Jaywalking tickets increase at end of each month

By Luke Shaffer The Collegian

At the end of the month the Fresno Police are often patrolling Cedar Avenue and near Bulldog Lane. Motorcycle officers park behind signs, cars and bushes looking for students who are illegally crossing the street.

“Once a month, the cops go out to write tickets in a pedestrian-bicycle safety operation.”— Bruce Allen, Fresno traffic division

“When I was getting stopped for a ticket it thought it was ridiculous. I’ve always jaywalked before because it’s a shorter distance to where I need to go,” Fresno State student Vincent Rodriguez-Ruiz said. “I even walked across the street illegally in front of a cop once.”

Although it may seem police officers of the Fresno Police Department are unfairly targeting students, the intentions behind this monthly routine are for safety precautions.

Police Officer Sgt. Bruce Allen, who works in the Fresno police traffic division, said “So far this year, twenty-two people have been killed in traffic incidents.”

Police officers are cracking down on not just students, but all jaywalking pedestrians in Fresno.

The Fresno Police Department sends additional officers to implement jaywalking laws on Cedar Avenue and Bulldog Lane near Fresno State.

The areas near downtown Fresno by the courthouse, Fashion Fair Mall and Fresno State generate the most foot traffic.

Police are crossing streets downtown and other heavy traffic areas of Fresno,” Allen said. “So there’s no way to write everyone a ticket for illegal jaywalking.”

“Not just students, but all pedestrians know that they just can’t cross the street casually and give ridiculous fines for just jaywalking.”— Vincent Rodriguez-Ruiz, Fresno State student

Obama hits key swing states to tout his jobs plan

By Lesley Clark McClatchy-Tribune

President Barack Obama on Tuesday accused his Republican critics of trying to pull one over on voters by claiming that his bid to boost jobs will raise their taxes.

“Don’t be bamboozled,” Obama told a boisterous crowd at Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, N.C., noting that he caught an anti-jobs act ad on TV Monday night while watching a football game. “Don’t fall for this notion that somehow the jobs act is proposing to raise your taxes. It’s just not true.”

“I want to be clear. The vast majority of Americans would see a tax cut under this jobs bill,” he said.

His admonition came on the second day of a three-day bus trip across the presidential election swing states of North Carolina and Virginia. The trip is intended to boost popular support for Obama’s $447 billion jobs package, which is stalled in Congress, and to position the president in the public mind as trying his best to address the nation’s faltering economy.

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Depression rates high for college students

By Johnathan Wilbanks The Collegian

About two-out-of-ten college students have some type of mental illness and approximately 19 percent of college-aged individuals attempt or contemplate suicide according to Teendepression.org. The National Depression Screening Day event at Fresno State and around the country attempted to raise depression awareness and promote treatment for those previously undiagnosed.

“T”here are a lot of resources for students pertaining to depression and anxiety which are paid for as a part of their tuition. Students don’t have to struggle with these issues alone. There are people out there to help them through tough situations.”— Dr. Rebecca Raya-Fernandez, Coordinator of The National Depression Screening Day event

The National Depression Screening Day event to raise awareness was free, anonymous and took less than one hour.

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Making the transition from young person to working professional. In 2008 a survey conducted by the American College Health Association found that 38 percent of students reported feeling so depressed that it was difficult to function, 49 percent suffered from anxiety and more than six percent seriously considered suicide.”— Dr. Rebecca Raya-Fernandez, Coordinator of The National Depression Screening Day event

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Opinion

Confessions of a Civil War historian

By Ethan Kytle

This weekend thousands of Valley residents will descend on Kearney Park for Fresno’s annual Civil War Revisited reenactment. They will be treated to “the sights and sounds of the 1860s,” as self-styled “living historians” — most clad in Union Blue or Confederate gray — set up camp, march in formation and demonstrate antebellum crafts. The centerpiece will be a reenactment of the Battle of Bull Run, pitting Yankees and Rebels against one another as it were 1861.

This year’s event takes on a special significance. It comes on the 150th anniversary of the start of that war that nearly tore the nation in two. It is high time that we take stock of how we remember this pivotal moment, both at our annual Kearney Park event and beyond.

I confess that as a Civil War historian I find events like Civil War Revisited frustrating. On the one hand, I am thrilled to see people engage history — especially my period of expertise — with enthusiasm. Many of the students who turn up each year in my classes say that trips to the reenactment sparked an interest in the past.

On the other hand, I am discouraged by what tends to be remembered and forgotten at such events.

Fresno’s Civil War Revisited, like countless reenactments across the U.S. and the popular histories of the war that dominate big-box bookstores, U.S. and the popular histories of the war that nearly tore the nation in two. This is how it happens: the larger lives than World War I, World War II soldiers marched, what they wore and Meticulous attention is paid to how exclusion of more significant issues. War that dominate big-box bookstores, U.S. and the popular histories of the war that nearly tore the nation in two.

Events like Civil War Revisited are not the prime culprits in the spread of such misconceptions about the war. But they are a looming opportunity to redress them. As such, reenactments do a disservice not only to the past but also to the present.

After all, we still live in the shadow of the Civil War. The racial inequalities that continue to plague America — from alarming incarceration rates for black men to income and educational gaps for African-Americans more generally — testify to the racial legacy of the war. Meanwhile, our polarized political culture hearkens back to sectional crisis. When conservatives today appeal to states’ rights, talk ofnullifying federal laws, even threaten disunion, they sound a lot like antebellum secessionists. Sadly these connections to the Civil War are lost on many Americans.

As we commemorate the Civil War sesquicentennial over the next four years, both at Kearney Park and elsewhere, we would do well to keep in mind the full scope and enduring legacy of our most important conflict. How soldiers marched matters. But bigger issues — why the war was fought, how it changed and left standing; and how it continues to shape American culture — matter more.

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

I wonder if those cuts will make the budget crisis worse? How can we expect to keep up with the demands of today’s world when we are forced” by a few politicians without California taxpayers are “going to be eventual citizens. This is why we must also be wary of glorifying the war. Meanwhile, our polarized political culture hearkens back to sectional crisis. When conservatives today appeal to states’ rights, talk of nullifying federal laws, even threaten disunion, they sound a lot like antebellum secessionists. Sadly these connections to the Civil War are lost on many Americans.

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anywhere like Cedar Avenue.” Working in conjunction with The Fresno Bee, the police department press releases to the public on a monthly basis trying to解答 safety operations to further spread the word that they are trying to make the streets safer for all pedestrians.

“The whole purpose of the operation put on by ten officers is to impact and make people aware of the rules of the road,” Sergeant Allen said.

“If you spend any amount of time traveling Fresno’s streets, you’ll see traffic violations happening,” Allen said. “The purpose of the motorcycle cop is to go places where people can’t sit and watch for pedestrians who are illegally crossing.”

Allen believes jaywalking tickets averaging $10 are necessary due to an increase in accidents involving pedestrians.

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— Bruce Allen, Fresno traffic division

Allen said, “On Wednesday, Oct. 26, the cops will be out again.”

Some students feel they are being targeted unfairly and are cited tickets that amount to absurd fees.

“I think there is a quota for Fresno Police Department because there is a lot of crime around Fresno that should be paid attention to,” student Rodriguez-Ruiz said. “But the police seem to go after students who don’t have much money and give ridiculous fines for just jaywalking.”

— Sara Santoyo

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STUDENTS: Event raises depression awareness

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Clinical depression is a serious illness and can lead to suicide, according to Mental Health America, an organization that helped organize the successful Fresno State event “Breaking the Stigma.” Two thirds of those suffering from depression do not seek the medical treatment they need.

“Many times we have helped students who would not otherwise come in. They came in with their peers and felt more comfortable that way.”

— Dr. Rebecca Raya-Fernandez, Coordinator of The National Depression Screening Day

Fresno State has made an effort to combat depression among college students. National Depression Screening Day took place on Thursday, Oct. 13th in the Student Health Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The screening was free, anonymous and took less than one hour.

Many professors also offered extra credit for attending the event. The Health and Psychological Services department, in collaboration with Dr. Christine Edmiston from the psychology department, hosted the event.

“There are a lot of resources for students facing issues of depression and anxiety which are paid for as part of their tuition. Students don’t have to struggle with these issues alone. There are people out there to help them through tough situations,” coordinator of the event Dr. Rebecca Raya-Fernandez said.

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“Ex-girlfriend has used the Student Health Center for psychological screening in the past,” a Fresno State student who wished to remain anonymous said.

The national event was developed by Screening for Mental Health Inc., a non-profit company dedicated to the prevention and improvement of mental health by providing the general public with screening, education and treatment resources. The American Psychiatric Association acknowledges it is important to have psychological services on college campuses.
Take Back the Night takes over campus with this year's theme 'The Invisible Woman'

By Mackenzie Oakes

The Fresno State Women's Resource Center and Women's Alliance will present "Take Back the Night" on campus at the Free Speech Area on Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Take Back the Night is an annual event worldwide that gives people women or men, the chance to break the silence and understand the power of speaking out. Rape, sexual assault, sexual abuse and domestic violence are considered crimes because of their social discomfort with public discussion and are often crimes that go unreported by police.

"Take Back the Night is a safe place for people to come share their stories," Karina Lopez said.

Karina Lopez is the president of Fresno State's chapter of Take Back the Night. She started out as a volunteer and has gradually worked her way to becoming president of the chapter.

"Take Back the Night began as students, the majority of these women, who feared walking alone at night," Lopez said.

"A woman walks alone down a dark, deserted street. With every shadow she sees, she truly believes she hears, pounding heart flutters and skips a beat. She turns back to face her environment, her destination become closer. She is almost there. She reaches the front door and goes inside. It effects her. Moves on, forgetting at least for tonight the grip the darkness had on her. She is gradually enveloped her life," Lopez said.

The first Take Back the Night event occurred in Philadelphia in October of 1975 when citizens of Philadelphia marched around the city in protest of a rape. The event spurred the formation of a young microbiologist, Susan Alexander Speech, who was stabbed to death. She had at her time from her house while walking home alone.

Survivors of these "crimes of silence" are asked to Shatter the Silence. Shatter the Silence is located at the Take Back the Night headquarter and promotes the power of speaking out against the violence. It allows people to post their stories and show that they will not tolerate these crimes anymore.

"Take Back the Night is a rally that is normally followed by a candle-light march around campus to symbolize a woman's walk through the darkness to overcome the fear of violence and raise awareness to future violence. Senam Bansah is a second-year volunteer for this event who will be presenting poems, setting up booths and talking to the media.

"This rally is an incredible event to have on campus," Bansah said. The rally will start in the Free Speech Area where poems will be read, victims will give their testimonials and then a march that starts out towards Shaw Avenue all around campus and ends at the pit where there will be an "open mic night" for anybody to tell stories. Everybody is welcome to come to this event and give his or her support.

"You get a warm feeling inside, it makes you realize that people do care," Bansah said.
NEW YORK — Istanbul is more than 5,000 miles from Wall Street, but Kevin Spacey has been making his presence felt in both. A week or so ago, he brought the Sam Mendes-directed “Richard III” to the Harbiye Muhsin Ertugrul Sahnesi theater in the ancient Turkish city.

“It was a really good audience,” the actor said by phone, moments after leaving the stage. “We opened last night, do four more and then move on to Naples. And San Francisco, Beijing, Singapore, Sydney and Doha, Qatar. The production, which originated at London’s Old Vic, ends its run at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in January.

Sooner than that — this Friday, in fact — moviegoers can see Spacey play a different kind of tortured monarch: “Margin Call,” debuting writer-director J.C. Chandor’s dialogue-and-character-driven take on the financial melt-down, features Spacey as Sam Rogers, a high-ranking member of a high-flying Manhattan financial house, whose investment in risk has overtaken its assets. Rather than panic — and there’s much reason to — Sam’s superior (Jeremy Irons) decides to sell the company’s worthless holdings to whoever will buy them, before the blood-hounds of Wall Street have a chance to sniff out that the firm is doomed. In a business built on trust, it’s the equivalent of a murder-suicide.

But unlike the homicidal hunchbacked king of “Richard III,” which has earned Spacey rave reviews this season, the hero of “Margin Call” is not a font of unbridled villainy, but moral ambiguity.

“What attracted me, what always attracts me,” Spacey said, “is that if you’re going to be playing a character who’s not all white and not all black, but maybe gray, which is frankly where most people live, then at least you can try to create a human being, and then let an audience make a decision.

“I played a much broader caricature recently of a horrible boss,” Spacey said, referring to “Horrible Bosses,” which co-starred Jennifer Aniston and Colin Farrell, “but that was a comedy fueled by a certain energy. Here, I play this man who’s the moral compass of the movie. The other one was fun, but that’s more typical of what you see in the movies. I suppose there was a little part of me that said, when I read the ‘Margin Call’ script, ‘That’s the role Jack Lemmon would have played.’ That made me smile.”

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**The daily crossword**

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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1. Black Panthers co-founder (7)
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Complete the grid so that every row, column, and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Puzzle by Mike Peluso

**World of the Day**

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A man of any age that shirks adult responsibilities.

**Word of the Day**

The Express catalog shows a beautiful young blond looking red hot in the brightest shade of the season wearing a tomato-colored jacket, shirt, pants and shoes. But for the not-a-gorgeous-model major swimmer raises a red flag: “Do not wear it to top.” Instead, ground your major red piece with camel, gray or black.

And if you do choose a memorable garment, “It’s best when the red piece is uncomplicated. Avoid ruffles. Let the color do the talking for you,” says Susanne Swimmer, fashion features editor of More magazine. And in these dire times, I know a recession-wary soul whose mouth couldn’t use a tune up. In other words. Wear red to beat the blues.

Kim points out that something red “can easily refresh” what you already have in your closet. “It’s an easy way to inject some newness without having to flip an entire wardrobe,” she says.

“I think red is an instant mood booster,” adds Susan Swimmer, fashion features editor of More magazine.

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Wylie provides field position weapon

By Tim Salazar
The Collegian

Fresno State redshirt senior wide receiver Devon Wylie has flourished this season with his special teams play. This season, he has already been awarded twice for the national punt returner of the week from College Football Performance Awards.

Wylie is considered the fastest player to ever come through Fresno State and was clocked running the 40-yard dash in 4.25 seconds during fall camp the offseason before his junior season. The 5-foot-9, 185-pound punt returner has electrified the nation, as he is one of top returners in the country. He has two punt return touchdowns so far this season.

In the Boise State game, Wylie provided the lone bright spot for Fresno State with his 79-yard return on Oct. 7. Wylie’s second touchdown came against No. 10 Nebraska on a 67-yard return to start Fresno State off on the right foot at Memorial Stadium.

Wylie has provided Fresno State with a spark all season, leading the nation with 425 punt return yards this season and averaging 60.7 punt return yards per game. He continues to give the offense good field position giving them an extra 17.7 yards per punt return, which ranks eighth best nationally. With Wylie contributing so much to the special teams, he sees how important his returns are.

“I’m glad I can contribute to the team,” Wylie said. “I’m just glad to help out the offense with field position.”

The Bulldogs have not only received quality punt returns this year, but a large quantity as well. He has returned more punts than any two players in the Western Athletic Conference. He is second in the nation in total punts with 24 one behind Alabama’s Marquis Maze. Wylie’s current lead is the lead Maze by 91 punt return yards.

“I like to return anything possible. Our defense does a good job of stopping teams in punting position,” Wylie said.

Wylie was named to Phil Steele’s midseason All-America second team as a punt returner last week.

Wylie has missed at least four games due to injury in each of the previous three years. He was granted an extra year of eligibility by the NCAA after injuring his foot his senior year.

Not only has Wylie demonstrated knack for making plays on special teams, he also has made his presence felt on the offense. He is fifth on the team in receptions with 19 and has over 50 yards receiving three different times this year. He is also fourth in net rushing yards.

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Fresno State is currently 2-1-2 and hosts Louisiana Tech and New Mexico State on Friday and Sunday, respectively. In the final home games before the WAC Tournament, the ‘Dogs will then travel to take on Nevada and Utah State in the week before the tournament in hopes of securing a spot as one of the top two seeded teams, which are given a bye heading into the semifinals.

Head coach Brian Zwaschka said of the current unbeaten streak at home, "The added motivation is going to take it one game at a time. It's our own challenges and we're no different than anyone else." He also said the players need it. They're excited to be at home. They add that extra energy boost when the crowd shows up in Bulldog red one last time.

The team is also celebrating Senior Night on Sunday after Fresno State won the WAC Tournament last year and made it to the NCAA Tournament where it came up short against UCF, 2-1. With Fresno State having the WAC Tournament in a familiar environment, Zwaschka sees how important it is to win at home.

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