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Late-Night Event Returns After Covid Moratorium

For the first time since 2019, California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) held its annual, Late Night event welcoming back students and faculty on January 27th, 2023 for a night of celebration and fun.

By **Marlee Nunley**
Staff Writer

Due to the recent COVID pandemic, CSUSB was able to hold its annual Late Night campus event for the first time since 2019. On January 27th, 2023, at 6 p.m. in the CSUSB parking lot, Late Night celebrated the new spring semester by welcoming staff members, faculty members, students, and guests to enjoy a night full of music, carnival

rides, roller skating, caricature artists, and even some tasty food.

This Late Night event gives students an awesome opportunity to enjoy themselves, meet new people, and learn about all the different groups, fraternities, sororities, and clubs that California State, San Bernardino has to offer. This event is free and is held in parking lots G and H. Students had to both sign a waiver and receive a wristband to be able to be a part of this year's Late Night. In addition, Late Night allowed students,

staff, and faculty members to bring guests to join the night of fun.

A recreational staff member and student at CSUSB, Lydia Morohunfola got to see both sides of Late Night.

"This year's late night was the Recs attempt to return to 'normal'... we had some activities and concessions but in a smaller volume than years past, and the time was earlier this year going from 6 pm to 10 pm, instead of 8 pm to 1 am as they have done previously for Late Night," Morohunfola said.

Morohunfola was able to enjoy her Late Night experience both as a staff worker and a student by meeting up with friends throughout the night to take part in many of the activities that were offered.

"I oversaw the Intramural section of Late Night and my job was to hand out flyers and do a giveaway for the attendees of Late Night who followed us on Instagram. We only had to work from 6-9 p.m. so we got to enjoy ourselves for the rest of the event. We also got breaks in between, which allowed us to go and check things out and experience Late Night as a student rather than a staff worker," Morohunfola said.

Unfortunately, Late Night was supposed to take place in the Fall of 2022, but due to the weather, CSUSB staff had to reschedule it to last Friday night.

"The only disappointment with Late Night this year is wishing that it did not get canceled in the fall...the original plans we had for Late Night in

the fall were a lot bigger and had more activities involved, however, the location for the new Late Night was a better layout and it allowed for certain things

time dancing, eating, and roller skating, I am happy that I got to attend my last Late Night at CSUSB with the people who I met my freshman year as I am



A DJ spins records at the 2023 CSUSB Late Night event (Photo Credit: Marlee Nunley)



to be included," Morohunfola said.

Asia Clarke, a graduate student from CSUSB and an attendee of this year's Late Night, has been to two Late Night events, both in 2018 and 2019.

"Not as many people showed up to Late Night this year compared to years past, it was a much smaller group than usual, but it was still very eventful for my group and we had the best

graduating this spring," Clarke said.

The 11th Annual Late night was an eventful night to remember for many staff members, faculty members, students, and guests of CSUSB as it welcomed them back for the 2023 Spring semester. Many can't wait to see what the 12th annual Late night in the fall will look like!



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CSUSB joins nationwide “Delight-Ful” to celebrate, carry out, and encourage random acts of kindness



Photo courtesy of Getty Images

By Windy Wickramaratne
Staff Writer

On February 13-17, California State University, San Bernardino will participate in Delight-Ful, a nationwide event presented by Chartwells Higher Education, the campus dining team, designed to encourage kindness and spread cheer around campus. Students and faculty at CSUSB are challenged to carry out random acts of kindness throughout the week, totaling 500,000 acts of kindness nationwide from other campuses partaking in Delight-Ful.

During Delight-Ful’s weeklong celebration, CSUSB students will also get to enjoy new pop-up menu items and fun activities and giveaways to encourage paying it forward. Fun pop-up food items will

include one of four options: Birria street tacos, loaded fries, Plant-forward Mezze options, or Ramen. Throughout the week, students can join in on the Giveaway of Kindness, as well as several other activities, like free items from campus vendors, Yotie Farmer’s Market, kindness sticky notes, cookie giveaways, kindness pay it forward cards, and photo-ops.

Delight-ful is a nationwide event designed to celebrate, carry out, and encourage random acts of kindness across the country. The third signature event from Chartwells’ award-winning Joy-Ful campaign will take place from February 13 to February 17, 2023. Based on student feedback, Delight-ful is expanding to a week-long celebration across all 300 Chartwells campuses. In addition, CSUSB’s dining hall, The Commons, will feature a

Student Choice Menu event on February 15, which will feature a new menu voted on by students prior to the event. Featured menu options include a variety of foods, including birria street tacos, loaded fries, plant-forward, and Ramen noodle items.

At CSUSB, we strive to provide our students with opportunities to engage with community members meaningfully, and Delight-ful is a wonderful moment to express gratitude and show kindness to each other,” said Gail Hill, Marketing Manager, CSUSB. “During Delight-ful, students will have the ability to dine from a Student Choice Menu, voted on by our students, as a way for CSUSB to show appreciation to those who dine with us.” Delight-ful is another example of how Chartwells brings students across the nation together in memorable ways through the Joy-Ful campaign.



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CSUSB students can get a 30 dollar discount on their phone bill

By Eric Navarro
Staff Writer

Several mobile companies like Metro by T-Mobile, Sprint, Boost, AT&T, and many more have been promoting that many of their customers may be eligible to receive up to 30 dollars discounted from their monthly bill. This is a government-funded program and was made possible by the

early 2000s, so have the costs of everything else. With gas prices higher than they have been in decades and with so many people including students still economically recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic, we should seek any economic or financial break we can get.

For a person to be eligible they have to be at or 200 percent below the poverty line and/or have received the Pell Grant or be a recipient of welfare

and Vice President Kamala Harris, whose goal was to work with Democrats, Republicans, and Independents with the mission of getting internet and mobile access to as many Americans as possible.

ACP-eligible homes can also qualify for a one-time discount of up to 100 dollars to buy a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating stores and websites. The Biden-Harris Administration has ensured commitments from 20 leading internet providers to offer ACP-eligible homes high-speed internet plans for no more than 30 dollars a month.

Some households who pair their ACP benefit with one of the participating companies can receive high-speed internet at no cost.

One can easily see if they qualify by visiting fcc.gov or the website or store location of any of the participating partners which include Spectrum, Verizon, T-Mobile, and several others. The online process is quite simple and shouldn't take more than 10 minutes to complete.

CSUSB students can benefit from this program as they would have more money in their pocket which could be used towards gas, rent, books, loans, and



Photo Credit: Eric Navarro

Federal Connectivity Program. This program helps ensure that people afford the minimal basics such as internet and a mobile plan for school and work.

Just like everything else during these times of inflation, phones have gotten dramatically expensive, and it's no secret that their prices have already gone up over the years as new features became available on them. For example, the most reliable and technologically advanced phone one could get in 2005 was the Samsung D600 which sold for 240 dollars. Today, the newest iPhone, the iPhone 14, retails for 929 dollars.

According to many economists, the average phone bill in 2005 was 50 dollars and now, in 2023, the amount was raised to roughly 114 dollars.

While wages have increased in small amounts since the

programs such as WIC, SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, HCV, Lifeline, or any kind of veteran's plan. The program is also available for those with tribal affiliation.

One can easily apply online by simply providing the last four digits of their social security number, name, and address. This informative news is very important to the CSUSB community as many of our colleagues are recipients of the Pell Grant and could benefit from this program.

Originally published on November 15, 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provided 14.2 billion dollars to the initiative.

The Affordable Connectivity Program, or ACP, is a long-term program and has no plans of ending soon. The ACP started as part of a Bipartisan Infrastructure plan, led by President Joe Biden

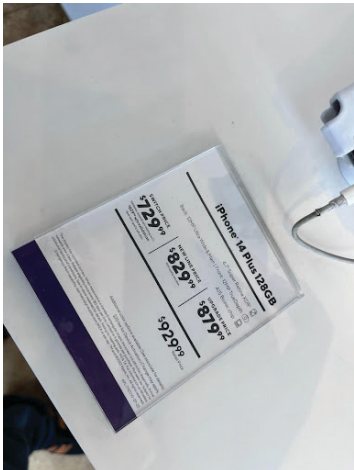


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tuition costs. Students who take advantage of these benefits could potentially save up to 360 dollars a year.

Nurses demand help from the San Bernardino County

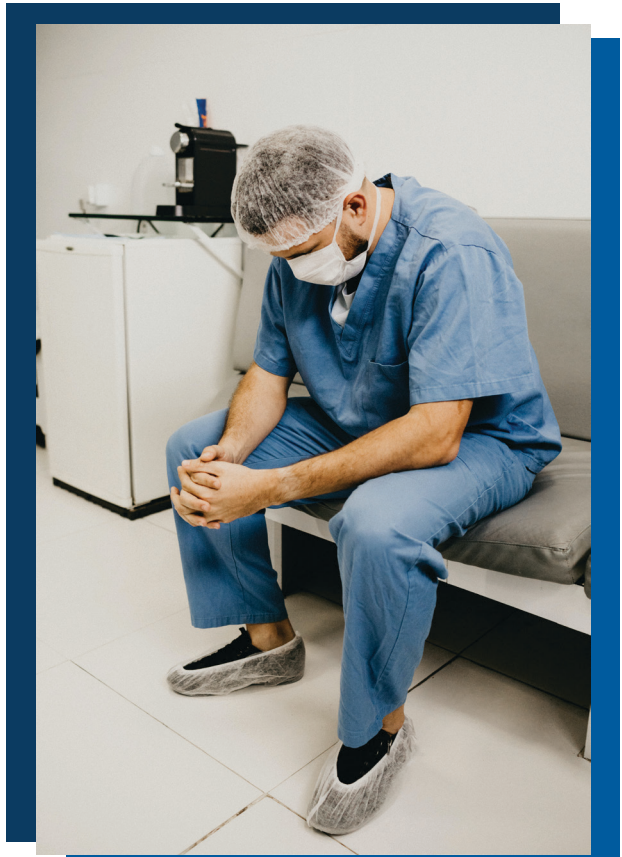


Photo courtesy of Jonathan Borba

By Angel Reyes
Staff Writer

On January 24 the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino got together at the Covington Chambers and hosted their regular meeting at 10 a.m. where multiple individuals came forward to discuss the topic of the hospital is understaffed.

During this procession of the gathering of the Board of Supervisors in San Bernardino, one topic raised a lot of attention during the meeting.

The issue that was brought up the most was how the local hospitals were facing multiple problems concerning staffing and being unable to run a safe hospital.

This issue regarding staffing in the County’s hospitals coincides with patient care because there has to be sufficient staffing which includes attending physicians, specialists, nurses, nurse assistants, and many other roles.

Jeremy, a 6-month new graduate with Arrowhead Medical Center went on to describe the issues regarding the hospitals.

“As of recently I have observed a decline in patient care and I attribute three main factors to this decline in patient care,” Jeremy said. “These three factors are short staffing, little retention of experienced staff, and more travel nurses rather than regular staff.”

Another person came up to the podium to speak about the same issue. Beth, a registered nurse at the General Medical Center gave her perspective on what is happening with the hospital.

“In the last ten years I have seen a lot but unfortunately I have never seen the problems that we are dealing with today,” Beth said. “I am here to talk about safe staffing and why at Arrowhead we are not adequately staffed.”

Beth goes on to talk about the staffing ratio which is the ratio of patients to nurses in a hospital and mentions that the quality of care goes down when there are more patients than nurses. This is a concerning issue because staff members have expressed that it is difficult to provide proper care when they are understaffed.

“I cannot effectively take care of more patients with less

resources and be expected to deliver the same amount of quality care, time, and attention to life threatening matters. Matters that make the difference between you and your loved ones living or dying,” Beth said.

Moreover, nurses do not just go through their extreme 12-hour shifts, they experience various situations that can escalate to the passing away of a patient, and having the hospital understaffed can be very dangerous for both the patients and the nurses.

Lesley, a registered nurse at the burn unit who has been working for the county for 20 years at the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center came forward in front of the board of supervisors to give her experience working at the hospital.

Leslie described how many positions were available at the hospital and it came up that there were 384 registered nurse vacancies in September for a hospital that manages great amounts of patients.

“Our charge nurses that are there to assist and advise us are being pulled from their positions to be assigned their own patients because we do not have the nurses we need,” Leslie said. “Our break relief nurses are there to relieve us and take our patients so we can have a meal break, and a resource to us when we need assistance, are also being pulled from their assigned positions and assigned their own patients because we do not have nurses to fully staff our hospital.”

Leslie went on to talk about how there are not enough nurses and nurse assistants to fully operate the hospital which can be dangerous for the patients because we need enough staff to ensure their safety of the patients.

During the meeting of the Board of Supervisors in San Bernardino County, many people who work in the health industry, more specifically in the hospital, came out to talk about the issue regarding understaffing.

“The County needs to look at significant changes to compete for nurses,” said Leslie.

One injured and one arrested in a gunman incident on an Omnitrans bus



The shattered window on the Omnitrans bus.

Photo by a witness and passenger on the bus.

By Olivia Ramsey
Staff Writer

There were tense moments on an Omnitrans bus in San Bernardino on Friday, January 27, when a shot was fired prompting an intense police response. The bus contained both adults and children and the incident led to one man being injured and another arrested.

San Bernardino Police responded to streets Base Line and E around 6 p.m. upon receiving the report of a man with a gun aboard an Omnitrans bus. Officers quickly arrived and cleared the bus.

According to witnesses on the Omnitrans, the two men were seated near the middle of the bus and were arguing over exchanged looks that later led to a violent outcome and one arrest. Sources say that the man with the gun, who has not been identified, flashed his gun repeatedly at the man during the argument.

There were reportedly 12 passengers total on the bus including some children.

When a witness to the argument alerted the San Bernardino county police of the incident, they arrived quickly at the scene. They quickly acted to evacuate the bus filled with the remaining 10 passengers while detaining the two men involved in the incident.

According to witnesses, both men were detained due to the shattered Omnitrans bus window indicating foul play.

Police records indicate that there was no active shooter, but the mishandling of the firearm led to one man being injured, and property damage to the Omnitrans bus.

The property damage resulted in shattered and fragmented glass from the bullet hitting the window where the firearm had gone off.

According to the police

report, the man responsible for the mishandling of the firearm is still in custody.

The injured man was released just hours after the incident had occurred. He received medical care as the bullet had grazed him and resulted in non-life-threatening injuries.

The remaining passengers on the bus were interviewed with no identity. Those that were interviewed shared collective details of being completely rattled and uncomfortable during the occurrence.

One woman traveling home from work with her two small children states, “I try to come home and the last thing I want to encounter is violence, especially with my children here besides me... it is unnecessary and not to mention traumatic for my children to have to witness nonsense like what happened on that bus.”

The driver of the Omnitrans bus stated, “I’ve been driving for about 7 years, and I see arguing and exchanges all the time, I am not as rattled as I used to be although I am happy I was able to get the remaining passengers home safely to their destination.”

There is no more information on the identity of the men aboard the bus or any follow-up from the San Bernardino Police Department. Since there were no fatalities on the scene, it is likely the case has closed and the man will remain unnamed.

The Omnitrans schedule will continue regularly as scheduled on their website with no disturbances from the incident.

The ten remaining passengers were unharmed, and the injured man that partook in the incident has been released from custody and is said to be facing no life-threatening injuries from the incident. The witnesses were grateful and relieved for the police officer’s attentiveness when they received this call.

Attendees rally together to bring awareness to human trafficking

San Bernardino County residents took to the streets of San Bernardino on Friday morning to protest human trafficking, holding signs that had anti-human trafficking slogans boldly written across them.

By Caitlyn Kautzman
Staff Writer

On the morning of Friday, January 23, dozens of community members from all over San Bernardino County and some neighboring counties came together for the annual anti-human trafficking walk led by Open Door in downtown San Bernardino. The purpose of this event was to bring the community together to inform and spread awareness of the reality of human trafficking and how it is happening in places people would never imagine it to be happening, which includes right here in San Bernardino.

This event began at 8 in the morning and lasted until about noon. It was held at Open Arms, a youth drop-in center, and hosted by the Open Door. Both programs were created by Family Assistance Program, a nonprofit that has specialized in helping groups that are in need through their various programs in San Bernardino County since 1985.

The Open Door program was



Photo Credit: Caitlyn Kautzman

empowerment advocates, some of whom are survivors themselves and they are there to help these victims in any way they can by providing them with resources and shelter. Part of the mission statement of the Open Door program is to “meet each person where they are at, not where [anyone thinks] they should be.”

resources and support, Dignity Health, which explained the free services and classes they offer to the community, and Operation

children are not for sale.”

These voices were loud and heard by fellow residents of the

awareness to end human trafficking,” was what Family Assistance Program had to say in the Instagram post they made

“Our children are not for sale.”

New Hope, a youth opportunity center that is located next door to Open Arms.

Before the walk began, posters with anti-human trafficking slogans were handed out to participants to hold while they walked. These

immediate vicinity as they began emerging from their homes, businesses, and establishments to see what was happening. Some passersby seemed to agree with the protest, nodding their heads in approval and honking

when passing by in their cars as participants marched in the street. Some looked confused by the presence of us as protesting participants and some even refused to acknowledge the protest.

“We appreciate all of the support from our community and are empowered to spread

following the event.

For myself, as a participant, the whole experience was very powerful to be a part of. The way these strangers came together for this important cause was amazing to see.

It is important to note that this event was put together as a nonprofit event and everyone that participated did so because they want to help spread awareness about the human trafficking and sexual exploitation that is occurring everywhere. Everyone who took part in this event worked together to equally contribute to a meaningful and safe space and experience for those who have been silenced and forced to deal with their marginalization on their own. Together human trafficking can be stopped if we just continue to spread awareness and fight for that change.

The event on January 23 began with music, dancing, and snacks, and everyone was able to mingle and find out what resources are offered all around the community.

Different community partners also came out to support and had tables up where residents could come up to see what services they offered. Some of those who came out to show their support included One-Stop TAY, a center that helps young adults by providing them with

started to fight against sexually exploited children and adults, and allow victims to have a place where they can go, somewhere with an open door policy, no questions asked, when in need of help. Through this program, victims can have a support system of advocates and case managers to help them with their needs.

This program is led by

posters were held high as participants walked down the streets of San Bernardino shouting “Stop human trafficking,” and “Our

Riverside County welcomes the year of the rabbit

By Alec Escarcega
Staff Writer

Riverside once again hosted an event to celebrate the Lunar New Year, making it their 10th annual celebration of the holiday. Lunar New Year is the beginning of a calendar year with months being coordinated by cycles of the moon.

The event included a variety of performances including the Lion Dance and Shaolin Kung Fu.

More than 100 local street vendors also participated in the event serving attendees new fusion dishes as well as traditional asian dishes. Artists displayed their work and art along with the vendors in attendance.

Many residents of Riverside and visitors from the Inland Empire surrounding areas came to support and partake in the festivities. Security and law enforcement were present all around to not only keep the event safe but to put the minds of everyone at ease following the tragic shootings in Montebello

just a few weeks ago. Everyone in attendance was in good spirits and continued on with the celebration.

The weekend kicked off on Saturday with Shaolin Kung Fu, the Lion Dance, and an opening ceremony to commemorate the 10th anniversary celebration as well as to pay respect to those lost celebrating the holiday in Montebello.

This Lunar New Year is the year of the rabbit which is associated with the moon and is supposed to symbolize longevity, prosperity, and luck.

Throughout the day, there were musical performances by Team Korea K-pop, Nicole’s performing group orchestra, and Alina Hernandez.

The festival presented a variety of events and activities that promoted not just the diversity of the Asian American community but the inclusivity of all interested with welcoming energy.

One noticeable theme throughout the city was the use of red decorations. I talked to locals about the color use and

its relation to the Lunar New Year and was told that it is considered to be a color that is lucky and signifies warding off evil.

The Dragon Dance was a highlight and a great way to start the event on a high note. The dance is said to have originated in China and was often performed during religious events.

With each celebration of Lunar New Year, there is plenty of food and activities to engage in, and this year was no different. From lamb skewers, steamed buns, dumplings, and flame grilled squid-there were more than enough food options to satisfy the cravings of all attendees.

There were stands set up with carnival games for kids to win prizes, face painting tables for culturally unique designs for the Lunar New Year, and impromptu dances taught by instructors who were eager to teach interested kids. There was also a Japanese game machine corner as well as more activities including an obstacle course, a jumper, and a mini rock wall climb.



Photo Credit Alec Escarcega

The event seemed to be a success by the end of the night as the streets were full of people dancing and food vendors’ lines were relatively long.

There weren’t any disruptions or disturbances throughout the weekend. The city of Riverside plans on many more years of successful Lunar

New Year celebrations with the promise of extending the reach and providing more additions to the celebration for the foreseeable future. From sharing culture, meeting new people, and taking in various types of art, local and far, the weekend was a success.

Employees seek healthier mindsets about weight in the workplace



San Geronio Memorial Hospital, where the Big Loser challenge is taking place
Picture by: Avrie Mccumber

By Coyote Chronicle
Faculty & Staff

Self-imposed weight loss challenge raises concern for employees at San Geronio Memorial Hospital due to promoting unhealthy habits.

From January 3rd to March 31st, San Geronio Hospital in Banning, California, is putting

on its annual “Big Loser” competition for employees, family, and friends alike. According to employees, the goal is to promote a healthy environment through fun competition.

There is a 20-dollar entry fee, and all money collected is put in a prize pool. Winners will be determined from the total percentage of weight loss during

the three months. The competition is overseen by the coordinator and health care professional Jean Kielhold, R.D. Upon visiting the hospital; you will see weight loss tips scattered throughout the halls as a reminder and coach to all participants.

Eating healthier is the main priority of this challenge. Participants are encouraged to set goals for themselves and change their daily habits with the hopes that participants will incorporate these things into their everyday lives even when the challenge is over.

Wellness is a priority for a hospital like San Geronio. Not only do they promote weight loss, but other issues like mental health in their wellness program.

The hospital says there are six habits for losing weight and keeping it off: sleep, writing what you eat, making goals, exercise, keeping calories between fifteen hundred – eighteen hundred, and weighing yourself once a week.

The hospital provides encouraging resources like

portion control tips, exercise routines, contest officials to weigh them, etc. Externally, this seemingly harmless challenge is praiseworthy but can raise concerns for others. Is this challenge a positive thing?

According to one employee at San Geronio Memorial Hospital, this challenge is troublesome, and a weight-loss challenge in the workplace can do more harm than good.

Since the challenge has a specific time frame and a money prize pool, it promotes the employees participating to try and lose as much weight as possible so they can win. Often, they develop unsustainable habits to achieve this goal.

This can also lead to mental health issues in other employees, as one non-participant says they do not want to have their weight issues thrown in their faces as soon as they walk through the door of their workplace.

Instead of promoting a team-building atmosphere, events like this create a stressful environment of counting calories and competition according to

the employees experiencing it. In this event, employees are more likely to skip meals instead of converting to healthy alternatives.

Although sustainable weight loss is a possible outcome, it is not likely. What this challenge does is showcase a negative body image narrative. It implies employees who have more weight must need fixing.

There are other ways to promote a healthier lifestyle than weight-loss challenges. Considering the negative effects it has on some employees, they would like an alternative, more positive event to be held in this events place.

As this challenge continues, remember that weight loss is a complicated issue. Even healthcare professionals don’t have it all figured out.

If you are interested in losing weight, it is encouraged to speak with your doctor, but also do your research and figure out what is best for you to sustain a healthy lifestyle if you want to do so.

Monterey Park shooting and the bravery of a local hero

Celeste Santarrosa — Editor in Chief



Brandon Tsay gratefully received the “medal of courage” from the Alhambra Police Department at the Lunar New Year remembrance ceremony.

(Photo: ABC/Photographer: Jim Ruymen/UPI/Shutterstock)

On Jan. 21, before the celebration of the Lunar New Year, Monterey Park resulted in a tragedy when a man opened fire killing ten people and critically injuring eleven others inside the Star Ballroom Dance Studio.

The dance studio was known as a sanctuary for many older Asian Americans and immigrants to come together in the form of dance. Star Ballroom Dance Studio has provided many newcomers and regulars with a sense of a tight-knit community and is a staple to the city of Monterey Park.

At 10:22 p.m. gunfire was reported at the Star Ballroom Dance Studio where Monterey Park Police responded within three minutes of the first 9-1-1 call.

“Chaos had erupted and ‘extensive carnage’ was seen upon the arrival of the dance studio”, said Monterey Park Chief of Police Scott Wiese.

“There were wounded people. There were people trying to flee out of all the doors,” Wiese said. “Inside, they came across a scene

that none of them had been prepared for.”

Anonymous witness told sources, “I just saw him, to shoot, to hold the gun, so I run... and I hide myself.”

Based on eyewitnesses, Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna said that the suspected individual was described as an Asian male between the age of 30 to 50.

At 10:45 p.m. the gunman appeared a few miles from the initial site shooting near the city of Alhambra at Lai Lai Ballroom & Studio.

Witness Brandon Tsay, 26, saw the gunman inside the dance studio lobby and wrestled the weapon out of his grasp before he fled. The incident can be seen on a surveillance camera.

“I’d like to take a second to also thank Mr. Brandon Tsay for his heroic action, which saved countless lives,” Luna said. “He’s the hero who disarmed the suspect at the Alhambra location and in my opinion saved many

outstanding suspects, Luna concluded.

Law enforcement found Tran dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound inside a white van parked in a strip mall near Sepulveda and Hawthorne boulevards in Torrance.

“Did he plan this? Was it the day of? Was it a week before? What drove a madman to do this? We don’t know,” Luna said, saying that detectives were continuing to examine the case.

With no clear motive reported by official authorities, the community is devastated over their once sheltered studio becoming the place of one of California’s worst mass shootings in recent history.

“The investigation continues ... we want to know how something this awful can happen,” Luna said.

With many unanswered questions concerning the investigation and the Monterey Park area left in dismay, a

and survivors.

On Jan. 29, Tsay was given the recognition of a hero by law enforcement and officials at a ceremony in his honor for disarming the Monterey Park suspect.

A medal of courage from the Alhambra Police Department was given to Tsay who was praised by United States President Joe Biden for his heroic action. “Instead of running — Brandon said he thought he was going to die, but then he thought about the people inside,” President Biden said. “You know, it was a struggle that Brandon prevailed. But think about what could have happened had he not done this. I really mean it,” the president continued. “You know, I think sometimes we underestimate incredible acts of courage.”

At the ceremony, Tsay spoke about how he realized how short and fragile life was.

“I feel that we as a community should spend our precious time reaching out to one another. Most of the victims, I knew personally. They would always come by the dance studio, and I considered them friends. They were some of the most caring people I have ever met. And for them to be taken from us is such an excruciating experience.”

lives.”

On Jan. 22, law enforcement

Brandon said he thought he was going to die, but then he thought about the people inside,”

identified the gunman as 72-year-old Huu Can Tran. There are no

community vigil was held on Jan. 24 to honor the victims



Temporary memorial outside of the Star Ballroom Dance Studio in Monterey Park, California, on January 23, 2023.

(Photo: The New York Times/Photographer: Alisha Jucevic)

Success in management at 29

By Robert Brawley
Staff Writer

Earlier this week, I sat down with a young rising star working for Sprouts Farmers Market. Curious about what it is like to achieve a fair level of success when age is considered, I asked 29-year-old Eddie Moreno how he has managed

to rise to the challenge of managing 90+ people, most of whom are much older than him. Moreno’s answers may sound a bit unorthodox, but such is what you would expect from a young manager:

Q: So, how did you go about being noticed and considered for a Store Manager position given that you are so young?

A: I have to give all of the credit to the pandemic. I worked for Sprouts right before the pandemic hit and everybody was much more willing to show up to work, grind for their hours, and the workplace had a better overall flow. Now it is hard to find people who can come in and fill the void. The stimulus checks we received during the pandemic surely had a say in it. Not to mention, I was noticed by the Inland Empire District Director, and we formed a relationship that only expedited the process.

Q: What challenges have you had to overcome that you did not expect?

A: You can prepare for everything except for the mentality. The hardest challenge, by far, is keeping a cool head. Think about it, I got noticed by a District Director when I turned 26; already I start walking around with a big head. Three years later, I am the guy who all of the forty- and fifty-year-olds in the store come and report to. Then, there’s the financial aspect; to get the raise that you get with

this position, well before you’re 35 years old... all my head wants to do is fly off my shoulders. But if I let that happen, nobody will want to work for me because of cockiness, which is a detriment to the store as a whole.

Q: What is the biggest thing you learned from the big step up?

A: The textbook can only teach you so much, which is why experience is just as important as being knowledgeable. They teach you how to run a store, how to manage the operation, how to work with people etc. But what happens when four people call off in one night? Now you’re bouncing back and forth trying to get everything done. Then, on the same night, there is a crazy rush that only stresses you out more. Then, on the busiest night of the week, you get the coworker who needs to talk to you in the office for an hour... it snowballs. They teach you what to expect and all of that, but the best thing you can do is take your expectations, multiply them by 10, and maybe then you’ll be ready to handle the job.

Q: What advice would you give to a young worker who doesn’t know what they want to do in life, but wants to have



Moreno in front of his salad wall during his daily store walks.
Photo by Robert Brawley

some sort of success?

A: I think that the average young worker today isn’t as driven to succeed as they would have been five years ago. That being said, you can’t force anyone to fall in love with what they do. But, if these kids want to become noticed, all it takes is showing up to work every day and outperforming

the majority of their coworkers. And with what I said about the post-pandemic workers earlier, it is not a hard thing to do.

Q: Given how young you are, what has been the biggest obstacle you faced when dealing with all of your coworkers?

A: The biggest thing is just to be personable with everybody.

It doesn’t do anybody any good if somebody comes in, starts barking orders, then walks away. The key to working with people is to take a step back, assess how they work, understand who they are, and build the working relationship from there. I saw it many times when I was a clerk; managers yelling at their workers without ever really speaking to them. It was like the big brother dynamic... learn the mistakes from your big brother so that you don’t fall into the same holes.

Moreno plans on climbing uphill to “the highest peak he can envision” and claims that the role of operating a store is the toughest challenge as a whole to overcome.

“You are never too young to strive to be great. Whoever comes across this interview should know that especially today, many things that don’t seem realistic are possible and likely. People doubted me when I told them I was going to aim for a Store Manager position. Not to say look at me now, but always doubt what your doubters tell you; we all have the potential to be the best version of ourselves” said Moreno.



Sprouts
Farmers Market
produce section
Photo by
Sprouts
Farmers Market

CSUSB Interim Chief Jeffrey Godown resigns after one year of service

Jeffrey Godown joined CSUSB as the Interim Chief of the University Police Department on January 19, 2022. Godown’s time of serving the faculty, students, and the campus came to an end on January 27, 2023.

By Camila De La Fuente
Staff Writer

Jeffrey Godown, a former law enforcement veteran with work experience of over 30 years, was chosen to take on the role as the interim chief on January 19, 2022, for the California State University of San Bernardino. He was selected after the former chief of police, Nina Jameson, retired on February 1, 2022. Godown was provided with twenty sworn officers, twenty-two community service officers, twenty-nine parking enforcement officers, five police dispatchers, and four administrative employees to lead.

Godown’s 30-plus years of experience include the LAPD/ SFPD in 1981, the Performance Management Consultant for Public Safety in Los Angeles in 2012, captain at the University of California in San Francisco police department in 2013, and the chief of police at the Oakland Unified School District Police Department in 2015.

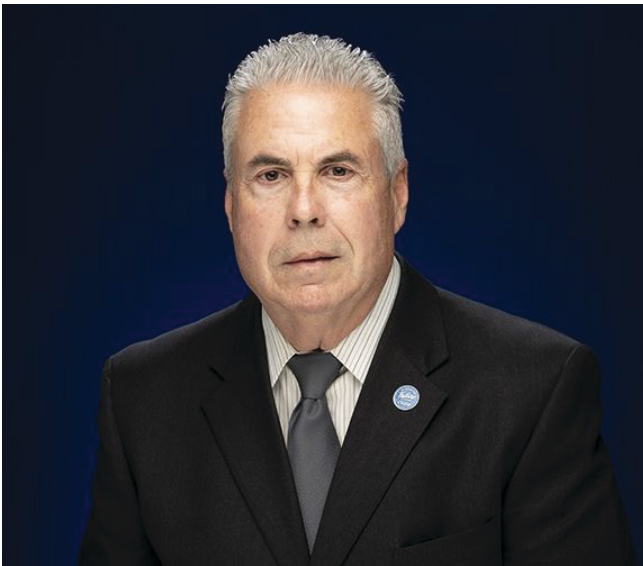


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of San Bernardino he was interviewed by Emina Preciado and LaShané Overstreet of the Coyote Chronicle on June 23, 2022. Godown mentioned that when students walk past him, they simply want to get by as quickly as possible because they feel uncomfortable. Godown also felt uncomfortable when he would walk out of work and a cop car would be behind him because he was now a civilian.

new chief and there are hopes to have one by April, which is mentioned by Sam Sudhakar.

The person who will be taking the role of acting chief until their search is over will be John Gutierrez. Gutierrez stepped in as acting chief effectively on January 28th. Chief Gutierrez has been at the California State University of San Bernardino since August 2021 and is also a 32-year veteran law enforcement officer who began his journey in 1991. Gutierrez served with the San Bernardino City Unified School District Police Department as a Sergeant of Police.

Interim Chief Jeffrey Godown stated in his interview with Emina Preciado and LaShané Overstreet, “I want to make sure that I leave the university in a better place than when I got here and I want to make sure that I leave the university’s relationship between the police officers in a better place. What I was trying to get at is that we have a very seldom chance to talk to a group of students or at least I do.” Jeffrey Godown did leave the university in a better place than when he first arrived.

Godown understands how people feel and how people of color may feel because they are worried that they may get stopped for no reason and explains that most of the time, that happens. Godown stated, “I think where I get in trouble a lot of times with the cops is that I tell the truth, you know, I say no this is the reality of what goes on out there.”

Now that Godown has resigned from the school on January 27th, the vice president of the Information Technology Services and CIO Administrator is in charge. There is a nationwide search process for a

“Policing is about respect, community, and compassion. I will lead this department while utilizing this philosophy with everything we do”

Chief Godown is known as a person who tells it as it is. For example, in 2015 there was an incident when two police officers choked and punched a student in the Oakland Unified School District. These two police officers used incorrect conflict resolution by using disproportionate violence. Godown was not working with OUSD at the time, but when he reviewed the report and video captured he mentioned how the only truth to the report was the students because the report did not match with the video.

Once Godown joined the California State University

Operation Consequences continues to be successful in San Bernardino County



From January 21 to January 27, the San Bernardino Sheriff’s department carried out Operation Consequences, which targets crime suppression in the High Desert area.

By Ahily Pichardo
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The San Bernardino Sheriff’s Department’s Gangs/ Narcotic Division along with many other patrol stations, including Homeland Security Investigations and San Bernardino County Probations Department had a successful turnout in their operation.

“We are committed to the safety of our communities and a large part of that is taking guns out of the hands of criminals and holding the criminals accountable,” said Shannon D Dicus, Sheriff-Coroner.

Operation Consequences was made to improve the quality of life by removing issues affecting communities in the county. It started in October of 2022 and has had many successful results, it will continue to carry out operations for the following months as funding was approved by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

“I am grateful for the continued support of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors and look forward to a successful operation that sends a clear message that criminal activity has consequences,” said Sheriff Dicus.

During the week of January 21, the operation issued 34 search warrants in the cities of Phelan, Hesperia, Apple Valley, Victorville, San Bernardino,

Yucaipa, Jurupa valley, and Rancho Cucamonga. They were able to make 24 felony arrests and obtain 31 firearms. Aside from firearms, twenty-eight pounds of methamphetamine and one-half pound of cocaine were also seized.

Not only did they carry out Operation Consequences, but during January the San Bernardino County Human Trafficking Task Force participated in a statewide operation called Reclaim and Rebuild.

The purpose of this operation is to rescue victims of sexual slavery and human trafficking, provide services for them, identify and arrest their captors, and stop more crimes in connection to human trafficking. With the population growing, citizens and officers alike recognize a need for officers and investigators to carry out these operations and be able to stop the abduction of young kids and adults who get taken away because of trafficking. Six search warrants were made, twenty-one arrests and 14 victims were rescued.

Programs like these work in hopes of providing safer communities and lowering the crime rates in San Bernardino county. As crime rates have increased in San Bernardino County over the last 50 years, so have efforts to combat those crimes and establish a safer community with a higher quality of life for its citizens.



Farmers market returns to the City of Redlands

By Rowan Shultz
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The city of Redlands has introduced a new Downtown Morning Market to be held every Saturday between eight am and noon on East State Street beginning March 4, 2023.

One of the many victims of the pandemic-induced closures was the cherished Redlands Thursday Market Night. After a nearly three-year absence, the Redlands City Council voted last year to bring it back—this time, as a Saturday Downtown Morning Market in combination with the city’s established Certified Farmers Market. According to the City of Redlands’s Facilities and Community Services Department, this change was made to “Better complement the downtown businesses and current staffing levels,” the City of Redlands’s Facilities and Community Services Department

The event will operate from March to December and will encompass the segment of State Street between Orange and 7th St. It will be closed to traffic so shoppers may browse easily and without interruption. It will

include the Certified Farmers Market, newly added market vendors, and an entertainment zone for performers, musicians, attractions, and other such recreation.

According to the Policies and Procedure brochure outlined by the city, the purpose of this upscaled Saturday morning event is “to create a weekly, vibrant, community street fair with a family atmosphere for residents and visitors alike.”

Upon full reopening, the city hopes to add up to 100 unique vendors. This reflects the Redlands Facilities and Community Services Department’s addition of overhauled “policies and guidelines to include higher quality merchandise or artsy products.” There is no loss in quality many vendors present extremely high-quality artisan products you won’t find in a grocery store.

In particular, visiting the Redlands Saturday Morning Certified Farmers Market is an excellent way to support local small businesses and farmers, and the City of Redlands assures that “All certified farmers are



Locals visit the Redlands Saturday Morning Certified Farmers Market.
[Photograph credit: Rowan Shultz.]

inspected by the Department of Agriculture to ensure that their crops are locally and seasonally grown and safe for consumers to purchase.”

The Redlands Certified Farmers Market has been running for years every Saturday morning, while the robust Redlands Market Night has occupied Thursday evenings. Shoppers have long enjoyed both events for different reasons, so combining the two events will be an excellent convenience for shoppers who previously attended both events separately.

After the Thursday market initially closed, many people began attending the Saturday

market, as it returned sooner with established COVID-19 safety procedures. At the time, however, there were fewer vendors, and many missed the size of the Thursday market.

Google reviewer user laments. “Good market, just a small parking lot, not many vendors. The vendors they do have are very polite with a good variety of items. We sure do miss Thursday nite market,” csmather77 said.

For now, the Redlands Certified Farmers Market remains open alone, and it can be found in the Parking lot on the corner of 6th st. and Redlands Blvd. On Saturday mornings from 8-11 am. There is two-hour

parking available nearby, and there is no cost to enter. Non-service animals and smoking are prohibited. Some vendors accept cards, and customers can exchange SNAP/EBT benefits for market tokens to use on fruits and vegetables through the Market Match program.

Though the Certified Farmers Market already has a lot to offer, the expansion continues to add new vendors, and the event boasts a growing variety of small businesses and services. From fresh, local produce to handmade soaps, the market has whatever you may need and more.

Hillcrest Farmers Market inspires over 100 Vendors



Whether you are a local or coming from out of town, Sundays from 9 am-2 pm on Normal Ave. come to enjoy quality food and products at the Hillcrest farmers market.

By Rigoberto Aguilar
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Beginning in 1997, the Hillcrest market opened for people wishing to promote their local products. They would gather every Sunday beginning with only 27 stands. The market took a big blow during covid where it was forced to close for almost a year and a half. Now in 2023, the market is seen as the go-to place in the county to try and support local small businesses in the community. With hundreds of different vendors coming out to showcase their products, it is a great way to reach people in the community to build up clientele and support, roughly 10,000 people come out to enjoy the market every week. Free admission to everyone.

“A pillar in the community, where people from all over come to support and put money right back into the community,” one local said.

With so many people coming out it provides opportunities for these small businesses that cannot be replicated online or elsewhere. A

win-win situation for everyone where businesses can put their new or local products out there, and customers can enjoy and try new things they wouldn’t typically see, especially at such high quality. On top of things, supporting and bringing recognition and revenue to the city attracts more and more people each week.

This was my very first time attending and seeing just how crowded and lived it gets. A fantastic experience, to try new things like dates and blood oranges. Also, there were many bakeries stands with fresh loaves of bread from all around the world. Meats and

Seafood was offered there as well, enjoying some samples of freshly caught octopus and grass-fed local steak. On top of food, there were also products like natural soaps and beeswax that are great for the skin. Although it does say no pets, all sorts of dogs were walking around and socializing which was great to see, not around the food areas. Along with vendors selling, there are people from human society coming to educate people on dogs and the possibility to

adopt a pet. As well as police officers have an informational booth to keep everything safe, but also to meet local officers and get to have a conversation, which I thought was a great thing because it breaks a lot of stereotypes people have of the police. The market offers live performances from bands playing, singers, performers juggling many different things, and people dancing all over the market, entertainment is a highlight.

It is a very fun and unique experience, they close off the street, about a block long full of vendors. A must-do if you are around the area. You can get anything from local strawberries picked the day before, to authentic Indian food that is family-run. A great time to bring the family and kids, as most vendors provide samples to try the many different products, as well as dog friendly with some vendors even carrying treats for dogs although the signs say no dogs unless service dogs, people continue to bring their pets. All around a family-friendly environment and welcoming from the community.





David W. Jacobsen discusses new album

By Alyse Deatherage
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Singer/songwriter David W. Jacobsen recently released his most recent album, Imprint, on November 6, 2022. The album's final song was added in 2022, but the songs were written over

the years from 2019 to 2022 and inspired by Jacobsen's journaling he had done both during the COVID-19 pandemic and during his high school years.

As a child, Jacobsen found a natural allure towards music, and he began to explore his musical interests around the age of 13. "Although I sang songs into a Fisher Price tape deck when I was about 5," said Jacobsen, "I began to really write songs when I was 13." He first studied and began playing music in high school, where he played bass. Then, he decided to pursue bands but found that working in groups was a difficult task that increased in difficulty as he and the bandmates he played with grew older.

Jacobsen also explored his musical interests in college at the Berklee College of Music but found that his specified field at the time of Jazz fusion was not the field he wanted to pursue further. Now, he has decided to change his focus to songwriting.

Jacobsen says his most recent album, Imprint, is about "memories that haunt, whether you realize it or not." The album explores issues with regrets, experiences, and other things that have happened in a

person's life that they may not know have or do affect them. "The past that you cannot bury and recollections that linger, sometimes just out of mind, are always with you somewhere," said Jacobsen. "Whether it is something you regret doing or someone you regret knowing, whether you think about it all the time or hardly at all, those experiences are part of who you are today."

The opening track of Imprint is titled "Things I've Said Big Mouth Strikes Again," which includes lines such as: "The things most regrettable/ They seem the most unforgettable/ Haunting me/ The words most poorly chosen/ They seem forever frozen/ Haunting me." This song, Jacobsen says, is "an overly honest look at saying the wrong things at the wrong times, something that can certain[ly] become a haunting memory of its own."

While Jacobsen was inspired by his journaling and experiences for this album, he also focused on other central

figures in his life and history for certain tracks. The track called "Nine Days" "takes a different angle of the haunting of historical events as it is about Lady Jane Grey who was Queen of England for 9 days in 1553," said Jacobsen.

Additionally, in one song titled "Maple Street," Jacobsen explores the life of a girl whom he went to high school with. This particular girl was having a difficult time at home, according to Jacobsen, and as he revisited his journaling about her experiences and compared them to his own, he realized his high school years were a very formative time for him and probably for this girl as well. "The song 'Maple Street,' was written about her and deals with having painful memories that she'd try not to revisit, but

they are there and they shaped her," said Jacobsen. Additionally, Jacobsen said, "The title 'Maple Street' was chosen because it is one of the most common street names in the US [sic.] and therefore, something a lot of people could connect with in some way. Most people know of Maple Street somewhere."

Due to the sweeping transition to online forms of media, Jacobsen no longer finds himself waiting until an album is complete and releasing it on CD or other forms of physical media containers. Instead, he has found a new way of doing his album releases through media platforms like YouTube and Spotify, where he can be a little more flexible with his release dates and combine music from different times in his writing stages.

This is what led to the inclusion of his final track

on the album, a piano ballad titled "New Year's Day" which Jacobsen said was written in 2006 and was added to this album because it fit the theme well. When talking about why he chose to include this specific track on the album, Jacobsen stated, "It is a good closing track because it ends with a resolution to not think about the past."

Before Imprint, Jacobsen also released an album titled Expecting Different Results, which explored excitement and disappointment in unexpected results, and another album titled Potus, which explored "historical songs of fictional first-person narratives by several obscure or awful US Presidents, mainly from the 19th century." Jacobsen's albums can be heard via his YouTube channel @ Davidwjmusic.

The Critical Role cast continues their legendary journey

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After the success of its initial season, The Legend of Vox Machina has returned. Critical Role, a popular streaming group made up of voice actors known for their extensive live streams of their ongoing Dungeons and Dragons campaign, is hosting 4 watch parties on Twitch to give deeper insight, and commentary, and answer community questions about this new season.

Mica Burton moderates the watch party's live streams joined by cast and shows creators Matthew Mercer, Sam Riegel, and Travis Willingham, and joined by special guests Sung Jin, the supervising director, Will Friedle, the voice of Kashaw, and Sunil Malhotra, the voice of Shaun Gilmore, as they give a look behind the creation of The Legend of Vox Machina.

Each provides a different look into the design of the show. The watch party events are not extreme fanfare, but give a vast amount of information about

the process of creating the show from the imaginations of creators to the onscreen animation.

Throughout the watch party the voice cast and show creators, Mercer, Riegel, and Willingham, gave a lot of insight into the creation and creative process behind bringing their imagined world into animation.

Mercer provided insight into story-driven ideas and creative decisions that led to the way the new antagonists, the dragons, looked like.

Riegel gave behind-the-scenes looks at moment-to-moment character scenes. He provided a deeper look into how they wanted to personify different characters.

Although the watch party gave a lot of creative and technical insights, the guests provided a lot of funny commentary throughout the watch party keeping a light-hearted tone and bringing the same passion and excitement into their commentary as a fan

would. Between each dose of commentary, they answered community questions regarding creative decisions or future ideas for the show.

One of the questions was: how did it feel to have created so many assets for a world and destroy it all, as was depicted in the first episode? Jin explained that they wanted to go all-out with the animation for the destruction of the central city and some animators were ready for the amount of destruction and wanted to go tenfold over the top.

They also talked about how many of the Titmouse animation team are actually long-time fans of the original source of the show. So, many of the animators were actually very well-versed in the source material.

Critical Role took this opportunity to show off some of the behind-the-scenes animatics as well, showing off art and keyframes from the show's early development life for key scenes.

Mercer talked extensively about the difficulties of creating the show during COVID, and how their performances were all separately recorded and they were not able to work off of each other. This led to many moments where the cast did not see others' performances until the final product was released, and each had genuine geek-out moments about scenes they were not part of.

Critical Role continues to show that they understand and share the same excitement to see their world come to life as their fans do. Throughout the watch party, you can see the raw passion each of them has for the project.

There will be a total of four watch parties hosted by Critical Role, with the last one airing on February 14 after the airing of the final three episodes on February 10. The watch party will be available to view on Twitch for the live airing or on-demand two days after recording.



Ontario Clippers struggle to defeat the Vipers during overtime

By Yadira Pinedo
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Basketball season resumes in full swing in the Inland Empire and the Ontario Clippers are eager to secure a handful of victories this season to improve their record in the Western Conference. They currently stand in 6th place, with opportunities to bump into the playoffs. Their season continues into the end of March and Ontario is looking to bounce back.

On the night of Jan. 31, Ontario walked off the court with a heartbreaking loss in a period

of overtime. While the final score may have reflected a loss, Ontario put up a challenging fight against the Rio Grande Valley Vipers.

At the start of the game, the scoreboard opened up with a 3-pointer from Days of the Valley Vipers, which was shortly followed by a jump shot from Ontario's Wallace. The first period was neck to neck, and the Vipers began to accumulate a slow lead in the last five minutes of the first quarter, averaging about two to three points ahead of Ontario. With 3:54 left on the scoreboard in the first half, Ontario's Moon secured a jump shot to tie the game, 24-24. The Ontario Clippers fought their way back to a three-point lead to end the first period, 29-32.

The start of the second quarter took off with a pull-up jump shot from Xavier Moon of the Ontario Clippers, adding two points to their existing lead. With 08:28 left on the scoreboard, RGV slowly began to extend its lead over Ontario. With approximately three and a

half minutes left in the second quarter, Ontario began to make its comeback, taking away from RGV's average of a seven-point lead. The excitement of the game continued and a tie was reached at 52-52 with 02:45 remaining on the scoreboard. The tie of the game was accomplished by Brown III's 3-point running jump shot. Though Ontario showed immense effort, RGV still obtained the lead at halftime, 58-56.

The second half of the game held potential for both teams. From the beginning of the second period at 12:00, the scoreboard did not change until 10:40 when Ontario's Darling finished a driving reverse layup. With 08:13 left, the game was in a tie once again, 64-64. The score remained stagnant from this point until minute 06:48 when Darling successfully shot and scored a driving floating jump shot. Though, their lead did not last long when a foul was called by Moon. RGV took this opportunity to complete a 2-point free throw. The scoreboard did not budge until

03:09 remained and Ontario's Alatishe scored a tipped layup shot. The third period came to an end with RGV slightly behind at 76-81.

The fourth and final period of the game was highly significant for both teams and Ontario began to gain confidence with a lead over RGV by 8 points, with 09:59 still remaining. However, at minute 07:18, Ontario began to face difficulties finishing their shots and their score remained at 95 points with exactly 4:00 left on the scoreboard. The Vipers had gained much momentum and confidence by reaching 92 points. They were only 3 points away from tying the game. With 01:15 left in the final quarter, RGV was only down by one point,

reflecting a score of 101-102. Ontario grew frustrated but did not let up. Though Ontario did their best to accumulate a higher lead, RGV followed right behind them and when the buzzer went off at the end of regular time, the game ended at a whopping tie of 105-105. But, the game could only result in one winner. Though both teams did their best, Rio Grande Valley secured their win over the Ontario Clippers, ending the game with a final score of 112-107.

The Ontario Clippers will continue to face a few more teams from across the country and attempt to climb their way up in the Western Conference table. You can watch them play at the Toyota Arena in Ontario, CA through March of this year.



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Post-Covid Supercross A2 Championship sells out Angel Stadium

By Haylie Spargo



Photo Credit: Haylie Spargo

Monster Energy AMA Supercross took place in Anaheim, California on Jan. 28, 2023, in a sold-out stadium. Many residents from San Bernardino County attended this post-covid dirt-bike racing championship event.

Dirt-Bike racing fans flooded the Angel Stadium of Anaheim on Saturday night filled with excitement and energy to see who would win the A2 Triple Crown title of Monster Energy AMA Supercross. This is the second year it has been held with fans in the audience since the Covid-19 pandemic. Excitement was felt and seen

throughout the stadium as phone flashlights were in the air, cheers were chanted, music was played, and food and beverages were consumed.

This post-covid event brought a sense of community back to the Angel Stadium of Anaheim after a few years of the pandemic. The pandemic created many struggles for sporting events at this venue because although the events still took place, the fans and supporters truly created the atmosphere. The Supercross fans on Jan. 28 without a doubt brought the energy back to the stadium!

The races were action-filled and you could feel the intensity between the racers from the start line. Unfortunately, Eli Tomac, a potential first-place contender, crashed and caused a wave of anxiety amongst a shocked crowd. Despite the crash, Tomac placed sixth. Tomac stated on his Instagram "Well, I'll start off by saying I'm okay and will be just fine for next weekend." Tomac and his racing career will continue!

Chase Sexton took first place in the main event and won the Triple Crown title. Chase Sexton is a part of Team Honda, his sponsor, and this was his first time holding first place this season. "That was an awesome race for me and I was super locked in," says Sexton in an interview with Supercross. He won two 450SX races and defeated his competitors. He will need to defend his championship title throughout the remainder of the season.

Chase Sexton's excitement of holding the championship title can be seen through his social media as he captioned his post "special night in Anaheim," and "this feeling never gets old." Media and sponsorships are an extensive part of Supercross. Monster Energy is the main sponsor alongside sponsors such as Oakley and Ralphs.

Not only is Supercross eventful and exciting, but there are also multiple charities to which money is donated. As listed on their website, philanthropy is a pivotal part of these races. A couple of these sponsors include Veterans & Military Support, Athlete Charities, Local Community Support and First Responders. Supercross is also partnered with St. Jude. Motorcyclist Jett Lawrence campaigned by saying, "saving kids' lives at St. Jude" in the Supercross advertisements.

Supercross takes place all over the country! Supercross campaigns heavily after each race to build anticipation and energy for the next race. "Monster Energy Yamaha Star Racing has announced that Haiden Deegan will make his highly anticipated pro debut this weekend in Houston" as mentioned on their Instagram page. His father, Brian Deegan, is a Supercross champion himself, placing the ultimate pressure on Haiden Deegan.

San Bernardino County, Orange County, and Los Angeles County community members showed their support and brought their excitement alongside them on Saturday night in Anaheim. The fight for the AMA Supercross Championship is far from over with several events yet to take place outside of California that will be broadcasted live and are sure to be action-packed!