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Female vets facing record unemployment

By JULIA MATULIONIS
Staff Writer

Unemployment rates are slowly going down, but not for veterans, specifically women veterans. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for female veterans rose to 13.5 percent, well above the national average for veterans as a whole which is at 9.7 percent.

The nation’s average for unemployment is at 7.8 percent as of Sept. 2012. This is far better than last year’s percentage which climbed as high as 9.1 percent. Veterans come home with a plethora of skills and knowledge, including positive attributes like punctuality, loyalty, and a good work ethic. Some of the negative aspects employers consider are translating skills to a business environment, post traumatic stress disorder, and concerns regarding future deployments.

“They may be skilled in the armed forces in a specific area that there really aren’t a lot of jobs in the civilian world for that particular work,” said Marci Daniels, Coordinator for The Veterans Success Center on campus. “They have a transition assistance program. They’re not enough really, for them to transition out into the civilian workplace.”

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Camaraderie among veterans is seen in fields. Iacolino.

Another issue they face is the length of time it takes them to get back on their feet. “Homeless veterans reported having been homeless for an average of 5.77 years vs. 1.92 years for homeless non-veterans,” according to a national survey of homeless veterans.

There are several companies making it their goal to hire more veterans when looking to fill positions like Wal-Mart, Chase Bank, and General Electric.

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“I like welding. In this economy welding is still a high paying job,” said Jennifer Iacolino. “I really, for them to transition out into the civilian workplace.”

“My heart goes out to the veterans, the trouble for women is these are mostly male dominated fields.

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President Barack Obama faced off against GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney on Oct. 3 in the first installment of three scheduled debates. According to the Gallup.com polls, Romney scored a major victory over the President with 72 percent of the total viewers giving the presidential hopeful the victory, while President Obama only took 20 percent of the vote.

Even among self proclaimed Demo- crats, Mitt Romney still edged out the Presi- dent by 49 percent to 39 percent. Gallup claims that the 52 point victory for Rom- ney is the largest ever recorded, though these assessments were taken on Oct. 4-5 and could be influenced by the media cov- erage, most of which gave Romney a decisive victory.

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Mitt Romney talked about tax-cuts to small businesses and on the middle class saying, “Middle-income earners have seen yearly earnings down $4,500 under Pres- ident Barack Obama, this is a tax in and of itself, I call it the economy tax and its been crushing.” President Obama said that he would sign the year extension on the Bush-Tax cuts that affect the people earn- ing up to $250,000.

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An e-mail from CSUSB Advocacy Alert mentions, “If voters pass Prop. 30, the CSU’s 2013-14 budget would remain flat,” meaning there would be no more tuition hikes.

If Proposition 30 passes it will prevent $6 billion in tax cuts this year. It will also provide billions of dollars in school fund- ing which will start this year.

CSUSB President Dr. Tomás D. Morales, said in his 2012 Convaluation Speech, that if Prop 30 would trigger a $250 million cut to the CSU, which equates to a $10 mil- lion cut to our cam- pus. This would push state funding back to 1996 levels. Since that year, the CSU system wide enrollment has increased by more than 90,000 students.

CSU Board of Trustees have a backup plan of a 5 percent or $300 dol- lar increase per student starting in 2013. So far CSUSB student’s approve of Proposition 30.

“If Prop. 30 passes it would be easier for me financially, getting an education should be something everyone can ob- tain,” said senior Nickolas Ellis.

Even professors on campus are voice- ing their opinions. “I’m voting yes on Proposition 30 because we need fund- ing for education and education helps the economy,” said Dr. Aaron Moffett, CSUSB Department of Kinesiology.

Registered voters casting yes on Propo- sition 30 will agree to the increase on taxes for higher-incomes for seven years, the increase in sales tax- es for four years and new tax revenues will be available to fund programs in the state budget.

Supporters of Proposition 30 want voters to also know that, “taxes are tem- porary, balanced and necessary for vital services.”

Those in opposi- tion say, “Prop. 30 is a shell game; there are no assurances that tax increases will actually benefit classrooms,” according to cavote.org.

If Proposition 30 fails there will be no increase on personal income taxes or sales tax, and state spending reductions, mostly towards education programs, would take effect in Winter 2013.

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Groups in favor of the proposition in- clude the California Republican Party, the California Taxpayer Protection Commit- tee, Waste Watchers and several city and country taxpayer organizations.

CSUSB sophomores Mayra Macias is in favor of the initiative. “By not having a payroll deduction, we still have a voice. Workers still have the option to voluntar- ily donate.”

Opponents of Proposition 32 criticize the proposal’s claim about stopping spe- cial interests.

Advocates against the proposal ar- gue that the measure actually gives spe- cial exemptions to super PACs and that it would have no effect on the issues in Sacramento.

Opponents argue that the proposal places unfair restrictions on the working class and their unions.

They claim it wouldn’t take money out of politics because it exempts big businesses like Wall Street investment firms and insurance companies, which have been major contributors to Califor- nia political campaigns.

According to the nonpartisan League of Women Voters, an advocate for No on Proposition 32 campaign, argues “the measure does not take money out of poli- tics. Super PACs and independent expen- diture committees are exempt from its controls.”

While voters opposing the initiative also argue that the proposition would make it easier for political action committees to buy elections, because it was “intention- ally written for billionaires to have more power to write their own rules,” says East County Magazine.

“Prop 32 isn’t designed to solve our economic problems,” says CSUSB junior Jesus Gonzales. “It sounds like it will just limit the voices of the people supporting it, like teachers and firefighters.”

Opponents of the initiative include The League of Women Voters, ACLU California, California Federation of Teachers, California Professional Fire- fighters, California Democratic Party and labor organizations.

While there are supporters and those against the proposal, there are still many voters who are undecided.

“I have mixed feelings because I don’t like the leverage that unions have in any of this. All I know is that in today’s society, if you have money you automatically have power,” says CSUSB senior Janet Teran. A “yes” on Proposition 32 means that unions and corporations cannot use money deducted from an employee’s pay- check to fund their political campaigns, individuals would have the option of contributing voluntarily.

“A ‘no’ on this vote means that you reject the change to existing laws regarding this matter.”

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Where is the equality in financial aid?

By MELISSA O'BECK
Staff Writer

I believe single parents soak up all of the “free” financial aid money while other students drown in debt.

In my opinion this creates student inequality.

With the recent 9.1 percent increase that went into effect this fall, tuition is at a record high, according to USA Today. Education is becoming less feasible for the average student.

The CSU claims to offer affordable, accessible and quality education. But that’s no longer the case.

“I graduated from Riverside Community College last year, but I am waiting until I am 24 to transfer to CSUSB so I can be eligible for some sort of financial aid,” said Matthew Lewis, 23.

“Even though I work two jobs and pay for my own schooling I am still considered a dependent of my parents. I simply cannot afford $2,300 a quarter before books and parking permit without some kind of aid.”

The aid and options seem to be endless for single parents to go to school no matter what their age.

But where is a lending hand to the average student who works anywhere from one to three jobs while trying to stay on top of their studies?

They fall into that middle class category although they are over 18, due to their parents income which they have no entitlement to.

It seems these students’ graduation date keeps getting postponed because the aid is not there.

They have to support themselves, which ultimately leads to a higher debt ratio among graduates, making it difficult to finish or even go to school.

Higher education should be helping pave the way to a life of opportunity, not financial disaster.

However, Pell Grants are limited to only specific individuals and which do not have to be paid back.

The rest of the students under 24 are only offered student loans, which do have to be paid back.

“In my opinion, it is fair. Being a mother going to school is hard. We have more financial obligations than most students. Besides school finances like books and classes, we also have to worry about finding and paying for daycare while we are at school,” said student and parent Cara Golightly.

While this rings undeniable truth, we live in a country where government handouts to single parents are endless.

If the parent is not receiving child support, is that not what welfare, WIC, discounted housing, free healthcare, Head-Start programs, food-stamps, and the continual list that goes on are for?

We even have a daycare right here on campus at a more affordable cost than most other day care centers.

I am in no way discriminating or suggesting that single parents should be stripped of these privileges.

I agree that single parents deserve opportunity, and fortunately, there is plenty of it.

But I do believe that when it comes to education there should be some form of student equality. We are all here for the same reasons, trying to achieve the same goals, striving for brighter futures.

If the government is going to give funding to organizations that single out parents and minorities then there should be funding for other students that are not minorities or single parents, but are working just as hard.

At 18 we are all legal adults. We should not be discriminated against because of our parents income since we are no longer under their legal guardianship.

We all come from different walks of life, but when we enroll in this school a certain unity is formed.

We are all students. We all deserve equal opportunity to succeed, and we all deserve a fighting chance.

The Weekly Chuckle

The vice-presidential debate on Oct. 11 was a stark contrast to last week’s presidential debate.

Vice president Joe Biden and Republican Paul Ryan both came out strong, making this debate a much more even match than the debate between Obama and Romney. This time around, the polls showed a split in who voters thought won the debate. According to a CBS poll, 50 percent of viewers felt Biden emerged victorious while 31 percent chose Ryan as the winner. CNN’s poll, however, showed a much closer contest: 48 percent of viewers felt Ryan won compared to the 44 percent that believed Biden won the debate.
Student votes are key in this year’s election

By STEPHANIE “LILO” MADRIGAL  Staff Writer

College students need to step up and vote after a decrease in registered young voters since 2008.

Voters between the ages of 18-29 are a full 11 percent lower than in the 2008 election, bringing the amount of registered young voters to 63 percent, according to The Pew Research Center.

“The number of young people registered to vote hasn’t been this low since 1999,” according to www.washington.cb-slocal.com.

President Barack Obama saw a high number of young voters in the 2008 election and along with Governor Mitt Romney, are hoping for a high turnout in November.

Not only is voting for president important, there are propositions affecting college students directly.

We are the future and voting this year will affect us drastically.

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CSUSB students prepare to rock the vote

By MARC-OLIVIER DROUIN | Staff Writer

Nashville electro-rapper Chancellor Warhol performed at the Santos Manuel Student Union last Tuesday in association with the Rock the Vote organization to inform students about the importance of the upcoming election.

A small crowd was gathered for the first part of the event where director of student leadership and development, Mark Hartley, asked Warhol a couple of questions in regards to the 2012 election.

In his answers, the Tennessee electro-rapper emphasized the importance of arts, culture and education. He said that if he were president, he would encourage young people to travel in order to discover new culture and get inspired by other countries.

After the interview, Warhol kicked off his performance in front of the few students.

“The small crowd shows the lack of enthusiasm among the youth voters,” said one of the participants.

The rapper, visibly unaffected by the nearly empty room, gave an energetic performance. Singing electro-rap songs from his three albums: Playlist for Edie, Factory and Japanese Lunchbox – while bouncing across the crowd. Despite minor, but frequent sound problems, the tiny audience enjoyed the performance and the rapper’s truly unique music style. As a Rock the Vote featured artist, last Tuesday was the fifth performance that Warhol did for the organization.

Rock the Vote is a non-partisan and non-profit organization that uses popular culture and music to build the political power of young people.

Warhol believes that as an artist, one of his jobs is to influence people to make good decisions in order to make a better world. He also said the arts are in the background of political leaders’ minds during the 2012 election.

He hopes that in a couple of years, politicians would consider arts and culture in their debates like in other countries.

The Rock the Vote event was also a great place to hear the students opinions about the upcoming election. Many of them seem to think that their vote will not make any difference.

A student said the 2008 election was much more interesting with Obama’s platform which emphasized hope and change. “Truth be told, there is no excitement about this election,” said one of the participants.

There was also a voter registration table at the event. According to a person that was in charge of the registration, only a few people filled out the precious piece of paper – they did not reach their expectations.

When asked about the peritenence of such an organization, student Melissandre Compere said, “Artists should not influence your political decisions. People must be aware of the political stakes and make their own decision.”

Compere might be right, but Rock the Vote’s mission is to cite young people to register and vote with the help of the arts.

With the election a couple of weeks away, Rock the Vote is presently traveling across the United States to influence young people to exercise their right to vote. In California, you have until Oct. 22 to register.
Welcome to the month of pink! October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM), an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease and people are showing their support nationwide. People can be seen sporting pink everywhere this month. Even the National Football League players are wearing pink shoes, headbands, wristbands and pink patches on their jerseys to show support.

Locally, the Redlands Fire Department is happily showing their support. Redlands firefighters have swapped their blue T-shirts for fabulous pink tees in honor of national Breast Cancer Awareness month. These local heroes embrace the color pink in honor of those who have fought the battle with breast cancer.

Did you know you could own your own pink firefighter tee? The public can also purchase a Redlands Fire Department pink T-shirts up until Nov. 1 at the Redlands Fire Administration office. The cost of the shirt is $20 with all profits going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

“Our intentions was to do something for the community,” said Rocha.

The National Breast Cancer Foundation has a site to inform the public about what they can do for the cause. While most people are aware of breast cancer, many forget to take the steps to detect the disease in its early stages. The Redlands firefighters are active in showing their support for their community. What can you do to help? There are many ways to help support our brave women and men impacted by the disease.

Encourage those in your lives to create an Early Detection Plan and invite others to do the same. Get screened to detect the disease because early detection is the key to saving thousands of lives.

Get involved in a fundraiser in your area to provide mammograms for women in need and a biopsy for men. Donate, fundraise, and volunteer for our women and men to show your support. Together, we can overcome breast cancer.

As quoted by Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, “Every woman needs to know the facts. And the fact is, when it comes to breast cancer, every woman is at risk.”

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As the theft of bicycles and laptops increases, CSUSB campus police have established two new programs to solve the problem.

The Cal State San Bernardino University Police Laptop and Electronic Devices Anti-Theft Registration Program (LEDATRP) and the Cal State San Bernardino University Police Bicycle Registration Program (BRP) insist on recording your valuables with campus police, thus reducing the chances of theft while protecting your electronics and your bike.

The programs are still pretty new on campus. “Both programs started towards the end of the 2011-2012 school year with the intention of being in place for the start of the 2012-2013 school year," said Officer Erik Sylvestri.

According to National Bike Registration, more than 1.5 million bikes are stolen every year and the majority of the thefts happen on college campuses. According to a FBI study, a laptop is stolen every 53 seconds and one in 10 individuals will have their laptop stolen.

These statistics are alarming and because almost everyone owns at least one electronic device, campus police strongly encourage you to register those items.

By registering the items you want protected, CSUSB will keep all the important information like serial numbers and models in a database so it will be easier to find them in case of a theft. They will then contact you once your personal object is found.

So, if your property gets stolen you will only have to call them and inform campus police that your device is on record. Registering your possessions may be a good solution to help prevent the robbery, but campus police also provides tips to help prevent them getting stolen in the first place.

The greatest way to avoid theft is to keep an eye on your valuables. Always lock away your electronics properly when you are not around and try to not expose them.

They also suggested taking pictures of your bike, so in case of theft, it will be easier for them to have a good idea of what it looks like. It is also worth reading the manual.
The perks of being an online shopper

By MARISSA MOONEY
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Paying for books, classes and gas can take a toll on a student’s wallet and their budget for shopping.

Since school and work consume most of our time, it is hard to find a chance to spend money on ourselves. Many have turned to online shopping.

“I like to shop at stores and online, but I choose online over anything because it saves the hassle of wasting gas going to the mall,” said student Eduardo Escobedo. “I get better deals in the stores sometimes, but it has its trade-offs. My favorite online shopping sites to visit are UrbanOutfitters.com, 80spurple.com and H&M.”

Students spend countless hours studying and sometimes it can be fun to take a break from all of it to browse the internet for some cool shopping sites.

Popular sites like Amazon offer student deals on shipping, especially on books and electronics. But aside from shopping for school supplies, many are looking for deals on fall clothing.

Websites for department stores and shops like Forever 21, Macy’s, Nordstrom’s and Kohl’s may offer online coupons or deals that are cheaper, including the clearance section.

“I like to go shopping in actual stores, but I have a few sites I like to visit like tobi.com and nastygal.com,” said student Natalie Esparza. “The deals online versus in actual stores vary. You can get free shipping and sometimes cheaper dresses and shoes online than in the store. Sometimes even the clearance racks in the store will be cleaned out so it is easier to find it online.”

Fall Fashion has begun and browsing online before hitting stores may be a good idea.

Many shopping sites send out e-mails on deals and specials during the week that can be used in the store or online.

Sites like groupon.com offer many different specials that range from vacations, clothes and even laptops.

Clothing sites with membership only perks, like plndr.com and hautelook.com, allow shoppers to find deals on designer clothes and also earn points by referring customers to their sites.

Instead of comparison shopping from one store to the next, energy and time is saved for other things when the best deals can be compared online with just a click of the mouse.

While stores and malls close at a certain time, online shopping is open 24/7. Shopping world-wide is a possibility online.

Online coupon codes are also efficient for most sites along with items that may not be in stores.

There are benefits to in-store and online shopping, but it’s the same as long as the deals are good. Sometimes it can be fun to go out with friends to the mall and browse stores and try things on and other times it is acceptable to stay home, study and shop online.

As the holidays draw near, it is a good idea to check out the online specials and enjoy browsing for new shopping sites to share with others.

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Marissa Mooney | Chronicle Photo
Student Natalie Esparza finds online shopping more convenient than going to the stores because she finds better deals.
Art exhibit explores rich Latino culture

By LUPE DURAN
Staff Writer

A new exhibition at CSUSB’s Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art (RAFFMA) features contemporary art pieces that even those with little or no art background can certainly enjoy.

“Perspectives,” on display until Dec. 15, is an exhibition rich in Chicano and Latino influences that features five artists from different backgrounds and artistic styles whose stories come alive through their artwork.

Kirsch set out to organize the exhibition last Spring.

“Creative variety, artistic background, age group and location were determining factors,” said Kirsch when asked about the process of putting “Perspectives” together. Featured artists include Vallejo, Luis G. Hernandez, David Rosales, Kathy Sosa and Gregg Stone, whose work portrays their view on social and political issues as well as insight into their personal stories.

Gregg Stone, who before painting, dealt with a substance abuse issue in Tijuana, Mexico, reflects his life struggle in his work and depicts a blend of life on both sides of the border.

Rosales represents common racial stereotypes and misconceptions in his art by including giant robots, flying saucer sombreros and aliens in his pieces. A little different from the others, Hernandez uses text in his work that also represents his life growing up in various cities around Baja, California and Southern California.

One thing these artists share is the desire to provide their viewers with a sense of familiarity through their art pieces. They strive to give their audience an intimate and personal experience when observing their pieces. Kirsch says pride in the ways people can connect with her art.

“There was an older lady that came to the opening of ‘Perspectives’ who said
MS MR make their social media mark

By MACKENZIE VIERA
Staff Writer

Since the outbreak of social networking and user friendly blogs, the Internet has made it more than possible for hidden talent to be revealed. Whether its retweeted, reposted, “liked,” or passed on from region to region, it’s going to be discovered. This is exactly what has happened to viral sensation MS MR.

On September 17, the Tumblr legions discovered Brooklyn-based duo MS MR when they released their long awaited four-track EP, Candy Bar Creep Show. Indie and Pop fans are in for a treat this season as they will notice the sounds of MS MR are similar to those of Florence and the Machine and Oh Land.

The indie-pop New Yorkers have released songs one by one on Mondays, making their music accessible to download and listen to while keeping their identity a mystery until their first appearance on tour with Marina and the Diamonds.

With that their fans have built up anticipation and excitement for the final release date. You’re probably hesitating on whether to call them M-S-M-R or just “the band with no faces that sings ‘Hurricane.’” Well, question yourself no further, it’s actually pronounced “Miss & Mister.”

Shortly after the release of their hit “Hurricane,” Lizzy Plapinger (Miss) and Max Hershenson (Mister) were signed to Sony BMG with plans of releasing a full album in 2013.

MS MR described Tumblr as, “…An incredible source of inspiration and support, that lead them into pre-releasing tracks on their page. It is without a doubt that MS MR care about their fans enough to show gratitude by giving back music and the opportunity for fans to be featured in their upcoming album.

As an added bonus, listeners can create their own mix of any track from CBCR to submit and the pair of musicians will choose one that will be featured in their new album. “We’re free to present each song in a larger mixed media context, giving each song the opportunity to have its own identity and room to breathe and grow,” said the band.

To date, Candy Bar Creep Show, has received over 8,000 user notes on Tumblr within a month. At the start of CBCR is the dark and eerie track “Bones” that haunts listeners and lures them into the feeling of running and hiding in a graveyard full of zombies. The following song on the album is the pre-released best known “Hurricane.” Giving you a quick break from the halloween, this track starts at a mellow tempo leading to an excursion into the 80s with dark vocals, drums and echoes taking us to the inner workings of Plapinger’s mind. This track can be considered similar to Lana Del Rey or Cranberries lead singer Dolores O’Riordan.

CABC concludes with tracks “Dark Doo Wop,” and “Ash Tree Lane,” songs that don’t reach the height of the spooky style it acquainted us with in the beginning. “Dark Doo-Wop,” for example, sounds like the snooze button interrupting an awesome nightmare. In spite of the two last tracks, Candy Bar Creep Show has placed MS MR firmly in the spotlight of bands to look out for.

In “Taken 2,” no more mister nice Neeson

By MARIELA LIMON
Staff Writer

Liam Neeson is back to kicking butt and dominating the box office with the action-packed thriller “Taken 2.”

Directed by the appropriately named Olivier Megaton, “Taken 2” is the sequel to the popular 2008 action film “Taken,” which was a surprise hit at the box office.

The first feature, “Taken” centered around Bryan Mills (Neeson) trying to rescue his daughter who was kidnapped while vacationing in Paris by a group of Albanian sex traffickers. Mills embarked on a thrilling killing spree in the attempt to save his daughter and was successful in the end.

“In Taken 2” family members of the human traffickers killed by Mills are out to seek revenge.

When the Albanians learn of Mills’ bodyguard job in Istanbul, they devise a plan to kidnap him.

Unknown to them, Bryan’s daughter Kim (Maggie Grace) and his ex-wife Leonor (Famke Janssen) meet up with Bryan for an impromptu family vacation, making things a little more complicated.

The action begins when Mills and Leonor are taken against their will. Their daughter, however, narrowly escapes.

Mills must repeatedly use all his CIA expertise to escape from the traffickers and guide his daughter to safety.

In this installment Mills isn’t the only hero, his daughter must also muscle up and help her parents in this time of need by outrunning the vengeful men.

Although the main draw of the movie is the action (And boy, does the movie deliver on the action), the audience also has an emotional connection to the story. We cannot help but root for a happy ending for Mills and his family.

Car chases and fighting scenes are prominent throughout the movie and they give the audience the emotions the story expects from this movie.

Like any story it has its questionable moments. How does Mills get away with killing so many people and causing such destruction in the streets? But that is beside the point. “Taken 2” has its ups and downs but it never veers off what made the first film a hit. Delivering an action-packed and well acted performance, Liam Neeson carries this story on his shoulders and shows us that a good story can be projected in different ways.

All in all, “Taken 2” thrills the audience and takes us on a bumpy ride through the streets of Istanbul.

Despite all of this, the movie has received mixed reviews from critics. It garnered a whopping 20% approval rating on RottenTomatoes.com. Despite lackluster reviews, “Taken 2” has been favored by many regular moviegoers.

The movie made more than $49 million in its first weekend in the U.S. alone. To date the movie has made over $136 million worldwide, according to BoxOfficeemojo.com.

Eventually the audience loses themselves in the movie and simply take it for what it is: escapist entertainment.

I would recommend this film to everyone, even if you haven’t seen the first film. It is a guaranteed cinematic thrill ride.
Looking for a way to step out of your comfort zone and help break down misconceptions about Islamic women? Well look no further because Hijab Challenge Week is back.

After such high demand from last year’s successful run, CSUSB’s Muslim Student Association (MSA) is hosting another series of events throughout the week of Oct. 15 to get the community involved, aware and knowledgeable about the real customs and experiences of a Muslim woman who wears the Hijab, also known as a “Hijabi.”

This Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. MSA members will set up tables in the Student Union fully equipped with a variety of scarves for participants to wear. The objective is for people to experience a day in the life of a Hijabi.

Before actually wearing the scarves students will receive a quick lesson on the purpose behind the religious attire in order to better educate themselves and the people that may be asking them questions later.

Each participant will then borrow a scarf from the MSA tables where a member will help put them on to wear during the day.

Also featured on the tables are knowledgeable MSA members who are willing to answer any (appropriate) questions and are providing free informational pamphlets about the faith.

In addition to the three days of wearing the hijab, the MSA will be holding a panel on Thursday from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. in the SMSU Theater where participants are invited to discuss and share their experiences.

Join your fellow students in the effort to breakdown misconceptions and false stereotypes of hijabs.

By MANAL MUSEITEF  
Asst. A&E Editor

Unveiling the mystery of the hijab  
MSA event challenges Coyotes to embrace another culture

Photo Courtesy of MSA

Maryam Hassan helps dress a student in last year’s event.

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Chelsey Jones: diligent, hard worker

By LINDSEY ALLEN
Staff Writer

Chelsey Jones is a diligent student and honored athlete working hard to achieve her dreams. Jones began playing soccer when she was six years old and never looked back. She participated in other sports while growing up such as volleyball, basketball and track, but chose to pursue soccer.

“Grades come first,” said Jones. “I’m a student athlete, not an athlete student. It gets stressful sometimes but in those times it’s nice to have people to rely on.”

Cherniss looks to continue winning tradition

By RYAN LIBBY
Staff Writer

Woman’s Volleyball Coach Kim Cherniss has built a dynasty here at CSUSB. Now in her 22nd year, Cherniss continues to recruit dynamic players in an effort to put together a perfect team.

“We want dynamic athleticism,” said Cherniss. “It’s by far the sport I am best at; it’s been with me since I was little. I enjoy it and it’s something I’m passionate about,” said Jones.

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Men’s soccer gains momentum after historic win

By DEVAN LEE
Staff Writer

The CSUSB men’s soccer team came out victorious in a historic win against Sonoma State University on Sunday, Oct. 7. Their victory marks the first time in school history the Coyote men’s soccer team has defeated SSU, but it is also Thompson’s first year as the head coach for the Coyote men’s soccer team.

According to Coach Travis Clarke, there is a substantial enough to prevent them from competing against, the girls will have many tough challenges ahead of them. With four games remaining in their season, they have plenty of time to make a run for first place and claim a playoff berth.

Women’s soccer encounters a tough loss

By MEGAN ACUNA
Staff Writer

The Coyotes women’s soccer team lost to the Seawolves of Sonoma State University in a 2-0 shutout Sunday, Oct. 7. Around the 61st minute of playing time, Sonoma State scored their first goal of the game off of a PK.

Although the match would end up close in the score, the result of the game would inevitably be an unforgettable win for the men of CSUSB soccer.

The Yotes would at the end of regulation time come out on top 2-1 against the Seawolves, bringing their record up to four wins and one loss.

Their unbeatable performance marks the first time CSUSB men’s soccer has beaten Sonoma State in school history.

With a win as pivotal as this, the inevitable question as to whether or not the team will capitalize on their win comes into play.

However, with such a moving victory under their belts, it is safe to assume that team morale is at an all-time high for the Coyotes, especially considering the current position of head coach Lance Thompson.

This year not only marks the first year Men’s soccer has beaten SSU, but it is also Thompson’s first year as the head coach for the Coyote men’s soccer team.

It appears as though the team should have all the momentum they need to succeed in their upcoming games.

With all of these factors working in their favor, one can only hope the boys in black and blue will continue to strive for success in the rest of the regular season.

In the words of Brazilian professional soccer player Edison Arantes do Nascimento, “Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.”

As the season begins to come to an end, the Yotes still hold a winning record in the California Collegiate Athletic Association conference.

With fantastic goalkeeping, and balanced scoring, women’s soccer looks to bounce back and regain their winning form.

With a competitive division to compete against, the girls will have many tough challenges ahead of them.

More forward Emily Mardon was the only player with two attempted shots, both of which were wide of the net.

Freshman defender Jill Wierzbicki had a header shot in the 25th minute of the game, but it was saved by the Seawolves’ goalie. The other shot on goal was from Junior forward Demetri Burgos. With a total of four, the freshman leads the team in goals scored for the 2012 season.

Burgos’ first goal came in the season opener against Colorado Mesa University.

The Coyote’s second goal was shot and made by freshman mid-fielder Ricardo Velasco. With a total of four, the freshman leads the team in goals scored for the 2012 season.

Velasco scored the difference making goal off of a penalty kick (PK) to widen the deficit between the two teams.

As the two teams continued to battle it out, the Coyotes managed to hold their two-nothing lead for the majority of the match. Unfortunately for the Yotes, there wouldn’t be a shut-out to add to an already ideal victory.

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