grade or higher per CSU admissions policy, by the end of the term before enrollment; 3. Completing 60 transferable units by the end of the term before enrollment; and 4. Not requiring an admission

exception due to failure to complete CSU admission requirements. Any failure to be compatible with these requirements will result in a declined acceptance from the University. "I am excited by this opportunity to build on our previous outreach efforts and support programs, like Coyotes Rising, to grow the number of Native American students attending CSUSB and pursuing their academic dreams," said Rachel Beech, associate vice president for Enrollment Management. "Transfer students make up more than 50 percent of CSUSB's student body, and we want to ensure that CINC's students are included in the transfer pathways that we are committed to building." Academic success is highly important to the CSUSB students as well as staff and faculty on campus. Growing the campus creates

a better learning environment for all students to come. The CSUSB vice president for student Affairs Paz Olivérez said, "Support and collaboration with Tribal communities have been intrinsic to CSUSB's success over the years. This MOU demonstrates the university's commitment to ensuring that access to higher education is intentionally inclusive of the Native American residents of the IE," Olivérez said. "I look forward to this new collaboration with CINC and the impact it will have on our region." Expansion helps create diverse learning environments for the students as well as equal opportunities for those seeking higher education. There will also be opportunities to create different programs based on Native Americans that attend this school. For example, this could range anywhere from clubs to even some new types of courses that are

based on Native American Studies. In the end, this big decision made by the University officials will benefit the campus as a whole. It impacts the cultural aspect of campus, bringing more diversity as well as making it a better place for everyone to learn, succeed, and better their future lives. Essentially, everyone is excited

about these new and big changes coming to Campus. The University is growing every day and is benefiting in so many different aspects all at once. The future is bright and vast for those students who are seeking success. Overall CSUSB will be a more inclusive campus from several different aspects including education.



Front, from left, Tomás D. Morales, Celeste Townsend, Back row, from left, Daria Graham, Rachel Beech, Andrew Rodriguez, Carlos Two Bears Gonzales, coordinato, Molly Springer, Paz Olivérez, Jake Zhu.

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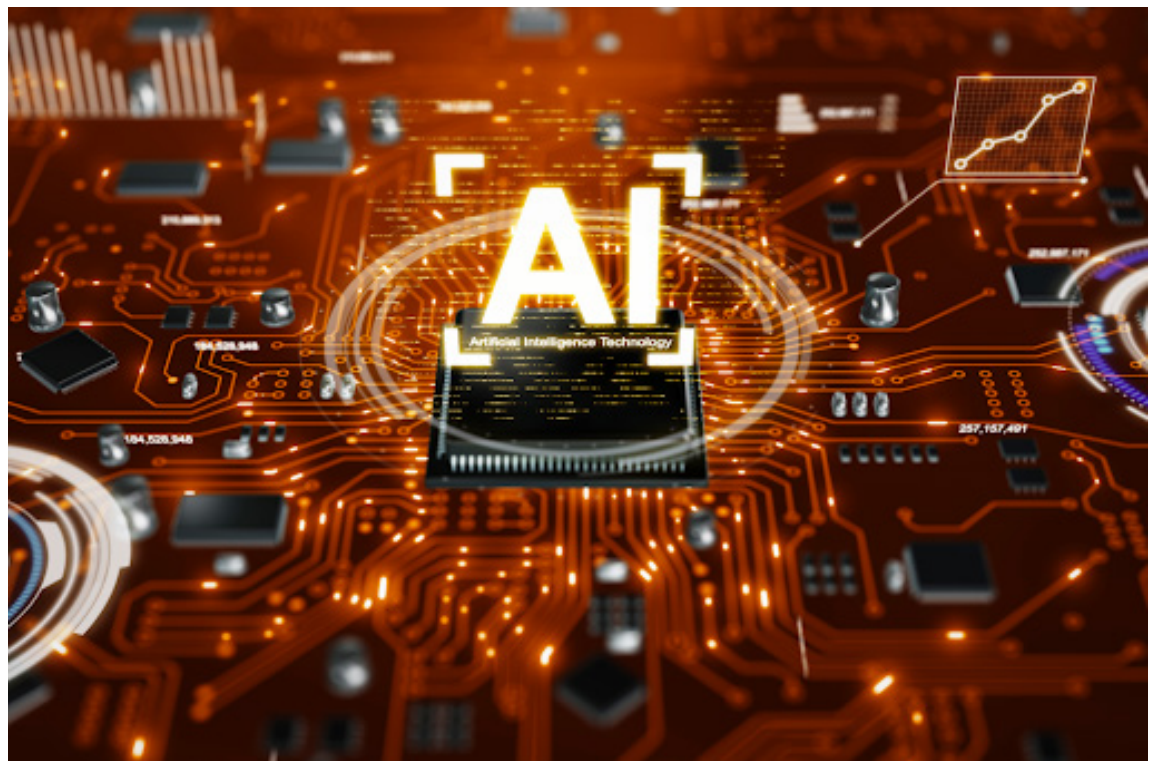
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# Artificial Intelligence Education for Undergrads at CSUSB

Cal State San Bernardino is one of three universities to receive a grant from the National Science Foundation that will introduce AI education to select undergraduate programs.



**By Alexis Gonzalez**  
Staff Writer

Cal State San Bernardino received a \$100,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to introduce AI education. The grant will benefit undergrads with a non-computer science major. The grant was awarded to CSUSB, San Jose State, Cal Poly Pomona, Long Beach State, and the California State University Chancellor's Office in an effort to promote education about and application of artificial intelligence. The grant believes that education about artificial intelligence is imperative for preparing the nation's students to enter the workforce. With the application of AI anticipated to increase in fields such as transportation, education, and healthcare, the grant asserts that equipping students with strong AI skills enables them to become leaders and innovators in such fields. While AI training is currently available to students enrolled in computer science programs, the grant would increase access to AI training, encompassing a diverse range of disciplines and students. Yunfei Hou, an associate professor

in CSUSB's School of Computer Science and Engineering, will serve as principal investigator for the university's grant. Hou said of the grant, "Simply put, we hope to promote AI education for non-computer science majors. We will develop new learning modules focusing on the applied aspect of AI." According to Hou, the research will focus on the ways in which AI tools can be implemented to solve practical problems, as well as their social implications. The course, "AI for Social Good", or AI4SG, will teach students to identify social problems and then apply AI concepts and methods to analyze the problems. Then, come up with potential solutions. AI4SG will be implemented in the programs of management information systems, geography and computer sciences on all three universities that received the grant. After students are given time to develop and finalize projects, they will present them at an annual workshop. They will then be used to inform the practices of AI4SG education going forward. This program has the potential to be especially impactful at CSUSB, as it is both a HSI (Hispanic-Serving Institution) and a MSI

(Minority-Serving Institution). Sastry Pantula, dean of the College of Natural Sciences, is optimistic of its potential impact, stating, "The support of the NSF in this area is key... And support from both the NSF IUSE (Improving Undergraduate SSTEM Education): EHR (Education and Human Resources) Program, along with the NSF IUSE: HSI (Hispanic-Serving Institutions) Program, expands its reach and impact." For context, NSF IUSE's EHR program focuses on improving the effectiveness of STEM education for all students through research and development projects. NSF IUSE's HSI Program focuses on enhancing undergraduate STEM education as a whole, as well as at Hispanic-Serving Institutions specifically. While no further information has been released, those involved with the program are optimistic about its potential impact. Students enrolled in management information systems, geography, and computer sciences programs will soon have the opportunity to participate in a potentially revolutionary program here at CSUSB, as CSUSB plays its part in the future of AI education.

## Joseph Massad Presents Inaugural Edward Said Endowed Lecture

By Miguel Ayala  
Staff Writer

Joseph Massad, a professor at Columbia University, presented the Inaugural Edward Said endowed lecture at California State University San Bernardino on Thursday, October 13th. Massad spoke about “Independence: The Ruse of Settler Colonialism.” This lecture series was established with a gift of \$200,000 by Mustafa Milbis. He and his wife, donated the gift to provide support for the annual lecture on the contemporary Palestinian experience as a way to allow CSUSB to continue its commitment to promoting cultural understanding into tomorrow’s leaders. This series of lectures was named to honor Dr. Edward Said who was a professor at Columbia University. A leading critic and passionate advocate for the Palestinian cause, he was born in Jerusalem in 1935 and died in New York in 2003. These lectures will feature internationally recognized intellectuals who will contribute



to a deeper understanding of Palestinian history and culture over the past century. Joseph Massad is the author of

several books, dozens of scholarly articles, and hundreds of op-eds. He is the recipient of many research and teaching awards, and his works

have been translated into more than a dozen languages. Mustafa Milbis, the man who donated the gift, serves on the CSUSB philanthropic

Foundation Board and also serves on the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Development Council. His dedication is shown towards CSUSB with his selfless collaboration and unyielding determination. His donation is a promise characterizing the CSUSB community as a place where we are dedicated to helping students achieve success. California State University San Bernardino is a preeminent center of intellectual and cultural activity in Inland Southern California. The university serves more than 20,000 students each year and graduates about 4,000 students annually. Every one of its eligible academic programs has earned national accreditation. CSUSB reflects the dynamic diversity of the region and has the most diverse student population of any university in the Inland Empire. More than 80% of those who graduate are the first in their families to do so.

## San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department Awarded \$1 Million Traffic Safety Grant

The California Office of Traffic Safety was enacted in 1967, following the 1966 National Highway Safety Act. It administers traffic safety grants provided by the federal government that help eliminate fatalities and injuries and create safer roadways.

By Ruben Velazquez  
Staff Writer

On October 6th, 2022, the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department announced they were awarded a \$1,050,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, to help increase efforts to reduce unsafe driving behaviors and increase road safety.

This grant will give San Bernardino county increased resources to continue and improve ongoing programs aimed to

combat unsafe driving behaviors to build a safer community. These improved programs aim to reduce the number of serious injuries and deaths on the roadways. The San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department says this grant will help increase traffic patrols and help expand and improve current programs in place.

From 2020 to 2021, traffic stops have increased from 87,673 to 94,207 a 7% increase according to the San Bernardino Sheriff’s Department 2021 workload summary report. Deputy Dustin Whitson

behaviors that put people at risk and create an environment where everyone feels safe traveling.” With the increasing trend of traffic stops the grant will help begin to reduce the number of dangerous traffic violations and help officers to begin to create a safe traveling environment. The Sheriff’s Department is planning on increasing Driving Under the Influence (DUI) checkpoints, which will focus on stopping impaired drivers before they can cause harm to themselves, property, and others.

They are also looking to increase the enforcement of the hands-free cell phone law, which restricts the use of cellphones and other communication devices, unless it is being used in a hands-free manner such as speakerphone, or voice command modes, but are completely prohibited to anyone under the age of 18. This will help reduce accidents

and injuries that would otherwise be preventable in high-visibility situations by distracted drivers. The grant will also increase the enforcement of other traffic violations that cause the most crashes such as speeding, running stop signs and red lights, and the improper changing of lanes. “This grant funding allows us to support our ongoing traffic safety efforts in the community,” Deputy Dustin Whitson said. The grant will also provide resources to train more officers to be Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) and help have more qualified DRE evaluators out in the field. This would increase the number of officers on the field qualified to administer these tests, potentially take more dangerous drivers off the roads and save more lives. They also stated that the grant will provide for more officers to be trained in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement, a program that trains officers to

accurately access and articulate traffic violations and collisions that are related to drug impairment. This grant is provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety, which is in charge of administering traffic safety grants to new and existing programs that help eliminate fatalities and injuries on all roadways. It was funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), a United States federal government office that is part of the Department of Transportation whose mission is to, “save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce vehicle-related crashes.” The NHTSA was given a \$2.7 billion fund through the FAST Act from 2015 to 2020 and was given another \$260 million in highway safety grants in late 2021 as part of the Infrastructure Law. The grant given to San Bernardino County is planned to be in effect up through September 2023. Deputy Dustin Whitson comments that “lowering injuries and fatalities across our county is our goal.”



says, “our intent is to stop the most unlawful and dangerous

## Los Angeles City Council Resigns After Racist Remarks



Calls for the resignation of Nury Martinez, Gil Cedillo, and Kevin de Leon have been made by the local community after a leaked audio recording consisting of racist remarks and hate speech was made public.

By Patrice Harris  
Staff Writer

On Monday, October 10, 2022, a leaked audio file went viral online of an intimate conversation between Nury Martinez, Gil Cedillo, and Kevin de Leon. The conversation included racist remarks regarding another council member's family member and derogatory comments directed towards the indigenous community. The leaked audio has sent the local community into an uproar with calls for resignations

from all parties involved. In the audio, you can hear City Council President Martinez say "I was like, I don't know where these people are from, I don't know what village they came (from), how they got here, adding "Tan feos"- "They're ugly." She also made remarks like "F\*\*\* that guy, he's with the Blacks". This was only a glimpse into the racist ideologies that influence decision-making and the violence they enact within the communities they serve. This past week, residents of the community protested and shut

down the Los Angeles City Council meeting. Protestors packed LA city hall demanding council members resign. Protesters chanted "Black Lives Matter, they matter here", "We are the Blacks", and "Resign Now". "No Resignation, No Meeting". Recently, the DEA announced they are opening an investigation into the matter. Nury Martinez is the first Latina woman to become the President of the City Council and her actions have been deemed disgraceful by the community. She is seen as anti-black, and anti-indigenous and has

no business leading the city council. President Joe Biden and Governor Gavin Newsom echoed that resignation is the best solution. Due to public scrutiny and community backlash, she announced her resignation on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. In her announcement she offered her sincere apology, asked for forgiveness, proclaimed her intentions of making amends, and that her resignation was to be effective immediately. The community is still calling for the resignations of Cedillo and Leon; however, they have made

no announcements regarding their intentions to do so. Unfortunately, the political leaders who represent our community have exacerbated the racial divide that already exists within our diverse community. The behavior of these officials provides a stark reminder that racist sentiments are still prevalent in our society. However, these remarks do not represent the values of Los Angeles. Los Angeles is home to a very diverse population and the community needs local political leaders to understand, embrace and nurture that aspect.

## Helping The Community: National Prescription Drug Take back Day in Riverside California



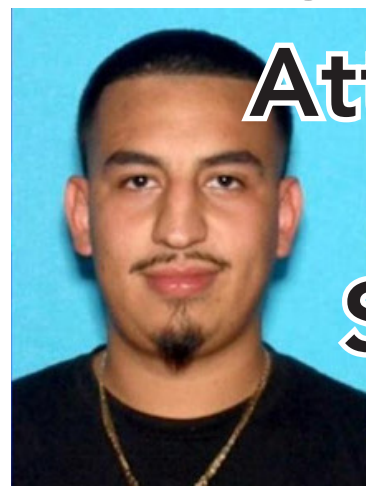
By Warren Flowers  
Staff Writer

The city of Riverside in partnership with Kaiser Permanente Riverside Medical Center will hold a national prescription drug takeback day. This will allow residents a safe place to drop off expired, unwanted, and unused prescription drugs. There will be a drive-thru available on October 29, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The site will also allow residents to dispose of unwanted E-cigarettes and vape pens only without the battery. The event will allow a safe place to dispose of the products as well as educate the public about the potential abuse of prescription drugs. As reported by the substance health and mental health services administration drug and overdose deaths are up 16 percent from last

year claiming nearly 290 lives per day. An event of this stature will allow residents to safely dispose of prescription drugs and reduce the amount of prescription drug-related tragedies in the community. Residents of Riverside think this will be a great event. Some were not even aware that such an event existed. When speaking with local Riverside resident Theodore Williams, he expressed his gratitude for the event. "I think this great that this is happening I have so many old Kaiser medicines, and I had no idea what to do. I'm going to share this with my local elder group, so they are aware of the events as well." The event is in conglomerate with the national take back initiative. This initiative seeks to prevent pill abuse and theft through the collection of potentially dangerous and expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The event began in 2010,

and has continued to grow throughout the nation. Various neighborhoods will be able to take part on October 29, 2022. Residents can visit the US department of justice drug enforcement administration website for more information on national drug take-back day in their local area. To help combat the continued vaping health issues throughout the United States the event will also allow a safe place for residents to also dispose of vaping pens and cartridges. With nearly 2.5 million adolescents Vaping, as reported by NBC this event will also help the community with eliminating vaping issues by eliminating unnecessary ones in the household. The event is aimed to give people a safe place to throw away both pharmaceuticals and vaping pens.

## Suspect in Attempted Murder Shooting Caught



By Keiorra Nabonne  
Staff Writer

Pablo Estrada, 23 years old, was arrested in the City of San Bernardino on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, as a suspect in the ongoing attempted murder investigation that took place at the Inland Center Mall. According to the San Bernardino Police Department, at the time of the shooting, Estrada was with his 4-year-old child and a female adult. The police were first informed of this incident on Friday, September 30, 2022, at 1:02 p.m. when the San Bernardino Police Department call center received numerous 911 calls regarding a shooting that had taken place at the mall located on 500 Inland Center Drive. SBPD officers were sent to the location and upon their arrival they began to investigate the scene. The officers learned that the shooting occurred outside, in the parking lot in front of the food court. Prior to the shooting, Estrada and the victim were involved in an argument inside the mall as stated by witnesses. The San Bernardino Police

Department said that Pedro Estrada was positively identified as the shooter by the mall's surveillance footage, witnesses, and the victim's statements. Pablo Estrada waited in his vehicle for the victim to exit the food court and then began firing off shots from the vehicle being driven by the female adult who was with him. All the while, his 4-year-old child witnessed from the back seat. Police stated that "the child inside the vehicle was only a few feet away from Estrada as he indiscriminately fired his weapon." After this, SBPD detectives obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect and a search warrant for his San Bernardino residence. During their research of the residence, detectives found physical evidence that linked Pedro Estrada to the shooting. He was arrested and booked into a local jail facility on the charge of attempted murder. The San Bernardino Police Department caught their suspect in a timely manner before any other people could be affected. Justice was attained for the victim and now Pablo Estrada will serve time for the crime he committed.

# People deserve the right to die with dignity and peace

By Joshua Clement  
Staff Writer

Euthanasia is the practice of ending a life so as to release an individual

a valuable pre-planning tool. If suffering cannot be relieved, the question then becomes: what should the State do? Should we all be forced to live on regardless of the quality of life that confronts us? Or, should legislation be extended to ensure dignity and

some Euthanasia can help heal the pain, Vox shares an article called 'I'm a doctor. Here's what it's like helping terminally ill patients end their lives.' where a doctor gives insight on a story of a Vietnam vet who doesn't want to end his last days of suffering. "I don't want to die -- my life is great. I have amazing kids, and me and my buddies -- well, we just have done it all." "But," he went on, "I can barely walk. I have to tow oxygen with me just to walk to the corner store. I just don't want to die this way, all hooked up to machines and struggling to breathe. I don't want

supporting him he got the help he needed in his own battle for his life. "He was tired of fighting and now, knowing he was terminal, wanted to choose a nonviolent death." "Euthanasia can be considered as a way to uphold the 'Right to life' by honoring 'Right to die' with dignity. Encouraging the organ transplantation: Euthanasia in terminally ill patients provides an opportunity to advocate for organ donation." Giving the patient the chance to die painlessly with dignity while also giving the chance for other people to get another chance as well. More than 40,000

suicide route, it does increase the chances of the organs being fully functional and able to be donated. The patients who go through with Euthanasia not only put an end to the horrible suffering they endure they also put a stop to their loved ones pain as well. The ones who go through the worst heartbreak in these situations are

the ones we love most. An article by Dan Diaz sharing his experience with his

from an incurable disease or intolerable suffering. If you had months to live with an incurable and suffering disease would you want the chance to relieve the pain? Euthanasia is illegal in most countries and can result in a murder conviction, the painless killing of a patient suffering from an incurable and painful disease or in an irreversible coma is the new treatment to assisted suicide. Voluntary euthanasia is conducted with consent by the patient and or health care provider. Voluntary euthanasia is currently legal in Belgium, Luxembourg, Canada, Spain, Colombia, Netherlands, Switzerland, and some states in the U.S. For those who may find themselves with Alzheimer's in future, this inclusion would be

choice for all? Death is a very emotional thing, however, euthanasia is only a tool that helps in aiding the quality of ones end of life. In ancient Greek euthanasia was used as a tool to help citizens have a good death to end the suffering of illness. The city magistrates of athens kept poison to help the dying which they would call "Drink the Hemlock" Death is a true fear, and is a sensitive topic for most but for

everyone around to watch me peter out, not even able to walk across the room." A wounded warrior who once fought for our country has seen so much in the battles in Vietnam and with the help of the doctor who was

Americans are saved by organ donation each year. With Euthanasia being more accessible to those with incurable disease or in a never ending coma there would be more opportunities to save many other people by the donation of their organs. Although organ donations do not only rely on those who chose the assisted

wife choosing euthanasia says, "I was there fighting for the legalization of medical aid in dying, which allows terminally ill individuals to make the choice to end their lives gently instead of enduring prolonged suffering." This is the thing those people deserve in the worst moments of their life. Pain and suffering should not be a thing one must go through if they had a choice, to aid in their pain by deciding to go earlier than their natural time, or endure months or even years of agony and horrible suffering. Euthanasia is a right that needs to be talked about more often than it is, people deserve the right to their own bodily autonomy.



## The Rise of A Star and the Impact of An Advocate: Rita Moreno

By Lizbeth Lopez  
Staff Writer

The United States is the center of diversity with lots of media



Photo Credit NBC

attention, Rita Moreno exclaims at the University of Redlands event, "The Value of Diversity: A Conversation with Rita Moreno" that was held on September 30, 2022, it would seem that minorities still face many barriers. Moreno, is a Puerto Rican actress who made a name for herself in New York at the age of 13. By the age of 90 she has acquired, throughout her lifetime, not only her fame but many accomplishments. She was the first Latina woman to win an E.G.O.T - Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and a Tony. She was also given the Kennedy's Center Honors and even the Presidential Medal of Freedom. With all the success and accomplishments that she has gained throughout her career there

was also a price she paid and many barriers she faced just for being Latina and a woman. She paved the way for Latinos today to be recognized and represented in the media, however as she agrees, there is still so much work to be done. Moreno re-

calls in her documentary, "Rita Moreno: Just a Girl Who Decided to Go For It", Hollywood in those days was a place where people like me played native girls. An accent was always catered to and had affairs with white men. Her role was always that of a brown skinned girl, even though that was not her skin color, and even though she had more to offer, she was told that was the only type of representation that she was entitled to. She plays the same role with different ethnicities and utilizes the same accent and nobody cared enough to notice. This goes to show the scarce representation that not

only Latinos, but other ethnicities and cultures encountered. Eva Longoria, an American actress chimes in, "When our community only sees that in media and television, and in film, when you only see those characters portrayed in that negative way, it's not only educating other communities about us, but it's teaching us how we see ourselves." After years and years of getting the same roles to no end, Moreno finally refuses to play them and returns to New York to do musical theater. During this time she begins to get into advocating for minority rights and reminds people to wear their nationality

**"...it's not only educating other communities about us, but it's teaching us how we see ourselves."**

proudly and with lots of love. Moreno confesses, "I hated being hispanic because I learned very early that it was not a good thing. You were looked down upon or you were thought of as a sex object." Not only were the opportunities that Moreno got from the media limited to stereotypical roles, but she was also oversexualized because of her ethnicity and gender. Moreno recalls a cocktail party that she attended where the

production company had paired her up with someone as a date in order to get her name out in public. She was dancing with one of the men at this party and she emphasizes, "...he was really, he wasn't pressing against me, he was grinding against me. And he actually said, 'You're a sexy little b\*\*\* aren't you?'" This wasn't the first nor last time that she faced this sort of sexualization. She would later be sexually assaulted by her agent and would still work under him for fear of retribution. Now, years later she finally stops being silent and shares her stories in order for women to know they're not alone and to bring attention to the mistreatment of women of color in the media. In her conversation with the host, Moreno brings up the lack of representation in the Latino community and shares, "A friend of mine suggested that

Black community, we know their history, but we literally come from other countries Spain, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, etc.- and because of that my friend says, we are not really that supportive of each other as a whole community because we still feel separated." She emphasizes that in order for the media to begin to acknowledge the community, the community must acknowledge each other. She brings awareness to this in each of her events and reminds everyone that they must stick together. Being one of the first woman to win an E.G.O.T, she made it possible for her community to be recognized as well as fights for the things she believes in. "Jennifer Lopez is not the only Latina. She's not the only one. You know, there's many Latinos with a lot of talent, with a lot of strength, and temperament." said Moreno.

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## San Bernardino Resident Directs Her First Film

By Denise Santana  
Staff Writer

Cameras are rolling as Aracely Milian is directing her first film, *Memento Mori*. *Memento Mori* is a latin phrase that translates to “remember that you will die”, which is a fear that has followed Milian on her journey to become a director with Future First Entertainment. The film, *Memento Mori* follows the fictional story of the protagonist Nova helping her friend Valeria to sell art. On her way home, Nova’s life is cut short after getting robbed at gunpoint. The inspection for the film came from Milian’s own fears based on growing up in the city of San Bernardino. “I have this fear that something will happen to me at home on the streets, or in the back alley,” said Milian. It is a nightmare that consumes her thoughts daily. “[There’s] a gate in front of my house and I’m always terrified that I wouldn’t have enough time to open it and someone will get me.”

The terror cemented by an early experience as a child. “Once I witnessed a girl get kidnapped at the bus stop and I was scared to go to school as a child thinking I would be next,” said Milian. This constant dread of feeling like a target contributed to her leaving the Inland Empire and going to Orange county. There, Milian attended California State University of Fullerton, majoring in Cinema and Television Arts. From the first day, Milian had a feeling that she needed to work twice as hard to keep her dream alive. During an assignment recreating movie scenes “kids already knew the equipment and software. That advance put them ahead and I didn’t know anything yet”, said Milian. In order to finish her degree, Milian had to go back to the basics teaching herself how to write. “I was taking geology and my professor kept giving me C’s and D’s on my papers. I didn’t know how to write an essay, and when I told her no one showed me, she found it hard to believe,” said Milian.

The dedication to her education left Milian opting for an internship with the Newport Film Festival. There she reviewed films by putting them in five categories. “One of my responsibilities was

the coronavirus. Milian’s senior year concluded with a virtual graduation. Freshly out of university, Milian applied to many studios based in Los Angeles and Orange counties. The rejections started to make

become a veterinarian technician,” Milian said. In February 2021, Milian messaged the Future First Entertainment Instagram page saying, “I wanted to produce and make it happen”. That message opened the door for Milian to work on projects. She has taken on responsibilities of being a producer, production designer, assistant director and now director. Future First Entertainment is a production company that is based in the Inland Empire. Their goal “is to offer support to local creatives and businesses within the inland empire to not only build themselves up in a collaborative environment, but to make dreams achievable where they are not commonly achieved”. Milian is proud to be working for Future First Entertainment giving others hope for similar opportunities in San Bernardino. Milian plans on submitting *Memento Mori* to film festivals and later posting it on YouTube. Milian’s goal is to “inspire others that they can do it here”.



watching all the films and putting them into categories. It gave me an eye for what film festivals were looking for,” said Milian. The internship was cut short due to

her contemplate keeping her dream alive. Milian moved back to San Bernardino, limiting her opportunities. “I was about to give up and

## Building an unforgettable experience in a fantasy world

By Ruben Velazquez  
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You reawaken after being hit with a blast of fire. Your friend lends you a hand to help you stand up, with your blade in your hand. You stand amongst your friends and see the damaged dragon with razor-sharp fangs and large metallic scales, roaring at all of you. You and your friends share a nod and a smile. These are the types of experiences that are shared by friends for a lifetime created by game masters. Those experiences created in *Dungeons and Dragons* or other tabletop board games resonate with people in the same way as their real-life experiences. These individual experiences are created through interpretation of the rules of the games and by how the game master wants to interpret the characters and environments provided. For first-time dungeon or game masters, it can be a daunting

task to create a story that your friends and the players will come to love and understand. Overall, it is important to know that the game is all about having fun and playing how your friends want to play it. In my experience, it is important to create an immersive world and to create connections between the players through their characters. It’s about creating a story and a world that is about your characters and not your friend group. Every game is a new and unique experience that creates unforgettable memories that my friends will still remember and cherish for years to come. *Dungeons and Dragons* and every other tabletop role-playing game all share the aspect of having various rules that are usually accompanied by dice rolls. At times, it can be confusing and difficult to keep track of all these rules, but a game master and player should help each other remember and understand the rules. First and foremost, it’s important

to understand the rules of the game; most importantly though, the game master and the players need to have fun and interpret those rules together. Having a clear understanding between both will result in better communication and understanding of what is going on and how to resolve issues. Another significant element to consider about the rules is that you can disregard them at any time to create a fun twist in your story. All tabletop role-playing games require the game master to be very creative and to assign them many creative liberties with the use of canon characters or environments. This is one of the most excellent tools to create an incredible experience that game masters have. Taking the characters and environments given to you by the books and making them your own helps you build a world that is more personal and better understood by your friends. Maybe there’s a character that has similarities to a person you know in real life, or a character that resembles a

well-known character from another piece of media that you all love. But when it comes to interpreting dark villainous characters, a great game master will lean into the evil attitudes and bring that character to life. Creating a character that feels real assists with building a better story and building a better understanding for the players. At times, my best villains were the friends that my player’s characters would make and come to trust the most, and their greatest allies would sometimes come from their greatest enemies.

Next time you and your friends want to create a memorable experience from home, consider *Dungeons and Dragons* or any other tabletop role-playing game. Attempt to live out a fantasy life filled with adventuring that would otherwise not be possible in a fantastical world created by your friends. Maybe you will be the one to land the final blow on the giant dragon that has been terrorizing the small villages of the countryside and claim all of its loot for yourself.





## Two Dead After Shootout with Hesperia Officers

By Crystal Andrade  
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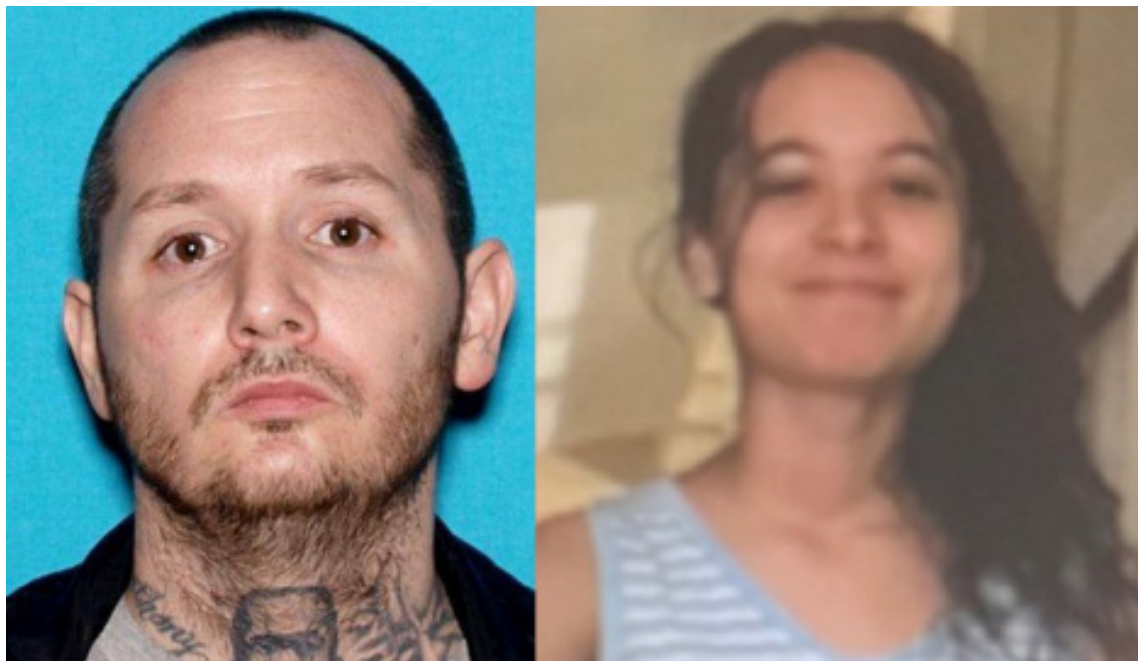
Father and 15-year-old daughter were killed after an officer-involved shooting occurred in Hesperia, California on September 27th. 15-year-old Savannah Graziano was kidnapped by her father in Fontana the day before the shooting occurred. Around 7:30 am Graziano, 15, witnessed her father, Anthony Graziano, 45, murder her mother, Tracy Martinez, at the intersection of Mallory Street and Cypress Avenue in Fontana, the day before. Anthony Graziano shot Martinez multiple times which resulted in her death. Martinez was able to identify Anthony Graziano as her murderer before her death. An amber alert was then issued for the missing teen, Savannah Graziano, and stated Anthony Graziano was armed and dangerous. They were reported to be in a white 2017 Nissan Frontier with California license plate number 44305G2.

Authorities then got a tip from a 911 call Tuesday, stating the car was spotted in Barstow which

on the 15 freeway in Hesperia which was where both Savannah and Anthony Graziano died.

was shot and killed. Savannah Graziano then got out of the truck wearing tactical gear, a helmet, and

sheriff's deputies did not realize it was Savannah Graziano who was running toward them at first due to the helmet and military-style vest. The case is still under investigation. It is still unclear if she was shot by her father or by the police. San Bernardino County Sheriff, Shannon Dicus, said "evidence suggests" that Savannah Graziano was involved in the shootout, but the agency's involvement suggests she may have been unarmed at the time of death. Authorities have said they have police footage showing the freeway shootout, but nothing has been released to the public yet. The Fontana Police Department has told the press that the father and daughter had been living out of his truck and hotels before the shootout and are investigating whether Savannah had been abducted or not. "Did she go willingly? Or was she actually abducted? We haven't been able to prove that just yet," said Sgt Chris Surgent of the Fontana Police Department.



led to a 45-mile pursuit. Shots were fired from the pickup truck toward officers. The chase ended

The exchange of gunfire between deputies and Graziano turned deadly when Anthony Graziano

a vest. She was then shot and killed while running toward deputies. The San Bernardino County

## Highland Police Department awarded \$61,470 Grant

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On Thursday, October 6th, the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, awarded the Highland police department a \$61,470 grant. The grant will run through September 2023. "This grant funding allows us to support ongoing traffic safety efforts in the community," Deputy Dustin Whitson said. "We intend to stop the most unlawful and dangerous behaviors that put people at risk and create an environment where everyone feels safe traveling." The grant will provide several needed programs and resources

for the community, including having more DUI patrol cars focused on stopping impaired drivers and eliminating the amount of fatal DUI accidents. Highly visibly distracted driving will decrease with the number of patrol cars working in various areas to monitor safe driving practices. Law enforcement will provide heavy monitoring of pedestrian safety measures for those on foot, bike, skateboard, or rollerblades and enforce those who fail to yield, drive at high speeds and fail to obey stop signs and stop lights. The community will also be informed of community presentations on traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, impaired driving and speeding, and bicycle and pedestrian safety.

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The State Street Project will include a four-lane roadway divided between medians, sidewalks, and storm drains. For more than 20 years residents have been waiting for this State Street Project to commence. The budget for this project is \$7,436,165 and it will be completed by June 2023. This project will help the city of San Bernardino in connectivity to the freeway and delay traffic across the neighborhoods. The Riverside Construction Company was awarded the contract to complete the State Street Project from 16th street to Baseline street. According to the "City of San Bernardino," the website states that

## San Bernardino Approves State Street Project



"The project is located just south of the 210 Freeway and parallels the Lytle Creek Basin. The new street will improve connectivity to the freeway, decrease cut-through traffic in neighborhoods, and provide better access for residents to Arroyo Valley High School and Anne Shirrells Park." The Regional Circulation System of San Bernardino will pay for the project and construction will begin in September 2022 and is expected to finish in June 2023. According to "Council member Kimberly Calvin," she states that "The West Side residents of San Bernardino have been waiting for this for a long time," she also states that "Our patience is being rewarded with a great new street that will serve as a major arterial for the entire area and position Ward 6 for more economic development

opportunities." Currently, the state street does not exist, but San Bernardino plans on extending State Street to Foothill Boulevard, which will have "a total distance of 1.5 miles over a series of additional phases, according to the website of San Bernardino." According to "San Bernardino Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer," states that "These phases will include the construction of two bridges to complete the connection to Foothill," and the Deputy Director states that "Due to the anticipated cost, additional funding would be needed." The State Street Project is already underway and is expected to finish by June 2023. The residents and the city of San Bernardino will benefit from this construction by having less traffic and more accessible roads.

# Understanding Day of the Dead

By Lizbeth Lopez  
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Photo Taken By Fili Santillan. Woman, Jane Doe, dressed as La Catrina in Zocolo, Mexico. <https://unsplash.com/@fisantillan>

As Halloween approaches, people start to pick out costumes, but some find the suitable choice of doing makeup that's related to the Day of the Dead. While many acknowledge this beautiful holiday, not many are aware of the significance or meaning that this holiday holds to those from the culture. Celebrating the Day of the Dead is not discouraged, however, it is encouraged to become educated and learn more about cultures other than one's own. This holiday is significant because it brings to life the ancestors and loved ones who have passed on. The Day of the Dead, also known as Día De Los Muertos in Spanish, is a Mexican tradition. It is celebrated in the U.S from October 31st to November 2nd, however, in Mexico, it is only known to be celebrated from November 1st to the 2nd. There are two different events and purposes held each day. Día De Los Muertos is celebrated in the U.S from October 31st through November 1st. It crosses over with Halloween and it follows the tradition of honoring the loved ones that have passed on. The holiday is treated as a celebration of life through fiestas (parties) and parades. It is believed that on this day, the souls of their loved ones return for a reunion to visit their family that's still living. To honor them, families visit the graveyards where their loved ones are buried at and clean/

decorate their graves. Women paint their faces as the significant figure of this holiday, La Catrina. There is music, and families do ofrendas to welcome those souls. The ofrendas have food, pictures of the deceased, candies/fruit, candles, drinks and Marigold flowers to honor them. Of course, the ofrendas vary from family to family depending on how they choose to welcome those souls. November 2nd is known as All Souls Day, and it is celebrated completely differently than Día De Los Muertos. Unlike the holiday the day before, All Souls Day is known to be a Roman Catholic tradition where instead of welcoming the souls of the dead, families join in prayer for the souls of their loved ones. Their graves are still cleaned and decorated with flowers but the main purpose of this day is to help cleanse the souls from their sins for them to meet their Creator. Again, these holidays vary from family to family and culture to culture. Mexico is known for its diverse cultures and ways of doing things. If you'd like to learn more about these traditions, the Ontario Museum of History and Art is having a free event from October 6th through November 27th. The event is called Cempasúchil: Instruments of the Wind. It will educate the general public on all the traditions for the Día De

Los Muertos, as well as explain the symbols, significance and meaning of this celebration in depth. Not only will it be a great opportunity to learn the history of this holiday but also to understand the reason why it is still celebrated today. It will also go into the significance of Marigolds and why they were chosen to honor the dead. It will focus on the art installations, photographs, illustrations,

sculptures and histories of this holiday, created by many well-known artists. This event will also allow participants to do their art and include them in the exhibit. For more information please visit [OntarioMuseum.org](http://OntarioMuseum.org) or call (909)-395-2510. In order to join this amazing celebration, one has to understand the values and work that is put into it. Celebrating it can be fun but it is

also more significant and beautiful when the understanding and respect of the culture are also thought of. Instead of appropriating this holiday for Halloween, it will be shown as an appreciation for the culture and for those whose ancestors have shown them this celebration of life. Don't miss out on this opportunity to educate yourself and others.



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# Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti Releases Hopeful Speech After Racist Remark



Nury Martinez at Podium and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti to the left on April 1, 2022.

Photo By: Damian Dovarganes.

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Mayor Eric Garcetti announces Nury Martinez's resignation after an audio video of racist remarks was leaked by the council. The council in Los Angeles has been under the light these past weeks on behalf of audio leaks being released to the public. Three people that were part of the conversations being leaked have now stepped down from their titles at the city council of Los Angeles. Mayor Eric Garcetti speaks of anger

on from this unfortunate event. Hate lives underneath the rocks according to Mayor Eric Garcetti, spreading kindness is something that he recommends spreading to one another. Hurtful words were said and heard by many communities in Los Angeles. Everyone was affected and people needed to be held accountable for what was said and heard by the city of Los Angeles. Inappropriate words were said by the head and leaders that are supposed to take care of the people and the minorities. Los Angeles is for everyone and to

be stepping down and will learn from this and hopes her daughter can still look up to her one day. But this caused a huge upset, yes racism has always lived underneath the surface, but this time it was from the people that were supposed to look out for those groups. The people of Los Angeles are all diverse and are proud of their diversity. Homophobia, racism, and bigotry are not going to be tolerated and allowed especially by those in power according to the speakers in the speech. The community of Los Angeles

was upset that the people in power and some they looked up to would say such racist remarks. These were community leaders that were supposed to lead with action. Marginalized groups in Los Angeles have already suffered enough by being marginalized and have missed opportunities due to that marginalization. Los Angeles wants new leaders that would heal and gain the public's trust. Alongside the mayor Eric Garcetti, the guest speakers say that we must love each other and support one another. Without love and support, a community cannot exist, it is a journey to reach a loving

community. Now they would have to seek new counsel that can

representing certain groups; they were not representing everyone.

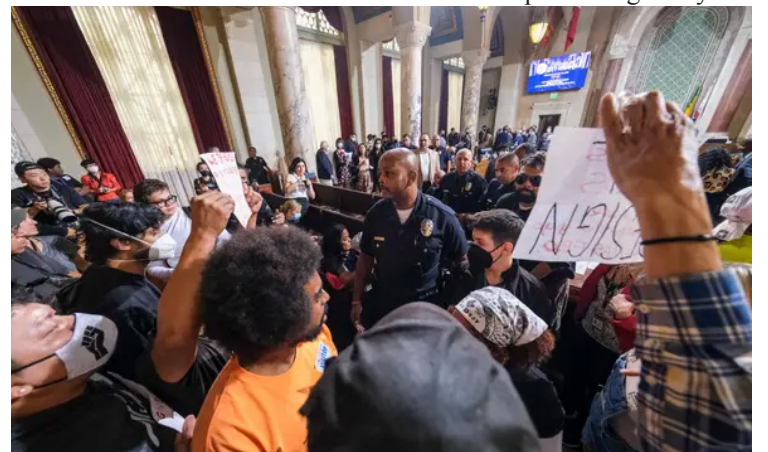


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caused by these racial remarks. Their stepping down was essential in looking forward and moving

bring power to all people of the city. Nury Martinez released a resignation letter stating she would

represent Los Angeles and its values. The audio leaks have caused turmoil and distress inside the council according to Mayor Eric Garcetti. "There has been a lot of cursing and anger at the council" Mayor Eric Garcetti states. It has been a struggle for the council team and the people. L.A voices want a response and actions to come forward and fix what has been caused. These L.A voices want power for all the people they do not want anyone to be left out. Not just one block or community should just receive help said by a guest speaker. The head and powerful leaders were only

Los Angeles is in the works for a new future. They recommend everyone to vote and use that to bring in someone new and new leaders that would lead for all people. The people and the community leaders want action to repair what has been broken for a long time. Mayor Eric Garcetti wants the public to know they are being heard. He speaks directly to the younger crowd as well that has been affected. Eric Garcetti ends by asking for feedback and allowing them to lead with new voices. Los Angeles is now under repair and looks forward to voting to bring in new leaders.

# Pandemic and Mandates Show No Match For Riverside Gym Owner As Fight To Keep Gym Open Pays Off and Leads to Thriving Business

By Alec Garcia  
Staff Writer

The COVID-19 pandemic was a tough time for small businesses as many lost their businesses, these mandates and shutdowns affected many which almost all followed these mandates, and a small amount fought against them to keep their business going. According to TheDataFace of Yelp, in 2020 California had 14.1k permanent business closures as well as 15.3k temporary closures. These businesses faced issues that they had not had much control over and due to this pandemic almost 50% of those shutdowns were

Mike Ends, owner and creator of Fitness Mania, was in the middle of building a gym from the ground up in 2020 and saw the COVID-19 pandemic as a scary time for him. Ends discusses fighting for his freedom was much more important than losing everything just because of some mandates despite how worried he felt at times. "I owed the bank it's first payment August 1st of 2020. I was threatened, fined, my own city I gave so much back to came after me," said Ends. "I had a judge issue me a restraining order against my own building that's I own. I was worried everyday was my last day." Fear was no option for Ends as he had his wife and newborn child to support, and all hands

Americans lives and made corporate America richer," said Ends. Ends eventually kept fighting, took any heat that was after him, and remained open throughout the pandemic, as he successfully beat the system by closing his gym down and almost causing himself to lose everything he worked so hard for since the age of 21. "Fitness Mania is a big family where we all support one another and encourage one another. I have never experienced the atmosphere like here at Fitness Mania." states Ends. Despite seeing so many businesses be forced to shut down, the family came first and the people of his gym are like a family to him in which they are so important as a part of his success.

game for people when it came to believing in themselves even if it meant risking all you have.

is truly thankful for those who trusted in him and stayed along his side in this pandemic journey.



Fitness Mania Gym Located in Riverside, CA



Ends Family and Team Designers on Day 1 of Construction of New Fitness Mania Before Pandemic Struck

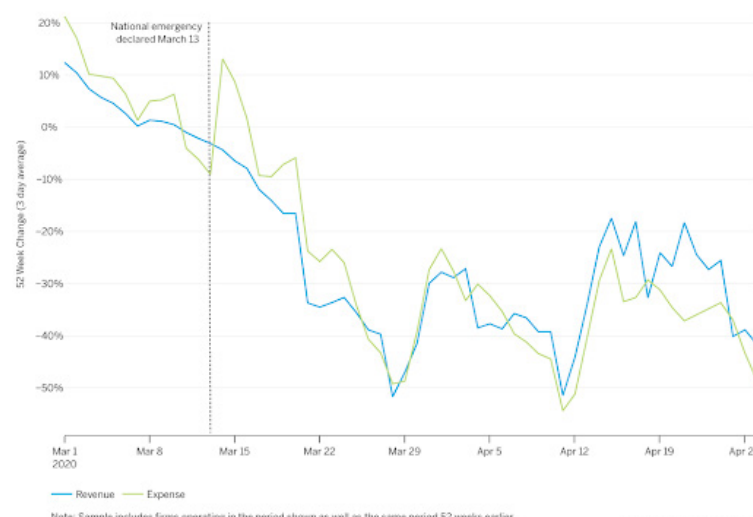
closed for good, the highest rate of any state in the United States. COVID-19 has been something that has led to many people losing their all and backing down to any mandates rather than sticking up for what they believe in. One local Riverside Gym Owner, Mike Ends of Fitness Mania had a different vision which he stuck to, fought hard for, and went through many obstacles to get himself and his gym here to where it is today against these mandates. Fighting Against Mandates Established Very Harsh Consequences

were on deck in making sure he fought to keep his gym open. These punishments felt never-ending for Ends as they consisted of fines every single day, cops threatening him, the City Council voting on cutting power and increasing fines. As the weight of the world was on Ends' shoulders, his thought process was to always do what was best for him and his family. "The government indeed did illegal matters within these businesses and choosing winners and losers is what they did by destroying hard working

The high ratio of businesses being shut down was a scary time, being able to get through with believing in what his foundation is as well as what he knew was legal from not was a huge advantage to getting himself and his gym to the place it is today. The continuation of businesses struggling within the pandemic showed a lack of hope if you were a business owner. Standing up for what you believe in was a huge part of Ends' success. As Ends stated within this matter. The passion and love for what Ends does really changed the

"I believe staying open gave people hope and strength when they needed it the most. I believe in standing up for what's right no matter what," stated Ends. "I would say believing in yourself is the most important thing over anything, never quit or give up on something you truly believe in. I think that's what separates me from everyone else that was in my shoes. I just never quit. Backed up with so much support from the people, this led to so much thriving within his business as he plans to build hundreds of gyms all over the country. When your back is against the wall, trust the process, if you believe in yourself with all you got as well as follow your vision, it will all pay off one day. As Ends wanted to leave the people with something, as he

"Thank you for choosing Fitness Mania as your home. I would like to thank all those who supported me or believed in me along the way and my employees that came to work and fought the good fight along side me," expressed Ends. The love and effort you put into your community will show especially to those who own a business. Never back down, always believe in your dreams and goals no matter how young or old you may be. The sky's the limit, always take that gamble on yourself because in the end, life's all about what you make it. You control your destiny."



52-Week Change of Businesses Going From Open To Permanent Closure

## Handful of Aces, Las Vegas Wins Big!

Pair of Aces who are familiar with firsts, brings home to Sin City the first championship of the Las Vegas Aces of the WNBA.

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On September 18th, 2022, the Las Vegas Aces came together to win their first championship as a franchise, as well as a first championship for many of the players who are very familiar with being first of their own. As the gritty and hard-fought series concluded for the 2022 Aces final game, which was held on the road at Mohegan Sun Arena in Connecticut read 78-71. That very moment bringing a 3-1 championship series victory to the city of Sin, and a team who built a championship pedigree based off character and culture. First time champions, A'ja Wilson, and Kelsey Plum, both of whom are recent 1st overall WNBA picks in the 2017 and 2018 drafts, built something in Las Vegas that is built to last. With a loaded roster and a first time head coach who is a known figure in women's basketball, the legendary Becky Hammon. The Las Vegas Aces, a new franchise founded in 2017 was led by their legendary coach, closed out the best of five series in four games. The nod of the 2022

WNBA Championship Series Most Valuable Player award going to Chelsea Grey. Who is one of the new key role players acquired in the offseason. Chelsea Grey was one of the main reasons that the Las Vegas Aces were able to close out the Suns after the team was fending off rally after rally from the Connecticut Suns, Chelsea Grey stepped up in primetime moments with huge shot after huge shot in the Fourth quarter of game four, Silencing the Sun fans in the crowd with a shush of her own. Grey ended the series with a game four stat line of 20 Rebounds, 6 Assists, 5 Rebounds and a block and a steal, making it hard to deny her those MVP honors. Chelsea Grey dropped in over 20 Points in three out of four of the games during the championship series versus the Suns, providing the support and scoring it takes to win games and championships. Aja Wilson, the former First Overall Draft pick by the Aces in the 2018 draft and the 2022 WNBA Regular season Most Valuable Player and 2022 Defensive Player of the Year made her presence felt all series on the both the Offensive and the Defensive sides of the ball. On the offensive end not only did

Wilson lead the Las Vegas Aces in Points Per Game in the Finals with 20 a game, she added nearly 10 rebounds a game. The defensive side of the ball she showed why she was chosen as this year's Defensive Player of the Year with 2.5 Blocks per game on average over the series, with plenty more shots being altered and disrupted due to her tenacious and stellar defensive. Playing great team ball and help defense throughout the series the MVP showed her skill and proved why she is considered one of the best players in the WNBA today. Adding her first championship to an already impressive resume. Kelsey Plum, another one of the Las Vegas Aces who was drafted first overall, a year before Wilson in 2017 was traded to the Las Vegas Aces a year later the same year Wilson was drafted, bringing the two stars together and aligning them with the support they need to bring a championship the Aces. Plum provided nearly 15 points per game and controlled the offensive with exceptional play calling and team-oriented offense, assisting her team with guidance and nearly 5 assists per game during the finals Plums defensive efforts were not

missed either, helping out grabbing at least one steal per game with her pesky on and off ball defense. The Las Vegas Aces building team chemistry off a bond similar to a sisterhood, four of the Las Vegas Aces starters being named this year to the 2022 WNBA All Stars List. These charismatic and talented women built something that can't be broken, and became champions, most of which was their first time winning a championship in the WNBA. Their chemistry flaring both on and off the court with a handful of Aces, no doubt they came

together collectively to bring home what it is all about. With many more firsts accomplished throughout the season, first time champions look to continue the trend with more to follow. After building a team that can last, the Las Vegas Aces are aiming to become a legacy. Coming of a fruitful season and winning the championship, the team looks to continue the same pattern with years to come with the team looking to continue their success next year. Congratulations Las Vegas Aces on your 2022 WNBA Championship! Keep on raising the stakes!



Championship pedigree and Personality, the Las Vegas Aces enjoy a team photo op with their hard-earned Championship Hardware.

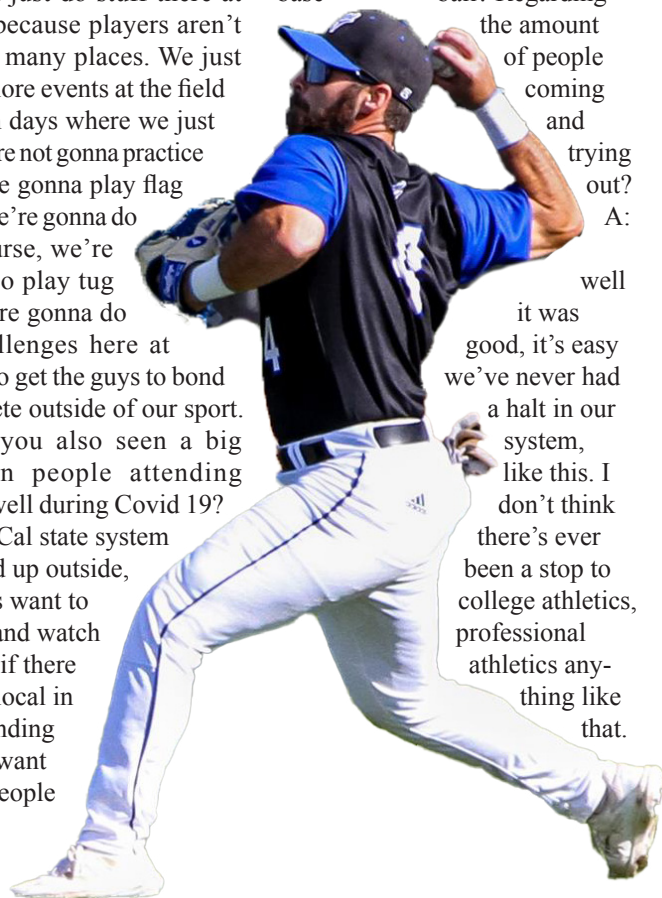
## Q & A: Coach Mike speaks on how Covid 19 has affected sports at CSUSB

Michael Nadeau Head coach of the men's baseball team at CSUSB speaks about how Covid 19 has affected sports participation and building team camaraderie.

**By Warren Flowers**  
Staff Writer

Covid 19 has affected all aspects of life in both positive and negative ways. Sports is something many people go to as a relief from the real world, and that too has been affected. Coach Mike speaks about how sports participation has been affected and finding ways to build team camaraderie through Covid 19. Q: Do you have more missed practices and people quitting the team now during Covid 19? A: no, I think there is more intent with us just because some of these guys have not been able to play. When we were having Covid we were losing kids because suddenly, they were doing jobs now. We lost a couple kids that were just like "you know what coach I got a job; I like a paycheck; I'm just going to quit". They had something taken away from them that they loved that they've done probably since they were 5 years old you can see a different passion. Q: With Covid in place what does the team do to build team camaraderie?

A: it's interesting but we just do more stuff at the field, you know you might do a team barbeque, you might just do stuff there at the field, because players aren't able to go many places. We just try to do more events at the field having fun days where we just say hey were not gonna practice today, were gonna play flag football, we're gonna do a rope course, we're gonna go to go play tug a war, we're gonna do some challenges here at field, just to get the guys to bond and compete outside of our sport. Q: Have you also seen a big impact on people attending games as well during Covid 19? A: no, the Cal state system has opened up outside, the parents want to come out and watch their kids, if there is anyone local in the surrounding areas that want to watch people



play baseball they come, but no issues. Q: Prior to Covid how was sports participation with baseball? Regarding the amount of people coming and trying out? A: well it was good, it's easy we've never had a halt in our system, like this. I don't think there's ever been a stop to college athletics, professional athletics anything like that.

Probably since maybe even back in the 60s 50s or 40s. It's been almost 2 years since we've been able to coach baseball. In March 2020, we got cancelled 17 -18 games in. There are kids on this team that had not played in 2 years. What was interesting for us recruiting wise, it actually was easier for us to recruit as this process was going on, because what was happening is a lot of the kids that were at division 1 schools or at the JCS were staying there, they couldn't move on. Athletes were able to get a Covid year back, so these years that they played may have even played a partial year didn't count against them. Q: Do you believe that Covid has had any overall impact on the team success good or bad? A: I'm going to tell you at the end of this year, I don't know you know it's really weird I want to say it affected everybody in sport negatively, because it shut us down, you never want that, you want these kids to be able to have structure and to be able to do what they loved to do their

whole life and then it's taken away from them. It affects normal life as to when we travel or when we do anything that been hard. On the field itself and playing the game it's still the same. Covid is not affecting us when we play the game. Q: When and if this all passes do you believe team building will be the same or have the same importance? A: I think it's on the coach and how much Covid affected that coach. Some of us Covid affected us a lot, then I think some people they went on and lived their life's. They didn't really let it affect them and it's like nothing changed. There were people that was really scared of this pandemic, and some people were like I'm just gonna live my life. I think those coaches stayed the same. I think there's a lot of us coaches that sit here and understand that this is a privilege, that we get the ability to play sport. We had it taken away from us, and don't want it taken away again. We have a little bit more passion, and we want to try to have a little bit more fun, and maybe not take it as seriously.