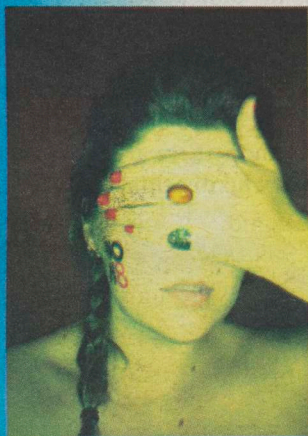




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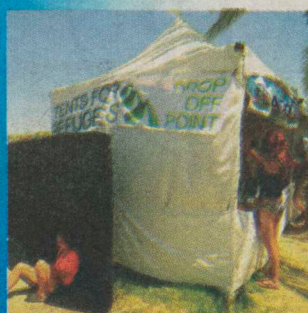
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## Newly elected ASI officials assert door is always open policy, please take advantage

BY MALLANE DRESSEL  
Pride Staff Writer

Only 834 students voted in the latest election for Associated Student Inc. offices during March 22-25.

The student body has many issues here on campus such as fighting for equality, and budget issues that ASI can directly have influence over. Within this corporation, they have devised a Government Relations Team that actually

travels to the capital to lobby for student issues and concerns. ASI is a resource that can challenge serious issues, and encourages students to do so.

The newly elected President of ASI Susanna Figueroa's statement reaffirms this concept, "We are always open to new suggestions. If you want us to rally with you, and stand in alliance with you, then let us know."

Figueroa, the student body's newly elected president, has been involved in ASI for the last two years working as a Social Events Coordinator her first year as a sophomore, and as a Programming Coordinator this last year, where she was a liaison between her boss, an administrator, and the other students that she worked with. She is hoping that the networking she acquired through holding these offices as well as the new board will help her "bridge the great divide between them and us," referring to the administration's relationship to the student board. She believes that the administration has the

student body's best interests in mind, and looks forward to relying on them for support during her presidency.

Weston Ryan, the newly elected Student Representative at Large, sees his acquired relations that he made through university and student organizations the last two years as useful in "making sure that the student body's voice is heard thoroughly and above all else" while he holds this office. Outlined in his duties

by ASI, is that he "shall seek out concerns, desires, and opinions of the general student body." He plans to fulfill this criterion by holding open forums to allow students to voice their concerns, and give suggestions and comments. Also, to make sure that the student body is aware of all the opportunities available through ASI.

In response to being asked

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Photo Courtesy of Susanna Figueroa



Photo Courtesy of Weston Ryan

## "So Away They Went" went away Student play cancelled on final two days

BY JAMES ROCHE  
Pride Staff Writer

The student play called "So Away They Went" was cancelled on its final two nights due to concerns of a lack of professionalism.

The play opened its curtains on April 8 and was due to run through until April 15 but was cancelled as the theatre department wanted to maintain a level of professionalism, something it felt was not given by the director, according to Cole Train, an actor in the play.

"Some of the scenes in our

play were not choreographed and there was some fear of harming each other and the audience. That was what I was told," said Train.

The production was written by CSUSM lecturer Ryan Pavelchick, who also has a play opening at La Jolla Playhouse in the fall, and was directed by Josh Chambers. The play was performed on campus in the Performance Hall, in Arts building, room 111 and tickets were free for students with a valid ID, according to a press release by the office of communications.

The plot of the play was

about the budget cuts, furloughs, and the frustrations of the students, Train said, and the students became frustrated with each other and not the system that was causing the problem. The play also dealt with the issue of frustration in that the source of the problem could not be touched.

Train felt even though the play was cancelled, the message behind it was important. He said, "After every show, we gave the audience some Q&A time to discuss issues regarding the play, furloughs, budget cuts, etc. The after-show discussions were fantas-

tic because that was the point of the show, to get people talking about the issues regarding our education.

"It's important to educate and empower the students to fight for their education and I think the play sent that message to a lot of people."

Train also said he felt that the play had an audience average of between 20 and 40 people. Ryan Pavelchick, the writer of the play said the play may be re-done for the fall or scenes of it may be taken to Sacramento with a group that is visiting the governor's office.

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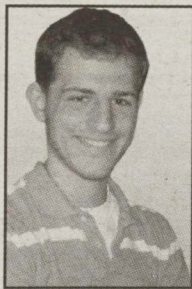
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# Bill of Rights

## Power to the nerds

BY BILL RHEIN  
Senior Staff Writer



The new trends in media and pop culture are all leaning towards activities considered "geeky" and "nerdy." Video games and comic books are at the front of this new wave, though they are doing it subtly.

Comic book characters have been subjects of films for years, such as Batman, the X-Men, Superman, and Spiderman. But recently, other characters with hand-drawn origins are hitting the big

screen.

This proliferation of less popular characters can be traced back to the Hellboy films and "Watchmen." Hollywood has just adapted two more stories, "Kick-Ass" and "The Losers" into film, and it looks like this will continue.

Filmmakers are dissolving the negative stereotype around comic books by exposing the population to these worlds. Another cult comic classic, the "Scott Pilgrim" series, has been made into a film that will come out this summer. The moviemakers are wisely tapping into the current fan base and the existing stories to pull in audiences.

I would also have a hard time arguing that video games are only for kids now. Video games, once confined to arcades, now have a grip on all demographics thanks to home consoles and computers. Game series' such as "Halo," "Call of Duty," and "Resident Evil" are responsible for keeping older players entertained, especially those who have grown up gaming.

I find it more surprising



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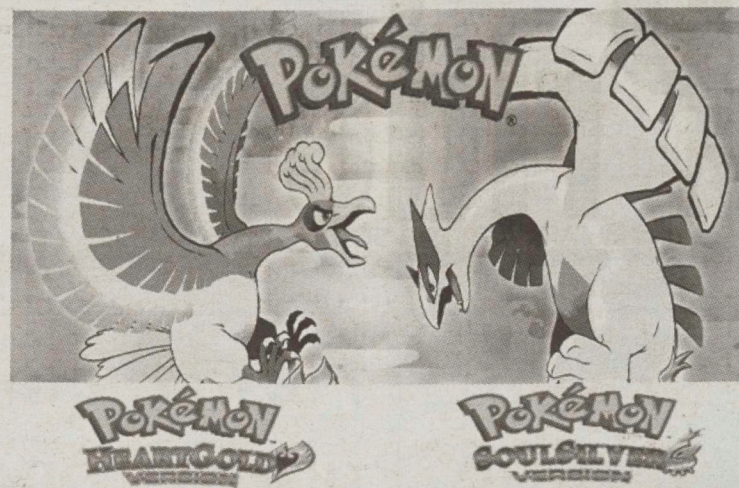


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that it is not just the mature-themed, violent shooter, car-stealing games that attract adults. I know more than a handful of my peers who still play the "Pokemon" games, or at least get excited by the release of a new game.

As a fan of all the aforementioned literature and entertainment, I think it is exciting to

see this shift. People who were outcasts for liking comic books and Warcraft no longer need to fear mockery as these mediums become accepted by popular culture. "Nerdy" activities are should not be the source of shame if a person enjoys it, and box office and video game sales show there are more than geeks who dig this stuff.



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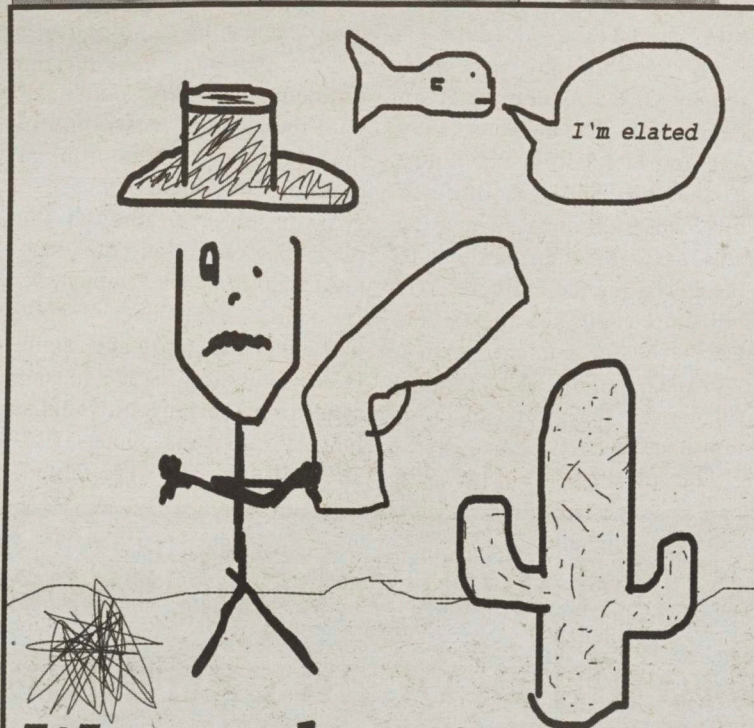
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# Hate crimes continue on campus

## One month on, campus police still need support

BY SARAH GADDIS  
Pride Staff Writer

It has been more than a month since the first hate crime and the university police responded to the latest violation on April 13. After the initial string of vandalisms that happened within one week, police didn't respond to a call concerning the hate crimes for about two weeks.

The latest message was once again in Markstein Hall. There have been a couple more since the last report on the hate crimes, but the Univer-

sity Police have decided not to release any new information about the string of offenses that have students, faculty, and staff responding. Since the first hate crime we have had multiple rallies and protests on campus. The police feel that revealing the information about the individual crimes will only "continue to pass on hate and fear when it may not be warranted."

The hate crimes are most often in a women's restroom on the first or second floor in Markstein Hall. In an inter-

view with Lt. McManus, University Police are very active in finding the person or group responsible for the crimes. "We are continuing to investigate, and following up on any and all leads." University Police appreciate any leads that any witnesses can provide and ask that if any person has any information on the crimes, to please contact the police or report it on sdcrimestoppers.com. Crimes of this nature are sometimes the most difficult to solve because of the secrecy surrounding them.

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about student's complaints about events or issues not being fully represented, Figueroa said, "It's hard to push the educational factor. I'm exhausted trying to find creative ways to reach out to students because these are hard times. If students want something, that's something that the board and I need to know." She has a very "door is always open" policy, and an up front attitude that is expressed through her statement, "I will be honest and say if we can attain it, or see if we can work through it."

Figueroa believes that more change can occur if the communication lines between the student body and the board are more open. The purpose of this corporation, as stated on their website, is to "express student opinions,

foster awareness of student issues, protect the rights and interests of students, and deliver programs which promote a campus climate that meets the educational, social, and cultural well-being of all students."

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# Police Beat

## April 20

April 10th 10:15pm -

University Police arrest non-student David Hill, 49 for driving under the influence. Officers stopped Hill for a traffic violation. Officers took Hill to county jail.

April 11th 2:15am -

University Police respond to a call at University Village Apartments. Officers arrest non-student Benjamin Anderson for being drunk in public. When officers arrived, Anderson was found passed out on the couch in the Community Center.

April 11th 2:15am -

University Police take student Sean McQuaid, 18 into custody for being drunk in public outside of the University Village Apartments.

April 11th 3-6pm

University Police respond to a call that someone damaged a female student's vehicle. Owner called in the report on the 12th, but crime took place between 3-6pm on the 11th. The cost of

damages is approximately \$750 and is a felony if police catch the suspect.

April 12th 7:30pm -

Officers stop student Michael Vorwerck, 19 for a traffic violation, riding his bike on the wrong side of the road. Officers discover a false ID on Vorwerck and when asked, Vorwerck lied about his identity. Officers issued Vorwerck a misdemeanor.

April 13th 2:15am -

University police respond to call from University Village Apartments about a student passing out from alcohol. Paramedics arrive and they transfer a female, 18, to Palomar Hospital.



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# How to survive apartment hunting

## The do's and don'ts on finding the perfect place

BY KATRINA KISTLER  
Pride Staff Writer

Finding a place to live is important for any students, but can be a difficult, time-consuming, and sometimes just a plain old headache. Learning affective strategies in how to search for an apartment, condominium, or house to live in could make any students life a little easier in a high-stress atmosphere.

Most students have the challenging aspect of moving when they are accepted to college, while others students do not change their living arrangements. Here at CSUSM we have a wide variety of students living on campus, living off campus, and commuting from large distances away. Whatever a student's living arrangements are within college it is something that changes while students advance into adulthood.

**DO: Plan ahead, details are important**

According to apartment-

mentreviews.net one of the first things students can do is get an idea of what type of place they are interested in, having a backyard, types of flooring, washer/dryer included, pets or no pets, how many bathrooms, garage space and the list could be endless. Understanding that each detail uncovered could make the search easier or more difficult depending on if the requirements are available. Once they have their requirements in mind, searching for numerous places, either online or in the local newspaper is key to finding the right place.

**DO: Schedule a walk through**

Apartmentreviews.net also suggests that once a few places have been selected, students should contact the landlord or leasing agency in order to schedule a walk-through. Finding a place that matches all the desired emminites students before committing should invest in doing a care-

ful walk through to look or repairs, improvements and questions about the location. Certain apartment complexes have noise restrictions, parking restrictions, and other regulations that students should investigate during the walk through.

**DON'T: Don't be shy to ask questions**

Most apartments required at least a six to 12 month lease, so asking questions early before committing will be a benefit so there are no surprise fees or confusion on the lease agreement.

**DON'T: Don't forget to bring important documents**

Bringing things like a credit check, resume, or pay stubs/ tax returns are documents generally asked for. After giving documents like this to a landlord or leasing agents it helps to be prepared. Many landlords/ leasing agents will want to verify a student's references so calling these references beforehand

informing them of these incoming calls could benefit a student's success while searching. As students, many of us may not have a long enough or good enough credit history to be a sole signer to an apartment, a co-signer may be required, so investigate credit history and talk to parents or close friends about having a possible co-signer.

**DO: Talk to the neighbors**

Sometimes the realtor or landlord really just wants to push the sale, getting an unbiased opinion really matters when committing to the possible perfect place and talking to the neighbors offers a second opinion about the neighborhood. Apartmentreviews.net recommends that meeting the neighbors is an aspect a student must consider, since sharing walls with neighbors may affect a student's living choices. When talking to neighbors, students can find out about how neighbors feel about noise, if they are friendly, and what they like about the neighborhood.

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# Campus community unites for equality

## NOH8 campaign promotes end to discrimination

BY AMY SALISBURY  
Editor-in-Chief

Cal State San Marcos students rallied against hate last Tuesday and Wednesday through the NOH8 campaign, a photographic protest against the passing of last year's Prop 8 which banned same-sex marriages in California.

NOH8 photographs supporters of the campaign with trademarked facepaint designs, duct taped mouths, and white shirts to promote a silent, non-violent protest against discrimination. Celeb-

rity photographer Adam Bouska is NOH8's official photographer.

According to NOH8's official website, "The campaign began with portraits of everyday Californians from all walks of life and soon rose to include politicians, military personnel, newlyweds, law enforcement, artists, celebrities, and many more."

Amanda Riley, ASI member and supporter of LGBTQ, attended the photoshoot that took place on campus Wednesday.

"It's a good campaign and could mean more to campus than just aware-

ness for Prop 8," Riley said.

Riley believes NOH8 has the potential to contribute to progress on campus in light of the recent hate crimes.

Senior Mila Pantovich also participated in the photoshoot and openly shared her support of NOH8.

"There's no reason to discriminate against anybody," Pantovich said in response to all forms of social discrimination. She said, "It's easy for anyone to get involved," and urges students to take part.

For more information on NOH8, visit The Pride Center in Commons 201.



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# Ending the semester on a healthy note

BY KATRINA KISTLER  
Pride Staff Writer

The "Road to Wellness" fair is coming up on April 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Clarke Field house.

For students, health and wellness is a prominent issue. The Road to Wellness Fair includes health information, special guest demonstrations, and free food and snacks. Students who are interested in bettering their health here at CSUSM should consider starting or continuing to

be active; more information about becoming active will be at the fair.

Being a physically active young adult, according to the National Institute of Health, "is linked to a higher IQ...The researchers also showed that fitness predicts greater educational and professional achievements later in life." With that said, working out could be an effective way for students to stay healthy and get ahead in classes here at CSUSM.

Finding a reliable and steady workout plan that is affective, for students, can

be a struggle. Brian Smith, CSUSM's Head Athletic Trainer, Adjunct Professor, and CATA Region 6 Director, said, "Depending on what the student's goals are, a regular work out plan that burns off more calories than he or she is taking in is a start," such as swimming, biking, running, utilization of The Clarke weight room/exercise classes."

Once a student finds that workout plan that is effective, keeping up with this plan several times a week is important. Smith has found that staying active "is important because studies have shown that exercise is a great stress reliever. If you are exercising regularly, you are establishing a great foundation for your later years of life."

Smith also suggested for students who are looking to stay active on campus to "use the stairs instead of using the elevator. Instead of driving around for twenty minutes finding a close parking spot,

park in the far lots and walk. Utilize the Clarke weight room and cardio classes. Look into a Campus Recreation outing." Any of these suggestions could be beneficial for any student looking to lose a little weight, continue staying fit, or even being active.

With the semester ending, students looking for relief from stress to the Field House might just be the key to their success, and it will even better their health.

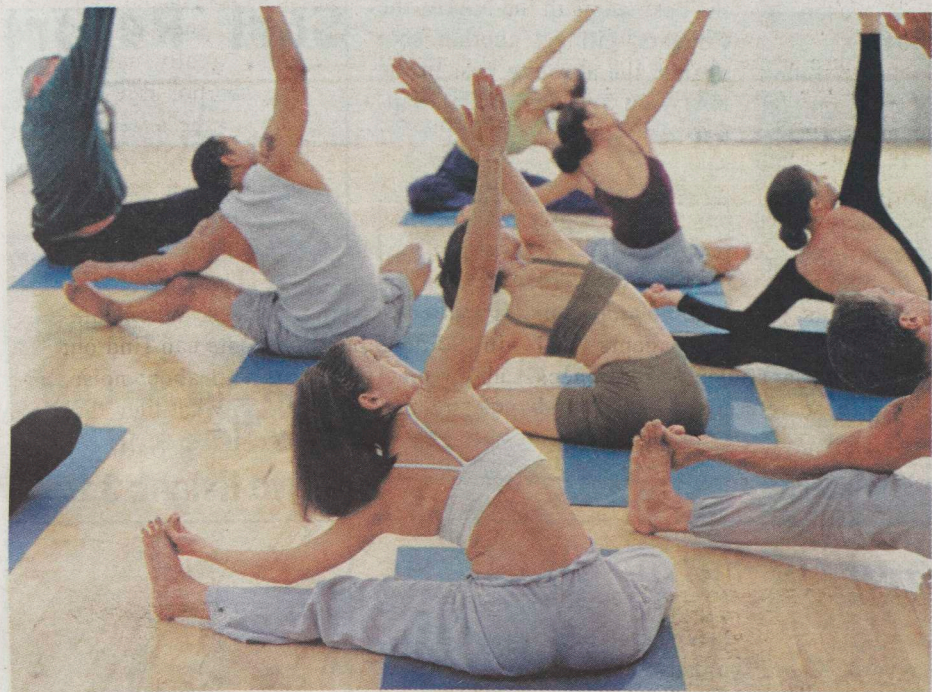


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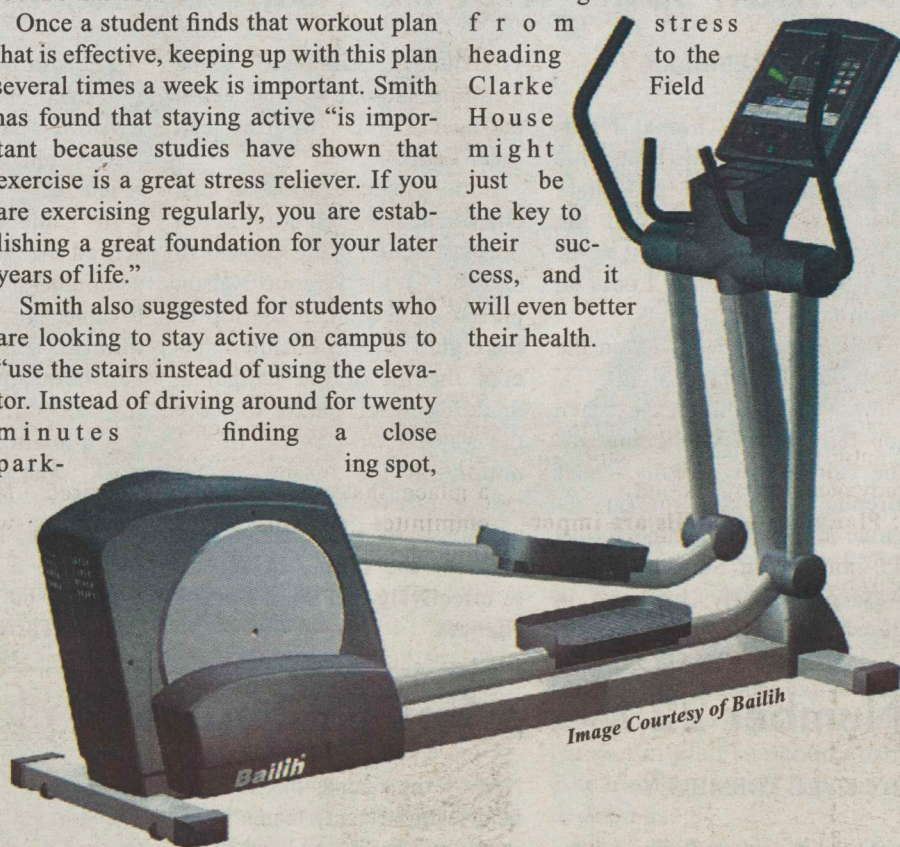


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## Eco friendly suggestions

BY KATRINA KISTLER  
Pride Staff Writer

Earth Day is a day where students alike look for ways to go greener. Earth Day is on April 22, 2010, in which millions of people appreciate the wonderful gifts Mother Nature has provided.

Here on campus, ASI invites students to come join during University hour (12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.) to save the earth one step at a time, while enjoying free food, and great alternatives to go green. Along with this event,

there are numerous other ways students can go green on Earth Day.

Students who are looking to become more "eco-friendly" should consider biking as an opinion to get around. Not only will students get exercise, it is also a good way to release stress. Along with biking, students can consider carpooling to school, which will save money on gas and help to create fewer cars on the road to emit carbon emissions.

Another way for students to go green is purchasing eco friendly products. There are many products

available for a consumer, such as clothing. A shirt called "Teach Tank Top" from Mission Playground is 100% organic cotton and at a reasonable price of \$15.00 dollars. Another product students can use that is high tech is a solar powered cooler. It is available from amazon.com and is a leak-proof cooler with two amplified speakers and various power adapters for charging all those favorite toys, which makes this solar-powered backpack worthwhile.

Students can also purchase school supplies that are eco friendly. *EcoJot* provides notebooks with original patterns printed with veggie based inks on 100% postindustrial waste. Prices for the notebooks range from \$8.05-\$11.95 and for more information see

barnesandnoble.com.

Students who are also looking to go green should consider buying their perishables at a local farmers market. Here on campus every Wednesday students can go from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in Parking Lot B to purchase "eco-friendly" goods.

Finally, students who are trying to go green can consider conserving energy by turning off their appliances, heater/air conditioner, and lights while they are not in use. This will help students to save money, become more energy efficient, and lower their consumption.

Earth Day is a day for students to reduce their global impact and save the environment. Thanks to global consciousness, going green becomes easier by the day.



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## Across the board in Sports

## Softball splits with #5 Point Loma, finishes season series 3-1

BY KYLE TREMBLEY

Facing Point Loma Nazarene for the final time this season, #13-ranked Cal State San Marcos softball and the #5-ranked Sea Lions split a pair of 1-0 games at Point Loma on Saturday.

CSUSM is now 32-12 on the year. Point Loma is 24-12.

As is often the case when top-15 teams play, pitching was the story. NAIA wins leader Brenna Sandberg was on her game and on the mound for all 15 innings on Saturday. She was particularly brilliant in game one, tossing a 2-hit,

11-strikeout, complete game 8-inning shutout to once again out-duel PLNU All-American Tyler Lent.

Both pitchers allowed just one hit in the regulation seven innings, sending the contest to extras. With Lauren Nelson placed on second in the top of the eighth, Shanti Poston delivered the hit of the ballgame, doubling to left-center to score the game's first run. In the bottom of the inning, center fielder Elizabeth Bush caught a line drive and alertly doubled off the runner at second to effectively end Point Loma's chances.

The win makes Sandberg the first-ever 30-game winner for CSUSM softball, and the first NAIA pitcher this season to reach 30.

In game two, Point Loma scored in the first inning on a double-steal and was able to hold the lead for all seven innings. Sandberg certainly kept her team in the game, locking down the Sea Lions' offense and allowing just 3 hits and 1 walk. She struck out two batters.

CSUSM had its chances, recording 5 hits and drawing 3 walks, but Sea Lions starter Hannah Faria worked through it

to complete the shutout. Nelson had two hits in the losing effort.

While Point Loma is one of the best teams in the NAIA, the Cougars will get another shot against the absolute best in the NAIA on Tuesday at Cal Baptist.

## GAME ONE

#13 CSU San Marcos - 1  
#5 Point Loma - 0 (8 innings)

## GAME TWO

#13 CSU San Marcos - 0  
#5 Point Loma - 1

## Number 22 Men's Golf finishes fourth place at UC Ferguson Classic

BY KYLE TREMBLEY

In what is potentially a very important result, #22-ranked CSUSM men's golf finished a strong fourth place at the U.C. Ferguson Classic, which wrapped up play on Tuesday.

The three-round tournament, hosted by Oklahoma City University, was played at Lincoln Park Golf Course over the course of two days. Featuring many of the

NAIA's top teams, the 16-team field featured many teams heading to and hoping to head to the NAIA National Championships. The host school won the event with a team score of 848.

With a total of 885, CSUSM placed fourth behind only #1 Oklahoma City, #2 Oklahoma Christian, and #9 Southern Nazarene. After rounds of 291 and 295 on Monday, the squad shot in that same range on Tuesday with

a 299.

Leading the way was Marco Gomez, whose clutch final round of +1 (72) helped CSUSM as a team hold off fifth-place Oklahoma City Black, who shot 887. Gomez finished tied for 12<sup>th</sup> place with a three-round total of 218.

Tyler Hurt and Adam Loran tied for second on the team and 19<sup>th</sup> in the field., shooting 222 for the tournament. Loran, who led

the team on day one, shot a final round 78, while Hurst shot 76 on Tuesday.

Next on the team was Robert Nicanor, who finished in 43<sup>rd</sup> with a score of 233. Shezad Lakdawala rounded out the squad with a score of 237, tying him for 52<sup>nd</sup>.

Cougar men's golf will compete in the Conference Championship in two weeks as they look to earn their way to Nationals.

## Baseball completes season sweep of San Diego Christian College

BY KYLE TREMBLEY

Playing at Escondido High School for what may be the last time in program history, Cougar baseball completed a three-game season sweep of San Diego Christian on Tuesday with a 14-7 win.

CSUSM, ranked #3 among independent schools in this week's NAIA poll, improves

to 26-11-1 this season. SDC falls to 6-26.

Kyle Secciani was the Cougars' star for the day, going 4-for-6 with a pair of home runs and a career-high 6 RBI. He played a key role in building a nice early lead for the Cougars with a first-inning double and a fourth-inning two run homer, and played a key role in securing the game

late with another two-run shot in the eighth.

Also contributing on offense were Josh Miller, who had a home run and 2 RBI; Omar Manzanarez, who was 3-for-3 with 4 RBI; and Mike Pena, who had a pair of clutch base hits and an RBI.

On the mound, CSUSM got strong middle relief work from Auggie Richardson and

Kyle Smart, who combined to throw 2 2/3 innings and allow one run. Shortstop Johnny Omahen made another appearance on the mound, closing out the contest with a scoreless ninth. Omahen also scored a pair of runs on offense.

CSUSM will be on the road this Friday and Saturday as they travel up north to face Bethany and Patten.

## Baseball Falls 15-2 at Biola

BY KYLE TREMBLEY

A week after earning a hard-fought 11-8 win at Biola University, Cougar baseball faced stiff retaliation on Monday in a 15-2 loss.

CSUSM falls to 29-13-1 on the year. Biola improves to

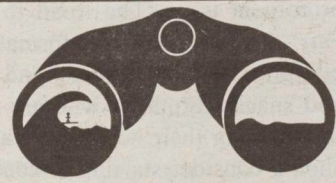
22-16.

The Eagles got on the board early and never let up, scoring at least one run in each of the game's first seven innings and recording 22 hits in the process. All six Cougar pitchers allowed at least one earned run, with starter Ricky Chavarria taking

the loss.

CSUSM got its runs in the eighth inning, with Ricardo Moran singling home Omar Manzanarez followed by Patrick Gray doubling home Moran. For the game, Manzanarez and Mike Pena had two base hits each.

The Cougars will look to regroup as they finish out the regular season and head towards the A.I.I. Conference Tournament in a road game at Chapman this Friday. The team's final regular season game will be at Poway High School against Azusa Pacific next Monday.



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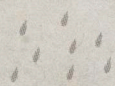
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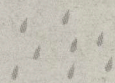
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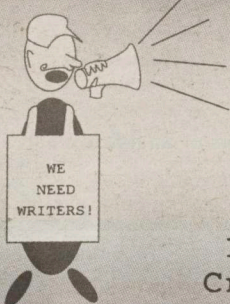
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# Coachella Festival gives back

## Tents for Refugees collects donations for Haiti

BY BEN ROFFEE  
News Editor

After 3-days of record breaking Coachella action, festival goers were given a special opportunity to give something back this year-their tents. Tents for Refugees teamed up with Shimon Presents and the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival this past weekend to seek donations of camping supplies for the hundreds of thousands of displaced Haitians.

The weekend long event marks the the start of a series of similar events that will solicit donations of tents and camping supplies at music events that offer high volume camping.

The roundup of tents and camping supplies comes in response to calls from aid groups who are urgently preparing the islands massive

refugee populaiton to weather the upcoming hurricane season.

Though the majority of campers vacate the grounds late Sunday evening or Monday morning, Tents for Refugees was open for donations all weekend long. Volunteers from the program indicated that several tents had been collected well before the festival's end, largely due to early departures by some campers.

"We've seen a lot of people come through here that had flights to catch or work in the morning," said one volunteer. "We've been out here all weekend so anybody that has to leave early has a chance to make a donation. Every donation makes a difference and we were glad to see that some folks managed to donate before the weekend was even over."

Strategically placed near



Photo by Ben Roffee

the heavily trafficked main entrance to the festival, the drop off point for tents

was attached to the main information booth, helping the program gain considerable exposure throughout the weekend.

By early Monday morning outgoing campers had already begun to form a sizable line at the booth. While the focus of the project is tent donations, many in line offered sleeping bags, cookware, flashlights, foam pads, and the like, most of which Tents for Refugees readily accepted.

"This is the only weekend all year I ever camp and we couldn't donate our tent because we borrowed it, but my group had some stuff that we really don't need so we figured we might as well give something," said Leah Scott.

Shimon Presents stated in a press release last week, "Many people buy tents before a festival and never use them again. Now, there is a chance to help someone in need by turning them in at the end of the weekend."

Liam Clarke, a 22 year old attendee from the UK, was one such individual. "I flew out here a few days early

to buy up a tent and some camping gear thinking I might sell it or give it away after the festival. It's a great cause and can't bring the stuff back with me so I'm glad somebody can take it off my hands and put it to good use."

Liam was one of many foreign Coachella patrons unable to bring home their weekend gear and eager to donate. However, other festival goers with shorter distances to travel were simply trying to free up some extra room for the ride home.

"I rode the whole way here with my luggage in my lap, you better believe I'm happy to ditch the tent for a little extra trunk space," said Willy Ramos.

Organizers could not yet provide an official estimate of how many tents had been gathered as collections were set to continue well into the afternoon. The project will continue next weekend at Coachella's country-music counterpart, Stagecoach Festival. More information on the project can be found at [www.ahomeinhaiti.org](http://www.ahomeinhaiti.org).

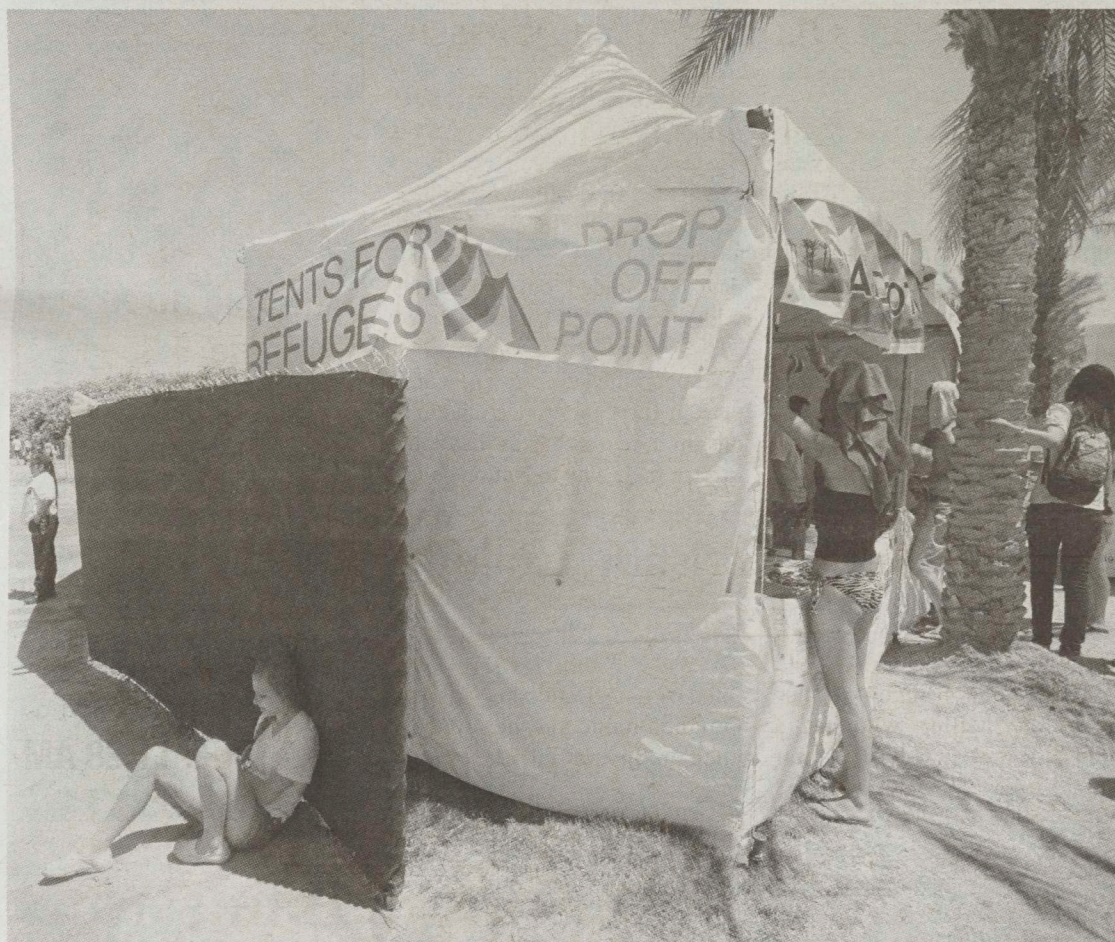


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# Coming to theaters

BY BILL RHEIN  
Senior Staff Writer

Limited Releases  
**The Secret in Their Eyes**  
Starring Ricardo Darin and Soledad Villamil  
Directed by Juan Jose Campanella

This Argentina import won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. The story follows an retired investigator who settles down to write a book on an troubling unsolved case.

**Exit Through the Gift Shop**  
Starring Banksy and Thierry Guetta  
Directed by Banksy

"Gift Shop" is a slick documentary investigating the proliferation of street art. This hit at the Sundance Film Festival is a unique story made by the actual artists.

**The Joneses**  
Starring David Duchovny and Demi Moore  
Directed by Derrick Borte

This concept comedy puts a modern twist on the films about gated communities. Duchovny and Moore play a married couple who live a normal suburban life, but are actually uncover marketing strategists investigating their new neighborhood.

**The City of Your Final Destination**  
Starring Anthony Hopkins and Omar Metwally  
Directed by James Ivory

Metwally plays an investigative writer struggling with his latest biography. He travels to Uruguay

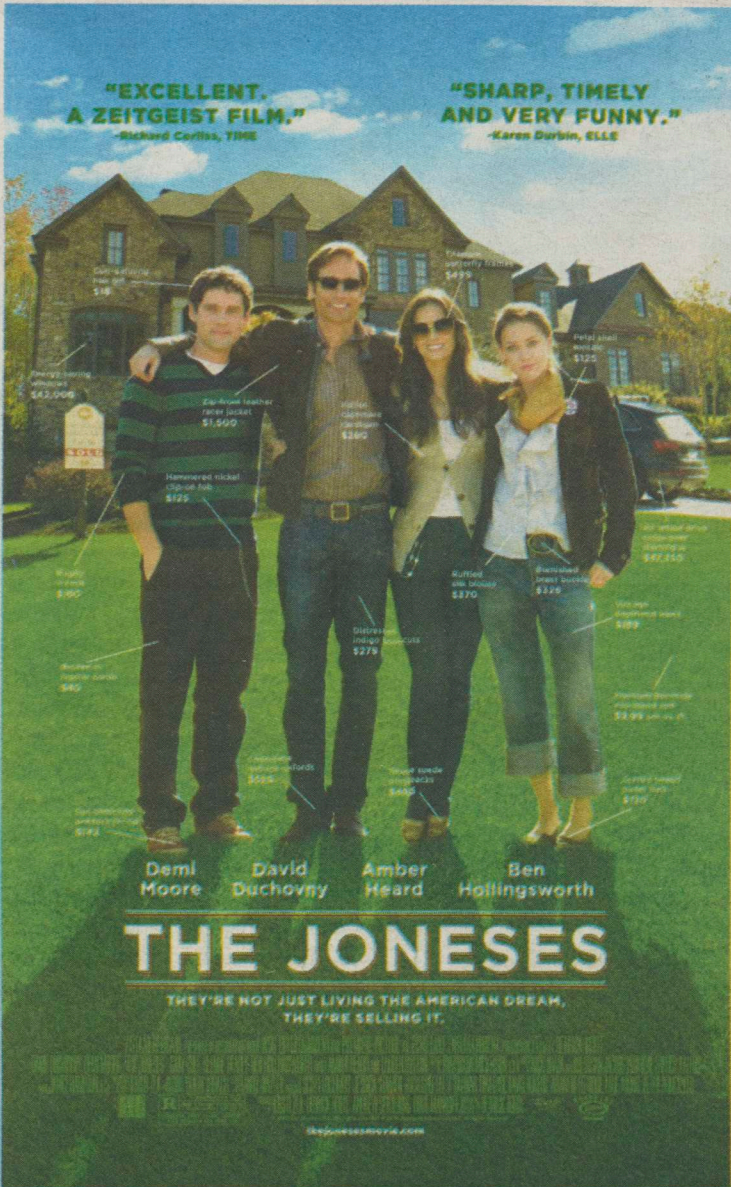


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to get more information for the piece from family of the late author he is writing about in this casual drama.

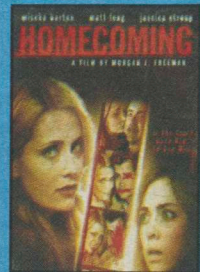
**The Perfect Game**  
Starring Cheech Marin and Clifton Collins Jr.

Directed by William Dear  
This is baseball flick, based on real life, follows a Mexican Little League team in the late 1950s. Famed comedian Marin stars in this family film about the teams quest to win the Little League championship.

# DROPPING: DVD RELEASES

By Bill Rhein /Senior Staff Writer

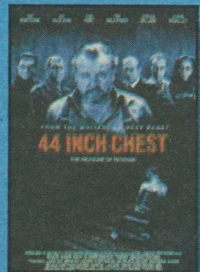
Tuesday, Apr. 20



**"HOMECOMING"**  
Mischa Barton stars in this horror thriller about a ex-girlfriend who seeks revenge when her former lover falls for a new woman. The problems with this film are the dull acting and the predictable story that steals from many other great thrillers.  
Rotten Tomatoes: 0/100  
Internet Movie Database: 5.1/10

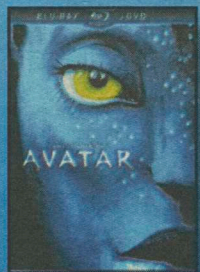


**"PRESSURE COOKER"**  
This film released in theaters last spring finally makes its DVD debut. This story of students competing for scholarships into culinary schools was highly praised and is definitely worth seeing.  
Rotten Tomatoes: 89/100  
Internet Movie Database: 7.3/10



**"44 INCH CHEST"**  
This film combines Ray Winstone with the screenwriting crew he worked with in "Sexy Beast." Though this film is not as strong as "Beast," it is still a gritty and dark tale of kidnapping and affairs the might be worth a rental.  
Rotten Tomatoes: 40/100  
Internet Movie Database: 6.0/10

Thursday, Apr. 22



**"AVATAR"**  
"Avatar" did not have the most original story, but it was a fun ride and a visual masterpiece. James Cameron's epic now faces the challenge of transitioning to smaller and non-3D screens, which was the feature that made it the highest grossing film of all time.  
Rotten Tomatoes: 82/100  
Internet Movie Database: 8.4/10

Rotten Tomatoes scores are based on a percentage of critics who liked the film and are found on rottetomatoes.com.  
Internet Movie Database scores are based on the average rating of voters on imdb.com.

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# Student driven media festival now accepting submissions

BY SANDRA CHALMERS  
Editor-in-Chief

VPA, Communications, and the Mass Media department are working together to bring the 5th annual Student Media Festival on May 7.

The Student Media Festival brings together students from all different departments into one festival that celebrates student creativity through film.

Last year, more than 60 short films were submitted while only 12 were chosen to be part of the official selection to be screened and available for the award ceremony. The selection process this year takes place on April 30 after the submission deadline. The jury, composed of alumni, student, and professor judges, discuss each film and its quality, according to its genre and vote unanimously on which films deserve to

be screened at the festival.

The jury has yet to be announced.

The submission deadline is April 30 at 5pm and work can be turned in at Arts 239 or the Daniels Communication Lab in ACD 403.

"The way it comes down is that it becomes an art based discussion," said Jonathon Berman, a current Mass Media professor and contributor to the Student Media Festival.

"We analyze the intent of the director, the theme of the film and we judge it according to its call and the films genre, its not a popularity contest, it's about the work."

Awards and prizes are given accordingly in categories, including Best Social Justice Project, COAS Dean's Special Jury Prize, Best Experimental/Performance work, Best Narrative, Best Documentary and an exclusive award

for audience favorite.

Prizes in the past have included gift cards from various retailers and even cash prizes. This year's prizes have yet to be announced.

"The 21st century unites us as viewers. Everyone is making videos," continued Berman, noting that this film festival is not limited to only certain departments but also includes the science department, Literature and Writing Studies and all other departments that may have film work to submit.

"It's a celebration of creative work from all departments."

A detailed description of criteria for film submissions can be found by downloading the submissions form at www.csusm.edu/communications

At last year's festival, films held a wide range of topics including following the life of an injured Camp Pendleton marine, a college

student coming to terms with her sexuality, and the story of a harrowing journey of crossing the border, according to the recent press release.

"We don't censor the films," said Berman. "Each film is like opening a business; you create your own rules."

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Berman continues to discuss that there are no particular rules on censoring films, only that each film should follow the rules of its genre and asking questions such as "is the project true to its own mission?"



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