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Campus switches from Coke to Pepsi

The first ever, exclusive soda provider for Cal State San Marcos campus

JESSIE GAMBRELL
STAFF WRITER

There has been a big change in the beverage department at Cal State San Marcos. Previously our campus provided a variety of brands of beverages, but now, through an agreement between University Auxiliary and Research Services Corporation (UARSC) and PepsiCo, our school has accepted PepsiCo as our sole beverage provider.

"Just the minor improvements have made a huge difference," UARSC Executive Director Dora Knoblock said.

UARSC is the administrative services for all dining and beverage services at CSUSM: catering, the



Big Cat market, vending machines, Starbucks, and bookstore and university store.

UARSC also provides support to the other four auxiliaries on campus.

The decision will greatly benefit the school and students financially because

PepsiCo has a better sustainability program for our recycling record and funding for our university.

"It is a positive

new program that will benefit our students," Knoblock said.

All over the campus, the beverage departments have received makeovers. The vending machines have a new look and are more technologically advanced in that they now accept debit and credit cards.

"The vending machines are more modern, and I really like the Pepsi products better," freshman Koresh Dashtizadeh said.

The beverage switch to PepsiCo is cheaper in the stores, but costs an extra 25 cents in the vending machines.

The new soda change features Pepsi, Dr. Pepper, Mountain Dew, Sierra Mist, Crush, Aquafina, SoBe, Lipton, Gatorade, AMP and Rockstar. They can be found not only in the vending machines, but also in the soda

Pepsi continued on 2.

Copyright infringement, intellectual property theft brought to Congress

KRISTIN MELODY
STAFF WRITER

Recent protests online by websites and individuals have caused Congress to delay the vote regarding internet privacy and intellectual property rights.

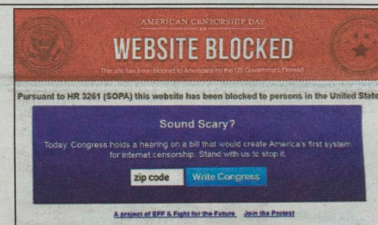
The two major acts in the spotlight are the U.S. House of Representatives' Stop On-

line Piracy Act (SOPA) and the U.S. Senate's Preventing Real Online Threats to Economic Creativity and Theft of Intellectual Property Act (PIPA).

SOPA seeks to take legal action or shut down "U.S.-directed foreign Internet site[s] committing or facilitating online piracy... including criminal copyright infringement,

unauthorized fixation and trafficking of sound recordings or videos of live musical performances, the recording of exhibited motion pictures, or trafficking in counterfeit labels, goods, or services" the bill summary states.

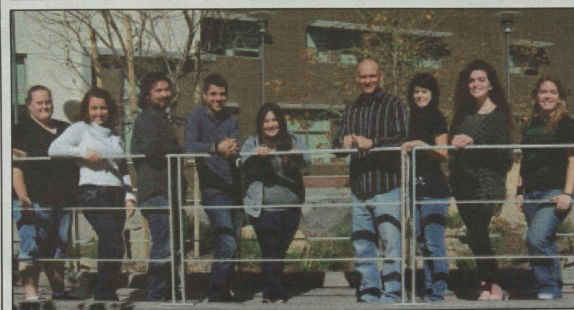
The due course of action available to the Attorney General is to censor the web-



site that commits copyright infringement rather than remove the infringed material

and allow the website to continue to function.

Congress continued on 2.



Left to right: Morgan Hall, Jessie Gambrell, Chris Giancamilli, Kyle M. Johnson, Melissa Martinez, Rogers Jaffarian, Ashley Day, Amy Salisbury, Kristin Melody. Not photographed: Alex Franco.

Editor's Note: New year, new name

ASHLEY DAY
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Hello CSUSM students, staff, faculty and supporters. You are currently reading the new official university newspaper, The Cougar Chronicle, formerly known as The Pride.

Last semester, our staff decided the name The Pride did not fit the current message of the university. We wanted to represent multiple aspects

of the student body and improve readership. The Cougar Chronicle plans to cover different classes, clubs, student organizations, professors and events throughout the semester. By doing so, students can become aware of the social and educational services our campus offers.

The name The Cougar Chronicle serves the student body better because it includes our mascot name. We are the Cal State San Mar-

cos Cougars, so our student newspaper should include our mascot's identity. The staff decided on the word "chronicle" because we publish bi-weekly, not daily or weekly.

The Cougar Chronicle wants to report on the important parts of college life, so if you have an event or story related to CSUSM contact us at csusm.cougarchronicle@gmail.com.

In Memoriam Professor Radhika Ramamurthi

A member of the CSUSM community, Professor Radhika Ramamurthi, passed away on Friday after a long and brave struggle with cancer.

Professor Ramamurthi joined CSUSM in 2002 as a faculty member in Mathematics, where she was the model of a true teacher-scholar. She brought to the classroom a dedication to the success of her students and the beauty of mathematics. She believed deeply in the transformational power of education, and she spent many hours encouraging students to pursue mathematical study as the faculty advisor of the Hypatians, a Mentoring Program for Women in

Mathematics at CSUSM. Professor Ramamurthi's commitment to scholarship was evident in her own work, and throughout her years as Faculty Center Director, where she made it her mission to increase research opportunities for faculty. Her infectious laugh and smile are legend across campus and will be greatly missed by all who experienced the joy of knowing and working with her. She is survived by her husband, Professor Andre Kundgen, and a daughter, Mira.

A memorial event is being planned and details will be announced when they are available.

FIVE DAY FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
High: 65 Low: 38	High: 75 Low: 40	High: 76 Low: 42	High: 76 Low: 42	High: 73 Low: 44

A rematch for the ages: Super Bowl XLVI Preview

ALEX FRANCO
STAFF WRITER

After what has been a season to remember, the 2011 NFL season will culminate in Indianapolis with Super Bowl XLVI. With the season full of prolific passers leading their teams to victory and breaking records left and right, it's no wonder that this year's Big Game will feature two of the league's best quarterbacks when Eli Manning's NY Giants (9-7) representing the NFC take on Tom Brady's New England Patriots (13-3) of the AFC.

The Giants, largely

considered the hottest team entering the playoffs as the fourth seeded team, beat the Atlanta Falcons in the NFC wild card round, the Green Bay Packers in the divisional round, and finally the

San Francisco 49ers in the conference championship to reach their fifth Super Bowl in franchise history, winning three of their previous four appearances.

The Patriots will be making their seventh super bowl appearance, their fifth appearance since 2001, winning three out of the six. Tom

Brady of The Patriots will

be looking to win his fourth Super Bowl ring and solidify his hall of fame status in football lore; with a win next Sunday, he will surpass Joe Montana as the quarterback with the most playoff victories with 17. Eli Manning is also looking for his second Super Bowl title, and could become the Manning brother with the most Super Bowl titles with a win against the Pats.

This isn't the first time these two quarterbacks have met in the league's title game, the two teams met four years ago in Super Bowl XLII, where Giants upset the Patriots, 17-14 and thwarted New England's run at a perfect season. If history tells us anything, then the Patriots should come out champions. In their last super bowl meeting, the Patriots' loss to the Giants after already beating them earlier in the regular season. This year they met again in the regular season with the

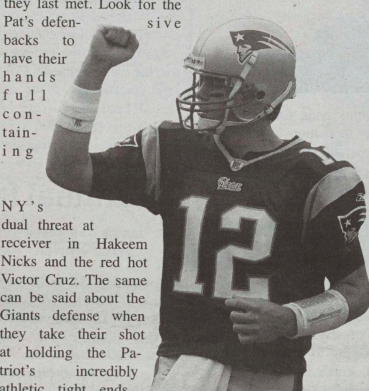
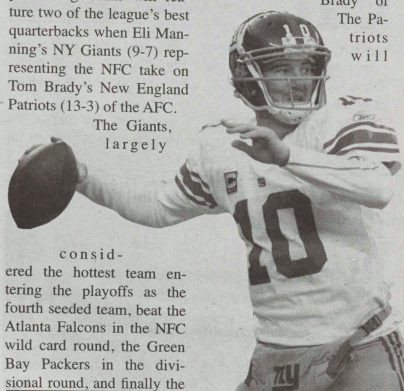
giants coming out the victors in that meeting meaning the patriots should prevail.

The Patriots are three point favorites in the Las Vegas line. This is not surprising considering these two high power offenses have the potential to put up points in bunches and should go down to the wire, as it did when they last met. Look for the Pat's defensive backs to have their hands full containing

Aaron Hernandez and Rob Gronkowski.

The Patriots look to avenge their super bowl loss this time around when they meet Feb. 5 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, ID. Game time is scheduled for 3:39 p.m. Sunday night and can be seen on NBC.

Photos courtesy of sportsfanatic.org



VOTE ON FACEBOOK

Like us on Facebook and answer our poll question of the week.

Question: Who do you think will win the 2012 Super Bowl?

- ☐ New York Giants
- ☐ New England Patriots

Voting ends Feb. 5, at noon.

SCORE REPORT

1/26 Men's Basketball v.s. Azusa.

L 73 88

1/28 Men's Basketball v.s. Arizona Christian.

W 73 41

1/28 Women's Basketball v.s. Chapman University.

W 66 60

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

Thursday, Feb. 2.
Men's Basketball takes on Fresno Pacific at Mira Costa College at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 3.
Baseball plays Menlo on the CSUSM field at 2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4.
Baseball plays Menlo again on the CSUSM field at 11 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 5.
Men's Golf participates in the 13th Annual CSUSM Cougar Invite at Lake San Marcos Golf Course. The event goes to Tuesday, Feb. 7. Time TBD.

Saturday, Feb. 11.
Women's Basketball faces off against La Sierra University at Mira Costa College, 7:30 p.m.

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Women's Basketball Record

12 W -13L

5 games left



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Women's Cross Country to be honored by Hall of Champions

BRETT CAMPFIELD
CONTRIBUTOR

The Cal State San Marcos Cougars women's cross country team, winners of three consecutive NAIA National Titles, will join Olympic Gold Medalist Shaun White and NFL Pro-Bowler Arian Foster, along with many other standouts from the professional and amateur ranks as part of the annual Salute to the Champions February 15, at the Town and Country Convention Center in San Diego.

Attending the banquet and receiving an award will be the seven CSUSM athletes who competed in this year national championships; Suzanne Cornwell, Kelly Thompson, Chelsea Cortez, Cady Villarreal, Carol Schryver, Cassidy Reich, and Heidi Swanson. Cornwell will also be one of 16 individual athletes who will be honored as Stars of the Year, following her All-American seasons in both

cross country and track and field. Also receiving recognition for being named Stars of the Month in 2011 will be CSUSM softball's Alex Miller, volleyball's Nichole May, and men's basketball player AJ Chamberlain.

Other notable athletes receiving an award will be San Diego Chargers Pro-Bowler Eric Weddle, MLB All-Star Adrian Gonzalez, San Diego Padres MVP Cameron Maybin, and San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard.

The San Diego Hall of Champions is an undisputed national leader in recognition of amateur, collegiate and professional sports excellence; youth sports-based education; and sports memorabilia exhibition. The Hall was launched by the Breitbard Athletic Foundation, which was founded in 1946 to recognize significant athletic achievement in San Diego, and the HOC museum is located in Balboa Park.

SPRING FITNESS CLASSES

Zumba
Monday, 4 - 5 p.m.
Thursday, 5 - 6 p.m.

Hip-Hop
Tuesday, 5 - 6 p.m.

Running, Mangrum Track
Wednesday,
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Salsa
Tuesday, 4 - 5 p.m.

Indoor Cycling, UVA C3
Monday through Thursday,
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.,
Wednesday, noon - 1 p.m.

Turbo Kick (New)
Monday, 6 - 7 p.m.

Ashtanga Yoga, Com 206
Monday, noon - 12:50 p.m.,
Tuesday & Thursday,
noon - 12:50 p.m.

Circuit Boot Camp
Wednesday & Thursday,
4 - 5 p.m.

Jiu-Jitsu
Monday & Wednesday,
5 - 6 p.m.

All fitness classes will start on Monday, Feb. 6, and end May 11, 2012. Unless stated, all classes will be held at the Clarke Field House/University Student Union. Free for students. \$60 for an all access staff/ faculty pass or cycling class for \$35.

Starbucks to offer alcoholic beverages on menu

Stores in Atlanta, Chicago, Southern California to sell beer, wine by end of 2012



KYLE M. JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Starbucks will be adding beer and wine to the menu at several locations in Atlanta, Chicago and Southern California.

After much customer feedback requesting a relaxing evening atmosphere in their stores, Starbucks has responded by offering this transition which is said to occur by the end of the year. Starbucks intends for these expansions to take place at five to seven stores in Chicago and four to six stores each in Atlanta and Southern California.

In October 2010, a location on Olive Way in Seattle, WA began successfully experimenting with this "evening day-part" concept of serving beer and wine, as well as pre-

mium foods. Currently there are five stores in the Seattle area and one store in Portland, OR which have adapted to this expanded menu.

On the Starbucks News page, spokesman Zack Hutson wrote, "The wine and beer list will be hand-selected to reflect local customer tastes and preferences." He went on to share that stores will also incorporate flexible seating to accommodate individuals, small groups and larger parties.

"At select stores where it is relevant for the neighborhood, we are focused on creating an atmosphere where our customers can relax with a friend, a small bite to eat and a cup of coffee or glass of wine," senior vice president of U.S. Operations, Clarice Turner said.

Palomar College to open planetarium this spring

KYLE M. JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Construction is currently underway at Palomar College as a new planetarium is being built to replace the former planetarium, which was demolished in 2008.

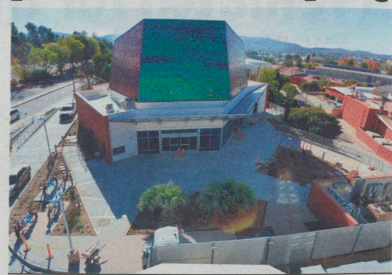
The presence of the new building, which will be located in a different area of the school than the previous one, will lead to an expansion of the Palomar campus.

According to the webpage for the new Palomar College Planetarium, funds received from the passing of Proposition M in 2006 have allowed this development to take place. The webpage

describes the planetarium as new, larger and state-of-the-art, open to the college and the general public.

The webpage also features a New Planetarium Construction Blog, which features descriptions, photographs and videos depicting the construction taking place. In the blog posts, it is revealed that the planetarium will possess such features as a 50-foot dome, 142 seats and a Digistar 4 projection system with surround sound and LED lights.

According to "The Starry Messenger," Palomar's official planetarium newsletter, the new planetarium will offer shows to the public



regularly, guided tours of the current night sky and topical shows about popular subjects of astronomy.

The most recent developments to take place at the construction site have been

associated with landscaping, carpet installation, fire-life-safety work and audiovisual technology.

The grand opening of the planetarium is scheduled for early March 2012.

Bi-annual fair offers opportunity for involvement

JESSIE GAMBRELL
STAFF WRITER

Today, Jan. 31, at Library Plaza, Student Life & Leadership (SLL) hosts another Student Organization Fair from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The fair gives students and staff the opportunity to learn about clubs, athletics and the Greek Life present at Cal State San Marcos.

"The students get to look forward to a presence of visibility from the student organizations, and it is a great opportunity to learn. Staff members have an opportunity to show leadership development as well." Coordina-

tor of Student Involvement, Shannon Nolan, said.

The fair is also an opportunity for students who are interested in joining a club, sorority or fraternity. It also provides an informative way to find out how to start a new club.

There are a total of over 100 student organizations at CSUSM, providing students with a broad variety of interests from which to choose.

"There will be about 40 organizations present, ranging from cultural to academic to campus recreational sports to political and religious that are all willing to share with the community," Coordina-



tor of Student Involvement, Joshua Galeai, said.

CSUSM's Greek Life, which has doubled since last semester, will be present as

well in an effort to attract student involvement and membership.

For more information, go to www.csusm.edu/orgs.

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CSUSM faculty member to present solo piano recital



KYLE M JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Cal State San Marcos music Professor Ching-Ming Cheng will host and perform in a solo piano concert on Jan. 31.

Following her arrival to the university in fall 2011, this will mark the debut performance of Cheng on campus. The concert will be a musical journey from the classical era to modern romanticism, featuring compositions from Haydn, Chopin, Ravel and Busoni.

Although she started piano lessons at the age of five, it was around the second or third grade when a teacher suggested that Cheng audition for a musical program that offered formal training at no charge to those selected. It was at her teacher's suggestion that Cheng felt a sense of maturity in her training.

Cheng has since grown into an experienced performer with such credentials as having been part of the New World Symphony as a keyboardist and in the Taipei Century Symphony and National Symphony Orchestra playing the double bass.

Prior to joining the faculty at CSUSM, Cheng taught in the music department at Humboldt State University. Even though she felt it was a great program with devoted students, Cheng decided to take an open position as an assistant professor in CSUSM's music department.

She has high aspirations for the music department including the recruitment of piano major students and composition students. "I hope we can build a thorough and complete department," Cheng said.

The free piano recital will take place Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. in Arts Building, room 111.

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Opinions onCSUSM's spring 2012
fees and costs

Parking is pretty high, almost too high.

-Lisa Moniz

Books are ridiculously high. [The Bookstore] charges outrageous prices when you can find them so much cheaper on Amazon or online. I had to pay \$170 for one book because it was a specific addition.

-Janelle Andrews

Parking is way too expensive, even a day pass is unbelievable.

-Nathan Choi

Parking is expensive compared to other Cal State's. What they pay for an entire year we pay a semester, it's unfair to pay double and be at a smaller campus. I think all of the other fees are for good benefit.

-Ricardo Campos

It's ridiculous that I have to pay fees for things I don't use. Paying \$10 for a child care facility, when I don't even have children, seems stupid to me.

-Sarah Green

CHRIS GIANCAMILI
STAFF WRITER

On Dec. 20, the gaming world saw the release of "Star Wars: The Old Republic" and since then it has quickly become one of the biggest massive multiplayer online (MMO) games of all time. With a heavy emphasis on story, Bioware's latest venture is keeping gamers, such as myself, thoroughly engaged in the Star Wars universe.

"The Old Republic" takes place several thousands of years before the events of the films during a time of galactic unrest. The game is a sequel to Bioware's single-player role playing games (RPG) "Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic" and "Knights of the Old Republic II." In "The Old Republic," the Sith Empire has reclaimed their home world of Korriban and the Galactic Republic was forced to retreat to the planet Tython. Players join either the Sith Empire or the Galactic Republic.

Within the Sith Empire,

players are given the choice of four main classes: Sith Warrior, Sith Inquisitor, Bounty Hunter, or Imperial Agent. Those who join the Galactic Republic can choose to be a Jedi Knight, Jedi Consular, Smuggler, or Trooper. Players can customize their characters appearance and choose from a number of races familiar to Star Wars fans.

Though the game plays much like other MMOs, "The Old Republic" differs by giving players dialogue options during cutscenes which can alter the outcome and rewards of missions. Some scenes also have light-side and darkside choices. Gaining light-side or dark-side points can open up more weapon and armor options.

Throughout their storyline, players will meet Non-Player Character (NPC) companions who will aid them in combat. Each NPC companion is unique to the player's class. Companions each have their own special roles. For example, some are attack

oriented, others have high defense, and some heal the player. Players are limited to one companion's assistance at a time.

Space combat is another unique feature to the game. Players are given their own spaceship to travel to other planets and upgrade to engage in space combat missions. The space combat missions take place in a set path, but players can somewhat maneuver their ship to dodge obstacles. Ship upgrades work much like item upgrades to characters themselves. Some upgrades boost attack power or defensive power.

However, most of the game takes place on foot.

"The Old Republic" has players hoofing their way through Sith temples. Jedi train-

ing grounds, and mercenary infested lairs. Currently, players can explore over 15 planets each with several hours of gameplay to complete.

With strong support from its developer through weekly patches and update content, "Star Wars: The Old Republic" is keeping players returning for more. In

added depth to the Star Wars mythos is quickly revitalizing interest in the galaxy far far away.

**Back To School Blues... Still?**REBEKAH GREEN
STAFF WRITER

There's no shame in driving to school on the first day of spring semester with Christmas music playing in the stereo. It is still winter, and not everyone has packed away her holiday lights. I haven't quite packed the vacation away—at least not mentally. If you spend the holidays the way that makes you the happiest, leaving that feeling can be a bit sad. People spend the holidays in diverse ways, so it's safe to assume that people transition to school-mode in different ways as well. Some students have to travel long distances from home to return to dorms or nearby apartments. Others, like me, commute from home to school. Once late January nears, it is as though you can go in one of two directions: preparation mode or denial. I can honestly say that denial comes in full force for me after New Year's, and preparation mode sets in right around a day or two before class commences. The transition from winter break to spring semester is significantly different and yet still similar to the summer break to fall semester transition.

The pressures vary at the start:

1. Trying to work out that "perfect" schedule that gets necessary classes in and still manages to fit well with a work schedule.

2. Feeling back to school about a class once you are in it and having to rearrange said "perfect" schedule.

3. Even deciding which books to buy and which ones to possibly skip on for the sake of saving money.

Switching to school mode could include some or all of the things above and more, but as a student I realized that it comes with the job. And if this is your first year in university, you will begin to notice the trends of these pressures and figure out how you can handle each one. When you think of the transition that way, it becomes easier to handle going back

to school. I realize not everyone may have as tough a time dealing with this. The anxieties are still a reality though, and it's important to remember that as a student, you are not alone in this.

Going back to school-mode was tough as a child, though no one really told me that it would get easier as I got older. Soon, once all of the initial pressure to get re-organized at university dies down, the time will speed up and we will wonder where it went. All of this reminds me of the quote that many believe Dr. Seuss said: "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." I'll keep that note in my planner.

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Campus gallery opens on Restaurant Row

FAITH ORCINO
STAFF WRITER

Cal State San Marcos now offers an off-campus art gallery in the Old California Restaurant Row on San Marcos Blvd. Old California, TERI Inc. and the San Marcos Arts Council hope the center becomes a new hub for local artists, including CSUSM students. It will be open on Fridays from 5 – 8 p.m. and Saturdays 3 – 8

p.m. The gallery officially opened on Jan. 27, 2012, but there will be a grand opening reception on March 9 at 4 p.m. The Funes Fund Photography Exhibit is currently showing with others following that have yet to be announced. The VPA department is curating the gallery and looking for volunteers. For more information, contact Marilyn Huerta at mhuerta@csusm.edu.



UPCOMING ART EVENTS

**Digital Arts
Information Session**
Friday, Feb. 3
6-8 p.m.
Foundation Classroom
Bldg. 104.

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Community and World Literary Series resumes next month

KYLE M JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 9, the Community and World Literary Series will be restarting for the spring 2012 semester.

The series hosts on-campus literary readings performed by visiting authors. Past CWLS events have included such guests as Rae Armantrout, Clayton Eshelman and Kate Greenstreet.

This semester, the series is scheduled to feature Claudia Rankine, Harold Jaffe, Susan Schultz and Craig Perez Santos.

Claudia Rankine is the author of four collections of poetry titled "Don't Let Me Be Lonely," "Plot," "The End of the Alphabet" and "Nothing in Nature is Private." She is also a playwright and has edited many anthologies. Rankine currently teaches at Pomona College.

Harold Jaffe is the author of nineteen books, including collections of fiction, novels and essays. His work has been translated into numerous languages. Jaffe currently teaches at San Diego



State University and is also the editor of "Fiction International."

Susan Schultz is the author of several volumes of poetry and prose. She is also the editor of Tinfish Press in Hawaii and currently teaches at the University of Hawaii.

Craig Perez Santos has written two books of poetry and is the winner of the 2010 Poets & Writers California Writer's Exchange Award. He is the co-founder of Ala Press and currently teaches at the University of Hawaii.

Rankine will be reading on Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Markstein Hall, room 125.

Jaffe will be reading on

IN THEATRES

**Friday, Feb. 3
Big Miracle**

PG-13, 107 minutes

Chronicle

PG-13, 119 minutes

The Women in Black

PG-13, 95 minutes

Friday, Feb. 10

Journey 2

PG, 94 minutes

Safe House

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Star Wars: Episode 1

PG, 134 minutes

The Vow

PG-13, 99 minutes

April 12 at 7 p.m. The room is to be determined.

Schultz and Santos will both be reading on April 26 at 7 p.m. The room is to be determined.

And the award goes to....

MELISSA MARTINEZ
STAFF WRITER

Part of the excitement in starting a new year not only consists of "beginning it right" or keeping your new year resolutions, but for artists of all traits in the music, television and film industry to be recognized with the highest honors their industries could present to them.

Michelle Williams' role in "My Week With Marilyn" (who has already won a Golden Globe for Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture - Comedy Or Musical) was one of many performances nominated for a Screen Actors Guild Award as well as an Oscar for Actress in a Leading Role. Popular television shows like "Modern Family," "The Office," "Glee" and new shows like "American Horror Story" were also awarded

nominations for Screen Actors Guild Awards.

Musical artists like Mumford & Sons, Nicki Minaj and Adele have made their mark on the nominations for The Grammy's list, one of the most prestigious awards in the music industry.

If you are curious whether Kanye West will take home the most Grammy's or if Adele's power over love will win her all of her six nominations, you can tune into The 54th Grammy Awards on Feb. 12, 2012 at 8/7c only on CBS.

For the film industry's most exciting night, tune into The 84th Academy Awards live on Feb. 26, 2012 at 7e/4p only on ABC.

Who do you think got the biggest snub at the 2012 Screen Actors Guild Awards?

SAG Winners

MOVIES:

Actor: Jean Dujardin, "The Artist"
Actress: Viola Davis, "The Help"
Supporting actor: Christopher Plummer, "Beginners"
Supporting actress: Octavia Spencer, "The Help"
Cast: "The Help"
Stunt ensemble: "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2"

TELEVISION:

Actor in a movie or miniseries: Paul Giamatti, "Too Big to Fail"
Actress in a movie or miniseries: Kate Winslet, "Mildred Pierce"
Actor in a drama series: Steve Buscemi, "Boardwalk Empire"
Actress in a drama series: Jessica Lange, "American Horror Story"
Actor in a comedy series: Alec Baldwin, "30 Rock"
Actress in a comedy series: Betty White, "Hot in Cleveland"
Drama series cast: "Boardwalk Empire"
Comedy series cast: "Modern Family"
Stunt ensemble: "Game of Thrones"
Life Achievement: Mary Tyler Moore

Dropping this week

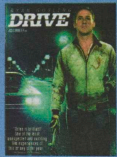
CHRIS GIANCAMILI
STAFF WRITER

In Time (DVD/Blu-ray)



In the future, lifespan has replaced money as currency. Everyone is given a set age of 25 years to live unless they can earn more life. Will Salas (Justin Timberlake) is a poor man living in a bad neighborhood and working in a factory. When he finds himself framed for a murder, Will is forced to outrun the law while attempting to fix the broken society he finds himself in.

Drive (DVD/Blu-ray)



"Drive" follows the exploits of a nameless Hollywood stunt driver and part-time getaway driver for thieves. The driver (Ryan Gosling) meets and helps a woman and her son whose father, Standard (Oscar Isaac), is recently released from prison. When the driver discovers that Standard owes money to a gangster, he agrees to help pull off a heist that would clear Standard of his debt.

Soulcalibur V (PS3/Xbox 360)



"Soulcalibur V" is set sixteen years after "Soulcalibur IV" and follows a new protagonist, Patroklos. The game will feature over 25 playable characters, some returning as veterans and others brand new to the series. Both Playstation 3 and Xbox 360 versions of the game will feature the crossover character Ezio, a central character in the "Assassin's Creed" series. New fighting mechanics include a meter that gives players the ability to unleash more powerful attacks.

Final Fantasy XIII-2 (PS3/Xbox 360)



Square-Enix continues its "Fabula Nova Crystallis" series with "Final Fantasy XIII-2." This entry follows the events three years after "Final Fantasy XIII." The previous protagonist, Lightning, has mysteriously gone missing. Her younger sister Serah sets off to find Lightning and stop a new time-traveling villain. "Final Fantasy XIII-2" revamps the battle system of the previous game and gives players new dialogue options throughout the story.

Ringo 2012 - Ringo Starr (CD)



Former Beatle, Ringo Starr returns to the spotlight with his 17th solo album "Ringo 2012." The album features the single "Wings" which is a re-recorded version of the 1977 song by the same name. Other songs include a cover of Buddy Holly's "Think It Over" and a re-recording of Ringo's 1973 song "Step Lightly."

The Comic Book Corner: "Anya's Ghost"

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For those who'd like something different from the mainstream comics like "The Avengers" or "Justice League," there are many independent comics that are hidden treasures. "Anya's Ghost" by Vera Brosgol is a story of a teenage girl who tries to get through life filled

with drama and angst. Her life takes a turn when she meets a new friend and must figure out whether she could be trusted before it's too late.

Brosgol's art style is different from those found in Marvel or DC comics, definitely offering a refreshing break as she works as a cartoonist and has a talent in comics. Her writing and plot twists are sure page turners for anyone

interested.

Though "Anya's Ghost" is Brosgol's first book, her other published comic stories are in Image Comics' anthology series "Flight." Brosgol also worked on the storyboard of Henry Selick's "Coraline." You can find "Anya's Ghost" at your local comic shop or online

THE COUGAR SHUFFLE

MELISSA MARTINEZ
STAFF WRITER

This month is mainly known for the hope of keeping promises and beginning the year anew. More glamorously, it is known for artists of all trails in the film and television industry to be recognized with the highest honors they can possibly receive. This playlist is dedicated to those nominated for the 54th Grammy Awards, airing Feb. 12, at 8/7c.

1. This year has been amazing for London native, singer/songwriter Adele. Since her single "Rolling in the Deep" made its debut, her music has become a worldwide sensation. Her strong voice offers sense of empowerment which guaranteed a Grammy nod for Record of the Year.

2. Lady Gaga has not only made her mark on the music industry, but more importantly, her fans that she affectionately refers to as "monsters." Her beliefs in living in a world where differences are not only disregarded but celebrated immediately made her a worldwide sensation, winning her the nomination for Album of the Year. Her album, "Born This Way" debuted hit, "You and I" making it a great song to listen to whether you are spending time with a loved one or driving in the car, reminiscing about a special interest.

3. Mumford & Sons, a British folk band who released their album "Sigh No More" in the United States in February 2010 has successfully made their debut with four singles. The Grammy nominated Song of the Year titled "The Cave" presents a melodic story that gives the courage of leaving doubts and fears behind.

4. Though many fans were disappointed in the delay of Dr. Dre's much anticipated album, they weren't too disappointed since he, close friend and rapper Eminem & Skylar Grey released "I Need a Doctor" that has been nominated for Best Rap/Sung Collaboration as well as Best Rap Song.

5. Though many fans thought it hard to say goodbye to what, to some, has been their childhood for the past 11 years, fans will be please to know that they haven't yet heard the last of the Harry Potter legacy. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2" was nominated for Best Score for Soundtrack for Visual Media by composer Alexandre Desplat.

Book of the Month

Ellen DeGeneres's, "Seriously... I'm Kidding"

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Ellen DeGeneres, television host and stand-up comedian, strikes again with her third book, "Seriously... I'm Kidding." Diary entries, celebrity gossip, the secret to life and even coloring book pages surprise and delight a range of Ellen fans. Memories which include winning an Emmy for her daytime talk show "Ellen" on NBC, a season of "American Idol" and the formation of her own record label complete the unexpected content of her book while maintaining her comedic style.

DeGeneres's witty and comedic voice shines through the pages allowing her to

speak and connect directly with the reader as if she were conversing with an old friend. Though the book doesn't have a set plot, it reads like a breezy monologue divided into 30+ chapters across 240 pages. DeGeneres also includes several self-help chapters, which include, "how to be a supermodel," "what would Jesus do?" and "random things that might help you but probably won't."

This best was to describe this book is that it is simply Ellen: loud, funny and honest. Although DeGeneres' novel is about her opinions and thoughts, she is private when it comes to her personal life and marriage to actress Portia de Rossi.



Whether you are a huge fan of the hilarious comedian or her interesting interviews with A-list celebrities, you'll love this anecdotal read.

Chronicle Games

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Student A: "False Alarm" by Faith Orcino

