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College of Education dean trades in office for classroom

By DIANA CANSINO
Staff Writer

College of Education Dean Dr. Patricia Arlin, who helped fund the development of the new College of Education (COE) building and launch multiple programs including the Watson and Associates Literacy Center, is giving it all up after sabbatical to head back to the classroom.

"I've enjoyed the challenge of the position. Thirteen years is a long time to be dean in one place," Arlin said. "I believe I have done what I could in my role as dean to facilitate the work of faculty and students."

Arlin, whose last day as COE dean is June 30, will spend two quarters on sabbatical. She said she has writing and projects that she wants to work on before returning again in the spring. She will teach educational psychology courses in developmental psychology upon her return as a professor.

In her time as dean, Arlin not only helped raise funds for the new COE building, but also three important campus outreach centers.

"I was very fortunate to have support of Jim and Judy Watson in co-chairing a campaign called Tools for Education, and we were able to have those wonderful outreach centers," Arlin said. "They raised and gave a fair amount of money to the college; we raised over 3 million for enhancements within the building that allowed us to create the centers and the institute."

The centers include the Watson and Associate Literacy Center, Institution for Research Assessment and Professional Development, along with programs that are

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I-215 construction projects will continue through 2013 and conclude at the University Drive off ramp.

Construction causes chaos

By MARISOL BOTELLO
Staff Writer

The recent construction on Interstate 215 aims to help relieve freeway congestion, but is leaving many CSUSB students with a headache.

The freeway widening project on the I-215 is a four-phase project that will add an extra lane in both directions and has been taking place since February 2007, according to roadtraffic-technology.com

This new project affects 7.5 miles of I-215 from Interstate 10 to University Parkway and is said to have begun because of the amount of traffic in the area. Approximately 160,000 vehicles per day travel this section of I-215 according to SANBAG.

The new project, which will cost approximately $800 million, is already affecting many students at CSUSB who commute to school every day.

"I didn't expect to be delayed until one day I was," said student Chelsea Main.

Although appreciative about the addition of another lane, students are bothered by the extra time it adds to their commute to school.

"I'd really rather just take surface streets," said student Hannah Macdonald. "The lanes are so twisty and curvy, and with only two lanes open at some points, it's just not worth the hassle."

This project is funded by The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) and Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) according to roadtraffic-technology.com.

The four-phase project includes reconstruction of nine interchanges and the addition of a general use and carpool lane in each direction.

The process of restructuring the I-215 has been what some would consider lengthy.

The program began in 2007 and is expected to continue through 2013, if there are no delays.

One potential problem that this project may face is dealing with funding. With a lack of stable funding, the projects may face delays and extend its deadline.

Although SANBAG and RCTC originally funded the project, funding was later turned over to Cal Trans.

So far the only phase that has been fully finished and is already opened is phase one which opened in 2008.

Phase two of the project is still under construction and is expected to be opened in mid 2010.

The I-215 was constructed in 1936 and was originally part of U.S. route 395, but later changed to I-215 after meeting interstate highway standards.

CSUSB summer session update

By ERWIN GRIFIS
Staff Writer

This summer CSUSB and transfer students will be able to take summer session courses at an extra price.

CSUSB's 2010 summer sessions are being held through the College of Extended Learning on a self-support basis, meaning that the summer session will be funded through the fees that students pay. There is no government funding given to CSUSB to support the program.

Since the summer session is only being offered on a student self-support basis, only three types of fee waiver programs will be offered. These three fee waivers are the Dependent CAL Vet Waiver, Alan Pattee, and Dependents of Victims of Sept 11.

"We are fighting to put together a good quality session and build on it so we can present the extra opportunities that students need so they can get that next class that could mean catching up for graduation, or getting ahead in units," said Tim Gaherty, summer session program administrator.

"With our economical status leading government spending away from funding the summer program it is getting harder for students to afford classes," says Emerald Collins, a CSUSB senior.

"The fees make it hard to know what the turnout will be for the summer session, but a lot of the classes are filling up pretty quickly, so far," said Olia Vadivia, student services assistant.

As it stands, there are about 500 summer courses offered by all five of the colleges here at CSUSB and the Palm Desert campuses featuring general education, upper division, and graduate level courses.

Financial aid options may be available, but only for current CSUSB students and others whom are enrolled into the fall 2010 degree program.

Students must register for summer session classes the same as regular quarter classes online through MyCoyote.

Priority registration began May 3 through May 9 and open enrollments are available until June 6.

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Arlin makes a move

designed to give those newly credentialed support.

Arlin says she is proud that the department received national accreditation in 2002, and completely reaccredited by the state and nationally in 2009.

She also has supported many of our faculty in their work to obtain grants and contracts, which include research as well as collaborations with the K-12 districts.

Arlin said that the amount brought in for contracts and grants for Department of Education in the area of teaching quality was between four to five million.

One contract is the RIMS (Riverside, Inyo, Mono, and San Bernardino Counties) BTSA (Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment) program which is co-sponsored with the California Department of Education supports the newly accredited teachers.

When recalling difficulties in her tenure as dean Arlin chuckled: "Budget, budget, budget. The other piece of that is the cycle of teacher shortages and surpluses."

Arlin said that she is glad that the conceptual framework as part of the accreditation process now encompasses wisdom. Wisdom includes those who are pursuing teaching as well as those who are pursuing other roles within schools such as school counselor or administrators all those are critical but are not specifically teaching, Arlin explained.

Who will be replacing her is still undetermined. According to Arlin, the Provost is in process of identifying a person in the college to be acting dean, and will launch a national search early this fall.

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LGBT pride month marked by Pride Center celebration

By MARYRONE SHELL
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This June marks the 10th anniversary since Gay and Lesbian Pride Month was declared by former President Bill Clinton, and the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) Pride Center will host an event to kick off the commemoration.

Last year, President Barack Obama recognized two more communities when he declared the month of June to be National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month.

"During LGBT Pride Month, I call upon the LGBT community, the Congress, and the American people to work together to promote equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity," proclaimed Obama last year.

"LGBT Pride Month is like Black History Month because we have the opportunity to be proud and to be visible," said Dee Jay Brown a program coordinator for the Pride Center.

On June 1, to kick off LGBT Pride Month, the center will host a luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. where there will be food, beverages, raffles and giveaways.

Unlike other Pride parades and festivals in Long Beach, Los Angeles and San Diego, the SMSU Pride Center's event is free of charge.

"Everyday is Straight Pride Day," said graduate assistant for the center Angela Romagnoli, commenting on the heteronormative biases of our society and the importance of Pride Month.

The center's staff said that they have been pleased with the turnouts of this year's events. Romagnoli said that major events like Drag Ball will be back again next year but their will be a few more additions to look forward to.

Brown said that more people attended the Alice-in-Wonderland–themed dance held last Saturday than they had anticipated.

"Well over 200 people came to the Mad Hatter Ball when we were expecting around a hundred," said Brown. "It was a lot of fun."

Tuesday's luncheon will be the last event the Pride Center will host this quarter, but Romagnoli said she hopes to plan a barbecue and field trips over the summer.

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New laws fight underage drinking

City aims to bring about the end of the house party for minors

By ALLISON UPSTILL
Staff Writer

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San Bernardino County has recently been taking action, through city ordinances, to curb alcohol consumption.

These measures directly affect students who live on campus or live in the city of San Bernardino.

"I think that there is always going to be ongoing issues when it comes to alcohol, but banning certain things pertaining to it might not always be the best decision," said student Rashad Cromartie.

The campus itself does not seem to battle very many alcohol related issues directly. According to the Campus Police Report found on the CSUSB website, the Crime and Arrest log for the past 60 days showed two out of the 58 total crimes alcohol related.

The other 56 crimes did not show any obvious correlation or connection to alcohol related problems on or off campus recently.

On May 3 the city of San Bernardino passed a city law that banned 40-ouncers and other malt beverages and was called a "deemed approved ordinance." It was seen as an urgency ordinance.

The progress and work on a permanent local ordinance has started but has not been drafted.

The alternative legislation would propose further restrictions and changes to the original measure passed.

According to the San Bernardino Sun, the measure outlines a plan for penalizing liquor store owners who continue to carry 40-ouncers, in addition to sweeping bans on fortified wine products, malt liquor, as well as many small containers of wine and hard liquor.

The council passed the urgency ordinance a month after research was presented that produced findings that linked easy access to single-sized containers of alcohol to violent crime.

According to the same journal; every year, more than 696,000 students nationally are assaulted by another student who has been drinking.

San Bernardino County is not working on a similar measure for the unincorporated areas governed directly by the county.

These are areas that are not part of a direct city or town, but rather areas that do not have a city ordinance, for example mountain areas excluding Big Bear city.

San Bernardino County is, however, proposing a different kind of drinking ordinance that hopes to curb a different kind of alcohol related issue. This new proposed ordinance is aimed to reduce underage drinking.

It is a social-hosting ordinance that fines adults who permit underage drinking in their homes, to help reduce rowdy house parties. The ordinance would require adults to take measures to insure there are no minors drinking.

According to the website, Monitoring the Future, "Three out of every four students have consumed alcohol (more than just a few sips) by the end of high school."

The ordinance would fine adults up to $1,000 and/or face jail time. It returns to the County Board of Supervisors on June 15.

Through these ordinances, San Bernardino County has directly affected students here at CSUSB.

With the campus consisting of minors and legal age drinkers there are certain policies of the University that relate to the sale, consumption and possession of alcohol.

According to the CSUSB alcohol policy "the university administration recognizes the consumption of alcoholic beverages as part of the American culture. It is also recognized that the majority of the students within the CSU, as well as faculty and staff, are of legal drinking age and use of alcohol responsibly."

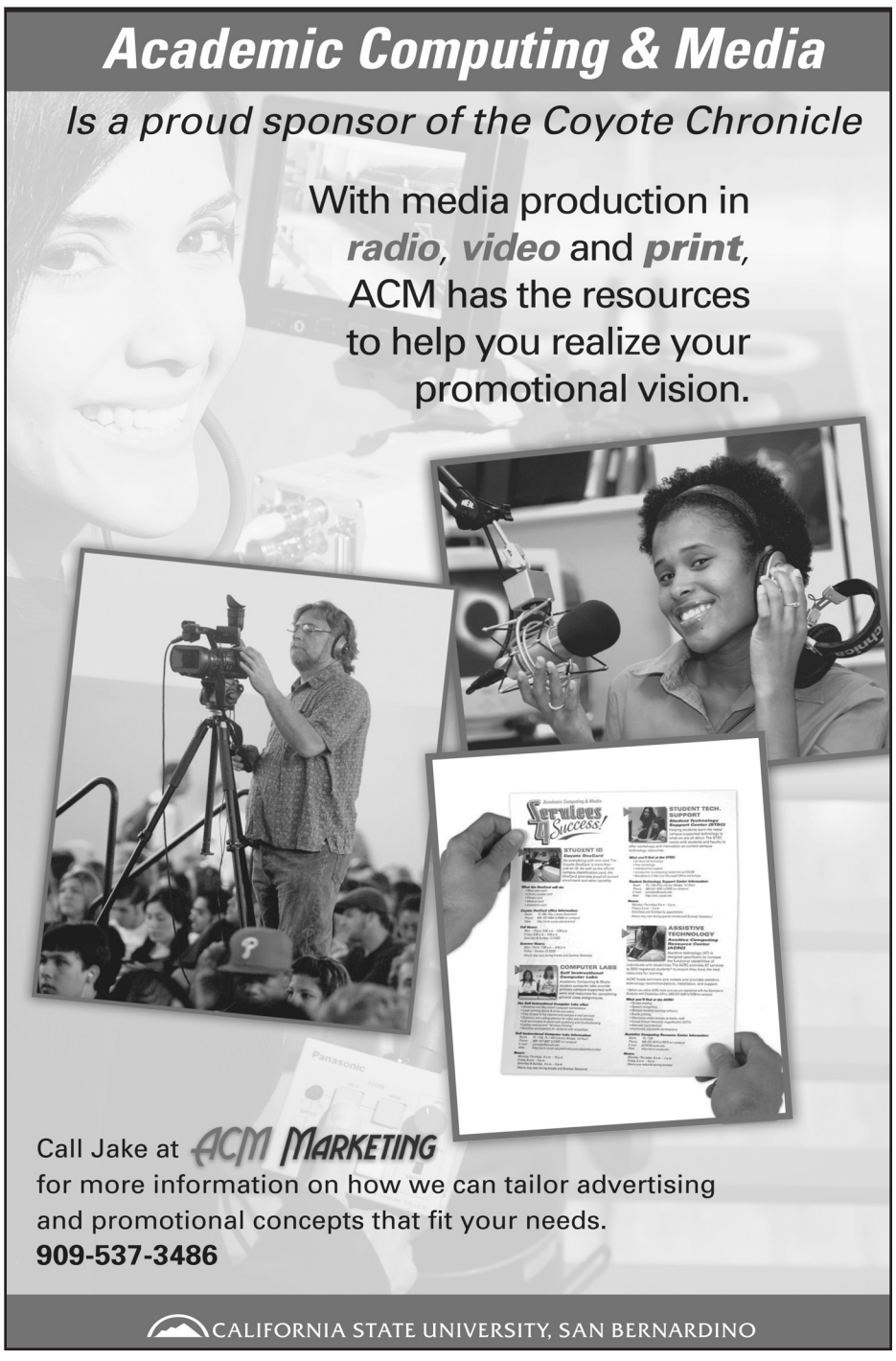
It goes on to explain that sales and consumption of alcoholic beverages is limited to beer and wine on campus.

Alcohol may only be sold in the Commons or in the Student Union pub.

Although according to the Journal of American College Health "Nearly half (48 percent) of all of the alcohol consumed by students attending 4-year colleges is consumed by underage students."

Thus through the new "social hosting ordinance" the county hopes to alter this statistic by deterring underage drinking at house parties in the unincorporated areas.

Numerous cities in the county have already implemented similar types of laws; Ontario, Corona, Norco and Moreno Valley are some of the cities.



Travel tops Coyote bucket lists

Trips overseas and digging into family histories reported as goals students want to accomplish before they die

By CALI CARTER
Staff Writer

Death may not be on the minds of many CSUSB students.

Studying, dating, working, and hitting happy hour are probably more at the top of the list of things to worry about for college students.

But what if we knew today was our last day on earth?

I pondered this question after watching MTV's "The Buried Life," and wanted to bring the question to CSUSB students.

I asked students on campus, what do you want to do before you die?

"I just want to travel!" said Communication Studies student Kelli Kourkos.

Many students have told me traveling was definitely at the top of their list.

Places all over the globe were mentioned as spots to see before they die.

"I want to travel to Ireland and Amsterdam," said students Chris Flaharty.

Maryrone Shell had a few goals in mind before the distance between her and the end grows near.

"Well, I want to go to Europe, live in New York for a while, and I want to have a family," she said. "Notice, I didn't say get married," Shell laughed.

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Among other daring goals, 'get a tattoo' can be found on student bucket lists.

In each of us there lie various dreams, hopes and aspirations.

Many of us may be in our late teens to early 20s, but this doesn't necessarily mean we have 60-plus years to figure out what we want to be known for before we go, or what we desire out of this life.

People of all ages and from all backgrounds came up with goals they would like to accomplish before they their lives are over.

These activities include hooking up with a celebrity, base jumping off of a hotel in Vegas, visiting Bora Bora, finishing a senior project, and learning about what makes us who we are from our past and upbringing.

"I want to learn my tribe's language," said senior Stephanie Mushrush, a Native American.

Others have aspirations that span out to the future.

"I want to get a great job that I really enjoy," said student Daisy Alvarez.

Some students like me may have a piece of us that feels as if it's missing.

Although it is not at the top of my list, finding out who my real father is would be very comforting to know before I die.

Other bucket list items include volunteering to help a cause, skydiving, writing a book, getting married, learning to play an instrument, taking a hot air balloon ride, having children, getting straight A's, and learning to ride a motorcycle.

Whether it be getting a tattoo, traveling out of your comfort zone, finding a biological member of your family, learning more about your culture or just finishing four successful years at CSUSB and earning that degree the time to plan and live is now.

My personal bucket list includes completing an Iron Man event, seeing Radiohead in concert, visiting Lucille Ball's gravesite, and kissing my first love.

No one, young or old, is guaranteed a tomorrow.

What is holding you back from completing your dreams?

So ask yourself what is it that you want to do before you die.

Then go out there and do it! After all, you dont want important goals left unaccomplished when you kick the bucket.

PR students learn, help with Project Reverberate

Melanie Hunter | Chronicle Photo

"It's really important that people our age are involved in a project like this. Our generation is completely capable of making a difference... It's about giving back and forcing our peers to take an introspective walk in someone else's shoes."

Melanie Hunter, Public Relations Student

By LAUREN WALKER
Staff Writer

Project Reverberate, a campaign intended to empower a generation to care, has students in the Communication Department buzzing.

The project was organized by two classes in the public relations discipline of communication, both taught by Dr. Astrid Sheil, focused on providing practical experience to students looking to go into the PR field.

Project Reverberate is a campaign to make a difference and help those in need, but this campaign extends beyond CSUSB both in work and scope.

The public relations students, along with RealPolitech, a public relations firm dedicated to "advancing the mission and programs of non-profits and other socially-conscious organizations," partnered together with the Andre Sobel River of Life Foundation (ASLR), a non-profit organization.

"The students of CSUSB aren't just scholars, they are activists. For them, this isn't just a miniscule class project, its "Project Reverberate," one that echoes the sounds of hope," said Christina Gagnier, the CEO of RealPolitech.

The foundation assists single-parent families with urgent expenses during a child's catastrophic illness. These expenses range from mortgage payments to groceries, and help ease the financial burden for parents.

The foundation was started by Valerie Sobel, mother of Andre Sobel, 19, who was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor.

During her son's year-long stay in the hospital, Sobel witnessed sick children alone in their hospital beds with no parent to accompany them through pain, treatments and even death because they had to be away at work.

A year later Andre lost his battle with the tumor.

Sobel couldn't bear to see children sick and alone, and thus the Andre Sobel River of Life Foundation was born.

Sobel made it her mission to make sure that no child was alone and that every parent could be by his or her side without the burden of financial responsibilities.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the foundation has helped over 10,000 families in 21 states, and has given away $4 million.

The students along with RealPolitech have partnered together to launch an event for the Foundation on Wednesday June 2, 2010 at 8 p.m. at LA live on the Target Terrace.

Tickets for the event are $30 each and all proceeds go directly to the foundation.

The night will consist of performances by CSUSB alumna Kara Aubrey, a silent auction, a live DJ, and door prizes.

Celebrity appearances will be made by Audiopush, Meaku, Lorenzo Neal, Kel Mitchell, and Miguel Jontel.

The entire event will be broadcast live on projectreverberate.org, the official website for the campaign.

Not only have the students with the Project Reverberate campaign been at work at CSUSB, they also have been promoting within the local community.

Once students realized they could make a difference, they committed to the project wholeheartedly.

"The project bridges the gap between the generation 'launching their lives,' and the generation 'battling for life'. Project Reverberate delivers a link between these two sides of the generation - to ignite a new generational dynamic," said Aubrey.

To purchase tickets or give a donation, visit www.projectreverberate.eventbrite.org.

STDs: Prevention and testing key

By JESSICA MEYER
Staff Writer

In the U.S., more than 65 million people are currently living with an incurable Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD), and each year 15 million are infected with one or more STDs.

With these kinds of statistics it's no wonder why admitting to having a sexually transmitted disease can be seen as controversial. After all, it could have deadly consequences.

A lot of this stigma comes from others' perspectives towards sexuality due to cultural, family, socioeconomic, or religious background.

"It's shocking to know how rampant STDs are within our community," said sophomore Zach Goodrich.

So what exactly is being done about this epidemic?

Websites such as www.itsyoursexlife.com have been teaming up with widespread media outlets like MTV to spread awareness. On the website, you can get the facts and learn how to talk to your health provider about vital information for a better well-being.

Here on campus, lots of STD information is available for students. If you are interested in learning about the biological aspect of STD's or looking to fulfill one of your general education requirements, Biology 217, Biology of Sexually Transmitted Diseases might be a class to look into.

Student Zachary Sanchez was shocked at all he learned in the class.

"It really makes you think twice about just how serious this issue is," said Sanchez.

In a class survey taken in 2009, research showed that 80 percent of 180 students surveyed were not concerned with being exposed to a sexually transmitted infection, yet of those students only 41 percent admitted to using a contraceptive every single time they had sex.

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When discussing how to reduce the risk of catching a STD, Professor Christina A. Wistrom said "to obtain routine medical evaluations, always use protection or abstain from sexual activities, and to be observant."

Many people go untested and this is generally how infections are spread.

"Most people go untreated due to no outward signs causing one to pass it along, and also the guilt and embarrassment of carrying a STD," said Wistrom.

If you are interested in getting tested or receiving more info, the Health Center provides emergency contraception, STD testing and contraceptives to prevent spreading or catching infections.

With more than 40 STDs out there, it should be every student's priority to be safe and get tested.

New grads face home-buying blues

By DANIELLE DRYDEN
Staff Writer

No exiting college student can be fully prepared for the world of home-buying.

In college we are taught how to think creatively, act intuitively and become prepared for the career field in which we will enter.

However, there is no lesson in how to invest your money once it is earned, or how to put the money toward buying a home.

Driving near campus you would not need to look very hard to find a "for sale" sign in the front yard of a house.

To purchase one of these homes, a student might think that his or her first move is to call the number on the sign.

Wrong, there are numerous steps to take prior to calling that number.

According to CNNMoney.com, a new home buyer needs to consider the following things: don't buy if you can't stay put, check your credit, look for a home you can really afford, if you can't put the usual 20 percent down, you may still qualify, seek professional help and get pre-approved for a loan.

All of this might sound a bit overwhelming to someone who has no idea of how real estate works. Just be aware that there will be quite a bit of terminology that will be introduced to you upon purchase, so do your home-buying terminology research.

Some important things to know are the differences between rates and points. When picking a mortgage, you usually have the option of paying additional points (a portion of the interest that you pay at closing) in exchange for a lower interest rate.

If you stay in the house for a long time - say three to five years, or more - it's usually a better deal to take the points. The lower interest rate will save you more in the long run, according to CNN Money.com.

Buyers should also be aware of all the fees that will be added on to the cost of their monthly living. There are property taxes, possible Home Owners Association fees, Mello-Roos taxes (where they apply) as well as home-owners insurance.

Getting home-owners insurance is imperative when buying a home. While no one plans on losing their home to any disaster or mishap, it unfortunately happens every day.

Danielle Dryden | Chronicle Photo

Entering the world of home-buying can be challenging for a new grad, especially when faced with real estate lingo like that on this 'For Sale' sign.

Ask yourself, if your home was ever destroyed because of a fire or wind damage, how would you pay to rebuild it? That's where your homeowners insurance comes in.

Homeowners insurance protects the investment you have made in your home by providing you with coverage for specific hazards.

If there are any terms listed above that you are unaware of, you are not alone. There are many other conditions that you must consider and learn prior to purchasing.

When choosing to acquire a home you may have to come up with a large portion of money as a down-payment; often buyers will need to have 20 percent of the purchase price. This is typically a hefty amount, so it is recommended that you have a savings account.

Numerous times college students learn through trial and error, but wouldn't it be nice to have an idea of what you are getting yourself into first?

Home-buying can be a very exciting experience, but it can also become very intimidating.

The key thing to know is that you do not have to go through it alone.

Hire a realtor, they will assist you with any questions or discrepancies you may come across.

The second you make the big decision in purchasing, go to a bank and get pre-approved.

This process makes home buying much quicker as well as easier for all parties involved.

Most of all, know that purchasing a home is rewarding and can be seen as a great investment.

Home-buying can be a very exciting experience, but it can also become very intimidating.

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Campus location at 'fault'

By JOEY MONZON
Staff Writer

The northern-most part of CSUSB campus sits just six-tenths of a mile from the San Andreas Fault line.

The San Andreas fault is one of the most prominent geologic faults in California and even the United States.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) website, "A fault is a break in the rocks that make up the Earth's crust, along which rocks on either side have moved past each other."

Fault movement triggers earthquakes, which makes many students wonder, in the event of an earthquake on the San Andreas Fault, are the students of CSUSB safe?

"We will definitely get a lot of rock and roll, but because bedrock is close to the surface here, the shaking may be a little less strong and may not last quite so long here as in areas farther out into the valley," said Geology Professor Sally McGill.

Building a campus so close to a fault line seemed like poor planning but, according to McGill, "there was consideration of the fault when the site for the campus was chosen."

According to Geology lab instructor Ross McIntosh the school is surrounded by bedrock.

This shows that the sediments underneath the school are shallow which is better in the event of an earthquake.

This may be why the campus may not have been at such a poor location after all.

"The campus should get a big jolt but we should be prepared," said McIntosh.

During the next big earthquake people will probably be knocked off their feet and unable to stand.

There will more than likely be some injuries and possibly some fatalities, according to McGill.

According to McIntosh the buildings that are coded as safe are only meant to stay up long enough for the people inside to get out.

The buildings themselves can be severely damaged and unusable after a quake.

Although it may all seem like a completely bad idea to build a campus so close to a fault there are some benefits to having the fault so close.

According to McIntosh there are only three places in the world where you can stand on the plate boundary, and we have one for our use within a short hike of the campus proper.

This benefits CSUSB geology and geography students greatly.

"Sure it benefits students. It's great to be able to walk up there," said McIntosh.

There are not many places where a geology student can learn about fault, plate boundaries, shifts, and tectonic activities and then walk right to a boundary and apply what he or she has learned.

In that sense having a fault so close is a good thing.

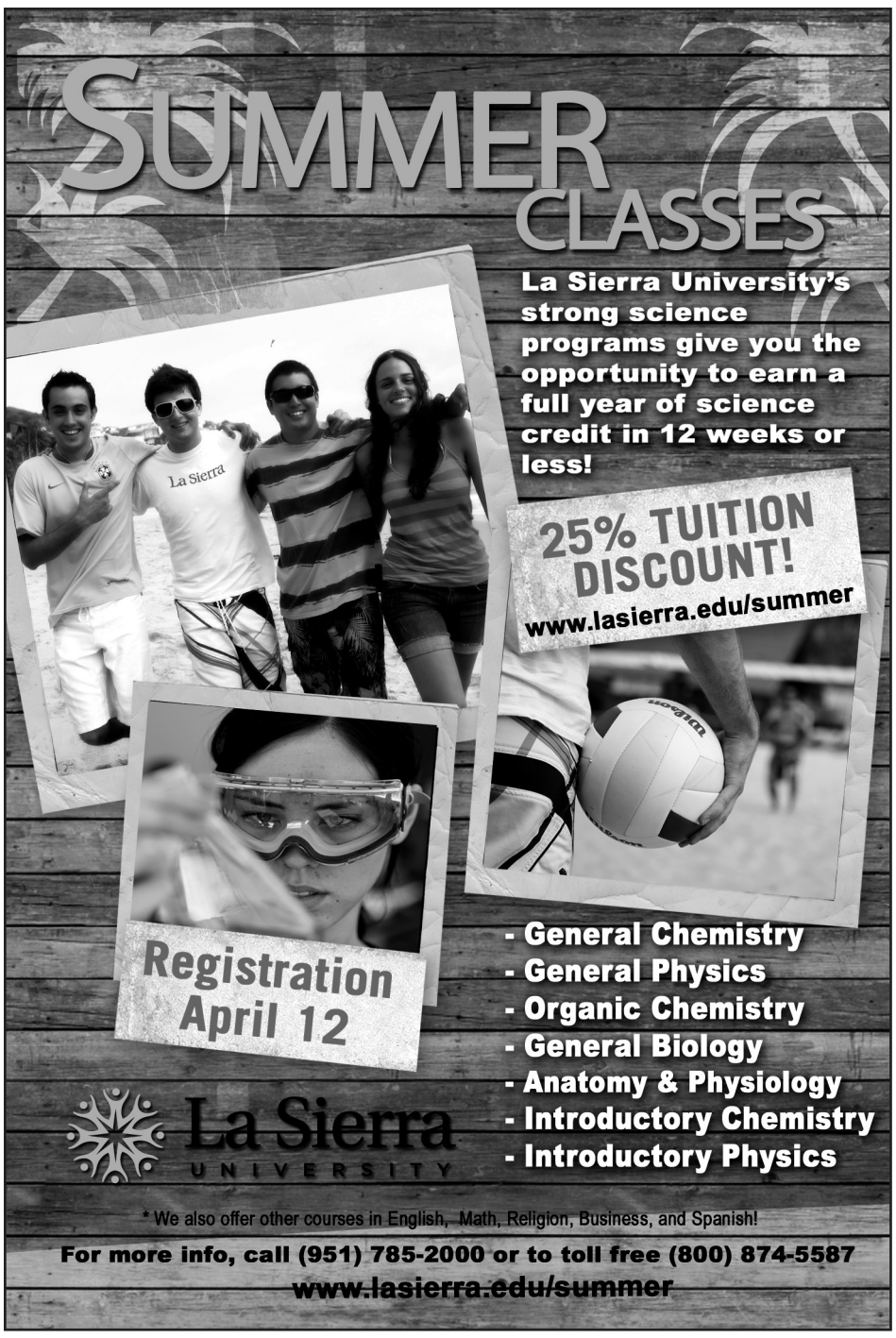
Although the fault being so close benefits some students, others still worry.

"I've never heard of a school being so close to an earthquake zone. I wouldn't say we are safe," said Patrick Orantes, a CSUSB student.

Students and faculty may worry about being on campus during an earthquake caused by the San Andreas Fault, but according to McGill, "CSUSB is probably in no greater danger than any other part of San Bernardino."

Courtesy of CSUSB website

The land directly behind campus is not only home to spectacular views, but also the infamous San Andreas fault line.



'Robin Hood' begins at the end

Courtesy of Universal Pictures

Russell Crowe takes aim in Ridley Scott's new film, "Robin Hood." Crowe and Scott have worked together before on the film, "Gladiator" but this collaboration doesn't quite have the same touch. It doesn't become captivating until the very end.

By ALEXANDRA GRANT
Staff Writer

There's no need to rush to the box office for Ridley Scott's take on the beloved classic movie, "Robin Hood."

The film offers minor success in the ways of casting and battle scenes, but becomes lost when depicting the thrill and adventure that made Robin Hood the legend it was to begin with.

Scott's "Robin Hood" stars Russell Crowe as Robin Longstride aka, Robin Hood, Cate Blanchett as Lady Marion, Max Von Sydow as Sir Walter Loxley and William Hurt as William Marshal.

The tale begins when a medieval script appears on screen and takes us to late 12th century England.

longspring is a member of the Third Crusade, along with his close followers, Alan A'Dale, Will Scarlett and Little John.

longspring and his men are given a golden opportunity when the King of England, Richard the Lionheart, dies in battle.

The four embark on an adventure to return the king's crown and on the way discover Sir Robert Loxley, who takes their quest in a whole new direction to a little town called Nottingham.

It is almost immediately that we are introduced to Lady Marion of Nottingham who is as equally stern as she is kind.

The story's main villain is Sir Godfrey, who is successfully portrayed by actor Mark Strong. Strong offers an exceptional performance with his grim persona and cold-hearted actions.

Godfrey befriends King John, who is handed the throne upon his brother's death. This dark night brings battle to life when it is discovered that he is among the French as they make their way to the English shores for invasion.

Crowe's heroic character was to be an expected success, especially after he played a similar role in "Gladiator," which also was directed by Scott.

He once again gives the audience more reasons to love his selfless, yet aggressive role.

The film finally reaches its peak when both Lady Marion and Robin Hood form a perfect pair on a mission to save their home from the French.

Scott attempts to capture the excitement with frequent gory battle scenes that are all too familiar in relation to "Gladiator."

"Robin Hood's" most common confusion was its plot.

Scenes constantly change from one location to another without explanation.

The most common location is Nottingham, where the tension is high and the community's health is compromised due to the lack of seed for crops.

longspring is also a former resident of Nottingham. After 10 years, he returns to save not only Nottingham, but all of England.

We are then brought to the concluding duel that was all too easily expected.

longspring, Lady Marion and Sir Godfrey are brought together for one last memorable battle. The only problem is that the film is near its conclusion when the legend of Robin Hood has just begun.

It is obvious that the film is set a up for a sequel.

Scott's depiction of the well known Robin Hood tale is just the beginning of Robin Longstride's heroic existence.

Heavy metal fans mourn the loss of Slipknot bassist

By TYSON ELLINGSEN
Special Correspondent

Courtesy of MySpace Music
Slipknot bassist Paul Gray was found dead in a hotel room. Members and fans mourn the untimely loss of their friend.

Heavy metal music has suffered another huge blow with the death of Slipknot bassist Paul Gray.

Gray was discovered dead in an Iowa hotel room May 24. He was 38 years old.

Gray, one of Slipknot's founding members, was known as "#2" or "The Pig" due to the mask he wore while performing.

An autopsy report failed to identify the exact cause of death, but confirmed no foul play or trauma took place. Police did however find pills and a syringe next to Gray's body.

Investigators are awaiting a toxicology report according to the Des Moines Reporter.

The remaining band members held a press conference to pay tribute to Gray, but refused to answer media questions.

"He was kind of the person in the band that really wanted everybody in the band to always get along and just concentrate on the band," said member Shawn Crahan during the conference. "He was a really great friend and a really great person. He's going to be sadly missed, and the world is going to be a different place without him."

Gray is survived by his wife Brenna, who is expecting the couple's first child.

Early incarnations of Slipknot included founding members Shawn Crahan, Anders Colsefini and Gray playing under various aliases.

With the addition of Joey Jordison and Josh Brainard, the band played their first real show as Meld in 1995 before changing their name to Slipknot.

They released their first album, *Mate. Feed. Kill. Repeat.* on Halloween in 1996.

Around this time, the band started to form their image wearing jumpsuits and grotesque masks in what they called their "anti-image."

Many have accused their masks of being gimmicks used to sell themselves, but the band argues the masks are just extensions of themselves and their music.

Often compared to acts like Pantera and Biohazard, they are considered pioneers in their genre having gained recognition for their wild stage shows and their devoted fanbase called "maggots."

Rolling Stone writer Robert Cherry said it best describing their sound as, "a threshing machine devouring a military drum corps."

Their music contains dark, angry lyrics that have caused a great deal of controversy.

Two young men who murdered another man in 2003 cited Slipknot as their inspiration and lyrics for "Surfacing" were found at a pilfered grave.

Despite these bouts of negative press, Slipknot has grown to be one of the most successful metal acts with platinum selling albums and receiving several Grammy nominations and one win for best metal performance.

Despite his scary demeanor and identity in the band, friends and family remember Gray as a truly warm-hearted individual.

"He was a great musician, an underrated songwriter and a truly warm soul underneath the evil mask he rocked onstage," said Shadows Fall singer, Brian Francis in an MTV interview. "This is a huge loss to the metal world. He will be missed deeply."

Gray was set to join Hail, a metal supergoup featuring members from Iron Maiden and Judas Priest.

"MacGruber" movie takes SNL skit to the next level

If you're looking for an over the top version of "MacGyver," than this is a movie for you. "MacGruber" is filled with laughs and hilarious dialogue.

By KAYLA MAC
Staff Writer

Courtesy of Universal Pictures
Will Forte takes his famous SNL character to the big screen in "MacGruber."

"MacGruber" is hot off the heels of its SNL success, raking in over $4 million nationwide, gaining a solid No. 6 spot at the box office.

However, the amount of money does not reflect the quality of the film.

The skit was brought to the big screen by way of parody, aiming at the 1980s TV hit, "MacGyver."

MacGruber, played by Will Forte, is an ex-undercover agent who has sworn off a life of fighting crime and violence following the tragic murder of his fiancé during their wedding ceremony.

When the United States is on the verge of being destroyed by a nuclear bomb, MacGruber feels he has no other choice but to take on the task and become a hero once again.

Coincidently, the villain happens to be his arch nemesis, Dieter Von Cunth, played by Val Kilmer, making his ache for revenge even more prominent.

Sound too serious to be an epic comedy? Think again.

The apparent contrast between Lt. Dixon Piper, played by Ryan Phillipe, and MacGruber is heavy on the comedic relief.

Piper isn't used to MacGruber's unorthodox ways of crime fighting, particularly the fact that he uses no weapons and only household items to defeat his enemies. Seems like an odd way to fight.

For all of the romantic comedy lovers, the film pays homage to the building romance between MacGruber and Vicki St. Elmo, played by Kristen Wiig.

The movie is rated R for a reason.

Able to stray from the "cable television regulated skit rules," screenwriters Forte, John Solomon and director Jorma Taccone seize the opportunity to do and say things that they probably wouldn't get away with on network television.

One example is a risky scene involving MacGruber naked with a piece of celery. This is a scene you would have to see to believe.

The film definitely has an elementary charm to it. The type of humor that brings you back to those days where you laughed at the dumbest things and you ran away from the opposite sex for fear of cooties.

The film feels a bit unnatural because peppered into that 5th grade charm, are graphic sex scenes, blatant f-bombs and bloody murders.

Besides the movie's idiotic jokes, the acting was subpar. The only part Forte got right was Southern hick with a mullet in 2010.

He was portrayed as a highly decorated war veteran, serving as everything from a Green Beret to Navy SEAL.

MacGruber supposedly also collected 16 Purple Hearts, three Congressional Medals of Honor and seven Presidential Medals, but his intelligence suggests otherwise.

The only thing worse than the acting were the graphics. The film had far too many slow-motion shots of characters crying out in agony, or running towards the camera with an explosion in the background.

Parody of "MacGyver"? Absolutely.

If you are looking for a film that you don't have to put too much thought into and if you are in desperate need of crude and unadulterated humor, "MacGruber" is the hero for you.

'24' runs out of time

Courtesy of Fox Television

The show ends on a familiar note as Jack Bauer saves the day

By CAMERON WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Many television shows have an influence on our culture, but few have the lasting impact on society and the political realm as much as the show "24."

Its brave steps to portray a fictional version of the terrifying world we live in only reinforces the strong appeal that the espionage genre brings.

The series finale, which aired on May 24, punctuated every aspect that made the show a huge success and leaves the door open to even more missions for Jack Bauer, the show's main character played by Kiefer Sutherland, to undertake.

Some could argue that the show has been past its prime since season five, but each year the show continues to reinvent itself.

This year, the show's eighth season, took place in New York City where U.S. President Allison Taylor (Cherry Jones) and President Omar Hassan (Anil Kapoor) of the fictional Islamic Republic of Kamistan are in negotiation of a treaty to bring peace to the Middle-East.

The plot involves the assassination of President Hassan, a nuclear threat on the U.N. Building and Bauer's determination to expose the cover-up.

Viewers really got to see Bauer's vengeful side this season. After lowering his guard and developing a relationship with fellow agent Renee Walker (Annie Werksching), he witnessed her being shot by sniper rifle and essentially die in his arms, which affected Bauer in a tremendous way.

This sets him on an explosive collision course to the end of the season that included him butchering her killer to acquire some much-needed evidence.

Bauer's revenge carried him all the way to almost assassinating a former president, before his friend and Counter-Terrorist Unit (CTU) co-worker Chloe O'Brian (Mary Lynn Rajskub) talked him down.

After being captured, President Taylor had ordered Bauer to be executed to tie up any loose ends that might connect her to the cover-up.

The evidence Bauer collected made its way to President Taylor, but she had a change of heart after viewing Bauer's self-recorded testimonial of the day's events. Her re-found conscience convinced her to drop out of the peace signing that she so desperately worked towards and ordered the release of Bauer.

One scene that felt very anti-climatic to me was the suicide of former President Charles Logan.

Logan, who was the main villain of Season 5, was brought on board as an advisor to President Taylor when the Russians were threatening to not sign the peace treaty.

He orchestrated most of the cover-up, inserting his own assistant as lead in an effort to capture Bauer, and convincing President Taylor to go along with it.

In retrospect, the suicide went along with his character persona as the cowardly president who wouldn't take responsibility for his decisions.

The scene that really felt satisfying was the phone conversation between O'Brian and Bauer in the final minutes.

While most of the employees at the CTU have either been replaced or killed, O'Brian is the one who has been around the longest, and always helped Bauer.

Bauer thanked O'Brian for all she had done and told her when they first met that he would never have imagined she would be the one who had his back for all these years.

It was a great scene between two unlikely friends that gave the finale some great emotional weight.

This scene precursors Bauer's escape from country, as after the day's events, he now is being trailed by Russian and American forces.

However, Bauer's work is never finished. Though the series is done, there are plans to continue the tragedy of Bauer in a feature film.

Rising production costs from filming on location led to the conclusion of the series, but a "24" film would certainly allow for a bigger budget and satisfy the worldwide fans it has accumulated since its first airing in 2001.

The Dead Weather sets sail with *Sea of Cowards*

By HANNAH ALANIS
Staff Writer

The Dead Weather's new album *Sea of Cowards*, is just as you'd expect it to be.

Blistering blues and rock influenced songs with squealing guitars, loads of distortion and vocals that screech and scream while somehow all coming together to make great music.

It hasn't been long since Jack White first announced the formation of this new side project.

White brought The Kills' singer, Alison Mosshart on board with Jack Lawrence from The Raconteurs on bass and completing the group is Queens of the Stone Age guitarist Dean Fertita, for an experimental project that would inevitably succeed thanks to White's golden touch.

"It doesn't matter what my name is, what the title is, what the name of the band is or the album. I don't care, as long as I'm creating something that didn't exist before," stated White in an interview.

The opening song "Blue Blood Blues" is a perfect ode to the band's diverse sound.

White tears into one of his most outrageous verses ever.

"Check your lips at the door, woman/ And shake your hips like battleships/ Yeah, all the white girls trip when I sing at Sunday service!"

This line is a perfect example of his outrageous gibberish and it's the sort of line that only an extremely confident singer would ever attempt, let alone pull off.

Throughout the record, White has a flawless ability to take a sound and manipulate it just enough to keep it fresh while not taking away from the aspects of the music that made it enjoyable and unique in the first place.

The two guitar leads on "I Can't Hear You," sound like they're in the middle of a fiery lovers' argument, one staying maddeningly calm and steady while the other screams and rages.

White and Mosshart are old-style rock stars. They're the types who don't feel like they have to explain everything to you, or share it with you.

It's a heavy, gnarly and raw album, which feels like the work of people so secure in their rock-star abilities that they don't have to sweat the details.

Sea of Cowards is an album for any fan of White's previous projects.

Where The White Stripes thrive on simplicity and The Raconteurs dominate blues-based rock, The Dead Weather twists all standard perceptions of rock into their own distorted art form.

Both albums are great, but if you aren't familiar with the band, *Sea of Cowards* is the perfect place to start.

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On April 21, 2010, *Deepwater Horizon*, exploded and sank causing an oil spill.

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Larger booms are laid at sea to help contain the expanding oil slick in the Gulf.

Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Smaller booms and local resources stand as the last line of defense on the shore.

Shut up and put a cork in it

By EMERALD COLLINS
Staff Writer

President Barack Obama called the oil spill a "catastrophe," leading to the development of "Top Kill," a plan that designed to begin cleaning up the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Despite this, the ever lofty oil barons of British Petroleum (BP) have been lethargic in their attempts thus far to implement any large scale clean-up plan, stating that a calculated approach is needed.

It's been a month and there is still a hole in the bottom of the sea. I think it's time for action.

The plan is pretty simple in reality; just plug the leak that is releasing million of gallons of oil (despite being under 5,000 plus feet of oceanic pressure). In laymen s terms, the hole will be plugged by drilling fluids and mud into the hole to stop the leak, using advanced undersea equipment.

But it isn't a sure bet, and it might cause a bigger spillage if gone wrong. But something needs to be done.

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>
> Political Analyst James Carville

It's estimated that 17 million gallons of oil have been released into the ocean thus far, but even then those numbers are unknown reported CNN.

The spill has topped Exxon Valdez, which spilled only 11 million gallons of oil, earning this crisis the label of "the worst oil spill in U.S. history" by multiple publications.

The rate of oil spilling into the ocean is roughly at half a million to one million gallons per day. Although Obama has said the plan may not be successful, attempting to contain this disaster will require us to take risks.

Already, drilling plans for other areas have met opposition by Obama, as they rightfully should, we need to better regulate the oil business.

Obama has held BP responsible for this disaster, and BP have agreed to cover all charges and damages.

But thus far have not come through with the clean-up.

In my opinion we should take the chance with the proposed plan, although it may result in failure or increased risk of future problems, We must continue to make an effort to contain this crisis until the leak stops.

Local communities have been making "natural" efforts to absorb the oil without affecting the planet. Extreme examples such as collecting 100,000 bags of hair to absorb the oil or issuing controlled burns stand out amongst the traditional methods of booms and filters.

This idea incorporates both methods to be used together in order to be effective in absorbing the remains of oil spilled and stop anymore from entering the ocean.

BP is pressuring the nation to wait before we contain this problem, and in response, CNN Political Analyst James Carville said, "BP is not the equal of the United States government. This president needs to tell BP I'm your daddy. I'm in charge, and you're going to do what we say."

Carville did not stop there, he added "you're a multi-national company that is greedy and you may be guilty of criminal activity. It's time that we understand; BP does not wish this thing well. They have been negligent. They need to whip out their checkbook and start moving into action and the president needs to push them."

We must go forward with "Top Kill," as the livlihoods, lives and environment of the states of the South are at risk. Let us not forget the misfortunes of Katrina, and the abysmal handling of the situation by the previous administration.

Furthermore, rumors are circulating that BP is being deliberately slow, whether it is because they do not want people to account for how much oil has been spilled or find that their "disaster secnario" equipment is out of date or not present, as reported by CNN's Anderson Cooper. But that's is beside the point.

There is a problem in the Gulf, so BP you had better hop on it or step aside and let Obama put a cork in it.

Arizona: Aiding or alienating America?

By KEVIN DOWNES
Staff Writer

In the wake of the passing of SB 1070 in Arizona state law, the topics of immigration and the border have been on everyone's mind lately.

Recently, Arizona lawmakers have issued several statements reporting that President Barack Obama plans on deploying 1,200 National Guard troops to help in securing the U.S.-Mexico border.

Many believe that this plan will help to boost border security and keep immigrants out of the U.S.

This could not possibly be further from the truth.

It's a sad fact that the Obama Administration is deploying these troops just to appease a situation blown way out of proportion and gain support from Republicans for a future immigration bill.

The truth is that the border situation really is not as bad as everyone thinks it is. We are throwing the troops and money at a situation that doesn't warrant it.

According to law enforcement officials in Arizona and Texas, border violence in Mexico has yet to cross into the states.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano recently issued this statement, "I say this again, as someone who has walked the border, ridden it, flown it, and driven it. I believe it is as secure as it has ever been."

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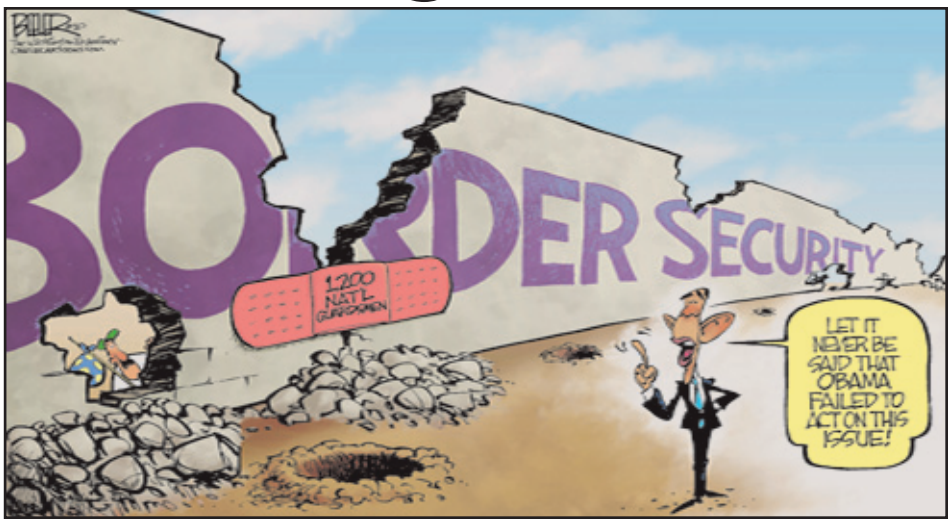
The FBI reports that crime rates in Arizona border towns have "remained essentially flat for the past decade." According to the Department of Justice, the violent crime rate in Arizona was the lowest it has ever been since 1971.

In the last decade as illegal immigrants were drawn into Arizona in record numbers, violent crimes in the entire state fell by 20 percent.

So why deploy National Guard troops to the border to bolster a "ailing" defense?

Along with the troops, the Obama Administration is asking for $500 million to be included as funding for more agents, prosecutors, technology and improved information sharing among local, state, and tribal law enforcement.



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All this is being done to simply gain favor of the Republicans for a future immigration bill that may not even pass.

Yet again, we're using people's lives and millions of dollars on a simple gamble that may not even work and is not needed.

Many think that this action won't even gain the attention of the Republican party due to the fact that most have severely extreme ideas on how to control the border and this is not one of them.

Governor Jan Brewer would like to see deadly predator drones patrol the border if they can be spared from Iraq.

It really angers me to see that this is how our government plays the game of politics.

We throw money we don't have and lives that are far from expendable at situations to simply gain influence or approval from others.

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The Goldman Sachs building in New York City, still stands unlike other corporate giants thanks to backdoor deals.

Play by the book

By KATI SMITH
Staff Writer

Everyone knows that what goes up must come down. The stock and real estate markets are no exception.

From the investment bankers and hedge fund managers, to the loan officers and realtors, no one is naive. Everyone involved knew that at some point the whole thing was going to blow up.

When Bill Clinton was president he was riding a wave of incredible economic growth. He had a desire to see more people fulfill the "American Dream." This consisted of people owning their own homes, that he even opened up a whole "new can" of government backed mortgages.

Enter Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and a host of investment banks like Goldman Sachs and AIG.

Everyone could get a loan. Bankers and realtors alike started getting creative with financing. If you had a steady heartbeat and a job for at least six months, you could get a loan. If you could only afford $150,000, they'd find a way to finance you for $500,000 with an interest-only or adjustable rate mortgage.

The investment banks would package pools of mortgages and offer them to the public as mortgage-back bonds. That is when the trouble started.

The real estate market peaked, interest rates took a dive, the value of homes dropped, and the banks weren't getting paid mortgage payments. Thus, everyone who'd bought a mortgage-backed bond was losing money on their principal faster than they could count it.

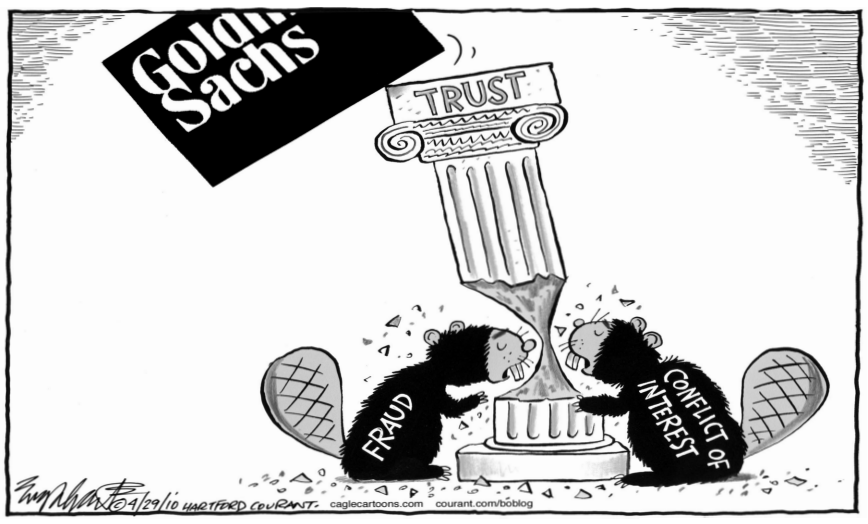
Now the investment banks are being blamed for making bad deals. Should they have been kept from selling the bonds, knowing this economic crisis was impending? At what point are they responsible for their actions?

I'd say with some simple math and a little experience in the business, the investment bankers knew that this economic downturn was coming years ago.

My mom is a financial planner and has worked for both Morgan Stanley and AIG as a stock broker. She said, "We used to say fear and greed move the market."

Everyone knew it was going to come down eventually, but there was no stopping of the greed monster. In reality the bankers didn't do anything illegal. They just made money, which is what they set out to do.

I began to argue my original point of view with my mother, telling her I didn't think that we could hold a business to any type of moral or ethical standards.



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She quickly stopped me stating, "Rule 403 of the Series 7 Securities license is suitability. It's all about your responsibility to know your customer, make sure they understand what they're getting into, and check that they have other assets just in case this investment goes south."

In other words, there are actually business ethics rules and standards for securities brokers. Not only are they required to take a licensing test, with a huge section on ethics, they also must take a yearly 8-hour refresher course on ethics.

Apparently the investment bankers called in sick that day. We must keep saying that they should have done things differently from an ethical standpoint based on rule 403. Unfortunately, ethics and morals aren't part of the equation anymore.

Good business is measured by how much money you make, not how many friends you have at the end. The only motivating factor to have an ethical rule of thumb is to make it illegal to deviate from it.

The actions of Goldman Sachs, like many those of many other firms and government agencies, were dishonest. Some may have even clearly broken rules of their securities licensing to make a dime.

Those individuals should be punished, but the bonds have been repackaged, renamed, and resold so many times there is no way to track who started it all.

No one can escape culpability at this point, but no one can be specifically blamed either. We're left with a bunch of billionaire bankers with nice severance packages, asking ourselves, "How exactly do we kill the 3-headed greed monster?" The only answer: make it illegal.

Being proud at CSUSB

LGBT students have resources available on campus

Maryrone Shell | Chronicle Photo

The Pride Center is located conveniently in the SMSU and is a great place to relax and meet people.

By MARYRONE SHELL
Staff Writer

June may be National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month but members of this community who struggle with their identities are far from proud.

But such members should have a reason to be proud; but as I will explain, there are explainable reasons why they are not.

In a journal titled "Gay Male and Lesbian Suicide," Paul Gibson, a clinical therapist, alludes to some key factors the youth face that may lead to depression and suicide which include isolation and rejection from family and peers.

"A lot of families don't support [gay youth] which is why the group of regulars that come here have become their families that wouldn't exist without the [Santos Manuel Student Union] Pride Center," said Angela Romagnoli, the graduate assistant at the center.

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Research by Dr. Gary Remafedi and Gibson are often the most cited. They have concluded that gay youth are two to three times more likely to commit suicide than heterosexuals.

They also reveal that close to 30 percent of all youth suicides may be related to orientation.

"This is why the Pride Center is especially necessary," said Dee Jay Brown, a coordinator at the center. "Struggling with one's identity, being okay with it and coming out are the most important things." Brown said the center provides referrals for various services to the community.

Another resource for members of the LGBT community who may be facing similar issues is the Psychological Counseling Center (PCC) here on campus.

This center offers individual, couples and group counseling to students who are currently enrolled.

The PCC also hosts a group meeting for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex (LGBTQQI) community on Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. where they are able to openly discuss identity, "coming out" and other personal issues.

Romagnoli described coming out as a continuous process characterized by a range of experiences. She said, "Often times it's harder to come out to ourselves than to others."

This was true for freshman Adolfo Garnica who just recently came out to a select few members of his family.

"In high school, I wasn't sure who I was," said Garnica. "I had denied it for so long, I started to believe I was straight."

Garnica said his father isn't as open to discuss his orientation or lifestyle in comparison to his mother, sister and cousins.

He said the friends he has found through the center have helped him to find himself. Garnica said that he plans to participate in the LGBT luncheon event the Pride Center is hosting on Tuesday.

"Gay pride is having acceptance and letting people know we're here, this is who we are, and we can't change," said Garnica. "As long as I accept myself, everything is okay. The Pride Center means a lot to me. Without it, I would be afraid to be myself."

Whether you are straight, gay or questioning, the Pride Center on campus provides an open location to understand and learn about gay issues and the PCC is there for anything from stress to guidance.

I implore students that are having doubts or have questions to visit here.

Being different is part of being a person, diversity allows us to exist. Being different is just a part of being gay, some people just need help finding out how to come to that understanding.

Dealing with being different is difficult, but suicide is not the solution. Here ate CSUSB, we find out who or what we want to become. We become teachers and technicians, make friends and find love.

If your a student and your unsure about anything, know that there is someone on campus willing to talk to you or help.

So before you lose yourself, go out there and find who you want to be.

Take pride in being you.

TechSpot

By KEN DILLARD
Editor in Chief

Welcome to the Chronicle's peek into all things tech. Check this space for weekly news and views on the wide world of phones, computers, TVs, games and the Internet. We'll do the browsing so you don't have to! Enjoy!

Facebook's privacy response

After months of complaints and a rash of prominent account-cancelings, Facebook has finally decided to take a stab at correcting some of their more grievous privacy oversteps.

The company issued a press release last week that highlighted upcoming changes to the social network's privacy settings, including a "one-click" privacy option and far less confusing settings overall.

Still, we think this response from Facebook seems more about quieting naysayers and less about actually doing right by their users.

Despite all of the recent controversy, though, we're sure Facebook will continue to dominate the social-networking space until a real, viable (and superior) alternative presents itself.

It might be awhile.

New Apple TV?

It's almost universally understood that the current Apple TV is a solution without a problem. It's pretty much nothing more than a box you plug into your TV that hooks up to the iTunes store. Forgive us for not being enthused.

Rumor has it, however, that a new, more relevant Apple TV may be on the horizon.

Those "in the know" have tipped engadget.com about the new device. Supposedly, it'll be drastically reduced in size compared to the current model and resembles an iPod Touch without the screen.

The new iPod-esque form factor brings with it a whole host of changes, starting with iPhone OS and cloud-based storage. Another bombshell from this rumor: 1080p.

Obviously, there is no official word on the product and all of this is rumor, but color us interested. Still, we need to hear more about web-functionality and third-party support (Netflix, Hulu perhaps) before we get too excited.

Don't expect a release real soon, though. Apple's World-Wide Developer's Conference will be in full swing at press time, and that even will almost assuredly be 100 percent focused on the new iPhone and OS4.

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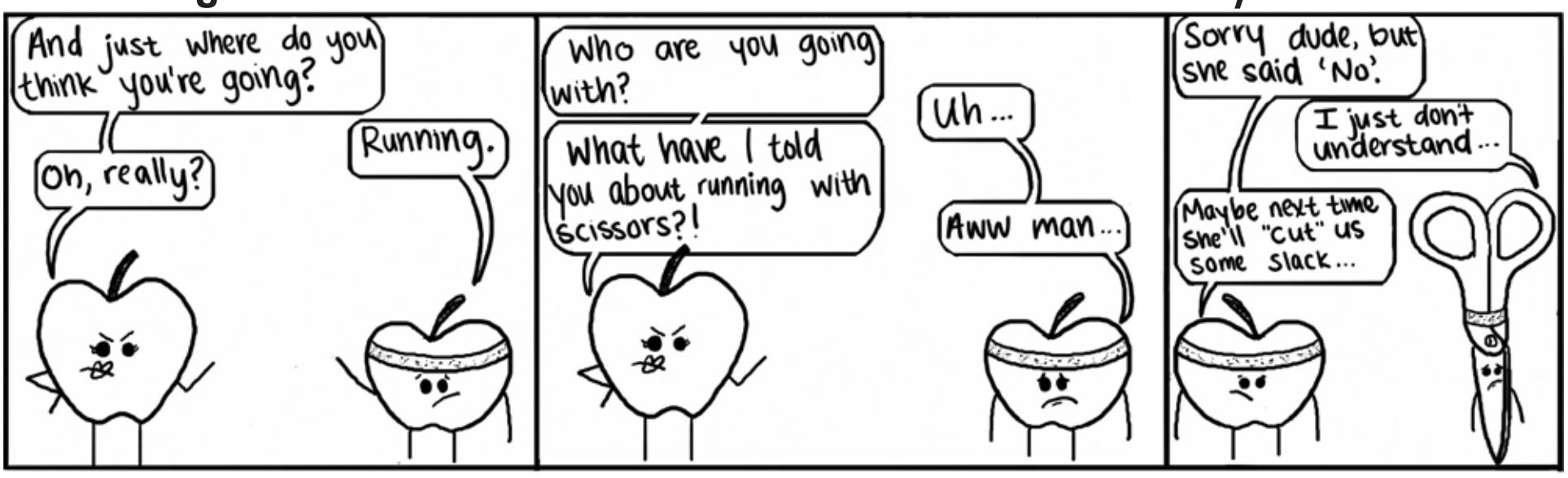

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Lima's time ends suddenly

Jose Lima 1972-2010

By JESUS ROMERO
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Jose Lima amped after a strikout, displaying his widely known "Lima Time," while playing for the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2004.

One of the most energetic pitchers in Major League Baseball history has died at age of 37.

Right handed pitcher Jose Lima died of a massive heart attack on Sunday, May 23, in his home in Pasadena, California.

Lima pitched in the Major Leagues for 13 season from 1994 – 2006.

He pitched for the Detroit Tigers, Houston Astros, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Mets.

His most successful years took place in Houston when he went 21-10 with a 3.58 Earned Run Average in 1999. He also made the All Star team that year.

Every time Lima took the mound it was a party. It was his stage and he would perform. This was widely regarded as "Lima Time."

The animated pitcher had a love for everything musical, from singing to dancing. He even put his vocal skills to the test when he put out a CD in 1999 called "El Mambo de Lima."

Former teammates say that Lima would have music blaring in the clubhouse on his days to pitch. He would want to have fun before taking the mound.

Last winter he played for the Aguilas Cibaenas baseball team in the Dominican Republic and planned to do so again in the upcoming season.

In one of his interviews last year with the Augilas, he was asked why he was still playing ball and if he aspirations of making it to the big leagues again.

He said he was doing this for one person, his mom. Lima said his mom wanted him to retire as a MLB player, so he was trying to make a comeback.

In the past month he was seen a couple of times at the Dodger games, including the Friday of the week he passed away.

In between innings there was a tribute on the jumbotron of some of his Dodger performances, ending with a standing ovation from the faithful fans and a video Lima tipping his cap.

"He was very energetic and full of life," said Dodger fan Justin Ivey. "A few weeks ago when I was at the game he was still loved by the fans. Even in the parking lot he was signing autographs for a good twenty minutes and honked goodbye when I waved and called his name. He will be missed."

Lima had even been found in the airport singing with teammates. His enthusiasm towards baseball and the game of life is undoubtedly what people will remember of him.

David Ortiz of the Boston Red Sox and Johan Santana of the New York Mets attended Lima's funeral service on Friday May 28 in the Dominican Republic.

Ortiz explained to ESPN on a post game interview that Lima was like a brother. They had spent a lot of time together during the off-seasons in the Dominican Republic.

Along with other MLB players, Ortiz has "R.I.P Lima" on his hat.

Lima is survived by his wife, Dorca Astacio, and five children.

Lima Time will not be forgotten.

Where to watch ?

Chronicle writer Steven Brown rates five local spots to catch a game

1. Johnny's Tacos--Redlands

For the typical sports fan, Johnny's Tacos is the ideal place to view your favorite team's game.

Whether it is on a flat-screen television or a projection screen, sports fans can enjoy local southern California-based teams' games, nationally televised games and an array of sports news provided by ESPN and Fox Sports.

A large, spacious room boasts more than 20 televisions, enough tables and stools to pack the restaurant supported by a secondary room for the family with televisions and arcade games. Johnny's features a wide-range of specials during the week with low-priced appetizers, a variety of American entrees and a great selection of beer from Redlands based Hangar 24, as well as the typical domestic and imported beers.

If you are interested in a competitive game, try the shuffleboard table located in the main room with a group of friends and join the weekly Wednesday night tournament beginning at 6 p.m.

Johnny's is open at 11 a.m. daily and will be a hot spot for World Cup soccer matches starting in July. **Final Rating: 9/10**

John Doolitlle | Chronicle Photo

2. Buffalo Wild Wings--Rancho Cucamonga

If you aren't familiar with Buffalo Wild Wing's, you've been missing out. The sports bar and 'wingery' is known for their exceptional wings, assorted sauces from BBQ to Blazin', an impressive happy hour, and the amount of sports present on their flat screen and projection televisions.

Sports fans will appreciate the amount of games available on any given day as the establishment has all of the major sports packages and accommodates all fans of southern California teams.

While most fans will enjoy the game, don't forget to take advantage of the great specials on hand, such as Tuesday and Wednesday nights' wing specials, and the happy hour that ensues daily.

If you're a fan of the world's most popular sport, make sure to swing by to catch the World Cup, beginning June 11. Buffalo Wild Wing's is a prime spot with plenty of seating, a great atmosphere, and is open daily 11 a.m.-2 a.m. The restaurant is located on Day Creek Boulevard south of Foothill Boulevard near the 15 freeway. **8.7/10**

3. Yardhouse--Rancho Cucamonga

Sports fans and patrons interested in a variety of beer, Yard House should be your preference. With more than 20 flat-screen televisions located throughout the restaurant and a hodgepodge of domestic and imported beers, you'll always have an option of what to drink while you're entertained with sports around the clock.

Yard House offers 110 different beers and 130 tap handles for your drinking pleasure. On top of the assortment of drinks, a full menu is present for anyone interested in a dining experience. The menu is vast and the drinks come by the half-yard, definitely something you should try. Happy hour is a can't-miss, with appetizer and drink specials at a reasonable price for the struggling college student. All of your favorite local teams and prominent games are televised on a daily basis as Yard House has all of the sports packages for your viewing pleasure. Yard House is open at 11 a.m. daily, located in the Victoria Gardens mall on Main Street. **8.5/10**

4. Romano's--Redlands

If Chicago style deep-dish pizza and a windy cindy-themed bar is your style, then Romano's is up your alley. The Redlands location features a full Italian menu, a Chicago-style pizzeria, live entertainment and a sports atmosphere like you've never seen.

Although sports are the main theme, Chicago comes first. Chicago-based teams are first in line, ahead of your favorite local team, the only drawback in a great atmosphere and growing venue.

The owner of Romano's said they are in the process of expanding the square footage of the restaurant and also opening a patio for those who enjoy eating and drinking outside.

Employees suggest the stuffed, deep-dish pizza, a meal you won't regret, but they say the normal deep dish is a can't-miss as well.

If you want to dine in fashion, you can enjoy a tranquil atmosphere upstairs before joining the crowd downstairs for the game of your liking. If you like sports, and can live with all-things Chicago, Romano's is the place for you, open daily at 11 a.m., located in downtown Redlands on Orange Street. **7.3/10**

5. Celebrities--San Bernardino

For students living on-campus or in the San Bernardino area, Celebrities Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge is a logistical choice.

Due to its relatively short drive from campus and hometown feel, college students can appreciate the atmosphere in Celebrities. With over 25 televisions, a variety of games and sports news, a reasonable happy hour and a small selection of beer; this is the place for anyone unwilling to drive for a top-end establishment in the Inland Empire.

Although Celebrities does not compare to most top-notch sports bars, it does the job for students in the area who just want to stop by and catch a game. Obviously the other four choices are a better fit if you're looking for quality food, great specials, selections of beer and liquor, but it's a dive bar that gets the job done. Celebrities is located on West 40th Street just before Electric and Waterman Avenues. **5.4/10**

Ratings were collectively scored on a number of topics including atmosphere, amount of televisions, game selection, quality of food, and the variety of beer.

Life of a waterpolo player

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The goalie is the only player that is allowed to touch the bottom of the pool.

By CONSTANCE DANIELS
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Showers and perfume cannot change the smell of chlorine that permanently seeps from your pores.

Hair wet and tied above your head dripping onto the back of a shirt, waking up before the sun to splash into an icy cold pool, sporting a year round tan, sunburns and red burning eyes. This is the life of a water polo player.

Water polo is a sport that the average person cannot recite any rules of.

Water polo is a mixture of swimming, intense wrestling, with rules similar to soccer, basketball and ice hockey, all of this in just a bathing suit or speedo.

"Water polo is similar to basketball because there is a position like center called, set, and the offense runs picks to gain advantage or open water," Sarah Reneker said. "It is similar to soccer because there are goalies and hockey is incorporated with six on five offenses that are similar to power plays."

You are expected to egg-beater, a technique to help you stay above over eight feet of water, all while a defender is attempting to drown you.

"Water polo is unique because no other sport has the element of drowning," Kelcey Morino said.

With six field players and one goalie per team, you are expected to score as many goals as possible in four eight minute quarters. As in any sport, you play hard to get and keep position. However, in water polo you cannot touch the ground to do so.

"You can do things in water polo to get position that you can't do in any other sport because what goes on under the water is fair game," Christopher Oltman said.

Goalie is a unique position because they are the only ones who can touch the ball with two hands. It's a position that terror has no place. It requires a person to lunge well above the level of the water with only the strength of their legs to block a ball heading towards them.

Another important position in the pool is the set. It requires you to keep yourself above water and keep a good position while someone uses you as a buoy. It is one of the most physically aggressive positions in the pool, as the defender will push, kick, hit, scratch, pinch, twist, bite, pull, and any other measures deemed necessary to ensure the set never gets position.

"The craziest thing a defender did was bite me when we played Colorado State," Kaitlin Hartman said. "She bit me so hard that my arm was bruised for weeks and you could see the impression of her teeth."

Perhaps the aggression deters you from experiencing a new and exciting sport, but there is another element that can possibly encourage you to be more open, girls in swim suits or guys in speedos.

"I play water polo because I look good in a swim suit," Lenzie Quist said.

If bathing suits and speedos are not perogative, perhaps the level of energy it takes to play or the amount of calories burned will help.

COMMENTARY

What would Jackie do?

Professional athletes in the United States should be asking themselves the question, "What Would Jackie Do?"

Before Martin Luther King Jr. began his march for civil rights in 1955, Jackie Robinson had been playing in the majors since 1947.

Throughout American history, the biggest names in sports have been linked to civil rights movements and often times the first to break many color barriers.

The new immigration law currently being implemented in Arizona proposes a new threat in the fight for civil rights that still plagues our nation. It states that law enforcement agencies will be allowed to ask for proof of citizenship from anyone they suspect of being an illegal immigrant.

American sports have welcomed talented players from all over the world and have spent millions of dollars developing and bringing talent beyond American borders to play in U.S. stadiums.

Currently, 27 percent of players in Major League Baseball were born outside the United States and 45 percent of all minor league players are of Hispanic origin.

The PGA tour is represented by 31 percent foreign players, the NBA 14 percent and there are 91 nations represented in Major League Soccer.

The reality is, American sports have been greatly influenced, and in some respects dominated, by the foreign players participating on U.S. soil.

This means that the new law in Arizona has the potential to affect the lives of many of these foreign athletes.

Arizona serves as host to several baseball teams' spring training facilities, six professional clubs, a recent Super Bowl and will host the 2011 MLB All-Star game.

With so much influence in the athletic world, professional athletes have a decision to make.

So far there has been little to no action taken by professional athletes to fight this widely disputed law.

It seems that current professional athletes like Tiger Woods, Kobe Bryant, Albert Pujols, among others with so much influence both nationally and abroad, have decided not to comment any political issues.

It is time for this to change.

These athletes need to realize that millions of dollars have been made because of the global nature of their sport.

They need to assume the role that Robinson, Mohammad Ali and Roberto Clemente took

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Big apple gets the big game

By RASHAD CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

The NFL took a step back towards the old-school with the recent announcement of the 2014 Superbowl site. The new Giants/Jets stadium will host the 2014 Superbowl.

The newly remodeled Meadowlands Stadium will serve for both the New York Jets' and Giants' playing ground.

The Jets will no longer be junior partners as they were at Giants Stadium. Instead partnership for the teams will be split 50/50.

Both New York teams will kick off their regular season in the month of September in their new home.

"We look forward to playing the first regular-season game ever in the new stadium," said Giants spokesman Pat Hanlon.

East Rutherford, New Jersey is where the stadium will be located. Costs for construction on Meadowlands is approximately $1.6 billion, making it the most expensive stadium to ever be built.

This will mark as the first time that any NFL Superbowl game will be played in the New Jersey/New York region.

Super Bowls are usually played inside domes, or in warmer cities, such as last year's Super Bowl in Miami, Florida.

East Rutherford, New Jersey in the month of February is no warm climate.

During that time of the year, weather can be as low as 25 to 40 degrees with a high chance of snow and heavy amounts of rain.

By hosting the game in a city with freezing temperatures, it brings back the feel of how NFL games used to be played back in the beginning days of the league.

Comparisons to the 'Ice Bowl' and the Giants vs.Colts bad weather game in late 1958 have been brought up.

The coldest temperature in Super Bowl history is 39 degrees, which is bearable in comparison to New Jersey temperature lows.

Players are at risk of injuries most importantly, along with their performance of play.

Balls thrown are more difficult to catch and be completed due to high rain or snow. On the other hand, having the game in a cold venue can really test a player's strengths and ability.

Games played in the Eastern Time zone are different than the West. Kick off usually starts at night when temperatures are lower.

Some may feel that trading the sunny fair weathered games for low antifreeze temperatures is a bad idea, but New York owners think differently.

"We promise the greatest game in the greatest venue in the greatest city," stated Giants co-owner, Steve Tisch.

The signature game might not be as appeasing to the audience's eye as it should and scoring might not be a major factor due to the outside weather's low climate.

The question for most fans is: will Superbowl XLVIII end up being a big-city success in 2014, or be tainted by the weather conditions?