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## Hands across our border

Students from Universidad Autonoma de Baja California visit campus

BY KELLY CORRIGAN  
Pride Staff Writer

On Thursday, October 26, the same day President Bush signed a bill for The Secure Fence Act in which 1.2 billion dollars will be spent in the process of building a 700-mile-long fence along the U.S.-Mexico border; CSUSM hosted "Hands Across Our Border."

At 8:30 a.m. last Thursday, 33 students from Universidad Autonoma de Baja California arrived on a bus from Tijuana. Enthusiastic CSUSM students welcomed the visiting students and led them to selected classes to attend. After attending two classes, UABC students gathered with CSUSM students for lunch outside of the library on the second floor patio.

On the patio, students talked with each other over roast beef, ham, and turkey sandwiches, cookies, potato chips and Arizona iced tea. President Karen Haynes welcomed UABC students in Spanish and then proceeded in English, explaining the importance of the connection between our two universities. Haynes also described the importance of reaching across borders as a way to understand the multicultural diversity of Southern California and Baja



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**President Karen Haynes speaks to UABC and CSUSM students on the importance of our universities having a connection through community service and learning in the diverse setting of Southern and Baja California.**

California. "It is also important to share that knowledge, the experience and culture being that much of your learning takes place here," Haynes said.

Spanish Professor and Director of the Office of Community Service Learning, Darci Strother, began her speech by saying

how she asks her own students what their idea of Mexico is, and how her CSUSM students reply, knowing only of political elections, and the media's representation of Mexico and not much else. Strother's

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## Aids quilt to arrive at CSUSM in November

BY KELLY CORRIGAN  
Pride Staff Writer

For the first time in the history of CSUSM, the AIDS Memorial Quilt will become a part of our campus. The Quilt is made up of more than 40,000 panels, each made in commemoration for people with AIDS. On November 27, a panel of the quilt will arrive in the fifth floor of the Kellogg Library. Professor Gilbert Valadez is leading the organization of this event.

Five years ago, Valadez was diagnosed with AIDS, and he believes that the pandemic deserves more attention. His growing awareness led him to organize the first World Aids Day observation at CSUSM.

In an interview with Robert Erichsen, a staff member for the College of Education, Professor Valadez said, "This observance then is helping me frame my own illness in a social way. By that, I mean that I felt that one of the ways that I could help myself is to help

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## Fire in the sky

The recent fires that originated in Deer Springs filled North County with smoke, and made for an incredible sunset.

## "DataDot DNA" technology capable of preventing theft

BY KELLY CORRIGAN  
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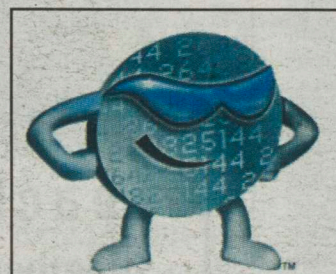


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It's happened in the past. Our own Campus Police have recovered stolen property from thieves without knowing whom to return the stolen property to. So while it sits in the police station, its owner sits elsewhere, perplexed.

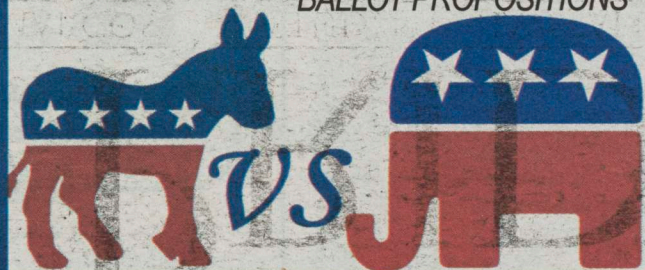
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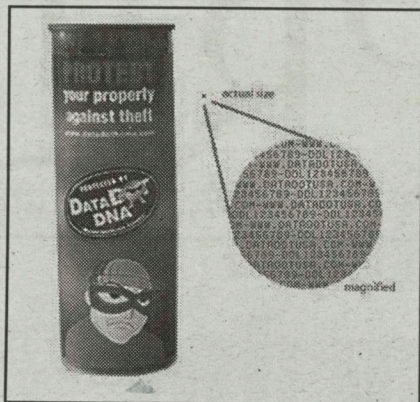


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includes the names and identification numbers matched to each dot.

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More than half of the California State Universities sell DataDot DNA in their campus bookstores, including CSUSM. DataDot DNA kits are available in our University Bookstore for about twenty dollars.

Lieutenant Miller of CSUSM Campus Police says, "We believe that data dots will be a valuable recourse to students in returning lost and stolen property to them."

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thought it would be a good thing to have an AIDS observance on campus, to kind of highlight the struggles of many human beings on this planet who have AIDS or [who] are affected by AIDS."

Candle vouchers are now available for \$5 from the College of Education on the fourth floor of University Hall and from ASI. On December 1, World AIDS Day, the candlelight vigil will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. World AIDS Day is sponsored by the World Health Organization. For the World AIDS Day observance, students will have the opportunity to trade their vouchers for candles and participate in the

candlelight vigil which will begin at Chavez Plaza.

Participants will walk from the Chavez roundabout to Craven Circle. Afterward, participants will gather at the Library Plaza where there will be various guest speakers on AIDS. Refreshments and food will be provided at the event.

Professor Valadez is working with North County AIDS Coalition on this project. The money from the vouchers will be divided among two organizations. "One half of the money will go to local AIDS charities, specifically, Fraternity House, Inc., who work with patients, AIDS patients, in North County, who are in hospice. The other half will go to the World Health Organization, who work

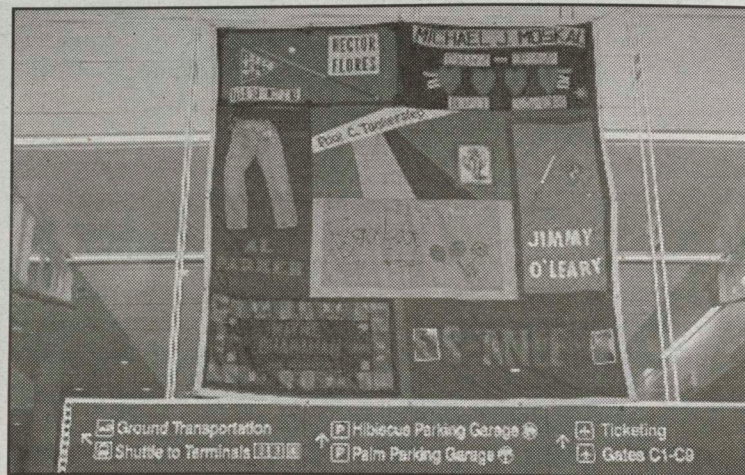


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A panel of the AIDS Memorial Quilt displayed at the Ft. Lauderdale Airport for the 2006 U.S. conference on AIDS.

with orphanages and create hospitals in the third world for people with AIDS," Valadez said.

A panel of the quilt will be on display until December 4 in the fifth floor of the Kellogg Library.



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points on representation and knowledge added to the importance of the day's events.

The Director of University Global Affairs, Dr. Peter Zwick and Interim Director of the Center for Border and Regional Affairs, Dr. Vivienne Bennett, also welcomed UABC students.

All of the UABC students were International Business Majors and most spoke precise, fluent English. At one table, UABC students Adrian Cruz, Stephanie Galvan, Daniél Vallarta, Jefe Rios and Mari-

ana Morales sat together and discussed the first part of their day. Cruz, Galvan, Vallarta and Rios spent one class hour watching the Men's Cougar soccer team practice. Their second class took place in Markstein Hall. "It's kind of interesting," Rios said, "meeting people and seeing all the technology."

UABC students Luz Garcia, Miriam Jacob and Christian Trujillo sat at another table. Each listened in on a history class and economics class. Garcia said,

"It's a really nice university because students are so friendly and respectful." Rios and Garcia both mentioned that they noticed different teaching styles in professors and the way students even approach the classroom compared to students in Mexico. Rios thought that the CSUSM students

were quiet and serious. Garcia added, "To learn in Mexico, it is more comfortable, it is more interactive."

About 20 CSUSM students joined UABC students throughout the day, and most traveled to Escondido with them where they spent a few hours with Interfaith

of Escondido. Interfaith owns apartments that house homeless families, offering the families a second chance to get back on their feet. Half of the group spent their community service hours cleaning the apartments and the other half worked in a kitchen, organizing a food pantry for the hungry and homeless.

As a part of their degree program, all UABC students must complete 400 hours of community service in order to graduate. CSUSM student Nadia Hernandez

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- Professor Darci Strother

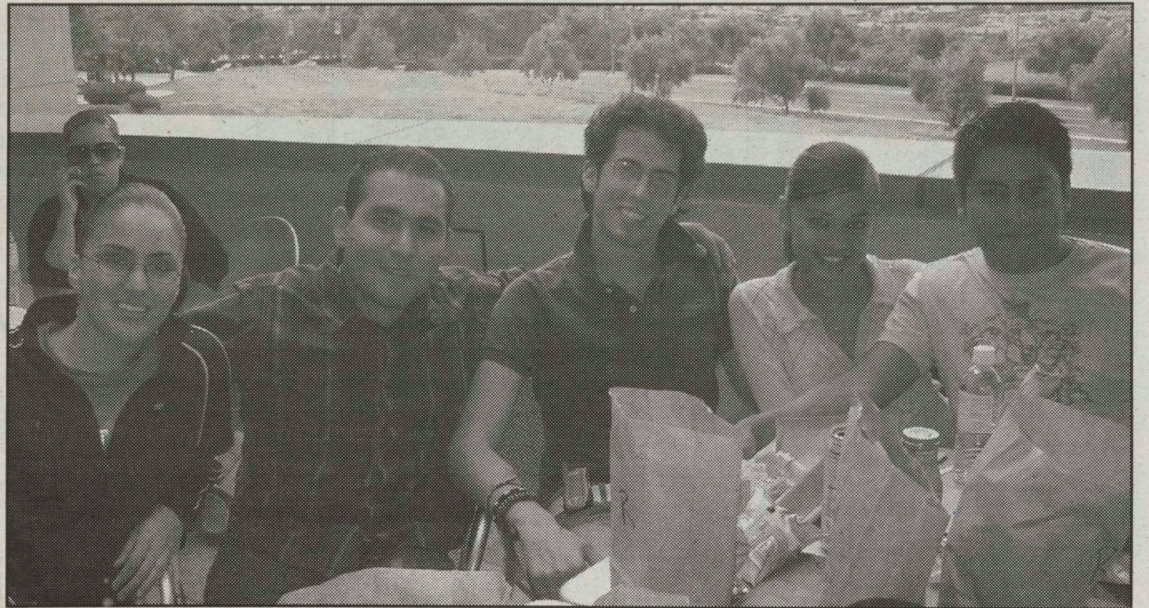


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UABC students pose for a picture at lunch. From left to right, Mariana Morales, Jefe Rios, Adrian Cruz, Stephanie Galvan and Daniél Vallarta.

worked with UABC students in the kitchen and thought that the hours she spent there were the best part of the event. "I would definitely do it again, although I hope that more people from CSUSM go next time. I think it would help the guest students feel more welcome to see more CSUSM students interested in interacting with them as well."

Last spring CSUSM student Grace Willis traveled to UABC. "So it was nice to be able to return the favor," Willis said. "It's awesome that our two universities are able to bring the two cultures together to do something for the community, although cleaning

toilets and scrubbing floors is not my idea of a good time, I thoroughly enjoyed my time doing this community service and I am looking forward to the next trip to UABC, where I hope we can do more community service in Mexico."

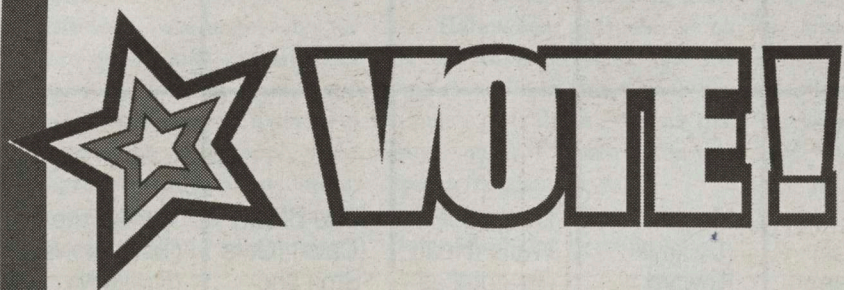
CSUSM student Pamela Castillo enjoyed the community service part the most. "We talked about economics, cultures, identities, geography, and our families. As different as our cultures may be, as college students we still had everything in common and it was inspiring to see Professor Strother cleaning in her busi-

ness suit right along side with us. I felt like she believes in the program."

Professor Strother said, "By working together on a common project, the UABC and CSUSM students really had a chance to get to know each other, talk together, and make connections. For the first time since I've been involved with these reciprocal visits, CSUSM and UABC students were hugging each other goodbye, exchanging emails, making plans to meet again on their own, so I think the experience was quite powerful for all involved."

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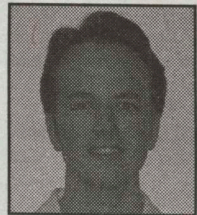

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NBA PREDICTIONS

One thing that I have learned in the nearly three years that I have been getting paid to write about sports is that I don't know everything. In my time on this campus I have met some very knowledgeable people when it comes to sports. As much as I may think I know, these guys have taught me something new at one point or another. You may remember some of these names if you read "Jock Talk" on a regular basis, but I finally found a way to introduce you to some of the other people on this campus who are involved in the sports world.

-Josh Sandoval

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 Joshua Sandoval <p>You already know my resume, so below each of their photos is an introduction to the rest of the guys and why they're qualified to inform you about the upcoming NBA season.</p>	Mavericks over Suns (Defense plus Dirk equals Domination)	Nets over Bulls (Kidd, Carter, Jefferson plus great draft)	Nets over Mavericks (Nets make up-tempo popular again)	Rockets (Yao/McGrady experiment still doesn't work)	Hornets (Finish above .500 and make playoffs)	Kobe Bryant (Lakers) (Should've got it last season)	Lawrence Frank (Nets) (Title sinks this award)	Adam Morrison (Bobcats) (Plenty of minutes in Charlotte)
 Fernando Brown <p>Fernando Brown's name is recognizable from the sports articles that appear in this paper. Before Fernando joined the newspaper I could count on one hand the number of articles written about CSUSM athletics.</p>	Suns over Clippers (Stoudemire gets them over hump)	Pistons over Bulls (Team chemistry pays off)	Suns over Pistons (Suns outshine Pistons)	Heat (Complacent Shaq wont hold up)	Rockets (Two words: Bonzi Wells)	Tracy McGrady (Rockets) (Bounces "back" from injuries)	Scott Skiles (Bulls) (They'll win 55 plus)	Randy Foye (Timberwolves) (Dwayne Wade-esque player)
 Paul Baimbridge <p>Paul Baimbridge is a name you might recognize from the article I wrote about the Padres' ninth inning collapse against the Dodgers. You will get to know his name even more next semester, since he will be the baseball and softball beat writer next semester.</p>	Suns over Rockets (Stoudemire's Back!)	Bulls over Pistons (Big Ben puts them over the top)	Suns over Bulls (Too much firepower)	Cavaliers (James: Supporting Cast Please!)	Raptors (Good chemistry)	Kobe Bryant (Lakers) (Nobody does more with less support)	Scott Skiles (Bulls) (What a turnaround)	Adam Morrison (Bobcats) (NBA, What?)
 Mike Millburn <p>Mike Millburn is someone you may know if you listen to "XX Sports Radio" on 1090AM or watch "The Prep Pigskin Report" on KUSI. He is the guy on the radio that the broadcasters refer to as "Head", because of the big melon in between his shoulders. He works as a board operator and producer for those two companies.</p>	Suns over Spurs (Stoudemire comes back big)	Heat over Cavaliers (Miami is class of East)	Heat over Suns (Wade carries team.... again)	Knicks (This train wreck isn't stopping anytime soon)	Magic (Dwight Howard leads re-birth in Orlando)	Dwayne Wade (Heat) (As good as it gets; yet to hit prime)	Mike Brown (Cavs) (Gets 'Bron and Cavs to conference finals)	Randy Foye (Timberwolves) (Finally, No. 2 option in Minnesota)
 Kyle Trembley <p>Kyle Trembley is a well of information regarding campus athletics. He is the guy who makes Fernando and I look smart in articles about campus sports, because if we have a question we go to Kyle. Along with being the Sports Information Director for CSUSM, you may have seen his sports briefs in the paper.</p>	Spurs over Mavericks (Duncan stays healthy)	Heat over Cavaliers (Wade and Shaq trump Lebron)	Spurs over Heat (Ginobli/Duncan edge Wade/Shaq)	Bulls (Will fail to live up to hype)	Magic (True point guard plus legit big men)	Tim Duncan (Spurs) (Due for a monster year)	Flip Saunders (Pistons) (Will keep Detroit afloat without Big Ben)	Rajon Rondo (Celtics) (I'll buy into hype coming from Boston)



# Halloween around the world

BY SABRINA BAGLEY  
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Beginning 6,000 years ago as Samhain, a Germanic celebration of harvesting and planting, Halloween has perpetuated as a celebration of all things scary and sweet. Originally celebrated as a pagan holiday, Christianity began to influence the celebrations in the fourth and fifth centuries. According to Ithaca Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Brooke Olson, "The celebrations were reshaped to fit the interests of Christianity. In an attempt to convert the [pagan] locals, church clergymen created All Saints Day on November 1, and Samhain became All Hallows Eve." From these beginnings, Halloween became what we know it to be, a night of carousing, candy collecting, and costumes.

Almost every culture in the world has a holiday celebrating the dead. Around the world you can find holidays such as Obon (Japanese), Día De Los Muertos (Mexican), Ching Ming (Chinese), All Saints' Day (Catholic), Filipino) and Walpurgis (German), to name a few.

Obon, celebrated in Japan, is a Buddhist holiday. It is believed, that each year during Obon, the

spirits of one's ancestors return to visit their mortal relatives. Traditionally, lanterns are hung in front of houses to guide the ancestors' spirits home, Obon dances (bon odori) are performed, graves are visited, and food offerings are made at house altars and temples. At the end of Obon, floating lanterns are placed into rivers, lakes and seas to guide the spirits back into their world. This beautiful sight is widely documented via artistic photographs. Obon is celebrated August 13 to 16. The time period surrounding Obon is one of Japan's three major travel seasons.

We have all seen it in our area, a rich cultural celebration of the dead. The day of the dead, Día De Los Muertos is the Mexican celebration of death. Celebrated from October 31 to November 2, this holiday is celebrated much like Obon, as a celebration of deceased ancestors. Skeleton figures and pictures abound, and cemeteries become bursts of color, with the construction of flower-laden altars that hold pictures of the deceased as the centerpiece, grooming items, delectable food, alcohol, skeleton figures, flowers and candles. These days of crafts, cooking, and flowers hold great meaning for many

Hispanic families.

The Ching Ming observance had its beginnings as the original religion in China. Ancestor worship is the only native religion to China. All others, including Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, were imported from outside of China. Confucianism and Taoism originated in China but are philosophies rather than religions. This remnant of ancestor worship is celebrated with the maintenance of tombs the offering of food and other essentials, and displays of respect. Sometimes, a family will set off firecrackers to ward off evil spirits.

Walpurgis Night, celebrated in Germany, Sweden, and the Czech Republic, is a night of warding off witches. In Germany, whips are cracked and horns are blared. In Sweden, bonfires are added to the noise. In the Czech Republic, people spread grass or sand on the doorstep in the belief that witches can not enter a house before counting the blades of grass or grains of sand. Celebrated on April 30, this day is an old pagan festival, which borrows its name from Saint Walburga.

The most common association of Halloween is with Pagan celebrations. According to Pagan expert, Eva Snyder, "Halloween



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is magical. It is the time when the veil separating the realms of the living and the dead is thinnest, permitting contact between the two worlds," she says. "The lines between past, present and future are also blurred, allowing the impossible to happen." These pagan celebrations are often misconstrued and falsely have negative and dangerous connotations.

American celebrations of Halloween have little to do with ancestor worship. Rather, costumes and candy abound, and trick-or-treating is enjoyed by children. Jack-o-lanterns, also a Halloween staple, have quite the interesting history. The Jack-o-lantern custom probably comes from Irish folklore. As the tale is

told, a man named Jack, who was notorious as a drunkard and trickster, tricked Satan into climbing a tree. Jack then carved an image of a cross in the tree's trunk, trapping the devil up the tree. Jack made a deal with the devil that, if he would never tempt him again, he would promise to let him down the tree.

According to the folk tale, after Jack died, he was denied entrance to Heaven because of his evil ways, but he was also denied access to Hell because he had tricked the devil. Instead, the devil gave him a single ember to light his way through the frigid darkness. The ember was placed inside a hollowed-out turnip to keep it glowing longer.

## Undressing the Halloween costume

BY AMANDA RUTHERFORD  
Pride Staff Writer

Costumes bring Halloween to life. Without them, there are no ghouls and ghosts, no witches and goblins, no vegetables and superheroes, and certainly there is no fun without costumes on Halloween.

What about Halloween in a party sense? A Halloween that is looked at through the eyes of college students—no longer a day for door-to-door candy hunting, but a day, or week rather, for students to dress up and party. It starts to become a time when people dress to impress to the extreme, and in more ways than one. Is it becoming a day that is an excuse to dress

in ways one normally wouldn't? Is it an excuse for the good girls to dress bad and the bad girls to dress worse, if at all? Is our Halloween holiday becoming a way for guys to dress as pimps and our woman to dress as playboy bunnies?

How people dress on Halloween reflects a lot about our perceptions of social image. From asking students at CSUSM, a majority thought the most popular Halloween costume would be one of a pirate or one that was racy. Students also said they thought girls dress up more than guys—as if it's been taken over by the females.

When randomly asking students what they were going to be

for Halloween, I got a lot of pirate answers and then some that didn't fit into the scantily clad category. Many people wanted to be dancers from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. Others wanted to be movie stars or superheroes. One even said she planned on changing her costume for every party. There were very few devils, and very few vampires, very few maids, and no porn stars; though one person did want to be a school bus.

It seems that in asking students, many aren't actually celebrating Halloween at all. Some are going to a party or two and not dressing up. Others aren't doing anything at all. When those people were asked what they could be if they were, they gave vague descrip-

tions or settled with common costumes.

What are the popular costumes this year? From asking the students it seems to be a pirate or a ninja. A representative from CC & CO Costume Shop, a shop that has been in business for the past 21 years in Temecula, says that the most popular costumes this year are pirates for couples; nurses and cops for females, and that most guys were dressing as part of a couple, or just came in to get a mask.

If this is true, then what does it say about us? I asked some students how they feel about people flaunting their sex appeal on Halloween with racy outfits for girls and pimp costumes for

the guys; and there were two common answers. One was that it's an excuse to dress in ways one normally wouldn't in hopes of attracting attention from other people. The other idea was that it's just Halloween, and costume choices are not taken seriously by people.

Halloween is meant to be a fun time with or without parties; so are we being too analytical? or are people really going overboard with sex appeal for the holiday? Either way, it's a time to dress up as something one isn't and fool others around you. It's a time to enjoy the weekend or the night and have no worries but the cavities one might wake up with the morning after.

## Website of the week: homestarrunner.com

BY AMANDA RUTHERFORD  
Pride Staff Writer

Homestarrunner.com was once a humble site made by two brothers for the entertainment of the un-entertained. Each week there would be one or more new cartoons on the site. It didn't have much fame five or so years ago, but the true fans knew what it was and know what it is today.

Brothers Matt and Mike Chaps created the website and all of its animations and games, with Matt in charge of the art and programming and Mike performing all of the voices of the characters (except for the voice of the site's one female,

which is performed by his wife Melissa Palmer). The finances of running the Homestar Runner website and its web-based store had been handled by their father, Don, until he passed away earlier this year.

Today the site is booming with new characters and new things to do. For all the original fans that know of this site, all the old cartoons and shorts and such can all be found in the museum section. There are cartoons featuring the slow witted, lisping, Homestar Runner—the website's main character. Other characters also recur in cartoons on the site such as the ridiculously pompous, luchador-mask-wearing, Strong-

bad and his tiny yellow accomplice, The Cheat, who Strongbad describes at one point as looking "like some kind of cheese... or anvil," and who only communicates through mumbles and squeaks.

The cartoons are centered on the characters' adventures and interactions. There are also games, and videos starring puppet versions of the characters and other features as well. One popular feature is that viewers can send emails to be answered by the character Strongbad in a cartoon, which usually consists of several minutes of Strongbad humorously criticizing everything about the email and its

author.

Homestarrunner.com even has a "first time here" button to introduce the site and some of its characters in a comedic way to prepare viewers for what they are in for. With several years' worth of narratives and storylines, there are now dozens of recurring characters and storylines that draw on other Homestarrunner cartoons creating complex spin-offs in jokes and gags. There are many things to try out and mess with on this site such as free downloads, icons, and music. There is also a web-based store selling Homestar Runner themed items such as T-shirts and coasters with pictures of Homestar Runner on them, or

a plush The Cheat that squeaks and grumbles angrily when it's kicked.

With its unforgettable characters, theme songs, and weird entertainment factor, there isn't much that viewers won't enjoy or appreciate at homestarrunner.com.

Homestarrunner.com has been around for a few years and still keeps its entertaining ways. So, whether its audience is bored students procrastinating on their homework, or young and old alike seeking a new form of online entertainment, homestarrunner.com has, and will continue to amuse the Internet-savvy masses.



# Experience the mystery at Questhaven

BY AMANDA ANDREEN  
Pride Staff Writer



Nestled in the thick foliage and woods of Elfin Forest lives a many a lost spirit. Residing in what have inevitably become overdeveloped condominiums and commercialized residences, what is now San Elijo Hills, was once a spiritual and even haunted area dubbed "Questhaven." No doubt many San Diego residents have unknowingly driven through Questhaven as it's a sure-fire shortcut to Escondido that spits travelers out from Rancho Santa Fe Road to Auto Parkway in less than four minutes. The short drive through Harmony Grove and Elfin Forest not only feels like something out of "The Twilight Zone," but it also feels like a mindless time warp.

Rumored to once be inhabited by Gypsies and their social kin at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and well into to the 20<sup>th</sup> century, legend has it that when other natives of the land and citizens of local communities came in and drove off the Gypsies, slaughter-

ing those who stood in their way, the Gypsies cursed the land of Elfin Forest. Perhaps this curse was the impetus for many of the urban legends that have accumulated throughout the years. Coincidentally, there are also accounts of Northern Diegueno Indians inhabiting the land more than 9,000 years, using it as a sacred space for burials and peace offerings.

With curvy roads, creepy trees growing over the paths, and eerie sights and sounds, Questhaven embodies many fears that seep into the holes of the collective subconscious, lending to the idea that this place generates a supernatural power that tests the nerves and wills of innocent visitors. With no cell phone reception or friendly places to look to with pleas for help, if rumors hold true, the horrors of Questhaven sound overwhelming for any one person to face alone.

A few locations that are glorified in the tales of Questhaven are the stories of the abandoned insane asylum and the legendary cult house. With gates and barbed wire lining the property, an old wooden fence sign decorates the entrance to the ruins of the rumored insane asylum with sleeping elves shyly painted on



The Elfin Forest sign located above the gate into Questhaven.

Photos by Amanda Andreen / The Pride

it, reading "Elfin Forest." Behind the torn and defiled fence lays acres of land and building foundations left in shambles. Defended by armies of nocturnal spirits and savage animals, the danger of trekking across the depths of Questhaven sounds high from the word of mouth reported accounts of paranormal activity. As for the cult house, well, there are many mock "Blair Witch" films that high schoolers and amateur filmmakers have endeavored to make on the questionable cult property. Most of which describe scenes of nooses hanging from burned trees, broken bones and skulls crushed into the mulch and brush, unearthly cackles and noises flying around in the night air—the rumors have even fabled that when said filmmakers go back to review their footage that there is just black static that fills the screen and curdling screams that sound off in the distance.

Furthermore, what would Questhaven be if there weren't spine-tingling urban myths attached to fend off the faint of heart? When researching Questhaven, there are a few prevalent myths, as well as others that rise to the top. The first tells a tale of a ten-foot white owl that roams the midnight and moon-laden sky above the spooky trees. The

ghostly owl sneaks about preying on naive young people who enter the forest. If the visitors are in their car, the owl lands atop of the car and possesses several ways of murdering the vehicle's passengers. If the visitors are on foot, it swoops down to capture them and sacrifices them. There are other stories about the owl; however, many do not speak of the owl in fear of repercussion.

The second myth tells of a witch that haunts Elfin Forest. Stories of the witch solicit extreme caution should one choose to enter the forest, for hers is the deadliest and scariest of stories. The witch has been in the forest since the persecution of the Gypsies. She rides the roads of the forest on a ghost black stallion. With a black cloak the covers her face and body, the night-riding ghost horse and witch have omnipotent vision and senses and can feel when a stranger or intruder has entered the forest. It is said that once one enters the forest and Questhaven; that then the witch marks that person, leaving no physical indication, but more of a spiritual mark on that person so that if that person were to ever enter the forest again, that they would then be killed instantly by the witch. Those who have experienced this tell tales of hearing no hoof prints or galloping stallion, no; that the witch and her mount float along in the shadows. Never in clear sight, her victims will never really know what they see when they witness her. It is also rumored that by chance if victims do see her eyes, as they pierce a ray of green light, that they are immediately killed.

There are also stories of drivers killing themselves because the witch follows their vehicle in the trailing shadows, invoking complete insanity, and sometimes paralysis, then causing the driver to steer their car into an oncoming tree, ledge, or cliff. Other tales of haunted spirits and paranormal activity attached to this area rumor of trees that bleed, a ghost lady dressed in white that follows hikers throughout the trails, native American bodies hanging from trees, shadow people that hide in the shrubbery, and other weird apparitions that possess the speculated Native American burial grounds.

Upon further investigation, it has been found that there is a religious retreat center, called the "Questhaven Retreat, Church of the Holy Quest," that sits on 640 acres of wilderness. Some speculate that it is this retreat center, which was erected in the early 1940s that is mistaken for the insane asylum and the cult house. However, there are no official records that have been found linking that theory, or linking the legends to the retreat center. As there is no record of any insane asylum existing in Elfin Forest, Harmony Grove, or Questhaven, rumors apparently hold more weight in the chance of experiencing supernatural activity. For now, Questhaven truly remains a mystery, as the stories and sensations that haunt it continue to be aggravated by the growing population of inhabitants. One thing remains certain though, no one will ever really know what lies beneath Questhaven or lurks in the shadows in Elfin Forest.



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## Halloween

PSO & Psi Chi will be selling Halloween candy grams (12-1p.m. Library Plaza)

Shelby Lynne (8 p.m. Belly Up Tavern \$22)



Survival Series: Things To Do If You're New (12-12:45p.m. Field House Room 110)

Pre-Health Society Meeting (12-1p.m. Kellogg Library Room 3010)

Academic Senate Meeting, (12:30-2:20 p.m. Commons 206)

Palomar Women's Chorus (12:30 p.m. Palomar College, Room D-10)

Say Anything, Mewithoutyou, Piebald, Brazil (7 p.m. House of Blues \$15)

Five for Fighting (9 p.m. Belly Up Tavern, \$24)

San Diego Symphony - Bach's Piano Concerto No. 1 (8 p.m. Nov. 3-4; Copley Hall, \$20-\$85)

City Ballet - Works by Wistrich (8p.m. Nov. 3-4; Joan Kroc Center, \$20-\$39)

Radio Rebellion Tour (6 p.m. SOMA, \$15)

Blue Man Group (8 p.m. Cox Arena, \$44-\$89.50)

Starlight Mints (8:30 p.m. The Casbah, \$12)

The Secret Life of Banjos (7 p.m. Old Poway Park, \$15)



Bouncing Souls, Street Dogs, Whole Wheat Bread, Left Alone (7 p.m. House of Blues, \$15-\$17)

The Nickel Creek siblings perform "Bring Me Hope" - charity for Chinese orphans (8 p.m. Song Church, Oceanside \$10)

Lloyd Banks hip-hop (8:30 p.m. 4th & B, \$25)

Tahiti 80 with Brookville (8:30p.m. The Casbah, \$12-\$15)

Little Steven's Underground Garage A Go Go with the New York Dolls (8p.m. Belly Up Tavern, \$20)

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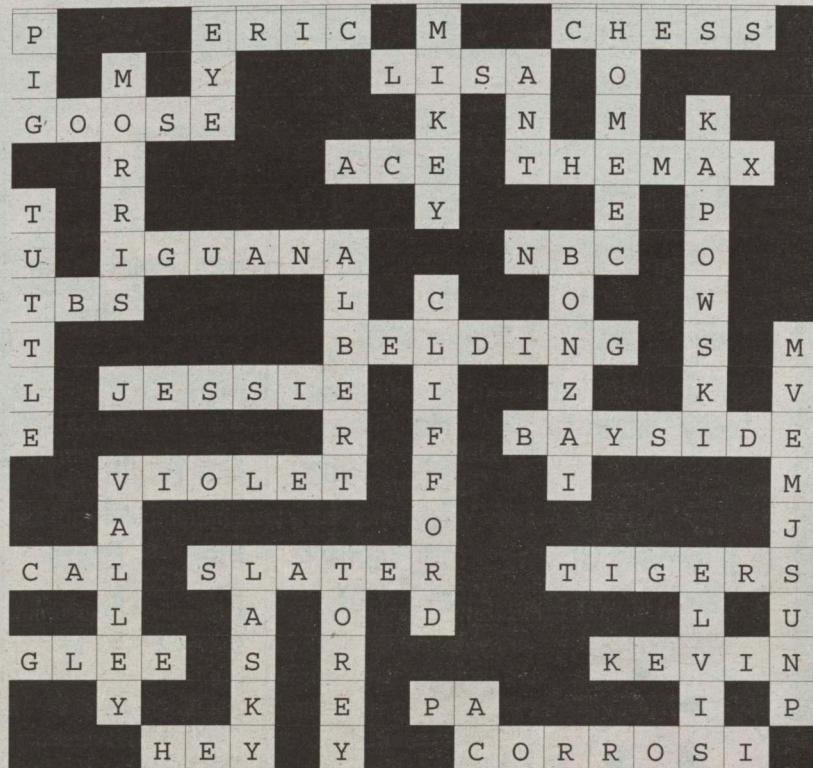




# Cougar r Words SS

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Last week's key  
"Saved By The Bell."



## "Famous Fads"

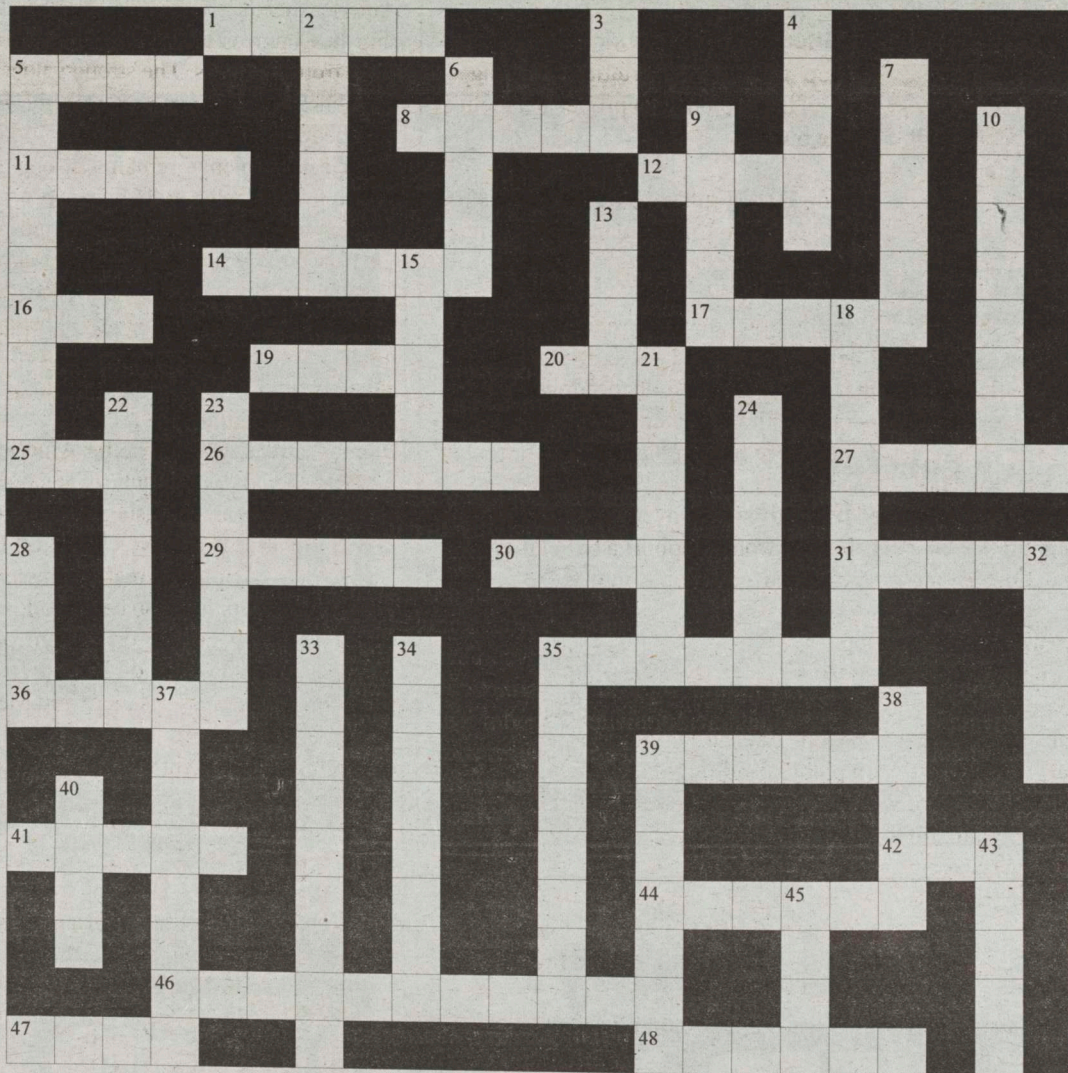
ACROSS

- 1 The shoe with a pump
- 5 "The pottery that grows"
- 8 The social juggling bean bag
- 11 Collectible fantasy card game popular with D&D fans
- 12 Popular shoes in the 90's
- 14 Hair color of the 90's
- 16 "You're cool.... !!!"
- 17 BIG hairstyle in the 70's
- 19 The clear non-alcoholic malt beverage
- 20 Exercising + Video Game + Sweaty Nerd =
- 25 The 'ultimate' form of fighting
- 26 "I did her last night"
- 27 The scooter gang's brand of choice
- 29 "I have to use a pay phone, some one just called my \_\_\_\_\_"
- 30 Clothing for us by us
- 31 'Tag' with a futuristic twist
- 35 Business in the front, party in the back
- 36 The 'fashionable' dog house
- 39 90's rock music movement
- 41 \_\_\_\_\_ Pack
- 42 "Alien Life Form" on TV
- 44 Low-carb diet craze
- 46 Inline skate shoes
- 47 Milk caps gone collectable
- 48 Dolls with crazy hair

DOWN

- 2 Overpriced stuffed collectibles.

- 3 Teenyboppers group crush.
- 4 Rubberband ball of mischief
- 5 Democracy's cold war foe
- 6 Cabage \_\_\_\_\_ kids
- 7 The impossible color cube
- 9 The tower toppling game of fun
- 10 The mario brothers home
- 13 The walkman gets a new twist
- 15 Italian bracelet
- 18 Farmer's fashion goes mainstream
- 21 The first energy drink
- 22 The first peer to peer music sharing site
- 23 Addictive website "for friends"
- 24 Melting Pot for dinner
- 28 Bracelets with a snap
- 32 Glow sticks and techno music
- 33 Colorful mock warfare
- 34 Reality TV on an island
- 35 Heyyyyyyyyy !!!
- 37 Moving bling for your rims
- 38 Home state for hold 'em poker
- 39 The virtual pet for kids
- 40 \_\_\_\_\_ filled lamps of the 70's
- 43 Repetitive gremlin with a beat
- 45 Star Search with a new twist





# Voter Information Guide

Information from the California General Election Voter Information Guide from the Office of the Secretary of the State of California.

## Prop. 1A TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROTECTION. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

- Protects transportation funding for traffic congestion relief projects, safety improvements, and local streets and roads.
- Prohibits the state sales tax on motor vehicle fuels from being used for any purpose other than transportation improvements.
- Authorizes loans of these funds only in the case of severe state fiscal hardship.
- Requires loans of revenues from states sales tax on motor vehicle fuels to be fully repaid within the three years. Restricts loans to no more than twice in any 10-year period.

## Prop. 1B HIGHWAY SAFETY, TRAFFIC REDUCTION, AIR QUALITY, AND PORT SECURITY BOND ACT OF 2006.

- Makes safety improvements and repairs to state highways; upgrades freeways to reduce congestion; repairs local streets and roads; upgrades highways along major transportation corridors.
- Improves seismic safety of local bridges.
- Expands public transit.
- Helps complete the state's network of car pool lanes.
- Reduces air pollution.
- Improves anti-terrorism security at shipping ports.
- Provides for a bond issue not to exceed nineteen billion nine hundred twenty-five million dollars

(\$19,925,000,000).

- Appropriates money from the General Fund to pay off bonds.

## Prop. 1C HOUSING AND EMERGENCY SHELTER TRUST FUND ACT OF 2006.

- Funds may be used for the purpose of providing shelters for battered women and their children, clean and safe housing for low-income senior citizens; homeownership assistance for the disabled, military veterans, and working families; and repairs and accessibility improvements to apartment for families and disabled citizens.
- The state shall issue bonds totaling two billion eight hundred fifty million dollars (\$2,850,000,000) paid from existing state funds at an average annual cost of two hundred and four million dollars (\$204,000,000) per year over the 30 year life of the bonds.
- Requires reporting and publication of annual independent audited reports showing use of funds, and limits administration and overhead costs.
- Appropriates money from the General Fund to pay off bonds.

## Prop. 1D KINDERGARTEN-UNIVERSITY PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 2006.

- This ten billion four hundred sixteen million dollar (\$10,416,000,000) bond issue will provide needed funding to relieve public school overcrowding and to repair older schools.
- It will improve earthquake safety and fund vocational educational facilities in public schools. Bond funds must be spent according to strict accountability measures.

- Funds will also be used to repair and upgrade existing public college and university buildings and to build new classrooms to accommodate the growing student enrollment in the California Community Colleges, the University of California, and the California State University.
- Appropriates money from the General Fund to pay off bonds.

## Prop. 1E DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND FLOOD PREVENTION BOND ACT OF 2006.

- This act rebuilds and repairs California's most vulnerable flood control structures to protect homes and prevent loss of life from flood-related disasters, including levee failures, flash floods, and mudslides.
- Protects California's drinking water supply system by rebuilding delta levees that are vulnerable to earthquakes and storms.
- Authorizes a \$4.09 billion dollar bond act.
- Appropriates money from the General Fund to pay off bonds.

## Prop 85 WAITING PERIOD AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BEFORE TERMINATION OF MINOR'S PREGNANCY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

- Amends California Constitution to prohibit abortion for unemancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent or legal guardian, except in medical emergency or with parental waiver.
- Permits minor to obtain court order waiving

notice based on clear and convincing evidence of minor's maturity or best interests.

- Mandates various reporting requirements, including reports from physicians regarding abortions performed on minors.
- Authorizes monetary damages against physicians for violation.
- Requires minor's consent to abortion, with certain exceptions.
- Permits judicial relief if minor's consent coerced.

## Prop. 87 ALTERNATIVE ENERGY. RESEARCH, PRODUCTION, INCENTIVES. TAX ON CALIFORNIA OIL PRODUCERS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE.

- Establishes \$4 billion program with goal to reduce petroleum consumption by 25%, with research and production incentives for alternative energy, alternative energy vehicles, energy efficient technologies, and for education and training.
- Funded by tax of 1.5% to 6% (depending on oil price per barrel) on producers of oil extracted in California. Prohibits producers from passing tax to consumers.
- Program administered by new California Energy Alternatives Program Authority.
- Prohibits changing tax while indebtedness remains.
- Revenue excluded from appropriation limits and minimum education funding (Proposition 98) calculations.

## From the Left

BY MICAH BEARCE  
CSUSM College Democrats

On November 7, America has a chance to redeem herself. The past few years have desensitized us to the corruption committed by our political leaders. Jack Abramoff, Mark Foley, and "Scooter" Libby are just a few of the Republicans implicated in scandals. It is very important that we all realize that it is time for change and the only ones with the integrity and resources to take on this task is the Democratic National Party. The upcoming November 7 election will prove an upset for both The House and possibly the Senate in favor of the Democratic Party. Many wonder if the Democrats have a vision for the Americas future and will be able to handle the War on Terror. America's future depends on leaders that will ensure an economy free of corruption and a military that is run by people that have served. The Democrats can ensure both.

The Democrats stand by their values of anti-corruption, anti-pollution, and privacy. We also stand for a strong middle class and advocate for education to be a national priority. The case of no-bid contracts with Halliburton is contradictory to our American system of capitalism which is why we believe that economic policies should grant fair opportunities for all businesses by ensuring monopolies do not form. Contrary to popular belief, Democrats hate paying taxes too, which is why we always propose fair and stable taxation that seems overbearing when compared to unbalanced Republican Spending.

### 50th district

Francine Busby is a perfect candidate for the local House of Representatives 50th district seat that was left vacant after Randy "Duke" Cunningham was convicted of bribery charges and he is currently serving a prison sentence. The Republican contender, Brian Bilbray, is alleged to be under grand jury indictment for voter fraud. Bilbray's former occupation as an oil lobbyist leaves us to believe that Mr. Bilbray background is not suitable for public office, especially at a time when corruption should be stamped out.

### Governor

The gubernatorial race is a chance for California to over turn the anti-worker policies that are being pushed

by Schwarzenegger. The current governor has taken every opportunity to take wages and benefits away from groups like teachers and nurses. Phil Angelides supports professionals and workers and will keep California a pristine place to live as he has promised to reject any bills authorizing the coastline to be polluted by large oil derricks.

### Ballot propositions

Prop 1A – Transportation Funding – Yes – This should help proper balancing of the budget.

Prop 1B – Highway Safety – No – This would obligate Californians to pay more in taxes.

Prop 1C – Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund – Neutral – We felt that something should be done to help people without housing, but the solution is not more housing as California rental vacancy was over 22% in 2000 and in San Diego it was over 31% at the same time. We would support a ballot measure that would get people into those vacancies.

Prop 1D – Kindergarten – University Public Education Facilities – Yes – Public educational institutions depend on public funding to turn out highly educated and competitive workers that is the key to a strong tax base in America.

Prop 1E – Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention – Yes – California's First Responders are probably the most over-worked in the world with all of our fires, earthquakes, and flashfloods.

Prop 85 – Parental Notification/Minor's Abortion rights – NO – The College Democrats and PAN strongly oppose this measure because we do not want to see a single young woman die as a result of another "back-alley" abortion.

Prop 87 – Alternative energy and Clean Air – Yes – Oil companies took advantage of us during a vulnerable time in our countries history and they should be expected to pay their fair share. Also, air quality is horrible throughout California and something needs to be done about this, as industry is not exactly self-regulating in this area.

## From the Right

BY DAVID BAUER  
Pride Staff Writer

A great deal is riding on the November 7, 2006 election. The Republican Party has been fighting hard for the American people in a time of great uncertainty. The United States is at war with a faceless adversary whose goal is to destroy our American way of life. America needs strong and decisive leadership in Congress to guide America through these troubled times. The strong values of the Republican Party have protected the American people, and our economy. Today, the American economy remains strong and is growing constantly. Republican pro growth policies have created 6.6 million jobs in just the past three years, and have caused unemployment to drop 4.6 percent. In recent weeks, the Dow Jones has set record highs, and gas prices have fallen. Recently, the Democrats have begun a large scale smear campaign to try and undermine the great work that the Republican Party has done for America. The facts are that under Republican leadership the United States has flourished. Education has been a top priority; the No Child Left Behind act is one of many great examples. The Republican Party has also been working hard to decrease dependence on foreign oil with the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The 108th Republican Congress has increased Medicare benefits, and has been working rigorously on reforming Social Security.

### 50th district

Republican Congressman Brian Bilbray is running for re-election on November 7 for the 50th district seat. Brian Bilbray is by far the best candidate for the job. He is a reformer with results; and has the record to prove it. Mr. Bilbray believes strongly in ending back room special interest deals, balancing the budget, and stopping illegal immigration. Recently, his political opponent, Francine Busby, has attacked Mr. Bilbray's reputation with unjustified claims of voter fraud, with no proper evidence. We need decisive leadership in Congress; Mr. Bilbray has that, and he will deliver.

### Governor

Schwarzenegger is clearly the people's choice for governor. In only two years, Governor Schwarzenegger has slashed the budget deficit and brought the state back from the brink of bankruptcy. He's created half a million jobs in the state, and returned four billion dollars per year to tax-

payers by repealing the car tax. Governor Schwarzenegger during his time in office has invested more in public schools than any other Governor in state history. He has also built bipartisan support in Sacramento, and shown that he's not afraid to take issues to the people when the legislature won't act. When compared to Angelides, whose record is questionable at best, and who can only run half-hearted attack ads, the choice is clear for California voters. On November 7: Join Arnold.

### Ballot propositions

Prop 1A – Transportation Funding – Yes - Make sure gas taxes are used for roads.

Prop 1B – Highway Safety – Yes – It repairs and improves roads and freeways; it makes bridges safer, expands public transit, and improves anti-terrorism security at shipping ports. 1B just makes sense.

Prop 1C – Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund – No – This proposition will cost people planning to own homes twice: first by costing tax payers several billion dollars to pay for the bond measure and again by driving up the cost of housing by increasing the cost of market units to make up for the below-market ones.

Prop 1D – Kindergarten – University Public Education Facilities – No position - While California schools would benefit from this influx of money, the measure creates considerable debt that we will need to pay off eventually and possibly at the expense of schools in the future.

Prop 1E – Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention – Yes – By rebuilding our failing levee system, this proposition will help protect California's drinking water and protect homes and prevent loss of life.

Prop 85 – Parental Notification/Minor's Abortion rights – Yes – This proposition makes sure parents are informed and that families can make this important decision together. Any other medical procedure requires parental consent to protect minors, abortion should be no different.

Prop 87 – Alternative energy and Clean Air – No – This measure creates a four billion dollar bureaucracy and creates new costs to oil producers which will inevitably be passed to consumers.



# MMA with Francisco: Boxing

BY FRANCISCO MACIAS-RIOS  
Pride Staff Writer

Can anyone name the current heavyweight champion or maybe the light heavyweight champion of Boxing? Yeah, neither can I. The ever-growing MMA and UFC world has been slowly fading professional boxing out. I can't remember the last time I saw an actual championship pay-per-view fight. The latest news in boxing is Mike Tyson's comeback; he is launching his world tour. He plans to travel around the world fighting random Joes and Josephine's off the street.

Yes, I said it; he has sunk to the bottom of the sea to where he has to fight women. Mike Tyson is Mc Hammer broke. His lack of finances recently had him at a Las Vegas hotel putting on a workout session for money. This is the exciting world of professional boxing. A sport once ruled by such names as Roy Jones Jr., James "Lights Out" Toney, Oscar De La Hoya and Evander "Real Deal" Holyfield. These headliners have sold-out arenas and set record breaking pay-per-view sales. Today's boxing world has a few names out there that may make you turn your head to catch

a replay, but the boring fixed fight outcome nowadays causes audiences to look at highlights from the latest UFC fights instead. Boxing matches have had the "rigged" cloud looming over their "honest" heads for many years. The ghost punches, the throwing of a fight so we can have De La Hoya vs. Mosley 2. I think the fans of professional boxing are tired of fixed fights or two guys dancing around each other because both of them are afraid to throw a punch. The fighters of professional boxing are afraid to hurt the product: their face. Therefore, they dodge a few punches so their

pretty face won't get hurt, or they throw a few jabs, sit back, and let the time run out. The fighters of the UFC risk their bodies and faces to earn the respect of the fans. A cut over their eye or gash to the head due to a vicious elbow will get a fighter a \$5,000 contract with a company to promote their product on their shorts the next time they fight. Boxing is all grown up now; it's an old man on his death bed. Only a cure of a Heavyweight Champion or a big rivalry will save the old man of boxing. We have a better chance of seeing Tyson offer the other side of his face for a tattoo

advertisement than we do of boxing being revived. In the past five years boxing has given us two, maybe three great fights that made us walk backwards into the kitchen for more chips so we wouldn't miss a knockout. The others were so uneventful that we actual went to the store for more chips and decided to stop off and get gas. Please boxing gods, give us something, a vicious knockout, a rubber match rivalry, or a quick right hook that sends the other guy to the mat in the first ten seconds. Something...

## Cougar Comics

By T. Ward



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Just for shiggles

By Jenny Bigpond





# Poet brings 'Blood and Soap' to students

BY JONATHAN THOMPSON  
Pride Staff Writer

CSUSM Community and World Literary Series invited Linh Dinh to visit CSUSM and read from a selection of his writings. The event took place on Thursday, October 26, in the Clarke Field House in the Grand Salon.

Approximately 70 people attended the reading according to Mark Wallace, an assistant professor of Literature and Writing Studies here at CSUSM.

Dinh has traveled all over the globe, and the knowledge of other cultures appears in his writing style. He has written two collections of stories, three books of poems, and a series of anthologies. He is currently working on a novel.

Dinh chose to read from "Borderless Bodies," "American Tatts," and "Blood and Soap."

"Mark managed to place an article about the reading in the Union-Tribune. I knew, or at least hoped, that ordinary people would be coming to the reading, not just students. I decided to read poems and stories that ordinary people could relate to. I'm not an academic person but a blue collar, mostly self-taught guy who writes poems," said Dinh.

"Before my recent breaks, I was a regular working class dude. I spent 15 years as

a housepainter, and 3 years as a house and office cleaner," said Dinh.

Dinh was asked to visit CSUSM because "he's one of the best poets and fiction writers currently writing in this country," said Wallace.

The readings generated much laughter amongst the guests who included CSUSM students and members of the community.

I enjoyed all of Dinh's readings. I loved his witty humor and play on words. Despite the immense laughter, Dinh's readings sent quivers to my heart and waves to my brain. My favorite parts were "nude pictures of you sold back to you at a discount" and "working jobs that were beneath him knowing that it was punishment for leaving his family behind and the chaos that awaited him upon return."

The majority of Dinh's readings were short prose poems. He also read multiple one-sentence stories. I never imagined so much content could be contained between the first capital letter of a sentence and the ending period.

"[My favorite part was] his sense of humor. I didn't expect to laugh so much. I also loved his paradoxical love poems and the one sentence stories," said Lea Vergara, a Literature and Writing Studies major.

"It is very hard to be a writer in this society. You will have many challenges

ahead of you, but if writing is something that you must do, something that you must be engaged with to make sense out of life, then don't let anyone tell you you shouldn't be a writer. It is a lonely, generally thankless yet deeply rewarding vocation. Literature feeds the soul. Since you will have to become a serious student of literature in your quest to become a writer, you must seek out writers who speak to you directly. They will be your teachers and life companions," said Dinh.

If you are feeling like you missed out, it's because you did. However, you can still attend the last reading of the semester for the Community and World Literary Series, which will feature Jerome Rothenberg, on Thursday, November 16 at 7 p.m. in Academic Hall 102.

For more information about Linh Dinh please visit:

<http://www.thebrooklynrail.org/books/may04/linhdinh.html>



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Poet Linh Dinh reads selections from his collections of poetry

## Drink of the Week

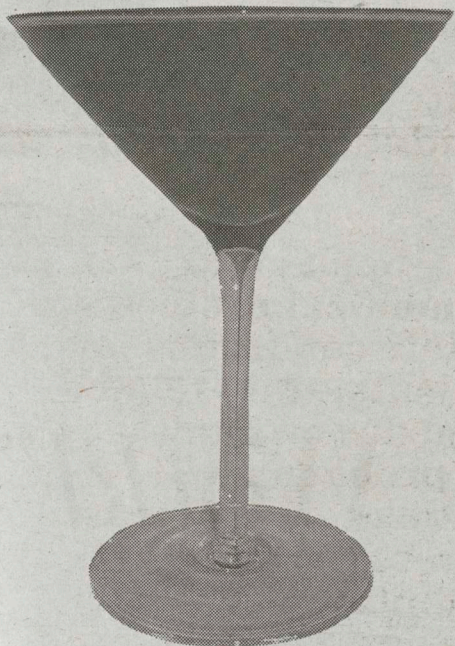


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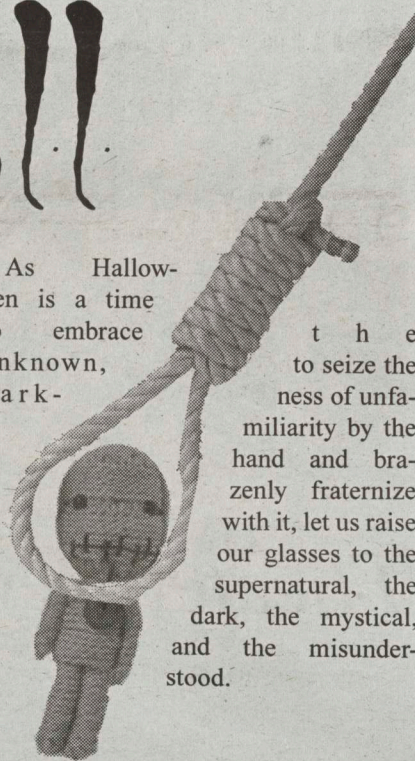
Voodoo, also known as Vodun, Vodoun or Voudou, is a religion the roots of which extend deep into Africa's past. This life-affirming spiritual path has, sadly, long been associated in the mainstream consciousness with all things dark and scary. For instance, popular culture is fascinated by the more dangerous aspects of the Voodoo doll that pop up in horror movies and lie tucked under troubled teenager's pillows.

When someone used the maligned moniker for the name of a red, ripe,

juicy cocktail, however, I sat up and took notice. I confess to being enchanted by its name, the source of so many legends. It's difficult not to give in to popular culture when it tastes like this. The Voodoo Doll is temptation in a glass, a mouth-watering concoction of ½ ounce vodka, ½ ounce raspberry liquor, ½ ounce orange juice, and ½ ounce cranberry juice. Shaken and served in a cocktail glass with ice, the Voodoo Doll possesses a lovely, luminous, rich reddish color. The mixture of fruity flavors is crisp and refreshing. For an added zing, try DeKuyper's Raspberry Pucker sweet and sour schnapps in place of ordinary raspberry liquor.

As Halloween is a time to embrace unknown, dark-

to seize the ness of unfamiliarity by the hand and brazenly fraternize with it, let us raise our glasses to the supernatural, the dark, the mystical, and the misunderstood.



## Beer of the Week

BY DAVID BAUER  
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Red ales tend to suffer from some confusion because of their relatively new status and limited availability. Within recent years however, in San Diego County particularly, red ales have become increasingly popular and available. Last week we tried AleSmith's Evil Dead Red; this week we'll look at local red ale: Pizza Port's Shark Bite Red. Brewed and served at all three of Pizza Port's breweries, this delicious microbrew is also available in bottle and as a draft in some local bars. To understand what makes red ales different and unique first requires a little brewing background.

After a beer has been initially brewed, it enters into a stage of fermentation. At this point, the brewer adds (or "pitches" as it's called) yeast to the brew. This yeast converts sugars present in the brew into

## Pizza Port's Shark Bite Red

carbon dioxide and alcohol. The various types of yeast used, and the temperature it is done at, determine whether the beer will eventually become an ale or a lager. When brewers first began making beer they could only create ale. This is because ales are brewed in warm temperatures with top-fermenting yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) over a short period of time. As refrigeration was introduced and brewers learned to work with and manipulate yeast, lagers, which are brewed for longer periods of time in colder temperatures with bottom-fermenting yeast (*Saccharomyces uvarum*), became the most popular beers.

Red beers were created after the legalization of home brewing in 1976. Home brewers, trying new and innovative techniques, discovered that by using certain malts in the mash, they could create a beer with unique red, burgundy and amber hues. These beers, which usually contained car-

amel or roasted malts, have unique colors and flavors. These brews can be used to create both ales and lagers. Due to the popularity of red beers, some breweries have begun adding red dye to some beers and claiming that they are red beers. This practice detracts from the unique taste and innovative style of real red beers, giving them a bad name. Pizza Port's Shark Bite Red, on the other hand, is an excellent example of an excellent red beer.

The beer pours a burgundy red with a thin, fizzy, white head. The head generally fades fairly quickly leaving little sheets of lacing on the sides of the glass. As it pours you can also begin to smell the 9.2% alcohol by volume content in the beer's aroma. Brewed with Centennial and Cascade hops, it smells full and hoppy, but fully balanced with lots of rich malts and a hint of citrus. It's not particularly high in carbonation, but it also doesn't have an overly flat feel to it. This beer has a very sweet and toasty

malt taste. Like most San Diego ales however, it is also deliciously hoppy with a noticeable alcohol bite. Shark Attack Red is a very full-bodied beer with a bold mouth feel. Its aftertaste is nutty, spicy and hoppy. With such strong flavors and high alcohol content, however, it is definitely a red beer best enjoyed one or two at most in a session.

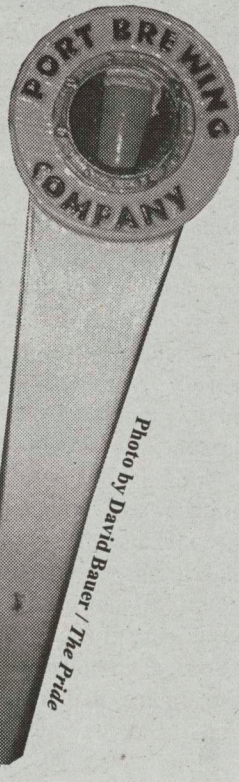


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## CD Review:

## Keep your "Eyes Open" for Snow Patrol

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It's rare when a band is able to grab a hold of your heart—onto the fragile strings of your emotional core—and run away with it. Snow Patrol does no less, in fact, much more than that. From Ireland, Snow Patrol isn't new to the scene. With their invigorating attitude, once again they open their mouths and aptitude for musical catharsis and dare listeners to become vulnerable.

"Eyes Open," the latest full-length to travel across the seas from the Celtic homeland, is as intimate as it is rock. Probably the best cut off the new record is "Chasing Cars." With its deep message, exquisite instrumentation, and brutal yet beautiful lyrics, "Chasing Cars" hushes my soul to ease, begging me to close my eyes and just let go. An honest and introspective love song, the breathtaking insight poured into the song offers the listener a ballad that embraces the essence of drama.



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Having spent the past two years on the road, traveling the globe amidst the splash of "Run," their prior anthem off the 2004 release "Final Straw," Snow Patrol spent much of 2005 recording "Eyes Open" along the Irish coastline. In a studio that allowed the members of Snow Patrol to awaken to waves crashing at the foot of the cliffs below them, Snow Patrol slowly breathed life into "Eyes Open," capturing the sensory effects of living on the edge of a cliff.

"Make This Go On Forever" is my next favorite track. The tempo of "Make This Go On Forever" paces and then drops off with a lone piano pounding away in the background, creating a feeling of a grandeur, sounding like the beginning of what could build into a one-song record. Gary Lightbody, vocalist and song-crafter for the five-piece band, empties so much grief into this song through his voice. It is truly moving. "Set the Fire to the Third Bar" projects a slight Sigur

Ros feeling within the vocals and ambient textures, but the building of the duet between Lightbody and Martha Wainwright is classic Snow Patrol: soft and piercing.

I am also very partial to the album's closer, "The Finish Line." Wrapping up the ten tracks with echoing Celtic vocals lingering above the breathy pauses, the vocals and song construction sound much more natural for Lightbody than some of the other tracks do, showcasing a more culturally native side of

Snow Patrol that isn't as prevalent in other releases. A song that feels patriotic in the sense that it's patriotic to Snow Patrol, "The Finish Line" contains crisp lyrics and layers upon layers of textured sound effects. A fitting end to a solid effort put forth by Snow Patrol, the album as a whole, "Eyes Open," will surely open your eyes to both a new and inspiring side of Snow Patrol, as well as the old and soothing side of Snow Patrol that many have grown to admire.

## Theater Review: "Wonder of the World"

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Admittedly, I found the disclaimer for the CSUSM Visual and Performing Arts Department's new production, "Wonder of the World," intriguing. A play at CSUSM with mature language and adult themes? Let me assure you it is not a caution, but a promise.

David Lindsay-Abaire's sometimes odd, sometimes touching writing propels this work to its climax with laughs to spare. This two-hour play directed by Katie Rodda is a delight and, with plenty of genuine, my-tummy-hurts laughs along the way, will leave you wondering where the time went. The story begins with the captivating scene of a woman packing. Cass, played by Jessica Swan, is leaving her life behind for a chance at a more exciting one. When her husband Kip (Aaron Kissinger) comes home early and surprises her, hints of marriage troubles surface and we're compelled to follow Cass through her journey.

Along her voyage, Cass meets—scratch that—barges her

way into the lives of strangers she comes across. She meets fellow-traveler, alcoholic, and sidekick, Lois (Bridget Henwood), curious couple Glen (Omar Yañez) and Karla (Celeste Dawn Beattie), the charming Captain Mike (Patrick Wenk-Wolff), and the strange, oddly-familiar marriage therapist,

Janie (Arielle Rosenbaum).

This funny, chaotic tale is driven by strong performances. Jessica Swan is wonderful in her naïve and alarmingly forward role as Cass. Whether its exclaiming to sidekick Lois, "Let's be lesbians!" or informing the captain of her boat tour that she would like

to have sex with him that evening, Swan's straightforward delivery lends credibility to Cass and punch to the laughs. Half the fun, though, is watching other characters react to her. Henwood, Kissinger, and Wenk-Wolff also provide stand-out performances as the characters that drive Cass to

action and question her "weird" qualities. When we finally find the many characters of "Wonder of the World" together in a room, the result is a dynamic explosion of personalities which can only be managed with, that's right, an episode of "The Newlyweds" game show. Without saying too much, rest assured this play will force you to look at Barbie heads in a disturbingly new way.

Writer Lindsay-Abaire weaves the stories of his characters together, leaving us to ponder the role of fate in our lives. Each character touches the life of the next without seeming to know it. It's unclear whether the "wonder" he speaks of is as tangible as Niagara Falls, or rather an idea about coincidences and their effects on our lives. Though there are plenty of laughs, the subtext of the play asks the more serious question of how we make decisions or let them be dictated for us.

"Wonder of the World" decidedly receives 5 paws and is well worth the \$5 student ticket price. See the play November 3-4, in Arts 111 at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door.



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