A January survey showed that 3,762 people are without homes in the city of Fresno.

By Megan Morales
The Collegian

An average day for many students consists of attending classes, handling work responsibilities and coming home to air-conditioning and a soft bed. Student life can be demanding and stressful, but for many in Fresno, simply getting enough food, finding a place to sleep and surviving the day are the only things they can afford to be concerned with.

The streets of downtown Fresno are painted with the faces of the lonely that wander aimlessly with no destination in mind. The homeless population occupies the curbs and they walk up and down the railroad tracks, sometimes finding comfort within a garbage can or underneath the freeways.

This way of life has become common because the amount of homelessness in the area is high. According to the annual Point in Time Survey that was conducted in January 2010, there are 3,762 homeless people in Fresno. There were 2,999 homeless people that were visible on the street during the count and another 1,769 people sheltered in emergency and transitional housing.

Gregory Barfield
Homeless Prevention and Policy Manager for the city of Fresno, said the city has a strategy to help alleviate the issue.

Barfield said the community has adopted a 10-year plan to help prevent and end homelessness.

It was approved in September 2008 and it’s our road map for addressing gaps in services, providing housing, and then wrapping services around a person,” Barfield said. “We will then collect data that will better inform us on how we’re doing.”

Barfield said the major issue continues to be a fragile safety need for people experiencing short-term issues that eventually result in the ultimate breaking point—losing their homes, their families breaking apart and having to find shelter in tents on a plot of dirt.

Deputy Director of Administration at the Poverello House in Fresno, Doreen Eley said she has seen a significant increase in the amount of homeless people around the streets of downtown Fresno.

“Every other year the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires a count of the amount of homeless people in Fresno, but it’s difficult to pinpoint every single person,” Eley said. “The records don’t account for those we were unable to find, and those who are doubled up in their living spaces.”

The number of people living on the perimeters of campus during football games, Armstrong wants to clarify that the contracted offers do not because they come from of dirt.

By Leonard Valero
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The Fresno Police Department and the campus police work together during game days. But it won’t happen if people do the right things. “People have to be smart and park the cars in safe areas,” Coyle said. “I wouldn’t park my car in some dark, unlit alley with no people nearby.”

Armstrong said that the contracted officers are sworn police officers and work with university police officers to handle any on-campus issues that may arise during the events.

Armstrong said if there are any problems that occur off-campus, students should call PPD.

Though university police officers can respond to calls
Opinion Research Corporation survey, Senate and the House, his approval rating was down ten points from last year and, according to a survey by Rasmussen Reports, 61 percent of likely voters favor repealing the health care law. From the looks of it, the American electorate did not, to the chagrin of the president and the democrats, intend to elect FDR part deux. Then, when did they elect? 2008, a historic year. From 1980, the Republican Party had a stranglehold on the Congress, controlling both the House and the Senate every year but one since 2001-2002. George W. Bush was, of course, president from 2001-2009. In the 2008 election, however, Democrats took control of both houses while Bush’s approval ratings hovered in the mid-30 percent range. Why? It wasn’t the economy—unemployment in Nov 2006 stood at 4.3 percent. It wasn’t a massive switch in ideology—since 1996, the highest percent of American voters willing to designate itself as liberal has been 22, in 2008, while the lowest number calling themselves conservative has been 46 percent. Why, then, did Republicans get kicked out of the Congress? Answer: the Iraq War. That is what put Democrats in power of Congress and that drove moderates to Barack Obama in droves in 2008. Might this have been Obama’s mandate? The American people repudiated the conservative foreign policy of George Bush and Republicans twice, yet how has Obama changed that? Combat troops were removed from Iraq on the same schedule as Bush’s and 50,000 “support troops” are staying in Iraq; the war in Afghanistan has been escalated with no end or sense of victory in sight. The U.S. government has used a low-tech war in Pakistan, culminating in their apology to the Pakistani government for mistakenly killing Pakistani soldiers. This is where President Obama should have differed from Republicans. Obama should have immediately removed all troops from Iraq and Afghanistan, declaring victory in both areas while acknowledging that the U.S. is not in the business of nation building, ever. He should have removed U.S. bases in places like South Korea and Japan, whose peoples don’t want us there anymore, and stopped subsidizing Western Europe’s defense. If he had, he would have announced that America would no longer have an imperial presence around the globe. Alas, he didn’t. Now Obama, and the American people, will pay the price.

PHONG LY

Things That Matter

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“What is homecoming? I’ll probably be doing all the other engineers are doing— homework!”

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HOMELESS: The grim realities

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All three debates between Brown and Whitman will have been at universities. The previous forums were at the University of California, Davis, and California State University, Fresno.

Tuesday’s will be at a 2,000-student private university that was so far been fogged by Dominican nuns but is now independent. Many of California’s University’s programs focus on the humanities.

The earlier debates provided voters with a sharp contrast in tone and style. Whitman hewed closely to her campaign talking points about job creation, cutting government spending and fixing schools, while Brown demonstrated his understanding of government.

He also has made self-deprecating remarks about his age and experience, allowing voters to see a personal side that has so far been missing from Whitman’s responses.

Brown has had few campaign appearances in recent weeks while Whitman has hosted a series of prominent Republican surrogates at campaign events, most recently former New York Governor Rudy Giuliani and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. Brown will appear with former President Bill Clinton this weekend.

Whitman’s events also come with a much higher price tag. She has given her campaign more than $132 million in personal fortune, while Brown has spent more cautiously, although the California Medical Association said she has spent $15 million on his behalf during the general election.

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Big Fresno Fair secures safety of guests

By Janessa Tyler  
The Collegian

The Big Fresno Fair is notorious for large crowds, cramped venues and limited parking. More than half a million people visit the fair each year, keeping security on their toes for 12 days.

"Any day during the fair we have probably between 30 and 60 officers inside the fair and probably a hundred total throughout the day working inside and outside," said Sgt. Dave Gibeault of the Fresno Police Department.

Gibeault has been working at the FPD for 22 years and monitoring the fairgrounds since he can remember, but this is his first year in charge of policing the whole fair.

"The goal is to have a safe and fun fair for everyone," Gibeault said.

The Fresno Police Department isn’t the only agency keeping guests safe at the fair. Others include the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Fresno County Private Security, California Fair Services Authority, American Ambulance, State Fire Marshall’s Office and Fresno City Fire Department.

The livestock and race horses at the fair are also kept safe with on-site licensed veterinarians. The horse racing track veterinarian ensures each horse is injury free and healthy to race. The livestock veterinarian inspects the animals before arrival and continues to monitor them throughout the fair.

"The fair goes out of their way to make sure that you’re safe," Gibeault said.

While guests are extremely safe at the fair, everyone can still practice simple safety tips. Gibeault said guests could start with being aware of their surroundings and staying alert.

"There’s a lot of money being exchanged at the fairgrounds through gambling on the horse races, buying food, using the ATM and more," Gibeault said. "It’s important to report any suspicious activity you see."

"Keep your eye on your wallet and your purse," Gibeault said.

The fair has a small division of the Fresno Police Department on-site to allow guests to come in and speak to an officer if they have a concern. It's located next to the Brian I. Tatarian Grandstand, hidden behind the MADD display.

"As long as the fair is open, this office is open," Gibeault said.

Officers are not only on foot, but also on motorcycles, bicycles and horses. This helps officers get to the scene faster and more efficiently if there’s a problem.

"By far the fights are few, the lost children are probably more significant," Gibeault said. "That’s probably our more frequent response."

Jenny Newquist works at the Found Child Center, the big gingerbread house located next to the West America Bank Gate on Chance Avenue.

"This was formulated so if a child is lost they are brought here," Newquist said. "It’s a safe area for them to be in."

Newquist said children could color, play games and watch movies until their parents come to find them. The Found Child Center has bunk beds, a bathroom, refrigerator, couch and tables to accommodate children of all ages.

Newquist said the Found Child Center was introduced to the Fresno Fair in 2007 as a dedication to the late Rick Fatland, known as the “voice of the fair.”

"At first it was just a box trailer and we had a few tables and chairs," Newquist said. "It has evolved over the years and this is dedicated to him."

In addition to the Found Child Center, parents have an option of putting an index card in their child’s pocket once they enter one of the gates. Parents are advised to write their cell phone number and their child’s name on the card for a quick return, if their child is to get lost.

Newquist said about 75 to 100 children are found on average in a 12-day run of the fair and one year they had 86 kids found in one day.

Gibeault said officers are circulating at all times so guests can enjoy an exciting and safe fair. The fair runs until this Sunday, Oct. 17.

"We keep officers moving and we don’t let them group up," Gibeault said. "They work in pairs to make it safe for them, as well as for the patrons."
Two jazz ensembles perform original compositions

By Maddie Shannon
The Collegian

It takes a different kind of person to appreciate jazz.

In a world dominated by technology-enhanced music resulting in the likes of Ke$ha and Far East Movement, listening to music that isn’t essentially catchy isn’t interesting to many avid music listeners.

Watching it being played, however, is a completely different experience.

The Fresno State Jazz Orchestra and the Fresno City College Jazz Composers Orchestra took jazz music to a new level in the ten pieces they performed in Monday night’s concert.

The Fresno State Jazz Orchestra performed three songs during the first part of the program. Their first piece, “Jumpy Blues,” was appropriately titled, as the song itself was a fun, fast-paced tune with an energetic flair and had more than one audience member tapping their foot.

Their last piece, “Madcap,” was also an energetic, enthusiastic composition at its’ core. The end of the song, though sudden, adds to the song’s intensity.

The last seven songs were performed by the Fresno City College Jazz Composers Orchestra, which consisted of Fresno State and Fresno City music faculty members, alumni of the music program at both schools and one Fresno State student. The most notable composition the ensemble performed was “The Lower Kings River,” an original piece by local composer Kevin Shigeo Yokola. The song seems to follow the flow of the Kings River, and starts in a slow rhythm before quickly picking up the beat. The tempo rises and falls as the song embodies certain stretches of the river.

Another prominent piece is “A Day in Night Town.” The song has a wonderful sense of place and gives the audience the feeling of walking through town while experiencing the sounds of a time gone by. The sound of the band’s trumpets in this composition lends itself to the depiction of traffic in an old Jazz Era town.

One of the most memorable pieces of the concert was a composition that jazz trumpeter professor Joe Lewis wrote for his wife and daughter, aptly titled “Emily and Jennifer.”

The song is fairly mellow, and increases in tempo in some parts. The piece evokes a very sweet, calming sense fitting of Lewis’ wife and daughter, who slept through her father’s performance.

Each piece the Fresno State Jazz Orchestra and the Fresno City College Jazz Composers Orchestra played were well performed, and those in attendance thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Although jazz isn’t a popular form of music in today’s pop-saturated music scene, attending any jazz concert at Fresno State is an experience that is sure to be enjoyable.
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Quintero said they were performing at about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, blocking four of the five lanes.

The driver took the keys and fled in another car, then three musicians climbed on top of the van and began to perform.

Quintero said the musicians could face charges of obstructing traffic.

The group, whose credits include "Traffic Jam 101," said on its website it is dedicated to helping homeless children.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Taylor Swift’s "Fearless" concert tour is starring in three TV specials.

"Taylor Swift’s Journey to Fearless" will air on The Hub network that launched this month, replacing Discovery Kids.

The shows about the making of the tour will debut Oct. 22, 23 and 24 at 7 p.m. EDT and will follow the tour as it goes on tour.

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Hasbro Studios produced the Swift concert series.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eminent and Lady Antebellum lead nominees for the 38th annual American Music Awards with five nods each. Teen heartthrob Justin Bieber has four nominations, while Katy Perry, Ke$ha, B.o.B. and Usher have three each.

Singlers Demi Lovato and Taio Cruz made the announcement Tuesday in Los Angeles.

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The well-rounded sports enthusiast loves life right now. While I don’t consider myself “well-rounded” in sports, mostly because I only like NASCAR for the drivers’ names, I fall asleep before the fourth inning of a baseball game, and tennis is only exciting when Serena Williams chastises a line judge. All this is available on reruns of SportsCenter, so I don’t exactly feel inclined to tune in. But for the most diehard of diehard sports junkies, October has to feel like Christmas in the Hamptons.

Baseball? Sports have you covered. October is when even casual baseball fans enjoy; mostly because each and every game finally matters. Regular season baseball is a job; the National League Championship Series, but that’s just the nature of Major League Baseball.

But those 70 losses won’t fly in October. It’s the month where baseball parallels college football; where one loss means your team’s grave is already dug, and two losses mean they are laying in it. Speaking of college football, October brings the microwave season. Not only have we hit the mid-way point of the season, some devastating upsets and big time players are beginning to surface. Alabama’s 19-game win streak came to a screeching halt, a player in the maize and blue looks like the latest Barry Sanders, and the AP top 25 is again showing it’s no guarantee.

One thing you can guarantee is the NBA season is finally upon us, and it may be the most interesting you’ve seen in recent memory. The regular season begins on Oct. 26, but the preseason hype is perhaps at its highest in history, especially in South Beach where three likely NBA All Star starters have assembled on the same team. But here out West it’s all about the Kobe show and his quest for a Jordan-like number of rings.

Who knows who will get a ring at the conclusion of this NBA season? It’s the earliest in the season in recent memory that there are no undeated teams, and it seems as though the Lombardi Trophy has no one significant favorite contender. The last remaining undefeated team was the Kansas City Chiefs for crying out loud!

If recent history repeats itself, Fresno State football may be in trouble. Clinging to preseason hopes of bringing home Fresno State’s first outright Western Athletic Conference title and shelving a decade of dominance by rival Boise State, the ‘Dogs took a big step back Saturday night.

With the Bulldogs falling at home to Hawaii last Saturday 49-7, a scary trend is beginning to brew once again in the Valley. Boise State has won or shared the WAC title seven of the past nine years since joining the conference in 2001, and may have one less team to worry about when the regular season concludes in early December. Only Hawaii and Nevada have managed to interrupt the Broncos’ dominance, with the Warriors finishing first in 2007 and the Wolf Pack sharing the title in 2005.

The 2005 season marked the only time the current alignment of the WAC has seen a shared title, with both Boise State and Nevada finishing conference play 7-1. The Broncos nearly finished unscathed in the conference that season, but were upset by Fresno State in Bulldog Stadium late in the season. Although the Bulldogs made life a lot more complicated when it comes to the WAC title chase, head coach Pat Hill insists his team is down but certainly not out.

“We still control our own destiny,” Hill said. “As amazing as that sounds, I still think that it’s got to go through Boise to get it. As long as we keep winning our conference games, we’re still in the hunt. Now the margin for error is down to zero now. You had a cushion of one game before.”

In order for Fresno State to control its own destiny the ‘Dogs must win their final six conference games. If they manage that feat, only a share of the conference title is guaranteed. Fresno State and Hill’s first outright WAC title will only come if the ‘Dogs finish 7-1 in conference play and both Boise State and Nevada suffer two conference losses, one in their head-to-head matchup and one additional loss.

Even if Fresno State does win out, however, the likelihood of a one-loss team taking sole control of the WAC by season’s end is getting slimmer with each Boise State shellacking. The Broncos are blowing opponents out by an average of 32 points per game and look poised to set up a Nov. 26 de facto conference title game at Nevada. Hawaii now becomes Fresno State’s best friend and worst enemy. The Warriors sit on top of the WAC with the Broncos and Wolf Pack at 2-0. If Hawaii upsets Nevada this weekend at Aloha Stadium, it both helps and hurts the ‘Dogs because while it sets the Wolf Pack back, it propels the Warriors to 3-0 and a fellow title contender.

Boise State is in a similar position to Fresno State as well. A Hawaii victory this weekend would give the Broncos some breathing room for their Nov. 26 matchup. But by the same token, if Hawaii wins it makes Boise State’s contest against the Warriors on Nov. 6 a Smurf Turf showdown.

But Hawaii has knocked off both Boise State and Nevada in the same season just once (2007) and has just one victory over the Broncos in WAC history.

Another roadblock separating Fresno State from a WAC championship is the general makeup of college football. Last season, of the 11 conferences in the Football Bowl Subdivision, only four had conference champions with one or more losses.

“In college football, at most schools, it’s one [loss].” Hill said. “In our conference, unless it’s [a loss] to Boise State, I still feel we just got to handle our own business week after week and if we can do that we still have a chance to play for a WAC Championship.”

Hill will not let his team get distracted by thinking too far ahead, however. The 14-year leader of the ‘Dogs maintains that Fresno State has to take it one game at a time with the WAC title as an afterthought.

“I want to talk about being able to play in November for a conference championship and so do the kids,” Hill said. “But to take care of that we need to take of business on Saturday against New Mexico State.”

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