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New ASI President Alexander Hoang

Pride exclusive interview

BY BILL RHEIN
Pride Staff Writer

What was your reaction upon hearing that you won?

I found out the positive outcome while I was in Yoga class; Benjamin Bertran-Harris came running in and gave me a big hug, told me the results and we both yelled in victory! It was cool to turn on my phone later and get a flood of messages with Congratulations regarding the news.

What experiences have prepared you for being ASI president?

I have led in multiple arenas in life, from our world of academia to business, civic service, and charity.

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International Fair 2008



Photo by Ben Roffee / The Pride

Students crowd Forum Plaza to partake in International Fair festivities

BY ELBERT ESGUERRA
Pride Staff Writer

Thursday, April 17—Mariachi bands and West African drummers ignited the campus last Thursday as the Cal State San Marcos became a global village to the world.

The three-hour International Fair at Forum Plaza gave the university community the opportunity to promote cultures of various nations around the world. People took great advantage of experiencing tastes, sights, and sounds from the campus' rich diversity.

"I hope all students get connected to the diversity the campus has," said Diana Lemus, Co-President of Global Connections Student Organization. "Whether

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CoBA's Senior Experience Program aims to create CSUSM's first yearbook

BY JONATHAN E. THOMPSON
Pride Staff Writer

The College of Business Administration celebrates Senior Experience's 15th year with over 1,000 projects completed thus far. CoBA declared students must complete the Senior Experience program before receiving their degree. Among the many projects slated for the spring '08 semester, a certain group of CoBA students intend to create a yearbook for graduating CoBA students.

The team consists of Darlene Aficial, Ethel Gaviola, John Ouk, and Hang Pham. Working closely with David Zumaya, who majors in Computer Information Systems, they plan to create a prototype yearbook for graduating CoBA students for the

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Peace activist Cindy Sheehan visits CSUSM

BY BEN ROFFEE
Pride Staff Writer

Cal State San Marcos greeted one of its most high profile and controversial guests last week as renowned peace activist Cindy Sheehan spoke to a packed audience in Arts 240 last Thursday, April 17. For nearly an hour and a half, Sheehan touched on a variety of issues ranging from her opposi-

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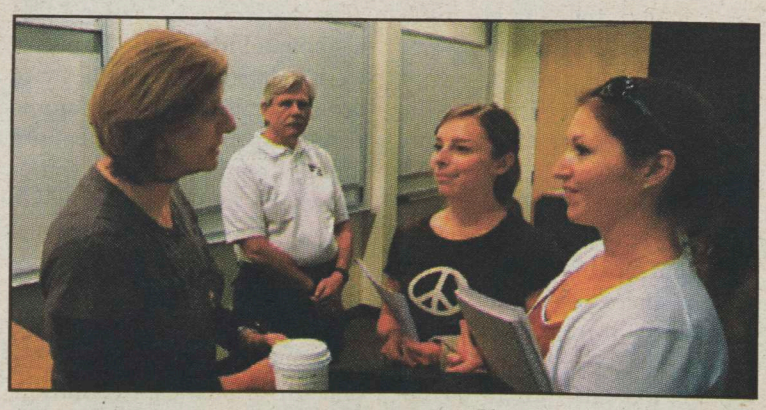


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Sleepless in San Diego

CSUSM students join nearly 700 participants at major fundraising event on April 19

Photos by Ben Roffee / The Pride



Melissa Mattingly was recognized as a top contributor for her fundraising efforts on behalf of CSUSM's Alpha Kappa Psi chapter



Participants slept on cots at Liberty Station in Point Loma

My University: Elementary students plan for college early

BY VIRIDIANA PACHECO-ISAAC
Pride Staff Writer

For a group of Farr Elementary School students, attending Cal State University San Marcos is already in their plans.

Approximately 70 third through fifth graders from the elementary school located in Escondido visited the campus yesterday to get a feel of what university life is like. The students, wearing t-shirts that read, "I am college bound in 2017," attended library and college workshops, took a tour of the campus, and were presented with traditional Aztec dancers. They were also given certificates for their attendance and folders with information about the university.

The students, primarily of Latino descent, are part of the Open Gate program, which consists of gifted and talented children. The program involves different college-related activities that often include parents. Most had never stepped foot on to a university campus before, said Ana Ardon, Research project Coordinator for the National Latino Research Center at Cal State San Marcos.

"The area is one of the lowest socio-economic pockets in all of California," said teacher Yvette Hernandez Payne who coordinated the trip to the school and teaches the Open Gate Program children. "College is talked about I want them to know that college is possible, I always remind them there is still a possibility for them to go."

Hernandez Payne is a CSUSM alumnus, who was working

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Economic stimulus payments:

Spend or Save?

Many have seen the promises mailed out by the U.S. Government to taxpaying citizens in the form of "Economic Stimulus Payment" notifications. As Bush's answer to the dying economy, the IRS comes off as if they are handing out free money to more than 137 million Americans beginning May 2. The Economic Stimulus Payments are the government's last hope of pushing the consumers to spend money. Anticipating that taxpayers will spend the stimulus checks, it's pretty obvious that main goal of the payments is to help boost the economy.

Divvied out in three different amounts, according to how a person files their return, you could get a check for the amount of $300, $600, or $1200. Checks are being released in waves of disbursements with the various disbursement periods dependent on the last two digits of your Social Security Number. Yet, as America finds herself in the wake of a recession, spending that check should be the last thing you do.

What should you do with the economic stimulus payment? Save it. Invest it. Pay off your debt. As college students, it's easy for us to accrue debt. Between student loans and credit cards, the average education debt college graduates face after commencement is $21,000 (according to The Project on Student Debt). Sure, you might not have any debt now, or maybe there's only $500 on your credit card and you make regular payments, but who knows what the next few years or even the rest of your college years will bring. Why waste perfectly good money now, when you could be using it as a safety blanket for the future by saving it or paying off already existing debt.

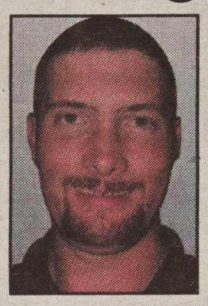
The IRS is shelling out at the very least 41 billion dollars with these stimulus checks—that's if all of the more than 130 million households only receive checks for $300. Of course they want us to put that money back into the economy. And yes, the economy does need it; the value of the dollar is the lowest it has been in the past 80 years. But with that knowledge, and the deepening recession, doesn't it make more sense to hold onto the money for dear life?

Save every penny you can. With the rising cost of education as the currently proposed budget cuts are planned to increase tuition by 10%, parking permits are scheduled to rise in cost, and gas isn't forecast to be cheap this summer either—who can afford not to save the money?

Church's Influence on Sports

Women taking control of the vehicle

BY DAVID CHURCH
Pride Staff Writer



With a split event between Long Beach and Japan Indy 300, Danica Patrick was able to hold out 22 gallons of ethanol. Patrick led the race for three laps of the 200 lap race but was able to hold on to a 5.85 second lead to get her first career victory. In doing so, Patrick became the first female to win an IndyCar race.

Then in the Funny Car class of the racing world, Ashley Force leads the POWERade points standings despite not having a win. A few reasons why Force has taken the lead so early in to the Funny Car season is because no winner has been able to repeat. The other reason would be that she has two final-round appearances.

Both events are significant in the racing world as Patrick finally answered the most common question in her interviews, "When are you going to win?" But after winning the race in Japan, the new question is "will there be more wins on the way."

After the 2005 Indianapolis 500, where Patrick led late into the race before slowing down due to fuel management. The expectations on Patrick were raised once again. Patrick went on to finish her rookie season with three poles. She has since switched from Bobby Rahal's team to Andretti Green Racing.

As for Force, Force became the first female to lead the point standings in the Funny Car standings. The question for Force will be how long she can maintain the lead and when is she going to get her first win.

Both racers have achieved accomplishments in the racing world. Patrick becomes the first female to win a race in the IndyCar circuit while Force became the first female to lead the point's standings.

With a victory, Patrick now has put herself on top of the podium and now has a new question to answer to, "When are you going to win again?"

Any questions or comments can be sent to churc009@csusm.edu or pride@csusm.edu.

Bill of Rights The two trailers

BY BILL RHEIN
Pride Staff Writer



In this world, there are two types of trailers, those that are good and got viewers excited about a film, and those which decrease interest in a film and possibly give the ending away. In the age of YouTube and Internet videos, trailers have become as important as TV commercials and public advertising. Because of this, there have been some great trailers, which successfully encourage people to see films, even if the movie is not that great. The ability of a trailer to motivate people can make or break a film.

The first two "Spiderman" films serve as examples of a good trailer in the "Spiderman" film series. They had elements that made them must-see films. On the other hand, "Spiderman 3" had an average trailer and did not play a big part in drawing people to the cinema. Though this film did well at the box office, it is likely due more to the need the see the next chapter in the series. Even a bad movie can have a good trailer, such as "Star Wars: Episode I- The Phantom Menace." Though it is questionable if George Lucas should have made the modern "Star Wars," the preview for the first one was a motivating factor to seeing the movie.

This raises questions about what makes a good trailer, which I think, lie in psychology. Successful trailers often have similar elements that excite people. They often start slow but build tension to increase interest in a film. This also includes snippets and moments of the film with dialogue and music to stimulate the audience.

If there were awards for greatness in trailers, one would certainly have to go to the second Lord of the Rings film "The Two Towers." It may not have been the strongest installment, however, I, along with several Internet users, regard it is the best trailer ever. It starts with serene music and dramatic cinematography. The editors of the trailer weave in images of intense action. As the music builds, the tension, dialogue, and text spark interest.

While the images of battle and intense dialogue are exciting, the best element of this trailer is the music, which directly borrows from Clint Mansell's incredible score from "Requiem for A Dream." These elements keep the emotion building and relaxing until the final moments of the trailer where there is an onslaught of energy through music and the immortal image of double doors. Though trailers do not mean as much to viewers after seeing the advertised movie, this one still gives me goose bumps.

On the other hand, there are trailers such as the ones for "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" and "Made of Honor," which makes me want to see the movies even less that before watching the previews. Elements from these trailers, namely "Sarah Marshall," that put me off are bothersome lines such as "from the makers of." This is vague and could refer to any of the hundreds of people who the film following that line credit. This ranges from the director or producer to the caterer or key grip.

As for "Made of Honor," after watching the trailer, I feel as though I have seen the movie in its entirety. Though these types of movies about plutonic friends getting together are already predictable, the trailer shows in detail how the movie is going to end. A final bad element of trailers is the line "a twist you will not see coming." Viewers can find this line in the previews of every other action and horror movies. In addition, because it causes people like me to look for a twist, one can usually see it coming. These and the lack elements found in good previews make for awful trailers.

As the summer movies approach, some trailers will inspire me to hand over money to see a film, and others will make me not even care seeing about the DVD. A trailer is a magical movie element that can put people off a good movie, and pull others into a bad one.

A Very Blood, Sweat, Tears Wedding

BY TORIA SAVEY
Pride Staff Writer



Well, we've been through a lot. I don't know who to pity the most. The people who suffered arranged marriages through the Blood, Sweat, Tears Dating Service (2/12) or the feral cats that got sick from the Skittles, and gas still costs more than buying a baby on the black market (3/4). My turtle feels emotionally smothered (3/25). I still hate exercise (10/9). The thought of trying to raise little people is no less terrifying (4/15), and traveling is still a test of faith and moral fiber (11/13).

Luckily, I no longer have to deal with terrifying and inappropriate dating incidents involving Wiis (10/2), which gives me a great sense of inner peace. You may ask WHY I no longer have to deal with it.

Reaching the final stretch of an era of blood, sweat, and tears, we begin to plan a wedding. Oh yes, despite being the sole author of "Fear and Loathing in Committed Relationships," which is much scarier than the one set in Las Vegas, I'm doing it. I kept the turtle alive and I'm getting married.

Now I just have to keep myself and the fiancé alive.

No, it's not PETA people in scary masks (I bought them off with adorable, fuzzy animals), or the Animal Cracker Conglomerate (3/18) trying to take me out before I start a revolution.

You see, kiddos, my fiancé is half black. It didn't matter to me. It doesn't matter to him, which is lucky for me. It doesn't matter to the people who love me, or to anyone in his or her right mind. But yes, there's someone who wants to hurt me for it. I mean, honestly, you'd think people would be more upset that he's French than anything else. Do you know what a snob he is about mustard? It's unbearable.

No, you're not lost. This is the year 2008, not 1948. And this is coastal southern California, not the wilds of...well, wherever in America you're allowed to be racist. I'd like to believe there's nowhere like that, but I'm not stupid.

I could sit down and be afraid, give up the love of my life, or cancel my order for 500 taquitos. I could rethink the idea of having the wedding outside in nature, and instead have it inside the Pope Mobile (bulletproof glass, what what).

But instead, I follow my own advice. I fear not. If I kick off tomorrow, most likely driving too quickly and dangerously (9/18) or falling down the stairs (9/11), you should eat some delicious guacamole in my honor and follow these pearls of wisdom. Sort of pearls of wisdom. Ok, really only one. From me to you, happy unbirthday. Just...follow along.

The only thing you absolutely have to do, besides have good sex at least once in your life, and laugh everyday, is let go of your hatred. In fact, let go of it right now. Hatred, bigotry, racism. You profit nothing by these things, and you hurt yourself. Hatred is like cancer. If there's a cancer inside of you, it's not going to hurt someone you dislike. It's going to hurt you. And hatred of any kind is just that. A tumor that will choke the happiness and life out of you. If it's bigotry or racism, sit down. If you're religious, find a place in your holy book that justifies your bigotry. Now bring it to me and I'll show you a hundred verses that cancel it out. If you're not religious, tell me what good your bigotry does you. Do you feel warmer with it? Does it keep you company? Does it laugh with you and have coffee with you? Does it somehow make you a better person? If you have an individual specifically that you hate, think of them right now. Picture them being pelted with rubber duckies and then let it go. They have pains you know nothing about, and their own problems.

And when you encounter someone who hasn't let their hate go, here's a nifty little trick. Don't be afraid. Even if it's directed at you. And your fiancé. And you're thinking that Kevlar would look great with your wedding dress. Or your copy editor offered to make you a wedding dress OUT OF Kevlar. The reason I do things with humor, instead of fear, is because life is serious. In fact, so serious that none of us are going to make it out alive. Worries, like hatred, will overwhelm you and gobble you up. In fact, imagine that your worries ARE the rubber duckies, now pelt them at that person you so dislike, or who dislikes you, and let both of them go.

So yes, go out. Let guacamole flow like fountains. Chunky, tasty fountains. And if you come to my wedding, feel free to arm yourself to the teeth. I'm a Girl Scout at heart, and you all know the Girl Scout motto: One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor. Er, I mean, be prepared. You know, that honestly might be the Boy Scout motto. But you get the point.

We rate everything else, why not RateMyCop.com?

BY JONATHAN THOMPSON
Pride Staff Writer

,.com?Living in Southern California, lately, it is nearly impossible not to notice all of the attention area police departments are getting. Los Angeles received national attention for corruption in numerous scandals.

A few stand-outs include: the Rampart Division, the C.R.A.S.H. unit, not to mention the name that is now synonymous with LA police corruption, Rodney King. Most recently LA police made the front-page news again with their actions taken against unarmed press and protestors at LA's MacAurthur Park.

Orange County's former Sheriff Corona is now under federal indictment for abuse of office and corruption charges. Orange County deputies are now potentially facing murder charges for various roles in jail house beating murders, allegedly being perpetrated both by inmates with deputies' knowledge, or, by the deputies themselves.

In recent weeks, local San Diego residents find themselves in one of the most frightening scenarios, as an off duty San Diego officer fires on and hits a mother and her 8-year-old son. While details continue to come out in the case, all are innocent until proven guilty, allegations of misconduct on the part of the Oceanside police department have been made on their handling of the case.

With all that is going on in our communities, it would seem almost natural that we would want to know more about the people that are "serving and protecting" us. A web site that is receiving attention as a result of heightened community interest both nationally and internationally, is, RateMyCop.com.

The LA based RateMyCop.com motto is "you have the right to be informed." The site's basic premise is allowing users who register with an e-mail address to leave comments on its forum and community law enforcement officer database in regards to the law enforcement officers they have encountered and dealt with in their communities.

Comments and opinions range from praise like an assessment of one San Diego officer being "Very professional and businesslike in all respects," to a wide range of serious criticisms and accusations, that I will leave to the imagination.

BadCopNews.com is an international law enforcement watchdog site based in Amsterdam. The site's name speaks for itself, as it archives articles from international reports of law enforcement abuses. While this site only offers negative news, unlike RateMyCop.com [which offers the good with the bad] it stands as a warning to those who abuse his/her badge and the citizens they serve -- every citizen has a voice as well as the right to speak out against injustices.

As citizens, we have the right, if not the duty, to read, write and publish as we see fit. In particular, our freedom of speech important when is crucial to remember when criticizing the status quo. Every aspect of our society is [as it should be] subject to public evaluation and criticism -- Why should law enforcement be any different? Law enforcement agencies, in particular, especially given the current climate of accusations, need to be accountable for their actions on and *off* duty.

People have a responsibility to his or her community to ensure that officers of the law act in accordance with the laws they are employed to enforce. Due to the fact that these officers are armed, both on and off duty, and in light of current events, what citizen would not want to know who is patrolling his or her neighborhood? The principals are simple: let the officer's actions dictate how he or she is received by the community.

University Voice

Starbucks on Campus: **What is your favorite drink? What do you like most about working at the Starbucks on campus?**



"Iced Venti Green Tea Lemonade with 3 pumps classic. All the friendly people I get to be with all day long."

Alex Valles
Freshman



"Iced Venti Green Tea with 3 Sweet-n-Lows. Convince, my boss works around my schedule, off on weekends, priceless!"

Ashley Ritchie
Senior

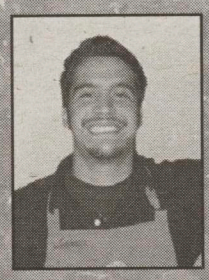


"Iced Venti Passion Tea Lemonade. Meeting new people on campus"

Nicole Roberts
Sophomore

"Iced Green Tea Straight-up. I work with a bunch of beautiful ladies"

Aaron Garcia
Junior



"Iced Venti Passion Tea Lemonade sweetened melon because it makes it taste way better. Because I like the atmosphere and all my associates are really chill and know what I am going through."

Alyssa Teves
Sophomore



"Iced Venti Chai Tea Latte. I get to meet basically everybody and I get free coffee!"

Jane Schmidt
Junior



Photos by Kristina Lawler / The Pride

Saving big with parking adjunction

BY IVAN GARCIA
Pride Staff Writer

Many at Cal State San Marcos can agree that the price for parking is exorbitantly expensive, and the high prices of parking violations do not help to alleviate the depression of an empty wallet. But with a brand new program offered by the Parking Adjudication office here at Cal State San Marcos, many students and faculty can save some much needed cash. Starting Tuesday April 22nd to Wednesday April 23rd, Parking Adjudication will waive the $25.00 late fee for any ticket if you pay your outstanding fee on these dates. The new program will help those with late fees to pay, so that they are not plagued by the fee of their violation *and* a $25.00 late fee.

"We know that the economy is getting kind of bad and we wanted to help students if they have any outstanding citations, they can pay it on those two days…and we will waive the $25.00 late fee for them on each citation," stated Patti Hale of Parking Adjudication at Cal State San Marcos.

Even for tickets that students and faculty have received in the past, the late fees will simply get waived. For example, if someone has four previous citations charging $50.00 each, the late fees for all four will total to $100. But if a student or faculty member come in on the 22 or 23 and pay their citation charges, the total $100 late fee for all four citations will be waived. This will allow any driver to this campus to save money and parking problem that has been plaguing them resolved.

The prices for parking permits for staff, faculty, and especially students are expensive, and many have voiced their opinions in the form of protests and petitions. But what many don't understand is that Parking Services is a self-sufficient company with no financial stability from the university.

With a proposed parking garage planned for completion in 2010, the funds for such a project must come from somewhere. In reality, the prices set for permits or violations will actually contribute to the advancement of the school, not to be brutal capitalism. "Our motto here is to educate, not to adjudicate" stated Hale. With the initiation of this event, all drivers of this institution will have the opportunity to save money in these troubled times.

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on her master's thesis while already teaching at Farr.

"It was exciting for my students to see that I wrote a book that is at the library they were just at," she said.

Throughout their visit, the students were reminded that CSUSM is "everyone's university" and that "everyone can come here" as long as they study hard, learn how to write and never give up. Hernandez Payne said it is very important, that despite the challenge of living in a low socio-economic area, the children still count on very supportive parents. She said language is one of their biggest challenges, but despite that, every teacher at Farr Elementary visits every single household of every child in their classrooms. They also have parent meetings once a month in which the parents are provided with activities, reading tips and other material to practice with their children.

"The Latino culture values education a lot," she said. "The big challenge is the language barrier, but we still have a lot of support. Visiting their homes makes us understand the living situation and allows us to get to know the child better."

Parents who were among those visiting the campus said bringing children even at such a young age can be nothing but beneficial.

"I like the idea because this way he can start realizing what his future may look like," said Maria Zavala, parent to a fifth grader. "This keeps him focused and motivated, he can start thinking about what he wants, to be and what he wants to study, and make him strive for a better future."

Hernandez Payne said it is very important to get children thinking about college this early on, so it doesn't go to the back of their minds.

"We want them to think that college is not something that you may or may not go to," she said. "It's actually something that will be the next step."

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spring '08 semester that hopefully serves as a stepping stone for a complete CSUSM yearbook next year.

For more information on Senior Experience, visit www.csusm.edu/seniorexperience. For more information on the CSUSM yearbook visit www.csusmyearbook.com. CSUSM student, Chris Bourgault from Realskies Web Design, hosts the CSUSM Yearbook Website.

"Just this past week we have received almost 1,000 hits on the site…this website provides [CoBA] seniors to view their images and to view the work in progress," said Zumaya.

Zumaya, a 10-year professional photographer, attends classes between picking up and dropping off his three daughters. He initially attended SDSU where he tried to launch a yearbook there as well.

Fortunately, for CSUSM but unfortunate for Zumaya, "The project was not able to be completed and go to press because the funding we had did not follow through on their promise," he said.

After his first debacle with SDSU he returned to CSUSM in pursuit of finishing his degree with "a better plan and [the ability] to provide personal money to get the project started," he said.

Zumaya found numerous CSUSM staff, facility, and fellow Cougar supporters for a school wide yearbook. In fall 07 semester, he ran into Stephanie Erdodi. She wanted to organize a yearbook club. They became acquaintances and remain in contact today.

Ultimately, "the success of this project is dependent on funding and support from the University," said Zumaya.

The project gathers funding in other ways as well. The project offers free online portraits for graduating CoBA students. The project enables students to purchase their portraits. The project allots a portion of the sales to cover costs associated with producing a physical yearbook.

"Results from the Senior Experience team's surveys led to the creation of our prototype yearbook publication for CoBA. We have plans for next year to complete a yearbook for the [entire] University or possibly separate yearbooks for the individual colleges," said Zumaya.

"Jim Hamererly, director of business community relations from CoBA…has provided support that has been very important to the success we have had on this project. Without his support, we would not be at the point where we are now," said Zumaya.

Senior Experience project presentations begin May 5th and last until May 8th. They occur almost every hour from 8:45AM to about 4:40PM lasting approximately 20 minutes in Markstein Hall room 104.

"I would love to see this project featured on the CSUSM homepage…Also, we really need juniors and sophomores to get involved now with the yearbook so they can carry the torch for the following years," said Zumaya.

To get involved with the yearbook contact David Zumaya at david@dmzphotography.com.

PoliceBeat

4/9/08 9:20 a.m.
UPD reported to a call at Markstein Hall where a professor believed her PDA to be stolen, valued at $300. On 4/11/08 someone turned in the PDA to the lost and found. The PDA was returned to the professor minus all the information previously saved.

4/10/08 2:30 a.m.
UPD contacted a vehicle with emergency flashing lights that stopped in the bike lane, and found the driver to be under influence. Booked in to county on DUI.

4/10/08 11:45 a.m.
During a security check in lot B, an officer contacted a student tampering with a vehicle. The student acted evasive, and attempted to leave the area by skateboard. He was cited for resisting and delaying an officer. The officer determined his actions related to the vehicle were of non-criminal activity.

4/10/08
Officers from UPD, SM Sheriff, Oceanside PD, and probation conducted a sobriety checkpoint at 300 Twin Oaks, and ran about 450 cars. Seven drivers were detained for drug and alcohol violations. Officers arrested 1 driver for DUI and possession of 16 grams of marijuana. Another driver had an open container and no driver's license. One car evaded the scene by driving over the center median. Officers pursued, but the car eluded officers.

4/11/08 1-4:30 p.m.
An unknown suspect smeared peanut butter and yogurt on the hood and roof of a student's car in Lot N.

4/11/08 5:30 p.m.
In Lot O, there was a hit and run on a gray Toyota Camry making a 6inch dent to driver side door. Any info contact UPD.

4/13/08 12:21 p.m.
Officer made traffic stop on vehicle for equipment violations, and cited driver for suspended license and no insurance.

4/15/08 3:30 p.m.
A faculty member parked a convertible jeep in lot E with the top down, and found the parking permit stolen upon return.

4/16/08 1:30 p.m.
While at work, an individual received four crank calls over the period of a week from an unknown suspect. The caller identifies himself as "The San Marcos Tickler."



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What inspired you to run?

Love. From the moment I set foot on this University my loyalty, passion, and love has been with CSUSM in every way. I had to ask myself the question before running for office, "What if I did not get elected ASI President?" After reflection, my answer to this question was, "I will continue to engage and be engaged in CSUSM's growth to my utmost ability and capacity." When the reasons are right, what you stand for can never be defeated.

How will you balance this with your job as a Resident Advisor?

In order to engage fully into my role as ASI President, I must make tough decisions, this will be the first. I am 0 or 100%. This is what you get when you choose me. Balance, organization, and time management will be key to executing successfully as ASI President and an RA. I look forward to discussing the possible options with Brian Dawson (Director of UVA) in order for me to thrive in the year to come.

How will you foster diversity on campus?

This will come naturally because it is the forefront of who I am and what I do -- I am a consensus builder. I have come to listen and to be the voice of the student body. Bringing people together from all paths of life is what I strive to achieve. Being a Resident Advisor for the international & multi-cultural experience has been an excellent training ground and an invaluable opportunity in order for me to call everyone to the table, not to agree every time, but to understand each other every time.

What do you imagine will be your biggest problem?

Bring the worst, scariest, and ugliest problems to me. For together with my ASI Team we will find a successful solution to any problem we are faced with. We are your student leaders for this reason.

Future ASI President's Message to students

Hello Fellow CSUSM Cougars!

You have spoken and your voice has been heard.

YOU have elected me Associated Students Incorporated President & CEO. Your trust and confidence in me will be reflected in every decision I make on your behalf. Thank you for your support with all my heart. I appreciate you giving me this opportunity to be your leader and to serve you. We have an exhilarating new year ahead of us, one that is not without its challenges. Together we will face these challenges and succeed in spite of adversity. In doing this, we will become unified as a community and show the true strength of our Cougar Spirit.

I invite you not only to take ownership in your education here at CSUSM but also your campus life experience. Choose how you want to leave your mark on our dynamic campus. This is the initiative we all face, to become more involved, to engage, empower, and to serve each other. Create your unforgettable memories and valued relationships now in campus life. It is said that the college experience can be the most rewarding, fun, and joyful years of our lives. I say this is true because you are here; you make our school what it is. What you put into it is exactly what you will get out of it.

Please know that I am in complete solidarity with you as a student and stand by your side as we move forward, together. I have come to listen and to voice and act on your concerns. I will not hesitate to reveal everything that I am and unlock my full potential for CSUSM. In striving for positive change through passion, service, leadership, and excellence, I am.

From **SHEEHAN,** page 1

tion to the war, her Congressional campaign, and her political philosophies.

Sheehan, who's son Casey died in the Iraq War in 2004, has garnered a considerable amount of national attention in recent years for her activism against the Iraq War and the policies of the Bush Administration. Her month-long "Camp Casey" protest in August 2005 outside of the President's ranch in Crawford, Texas became the focal point of the anti-war movement, launching Sheehan into the media spotlight.

It was in Texas that CSUSM's Dr. Linda Pershing met and developed a relationship with Sheehan. "I'm pretty good friends with professor Pershing," said Sheehan. "I got to know her in Texas and she has been a supporter of our efforts for a long time."

It came as a surprise to many to hear that Sheehan would be making an appearance on campus, which comes in the middle of her bid for Nancy Pelosi's seat in the House of Representatives.

When asked how she ended up at CSUSM, Sheehan pointed to her friendship with Dr. Pershing saying, "I've met a lot of her students across the country and they've wanted me to come for a long time. I was invited [by Pershing] and I love coming to colleges and high schools and talking."

Given the uproar when Michael Moore was slated to speak on campus, Sheehan's visit was surprisingly met with little protest from the campus community. Throughout her presentation the crowd was relatively mild as students both in support of and opposed to her message listened intently.

Even with mixed degrees of support and opposition, Sheehan hasn't signaled her intentions to slow down any time soon. "I don't think I'm going to get a break now until after the elections," said Sheehan. "I think it's really important to be really persistent."

For such a small campus, Sheehan's appearance presents, to many, an indication of CSUSM's growing stature. If turnout is any indication of appreciation, this change would seem to be readily embraced by the campus community.

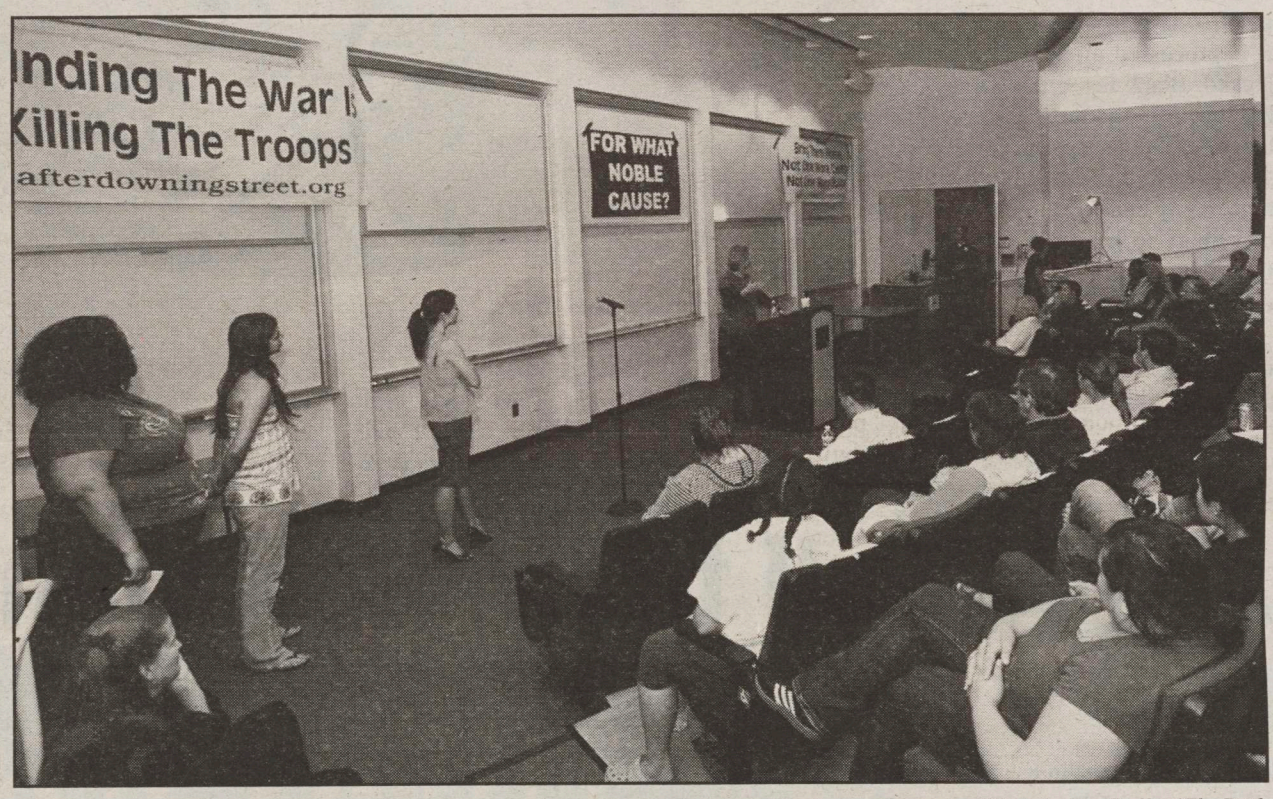


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Sheehan responds to student questions during her presentation

ASI Election Results - 2008

1096 students voted in this poll

President:
Alexander Hoang 527
Zachary de la Pena 514

Vice President of External Affairs:
Angela Stubbs 473
Christian Pedersen 307

Vice President of Finance:
Conrad Ottey 623
Stephen Castro 349

Vice President of Operation:
Lynn Torbert 672
Amanda Riley 260

Vice President of Marketing:
Gil Cardenas 468
Brian Buttacavoli 340

Sabrina Oleson 109
Jessica Mills 60

College of Business Administration Representatives
Brittney Russo 141

College of Arts and Sciences Representatives
Giovanna De Los Reyes 320
Raisa Alvarado 257
Benjamin Bertran-Harris 223
Amethyst Hills 221

Student Representatives at Large
Zach Morrison 661
Kayla Robinson 322
Travis Wilson 238

From **FAIR,** page 1

it's black, white, green, or yellow, we're celebrating everyone and people from everywhere."

The flags of over 40 different nations flew and representatives of over 30 different student organizations were on hand at the fair, including France, Vietnam, Germany, Japan, Mexico, the Philippines, and the Middle East. The event was free and many of the organizations offered students a culinary taste indigenous to their respective countries. Hungry students lined up for crepes, bratwurst, egg rolls, and even birthday cake for every month of the year.

"This is just a fun way for people to think internationally," said April Paustian of Global Connections. "It's easy to think in American terms that so many students are accustomed to, but there's a whole other part that this country is all about. Sharing that aspect is a good way to grow."

This year marks the sixth year of the fair's existence. The University Global Affairs Office organized this year's event and sponsors included Associated Students, Inc., the Office of Global Education, Student Life and Leadership, different student multicultural organizations and the Language Learning Center.



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Students dressed in traditional attire

Some organizations used the International Fair to highlight some of their past achievements and events over the year. Others took the opportunity to recruit and cross promote upcoming activities.

"Like everyone, Kamalayan Alliance is here to recognize diversity," said Allie Moreno, a member representative from Kamalayan. "We're hoping to promote our Filipino Culture Night on April 26 and the fair presents a perfect time do just that."

The healthy side of tea
Getting the most out of your beverage

BY ARIANNE SCHULZ
Pride Staff Writer

Tea is a beverage full of health benefits—whether it is black tea, green tea, white tea, oolong tea, or herbal tea. While tea is sometimes a general term for a large grouping of hot beverages, "tea" (this applies to black, green, and white tea) is actually an infusion of the leaves of the blooming white-flower, evergreen bush (*Camellia sinesis*) native to China and India. The term "tea" is used generally for the term of infusion because marketers found consumers responded more favorably to it rather than labeling products as "herbal infusions."

The only differences between the different varieties of tea (as previously noted: black, white, and green tea all originate from the same plant, *Camellia sinesis*) are how it is processed after the leaves are picked. Black tea is the darkest color because it is the most processed. Though black tea is the most processed/oxidized, studies have found that black tea still contains many beneficial compounds that can contribute to human health. Black tea is the most commonly consumed and produced tea in the world.

Another variation of tealeaf processing produces green tea. Green tea is less processed than black tea—the leaves may be steamed or baked after being immediately picked and this preserves a lot of the antioxidant compounds in tea that make it such a health wonder. Green tea is very popular in Asia and has become increasing popular around the world.

The least amount of processing of tealeaves produces a rare, fragile tea—white tea. White tea is described as having the most delicate flavor and it also contains the most antioxidants. White tea is only picked at certain times during the year and after being picked, it is promptly dried with little or no oxidation exposure.

Though white tea offers many health benefits, green tea receives a lot of mainstream attention for its health advantages. Tea contains antioxidants, which neutralize the effects of oxidants/free radicals that are products of cell metabolism. Tea contains flavonoids and catechins that are types of antioxidants that are effective at neutralizing free radicals. This is important because free-radical damage is being studied to determine its contribution to diseases and other health problems.



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Recently, a study in the *Molecular Nutrition and Food Research* journal reports their findings that by adding citrus elements to green tea, the catechins (antioxidants) became more stabile. While most teas are high in antioxidant compounds such as catechins, humans do not typically "reap" or absorb all of these because they need to be in an acidic environment to increase absorption. There are many ways to implement this—try adding 2 to 3 tablespoons of orange, lemon, grapefruit, or lime juice to 1 cup of green tea. Additionally, tea manufacturers are making it even easier for tea consumers to get the most antioxidants out of green tea by offering green tea blends with citrus components already added in with tea. Look for Celestial Seasonings' Antioxidant Green Tea Blend or Salada's Original Green Tea Antioxidant Blend, which can most likely be found at local grocery stores.

If caffeine content is a concern, there are many tea blends offered on the market that are decaffeinated (usually by carbon dioxide effervescence, which "cleanly" removes 99.6% to 99.9% of caffeine). According to Celestial Seasonings Tea, the caffeine contents of tea are roughly the following per 1 cup serving: black tea (60 mg), green tea (30 mg), and white tea (50 mg). Celestial Seasoning also notes for comparison the caffeine contents of 1 cup servings of coffee (90 mg) and soda (45 mg).

So, simply put: enjoy tea—there is sure to be a tea that appeals to any preference and provides health benefits!

A farewell to Dr. Newman
LTWR professor says goodbye to CSUSM

BY ADAM LOWE
Pride Staff Writer

Dr. Lance Newman has been a Professor of Literature and Writing Studies (currently the Associate Professor) at CSUSM since September of 2002, teaching courses from Advanced Creative Writing to Transatlantic Romanticism. Before coming to CSUSM, Newman spent time teaching at State University of West Georgia, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Brown University in Rhode Island – which, coincidentally, is where he earned his Master's as well as Doctorate degrees. (Unfortunately however, CSUSM is going to miss Dr. Newman, as he moves on to the next chapter of his career, r…)"I am moving to Utah, where I plan to do lots of hiking... sailing... mountain biking... and rafting... I'll be teaching at Westminster College in Salt Lake City," said Newman.

Lance Newman is a teacher who genuinely cares about his students—one of his favorite classes to teach students is creative writing. "I love creative writing seminars where we teach each other how to make art out of words," said Newman. A Senior Business major/Literature and Writing minor, Jonathan E. Thompson, took LTWR 105: Texts that Changed the World with Newman, and said, "Professor Newman was so awesome. I remember he assigned us 'Native Son.' That was such a good book and such a great class. It is unfortunate for CSUSM to lose such a great person." In addition to current students, Newman has also made lasting impressions on students who have since graduated and moved on to life after school. Brandon Gray, CSUSM alum whom graduated last semester with his B.A. in Literature and Writing, said "[Newman] was the kind of professor that you wanted to work hard for because if you got a high grade on an assignment you know you deserved it."

Since coming to CSUSM, Newman says about the campus, "the student population has almost doubled in six years. What used to be a sleepy little college now looks a lot more like a big university..." Being part of this university's community has really meant a lot to Newman, "I really loved being part of... building something new." "People here are very passionate about what they do and they really want this place to live up to their ideals," said Newman.

When asked what, if any, advice he would like to give the students of CSUSM, Newman said, "the school belongs to the students. Only you can make sure we deliver what you want. And only you have the power to defend our school against budget cutters and corporatizers,"

In fact, Newman's influence and time at CSUSM has inspired many students to set their goals towards teaching. Sophomore Literature and Writing major, Jennifer Hylander says that Newman has taught her "a lot about what he calls close reading in context which really helps me to understand not only what the author was trying to do with a piece of writing but also how to interpret literature. I know for a fact that his teachings will help me throughout my years as a student and eventually as a teacher."

On top of being a successful and educated professor, Newman is quite an accomplished author. In addition to publishing many essays and poems, he also published a book of criticism, "Our Common Dwelling." Currently, Newman is working on a book: "Capitalism is Killing Our Planet." "You can read some chunks at http://redgreenplanet.blogspot.com," said Newman.

CSUSM is going to miss the presence of such a valuable individual. Newman has created a legacy that he leaves behind and will last for many years to come, long after he's been gone.

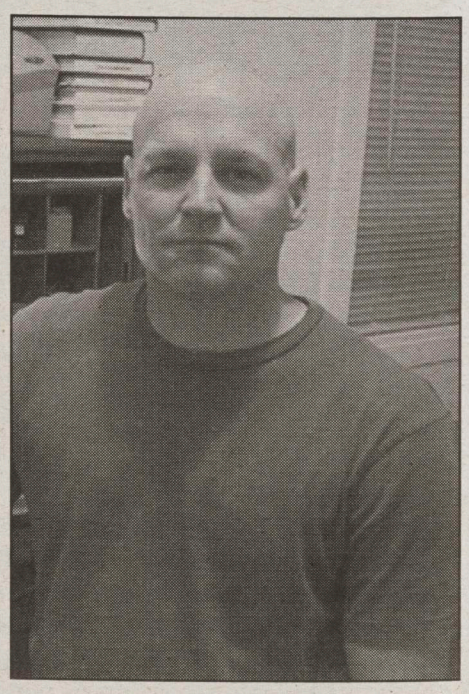


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An all time Low

Is America's economy headed for a recession or are we already there?

BY AMANDA ANDREEN
Pride Staff Writer

Is this a recession or a depression? This question is just the beginning when it comes to defining the fragile position of the U.S. economy. Many citizens are starting to feel the crunch—keeping a tighter reign on unnecessary spending—not to mention that the mere thought of the two words sends many economists and government officials into a cold sweat as they ponder the future implications of either economic event. As the U.S. economy continues to decline, bloggers and analysts aren't the only ones tooting their horns and blowing whistles at the thought of an economic recession.

With the rising gas prices, deflating housing market, and eminent doom of bankruptcy facing several national corporations, the effects of a recession are far reaching and run deep.

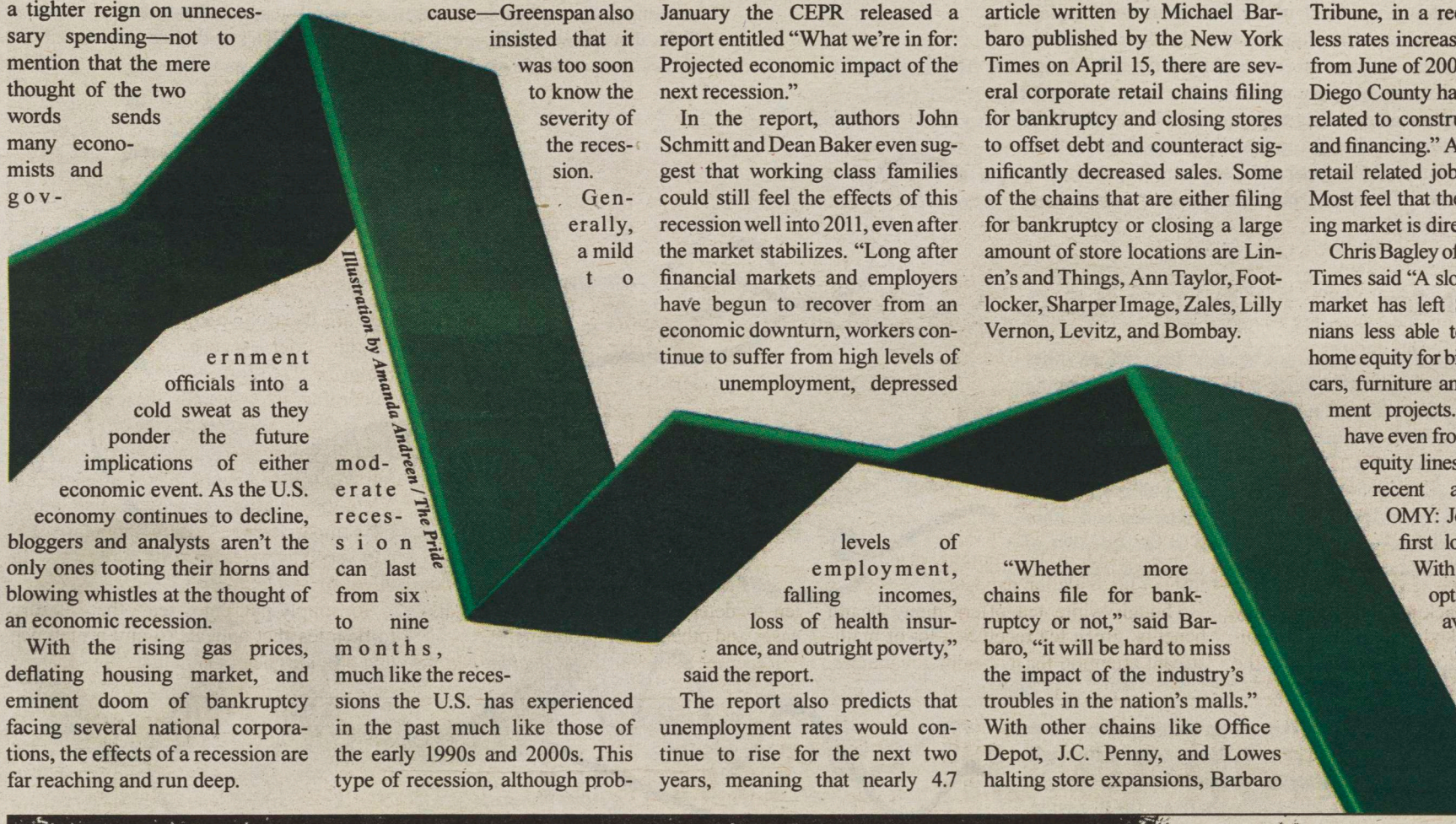


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Earlier this month Alan Greenspan, the former Chairman of the Federal Reserve, said in an interview with CNBC, "we are in the throes of recession." Citing the current housing bubble, global forces, shrinking automobile sales, and the failure of credit circuits among other factors as the cause—Greenspan also insisted that it was too soon to know the severity of the recession.

Generally, a mild to moderate recession can last from six to nine months, much like the recessions the U.S. has experienced in the past much like those of the early 1990s and 2000s. This type of recession, although problematic—suggests the Center for Economic and Policy Research—is easier for the economy, labor market, and consumers to bounce back from. However, this recession, even if mild to moderate reports the CEPR, could cause more long-term damage than those in recent years. This past January the CEPR released a report entitled "What we're in for: Projected economic impact of the next recession."

In the report, authors John Schmitt and Dean Baker even suggest that working class families could still feel the effects of this recession well into 2011, even after the market stabilizes. "Long after financial markets and employers have begun to recover from an economic downturn, workers continue to suffer from high levels of unemployment, depressed levels of employment, falling incomes, loss of health insurance, and outright poverty," said the report.

The report also predicts that unemployment rates would continue to rise for the next two years, meaning that nearly 4.7 million Americans would face poverty. Moreover, if the recession is greater than a mild one, not only would the average household income decrease, but also the U.S. would be looking at 10.4 million Americans living in poverty versus the initial 4.7 million.

Additionally, according to an article written by Michael Barbaro published by the New York Times on April 15, there are several corporate retail chains filing for bankruptcy and closing stores to offset debt and counteract significantly decreased sales. Some of the chains that are either filing for bankruptcy or closing a large amount of store locations are Linen's and Things, Ann Taylor, Footlocker, Sharper Image, Zales, Lilly Vernon, Levitz, and Bombay.

"Whether more chains file for bankruptcy or not," said Barbaro, "it will be hard to miss the impact of the industry's troubles in the nation's malls." With other chains like Office Depot, J.C. Penny, and Lowes halting store expansions, Barbaro said, "the International Council of Shopping Centers, a trade group, estimates there will be 5,770 store closings in 2008, up 25 percent from 2007, when there were 4,603."

Locally, San Diego's economy is not doing that well either. As reported by the San Diego Union Tribune, in a recent article "Jobless rates increase in SD County," from June of 2006 until now, "San Diego County has lost 22,500 jobs related to construction, real estate and financing." And recently, more retail related jobs have been cut. Most feel that the lull in the housing market is directly responsible.

Chris Bagley of the North County Times said "A slouching real estate market has left Southern Californians less able to borrow against home equity for big-ticket items like cars, furniture and home improvement projects. Several lenders have even frozen existing home equity lines of credit," in his recent article, "ECONOMY: Job numbers show first loss in 15 years." With such credit options no longer available, spending and buying is no longer a luxury for many local residents.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 22

8:00 am
ZBT Get on the Ball
Fundraiser
Kellogg Plaza

9:00 a.m.
Blood Drive
Kellogg Plaza

10:00 am
$386 CSU Budget
Kellogg Breezeway
Kellogg Terrace

10:00 a.m.
American Red Cross
Blood Drive
Kellogg Plaza

12:00 p.m.
Earth Day Celebration
Kellogg Plaza

12:00 p.m.
Pizza and Politics
Mark 102

12:00 p.m.
Locked Out in Lock Up
Mark 107

Wednesday, April 23
8:00 a.m.
ZBT Get on the Ball
Fundraiser
Kellogg Plaza

10:00 a.m.
$386 CSU Budget
Kellogg Plaza

6:00 p.m.
Community Panel on
Immigration
Mark 125

Thursday, April 24
8:00 a.m.
ZBT Get on the Ball
Fundraiser
Kellogg Plaza

10:30 a.m.
Wellness Workshop
CFHUSU 110

12:00 p.m.
Campus Awareness Day
Celebrating the CSU
Kellogg Plaza

12:00 p.m.
Frontiers in Science Seminar
Sci2 208, Sci2 243

12:00 p.m.
Let's Do Lunch
Com 2006

Friday, April 24
4:00 p.m.
Special Ed Reflections Night
Univ 373

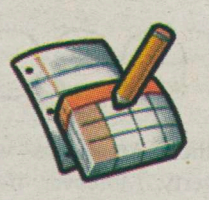
4:30 p.m.
ASI Women's Center Growing
Tree Ceremony
CFHUSU

Saturday, April 25
8:00 a.m.
Court of Honors
Mark 125

(Email event submissions to pride@csusm.edu ATTN: Calendar of Events)

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Free to Google users -- Google Docs is a basic and easy to use online word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation application. Google Docs gives users the ability to create new documents or upload existing documents, users can also store and share documents online with ease. The most innovative and useful feature in Google docs is real time collaboration. Users can invite people to collaborate on a document which allow multiple users to edit a single document at the same time. A chat-window keeps track of revisions made and displays which user made the specific changes. Google Docs are stored securely online where they are far removed from the risk of computer crashes and accessible from any computer with an Internet connection. Frequent auto-saving mitigates data loss in the event of a browser crashing or disrupting Internet connections. Docs requiring more advanced features can be exported in popular formats like .doc, .xls, .pdf, and .rtf and other popularly used document production programs.

Google Scholar

Although Google Scholar may not be as exhaustive as other scholarly databases, especially those with emphasis in specific subject areas, it offers users "a simple way to broadly search for scholarly literature" spanning a wide variety of disciplines. Google lists the sources for GS: "peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, abstracts and articles, from academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories, universities and other scholarly organizations." GS provides links to the full text of much of the searchable scholarly literature.

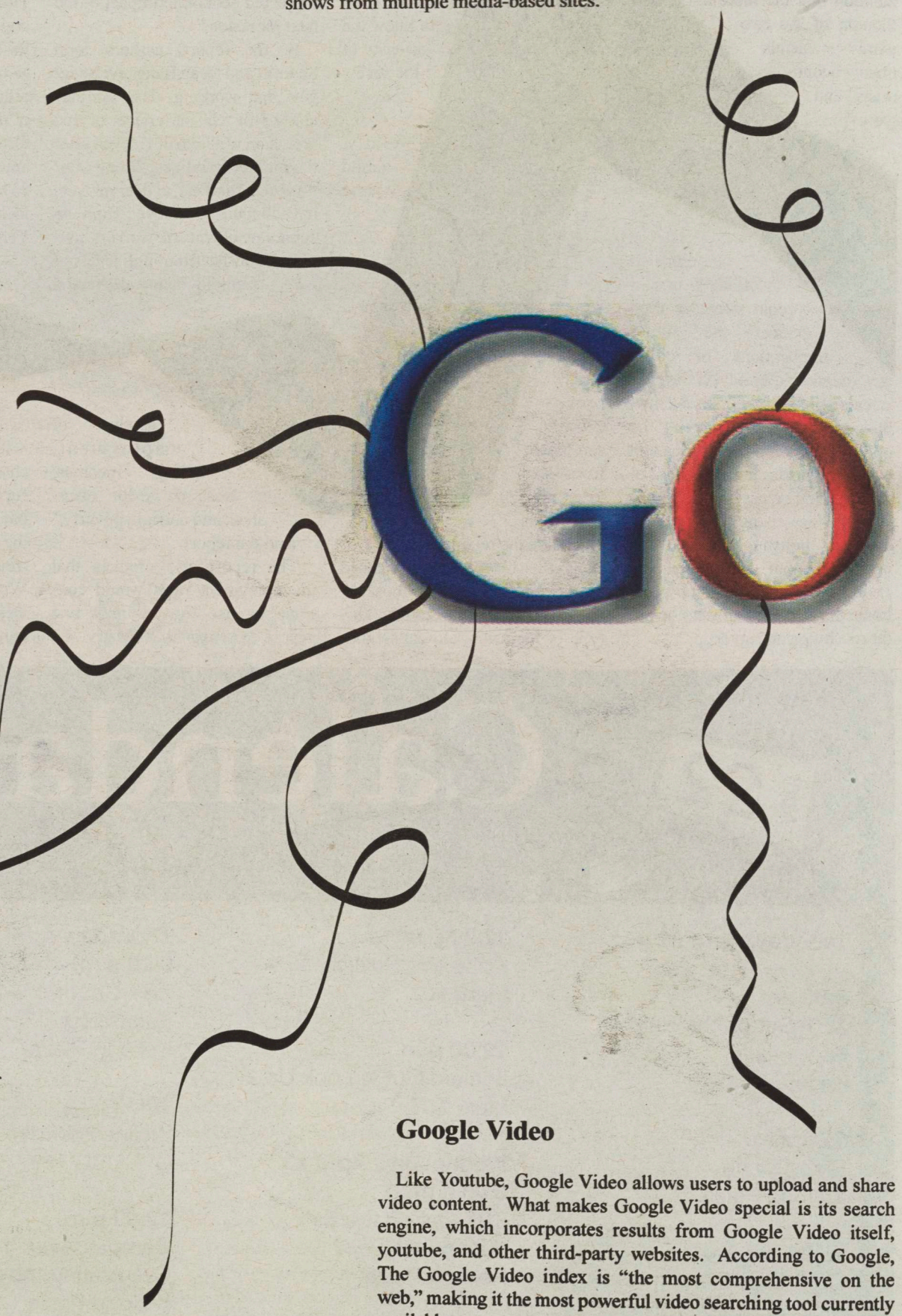
Google Groups



Now anyone can create a discussion group on any topic -- fast and hassle free. Google Groups users can discuss topics through e-mail, webpages, and customized discussion boards. Google Group members can share files, and easily share access to a wide variety of info. The newest version of Google Groups is now available with new and improved features: collaborative webpage creation, customization, file sharing, and personalized member profiles to learn more about other users in shared groups.

Google Talk

Google Talk is free. It hosts instant messaging, PC to PC voice calls, gmail notifications and fast file transfers. There is no download needed to use Google Talk and it is accessible on any computer. It can be added to iGoogle, a web-page, and is automatically accessible through any gmail account. Google Talk also allows media previews of videos, URL's and slideshows from multiple media-based sites.



iGoogle



Similar to Netvibes and My Yahoo! iGoogle is a personalized start page that offers users a variety of helpful ways to begin their web-browsing experience. iGoogle works in a three-column layout with web-based widgets that focus on a variety of different topics. Some of the most popular widgets include "Google Reader," "Quotes of the Day," and "Youtube: Top Rated."

Google Video

Like Youtube, Google Video allows users to upload and share video content. What makes Google Video special is its search engine, which incorporates results from Google Video itself, youtube, and other third-party websites. According to Google, The Google Video index is "the most comprehensive on the web," making it the most powerful video searching tool currently available.

Gmail



Back in the invite-only days of Google's e-mail service, having a Gmail account was a status symbol of sorts around the web. Since then, the fervor has died down, but users remain faithful. Using Ajax and JavaScript, Gmail implements a user-friendly interface that was one of the first to boast the feature of archiving. Archiving means that instead of users deleting their mail permanently, "read mail" is saved—a feature that can come in handy in the clutch.

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Cool features Google offers to take advantage of:

Google Books and My Library

Google Books offers readers access to thousands of titles, and virtually all genres imaginable. This feature allows readers to scroll through and read limited previews of all books, or as much as the copyright holder of each title has released to be seen, by making the books available through PDFs. The Google Book search works by simply typing in a keyword, the title, or author, and a preview of the book covers search results appears. By clicking on a book cover, another page opens that has images of the book front and back, reviews, author info, popular pages, subjects in the book, and links to Amazon.com to buy the book if a reader wishes to have access to the entire book. Users can also create their own personalized library where they can rate, label, review, and organize their own library of favorite book previews.

On the burner at Google Labs

Google Page Creator: Like the name suggests, Google Page Editor will allow users easily compose, edit, and publish web pages. Frequent auto-saving fast publishing, and a user-friendly interface could make this yet another popular ingredient in the Google mix.

Google Mars: The same concept as Google Earth, this Google feature still in development is the result of a collaboration with NASA researchers at ASU and according to Google provides "some of the most detailed scientific maps of Mars ever made."

Google Ride Finder: Based in Google Maps, Google Ride Finder offers real time tracking of participating taxi and limousine services using GPS technology. So far, Ride Finder only gives users up-to-the-minute locations of vehicles in the following cities: Atlanta, Austin, Baltimore, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, New York, Phoenix, San Francisco, and Washington D.C.

Google Desktop

The new download from Google makes organizing and searching your computer even easier. Now searching your desktop is as quick as searching the Internet, and the application also allows users to organize their desktop with useful gadgets like personalized searches, e-mail previews, weather, news updates and a handy sidebar that keeps all the gadgets organized. Very similar to Mac's dashboard application, Google Desktop also features smart indexing that organizes web browsing history, and multiple file types.

Google Finance

Google Finance features Business News headlines as well as in-depth stock information. Adobe Flash powers the stock charts and feature real-time quotes during trading hours.



GOOG-411 (1-800-466-4411)

Think directory assistance done right--and free. GOOG-411 uses speech-recognition technology to allow users to search and connect to businesses in the U.S. and Canada. GOOG-411 also allows users to have the telephone number and address of a given business text-messaged to any text-accepting cellular phone. The best feature of GOOG-411 is that it is free of charge.



Google Earth

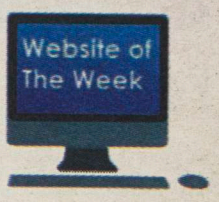
"Explore, Search and Discover" reads the homepage for Google Earth. Now the power to search satellite images, maps, foreign lands, and any 3D terrain, building, or structure imaginable is just one click away. Going on a vacation? Type in the location and see a street view of the area surrounding your hotel. The images on Google Earth, say of a neighborhood or public building are 1-3 years old via satellite imaging, and some search listings are limited in international countries. The images displayed in Google Earth are not "real time" images. However, the newest version of Google Earth has a time of day option where one can scroll to see the location at any time of day, noon to midnight. The new version also offers a flight simulator feature. Currently Google Earth is available in the free version, Plus version and Pro version. It is also supported in 13 languages, and working towards being accessible in more languages. Google Earth also has searchable astronomical images available.

Google Reader

Google Reader utilizes Atom and RSS feeds to aggregate a personalized news feed. Google Reader serves as an "inbox for your news," bringing in stories and posts from the user's choice websites and blogs into a slick interface that makes staying up to date simple. Google Reader is also available on mobile phones that support XHTML or WAP 2.0 and the Wii web browser.

News that isn't news: theonion.com

BY BILL RHEIN
Pride Staff Writer



The web address www.theonion.com is the home for The Onion News, which boasts itself as "America's Finest News Source." The irony of this is that The Onion is not news. Though The Onion claims to be news, in actuality, it is purely fictional—even thought it presents itself as if it is.

Rather than present the news, The Onion makes up news-like stories in sarcastic and ironic ways—often resulting in humor. Although it is fictional, The Onion treats itself as a real news site and divides stories into local and international news sections, sports, entertainment, science, business, and opinion subdivisions. Each contains stories, which are interesting and can cause a reader to laugh aloud. An example includes a headline, which read, "Drug Win (is this supposed to be drugs win or drug wins)? Drug War."

The stories covered often consider actual events while putting a humorous twist on them. The site target market is adults who appreciate irony and wit, and the language of the site makes it definitely not kid friendly. The original incarnation of The Onion was a newspaper written by two students at the University of Wisconsin, Tim Keck and Christopher Johnson, in 1988. The writers then published it nationwide and during the Internet boom, they created theonion.com.

Other incarnations of The Onion include the daily podcast titled, "The Onion Radio News," and a video podcast, which calls itself the "Onion News Network." The ONN parodies the four main types of TV news coverage: the national news, the morning wake up shows, debate style news, and C-Span style coverage. Additionally, books are available for purchase on the site that contain past stories. In 2007, The Onion published "Our Dumb World," an atlas that mocks the stereotypes and images of every nation. The final notable work is The A.V. Club, which is The Onion's take on entertainment magazines.

The sense of humor presented on theonion.com makes it a very enjoyable site. It is free to browse, but the site does make a profit with its online store featuring t-shirts and nonsensical gifts. Though people could label The Onion as a tabloid because of its false stories, the clever thought behind it makes the articles highbrow material. Similar to the rants of Jon Stewart's "The Daily Show," theonion.com is a fun look at could-be news.



Seeing by other means: artist Esref Armagan

BY AMY SALISBURY
Pride Staff Writer



Art has many forms, definitions, and methods. Pablo Picasso popularized surrealism, Jackson Pollock is synonymous with the abstract expressionist movement, and Georges-Pierre Seurat established the labor-intensive technique of Pointillism. All artists possess unique creativity and, more importantly, vision (both in the literal and figurative sense). Esref Armagan, however, would appear to be at a slight disadvantage: he is an artist born with no eyes.

"No one can call me blind," Armagan declares from his home in Ankara, Turkey. "I can see more with my fingers than sighted people can see with their eyes."

YouTube user Maverik987654321 posted a 10-minute video entitled, "Extraordinary people, The artist with no eyes, Esref Armagan," taken from a Discovery Channel documentary.

The audience first meets Armagan while he is working on his latest masterpiece. He explains that he must plan a painting in his mind before putting anything on his imprint-sensitive canvas. Armagan uses a Braille stylus to trace simple lines and shapes, and then paints with his fingers rather than brushes. Working mostly in oils, he is able to use color, shadow, and composition even though he has never before experienced light. Of all of Armagan's astonishing abilities, his most intriguing skill is that he is able to use perspective and scale in his paintings.

Dr. John Kennedy, Perception and Cognition Psychologist at the University of Toronto, conducts a series of experiments with Armagan to gain more knowledge on how exactly this artist is able to reproduce images more accurately than some sighted people can. Harvard Neurologists come to find that while Armagan processes information dealing with perspective, parts of his brain that should show no activity due to his blindness are in fact as active as they would be if he were actually looking at the object he is drawing.

The excerpt culminates in Italy at the place where Renaissance artist Filippo Brunelleschi discovered artistic perspective in 1413. Ultimately, Armagan secures his place in scientific history. This unassuming, extremely gifted Turkish man changes everything the scientific community accepted as fact about sight. Poignantly, Armagan dismisses the science in favor of preserving his integrity as the artist he truly is, saying, "I want to be remembered as a person who was able to see the world with their fingertips. I want to be remembered for my art."

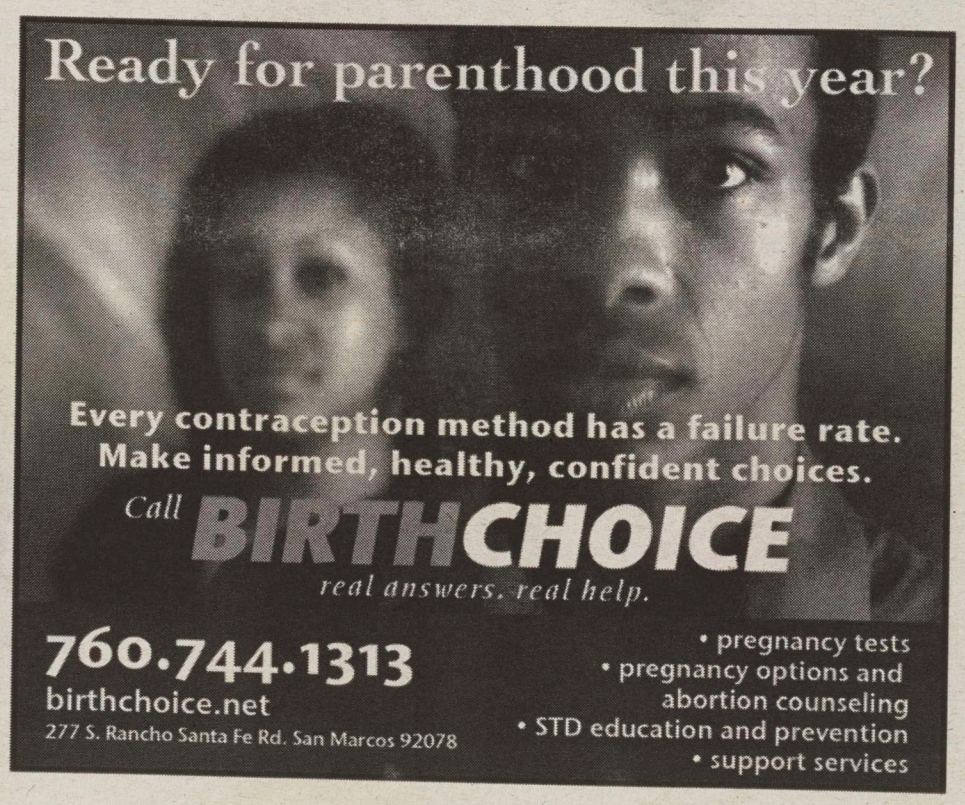
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Composed and balanced paintings by Esref Armagan





2008 Summer Movie Preview

BY ELBERT ESGUERRA
Pride Staff Writer

Summer movie season has crept up on us. Each year, Hollywood fills us with the promise it can deliver something bigger and bader for our viewing pleasure. Let's be honest, however – 2007 was filled with more of the latter.

Endless sequels bombarded us last summer: *Spider-man 3, Shrek the 3rd, Harry Potter,* and *The Bourne Ultimatum* to name a few (and they were the good ones). While sequels have become a mainstay for summer blockbusters, 2008 is looking to comic book heroes, robots, and one familiar, whip-cracking archeologist to provide the bulk of the this year's anticipated films. It's likely at least one original title will make its way to Sequelville from this year's summer offerings.

Compared to last year, 2008 looks to be bigger, better, and more exciting, which Hollywood hopes translates to green pastures and millions of dollars. Rather than generating a biased "top ten" or a month-to-month release, the following lists hope to satisfy kids, geeks, and other avid movie watchers.

Grand triumvirate

Iron Man (May 2): Okay, how can anyone not get excited over Robert Downey Jr. playing an alcoholic, charming, multi-billionaire arms dealer? Comic fans will eat up Downey as he dons the red and gold suit.

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (May 22): This is arguably the most anticipated movie this summer. Do yourself a favor – rewatch the first three films and fall in love with Harrison Ford as the original, fedora-capped, globe-trotting adventurer. Shia LaBeouf of last year's *Transformers* plays his sidekick.

The Dark Knight (July 17): Director Christopher Nolan brought us the best Batman in a pensive performance by Christian Bale. Can he surpass Jack Nicholson's Joker in Heath Ledger's ultra-creepy rendition of the clown prince? We will anticipate that with great interest.

Kids stuff

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (May 16): In the second film of the C.S. Lewis saga, one year has passed since the Pevensie children last stepped foot in Narnia. This time, the mysterious Prince Caspian meets their reception as they make up for lost time.

King Fu Panda (June 6): The DreamWorks animated feature stars Jack Black as Po, a panda who is probably a bigger Kung Fu fan than actual student. Dustin Hoffman, Jackie Chan, and Angelina Jolie also star.

Wall-E (June 27th): Earth's last, lonely robot is about to get some visitors. Only Disney and Pixar can come up with something this stunning and adorable. If it's anything like *Finding Nemo*, multiple viewings may be required.

Comedic rule of three

Get Smart (June 20): In this movie-made TV adaption, Steve Carrell plays Maxwell Smart, the lucky and dimwitted secret agent made famous by the late Don Adams. Sharing the duties with Smart is the competent and lethal Agent 99, played by Anne Hathaway.

The Love Guru (June 20): Mike Myers wrote and stars as an odd, motivational mentor charged with helping a pro hockey player. Guys will love it because of Jessica Alba. Girls will love it because of Justin Timberlake.

Tropic Thunder (August 15): A group of actors filming a war movie realize it's no war movie – it's war. With Ben Stiller, Jack Black, Robert Downey Jr., and a ton of cameos, this may be the perfect way to end summer.

Tickets for two

Baby Mama (April 25): Tina Fey plays a middle-aged woman who desperately wants a child and finds out the only one who can help her (Amy Poehler) unexpectedly shows up at her door, fertile and homeless.

Sex and the City (May 30): The ladies of HBO's hit show makes their silver screen debut. Can Sarah Jessica Parker and company bring their glam and glitz with them?

The geek quad

Speed Racer (May 9): Based on the previews, it will be interesting to see how audiences receive this latest film from the Wachowski Brothers. Emile Hirsch plays the title character. Cross your fingers that it's nothing like the last two *Matrix* movies.

The Incredible Hulk (June 13): Seeing Edward Norton play the green goliath here is a good sign. We hope that he brings intensity and destruction in this version instead of the psychological complexity from Ang Lee's 2003 film.

Hellboy 2: The Golden Army (July 11): As the imaginative genius behind *Pan's Labyrinth*, director Guillermo del Toro returns and a lot of fans cannot wait to see what he has in store for the snide, often misunderstood demon hero from Hell.

The X-Files: I Want to Believe (July 25): Agents Mulder (David Duchovny) and Scully (Gillian Anderson) return in the second film investigating the supernatural. The plot here is as secretive as the agency they work for.

All in good fun

Hancock (July 2): It feels like it has been forever since we last saw Will Smith in a comedy. What better way to comeback than playing an alcoholic superhero (that sounds familiar)? For Smith, what better time than Independence Day weekend?

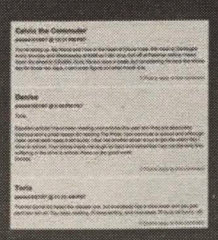
Pineapple Express (August 8): *Freaks and Geeks* alumni Judd Apatow, Seth Rogen, and James Franco come together in this comedy about stoners on the run. Fun premise, fun cast – enough said.

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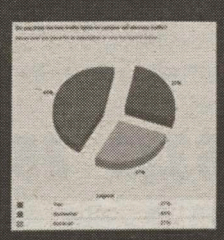


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Movie previews and the ruination of the Movie-going experience: **A Treatise**

BY ADAM LOWE
Pride Staff Writer

I don't know about you, but one of my favorite parts of going to the movies is watching the previews. The lights dim, a hush comes over the crowd – they begin. "The following preview has been approved for all audiences by the Motion Picture Association of America" displays in white lettering over a cartoonishly green background. From a black screen comes the incredible preview. One after the other, and each one is better than the first.

Then after seeing that preview so many times and expecting so much – you see the movie, and what happens? You get let down. Half the scenes in the preview, well, *aren't even in the movie at all!* Then the other half, the ones that seem like the funniest – *they are the only actual funny parts of the whole movie!* There is nothing more annoying than seeing a film and realizing the preview was the only good part.

I remember a few years back with "Down Periscope" there was a scene in the previews of a woman water skiing behind a submarine – but that wasn't even in the movie. I thought it was going to be funny to see some chick skiing behind a submarine, but when I saw it, I was utterly disappointed. Same goes for a more recent film, "Stop Loss". There was a scene in the preview of the main female character laying on the beach, and to be a dude for a minute, I was looking forward to seeing her on the beach – but once again, *it wasn't even in the movie!*

But then there are those times when you see a comedy, and the preview makes it look so damn hilarious that you just have to see it, but when you see it… That is one of my biggest peeves – going to see a comedy and realizing that it could have been better just watching the preview – it's the most disappointing thing. When I saw the Will Farrell movie "Talladega Nights..." I felt so let down when I found that the only funny parts were all bunched together in the preview.

I think it is about time someone writes a letter to the Motion Picture Association of America. They need to know they are letting down so many viewers by the way they set up their previews. I mean, how upset are we going to be if Indiana Jones doesn't actually swing on his whip only to miss his landing and fall backwards through the windshield of a van? Come May, if that scene is not in the new Indiana Jones flick – I may just be the person to write that letter to the MPAA. I know that I've got some words for them – you should too.

The warring vocals of "Cougar Idol"

BY ROSS LICHTMAN
Pride Staff Writer

CSUSM hosted its own American Idol spin off, "Cougar Idol," which was held Wednesday, April 16, at the Clark Field House. The competition gave brave contestants a chance to sing a song of their choice in front of a large crowd and then be reviewed by the three judges on stage.

The contestants were Christopher Kinley, Michelle Vogel, Jazmine Brown, Maya Mealins, Jess Judson, Shaun Lalime, Christina Wright, Katie Dremin, Alexander Hoang, and Erika Ervin. Songs were sung from some of the contestant's favorite artists. A wide variety of songs were covered from famous artists such as Shania Twain, Incubus, and Rhianna. Even our own "Britney Spears" was nice enough to show up for her comical performance, which was very entertaining to the crowd. Songs were either sung with a backtrack of the original version, acapella, or with the contestant playing his or her own instrument.

The three judges gave their own feedback to every contestant after their performance, but our judges were a lot nicer than the ones on the actual American Idol.

At the end of the event, everyone in the crowd was asked to circle the name of the contestant that they thought had given the best performance. Michelle Vogel won with her great performance of Carrie Underwood's "Before He Cheats," and Erika Ervin came in a close second with her excellent performance of a song by the Dreamgirls.

First place prize was a $250 gift certificate to Ticketmaster. The second place prize was two tickets to Disneyland, and third place got a gift certificate for dinner and a movie. Overall, the event gave students a chance to really show off their musical talent and it is hoped that the same competition will be put on next year and will be bigger and better than ever.

CSUSM Softball splits with #1 CBU

BY TIM MOORE
Pride Staff Writer

CSUSM Softball ran into a few roadblocks last week, dropping five of six games against some tough competition. The highlight of the week however, occurred on Saturday as the Cougars knocked off the NAIA #1 ranked Cal Baptist Lancers in an extra-innings thriller.

The Cougars started the week off with a pair of losses against #2 Point Loma on Tuesday. In game one, the Cougars lost by a score of 8-0. In game two, the Cougars buckled down on defense, but couldn't manage to produce any runs—losing, 2-0.

The Cougars came into Saturday looking to upset the 46-4 CBU Lancers, and did just that. Game one was a stalemate through the bottom of the ninth inning, where Karen Morizi scored the winning, and only run on a Shanti Poston walk-off RBI single. The win was a product of stellar Cougar defense anchored by pticher, Melissa Lerno's complete game two-hitter.

Cal Baptist sought revenge in game two of the doubleheader, defeating the Cougars by a score of 10-0.

The Cougars attempted to carry the momentum from the upset into Sunday's contest at UCSD, but were unsuccessful. Another defensive battle came forth in game one, as the Cougars' defense held the game scoreless until the bottom of the sixth. The Cougars were unable to produce a run in the top of the seventh, losing the game 1-0. The Cougars were could not convert game two, losing 8-5.

Despite the tough week, the Cougars remain in #4 spot regionally according to the 4/21 NAIA Regional Top-10.

The Cougars have four games remaining in the regular season, today at Hope International, and Friday at La Sierra.

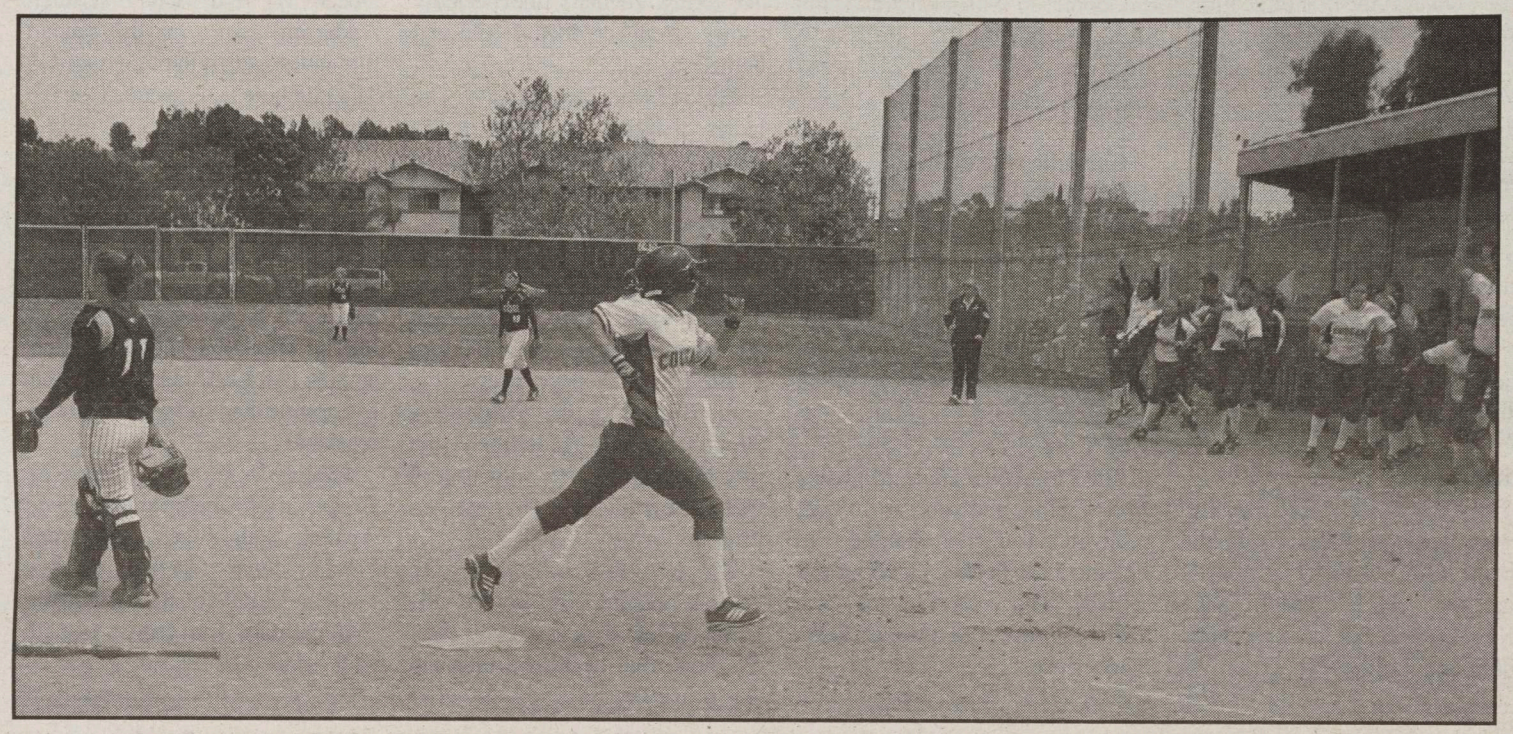


Photo by Tim Moore / The Pride

Karen Morzi scores the winning run to defeat CBU in extra innings

Diploma Dash Cancelled

BY JACKIE CARBAJAL
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The first annual 5k Diploma Dash organized by the Cal State San Marcos Athletics has been cancelled due to low registration numbers.

The race was set to wrap around the campus in a five-kilometer course on Saturday, May 3 at 5:00 p.m.

"We were very disappointed we had to cancel the event, however, due to very low registration numbers leading into the last few weeks before the event date, and due to a very difficult budget time, we had to cancel the event," said Associate Director of Athletics Jennifer Milo. "Our department could not afford to lose money on this event, and because of the very low registration numbers we were headed down that road."

Proceeds from the race would have gone towards scholarships for CSUSM athletes.

"We are looking to try and launch this event again next Spring with a different date and a different starting time. The event will be held in typical 5k "fashion" in the morning. We were going to try to hold this year's event in the late afternoon. This may be part of the reason for the low registration numbers, so we will go with the morning run for next year," added Milo.

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Fields of vision

CSUSM athletic department looks to accommodate the demand for the athletic facilities on campus

BY ALEX HAND
Pride Staff Writer

Currently having ten thriving athletic programs, CSUSM's athletics department is looking to expand facilities and programs sometime in the near future. The recent release of the CSUSM Fields of Vision video is the first step in bringing new athletic facilities and programs to the university. The video can be accessed at http://www.csusm.edu/athletics/, and gives an overview of the plans for construction on the 25 acres of undeveloped land near the main entrance of campus.

Although the university does eventually plan on adding new athletic facilities that would bring on new programs such as men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball, the first priority is to cater to the current programs that are in need of a facility on campus. Associate Director of Athletics for Development, Jennifer Milo stated that, "Baseball and softball fields are top priority, that's what we are hitting real hard on right now." Both the baseball and softball teams are currently forced to play home games off campus at local high schools due to the lack of the facilities on campus.

As previously mentioned, the video does highlight plans of adding new athletic facilities such as an arena and an aquatic center; which would provide two much needed facilities for the campus and community. A new arena would make room for men's and women's basketball as well as women's volleyball. The addition of these programs would allow for expansion well beyond the university. "Our main ultimate goal is to get into the NCAA as a division II member" says Jennifer Milo. By adding these two teams, the CSUSM athletic dept. would be able to make the move into the NCAA.

There is currently no projected timeline for the project since the construction of the facilities depends on funding. Since no state funds can be used for athletic facilities, funding is primarily based on donations made by businesses and individuals in the community. On a positive note, the progress of the project will not be affected by the recent CSU budget cuts since state funding will not be used whatsoever.

For a small campus like CSUSM, anything that adds to student life is beneficial for the campus. When asked what new facilities and new sports programs would do for the CSUSM community, Milo responded, "building up that front yard is huge for student life, students would be able to utilize the fields for rec. sports as well." She went on to say that, "This would add a huge element to our school pride, and we would have people actually bleeding our school colors."

So with the video finished, the CSUSM Athletic Dept. now has the first piece of what they need to make their dream a reality. The video will serve as a marketing package to show potential donors what is planned for the university. For naming opportunities and donations please contact Jennifer Milo, the Associate Director of Athletics for Development at 760-750-7108 or at jmilo@csusm.edu.



Photo courtesy www.csusm.edu/athletics

The Fields of Vision video released by the Athletics Department displays what could be the future of CSUSM's unused land.

"The Left Overs" win powderpuff football



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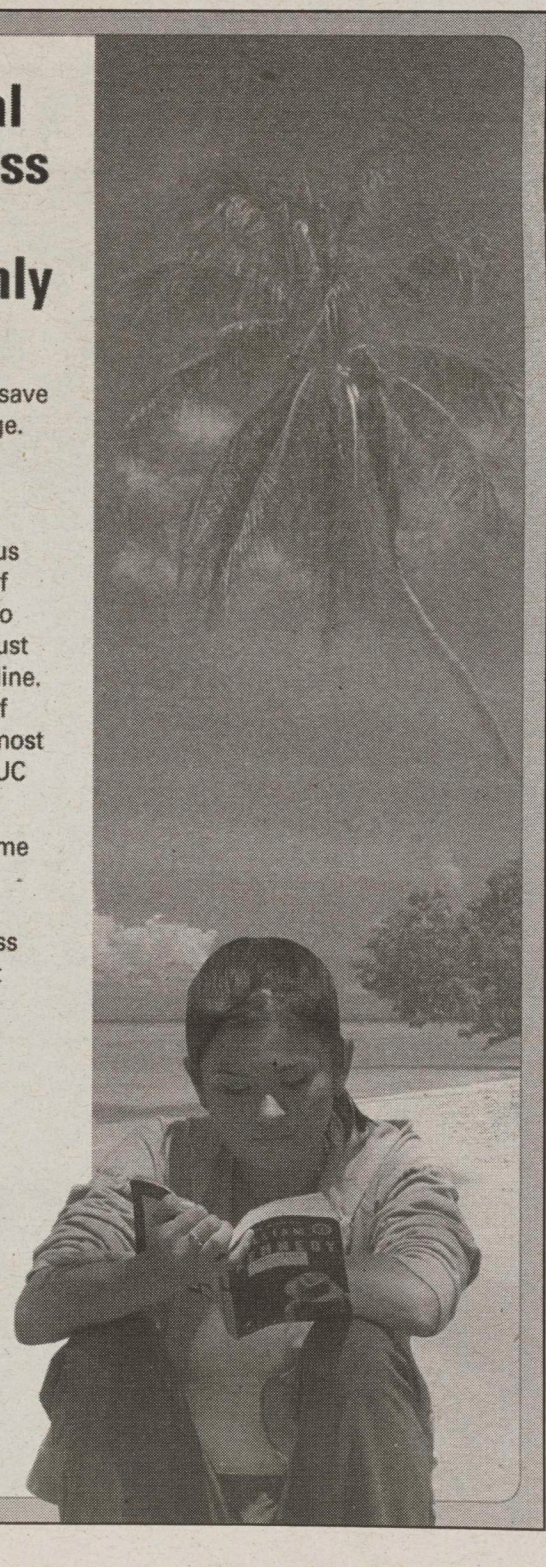
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CD RELEASES

By Tim Moore / Pride Staff Writer



POP

Bittersweet World

ASHLEE SIMPSON

Ashlee Simpson is at it again, this time with the release of "Bittersweet World." Simpson is making the most of her publicity stops, fueling the rumor that her and fiancee, Pete Wentz from Fall Out Boy are expecting a child by "dodging the question." Gotta love the drama. "Bittersweet World" will reportedly have a more "mature" sound, containing "fun, dance songs, as well as break-up songs."



FOLK/POP/COMEDY

Flight of the Conchords

FLIGHT OF THE CONCHORDS

Known more broadly as alternative comedy, Flight of the Conchords bills themselves as "Formerly New Zealand's fourth most popular guitar-based digi-bongo acapella-rap-funk-comedy folk duo." Most popular for their fictional depiction of themselves in their HBO sitcom, Flight of the Conchords is going beyond the YouTube videos with their full-length release.

HIP HOP

When Life Gives You Lemons, You Paint That St Gold**

ATMOSPHERE

Underground hip hop duo, Atmosphere has been at it since 1993. Their latest release is said to be at par with previous releases with a more defined sense of storytelling. 25,000 special edition copies feature a 40-page hard-cover book featuring a children's story and bonus DVD.



CLASSIC ROCK/HARD ROCK

Good to Be Bad

WHITESNAKE



With their first studio release in 11 years, Whitesnake hope's to cash in on foreign success. "Good to Be Bad" has made it to #6 on the UK charts. Known best for singles "Here I Go Again" and "Is This Love," Whitesnake is showing no signs of slowing down, even after 30 years in the books. "Good To Be Bad" features 10 tracks that are sure to be enjoyed at motorcycle rallies and stock car races for years to come.

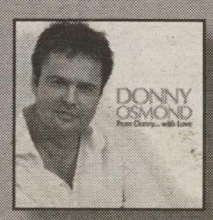


ALTERNATIVE/ROCK

The Black Swan

STORY OF THE YEAR

Story of the Year struck it big in 2003 with the single "Until the Day I Die." They hope to build "on the strength of past accomplishments" with the release of The Black Swan. Story of the Year continues their legacy of powerful riffs, catchy choruses, smooth vocals, and "intense screaming."



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From Donny With Love

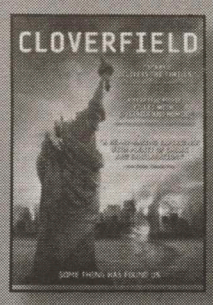
DONNY OSMOND

Donny Osmond brings you some of his finest love songs in this 18-track compilation that scours his resume and delivers his most heartfelt pieces. This album is "perfect for that special someone in your life." Sounds great.

DVD RELEASES

By Bill Rhein / Pride Staff Writer

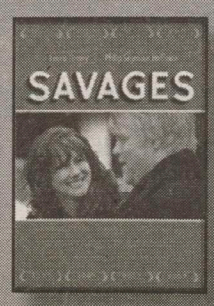
BEST OF THE WEEK



CLOVERFIELD

Rent It

This thriller/horror film boasts of originality, but has a similar style to the "Blair Witch Project." It features suspense in a uniquely handheld way. It is just convenient the characters "shooting" the movie had high-definition cameras."



THE SAVAGES

Rent It

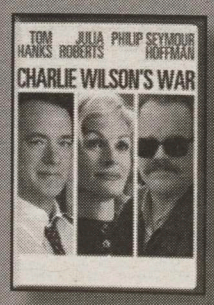
This independent film went unnoticed in theaters, but Laura Linney and Philip Seymour Hoffman give riveting performances in this sibling drama filmed in Buffalo, New York. Linney earned an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actress and Hoffman is doing well with his third DVD release in two weeks, all with outstanding performances.

ONE MISSED CALL

Skip It

Even the overwhelming ad campaign could not bring in viewers to this horror film. It is another American remake of a Japanese film where the original is much better.





CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR

Rent It

This movie features some big names but other than that, it did not make much noise when it came out in theaters. Tom Hanks is good, but Philip Seymour Hoffman is better in this dramatic comedy based on a true story.v

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The Local Listen

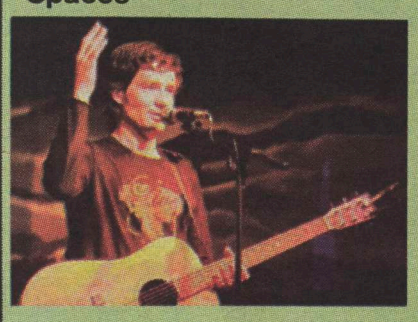
By Amanda Andreen / Pride Staff Writer

Nathan Welden
"One Step Closer to You"



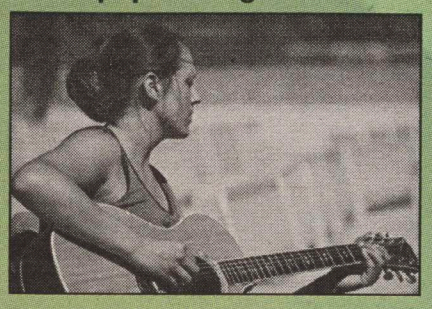
An old soul with the likening of James Taylor and Willie Nelson, local singer-songwriter Nathan Welden inspires with his original track "One Step Closer to You." Full-bodied with acoustic guitar, layered vocals, and crisp cajon playing, this tune has been featured on 102.1 KPRI and is a local listen favorite.

Michael Tiernan
"Spaces"



Soft and poetic, "Spaces," the title track of Tiernan's 2007-released album is a heart-warming ballad. Beginning with slow and melodic acoustic guitar and Tiernan's comforting voice, the song takes a twist at about three minutes in when the rest of the band chimes in, only to close the last few seconds again with the final whispers of the guitar.

Veronica May
"Sandpaper Song"



Off her new album "Remnants of Marley," "Sandpaper Song" is earthy, folky, and full of slap-tapping drums and bluesy guitar. With pristine plucking and building vocals, this track embodies May's playful style and stoic lyrics.

Thieves and Liars
"What Dreams Become"



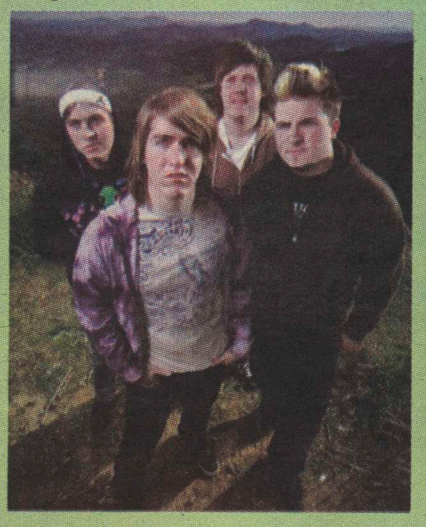
With guitar lines that just beg to be riffed on Guitar Hero 3, "What Dreams Become" is edgy, high-energy, and antsy classic rock.

Radio Racer
"It's Her"



Over the past few years, Radio Racer has grown and evolved as a popular North County band. They had the chops back when I saw them in 2005, and now out of high school and into the real world, the guys still have it going on. "It's Her" is a fun, upbeat, pop ballad that could very easily be heard on the next episode of "The Hills" or "Gossip Girl."

One Hot Minute
"My Kinda Town"



Pete Wentz would be proud. One Hot Minute is one hot band and their music is catchy to say the least. "My Kinda Town" is probably more for the emo-loving 14 year olds who idolized Plain White T's, Fall Out Boy and Panic at the Disco, yet even a college girl can't resist the bubble

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Hoegaarden

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Beer of the Week

Import Brands Alliance in St. Louis, Missouri, imports Hoegaarden, pronounced, "Who gar den," from Belgium. The multi award-winning beer's name originates from the village of Hoegaarden, in Belgium's Brabant Province, where the brewing of white beer traces back to 1445, according to the label.

The cardboard carrier secures six 12-fluid ounce dark brown glass bottles. The six pack retails for $8.99 at BevMo. Cream, silver, blue, and white hues dominated the coloring of the packaging. The name of the beer takes center stage. The bottles contain the same imaging. The brewery utilizes a purposefully designed bottle that releases certain flavors when poured into a glass. A silver cap with the brewery's logo in blue and gold stencil seals a pressurized bottle with an alcohol by volume of 4.9%.

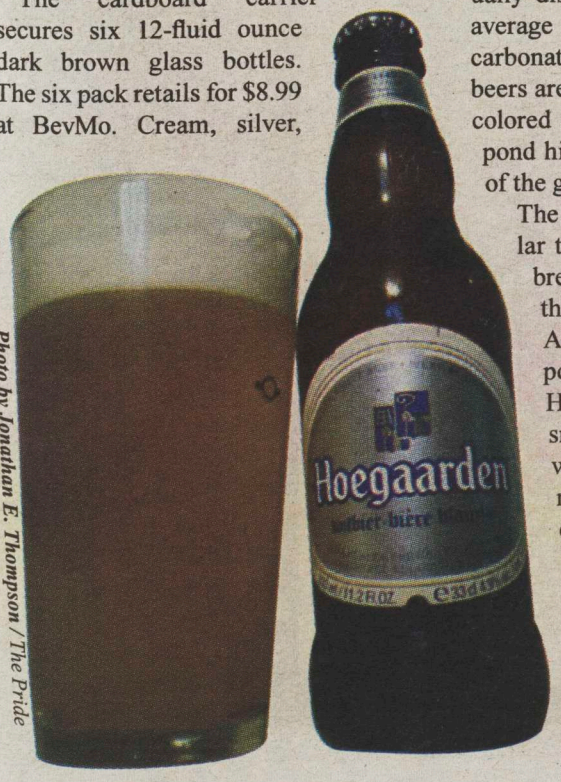


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The beer pours chunky forming an almost inch thick head. The head gradually dissipates and leaves a more than average lancet thus trapping the rising carbonated bubbles. Most light colored beers are see-through. However, the light colored Hoegaarden embodies a murky pond hindering vision through one side of the glass to the other.

The beer emits a hybrid aroma similar to a Heineken and a local micro brew. Surprisingly, the beer enters the mouth calm and leaves calm. Again, most beers have a onetime powerful surge of flavor where as Hoegaarden releases a continual small tingling wave that gently washes over all corners of the mouth. The ale leaves a pleasant coating of flavoring encouraging the mouth to consume more.

Hoegaarden offers a thrilling adventure. The beer defies almost every stereotype associated with a white styled beer. As intelligent Cougars, please enjoy responsibly.



Chez Coachella

An aural adventure in fine dining

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Starters on Friday

Hors d'Ouevres

Jack Johnson - $7
Something for those with a slightly sweeter tooth, but the dish has been done time and time again. Can it be made fresh and fierce in the Coachella kitchen?

Goldfrapp - $8
A savory morsel that brought us lyrics like, "Fascist baby, utopia," in her lighter than air electro-pop hits. A few Goldfrapps on the half shell might be exactly what you need to get started.

Aesop Rock - $6
Harder and faster. Independent rap made on a small scale for the discerning listener. Served in a light goat cheese and dub bass demi-glaze.

Salads

Aphex Twin - $10
lit's almost foolish to expect to enjoy your Coachella meal this year without with first starting off with a crisp, refreshing plate of Aphex Twin. No overbearing flavors, making it an excellent introduction to prepare for the weekend's dining.

SebastiAn - $11
Another dish from the Ed Banger lineup, SebastiAn is well suited to get things started with an Emerilesque "BAM!", complete with riffs and candied pecans. With SebastiAn, you don't have to choose between awesome remixes and great originals because you'll be getting a whole mouthful of both.

Vampire Weekend - $18
A little bit of substance and a whole lot of hype, which is perhaps exactly what some of our more health conscious listeners have room for. Served on a mushroom risotto, it can be a little heavy on attempted hipster cred.

Entrees on Saturday

Main Courses

Kavinsky – $27
If any food belonged to the 80s, Kavinsky would be the first thing to toss into the Coachella fondue pot. For a French Ferrari-driving zombie from 1986, Kavinsky still knows how to prepare a mean dinner dish, although his ingredients remain a mystery. Even with his electro-horror shtick, Kavinsky knows how to get a crowd-undead or not-moving. Dish comes with fruit and bread for dipping.

Prince - $29
The coup d'etat in this year's savory fare, Prince has the potential to be perfect if cooked right, transporting you back to a different era, filled with spandex and fake cheese. However, if not prepared carefully, the dish can tend towards the oily side.

Lighter Options

Sasha and John Digweed - $13
Stewed in its own juices since the mid-90s, this dish has all of the flavor skimmed of fat and calories, living you free to be transported to the European club scene during your listening experience. From releasing their first triple album of remixes in 1994, these two DJs have been perfected for your pleasure.

Flogging Molly - $14
Heavy on flavor, a little bit of these punk princes with Irish flair can go a long way towards filling your stomach.

Desserts on Sunday

Justice - $9
The pinnacle of French electro house cuisine, Justice is a heaping pile of righteously epic and sinfully divine treats. With the popularity of last year's Daft Punk performance, dance-seeking Coachella diners have high expectations, and are certain to gobble up everything these electronic gods concoct.

Roger Waters - $8
Served in a sauce of aged brandy, this sweet finish to your meal has been carefully hulled from a stock of Pink Floyd and left to ferment until it reaches it's pinnacle of taste.

Chromeo - $5
A playful, cocky, and downright awesome way to top off the dining experience, Chromeo won't slow you down when your appetite and metabolism starts to hate you. The tender electrofunk jams of this unlikely Arabic/Jewish fusion dish makes for a perfect after dinner pick-me-up.

Spiritualized - $8
The original dish that took its listeners out "floating in space", Spiritualized is served with a side of fresh berries and the taste of electronica baked with a fine crust of melted sugar.