**Guerrilla Girls go bananas**

The Guerrilla Girls have come to CSUSB to display, challenge, and discuss the role of gender and inequality within the fine arts.

The group of masked women devotes themselves to represent women artists and create opportunities for their art to be displayed.

They do not use their real names. Instead, they use names of dead artists to protect their identities.

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**Gun violence in California**

**By Saeed Villanueva**

Staff Writer

People are split on the issue of gun control in California after the recent shooting at North Park elementary.

The recent school shooting in which a teacher and an 8-year-old child lost their lives is just another incident in which gun violence has affected the community.

The perpetrator, Cedric Anderson, used a high caliber revolver and had a history of domestic abuse, weapons arrest, and drug possession, according to police reports.

According to state law, any person who has had a prior misdemeanor charge receives a 10-year ban from purchasing a gun and a lifetime ban for convicted felons.

California is one of the most strict states when it comes to gun laws and has been a heavily discussed topic of debate.

State law only allows licensed California firearms dealers who possess a valid Certificate of Eligibility to sell firearms as well as requiring a 10 day waiting period to obtain their gun.

During the 10 day waiting period, an eligibility background check is conducted to make sure that the purchaser is not prohibited from lawfully possessing firearms.

This raises questions on how a person who has a criminal history had a gun at his disposal.

“Criminals don’t follow laws. If someone wants to do something they are going to find a way to do it no matter what,” said Peter, a local gun shop owner, who requested that his identity remains undisclosed.

Gun shop owners in the area believe it is unfair that we have these rigorous laws, despite the ongoing firearm violence in the city.

They often see the violence as a product of culture rather than what the laws are.

“Too strict, why can’t I have the same laws as everyone else? You should be able to have the right to protect yourself, look at Chicago they have some of the biggest gun related deaths yet they have strict laws too,” said Peter.

Owners who feel like California laws are too strict often point to other states as examples of the rules they would like here.

One example is Arizona, one of the most lenient states when it comes to gun laws. There is no waiting period, background check or license required to purchase a gun.

“It’s way too strict here, look at how quick it is in Arizona, there are no loops or boundaries. It shouldn’t be this difficult to purchase a weapon,” said George, a gun salesman from a local outdoors store, who requested his identity remain undisclosed.

Advocates for stricter laws feel the issue go beyond what the current laws are.

“I believe the media tends to bring up the issue only when tragedies happen yet every other day they fail to address the topic at all,” said student Connie Mejia.

“it only leaves us to think...”

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**Comic Books & Culture**

By Monica Rosales

Contributing Writer

Comic Books & Culture was hosted at CSUSB on April 19, sharing the knowledge of the major influences culture brings into our society and much more.

More than 20 students attended the event to hear the stories about talent and culture that guest speakers, Javier Hernandez and Bernyce Talley, had to share.

“A painter paints whatever they want, I feel a comic is the same thing, it is an expression of me,” said Hernandez, a self-published author, and award-winning creator of comic book and film “El Muerto.”

Hernandez started off the event describing his strong influences growing up.

He talked about how his culture allowed him to connect with so many comic books like “Fantastic 4” and “Spider-Man” because they all had characteristics he was very familiar with when he was young.

Both Hernandez and Talley stories expressed the multiple ways culture molds us into who we are and how we should use those characteristics to express ourselves.

Talley shared her background of being raised by strong black women and how comic book characters like Storm opened her eyes.

“That’s when I learned about Storm. I couldn’t wait for the opening show segment to see her flying out there,” said Talley.

“She has these traits that made me want to be her.”

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New advice column addresses domestic violence.

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Two former Coyote players discuss minor league baseball.

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Students discuss honesty and communication in relationships.

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United Airlines gets dragged down

By Shaneh Ahmed
Staff Writer

United Airlines has taken a large amount of criticism and backlash in the week since a passenger was forcibly removed from United Airlines Flight 3411 due to an overbooked situation.

Three United Airlines employees dragged Dr. David Dao off his flight after refusing to give up his seat on the overbooked flight, which needed extra seats for employees who were making their way to another airport in Louisville, on April 11.

Dua suffered a broken nose, two broken front teeth, and a bloodied mouth in the incident, prompting fellow passengers to record videos of the event and publish it throughout the internet.

The CEO of United Airlines, Oscar Munoz, initially defended his employees in his initial press release, stating that “our employees followed established procedures for dealing with situations like this.” This response led to further outrage in the community.

As a result of this incident, United Airlines’ stock portfolio has dropped 11 percent in the week since, which is equivalent to roughly $255 million in values of market cap, according to Forbes. Dao’s family has since said they have shared their frustrations with the way United Airlines has handled the situation and the fall out of the incident.

“I cannot believe they would treat a passenger like that,” said season passenger, Tony Pickett.

“I understand they have rules, but you cannot just drag somebody off a plane like that for nothing,” Pickett said that he will no longer be flying with United Airlines at all, even though he travels often to the East Coast.

“It is absolutely gross and humiliating to everyone involved,” said student Bobby Gage.

“The response from the CEO was even worse because he didn’t even sound apologetic.”

The tone that United Airlines was giving off in response to the occurrence irritated Gage.

“That poor guy is going to make millions off of them, as he should,” said Gage.

Another customer, Michael Tobin, spoke out about the context of the situation.

“It’s one thing if the passenger did something wrong, or sat somewhere he wasn’t supposed to,” Tobin said.

“But the whole reason the guy was dragged out was because United overbooked their flight and made a mistake, and that’s the biggest issue I have with it.”

Tobin himself didn’t fly with United Airlines often to begin with, so it hasn’t changed his flight patterns much, as he will continue to fly outside of their realm.

After everything, United Airlines has taken a big hit in their public relations department, and they will need to do a lot to refurbish their image. Though even this has gotten off to a rough start.

Just a few days later, another incident occurred on a United Airlines flight, as a scorpion fell from an overhead bin onto a man and stung him.

A couple flying to their wedding were booted from their flight in response to another customer occupying their seats, on April 18.

United Airlines has some damage control to perform if they want their sales back.

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United Airlines has some market cap to lose, with 30 percent.

It’s a tricky subject because drinking [...] some of the outreach we do is teaching people what a standard drink is, there is a lot of confusion about that, if you get a solo cup, you think that’s a drink, but it could have five drinks in it depending on how many shots,” stated Webster.

Answers varied from sobering up, staying at the location overnight, or an Uber, but sometimes it resulted in questionable decisions.

“Every now and then and it does happen where we just want out of here, stated anonymous.

Another had mixed reviews on if they trust their friend to drive after a drink.

“You just because, although I don’t feel comfortable, they do say like I know my limits or whatever, and they do seem fine, yet again though, I know what happens with just one drink,” said anonymous.

What constitutes as an individual’s limit per day may change day to day, according to Webster.

“You just don’t know how alcohol is affecting them, depending on when you are last, how hydrated you are, how tired you are, even if you think my BAC will be below .08, it doesn’t mean they’re still not being affected by alcohol, anything is that going to inhibit, impair or slow down your reaction time is going to make it more dangerous,” according to Webster.

One student had a peculiar way to test their friends sobriety.

“We do the whole key in a sock thing, if you want to get into the party or you are the only driver, then we can put the [car] key in a sock and that is locked away, and then like every one has their own little test, like before you go out of the party, to see if your sober or not,” said anonymous.

Webster suggests a few tactics for students to take when confronted with a tough decision when a DD has been drinking.

“If I think it’s planning ahead, you should have zero drinks in your system if you are going to be the DD, and that’s hard because sometimes people say they are going to be the DD, and they don’t,” stated Webster. “At that point, you have to do the hard thing like taking their keys and saying you’re not going to be the DD, we are going to take an Uber.”

9,967 people were killed in alcohol-impaired driving crashes, accounting for nearly one-third (31 percent) of all traffic-related deaths in the United States according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2014.

Webster attempts to have the health center attend large-scale events on campus to spread the message about drunk driving.

“We teach people how to read the BAC Chart, which is blood alcohol concentration, we give them a handout to take with them,” stated Webster.

Among drivers with BAC levels of 0.08 percent or higher involved in fatal crashes in 2014, three out of every ten were between 21 and 24 years of age (30 percent).
World Briefs

By Emily Anne Espinosa
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Community Editor

April 18, 2017

Germany
Bombing on Borussia Dortmund bus is suspected to be an attack for orchestrated for monetary profit.

April 20, 2017

France
Days before the upcoming election, a suspected terrorist attack takes place on Champ Elysees, the most iconic boulevard in Paris. “The timing of the attack itself is significant in that this will help to ensure the group is a centerpiece of political discourse in France,” said Michael S Smith, terrorism analyst.

April 21, 2017

United Kingdom
First 24-hour coal-free period in the UK since the Industrial Revolution. “A decade ago, a day without coal would have been unimaginable, and in 10 years’ time our energy system will have radically transformed again,” said Hannah Martin, head of energy at Greenpeace UK.

April 21, 2017

Venezuela
Eight people are electrocuted to death that occurred during a looting incident amid violent protest against President Nicolas Maduro. “People starting looting the businesses and yelling that they were hungry and that they want the government out,” said Daniela Alvarado, a witness.

April 22, 2017

Politics

By Daniel Urenda
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Last week, President Donald Trump signed a bill that allows states to withhold money from Planned Parenthood. Though some see it as a controversial event, defunding Planned Parenthood was one of the several promises Trump made during his campaign for the presidency.

The bill was signed last Thursday and will allow states to withhold federal funding from clinics that offer abortions.

Due to Vice President Mike Pence’s tie-breaking vote, the bill was able to get through the Senate to President Trump.

The signing of the bill was closed to the press. The ceremony was only attended by a few people, including leaders of the Susan B. Anthony List, an anti-abortion women’s group. The passing of this legislation effectively reverses a rule Barrack Obama issued shortly before his presidency ended, which had barred states from withholding federal funds from health clinics that provided abortions.

This is the twelfth time Trump has used the 1966 Congressional Review Act to reverse legislation from the Obama administration.

According to Planned Parenthood, abortions make up less than 3 percent of the services they offer. The use of taxpayer funds to pay for abortions has been banned in the U.S. for decades, except in the case of rape, incest or life-threatening situations. Nonetheless, the nonprofit organization will be severely weakened by this bill.

“This is an issue that impacts everybody and everything,” said Women’s Resource Center Coordinator, Janet Honn-Alex, who is a former Planned Parenthood worker.

According to Honn-Alex, it is thanks to Planned Parenthood that abortion rates are not even higher than they are now, due to all the birth control and knowledge that they offer to the public. “I don’t agree with this, I think what they do is beneficial for both men and women,” said Beatrice Sandoval, student.

While some are taking comfort in the fact that this bill does not directly defund Planned Parenthood and only allows states to decide whether or not to withhold funding, certain states may suffer more than others. “It’s gonna impact a lot of people, especially outside of California,” said Honn-Alex.

According to her, there are many states in the country with as little as one clinic offering abortion services.

When asked what they thought of the bill, students seemed confident that the legality of abortion in California was not in immediate danger. Some, however, were concerned what this would mean for women outside of the state.

“I just hope that the more conservative states don’t take away their funding, what they do is really important,” said Crystal Gonzales, student.

Even before the signing of this bill, Planned Parenthood and abortion clinics across the U.S. have been facing a variety of difficulties.

“More clinics are closing than opening,” stated Honn-Allex, as she explained that Planned Parenthood workers usually make no money and do what they do purely out of altruism.

The Planned Parenthood Federation of America condemned the bill as being the latest attack on women’s health by Congress. This was in reference to the recent global gag rule issued by Trump, as well as the confirmation of Supreme Court Justice, Neil Gorsuch.

Back in March, the White House told Planned Parenthood that their funding would not be cut if they discontinued their abortion services. They, however, refused the deal.

By Brittanie Gutierrez
Staff Writer

Assembly Bill 479 (AB-479), an updated version of Assembly Bill 1561 (AB-1561), is the bill that strives to end the taxation on feminine products such as tampons, pads, and feminine cups, as well as diapers.

“It would make feminine products a lot cheaper for families who can’t afford it,” said student Osbaldo Rubio.

The bill, which would be enacted on January 1, 2018 if passed, would exempt the taxation on any products “designed, manufactured, processed, fabricated, or package for use of infants, children, or adults,” and feminine products used during menstruation, according to AB-479.

A fear many assembly members have is how would Californians make up the difference for the tax taken off these products. The bill also proposes imposing a higher tax on alcohol.

“On and after January 1, 2018, at 2:01 a.m., on all distilled spirits of proof strength or less, an additional excise surtax of one dollar and twenty cents ($1.20) per wine gallon and at a proportionate rate for any other quantity,” according to AB-479.

For alcohol with a higher-proof strength, it would be raised $2.60. “I think it could be a good step deter people from wanting to use alcohol,” continued Rubio.

“If the demand is high enough, people are still going to pay for it,” said Lead Student Assistant with the Women’s Resource Center (WRC), Irene Tobias.

This is not the first time that a bill of this nature has been presented to the California Legislature or in the U.S.

In fact, Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed AB-561, which proposed almost the exact same requirements as AB-479.

“Each of these bills creates a new tax break or expands an existing tax break,” continued Tobias.

The bill allows states to withhold federal funding from clinics. The bill would reduce revenues by about $300 million through 2017-18, according to a veto letter from the Office of the Governor and Gov. Jerry Brown.

Nationally, women’s rights have been a hot topic. President Donald Trump signed a bill to defund Planned Parenthood, a resource for women’s health on April 18.

“I’ve noticed Jerry Brown sometimes lags a little bit on certain issues and then once nationally they seem important, he tends to support them,” continued Tobias.

Will this new decision sway the decision of Gov. Brown? Will the influence of other states joining the “not taxing feminine products” movement change his mind?

“Everything is in a tight spot, money is tight. The more money you can save is better,” continued Rubio.

In a city like San Bernardino, where most of the population are part of low-income families, adding taxes on necessities adds up to daily expenses, and often sacrifices have to be made.

“There’s a lot of people who don’t have access to them and they have to get them from here, or the DSN, or Rec Sports has some,” said Tobias.

A few one or two dollars doesn’t seem like too much, really adds up,” continued Tobias.

Taxation Exemption on Necessities ties

A revised bill to end the taxation on feminine products and diapers is presented to California Legislature, adding to the feminist movement conversation.

By Brittanie Gutierrez
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Industry recruiters bestow knowledge

In January of 2017 CSUSB campus began to promote what I would come to know as the event that gave me life.

By Nicholas Linares
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As soon as I saw the companies that would be attending, I knew it was a moment of history that I could not miss. On April 18th entertainment industry recruiters gave students advice on employer desires, qualifications and a map to success. Companies such as Defy Media, Walt Disney, Hulu, Somniaic, Liongate, Live Nation, SADA Systems and Ticketmaster graced the campus with their presence and knowledge on what it takes to make it in the entertainment.

A panel discussion opened the event with the introduction of each representative and how they got their current position in a quickly evolving world of media and technology. Defy Media’s “Insert name” spoke about his previous career as an artist and talent manager, and the ambition he grew and spoke about his previous career and technology. As an artist and talent manager, speaking about his previous career and technology.

The lives of the panel members and company culture all became one. As a business owner and entrepreneur, I instantly recognized the hustle mentality each recruit on the panel attained. It begins with a lifestyle of passion and desire to do something extraordinary and be a part of something bigger than yourself. Researching specific positions you desire and the jobs posted by the companies you favor was a common topic among all speakers.

Erica “Name”, of Insomniac Events mentioned that the only reason she obtained the position she currently held was because of her “love for the company, countless volunteer hours and networking.”

This resonates true for any career you will have, especially entertainment.

Without a network to tap into and a promising work ethic, a fulfilling career in entertainment may be unwelcoming. As the panel moved forward, an audience full of questions began to line the walls as I expressed my gratitude with the panel giving them a brief explanation of my role as company founder and product developer. Live Nations’ Sean “Name”, CSUSB alumni, gave me some advice on working with Artist Nation, a Live Nation sub-group, as an assistant artist manager.

A perfect way to reach such a position would involve working as an artist transporter at events, ensuring the musicians arrive to their rooms and stage on time. Towards the end of the event, panel members stood proudly at their seats while hundreds of students swarmed the stage of representatives and exchanged information about career opportunities.

For several minutes I watched the conversations being held and contacted Ericka of Insomniac Events walk down to the stage floor without any recognition. I quickly walked up to her and struck up a conversation about becoming a ten year Insomniac veteran myself, I spoke about my intentions with the company and how I could be an asset to events and talent management. She promptly drew her wall and handed me the only business card remaining, ending the event with greater understanding and more opportunities.

Veteran Thoughts: International politics

Instead, we are witnessing an increase of countless threats from the tyrannical leader Kim Jong-Un. These threats range from a declaration of war to more serious nuclear actions. Kim In-Ryong, North Korea’s Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations, said in a conference with allied officials that North Korea may take action due to U.S. actions. “Kim said his country is ready to react to any ‘mode of war’ from the United States. Any missile or nuclear strike by the United States would be respond-ed to ‘in kind,’ said the North Korea representative,” wrote journalist Richard Roth, in an article “North Korean envoy at UN warns of nuclear war possibility” for CNN.

This is not the first time the U.S. has been threatened. Those also unaware of tense relations between U.S. and North Korea are ignorant to the fact that threats were also raised last year. Jong-Un wanted to halt the largest joint training mission ever held on March 11, 2016. This training actually occurs annually, with U.S. and South Korean forces joining together to strengthen their capabilities and the preventative measure in case of war with North Korea were to ensue.

North Korea has been testing missiles that breach their capabilities. For instance, a tested missile drill in the past landed on a military installation causing damage, injuries and two deaths on a South Korean island. “The South Korean Defense Ministry said that in addition to the two soldiers who were killed, 15 soldiers and 3 civilians were wounded. There was no immedi-ate sense of the North’s casual-ties,” reported journalist Mark McDonald in “‘Crises Status’ in South Korea After North Shells Island.”

Due to recent events, Japan has transported ships and 150,000 troops to South Korea as a show of force to North Korea. Vice President Mike Pence visited Japan, reaffirming our strong international relations with them.

“We also talked about the importance of maintaining close coordination, including tri-later-ally with the Republic of Korea, regarding the growing North Korean threat,” wrote Pence in a blog post featured on the official White House website.

Pence meet with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to discuss relations on April 19. China has also taken part as well with trying to deescalate the situation due to their own interests, in part.

International relations between Japan, South Korea, North Korea, China, and U.S. are not recent inceptions. I believe that the people that believe these relations have just begun need to be more vigilant about the information they are consuming.

By Maylyne Togafau
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We’ve created a dating and relationship advice column, largely dependent on reader contribution because we want to have the hard conversations about the relationships now before it’s too late.

It’s second nature to share highlights of our lives with the worldwide web, but in turn, we’ve forgotten how to talk about issues like domestic violence with the people closest to us.

On April 10, 2017, in San Bernardino, a man entered his estranged wife’s North Park Elementary School classroom and opened fire, fatally shooting her and an 8-year-old student, before taking his own life in what police reported to be a domestic dispute.

This tragedy hits hard for the city of San Bernardino whose community is still reeling from the December 2015 shooting that resulted in 14 dead, but unlike 2015, this incident was not a random act of terrorism, but a calculated case of domestic violence.

Dialogue surrounding the incident highlighted issues like gun control laws and school security, and even major media outlets skirted around details relating to domestic violence. It is unsettling to wonder what different outcomes could have been at play if the stigma surrounding domestic violence did not overpower the severity and reality of its consequences.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, domestic violence not only occurs to those who are abused but also has a substantial effect on the community at large.

The April 10 shooting affected not only 500 students, and the small team of teachers and staff of the North Park Elementary School, but also affected Cajon High School and CSUSB, which provided support to the elementary school.

CSUSB has 20,000 students in total enrollment, and according to the U.S. Department of Justice, one in five college students will experience domestic violence.

Statistically speaking, there are several lives on our campus that may literally depend on having a healthy conversation about the unhealthy parts of our lives.

What tough conversations are we not having?

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By Arturo Brooks
Staff Writer

Most people are uninformed about U.S. international relations with North Korea.

The U.S. and North Korea have had tense relations for the past 7 years; contrary to false assumptions that we alone have suddenly instigated certain issues.
Players make comebacks after “retiring”

By Tyler Vanderelst
Staff Writer

Marshawn Lynch is making waves in the National Football League after deciding to come out of retirement to play for the Oakland Raiders.

After retiring at the end of the 2015 season with the Seattle Seahawks, Lynch is now among the likes of Brett Favre and Michael Jordan. Both had previously retired but then made multiple comeback attempts.

Lynch would be a great boost for a young team on the rise. The Raiders not only gain a leader in the locker room but a talented runner, but they will have to compete with Lynch’s salary.

“Marshawn Lynch plans to play for the Raiders this season.”

He was, however, still able to average over 20 points a game, which is very impressive for a 38-year-old. The multiple comebacks no doubt helped solidify Jordan’s case for being the greatest basketball player to ever do it. He was also able to make a lot more money rather than if he would have stayed retired.

Trent Terry believes Jordan came back to play rather than for the money. “He came back because he missed winning and wanted to continue his legacy,” said Terry. “I don’t think he even thought about the money.”

Another famous set of comebacks comes from Hall of Fame quarterback Favre. He is well-known by many for retiring because it seemed like every year after the season he was contemplating retirement.

Favre first officially retired in 2008 with the Green Bay Packers, and then came out of retirement the next year and played one season with the New York Jets. He then retired after that season, and came back again and played two seasons for the Minnesota Vikings.

Favre’s first season with the Vikings was a success as it was his best season as a quarterback throwing for 33 touchdowns and only seven interceptions. But in his final season, when he officially retired was probably his worst season which is a big reason as to why he stayed retired.

A lot of different thoughts go into why athletes retire. The main reason is age. After playing a sport for so many seasons, it takes it toll on the athlete’s body.

Other athletes are forced to retire because of injuries they have sustained.

This is why Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers retired last year. His body had gone through so much and endured multiple injuries that he just felt he could not compete at the level that he wanted to.

Lastly, athletes choose to retire to pursue other things like starting a family, trying out different careers, or they just don’t see themselves playing professionally anymore.

As Bryant said in his retirement speech, “my heart can take the pounding, my mind can handle the grind, but my body knows it’s time to say goodbye.”

“Marshawn Lynch plans to play for the Raiders this season.”

Athletics Calendar for April & May

April 24: Golf- CCAA Tournament
April 25: Golf- CCAA Tournament
April 26: Golf- CCAA Tournament
April 28: Softball @ East Bay (DH)
April 28: Baseball @ San Marcos
April 29: Softball @ East Bay (DH)
April 29: Baseball @ San Marcos (DH)
April 30: Baseball @ San Marcos
May 4: Baseball v UC San Diego
May 4: Track- CCAA Tournament
May 5: Baseball v. UC San Diego
May 5: Track- CCAA Tournament
May 6: Baseball @ UC San Diego (DH)
May 6: Track- CCAA Tournament

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Violence in sports

Tyler Vanderelst
Staff Writer

In sports there are many instances of violence happening on and off the field. Violence happens in every sport, however, some of the most known instances happen in football.

Football is known to be one of the most violent sports. Players in this sport are running around and hitting each other to protect their teammates and keep their opponents from scoring.

In football, there are plenty of instances where two or more players get into a physical altercation on the field. This normally happens when a player feels an opponent wronged him or one of his teammates.

One of the more memorable fights happened in 2010, when Houston Texans wide receiver Andre Johnson and Tennessee Titans cornerback Cortland Finnegan got into a fight in the middle of a play.

The two had been going at it all day, and the play before the fight Johnson pushed Finnegan causing his helmet to come off. The next play the two were pushing each other and pulling each other’s helmets off before throwing a few punches at each other.

Because tensions run high in a very physical sport like football, many interactions end with other teammates involved so they can protect their teammate.

With the case above, almost every player from both teams started pushing and shoving each other as well.

Some people enjoy watching the action of a fight while others think it takes away from the game itself.

“I personally like when a little fight happens,” said fan, Willy Hicks. “Because it shows the intensity the players have and how bad they want to win.”

Sadly, there are plenty of instances of football players acting out violently in their homes or in public.

One story that some may remember is when ex-Ravens running back Ray Rice punched his former fiancée in an elevator, knocking her out cold. The video was released on the internet and caused an uproar in the media and the public.

This was just one instance of many that were being brought up in the NFL, and to show they weren’t going to tolerate this they kicked Rice out of the league.

This was an extreme case. Most players get suspended a few games, but the NFL wanted to make a point out of Rice that they will not tolerate this behavior.

“I think the NFL made the right call by kicking Rice out of the league, because they do not want to be known for domestic violence anymore,” said fan, Michael Castonguay.

There are instances in almost every sport of players getting into fights. Even sports like NASCAR have times when two racers get into fights because they feel like another driver wronged them.

Also in baseball, you have times when players get into fights that sometimes clear the team’s benches.

In most cases in baseball fights occur because a pitch thrown by the pitcher hit the batter. The batter will rush the mound to fight the pitcher and this normally causes teammates to get involved as well.

But in one case last year, Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Jose Bautista and Texas Rangers second baseman Rougned Odor got into a fight on the bases.

Bautista was running to second base, sliding in to try and prevent a double play, which Odor did not like. When Bautista got up, Odor pushed him back and punched him in the face, knocking Bautista back to the ground.

Fans sometimes look forward to the on-field scuffles as they are few and far in between, but just because they like them, doesn’t mean it’s right for the players to participate.
Fiscalini: Home to Coyotes & history

By Gabriel Ramos
Contribution Writer

The fact that the school has a baseball team off campus is a fact that many aren't aware of. Most students know that the Crossroads Arena is home to our volleyball and basketball teams. The Coyote Premier Field hosts our soccer teams and the Coyote Softball Park is for the softball team.

Fiscalini Field has served as Cal State San Bernardino's baseball field for quite some time now. It was built back in 1934 and opened in 1936. Multiple Major League Baseball teams used the facility for their spring training games upon its opening. It was formerly known as Perris Hill Park Ball Field, but was renamed in 1993 after John Fiscalini.

Fiscalini was a San Bernardino native, "who earned All-Citrus Belt League baseball honors at San Bernardino High School, won All-American Laurel twice while playing at the University of California, Berkeley and played professionally for the Pittsburgh Pirates," according to the city of San Bernardino. Fiscalini Field was formerly used by the San Bernardino Spirit (1987-1995), Pioneers (1946-1947) and Stars (1941).

The 3,600 seat facility was also used in the film “Stealing Home,” starring Jodie Foster and Mark Harmon. The field belongs to the City of San Bernardino who provides support in their last few home games at Fiscalini.

The Coyotes are in charge of prepping the field before games and covering it up. "It sucks sometimes because I have to hurry up to Fisci after class and if I have a 6 p.m. class that day, then I have to leave practice early and hurry back to class while trying to get food, shower and get ready all in between," said outfielder Jordan Simon.

"Yeah there's pros and cons with having an off-campus field but I continue to preach to my players that it is a privilege being out there on that field," said head coach David Martinez.

Not many kids get the opportunity that they have, so no matter what field they play on or what team they play for, they should be glad that they still have the opportunity to play the game they love," Martinez continued.

The season’s almost over, but the Coyotes could still use support in their last few home games at Fiscalini.

Wells & Ouellette begin new season

By Gabriel Ramos
Contribution Writer

The start of Minor League Baseball means it’s time for former Coyotes Tyler Wells and Will Ouellette to head back to the pitcher’s mound for their newly assigned teams. However, before Wells and Ouellette traveled to their 2017 team destinations, they participated in Spring Training in Florida.

Wells was a starting pitcher for the Coyotes for three years. The Minnesota Twins drafted him in the 150th round of the 2016 Major League Baseball Draft. Wells was assigned to the rookie-level Elizabethton Twins, where he racked up five wins and two losses while posting a 3.23 earned run average (ERA). He made 10 appearances all starts. He also had a complete game shutout during his time with the Elizabethton Twins.

Ouellette, who served the Coyotes as the starting shortstop and closer during his senior season was signed as a free agent by the Toronto Blue Jays.

He was assigned to the Gulf Coast League Blue Jays last season, where he appeared in 13 games and had a 3.22 ERA. He had three save opportunities in which he excelled and collected all three.

Like Wells, Ouellette attended his first spring training this year and was assigned to extended Spring Training for now. In hopes of being promoted to the next level, he continues to work hard, doing what he can to be the best of his ability.

"My expectations are just to be more consistent, walk less people and win a championship," said Wells. "That’s what we train for every year."
Students gather on the library lawn to take part in ASI Sustainability week, they took the time to personalize clay pots and filled it with a plant of their choice.

**ASI holds garden party**

*By Diara Fowler*

**Staff Writer**

Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) wanted to bring awareness about Earth Week by deciding to hold its very first Garden Party on campus on April 18, the event took place in front of the library lawn.

According to Earth Day Network, Gaylord Nelson was the first founder of Earth Day on April 22, 1970.

The idea was to spread consciousness about air and water pollution by enforcing environmental protection onto the national political agenda.

During the very first Earth Day back in 1970, over 20 million Americans took the streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate a healthy environment coast to coast.

This event gave students the opportunity to decorate their own clay pot and plant their choice of either a herb or flower while socializing with other Yotes.

“We have provided students with pots, the students can then decorate the pot and we have then provided them with soil. We also provided seeds and they will get to take them home when finished,” said Helen Martinez, Santos Manuel Student Union member.

This fun filled activity was not only one of a kind but informational as well.

Volunteers gathered on the school grounds with a few other members such as the recycling team, Red Cross, and others to educate and help spread the word trying to get students to engage in more of a sustainable environment.

“Sustainability has a lot to do with keeping your carbon footprint as small as possible such as growing food, recycling and buying a reusable bottle that just has a filter,” said student Eloise Amendt.

The theme of the Garden Party was to just have fun and let lose; the turnout was a success.

“We got these little pots and a lot of stuff to decorate them and make it fun and not just, here’s your pot and that’s it. It’s cool because you get to take these home when you’re done,” said volunteer Andrew Barrera.

Students gathered on the library lawn with friends and other classmates to decorate their own clay pot by using glitter and vibrant 3-D colored paints to personalize pots and make them stand out.

“It is important to promote an Eco-friendly environment especially here within campus grounds,” said Martinez.

As the party progressed more students began to join in on the fun, expressing their vision and inspirations onto the mini plant pots.

After the pots were fully decorated with paints, glitter and other accessories they were then provided soil for the plant of their choosing.

A member of the team would then take you to where the soil was located and put the appropriate amount of soil into your choice of a flower seed or a herb.

“I have plants. I actually just got into gardening at home. I have what’s known as the celosia plant otherwise known as the jealous plant. It’s Red and Orange it is very bright it’s very cool and fun I like it,” stated student Angie Teran.

As CSUSB celebrates sustainability week on campus, we are reminded that anyone can make a difference in our planet by becoming more Eco-friendly.

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**Minors with technology**

“...On average, sexting began in the fifth grade, pornography consumption began when children turned eight and pornography addiction began around age 11.”

*By Kimberly Orozco*

**Contributing Writer**

As technology develops, children are being exposed at a much younger age to smartphones and tablets which can ultimately expose them to the harm we try to protect them from.

In the last decade cell phones and tablets have become easily accessible and more common in every household and parents now face the question, “what age is appropriate to give my child a phone or tablet?”

According to Influence Central, 2016 research shows that children around the age 10 through 12 receive their first smartphone.

Technology is becoming an essential part of our everyday lives, even for adolescents.

Influence Central research also shows 39 percent of children get a social media account at 11 years old and 11 percent had a social media account when they were younger than 10.

“It’s upsetting to me that parents don’t realize 10-year-old children should be protected from social media and online predators,” said Claudia Moore, elementary school aid and mother of two. “Handing them a device makes it easier to know where they are but it also exposes them to great dangers via the web.”

Children with access to smartphones and tablets also have accessibility to communicating with the outside world, which can create issues containing cyberbullying, cat fishing and sexting.

“For a long time I wanted a cell phone or at least an iPad because all the kids in my class had at least one,” said Alyssa Menchaca, age 14. “They always talked through Kik, a texting app, but when I finally got one on my birthday I started getting random messages from one girl who kept saying mean things.”

According to the Cyberbullying Research Center, approximately 43 percent of the students’ experience cyberbullying during their lifetime, and 15 percent of students are reported of cyberbullying others. Another concern with cellphones and tablets is children engaging in sexual nature via text messages and social media.

According to a study by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, in 2008, 39 percent of teenagers have admitted to receiving and sending text messages of a sexual nature, such as nude or semi-nude photos, lewd messages and provocative videos.

“...Even though I got a phone at age 13, my parents had many restrictions and I resented them so much for not allowing me to have privacy,” said Amanda Napoli.

“But it saved me from a lot of dumb mistakes and now I understand the reason behind their madness.” continued Napoli.

A survey conducted by Ms. Weinberger, author of “The Boogeyman Exists: And He’s in Your Child’s Back Pocket,” said that after surveying 70,000 children, on average, sexting began in the fifth grade, pornography consumption began when children turned eight and pornography addiction began around age 11.

Although smartphones and tablets undoubtedly bring benefits, they also bring destruction for children since many of them are still developing their prefrontal cortex, a part of the brain that controls impulses. Parents no matter the age they decide to give their child a phone should manage supervision and restrictions.

In order to help monitor the child’s text and application downloads, the guardian can use either Apple’s parental controls or Android app Qustodio.

“As a parent, our nature is to protect our kids and now it’s not just the outside world we should solely be concerned about,” said Nicole Moore, mother of four.

“Keeping our children safe is a priority and although they won’t like it then, someday they’ll learn it was in their best interest.”
Snooping through texts

By Jason Samp
Staff Writer

Looking through your significant others phone can create problems in your relationship, although most students believe it’s unacceptable behavior, others believe it can be justified.

Nearly everyone who is or has been in a relationship has experienced the situation where their significant other has left the room and you begin to wonder whether or not you should look through their phone.

However, there are two main outcomes, which sets up a lose-lose situation.

You will either find your partner is up to something and now you’re forced to confront them about it with your evidence coming from snooping, or you find nothing and you’ve violated that trust for no reason.

“It’s never worth the risk,” said Mae Shaar, graduate student. “It could create trust issues in a relationship.”

“Instead of snooping, it is always better to directly talk to your partner about whatever concern you might have,” continued Shaar.

Although students believe looking through your significant other’s phone is a bad idea, others believe it is justifiable.

“Well, if they have suspicion that maybe they might be cheatin’ on them or knows they are but they deny it then it might be the only proof you can get,” said Andre Gonzales, student.

Marina Wood, a CSUSB advocate for survivors of sexual assault, dating/domestic violence and stalking, supplied some valuable insight on the matter.

“Well, if we are using the word ‘snoop’ then we can already assume it is without consent, in which case it is not okay,” said Wood.

You might be wondering what you have to lose from going through your significant other’s phone.

“Speaking as the advocate for survivors, I would say that what you call ‘snooping’ I might call ‘stalking’ depending on how extreme it gets,” said Wood.

“This is a huge warning sign that someone is trying to track, follow, control, and/or isolate their partner, often using ‘jealousy’ as an excuse. It can go beyond being unhealthy and into abusive behavior,” she continued.

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Although an individual may think they’re simply looking through their partner’s phone, others may view it differently and believe the significant other is causing the relationship to be unhealthy.

“If someone distrusts their partner enough to go through their personal messages only to find no evidence of bad behavior, they might feel better temporarily,” said Wood. “However, the downside is that if the underlying issue is distrust then the snooping behavior will most likely continue.”

If faced with the decision on whether or not to invade your partner’s privacy or not, consider some alternatives.

Confronting your partner over such concerns is the best way to solve problems. Address your concerns and get the information you need without being the one who violates the fragile aspect of trust in a relationship.

Also, consulting friends, family, or even a professional for advice can help you avoid the desire to snoop.

While you might brush this off as a light, temporary problem, snooping can have long-term effects on a relationship.

“Once an abuser has isolated their partner from their loved ones, it is much easier to control them and more difficult for the victim to ask for help or leave the relationship,” concluded Wood.

A final piece of valuable information that Wood offers when trust is addressed in a relationship is the acronym BRAVING by author/researcher Breene Brown.

Date night on a budget

By Chennel Booker
Contributing Writer

Date night does not have to cost a fortune, as there are many fun and inexpensive ways to have a memorable time without breaking the bank.

As college students, most of us can understand the saying “the struggle is real,” however, there are some inexpensive date ideas that you can enjoy without worrying about your bank account.

Although dinner and a movie can sound expensive, you can avoid paying a $12 movie ticket and invent creative ways to make dinner and a movie affordable and even more fun!

For example, if you don’t have Netflix or Hulu already, you can start a three day trial for free, or borrow your friend’s account.

As far as dinner goes, you can see just how creative you and your significant other can get with all the leftovers in your fridge and food in your cabinets to make the best dinner you possibly can.

Another fun and inexpensive date idea is to visit a free museum in LA.

A few popular free museums include the Hammer Museum, the Fowler Museum, the Watts Towers, the California Science Center and many more. Although admission to these museums are free, a small parking fee may be required.

Museums are a great way to explore a new or local city while having fun in an inexpensive way.

In addition, the app store offers a lot of fun games you and your partner can play together games such as Fruit Ninja, The Game of Life, Monopoly, Scabble and many more.

Whether you decide to stay in, play board games or download an app, you and your partner can always grab some lemonade and take this date to your local park!

The fourth date idea is to put on your bathing suits, grab some towels and pack your lunch and head to the beach for a refreshing and relaxing day near the ocean! You and your partner can grab a beach ball and toss it around, have a sand castle building competition or take a refreshing dip in the ocean.

You can end the night off at a local burger place to enjoy an inexpensive meal.

The fifth and final date idea is to visit your local public library.

There are many hidden gems in the public library, you and your partner can each pick out the most interesting looking book and take turns reading a random page or chapter from the book.

You can end the night by enjoying milkshakes from your local burger joint!

Loving your partner comes with trust, and when you invade their privacy you break that trust.
Students enjoy Int’l Market Night by participating in various activities from Sumo wrestling, a Japanese sport, to trying foods from different cultures.

As an annual event, the crowds seem to grow in size with students, faculty and the public being able to attend this free event. “[This event] promotes diversity, cultural awareness and just a way to celebrate the ethnic demographics here in San Bernardino,” said Center for Global Management Chief Programming Officer, Daniel Perez. Getting to study the importance of cultures helps open your mind into new ideas and learn to value our society beyond the boundaries we have set up. The event holds a special place for Perez because his heritage comes from a biracial background of Filipino and Mexican.

“A lot of these booths that come here are family run. They are sharing their food with us, and they are sharing their culture with us,” said Perez. Market nights such as these provide great environments for students to come with their family or learn about their friend’s heritage, as well as their own. Perez added, “I think that’s why the food is very interesting.”

Market-goers had the entire day to sample dishes from several different countries as they walked around the library lawn. Across the field, flags were showcasing the diverse cultures in attendance while the DJ played music spanning Spanish in attendance while the DJ played music spanning Spanish and artwork from various ethnic cultures.

Throughout the event, there were different countries and learn that in diversity, cultural awareness and how culture can be looked at in a whole new form of way and how culture can be looked at in a whole new form of way. “Helping bridge the gap among our community helps change our attitudes about other countries and learn that in diversity, we can integrate their values and creativity within our daily lives,” continued Cedillo. Overall, the event proved to be a success with the vendors and the attendees walking away with greater cultural knowledge than with what they entered with.
Localpalooza at Brew Rebellion

By Nicholas Linares
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A legendary day of craft beer, music and vendors came alive on April 15 at Brew Rebellion in San Bernardino.

Local band, Syndicates kicked off the festival with a bang as people indulged on craft beer and endless amounts of food.

With an enticing $10 all ages pass, the brewery brought out several hundred people to experience the local beers, businesses and music.

Musicians such as Firing All Cylinders, Sangre and From Zero to Hero commenced from all over Southern California for the very first Localpalooza.

Host Dirty D of Dirty Radio gave away raffle tickets, merchandise and announced local bands as they set the stage for a day of alternative rock.

“The lineup is awesome and the tacos are amazing,” Dirty D commented.

Food options for the day consisted of carne asada and chicken tacos, nachos, hot links and hot dogs from two local food vendors based out of the Inland Empire.

Brew Rebellion served over 10 beers on tap and dozens of bottled small batch brews ranging from their Mixed Berry Wheat Ale to a Cinnamon Toast Crunch Milk Stout.

“Today is perfect, it’s sunny and everything I need is right here,” said 23 year old attendee, Michael Draxon.

Vendors such as California Care Group and Blue Mountain Care Group and Blue Mountain indicated a big desire for Dirty Radio to host the next Localpalooza in April 2018.

As the clock struck midnight the music came to an end and vendors packed up, giving a successful end to new beginnings for Dirty Radio.

Halloween in Spring: ABC Dance

By Robert Klimper
Staff Writer

A few people may know that an ABC Dance usually stands for anything but clothes, but this is not the case for the CSUSB ABC Dance.

The CSUSB ABC Dance shares its name with this, but at CSUSB it stands for anything but casual.

The event brought the night alive at the San Manuel Student Union with good music and atmosphere.

Staff Writer Robert Klimper

Delgadillo said that a co-worker who liked the original type of ABC Dance gave the name for the event. She also said that the dance was also given this name in the hopes of bringing in more people to the event.

The event was free for CSUSB students and any guest that they wanted to bring.

“We needed a girls day out because we had a really stressful week and when it comes to dances I am all for it,” said Denise Kollock, a second-year student at CSUSB who along with her friend Jessica White, a third-year friend at CSUSB, wore in matching cat ear outfits.

Despite the ABC Dance being advertised as a somewhat Halloween in spring, it was not necessary for students to wear costumes, though a few did.

This was the first year that the ABC Dance had been held, and it made people happy,” said Ortiz.

Ortiz hopes the campus will give him more events, and more opportunities to DJ. He would be happy to give more to a school that had given him a lot of live music genres and game nights for friends and family.

Dirty Radio can be downloaded in the app store and streamed as an online rock and roll music station 24 hours a day, giving away free concert tickets, updating listeners on shows and giving resurgence to the local band spotlight.

The event may not have been packed out, but showed strong signs of community and indicated a big desire for Dirty Radio to host the next Localpalooza.

Though the ABC Dance has passed, students that would be looking for a free fun event should keep a lookout for other CSUSB Program Board events like the ABC Dance.
By Blair Hernandez
Staff Writer

The San Bernardino American Legion at Post 710 hosted a comedy show for an audience of local veterans for a night of remembrance, on April 14. The comedy event was presented by Angel Wilson, who focuses on honoring post active duty veterans in different ways. Wilson decided to book the celebration, to give back to the community of San Bernardino by donating a spectacular comedy event.

As Flores glided across the floor to the theme song “Suave mente,” he opened with “Where are all my Latinos at?” The crowd all of sudden came to a screeching halt, but soon after, chuckles from the crowd gathered in Flores’ favor as he presented the lineup. “I don’t know if you can tell by my size but I’m half white, I have a face of a toddler but a body of a serial killer in the back of a milk carton,” said Armando Torres as he turned his face back to the crowd. “They should make a per- fume for me called Voluptuous Armando,” continued Torres. MC Tito presented the next comedian, Chelsey Blakely, as the lights dimmed with good music from DJ Mystery.

“Yes you know those type of girls, the ones you see stumbling over themselves when they walk into the bar and their weave gets caught on a bar stool. Well, I have control over my liquor,” said Blakely during her set. Blakely was the only female comedian performing at Post 710 on Friday night, Blakely indeed was the most favored among the audience.

“Most of us grew up with each other. I was born in Okina- wa, migrated over the states at a very young age and my father is a veteran,” said Margo, a volunteer and bartender at Post 710. Margo said she enjoyed the communal atmosphere at Post 710.

“The whole show was won- derful. We are the few post that unites with Los Angeles, San Di- ego and Arizona. Whenever there is a tragedy in the community we support each other by conducting fundraisers, scholarship funds and Christmas parties for the children to give back to the com- munity,” explained Margo.

Writer and producer Antho- ny Stone spoke about his come- dic influences. “I’ve always been an Eddie Murphy fan but it was his ‘Delirious’ set that set the tone for my career,” said Stone. “As a kid, I watched a lot of Richard Prior movies. I viewed the world differently by looking from the outside in but being on stage you have to open yourself,” said comedian Ezekiel Echevar- ria.

Lastly, Marcus Fuggins aka “Fifty Shades of Fudge” performed. Fuggins explained that his name came to him by happenstance. “It popped in my head when I was pulling into the parking lot,” he said. Fuggins began performing comedy when he was challenged by a stranger.

“It was a year ago at open mic night at La Mascoe’s lounge in Indiana. A random lady come up to me and bet $50 that I didn’t have the guts to perform. At first I was nervous but knowing my crazy ass I took the plunge and killed it!” said Fudge. When the event slowly settled the members of the American Legion Post 710 San Bernardino left satisfied with joyful memories and laughs that fulfilled a night of remembrance.

Kung Fu Kenny returns with “DAMN.”

By Yesica Gonzalez
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Hip-Hop artist Kendrick La- mar’s new album “DAMN.” was just released on Friday, April 14. Lamar’s album was very different from other artists that usually focus on this type of field and I found it to be enjoyable.

“DAMN.” would most likely be suitable for young adults and any hip-hop lover out there.

Kendrick’s album has gotten positive reviews since its release. The album has 14 tracks that each have various ranges of beats and melody that distinguishes from each other. This is Lamar’s fourth hip-hop album and has been receiving various reviews from many online and magazine sources. The lights dimmed magazine has rated a nine out of ten stars and has considered it to be a “master storyteller.”

“Kendrick Lamar moves from uplift to beast mode on dazzling ‘DAMN.’” Weingarten continued. Lamar has a few contribut- ing artists on in the album such as Rihanna, Zacari and the rock band, U2. Rolling Stone magazine has rated up to five out of five stars. Lamar’s gift is not just that he can say why he’s the best, but also that he articulate how this responsibility feels,” wrote Christopher R. Weingarten in his article review.

The album is focused on uprising political situations, self-examination and enthusiastic beats. “Kendrick Lamar moves from uplift to beast mode on dazzling ‘DAMN.’” Weingarten continued.

Kendrick Lamar is a well- known hip-hop recording artist, song writer that was born in Compton, California. He first started under the stage moniker K-Dot, where he produced only one mix tape that gained attention from the record label Top Dawg Entertainment. (TDE) He started to bloom in suc- cess by 2010 after dropping his retail album “Overly Dedicated.” Lamar has received count- less awards over his long period of a career that includes seven Grammy Awards. Time magazine even named him one of the 100 most influen- tial people in the world in 2016. Lamar has received all the requirements that a great lead single should have.

Along with the music video that was produced for the song, it set the perfect scenes for the mood of it. The music video was re- leased on March 20 and has since then gotten more that 82 million views on YouTube. This song debuted to the number two spot on the U.S. Billboard Hit 100 and has be- come to be one of Lamar’s top charting single.

A few songs on the album such as “ELEMENT” is electric, with fast rhythm lyrics that can blow anyone’s mind. One of the other best tracks is “DNA,” that produces a sense of flow in finding one’s self-identity. I give this new album a good rating of four out of five stars due to the unique, upbeat harmo- ny that distinguished from other hip-hop albums. I would recom- mend this album to hip-hop fans and anyone that loves Kendrick Lamar.

“If I didn’t ride blade on curb, would you still love me?
If I minimize my net worth, would you still love me?
Keep it a hundred, I’d rather you trust me than to love me
Keep it whole one hund’: don’t got you, I got nothin’”

LOVE.
by Kendrick Lamar

There were plenty good vibes and laughs from local veterans.
From abandoned to new
Why can’t we renovate old buildings as homeless shelters?

By Sierra Marrero
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During an investigation exploring the adversities of San Bernardino’s homeless population, questions have been raised as to why vacant San Bernardino buildings are not renovated into homeless shelters.

“There are so many unused buildings in downtown San Bernardino, I just don’t know why they can’t use them,” says Cierra, a homeless woman who often resides near Seccombe Park. “If it were up to me, I’d put them to use, like, the Carousel Mall, ain’t nobody using it.”

Cierra explains that it is often hard to get into shelters because there is often a waiting list for people to be approved.

While certain qualifications do exist, there is an agreement among officials who work at homeless shelters that more rooms and housing need to be implemented.

“When you have only two shelters for a homeless population that reaches throughout the entire San Bernardino County, it just is not enough,” said Salvation Army Spokesperson Carl Dameron.

Dameron further mentions that overcrowding is usually an issue because some people may not feel safe, and when the clients do not feel safe, they are on flight or fight mode, and issues between individuals can easily arise.

“[...] Many times my stuff got stolen and I just let it go because some people love to fight,” says Cierra. “I didn’t feel comfortable being in the housing because it was too many personalities to deal with so I left thinking other places would offer more security, but no.”

An in-depth report by the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, “No Safe Place,” found that, “In some places, the gap between available space and human need is significant, leaving hundreds or, in some cases, thousands of people with no choice but to struggle for survival in outdoor, public places.”

So why can’t the City of San Bernardino implement more shelters out of the vacant buildings in the inner city of San Bernardino, like the Carousel Mall, as Cierra questioned.

Well, according to the Title V program, which is part of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, the federal government requires that empty or underused properties that it owns be made available to homeless advocacy organizations.

Ultimately, these buildings can be used if the Department of Health and Human Services approves the application from the owners.

Gender neutral bathrooms

Gender neutral bathrooms allow all genders to have access to certain facilities.

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Facilities Planning and Management is currently working towards the restroom sign changes on campus.

The estimated completion date is spring 2017, according to csusb.edu.

On March 26, 2016, California voted to change the restroom policy for all genders to be able to use the same or a neutral restroom.

The restrooms in all businesses such as this university need to be “single user restrooms.”

Here on campus, the laws are being followed with the project already underway.

In 2014, there has been on top of it as well as welcoming of the idea,” said Raul Maldonado, Pride Center Graduate Assistant.

“The campus is making the effort to be really inclusive.”

For students, the positive effects will outweigh the negative.

Some may argue that they feel unsafe with the university following protocol going as far as to say that it is “creepy and not safe,” said student Kevin Wallace.

Students chimed in on the issue.

“Does not affect them,” said student Stephanie Miller.

“Not a big deal,” said student Mathew Robles.

“It’s no problem and completely fine,” said Destinee Smith.

“They are already single stall. You just need to change the name. It is already equipped for all people,” said student Silvana Johnson.

However, everyone will be able to use any restroom they may choose.

By allowing this choice, students will no longer have to go out of the way to use a designated restroom.

Inside the San Manuel Student Union (SMSU), there is already a gender-free bathroom stall that is available to all students.

The SMSU had also run a week trial of gender inclusive bathrooms instituted by the Pride Center in which students were free to choose which restroom they wanted.

For this trial, two restrooms in the SMSU were designated “gender neutral” and were given new signage for the week.

“The multistall restrooms caused the biggest uproar,” said Maldonado.

“That is the one that really upset people.”

Unlike single stall bath-rooms that will become all gender at CSUSB.

“When we changed the signage on the restroom over by the food court, crickets,” said Maldonado.

Currently, on campus there are gender neutral bathrooms located in other locations.

One is located inside the CSUSB Recreation & Wellness Center.

Another pair of gender neu-tral bathrooms are located near the pool at Serrano Village.

According to California Legislative Information, “[Re- strooms] shall be identified as all-gender toilet facilities by signage.”

By spring quarter 2017 the signage outside the restrooms on campus should be up to California Code.

Gender neutral bathrooms allow all genders to have access.

Representatives Kathé Kollwitz and Shigeko Kubota, utilizing the names of past women artists, came to speak to fellow students and community about what they stand for and how they have been progressing for more than 30 years.

According to the panel, the Guerrilla Girls have been fighting the battle of exposing gender and ethnic biases in the arts.

The Guerrilla Girls critique gender and ethnic biases in the arts.

The Guerrilla Girls protest roles of women in the art world and will continue to do so until there is equality in the art world.

During their presentation, they discussed some of their published books about the history of what men thought was best for a woman’s body and health.

The feminist activist group speaks all around the world and has done many street projects, posters, and stickers that you may have seen.

“I feel feminism now is an important matter in our society and how it is displayed and understood through American schooling.

Once hearing this, and recognizing that this is true, it made me wonder why certain things in life are so biased,” said student Melissa Johnson.

The invigorating speech left many with the knowledge of the unequal system that many undermine.

There is no better place to make trouble than a college campus, which provides encouragement to stand up for what one believes,” said Kollwitz.

They spoke to students in forensics communication professor Amy Wassing’s Gender, Race, & Media classroom and had the opportunity to discuss issues with them.

They analyzed Barbie as an example of discussion and what she represents.

“The ability to make connec-tions to concepts that are dis-cussed in our classrooms makes this a special experience for our fellow students,” said ASI Vice President Quinn Kochman.

The Guerrilla Girls have made these issues more accessible and understandable to students studying feminism.

“The text, in we are just looking at the surface of feminism, but what the Guerrilla Girls brought to our classroom serves as an application to the students that this is happening in real life,” said Wassing. After the event, the Guerrilla Girls met at the twinning for a meet and greet with the attendees.

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Adopting for love

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Pet adoption is a gift for both the new pet owner and the pet as well. If you are thinking of adding a pet into your life, adoption is a great option to consider.

By adopting a pet from a shelter or rescue group, you can save a life. About 2.7 million adoptable dogs and cats are euthanized in the United States each year, according to the Humane Society. Many pets come into shelters, and not enough people consider adoption when looking for a pet.

Adopting a pet not only saves the life of your loving new pet, it opens up space at the shelter for another animal that needs refuge. The number of abandoned and unwanted litters dramatically reduces as adoption increases.

“Adopting guarantees that there won’t be more animals put into a situation where they are unwanted and end up in a shelter,” said Oscar Perez, San Bernardino Animal Control Manager. “Every animal that leaves here must be spayed and neutered.”

Student Joey Ornelas, who welcomed his pit bull Emma into his life just three weeks ago, described meeting her and just knowing she was “the one.”

Emma, like so many other animals in shelters, was happy, healthy, and ready for her new home.

“Her previous owner just used her for breeding,” Ornelas said. “So she wasn’t really socialized to be around other dogs when I got her. She’s not aggressive at all, just really hyper around other dogs.”

Often, shelter pets are already trained, making it a bit easier for their new owners. By adopting a puppy or kitten you want from a shelter, you will not be supporting puppy mills or animal breeders.

Above all, adopting a pet from your local animal shelter or rescue group will give you a new, loving member of the family who will forever love and appreciate you. Most city shelters have an open door policy, which means they accept all abandoned, stray, abused and hurt animals.

For this reason, shelters remain overcrowded, with many adoptable pets looking for a home. Most shelters have websites where the public can browse through photos of pets currently held at the facility. Shelters are open for public viewing of the animals as well.

After paying a small adoption fee and medical expenses, including the price of spay and neutering, and a visit to the vet, a pet can then go home with its new owner.

“A pet is not something to be thrown out in the backyard, chained and forgotten. It should be considered a family member,” advised Perez. “The key to a successful adoption of an animal is to find what I call a connection. Visit the animal; don’t select by breed or just because you think it’s cute.”

After careful consideration, if you feel you are ready to add a new furry member to your family, contact your local pet shelter or rescue group to begin the adoption process.

Common Cents: saving and giving

Local thrift shop provides clothing to community.

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A local thrift shop has customers from all over stopping by to shop and save money, while giving back to the community as well, on all the low priced items and spruced up clothing they have to offer. The Assistance League of Victor Valley Thrift Shop or otherwise known as Common Cents, located in Apple Valley, California is the place to find deals on second-hand items and used clothes that have been examined for defects, washed and dried before sale.

The store was buzzing with shoppers as the sound of hangers being pushed along the poles to look for the right fit. “I enjoy shopping here because I can always find a great deal and the clothes are clean, so it doesn’t stink in here like some thrift shops do,” said local resident and thrift shop connoisseur, Danielle Sanchez.

“I’m always looking for seasonal decorations and Boy Scout stuff, and the craziest thing I ever found was a unitard/slingshot bottom for a man’s penis, but I didn’t find that at this thrift shop,” continued Sanchez. The customers scramble for their last minute purchases as an employee yells out that they will be closing in 15 minutes.

“I’m always looking for a treasure to steal, like quilting accessories, and the stuff I can’t afford to buy from the regular store,” said local resident Sandy Green.

“I enjoy finding something really weird and then try to figure out what it is. The coolest thing I ever found was a lamp that I paid $40.00 for, and come to find out it’s worth about $3,000,” continued Green. Clothes on the boutique rack sparkle and designer bags call to the next shopper.

“One thing I love about thrifting is the fact that I can find brand items at a fraction of the cost it would be in a department store,” said local resident Timothy Tyler. “I find Tommy Hilfiger, Coach, Nike, and Vans at a super low cost.”

Tough economic times can create stress and worry when it comes to being able to provide for one’s family and thrift stores do just that by offering up items at a fraction of the cost.

“My grandmother would always take me thrifting with her. We couldn’t afford the things we needed at full cost, so we would try to find it used,” said Las Vegas resident Debbie Woods. “This is the only way to be wealthy, and I’ll keep doing it along as I can save.”

Customers are not the only ones who take pleasure and comfort from the low prices that a thrift shop can offer.

“I started thrifting back when the minimum wage was $1.45 an hour, and I realized just how expensive everything was,” said employee and local resident Beverly Gilcrest.

“Now, I just like to look, but I remade and reuse everything. I love to recycle and thrift donations and shopping contributes to Earth Day.”

Common Cents gives more than just low prices on items, like designer purses for $6.00; they also give back to the community by helping out through Operation School Bell and providing brand-new clothes for children in need.

“The children get brand-new clothes for school,” said Gilcrest. “And I’m just happy to be a part of it.”

Common Cents stays consistent with a number of donations that flow through the door on a daily basis.

“I donate all the time,” said Sanchez. “I believe that donating ties into Earth Day by the multiple uses of and bringing new life to used items.”

It’s never too late for a little spring cleaning; so, clean out those closets and drawers and start giving back to the community and Earth as well.
CSUSB students have a critical decision to make if they decide to drop out or take a gap year. If taking a gap year, many students do so to get some real world experience.

“The latest so far is 85 percent of students are continuing their studies,” said Muriel Lopez, Director of Institutional Research. Only 15 percent of CSUSB students actually drop out or take a “leave of absence” at CSUSB.

Now students have the option of delaying their education to live their lives. “I took this last year off [to work on helping survivors of domestic violence],” said student Asia. Taking a “leave of absence” is not considered dropping out for CSUSB students. Instead, it is a way of finding out if you are in the right field.

“Leave of absence” means that the student will take a break from their studies. Instead of deciding to drop out, they decide to take a break. Previously, it was a gap year to travel and see the world. Today, it is useful for students to rest and recharge from the rigors of coursework.

Then when they choose to return to university, they are recharged and well-rested. It is almost a necessity to take time off for many students to achieve their dream careers. Some of the reasons that students make the decision to take some time off are the following: rising cost of attending college, injury or illness and prospective job opportunities.

For example, working either part-time or full-time is a necessity for students to pay for books and housing which financial aid does not cover. However, not every student has financial struggles as a reason for leaving. The fact that it is typically the cheaper alternative than a private institution.

The four-year graduation rate is not typical at CSUSB. The norm here is to graduate in about six years. 55 percent of students have a six-year graduation rate (currently), according to csusb.edu.

Dealing with family struggles such as death of a loved one or injury is a concern that many students deal with when they decide to take a break. “My mom was getting older so I decided to come back to this area,” said Tamara Holder, Osher Adult Re-Entry Center Coordinator.

Dealing with familial struggles such as death of a loved one or injury are also possible reasons. Another huge reason for students to take a gap year are job opportunities. “She offered me an internship to work with Rebirth Homes,” said student Asia. “I built safe houses for battered women.”

Working in their career choice prior to completing their education helps students. “I had no rent, mortgage, bill. I had to take advantage of this opportunity,” said Holder. Students willing to return to CSUSB to finish their education with a new understanding of their career choice.

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Hope you enjoyed yours. If not, there’s always next week.

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**Expressions**

By Sharon Luisjean

**Contributing Writer**

Mistakes

How many times do you make the same mistake?
You always do everything wrong.
You’re not any better than anybody else.
You don’t even have a good face to represent.

I turn left.
People constantly bringing me down.
No, don’t do that they say.
You might not make it.
You’ll just mess up.
They don’t want someone like you.
You’re nobody.

And then....

I turn right.
The people have already brought me down.
Why, didn’t you do anything they say with loud remarks.
You could have made it like others.
You wouldn’t know if you didn’t try.
They might have wanted someone like you.
You could have been somebody.

Why did I listen to them?
Now I have nothing to show for myself.

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**Creature by Sasha Lozano**

“A creature design I came up with and drew digitally on Procreate. I got inspired from a bad dream I had one night where this monster was involved and figured it was a great idea for a creature design.”

**Let Loose**

By Anonymous

**Contributing Writer**

I haven’t tuned my body in ages, but somehow my feet are in rhythm with shoulders twitches & soundless snaps.

Marionettes don’t dance, they wiggle at the mercy of whoever’s in control of the wires.

“Meet your creator, I pluck at your insides to allow you the illusion of stability.”

Pluck 1, pluck 2-
I’m reaching to cut the line from my neck so that I may be in control of my dignity.

It’s better to crawl than to make unbalanced steps, the luxury of laying is underrated.

I’ll move at my own permission, granted I find the scissors first....

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**Zodiac Signs As: Worst things to say on a first date**

By Clairissa Gonzalez

**Staff Writer**

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