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Gutierrez presents at Hispanic Heritage Month event

By Andres Hernandez

On Sept. 17, Dr. Jose Angel Gutierrez paid a visit to California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) and presented the film Latino-Americans: Pride and Prejudice. This presentation was just one of several events hosted by the College of Health Sciences & Human Services in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Gutierrez has been recognized by the Chicano community as one of the Four Horsemen for his leadership within the Chicano movement in the 1960’s. His work was particularly important in Texas where he founded Raza Unida.

The Raza Unida party articulated the needs and concerns of the poor and working class and helped mobilize militant resistance against the treatment of Chicano in a predominantly Anglo society. Crystal City, Texas.

After screening the film Gutierrez commented on the importance of unity and the Chicano community now more than ever. “We all stand on the shoulders of prior generations. It takes all of us to make the change.”

The more effective way to make change for the Chicano community is to “register and vote, and not just vote, but vote for the right person,” said Gutierrez.

With this upcoming Presidential election, there is no better time to be aware of what the Chicano community is doing to help improve its state of being. “Since the Chicano movement, so much has been engaged in nation building,” said Gutierrez referring to increasing Chicano voter turnout.

Gutierrez’s purpose in speaking to the CSUMB community was not only to celebrate the legacy of the Chicano movement, but to begin discussion on how that legacy can be continued and improved beginning at CSUMB and other Hispanic Serving Institutions.

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**Women's athletics: separate but equal?**

By Joely Bennett

Am a woman weaker than men? If you think not, then why do women have separate athletic teams for men and women?

Power and control

The question is: Are men not really more powerful than women? Is there scientific data to come to this conclusion?

Professional athletes on sports platforms 90 percent more likely to perform professional athletics in general society. This is due to the fact that men have higher testosterone levels which allows them to have larger muscle mass than women (in most cases). However, with sports statistics, there is no difference in their power and physical abilities; it is also due to the fact that men have higher testosterone levels. It is also due to the fact that men have higher testosterone levels.

"I think actually we are colorblind the same. There's an obvious physical difference, is sexism based on physical gender differences? Or isn't it really just a cultural issue?"

Male domination

With most major sports teams being 90 percent male-dominated, we need to think about why males sports teams are more popular than female sports teams.

"It seems that the demand for male-dominated world and because it is seen as a more powerful world, and because it is seen as a more powerful world, and because it is seen as a more powerful world..." said. Many have speculated over why women sports don’t have a huge following. Men, looking for something more than just a sport its popularity.

The hurly-burly of sports that something, that was once only made possible by AS stepping in was now taking place organically. As a result of a year of intensive community development, decisions on programs could now be made on an emotional level. The sports that took a while to be accepted by students and those that could not be seen as a separate issue they cannot control.

What is important in this whole situation is that women, the ability to continue to participate in their sport is much more important.
By Samantha Gray

It’s important to be mindful of what goes into our bodies and that involves feeding it with the most important meal of the day—breakfast! One might be thinking this is Monterey and the only option are cereal and fruit and chips. Look no further than Reservation Road for a family owned dessert shop, Cheesecake Dreamation. This is better than the Cheesecake Factory. [Cheesecake Factory] lacks flavor and it’s still comparably to Dreama tion, said California State University Monterey Bay senior and math major, Carlos Aguilar. His first trip to the shop was one he doesn’t regret as he ordered six “mini tease bites” of various flavors, which can run $3.50 each for six. If you’re a sugar, credit cards are great because you can save with points, reward programs and travel incentives. But you have to watch it just like a credit card, because as we all know spending money is extremely easy. A couple nights out and debt you go. If you start running a balance and don’t pay it off monthly no amount of rewards will make up for the interest you’ll pay. If you decide debit cards work best with your personality there’s a new company called Simple.com their motto “save, spend with freedom.” It’s a Visa debit card, has zero fees, and makes tracking your money easy and fun. Rather than giving you a “current balance” they have “safe to spend.” It’s easy and fulfills the zero balance even if you over draft your account. Credit or debit the biggest deciding factor of your money personality is your FICO score. This score will determine if you can get a job, an apartment or a loan. If you apply for a job that has any security risk the company will run a credit check to see your financial situation. If you’re renting an apartment or applying for a loan, they will run a credit check on you to see your financial history. If you’ve never seen your credit report visit creditkarma.com and check out your financial report card. It’s free and valuable information in deciding what’s best for you. Credit Karma probably will have some offers pop up that you qualify for, but the best credit card for you will depend on your personality and if you’re plan ning on paying it off monthly. If you plan on rolling over a balance then forget the rewards and go for the lowest rate you can. Don’t be misled by the zero percent introductory rate, and read all fine print before signing. Remember the golden rule: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Marina woman tastes the sweet reward of owning her own business

By Emma Richardson

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Credit gives you flexibility and debt is immovable. So what kind of money personality do you have? Are you a Savvy or a Spender? If you’re a spender a debit card will be your best friend. It will take care of you and not allow you to spend money you don’t have. But you can still get in trouble with overdraft fees, which can run $35 each for six. If you’re a saver, credit cards are great because you can save with points, reward programs and travel incentives. But you have to watch it just like a debit card, because as we all know spending money is extremely easy. A couple nights out and debt you go. If you start running a balance and don’t pay it off monthly no amount of rewards will make up for the interest you’ll pay. If you decide debit cards work best with your personality there’s a new company called Simple.com their motto “save, spend with freedom.” It’s a Visa debit card, has zero fees, and makes tracking your money easy and fun. Rather than giving you a “current balance” they have “safe to spend.” It’s easy and fulfills the zero balance even if you over draft your account. Credit or debit the biggest deciding factor of your money personality is your FICO score. This score will determine if you can get a job, an apartment or a loan. If you apply for a job that has any security risk the company will run a credit check to see your financial situation. If you’re renting an apartment or applying for a loan, they will run a credit check on you to see your financial history. If you’ve never seen your credit report visit creditkarma.com and check out your financial report card. It’s free and valuable information in deciding what’s best for you. Credit Karma probably will have some offers pop up that you qualify for, but the best credit card for you will depend on your personality and if you’re plan ning on paying it off monthly. If you plan on rolling over a balance then forget the rewards and go for the lowest rate you can. Don’t be misled by the zero percent introductory rate, and read all fine print before signing. Remember the golden rule: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
Breast cancer awareness month is here!

By Achille Raymoo

October is a month filled with trick-or-treating, candy and laughter. Although it may seem like a time for fun, what some do not know is that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM). The event is intended to create awareness about the disease, how it is detected, treatment options and providing support for those affected.

“Forty percent of diagnosed breast cancers are detected by women who feel them, so establishing a regular breast self-exam is very important,” according to John Hopkins Medicine Center.

Even though it is very common in women, men are not necessarily sub-diseased from this disease. An estimated 2,350 men in the U.S. will develop breast cancer and 410 will die each year from it.

Self-examination can be done in the shower, in front of a mirror or laying down. By looking at it and touching your breasts regularly are good ways to familiarize yourself with the texture of the tissue. If a lump does occur you will notice the change and be able to call a doctor for a professional check-up.

Breast cancer currently takes the lives of over 40,000 women a year. It is the second leading cause of death among women in the United States, NBCAM stresses early detection and the importance of self-examination.

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Elyse Colbert has been close to two people that have cancer. It lets them know that this disease can affect anyone.

“This would mean in a lecture hall at Colbert because: “The more people know it is bad, but I want more people to be educated on how serious it gets and what people go through.”

Student Center front desk employee and second year marine science major, Bryant Gutierrez, has had a very personal experience with breast cancer, when his mother was diagnosed his freshman year of high school.

“Having Breast Cancer Awareness Month really helps get the idea out and lets men and women know the possible symptoms and signs of breast cancer.” said Fry. “The biggest thing I want people to know is how to perform a self exam. Stay close with your family, give big support, and stick through it.” said Fry.

Evan Gerling, first year communicat...
Where is your favorite spot to eat at on or off campus and why?

“On campus, Starbucks because I love their lemon cake. It’s the best cake ever! Off campus, Panda or Chipotle because I love Chinese food and my mom loves Chipotle.”

By Georgette Ward

It’s not always easy being the new kid at a school where it seems like everyone already knows each other and their environment. As a transfer student, this issue is not uncommon. It takes time to find your way around and eventually (you learn the shortcuts). Here are a few tips I wish someone had told me when I first transferred to California State University, Monterey Bay in the fall of 2014.

Rent, don’t buy.
If possible, save yourself some coins, cash and rent your textbooks online rather than purchasing them at full price. You can expect to rent a textbook for a fraction of the purchase price and you don’t even have to find a place to store them once the semester has ended. You simply drop the book back in the packaging you received it in.

There are plenty of ways to go about renting. Kathy Wald, a fourth-year psychology major said: “Half.com and Chegg.com are really good sites for renting textbooks. I also utilize amazon prime because you can have it two years for free as a student which includes two-day shipping.”

Finding the right fit
A useful website to check out before adding classes is ratemyprofessor.com. Ratinypprofessor is a website that allows you to see what other students have to say about the way the course is taught, as well as their personal opinion about the instructor. It is important to make sure that you’re taking a class with a faculty member who you feel you can keep up with.

It is also important for students to enroll in courses that match their skill level. Don’t take classes that are too easy or too advanced. “Timing the level of classes they’re ready for. I would recommend for science transfer students that they contact Pratima Ramos, a transfer student coordinator. Transfer student coordinators help students get adjusted to life here on campus,” said Karen Wallace, College of Science academic advisor.

CSUMB lifestyle
Be prepared with clothing that can accommodate any season at its extremes. New students are often under the impression that Monterey’s climate is a moderate temperature that always stays close to 60 degrees. This can be common during the winter season, but there is also recent amounts of rainfall and harsh winds. If you’re not prepared for rain, then you can expect to get drenched while trying to go from class to class.

Summer and fall in Monterey County can also be unpredictable, so don’t neglect your hot weather attire. From scorching hot Indian Summers, to the perfect 75 degree beach day, students should not underestimate the power of the sun here on the central coast.

If you’re on a tight budget, and find yourself eating a non-organic local diet, fresh produce is all around us! From your local Grocery Outlet off of Reservation Road, to the year-round farmers markets located in Moss Landing, you can almost always find great deals on fresh produce.

Lastly, bring your student ID wherever you go. From local dives to movie theaters, your student ID can be a ticket to student discounts.

“On campus I like to eat at the Otter Express because it has amazing junk food. Off campus I like Chilli’s because I’m in love with the southwest egg rolls.”

“My favorite place to eat would have to be Papa Chevo’s (Marina) because of their amazing carne asada fries!”

“My favorite spot off campus is Noodle Bar because it is cheap and good. I also like Hanum, my favorite sushi roll is the Green Dragon.”
Inked students share their stories

By Katie Kishi

Getting a tattoo is one of the most permanent decisions a person can make, but the decision to do so is so many people believe that it ever has been. In America, 36 percent of adults ages 20 to 34 have at least one tattoo, while in general 23 percent of all Americans have at least one tattoo, according to Tattoo Artist Magazine.

The average tattoo cost anywhere from $75 to $135 per hour, according to the Alliance of Professional Tattooists.

Although the U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the ink used for tattoos, there are still risks. Mild reactions include itchy or inflamed skin, scarring and various allergies. Severe reactions include infections such as hepatitis and HIV.

Some things to look for in order to avoid these risks and receive the best quality tattoos are: a licensed shop, new and sanitary needles directly out of the packaging, a portfolio and employees of the shop who are concerned for your health and safety.

Many tattoos are considered works of art and carry unique personal significance. Furthermore, tattoos are becoming more socially acceptable. California State University, Monterey Bay has its fair share of inked students willing to share their stories.

Jenna Coveney, Sophomore

Cross Wrist

Jenna Coveney got a small cross as her first tattoo last December after pondering the idea for a few months. Coveney said that within the two minutes it took to complete the tattoo she felt more discomfort rather than pain.

“I got it because I had just come out of a low point in my life and it signified the time that God got me back on my feet and reminds me that I am unconditionally loved,” said Coveney.

Kendall Tamburri, Senior

Coastal Redwoods Inside of Bicep

Coastal Redwoods are trees located in Big Sur, where Kendall Tamburri loves to go. Her boyfriend has a similar tattoo of the type of trees where he is located, so it reminds her of their similar stories.

“The pain increased as time went on and it was definitely the most painful out of all my tattoos,” said Tamburri.

Tamburri has three tattoos. Her first tattoo on her arm was a galaxy, which was spontaneous and it took five hours, but wasn’t painful compared to the tree on her arm: “It just reminds me that my problems are small compared to the big world we live in and reminds me to stay grounded.”

Keren Cardenas and Jada Ginn, Sophomores

Half of yin-yang – Rib Cage

After seven months of careful thought, best friends Keren Cardenas and Jada Ginn got their complementary tattoos this past spring. Cardenas was preparing herself for the pain since it was on her rib cage, but said that it didn’t hurt as bad as she expected. Ginn found that it hurt more for a few days after than when she was getting it done.

“The yin yang symbolizes opposing forces that complement each other. It just means that we balance each other out and symbolizes our friendship,” said Cardenas. “We’re like yin and yang. We’re opposites but we go together,” added Ginn.

Fuel Up Without Slowing Down!

CSUMB students and faculty always receive a free 2oz fountain soda with the purchase of a six-inch or footlong sub (with CSUMB ID).
Dive into the waters of Lover’s Point and enjoy local marine species up close and personal

By Georgette Ward

Enjoying Monterey County’s beaches is one common way to spend a sunny Saturday, but Lover’s Point in Pacific Grove is something special, as you walk the beach and witness its marine life.

Lover’s Point in Pacific Grove.

The site’s geographical location offers visitors a unique marine environment, offering a variety of marine life specimens. Lover’s Point is home to a rich biodiversity, with species such as sea otters, sea lions, seals, and even harbor seals.

The beach offers a unique marine environment, with a variety of marine species including the much-loved seal and her baby, which is often seen swimming and playing with the tide. Visitors can also spot sea otters, sea lions, seals, and even harbor seals.

Several local studies and research projects have been conducted at Lover’s Point, providing valuable insights into the marine life that thrives in this area. These studies have contributed to our understanding of the marine ecosystems that exist in this region, providing important data for conservation efforts.

Visitors are encouraged to observe the marine life from a safe distance, respecting the animals and ensuring their well-being. By doing so, we can enjoy this natural wonder while preserving it for future generations to explore and admire.

Kinesiology Club looking to grow

By Andrea Hernandez

The California State University, Monterey Bay Disc Golf Club held its first meeting of the year Wednesday, Aug. 16, with more than 35 attendees.

Tina Simpson, president of the Kinesiology Club and Kin Club secretary. Ethan Simpson, president of the Kin Club, and CSUMB’s Disc Golf Club Treasurer Chris Holbrook also helped with the installation of the course. “We wanted the sport to be experienced by as many kids in the community as possible. It means a lot to introduce the sport to students and give them a safe place to practice,” he said.

The Disc Golf Club is impacting the community in many ways. The club helps organize the annual St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital Invitational to benefit St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. The club continues to improve and beautify the courses on campus to increase visibility and ease by moving signs and securing equipment. Additional plans include getting an intercollegiate or youth disc golf course in the Monterey area.

The club plans to put on clinics at local schools and inset courses to teach students how to play disc golf and take them to local courses for practice.

The Disc Golf Club travels locally to play and participates in tournaments and events. Including the World Collegiate Disc Golf Competition.
“Black Lives Matter is an ideolog- ical and political intervention in a world where Black lives are systematically and intentionally targeted for demise. It is an affirma- tion of Black folks’ contribu- tions to humanity, our innere- ness, and our resilience in the face of deadly oppression,” wrote Garza for the Feminist Wire. 

The event is hosted by Associated Students, Other Student Union and Otter Cross Cultural Center.

There will be a screening of the docu- mentary film “The New Latinos” on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. in the Mu- sic and Performing Arts Hall. The film explores the history of migration from Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Dominican Republic to the United States in the mid-20th century and the indelible mark that Latinos from Caribbean origin have made on our country. The film will be introduced with brief remarks by Pro- fessor Maria Villaseñor.

The event is free of charge and open to the public.

On Campus

President’s Speaker Series

Continues Oct. 6

Creating workforce and affordable housing in the Monterey Bay region

A thriving region requires not only job creation and a trained workforce, but also an adequate supply of housing that the workforce can afford.

The Monterey Bay region is in the midst of a housing crisis in terms of available stock and affordability. Only 15 percent of the units in the tri-county area can affordably house a family with an income at 80 percent of area median income.

How can the Monterey Bay region ensure this essential component of a prosperous regional economy? What are the appropriate policy levers in zoning and land use planning? What other economic elements, such as alternative housing options, can be considered?

Three experts will discuss solutions to this growing problem. The event is free to all Cali- fornia State University students, faculty and staff.

For more information on how to vol- unteer to help set up, preparing the walk route, spreading the word, or to participate in the race, visit: csumb.edu/heartwalk.
Caption Contest

Each issue, the Otter Realm will feature a photo that needs a caption. Send your caption to us, and we will post the winner at otterrealm.com

Any CSUMB student and resident of Monterey County may enter their captions. Good luck!

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